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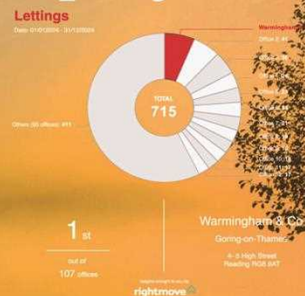
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GRAPEVINE

Playground funding grant confirmed

On 3 September SODC's decision to award  200,000 to support phase 2 of Goring Parish Council's playgrounds project was made official. The funding comes from the District Council's portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (developer contributions). In 2023 SODC put aside  750,000 for a pilot grant scheme in a bid to address the social infrastructure gap which exists in the district.

Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers said: 'Goring Parish Council put a very strong application and despite initially missing out by a couple of points, I am thrilled that we have got there in the end. It is the most significant investment SODC has made in the village and I am sure it will be hugely beneficial for the littlest residents of Goring and beyond.'

Local bus news

From 1 September the bus service 134 between Goring and Wallingford is being run by Thames Travel. Route 134 was where it all started for Thames Travel a few years ago. Since then, their network in South Oxfordshire has expanded significantly.

The number of 134 journeys remains the same but there is a new timetable. Services run Monday to Friday, apart from Bank Holidays, and depart Goring Station at 7.55, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15, 12.15, 13.45, 14.45, 15.45 and 17.15. Return times from Wallingford are mostly 35 minutes later.

The route runs via Storton Lodge and the Perch and Pike and it takes 20 minutes to Wallingford. Concessionary pass cards are accepted but must be shown. The timetable and route can be found at oxfordbus.co.uk

Please note the new 134 does not run via Lockstile Way and Milldown Avenue and does not go via Lidl. These are now served by some 133 services, running from Goring via Streatley and Moulsoford to Wallingford and still operated by Going Forward Buses, but with a new timetable.

Going Forward buses are also operating the 137 (Wallingford/Watlington) and 138 (Wallingford/Dorchester) routes with new timetables and are starting a new Wallingford circular route. To see these new timetables:

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Community projects in South Oxfordshire can now apply for a financial boost

Funding has been made available for South Oxfordshire District Council members to award community projects through the Councillor Community Grant Scheme. The grant scheme is open 18 August - 5 December to not-for-profit community organisations whose primary purpose is to benefit the residents of South Oxfordshire.

Organisations can apply for grants from  250 up to a maximum of  7,500 from each councillor (budget permitting).

Previous organisations that have been awarded funding through this grant include:

- New rowing blades for Wallingford Rowing Club
- Solar panels for the roof of the Players Theatre in Thame
- Supporting a new community orchard in Cuddesdon and Denton

Cllr Georgina Heritage, Cabinet Member for Communities at South Oxfordshire District Council said: 'This grant is a great opportunity for our councillors to directly support community projects in their area.'

The Council is particularly keen to hear from projects that have a big impact for residents, such as activities that protect and restore our natural world, promote action on the climate emergency and improve economic and community well-being. For more see: www.southoxon.gov.uk



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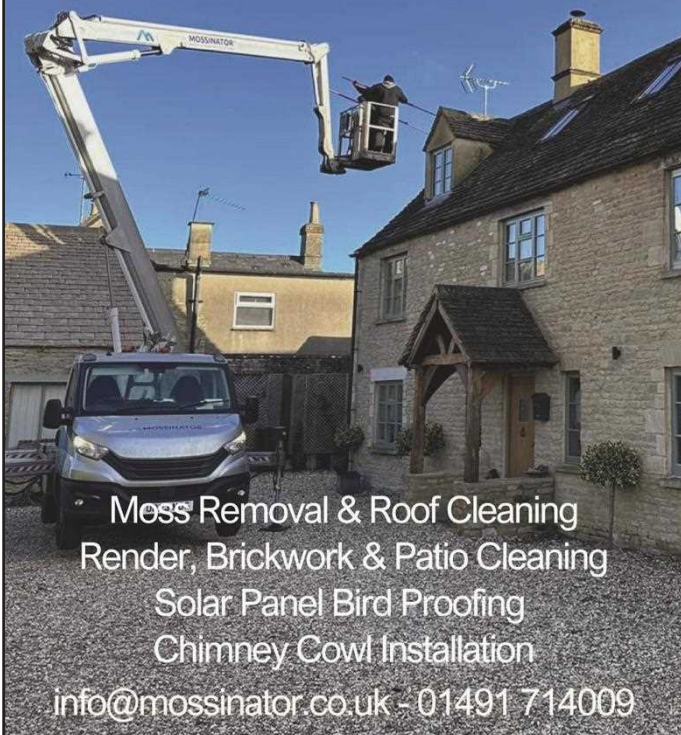
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Victorian Goring boathouse receives Listing status from Historic England

The Victorian boathouse by Goring Bridge, built for Sam Saunders (1859-1933), a famous boatbuilder in his time, has been Listed Grade II by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on the advice of national heritage body, Historic England. This resulted from an application by local residents Enid Worsley and Janet Hurst. The submission was supported by architectural expert David Clark, of the Oxfordshire Buildings Record, and Michael Dawson, a specialist historian in the field who has recently published a book entitled *Boathouses of Britain*.

The boathouse complex by the mill stream, comprising a showroom, boat storage and repair workshops with accommodation for the manager, was designed by London architect Percy Stone, FRIBA, and completed in 1894. Boats were hired from the wharf alongside until the 1980s. In Gothic Revival style, the building still retains many of its original features both inside and out, and is a time capsule from the Thames Victorian boating boom.

For nearly 100 years the former boat showroom was occupied by the Post Office. Until recently it was a Royal Mail sorting office and a dental practice is housed in the old manager's flat. An Oxfordshire Blue Plaque to Sam Saunders was mounted on the building in 2013. The property is owned by Hobbs of Henley and is presently up for sale.



The High Street facing side of the boathouse early on.

Photographer: Henry William Taunt Source: Historic England Archive



A photograph by Henry William Taunt showing the boathouse, date 1894-1900.

Photo Source: Historic England Archive

and engineers.'

Information about the listing can be found at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1493438>

An article about the history of the boathouse appeared in the February 2024 issue of GGN.

See also photographs on pages 1, 43 and 44.

Historic England Listing offers legal protection to culturally significant buildings, ensuring their preservation for future generations and contributing to the nation's heritage.

On hearing news of the success of the Listing submission to Historic England, Enid Worsley said: 'We're delighted that HE agreed with us that this building is very special and of great importance to the Goring community. We're glad that it's now safe for future residents to enjoy.'

Sarah Gibson, Listing Team Leader for Historic England said: 'The boathouse is a picturesque part of Goring-on-Thames and a prominent local landmark. Its listing celebrates the building's design and its origin as the early business premises of Samuel Saunders who became one of England's leading boatbuilders

Janet Hurst, Enid Worsley



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Mary Hopkin continues to sing with her daughter Jessica

Jessica Lee Morgan, who grew up in Henley-on-Thames and has spent most of her life on the Berkshire/Oxfordshire border, is a notable singer, musician and composer who plays a variety of instruments, guitar, piano, violin, saxophone, and more, and has performed in major concert halls from the Toronto Opera House to London's Royal Festival Hall, and even performed in Dylan Thomas's play *Under Milk Wood* with Sir Ian McKellen.

It's not surprising that Jessica has musical genes for she was born into a famous musical family. Her mother is singer Mary Hopkin, discovered by Beatle Paul McCartney, who produced her record *Those were the days* which shot straight to number one and sold over eight million copies, and launched her into an extraordinary career, from pantomime at The London Palladium to representing Britain in the Eurovision Song Contest: that's Jessica's mum.

Jessica's father is Tony Visconti, who produced all the hit records of David Bowie, T-Rex, Sparks, and many other 60s stars!

Jessica has now written a book called *You know what you should do!* with an album of the same title. Part of the book is autobiographical, when Jessica describes what it's like to grow up with famous parents, from visits with neighbour George Harrison, to going to work at the studio with her dad, and making coffee for David Bowie, to the downside of fame, going to the supermarket with her mum to buy groceries, and trying to hide from fans demanding her autograph.

