

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 March

In this issue: Gardiner Playground redevelopment; Repair Café + Book Exchange; Goring Litter-Pick; What's On in March; Volunteer Drivers wanted; the GAP Festival – and our latest update of current planning applications.

Update on Gardiner Field Playground redevelopment Playground Closure 9 March to 18 April

The playground in the Gardiner Field in Goring is being redeveloped this Spring. It will be closed to the public from Monday 9 March until its reopening, which is scheduled for Saturday 18 April.

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council apologises for any inconvenience caused by this disruption, which they will endeavor to keep to a minimum.



Next Goring Repair Café & Book Exchange Goring Village Hall, Saturday 14 March 2026, 10am – 12.30pm

Repair Café:

Bring up to two broken items for free repair between 10am and 12 noon (the event closes at 12.30pm). Fifteen or more skilled local repairers, each with their own specialist workstation, will try to fix anything you can carry in. Our repairers successfully restore up to 70% of items to full working order, and many others are partially repaired, depending on whether spare parts are required.

The following Repair Café will be on 6 June, so don't miss this opportunity on 14 March.

Book Exchange:

Running at the same time on the stage and in the Bellême Room. Bring books of any type between 9.30am and 10am, ready to exchange once doors open at 10am. See the FAQs on the website for more details about the Book Exchange.

Both free events are organised by local charity GGEO (Goring Gap Environmental Organisation) to help reduce waste, lower carbon emissions and encourage reuse and recycling. Voluntary donations are welcome to help cover hall hire and other costs.

Refreshments, including delicious homemade cakes, will be available throughout.

For details, visit:

www.goringrepaircafe.info



Goring Litter-Pick Spring 2026

The Goring Community Village Litter-pick is taking place on Saturday 21 March 2026, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Our local event is supported by The Great British Spring Clean initiative. Volunteers are asked to come to the Community Centre, Station Road to sign in, collect equipment and choose or be allocated an area to litter-pick. There will be refreshments provided by the W.I. for all volunteers!

Please come along and make a difference to your local community!



What's On – for the month of March 2026

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the [Genie Calendar](#).

Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free:

- Wed 4 March**
 - 12noon Goring Gap News copy deadline
 - 7.30pm Goring Village Green Fingers: Bulbs, especially summer bulbs.
- Wed 11 March**
 - 7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI: Annual meeting.
 - 7.45pm The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS): On-going excavations (locally).
- Thurs 12 March**
 - Genie News copy deadline.
- Sat 14 March**
 - 10-12.30pm Goring Repair & Exchange Café (book exchange – bring books to exchange for others).
- Mon 16 March**
 - 2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: The GWR in Victorian Britain.
- Thurs 19 March**
 - 10.30-2pm Pick-a-Flick: *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*.
- Friday 20 March**
 - 6.30pm Bingo night in aid of RDA Newbury.
- Sat 21 March**
 - 10-12.45pm Cholsey Repair Café.
 - 7.30-11pm The Skangsters Live! at Goring Village Hall.
- Wed 25 March**
 - 11am & 2.30pm The Arts Society Goring: *See Naples and Die: History of the City through its Archaeology, Art and Architecture*.
- Thurs 26 March**
 - Genie News copy deadline.
 - 10.30am Goring Gap u3a: *African Animal Encounter*.



Your Community Needs You

Drivers Wanted – for long or short journeys

Please click [HERE](#) to see details. To chat about this please ring 01491 872043 or email amatthews@bigbeech.co.uk.

Thank you.



GAP Festival 2026: Ten Days of Creativity in Goring & Streatley

The GAP Festival returns from 12–21 June 2026, bringing its most wide-ranging programme yet.

While the full line-up arrives in mid-March, several highlights are already announced. For details click [HERE](#).

To be first to hear when tickets are released, sign up at www.thegapfestival.org.



Check here on all local planning applications, current and past

This regular twice-monthly 'Planning Alert' service lists all the current planning applications submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council and West Berkshire Council relating to Goring, Streatley and South Stoke.

They are listed in consultation period expiry date order, so the applications with the shortest periods for your comments are at the top. Each has a link to the actual application.

To make a comment to the relevant Planning Department, follow the advice given on the application. New applications will be added to the lists in subsequent newsletters and existing ones will remain until the consultation period has expired.

To check all current APPLICATIONS for Goring, Streatley & South Stoke [CLICK HERE](#).

To check on all DECISIONS of previous SODC applications, [CLICK HERE](#)

To check on all DECISIONS of previous WBC applications, [CLICK HERE](#)



STREATLEY

None.

SOUTH STOKE

None.

GORING

Location: Manor Field Manor Road Goring RG8 9EB
Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement self-build dwelling with detached 1.5 storey garage.
Reference Number: [P26/S0013/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: 11 March 2026

Location: Land to the rear of 19 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP
Proposal: Erection of 3 bedroom detached house.
Reference Number: [P26/S0357/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: 13 March 2026

Location: 36 Lockstile Way Goring RG8 0AL
Proposal: Conversion of roof space including raising roof pitch, front roof window and rear dormers together with front extensions and alterations.
Reference Number: [P26/S0494/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 20 March 2026

Location: Ferry House Ferry Lane Goring RG8 9DX
Proposal: Proposed new free standing gazebo to replace existing glass pavilion structure.
Reference Number: [P26/S0433/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 25 March 2026

Location: 22 Clevedon Goring RG8 9BU
Proposal: Enclose extant porch, insert window in ground floor side elevation & install Air Source Heat Pump unit.
Reference Number: [P26/S0267/LDP](#)
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 27 March 2026

Location: Broughton Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EX
Proposal: Proposed 10 X 4 metre outdoor ground level swimming pool with an associated 6.5 X 3.5m pool house.
Reference Number: [P26/S0475/LDP](#)
Target Decision Date: 21 April 2026

To visit SODC's planning website: <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application>

Information on how to comment on a SODC application: <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/comment-planning-application>

To visit WBC's planning website: <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Information on how to comment on a WBC application: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations>

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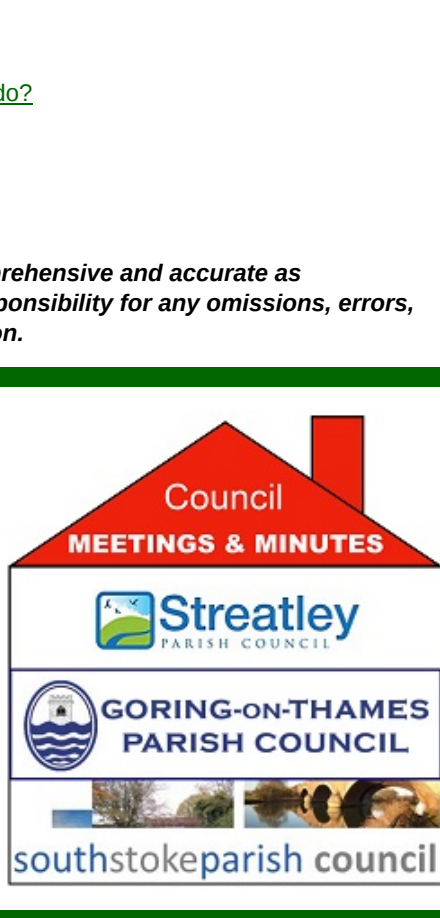
Local Parish Councils

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and further useful general information.

[Goring-on-Thames PC](#)

[Streatley PC](#)

[South Stoke PC](#)



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