

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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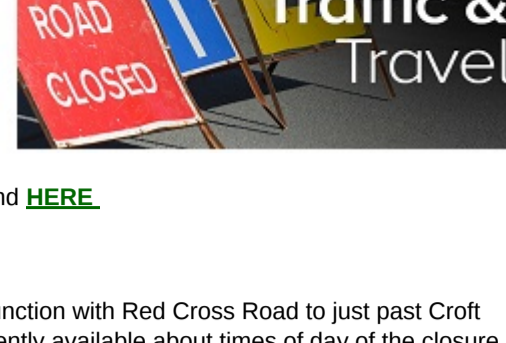
Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 April

In this issue: Road closures; An Ideal Husband now showing; New Goring playground; Tennis Club open day; Fire Station open day; GSSG briefing; Immanuel Gospel Choir; news from Boathouse Surgery – and our latest update of current planning applications.

Road Closures

1. Road Closure – B4009 road to Newbury
22 April 09.30 to 23 April 15.30. Haw Lane closed between Aldworth village and the Four Points crossroads

- Residential and Blue Light access will be maintained if possible.
- Contractor: Volker Highways 01635 519080.
- Link to one.network and diversion route can be found [HERE](#).



2. 22 to 28 April. Road Closure – Station Road Goring

The road will be closed at the eastern end, from near the junction with Red Cross Road to just past Croft Road. Please see [HERE](#) for a map. No information is currently available about times of day of the closure, residential access or blue light access.

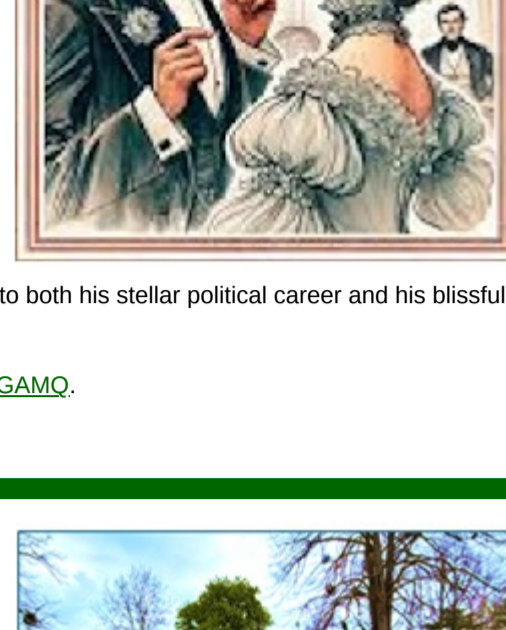
Information about road closures is correct at time of publication but subject to change.

Oscar Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband'

Goring Gap Players' Spring Production 15-18 April 2026 at Goring Village Hall. 8.00pm to 10.30pm (doors open 7.30pm)

This classic Wilde play centres on Sir Robert Chiltern, a prestigious member of the House of Commons, who has it all: money, influence and a beautiful wife. What could possibly go wrong?

The play opens with Sir Robert and his wife, Lady Gertrude Chiltern, hosting dinner with family members and friends, including Lord Goring, a dandified bachelor, and Sir Robert's sister, Mabel Chiltern. Another member of the party is Mrs Chiltern who knows secrets from his past and threatens to expose him to public shame and bring an end to both his stellar political career and his blissful marriage.



Tickets £15.00 per person. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GAMQ>.

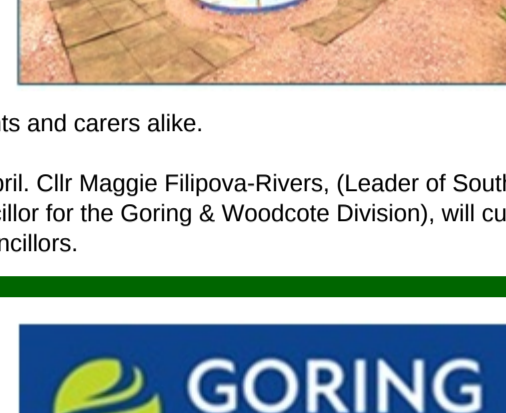
Full details can be found on www.goringgapplayers.co.uk.

New children's playground in Goring's Gardiner Field

Due to open on 25 April

A new playground in the northeast corner of the Gardiner recreation field is nearing completion and expected to open on Saturday 25 April.

Designed for children between the ages of 2 and 10 years, the new playground will offer a range of exciting and accessible equipment, from climbing frames, swings, slides, roundabouts, and even a trampoline, and will no doubt be enjoyed by children, parents and carers alike.