Mary has now retired from singing in public, but is still writing and recording albums. Jessica has always been close to her mother, and they recently recorded a beautiful album together, called *Two Hearts*, mostly with songs they had both written, which took them back into the charts and is regularly played on heritage radio stations.

In her book, Jessica also talks about the music world today, and her fierce protection of musicians who can no longer make money from selling records when everyone is downloading their songs online.

On Friday 10 October you are invited to meet Jessica at an Author's Night at The Morrell Room in Church Lane Streatley. Doors open at 7pm for drinks and snacks. Programme begins at 7.30pm. Jessica will talk about her book, share some humorous stories about growing up in the music business, perhaps answer a few questions from the audience, and sing a few songs. Her book will be available to buy, as well as some of Jessica and Mary's recent albums. The Morrell Room is a beautiful historic building, with only 60 seats, for an up-close intimate evening with Jessica. but it means tickets will go fast! Tickets are only £10 each and available online www.trybooking.com/uk/FFAX

Jonathan Clifton



Mary Hopkin with daughter Jessica

Youth combine with experience at August fundraising jazz gig

We have an amazing number of incredibly talented musicians in our villages, including many up-and-coming young ones. And we also have people who will organise and plan and on Friday 22 August in Goring Village Hall, the trustees of the Goring and Streatley Young Musicians Trust produced a wonderful fundraising charity concert.

Leading the younger musicians were:

- Anna Shackleton (vocals)
- Chris Preston (trumpet)
- Martin Pickett (keyboards)
- Pete Howard (bass)
- Jon Buxton (drums)

And then there were the young musicians themselves: Theo Warren (tenor saxophone) currently in his second year at Trinity Laban Conservatoire studying jazz, Iris Rushbrooke (trumpet) who is studying at the Royal Academy of Music, Emma Storrie (trombone), who runs the Leeds University Big Band and Olivia Brownlee (tenor sax) who is currently studying for her A-levels. All of these young players are well-known locally as they began their musical journey in the starter band of the Goring and Streatley Concert Band.

The concert was vibrant, exciting and excellent. The music was a classic collection of vocals and instrumentals. There were familiar standards, stirring ballads and many more that had us humming and tapping along!

Many other superlatives were used, including (from audience members):

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- Theo Warren has the most gorgeous sound
- Drum, bass and keyboard all worked so well together and so tight
- Anna – what a star! Such a beautiful, clear voice!

Claire Salmon, MD of the Starter Band and a trustee of Goring and Streatley Young Musicians Trust, said: 'We have known these young players since they were about 10 or 11 years old and are so proud to be witnessing their transformation into such accomplished performers.'

What is Goring and Streatley Young Musicians Trust? It's a wonderful initiative set up by Paul Gillion, Ruth Jolly and David and Claire Salmon to ensure that the musical opportunities they had when young remain available to all our young people today. Claire said: 'The barriers are more numerous than we ever imagined but with the generous support of individuals, grant-giving bodies and audiences at this and other fundraising events, we will do our utmost to encourage and support and grow grass-roots music in this area.' For more information about the Trust and what it does, see their website: www.goringandstreatleyymt.co.uk or email info@goringandstreatleyymt.co.uk

Here's to the next concert!

Patricia Williams

A musical journey across the Atlantic

Goring Chamber Choir presents an enchanting afternoon of North American choral music on Saturday 8 November 2025 at 3pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church,.

Discover the hidden gems of choral music from across the pond. While you may already love the soaring harmonies of Eric Whitacre and the luminous compositions of Morten Lauridsen, prepare to be captivated by the extraordinary voices of Canadian composers who are just beginning to enchant British audiences.

From the beautiful and accessible works of Toronto's Eleanor Daley to the lesser-known Stephen Hatfield from Vancouver Island and Barry Peters from Nova Scotia on the Atlantic coast, this concert will transport you through Canada's vast musical landscape of remarkable discoveries. You will also hear hauntingly familiar folk songs – from the beloved *Red River Valley* that began its journey in Canada to the achingly beautiful Newfoundland song *She's like the Swallow*.

Connecting traditions old and new from the USA and Canada, programme highlights include:

- Eric Whitacre's tender *Seal Lullaby* (setting Kipling's poem originally composed for a film that never happened)
- Rupert Lang's world-music-influenced *Mass for Many Nations*
- A fresh, moving setting of Robert Burns' *Banks of Doon* from Donna Gartman Schultz
- Randall Stroope's passionate *Amor de mi alma*

This promises to be an afternoon of musical exploration and discovery, showcasing voices both familiar and wonderfully new. Come and let Goring Chamber Choir take you on this transatlantic musical adventure—we guarantee you'll leave humming melodies you've never heard before but will never forget.

The Musical Director is Frances Brewitt-Taylor and the accompanist is Steve Bowey.

Tickets are £15, free for under-18s and obtainable from a choir member, from Inspiration in Goring, from Garlands Organic in Pangbourne, or on the door. See www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk

Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir revisit Goring

We are delighted to announce that the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir are returning to St Thomas' Church to give a concert at 7pm on Saturday 11 October. The tickets, costing £20, include a glass of wine or soft drink in the interval. The concert is in aid of church funds and tickets are available on www.trybooking.com/uk/FBWM or from Inspiration. Book your tickets early to ensure a place for this popular concert.

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The players

Live Aid concert for Goring Library Garden

Several local musicians are planning to put on a concert to raise money for the Friends of Goring Library's plan to develop the land next to the Library into a pleasant garden area.

Local residents are already thrilled with the recent refurbishing of the interior of the Library, providing more space for bookshelves, children's Storytime, author talks and other events. Now the Friends of Goring Library are planning to develop the new garden area outside.

Local musicians have offered to perform at a concert at the Morrell Room in Streatley on Friday 3 October, with all proceeds going to the library project.

Among the artists so far announced are the popular singing trio Harlequin, the musical duo Vagabond and the band Rural Broadband. Several other musicians are being added to the



Harlequin



Vagabond

programme, plus some surprises. There will be drinks, food, raffles and musical games, providing an entertaining evening. The money raised will help provide even more facilities and activities at our lovely library. Tickets, £15, are available online, with a few available for cash at the library. See www.trybooking.com/uk/FFYO

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Food for thought this harvest-time

Use your LOAF for all your types of food:

- **Local** - reduce food miles, get to know and love your farmers, bakers, shopkeepers. Pray for them.
- **Organic** - no pesticides or poisons going into the environment for future troubles.
- **Animal friendly** – affordable for you and the world to come.
- **Fairtrade** - so everyone involved has a realistic wage and is able to care for their families.

Other ideas:

- Can you avoid plastic wrapping? Or always re-use it.
- Take your own containers to a take-away or shop. Ask for a discount for that, while you're at it!
- Buy a big sack of flour, or rice or ...in bulk and share with a neighbour.
- Grow and share what you grow. Eat seasonally ripe food.
- Make and share with neighbours.

What good ideas have you got to share? Let's encourage each other with the difference we can each make.

Revd Ben Phillips

Langtree School 2025 exam results

We are delighted to celebrate the excellent exam results achieved by our Year 11 students in their GCSE and other public exams. The class of 2025 have maintained Langtree's proud history of achieving outstanding outcomes for students of all abilities. This cohort (and the next) are arguably the ones affected most by the pandemic, as they missed out on the end of KS2 and much of our exceptional transition programme at the start of their secondary education. They also had their SATs exams cancelled, which makes progress metrics that we usually use to judge their achievements difficult.

Nevertheless, our students have achieved an Attainment 8 score of 58.4 points (which would have put us in the top 8% of schools nationally last year) and 81% achieved five or more Level 2 (previously A*-C) passes including English and Maths. 38% of all the grades were grade 7 or above (equivalent to the old A grade).

It can be invidious to name students who did extremely well as so many of our students achieved, or even exceeded, the extremely high targets set for them. However, Hannah who got eleven grade 9s, Mia and Iris with ten grade 9s and Melissa, Dylan, Dom and Matthew who all got more than seven top grades, are among our highest achieving students. We are equally proud of the students who made great progress while with us. Students such as Thomas, Briana, Sean, Jake and Jess all smashed the ambitious targets we set for them, beating these estimates by an average of at least two grades. This reflects their hard work and willingness to go above and beyond our expectations to achieve the very best results they are capable of.

This is a great achievement for our young people and the staff who worked so hard to support them. Some of our greatest successes are students who will not top any attainment lists, but battled incredibly hard to achieve very good outcomes and a number overcame some significant personal challenges to achieve results that they should be very proud of.

Simon Bamford
Headteacher of Langtree School



New trustees required at Langtree School

Langtree's recent exam results have maintained our school's proud tradition of achieving outstanding outcomes for students of all abilities, and we warmly congratulate all our class of 25!

Looking ahead, the Langtree Academy Trust is now looking for one or two new trustees to join the Finance committee and our dedicated and enthusiastic Board of Governance. Potential trustees should have financial experience and be willing to play an active role in overseeing school-budget expenditure and contributing to major spending decisions.

Langtree School firmly believes that all students deserve every possible opportunity and the support required to achieve their full potential, and we aim to provide not just a fantastic academic, social and cultural education, but also abundant pastoral support for our whole Langtree community.

New trustees are offered online training, not only in the first few months following appointment to help them better understand and fulfil their governance role, but also to support them going forward. We encourage all trustees to become involved with the educational aims and priorities of this small but highly popular local secondary school and expect them to attend as many of the regular committee and board meetings as possible, either in person or remotely (there is usually a total of 12 meetings held over each academic year).

The Trust Board would be glad to hear from any interested parties, including parents – and in particular from members of the wider community. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this great opportunity to make a very real difference at a local level should please contact me at adunstan@langtreeschool.com Thank you!

Alan Dunstan
Chair of Trustees, Langtree School

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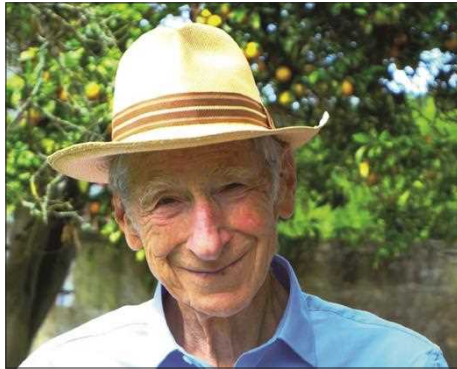
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Recollections of Dr Andy Richards

A retired ophthalmologist from Goring has recalled his life of voluntary medical work, 70 years since graduating from Cambridge University.

In the attic of his Grade II listed building lay a collection of dusty photo albums containing black and white images.



They chronicle the story of a 91-year-old ophthalmologist who spent his life volunteering around the world, delivering the gift of vision to people who could not see before.

In his light-filled sitting room, Dr Andy Richards put down his leather Gladstone bag, which had served him since graduating from Trinity College in 1955. It was filled with vintage surgical ophthalmic magnifying spectacles and metal instruments, including micro forceps, needle holders and iris scissors, which he used to operate on thousands of patients worldwide.

Dr Richards, who received an OBE from the late Queen Elizabeth II, qualified at Guy's Hospital, trained at Moorfields Eye Hospital and worked as a consultant at the Royal Berkshire Hospital and Townlands Hospital in Henley.

During his extensive career, he has worked in the UK and volunteered for global charities focussed on eye healthcare including Sightsavers International, formerly the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, and the Christian Blind Mission.

He specialised in corneal infections, grafts and diabetic retinopathy.

Dr Richards followed in the footsteps of his father, Harry, who trained as a GP at Guy's Hospital in London and died in 1975.

He said: 'It was natural that I followed him. I was going to join him in his practice in Cambridge, but he thought it would be a good idea for me to learn about ear, nose and throat, but I liked ophthalmology very much.'

'I learned on the job, first by assisting and then by doing a little bit, then a little bit more until eventually, after seven years, I was allowed to do a whole operation myself.'

He started operating using magnifying spectacles, but as technology advanced during his career, he learnt new and more effective techniques, such as using an operating microscope for intra-ocular surgery.

He said: 'The surgeries we did at the start were much simpler than they became. Before the 1980s, patients who had cataract surgeries had to wear thick spectacles to focus after they'd had the opaque cataract lens removed.'

'Intra-ocular lenses were introduced, which made it more complicated, but the results were much better for patients.'

After qualifying at Moorfields and before Dr Richards became a consultant, he secured a visit to India to teach in the 1960s, which he described as life-changing.

He said: 'One of the consultants, Sir Harold Ridley, who pioneered the intra-ocular lens, was one of my teachers. He was a great character and inspiration to us all and he introduced me to Sight Savers International.'

'In 1969, I was invited to visit eye hospitals in India to help learn and teach. I saw how basic, good eye surgery was brought to masses of people at eye camps, which were temporary hospitals set up in tents or schools for people who couldn't afford to travel to hospitals.' Dr Richards described the Indian doctors and nurses he worked with as 'wonderfully skilled'. He said: 'They were the best of the best. They were so dexterous. Their hands were wonderful, and they could do a cataract operation in minutes.'

From 1971, Dr Richards taught and operated at eye clinics across the world and completed 34 visits sponsored with Sightsavers International, including to Bangladesh, Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria and Sri Lanka.

Patients would spend up to 30 minutes in surgery before being laid down on a blanket of hay, as replacement beds, in the makeshift eye wards.

Family members would care for them by bathing and feeding them. The patients' eyes would be covered with a pad for 10 days to allow them to heal following the operation.

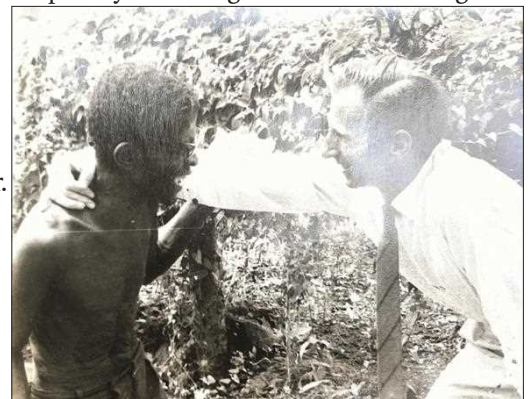
Speaking tearfully, Dr Richards recalled his favourite memory was helping a completely blind Nigerian man to see again in 1971.

He said: 'My star was emaciated and completely blind. His walk was unsteady, and he was very neglected. The nurses cared for him and fed him up. Every time he saw me, he would wave with pure enjoyment. He was my favourite patient ever.'

'We discharged him after a few weeks, and took him home in the Land Rover. I watched him take in his surroundings slowly when we stopped at his village and then he walked off hesitantly. I was filming on a movie camera hoping he would look back and wave. I wanted to run after him but I did not. It was his moment. 'He was clearly overcome with seeing where he had grown up, as he probably hadn't seen it for years.'

After retiring in 1999, he was a trustee of IRIS Asia, a small charitable international non-government organisation, supporting static and mobile eye care in Nepal, Cambodia and Sri Lanka.

He was also a regular visiting consultant for Second Sight, a UK-based non-



Dr Andy Richards and his favourite patient, a completely blind Nigerian man, whom he helped to see again in 1997

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government organisation, carrying out eye surgeries in India.

Dr Richards reminisced on all the ups and downs of his career, but noted there were many more happy memories than not.

‘They were the best times of my whole life,’ he said. ‘I was so happy with these people because the need was so great. We worked from morning until night, and the staff were happy to support me through all our adventures. There were a few disasters, but no doctor ever has 100 per cent success, unfortunately.

‘There were mostly good times, and I look back on the experience so positively and lovingly.’

Dr Richards said he enjoyed his time working at hospitals in and around Oxfordshire.

He said: ‘The Royal Berkshire Hospital had a wonderful eye department, and the consultants were really good. There was hardly anyone on the waiting lists, our staff were tip top and we had a very good training programme.’

‘Townlands was also wonderful with weekly eye clinics. It was busy with many interesting patients and local GPs.’

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34 sponsored visits with the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind
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Proposed weight limit for the B4009 at Streatley Hill – please give your opinion

Following on from West Berkshire Council’s recognition of the need to reduce speed on Streatley Hill, focus has switched to achieving a logical restriction in vehicle weight limit there, to a maximum of 18T if not lower. At present the B4009 at Streatley Hill carries no weight restriction, meaning that any articulated lorry up to six axles and 44T can enter/exit Streatley via Streatley Hill.