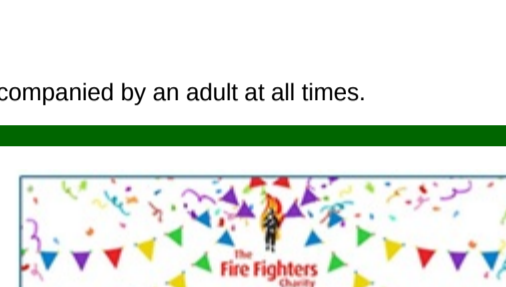


The official opening is planned for 09.45 on Saturday 25 April. Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers, (Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Councillor for the Goring & Woodcote Division), will cut the ribbon accompanied by Goring-on-Thames Parish Councillors.

Goring Tennis Club Open Day

Sunday 26 April 10am-1pm

The Club writes: Please drop in to our friendly club on the Sheepcot recreation ground on Gatehampton Road, Goring to check us out. We'll be playing some social tennis and pickleball games, running cardio sessions and putting on activities for Junior would-be players. Refreshments available.



Full timetable on our website www.goring-tennis.co.uk.

Please note children under the age of eighteen must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

50th Anniversary of Goring Fire Station

April 25, 10am-3pm

Goring's firefighters invite everyone to come along to their special anniversary celebrations to meet the crew, watch demonstrations, enjoy their BBQ, the music and much more.

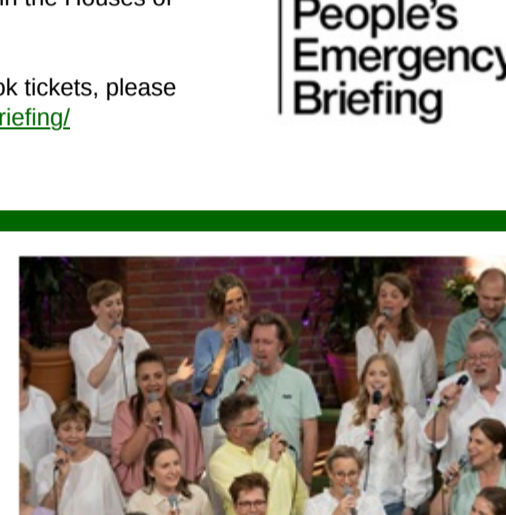
Click the graphic to see a larger version for more information.



People's Emergency Briefing

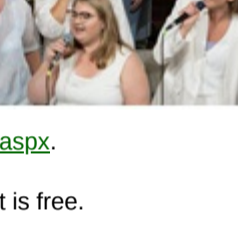
7:30pm on Wednesday 29 April at Goring Village Hall

Following the extremely well attended March meeting on Active travel, Goring and Streatley Sustainability Group invite everyone to attend an important and thought-provoking evening featuring a screening of the powerful *People's Emergency Briefing* film, followed by a facilitated discussion to explore reactions and ask: "What next?"



The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing held in the Houses of Parliament last November.

For further details (including a trailer for the film) and to book tickets, please visit <https://gssgorguk.wordpress.com/peoplesemergencybriefing/>



All are welcome.

Visit from The Immanuel Gospel Choir from Stockholm

The weekend of 2-3 May

They are giving a **workshop** on Saturday evening from 5 to 6pm, followed by a **concert** from 7pm to 8pm – both at St Thomas' Church.

The following day, **they will be singing at the 9.30am family service**, also at St Thomas' Church.

More details can be found on the church website: https://www.thomandmary.org.uk/Articles/737239/Immanuel_Gospel_Choir.aspx.



The workshop costs £3 which covers music and light refreshments after. The concert is free.

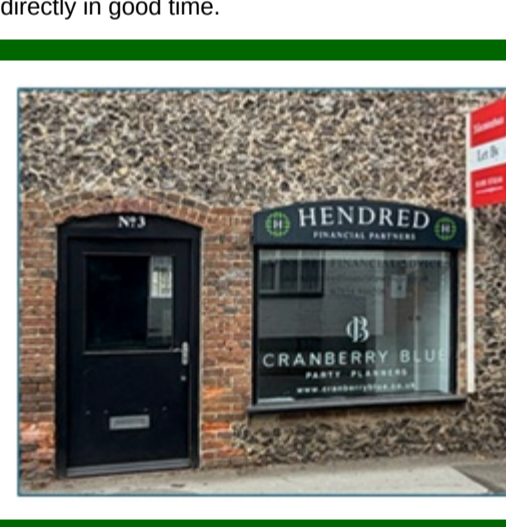
You can read more about the choir [HERE](#). Both workshop and concert should be great fun and it would be good to support the choir from Sweden.

Update on the Boathouse Dental Practice's plan to relocate to the centre of Goring High Street

Atul & The Boathouse Dental Surgery team write:

Practice Relocation Notice

For those who may not be aware, we wish to formally inform our patients and others that the Boathouse Dental Surgery is planning to relocate to new modern premises at Unit 5, Thames Court, High Street, Goring, RG8 9AQ (directly opposite the Arcade).