However, there is insufficient space for such a vehicle to navigate the crossroads and all other roads away from Streatley carry weight restrictions. In addition, navigation systems automatically direct vehicles to exit via Streatley Hill should they erroneously enter by one of the restricted routes. Conducting a right angle turn from the A329 simply places at risk the buildings either side of the narrow entrance and a number of recorded collisions have resulted.

Many will remember when in November 2016 a lorry destroyed the chimney and damaged walls of a house at the crossroads, causing huge disruption for several weeks with ensuing road closures for repairs and restricted road width due to scaffolding. Not to mention the numerous times The Bull Hotel has been hit causing damage.

18T limits exist on the Wantage and Wallingford Roads from the North and a 7.5T restriction applies to the Thames bridge and through Goring High Street from the East. 7.5T is also the maximum weight over the railway bridge adjacent Beale Park and through Pangbourne (for structural safety and due to physical restraints). All these restrictions are considered to be sensible, however they result in a situation whereby articulated 40T vehicles may arrive in Streatley without an exit, as space is not available for turning around to exit via Streatley Hill.

Logically, the western access into Streatley should be restricted to a maximum 18T weight limit or less, to ensure vehicles of a certain size (dimension and weight) are only allowed by exception.

To be clear, this step would not restrict legitimate access by HGVs for the purpose of making deliveries or collections to properties and businesses within the weight restrictions (nor access by local agricultural/ farm vehicles). However, driving through a restricted area without a legitimate purpose is an offence.

Following concerns raised by residents of both Goring and Streatley that recently there appears to be an increase of large HGVs passing through, Streatley Parish Council are seeking to address the weight limit issue in the same manner as for speed and this petition

has been created to allow all residents in and around the Gap to indicate their views.

Your opinion matters and will support our ability to continue escalating this matter.

To have your say, please visit www.streatley.org and scroll down to *Petition – Streatley Hill Weight limit* and click on *Streatley Hill Weight Limit Petition*.

Adrian Lockwood
Streatley Parish Council



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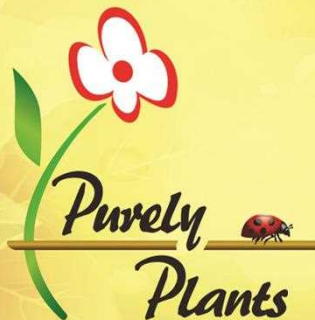
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August GGN correction

Dear Editor—I am writing to correct you concerning the article on Page 25 in August GGN, about the Bourdillon playground opening in 1952. This mentioned the presentation of the flowers to Mrs Bourdillon. The flowers were presented by Julie Comley not Marion Cowley. Julie Comley was my aunt.

Angela Bell

Statue bench suggested

Dear Editor—Is it not time that our village had a sculpture representing one of our famous residents? Some towns in our vicinity have erected wonderful sculptures of their famous residents. Wallingford has a statue bench of Agatha Christie, Henley has Steve Redgrave, Newbury has Paddington Bear and Maidenhead has Nicholas Winton.

Over the years we have had many famous people who have resided in either Goring or Streatley. To name but a few, we have had Bomber Harris (wartime air commander), Danny La Rue (entertainer), Anton Rogers (actor), Samuel Saunders (boat builder), George Michael (singer) and of course Oscar Wilde (poet and playwright).

It is not easy to decide on a statue for our village that would bring the greatest benefit to our local economy. There is however, one person who stands out that would bring footfall to the village and help to generate income for our struggling pubs, guest houses and shops.

This person to my mind would be the controversial figure of George Michael. He has written and sung some wonderful music which people will dance to for decades to come. He was very generous to the village and sponsored part of St Thomas' Church upgrade. He has a chair in St Thomas' under his real name.

Twice a year, his fan club descend on our village and they are all well-behaved and have a great time. (For those that have not seen my videos of George Michael's fans in Goring they can be found online by searching for

'YouTube Rickards George Michael'.)

To maintain the interest for his fans throughout the year, I suggest creating a George Michael statue bench.

Chris Rickards

Motorcyclists

Dear Editor—Almost every day I read in the local news of road traffic collisions involving a motorcycle. I have experienced two incidents recently where the motorcyclists were at fault.

On 16 August, around 2pm, on the A417 leaving Streatley going towards Wantage – at the dip in the road just as you leave the built-up area, a line of cars heading towards Streatley was waiting for a safe place to pass three cyclists. As we approached a motorcyclist came around the bend at the top of the hill approaching, at speed, on the wrong side of the road. My husband, braking very hard, managed to avoid a nasty accident.

The other incident occurred on the A4074 coming out of Caversham – one motorbike overtook me at a speed, above the limit of 30mph as I was driving at 27mph, at the brow of the hill and sped off into the distance. Within seconds, a second motorbike also past me at such a speed that it was forced to go the wrong way around a Keep Left sign as there was insufficient space to pull over despite me braking.

Whilst I do understand that it is not always the fault of the motorcyclist, can I ask that any local motorcyclists, or the family of motorcyclists, are reminded that they are not the only road users and that the consequences of their actions are far reaching on their family and friends, and those of others involved in the incident.

I would also urge motorists to be vigilant when travelling, particularly around the local lanes.

Hazel Preston-Barnes

Volunteer puppy trainers needed

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In puppy training - Kai

Penny Porter

My 'Peregrine experience' in the Gap

It's been three hours watching the same bird sit motionless on the same telegraph pole. With a portable chair and the taste of coffee on my palette I'm working hard to stay focussed. Hang on...she's stretching her feathers...she's flying...coming towards me from 200yds away...she might fly right over me! After a week of effort, don't mess this up Simon...

My eyes flick across the viewfinder and my fingers check the function keys ... fast shutter... check, autofocus set... check, exposure... check, video settings... check!

With short shallow 'hunting' wing beats she comes. I grab video as she comes across the hillside then switch to stills. A few presses of the shutter give me over 100 images...perfect! She casts me a glance as she draws level and banks right up the hill. She soars high above Cameron's Copse and pivots; a flock of crows take to the air... I wonder if she's onto something?

I switch to video...is this a 'stoop'? Suddenly she starts to accelerate and the wings fold back like an F22 and I catch my breath; she hurtles toward the brow of the hill at 45 degrees. I struggle to follow and she plummets behind the brow as an unsuspecting crow is hit by a set of steak knives doing 150mph!

I scamper up the hillside as fast as lens and camera will allow. But...nothing, except my heart pounding and the surge of elation. I'd just watched the fastest animal on earth do its thing...the 'stoop' with in-flight images and a video!

Capturing these moments was the culmination of patience, perseverance, learning and some teamwork. So let me explain the backstory to my 'Peregrine experience'.

Finding the visitors

It all started when a local birder called me to say that he'd seen a couple of Peregrines over South Stoke. This presented a great photographic opportunity, these birds are rarely seen in the Gap. Peregrine falcons are protected and are often ringed for identification and named. Our visitor's ring could be seen from photos and Cholsey wildlife confirmed her as 'Green 66', ringed in Brighton in 2014 and nesting on a pylon in Cholsey until it was repainted. Green 66 and her two offspring were in our area for a week, offering fantastic views of their incredible cream/brown plumage and those fearsome talons. Here's how the story unfolded:

Day 1 Tuesday 6pm – I get a call: 'I'm up on The Postman's Path watching a Peregrine roost on a telegraph pole, you should get up here!' I grab my binoculars and camera and head out towards Woodcote, eventually seeing a raptor sitting on a telegraph pole 300yds away, sadly too far away for photos. Raptor's eyesight means she knew I was there, but nevertheless she sat soaking up the evening heatwave sun until she flew off after 20 minutes. Later on, I'm trudging on the road past Bullocks Farm when I hear the characteristic noisy calls of Peregrines. Three birds (a mother and two female juveniles) fly over me, calling overhead and heading for Cameron's Copse.

Day 2 Wednesday 7am – I walk $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to The Postman's Path. Reaching the brow, a Peregrine is still sitting on top of the telegraph pole. I carefully take pictures every 20yds and stop well away, an adult female. A Buzzard passes by and the Peregrine leaps, making a bee-line right for it. They clash in mid-air and the buzzard leaves!

At 7.30am she's back and roosts on a telegraph pole. I suddenly see the two juveniles sitting side by side on a nearby pole. (I never have worked out how raptors and owls can just 'appear' like magic when you don't pay 500% attention.) They take to the air for a magical display of acrobatic speed and agility. As they wheel and joust, it's so much more than a game. It's practice for the Peregrine's real superpower: hunting.



Protecting her juveniles. Buzzards beware, do not come close



After three days of watching at 300 yds, then 200 yds, suddenly the adolescent moved close to 100 yds!

Day 3 Friday 7.30am – I set off early again...at 9.50am a juvenile sits in the high field. At 10am it relocates to a telegraph pole and at 10.20 shifts to a closer pole and I get some better shots (see Image 3). At 10.30 she flies and I get my first image of the adolescent Peregrine, with a shot of her beautiful brown back and cream tipped wings and tail! (see Image 4). I go home happy and excited.

Day 4 Saturday 7am – full camo gear, chair, flask of coffee, ready to wait it out. A Buzzard had taken residence on the central

pole and this was not a good sign, but I wait. At 8.20 a Peregrine flies by at about 150yds and disappears, heading toward Moulsoford. At 9.30 my birder friend phones: 'Can you see me? I'm up on the top of Grove Road watching those roe deer.' We chat and with a panoramic view we observe birds scattering and lots of movement, we wonder if a predator is nearby?

At 10.34 I adjust my seat and realise a Peregrine is on a nearby telegraph pole. We sit and we wait and at 10.45 the birder has to leave. I say: 'I'll probably wait another 30 minutes and see what happens.' I wait and wait a little more and it is 33 minutes before at 11.18 she launches, flying close and I photograph that magnificent 'stoop' manoeuvre described above. Capping off another fabulous morning and vindicating my patience and four days of persistence.

Raptor hierarchies

Having spent the bulk of 13 hours sitting on a hillside waiting for Peregrines to do something, the raptor hierarchies become clear. The small but feisty Kestrel stays out of the way looking for voles, close to farm buildings. The Kites glide around waiting for carrion or worms and despite size, they don't seem to mess with the Peregrine family.

Peregrine falcons are among the most formidable raptors and highly territorial, especially around their offspring and as I experienced, will aggressively see off other raptors such as buzzards if they get too close. Peregrines are known to dominate, due to their significant size and aggression.

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Unlike the slate grey back of adults, juveniles have dark brown backs with a wonderful cream edge



Sparring adolescent Peregrines

Peregrines don't rely on their talons, they have a 'tomial tooth' – a sharp notch on the upper beak that fits into a corresponding notch on the lower beak to swiftly sever the spinal cord or neck of their prey, for a rapid clean kill when striking at extreme speeds in mid-air.

On their way Green 66 has taught her offspring well. The skills she's given them and their incredible physical prowess will hold this family in good stead for the challenges of life ahead. How marvellous that she allowed me into her world to share the magnificence of her family.

With special thanks to local birding communities and landowners.

Simon Booker

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See QR Code for my YouTube video

All photos are from originals by Simon Booker (see gallery link above) edited for space in GGN. See also Page 44.



Goring Free Church King's

During the week 28 July – 1 August we held our annual children's holiday club, King's Club. *Waste Watchers* took on the theme of how we can protect God's world and the environment around us. The children were introduced to God's power to transform things. 60+ children, aged 5 to 11, attended each day and enjoyed singing, playing games, making crafts, being entertained by the drama team and puppet shows and generally having lots of fun! The daily 'rubbish truck emptying' was a particular highlight and something which all the children and helpers enthusiastically responded to.



A winning group



Percy the park keeper and his team



Team games on the Gardiner Rec



Parachute fun



Football on the Gardiner Rec



Cross weaving craft



The rubbish truck emptying

Club 2025 – Waste Watchers

As has become our custom on the Friday afternoon, we had a picnic in the Rectory Garden for the parents and siblings, where the children could enjoy a bouncy castle and an inflatable assault course as entertainment. A huge thank you has to go to everybody who was involved, as a fun time was had by all, adults and children alike. Please visit our website <https://www.goringfreechurch.org.uk/special-events/kings-club/> and view the highlights slideshow which provides an overview of the week.



Glasses craft



Inflatable fun



All photos by Helen Abbott



Enjoying the drama team in action



The bin monster is awake



Running games on the Gardiner Rec



Water jars that turn water into wine

A child's eye view of Goring in the fifties

I arrived in the UK in the summer of 1953 having just turned five. I flew from Kenya (pronounced Keenya in those days) where the Mau-Mau Emergency was at its height. I was met at London Airport North (as Heathrow was then called) and it was just a collection of wooden huts. I came to Goring to live with my grandparents and Goring remained my home on and off for very many years. My grandparents were George Weldon (always known as Tony) and Mary Jane, always known as Molly. They lived in Limetree Road.

The day after I arrived my grandfather took me over to Henley to get my ration card. This was then handed over to Reg Penny who ran the grocer's shop on the corner of Station Road and Red Cross Road. I think rationing was abolished soon afterwards. This was a proper grocer with eight pound tins of biscuits in front of the counter. The bacon was sliced and wrapped for you at your requested thickness and everything packaged in brown paper bags and carried home in a wicker shopping basket.

What strikes me in my memory is how many shops and businesses there were in Goring at the time. Not so Streatley which only had Pat Rance's Wells Stores (sixty different cheeses!) and Smallbones the builders. Most people shopped daily and it could take some time as everybody knew everybody and had to stop to chat. I asked my grandmother why I had to wear a cap because I was always having to take it off when we met someone.

I don't know how much longer Reg Penny's shop lasted because soon we were using Mr Rolling's shop (Beehive Stores) on the corner of Station Road and Manor Road. In those days shops usually closed at lunchtime on Saturday and most shops had early closing on Wednesday or Thursday.

On the High Street there was Colebrook's the butchers, next door was the Midland Bank, then Jackson's the outfitters. The shop had cellophane sheeting in the window to protect the clothes in the window from getting faded. At this time Goring still had its own bakery but it closed soon afterwards. Next there was the International Stores, then Nappers. On the other side of the High Street next to the Free Church was Tylers the wine merchant and Richard Wilson Solicitors. Further up was the Taylor Pen factory which provided jobs for the village and opposite was the chemists.



High Street Goring: Miller, Colebrookes, Midland Bank, Jacksons



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A little further up was the Police House. On Red Cross Road was Len Evans electrical shop, opposite the Fire Station and Franklin's garage where the Health Centre is now. I'm sure that somewhere there was a sweet shop but I can't remember it. With this wealth of shops there was hardly any need to go elsewhere for day to day needs.

At that age I was not concerned with pubs but Goring had lots: Ye Olde Miller of Mansfield, The John Barleycorn, The Catherine Wheel, The Queens Arms, The Sloane and The Magpie. Streatley of course had The Bull and The Swan. There was even a Gas Board showroom next to The Catherine Wheel where the blacksmith used to be. And of course the library.

Winters were much colder then and few houses had full central

heating. You really needed your heavy eiderdown and bed socks at night and it was common to find ice on the inside of the window in the morning. The first winter I was in Goring we had heavy snow. A sledge was made for me by one of the carpenters at WA Hine and son, probably Dick Franklin. We went up on to Cow Hill to sledge.

The consequence of the snow was the flood when the thaw came. During one of the previous winters the water was so deep that George Turner was able to punt into the drawing room of Mill Cottage (the late George Michael's house). Allegedly, George tied the punt to one of the piano legs and went upstairs to assess the damage. When he came back down the piano was also floating out of the door! When the water level dropped a bit and it froze again we could skate on the Streatley water meadows opposite Thames Bank.

In those days not many houses had telephones. The phone numbers were only two digits. You had to lift the receiver and wait for the operator to connect you. There was great excitement when the 'new' telephone exchange was built as it opened up the possibility of STD. This was not what you think but Subscriber Trunk Dialling which obviated the need for the operator.

It is self-evident that the Thames is at the heart of the Goring Gap and it was very much at the heart of growing up in Goring. When old enough we could cycle along the tow path where there were still some boathouses belonging to the big houses along Manor Road. The foundations of The Grange's boathouse are still visible if looked for. But the boathouses vanished, probably pulled down for health and safety reasons.

My grandfather had a skiff which he kept at Hobbs boathouse. On fine summer days we could go up through Cleeve Lock or downstream past Gatehampton and picnic on one of the small islands.