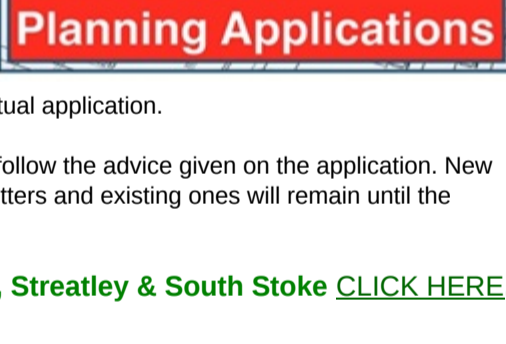


This move will enable us to offer enhanced facilities, improved accessibility, and a more comfortable environment for all our patients. There is limited parking behind the practice and the main village car park is just across the road. Our telephone number and email address will remain unchanged.

Preparation for the new practice has already begun with some building work to start in due course. We shall provide further updates on progress in regular announcements. We are all hoping the new practice will be accessible after the summer and we will inform all patients directly in good time.

New 'Let' sign outside No 3 High Street, Goring

Following the recent departure of Hendred Financial Services and Cranberry Blue Party Planners, a new tenant has just been found to occupy this central High Street premises. We await further details and Genie will report as soon as the information is released.



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

- Location:** Kiddington House Aldworth Road Streatley Reading RG8 9RE
Proposal: Partial resurfacing of an access track between the B4009 and Kiddington House
Reference Number: [26/00489/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **23 April 2026**
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- Location:** Lardon Lodge Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JX
Proposal: Single storey rear and front extension, single storey rear covered bbq area and store.
Reference Number: [26/00538/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: **30 April 2026**
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- Location:** High Hollies Woodland Streatley Reading
Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed New Forestry Building - Timber Frame Construction.
Reference Number: [26/00664/AGRIC](#)
Consultation Deadline: **5 May 2026**
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- Location:** Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL
Proposal: Tree No: 1001, 1002, 1004 - Tree Species: Field Maple - Tree Works: Cut back epicormic growth to main stem Tree No: 1015, 1022, 1033, 1039, 1040, 1044, 1045, 1046 - Tree Species: Sycamore, Horse Chestnut, Wild Cherry - Tree Works: Remove major deadwood Tree No: 1026 - Tree Species: Sycamore - Tree Works: Reduce to 2m stump Tree No: 1031 - Tree Species: Sycamore - Tree Works: Sever ivy on stems Tree Group No: 1043 - Tree Species: Sycamore & Ash - Tree Works: Remove major deadwood from Sycamore and hanger in Ash Tree Group No: 1034 - Tree Species: Common Beech - Tree Works: Crown lift to 2.5 m above ground level (AGL) Tree Group No: 1052 - Tree Species: Turkish Hazel - Tree Works: Crown lift to 3 m and cut back to clear kitchen by 2 m Tree Group No: 1030 - Tree Species: Ash - Tree Works: Fell to ground level All tree works are proposed on the basis of sound Arboricultural management, following a tree survey of the site in November 2025. The Ash Tree 1030, is in a very poor condition due to Ash dieback.
Reference Number: [26/00780/TPW](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Determination deadline: 4 June 2026**

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

- Location:** Broughton Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EX
Proposal: 10 x 4 metre outdoor ground level swimming pool with associated 6.5 x 3.5m pool house. Certificate of Lawful Development.
Reference Number: [P26/S0475/LDP](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 21 April 2026**
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- Location:** 26 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0BG
Proposal: Kitchen extension and installation of solar panels to rear & side elevation roofs.
Reference Number: [P26/S0710/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **22 April 2026**
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- Location:** Land west of Wallingford Road SouthStoke
Proposal: Change of Use from Agricultural to Flexible Commercial for a private dog exercise paddock
Reference Number: [P26/S0796/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **24 April 2026**

To visit SODC's planning website: <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/comment-on-planning-applications/find-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

Information on how to comment on a SODC application: <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/comment-on-planning-applications/how-to-comment-on-a-planning-application-effectively/>

To visit WBC's planning website: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control>

Information on how to find and comment on a WBC application: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/40109/Find-and-comment-on-a-planning-application>

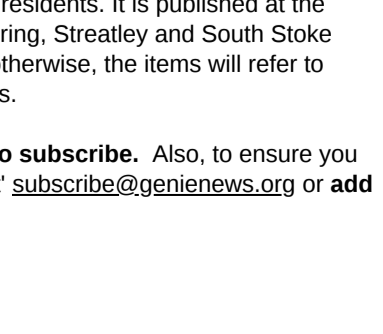
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Local Parish Councils
 Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and further useful general information.

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[Streatley PC](#)

[South Stoke PC](#)



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