The lock was the main attraction then as it is today, providing endless amusement watching the ineptness of the crews who had just picked up a cruiser in Benson or Caversham. The river was managed by the Thames Conservancy (maximum speed seven knots or eight mph). When big enough we could 'help' the lock keeper open and close the gates, pre-electrification. Then home for tea on our bikes.


We really had immense freedom compared to children growing up in Goring today. Goring and Streatley are vibrant villages which make a great community. I was interested to see that on the front cover of *GGN* in May of this year many of the names of the team members are the same as those of the tradesmen and craftsmen of yesteryear, although they must be the grandchildren or great grandchildren of the people I remember.

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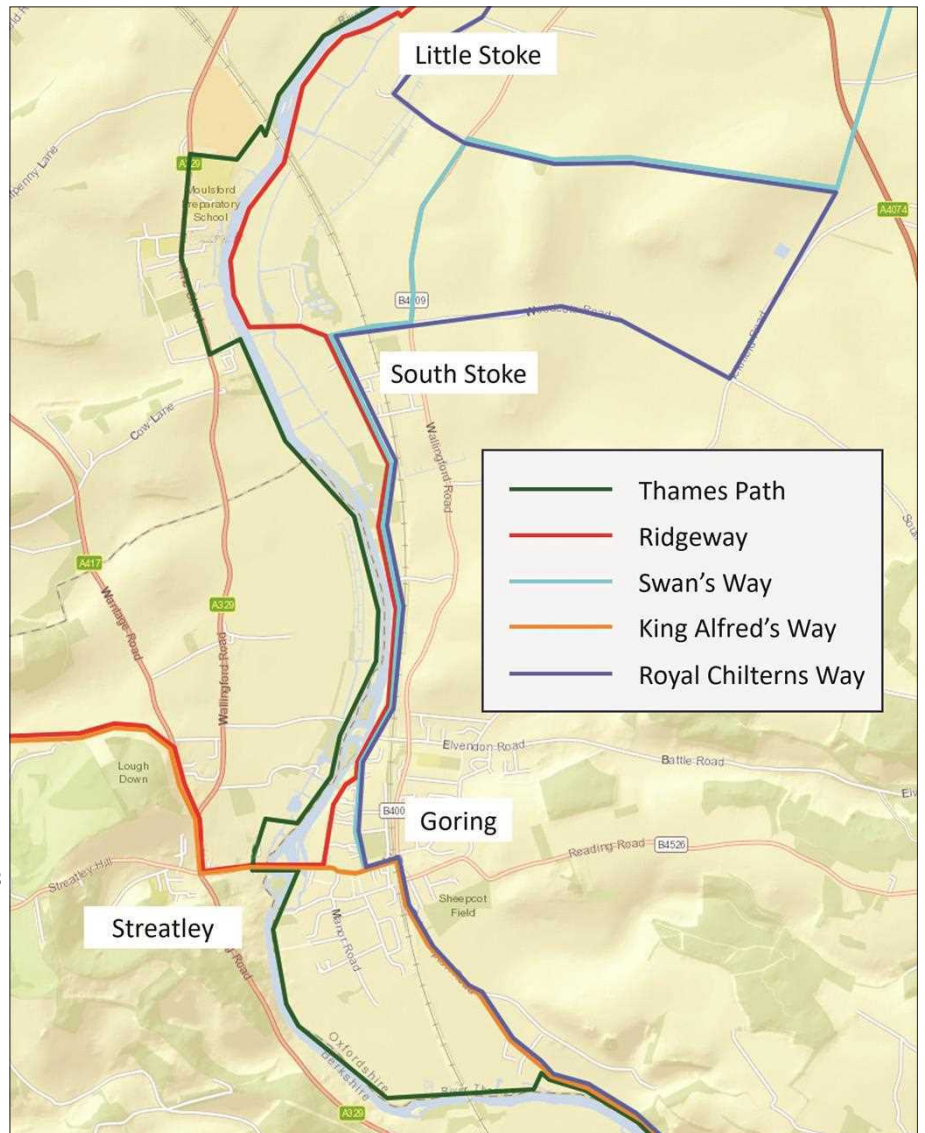
Introducing the Royal Chilterns Way

You may have seen them passing through the villages: ‘Bikepackers’, the modern-day cycle tourist, riding expensive-looking gravel bikes (a road/mountain bike cross) with minimalist camping kit strapped on; probably looking a bit grimy and muddy, or in summer 2025, very dusty. You’re likely to see even more of them in the future, with the launch last month of the Royal Chilterns Way adventure cycling route.

People have been travelling through the Goring Gap area since time immemorial. The Ridgeway is believed to be at least 5000 years old, earning it the title of Britain’s oldest highway. In 1973 it was formalised as one of England’s first National Trails, running for 140 km (87 mi) from Avebury to Ivinghoe.

In the last 30 years the Ridgeway has been joined by more long-distance trails that pass through Goring and attract cyclists:

- The Thames Path, primarily a walking route but with sections open to cyclists, following the river from source to sea for 374 km (232 mi). It was originally opened in 1996.
- Swan’s Way, running 105 km (65 mi) from Goring to near Milton Keynes, was developed by the British Horse Society. As it uses bridleways or roads it is open to cyclists and pedestrians as well as riders.
- King Alfred’s Way, a 350 km (218 mi) off-road cycling route taking in The Ridgeway west of Streatley then looping through Salisbury and Winchester. It was launched in 2020.
- The Royal Chilterns Way, a 280 km (174 mi) off-road cycling route, launched in August 2025. It shares its Reading to Goring section with King Alfred’s Way and then continues on to North Stoke before wiggling its way through the Chiltern Hills to Whipsnade and back to Reading.



National Trails in the Goring Gap



Royal Chilterns Way near Mongewell

Photo: Steve Rock

Both King Alfred’s Way and the Royal Chilterns Way were launched by Cycling UK, the cyclists’ charity, as part of its Adventure Route Series, a collection of long-distance bikepacking routes that invite people to explore Britain’s stunning countryside and National Landscapes. They are designed for a long weekend escape, accessible by train so riders can enjoy them without the need for a car. Aimed at competent cyclists using gravel, cyclocross (off-road racing) or mountain bikes, the routes link quiet roads, scenic trails and places to rest and refuel. They are not to be confused with the Chiltern Way, a 200 km (125 mi) signposted walking route created as a millennium project by the Chiltern Society. Part of its Southern Extension, added in 2003, runs along Wallingford Road from Lockstile Way to Tesco, providing easy access to Goring & Streatley station.

Unlike older long-distance trails, you won't see any signposts for either King Alfred's Way or the Royal Chilterns Way. Both are virtual routes, which means you need an app on a smartphone or a cycling satnav device to navigate them. The app reads a GPX data file, which has a series of map points – rather like an electronic version of a join-the-dots picture from a children's comic. The GPX file for each route can be downloaded from the Cycling UK website at

www.cyclinguk.org/routes/long-distance

Cycling UK is the trading name of the Cyclists Touring Club, which was founded in 1878, so the new 'routes' are a return to the club's 'roots' – making it easier for cyclists to find their way in the great outdoors. Cycling UK carried out a survey when King Alfred's Way was launched, which suggested that around 2500 people rode the route in its first year. It's estimated that the route has contributed over £4 million to local economies in the five years since then. In the week it was launched, the Royal Chilterns Way was downloaded 2347 times, showing that there is a lot of interest in the new route.



Hartley Steps (was Hartslock Steps)

Photo: Steve Rock

The routes may be new, but the trails are not. To make it suitable for shorter trips, the Royal Chilterns Way is split into three loops. The 74 km (45 mi) southern loop takes in Reading, Henley, Nettlebed, Stoke Row, North Stoke and Goring. Local residents pressed for time can take a short cut from Goring to Stoke Row, to give a 32 km (20 mi) circuit. The routes use quiet roads and bridleways suitable for e-bikes as well as gravel or mountain bikes. The off-road sections are not too challenging technically, especially when ridden at a slower pace. One of the most challenging local sections is probably that through Hartslock Wood between Gatehampton and Whitchurch. In wet conditions some of the bridleways in the Chilterns can be very muddy, in which case it's worth looking for quiet road options instead – see <https://goringgapcycling.co.uk/choose-your-route/> for some ideas.

Within the Goring Gap, King Alfred's Way uses the Ridgeway from Avebury to Streatley, then runs all the way up Goring High Street before turning right to the railway station. It continues past Gatehampton along the bridleway to Whitchurch and on to Reading on the east side of the river. The Royal Chilterns Way comes into Goring from the Stokes along the riverside bridleway. At Cleeve Mill it continues along Cleeve Road to Goring High Street, from where it follows the same route as King Alfred's Way to Reading.

Steve Rock

A murder mystery and two cops – events at Goring Library

Meet the author: Anna Beer

Oxford author, Anna Beer, will be at the Library on Wednesday 1 October to talk about her foray into crime fiction. Anna is an established author of academic publications and of biographies of Milton, Raleigh and Shakespeare but also of feisty and talented female creatives. Her debut crime novel, *Death of an Englishman*, features another strong female character, Eve, who is at the heart of solving this murder mystery. Based in Oxford, Eve sets out to find a missing manuscript and then finds herself exploring the possibility that the rather obnoxious author was murdered; but if so, by whom? There are several very plausible candidates.

Death of an Englishman has been described by reviewers as a high-octane jaunt, full of laughter and wisdom, as well as gripping, atmospheric and pleasingly twisty. Another brilliant contribution to the Oxford murder mystery genre which also features reference to the Goring Gap and the lovely Ridgeway walks from our villages. Sounds like it should be a captivating read and I am very much looking forward to hearing more about it from the author herself.

Doors open at 7pm for refreshments, with the talk starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased via EventBrite or from the Library.

Meet our law enforcement officers

On Wednesday 24 September we will be welcoming PC Barbara Taylor to the library, together with two PCSOs, for our event 'Cuppa with a Copper'. From 10am to midday you can come along and ask any burning questions that you might have about plans for our community, protecting yourself from scams, or just sharing any problems that you think they might be able to help with. As always, we will be serving refreshments throughout the morning. We are very grateful for Thames Valley Police in helping us arrange this initiative.



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Withymead boardwalk gets green light from MIGGS

Surrounded by relics of historic boat-building and the bright purple blooms of late summer, five members of the MIGGS committee defied the blistering mid-August heat to visit Withymead, just off the Ridgeway, a mile north of Goring High Street. We were there as guests of Jenny Hedge, head of the Anne Carpmael Trust, which owns and manages the nature reserve, and the Withymead warden, Pete Morton.

Our purpose: to pass a disabled person's judgment on the new board walk, constructed with the help of a £90,000 grant from Mend the Gap and opened to the public last spring. Just as important was the wetland habitat to which the board walk gave wheelchair access. Pete Morton's lyrical flora and fauna insights were an unexpected bonus.

He explained that, at this time of year, the yellow (or garden) loosestrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*) is turning to seed while the purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), from a different genus, is in full bloom. Purple loosestrife, we learned, is widely distributed in the wetlands of temperate zones such as ours but is regarded by some people as invasive. Amazingly, a single plant can release millions of seeds in the course of a year.

Other things Pete urged us to look out for were summer butterflies and bumble bees that were busy among the maroon heads of the common reeds, buzzing and flitting between flowers of marsh woundwort (*Stachys palustris*), gypsy wort (*Lycopus europaeus*) and the white trumpets of calystegia, the latter better known to gardeners as bindweed.

We were also invited to listen for the calls of swallows overhead, interspersed with the bold and sweet call of Cetti's warblers and the laugh of passing woodpeckers. Differentiating between bird songs is not a strongpoint of mine, however.

It's fair to say that, subject to one or two minor, planned adjustments to the turning points, the MIGGS group was impressed with the safety, stability and accessibility of the new board walk structure, which terminates at a refurbished kingfisher hide on the edge of the Thames. (Unfortunately for us, we had little chance of spotting a kingfisher as our group was too large and too noisy!)

The new board walk replaced part of an earlier, narrower and altogether more rickety structure installed eighteen years ago. Withymead has plans to replace the remaining narrow board walk with a new one about 1200mm wide as soon as it can raise the necessary funds.

One important difference between new and old is that both the sub-structure and the surface of the new board walk are made from a sustainable, rigid, recycled plastic that will not rot or leach potentially harmful wood-preserving compounds into the water.

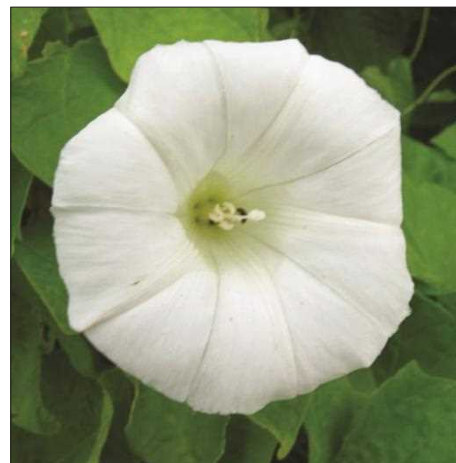
Withymead is full of natural and man-made surprises. It will reopen to the public on Sundays from early April till late August next year. Visits may be possible on other dates by prior arrangement with the warden. Withymead is also open for exclusive private visits on Fridays from April until August.

Book through the booking portal on the Withymead website, at: <https://withymead.org/> or phone 01491 872265.



Lythrum salicaria (Purple loosestrife)

Photo: BBOWT



Calystegia (bindweed) Photo: John Boler



The team enjoying the much-appreciated cream tea

Photo: Janet Tuppen

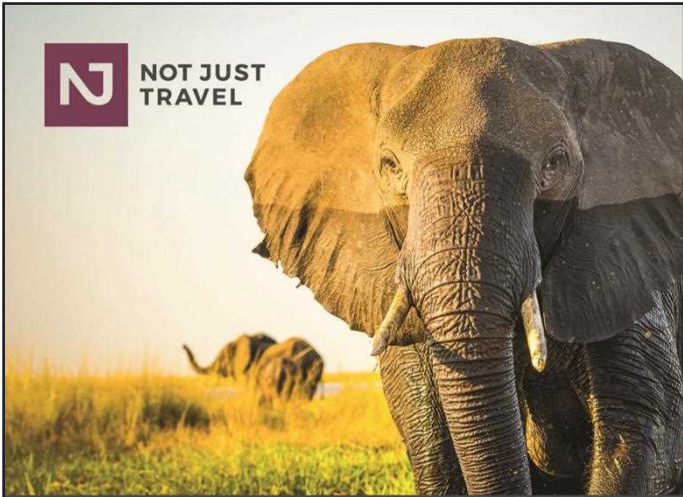


The MIGGS team taking advantage of the half-way rest point,

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This was one of MIGGS final activities and it has now been disbanded (see GGN August 2025, pages 19-21).

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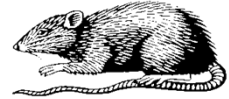
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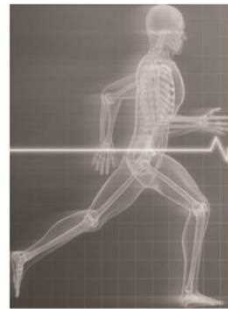
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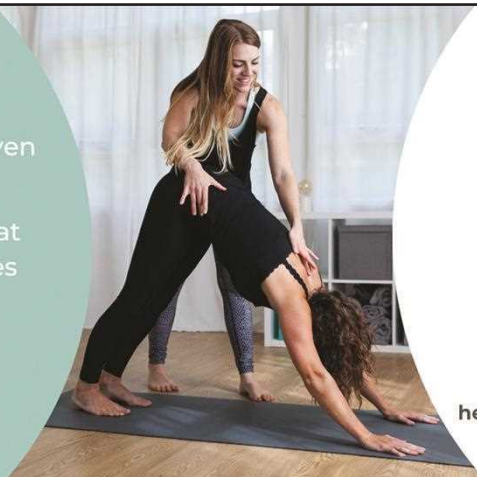
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Annual Scout Summer Camp 2025

The 2nd Goring & Streatley Scout camp this year was held in Spetisbury, Blandford Forum on 4-8 August. We travelled there in the leaders' cars, with a large van carrying all the camping kit.

Archery and quad biking

Our external activity day was on Wednesday and comprised an archery session followed by quad bike trials (not racing). Archery was a bit 'hit and miss', with Akela shooting at the moon. It was a good job the protective sheeting was very high. A few 'bulls' were achieved and all enjoyed the experience.



Quad bike outfits

Photo: David Cooksley

Then following the long session of archery, the Scouts donned their boiler suits, helmets, goggles and gloves and were prepared to be instructed on safely riding the quad bikes.

This done, it was off on the quad bikes around the two long very dusty tracks, with numerous circuits. I was covered in dust just watching! Great excitement and fun for the Scouts and Leaders who all rode the tracks very competently and most important safely.

Packing up and flag down

The harder part of a Scout camp is the packing up. The tents and the cookhouses are taken down and packed, then the fires and other pits and lastly the toilet tents and pits all have to be packed and filled in, so that we leave the campsite in the condition we found it, or better if possible. This is harder when it is very hot, when everyone camping needs to put all their effort into helping to achieve this and not leave it to others.

Once packed up and the site cleared, but before the flag was lowered and our 1914 WW1 flag pole taken down, we were joined by our fellow BBS Scouts and great friends from the 1st Wessex, who had camped in the same field as us for the week. A group photo was taken and then we said our goodbyes to our fellow Scouts and departed homewards.

David Cooksley

Group Scout Master,

2nd Goring & Streatley Scout Group. [07789 938291](tel:07789938291)



Archery

Photo: David Cooksley



Joint camp photo

Photo: Joe Bosence

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Helios at Basildon Park

On several days in August the National Trust at Basildon Park played host to an extraordinary sculpture. A large number of visitors came to see *Helios*, a seven-metre-high spherical representation of the sun supported by four metal towers and set up in the gardens of the huge Georgian mansion. The event celebrated both the science of the sun and the life that it enables, as well as its spiritual significance to humanity.

Helios was co-commissioned by National Trust, Cork Midsummer Festival, Liverpool Cathedral, Old Royal Naval College and University College London and created by Luke Jerram. Jerram lives in the UK and creates multidisciplinary art projects which excite and inspire people around the world. *Helios* is being exhibited in several places in the care of the National Trust and also in other places and countries. Several *Helios* copies tour simultaneously, in order for this to be achieved.

Named after the ancient Greek god of the sun, *Helios* is a huge sphere which images the surface of the star, including rare features like sunspots. Each centimetre on the sculpture represents 2,000 kilometres of the real sun's surface. At Basildon Park the route to *Helios* took visitors past a model of the earth to the same scale (a bit smaller than a tennis ball), positioned so that it was a correctly scaled distance from the sculpture.



Photo: Chris Rickards

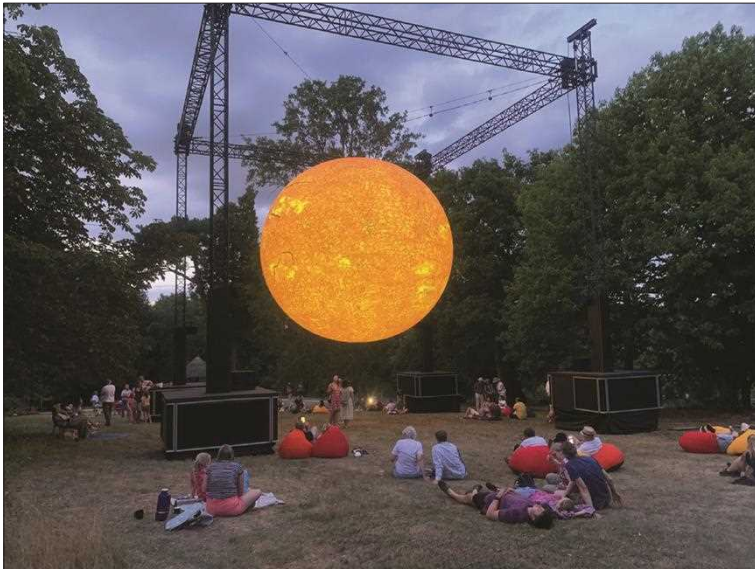


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On the day that I visited, a group of female dancers from Kalakunj gave two performances underneath *Helios* and on the croquet lawn (between the earth and the sun). Kalakunj is an independent performing arts group based in Reading, specialising in classical Indian dance, particularly *Bharatanatyam*. It was fascinating to watch the skill with which the dancers simultaneously used hands, expressions and demanding dance movements to interpret their themes. A reminder that the sun is significant to many religious beliefs and creation stories and inspires art all over our planet.

Chris Rickards also visited the event and has contributed photos for *GGN* and created a video of *Helios* which you can view using the QR code. If you would like to know more about Luke Jerram and where you can catch his art installations, including *Helios*, go to www.lukejerram.com



Gill Haigh

The sculpture glows – particularly evocative when the real sunlight fades. It was accompanied by the mesmerizing sound of NASA recordings of the sun, put together by Duncan Speakman and Sarah Anderson. Visitors sat on beanbags and rugs quietly enjoying the sound and sight of this evocation of the source of human life. I went expecting to be engaged by the science but found myself contemplating the significance of the star in a much wider context and feeling calm in the presence of its sounds and image.



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Goring T20 side win first ever silverware

Goring's T20 cricket side, the GCC Ultras, claimed their maiden trophy this summer with a fantastic triumph in the South Oxfordshire T20 Cup.

After finishing off the pace in the main league season, Goring were determined to put on a better showing in the Cup. A clinical win against long term nemesis Moreton was a great start to the cup campaign.

Local rivals Woodcote proved to be a much harder proposition in the semi-final and a total of 144/3 by Goring batting first always seemed under pressure. However, some excellent bowling by Himanshu Vij (2/23) and Danny Tottman (3/14) in particular, kept the opponents at bay and ensured a relatively comfortable passage through to the final.

In the grand final, Goring put on a fantastically professional display to defeat unbeaten Harpsden by 60 runs at the ground of the league champions.

Keen to show that the league defeat earlier in the season was a one-off, the Ultras posted an impressive innings of 194/4 thanks largely to Zac Leonard's 94 not out and Ben Smith smashing 43 at over two runs a ball.

Harpsden started well in their chase with a 54-run partnership but from then onwards Goring managed to take wickets at regular intervals, with Alex Crawford (4/18) the chief tormentor.

The game was in the bag, but Joe Richards entered the fray in the 19th over to provide the coup de grace with a stunning hat-trick with the first 3 balls of his over!

Skipper Rich McNeill took the final wicket and the celebrations could begin!

A massive congratulations to all that have contributed to the Ultras success.

Jonny Russell



The T20 champions

Renegade cyclists descend on Goring

We are used to seeing walkers or runners coming through the village as part of a sporting event. On Sunday 10 August it was the turn of cyclists participating in the Let's Go Velo *Renegade Brewery Sportive*, a non-competitive social ride starting and finishing at the brewery in Yattendon.

Participants paid a £30+ registration fee and could choose to ride either a 60 km or 95 km circuit, with riders on both routes stopping at the Goring Village Hall 'feed station' before climbing Streatley Hill. The route was fully signed, which makes this type of ride attractive to riders unfamiliar with the area. Residents of the Goring Gap are able to enjoy riding the local lanes whenever they want without having to pay an entry fee.

Steve Rock



Hedgehog friendly things to do this autumn and winter

- Put out a shallow dish of water or make sure your ponds are easy to get out of for hedgehogs (shallow edges or a platform / ramp), so they have water to drink.
- Leave a wild patch each year with piled up logs or leaves that you don't disturb.
- Always move your burn piles before you light them as hedgehogs and frogs often use them to sleep in (this is, after-all, how hedgehogs were once upon a time cooked to be eaten!). Thankfully it is now illegal to eat this endangered species.
- Avoid using pesticides or herbicides as this will make hedgehogs very ill.
- Don't use slug pellets – hedgehogs will take care of the slugs.
- If you want to put out food, cat or dog food is best.
- If you find a sick or injured hedgehog, or one up and about during the middle of the day, call Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital on [01844 292292](tel:01844292292).

To find out more about:

- Hedgehogs – head over to the People's Trust of Endangered Species (PTES) website <https://ptes.org/>
- Wildlife and hedgehog friendly gardening – head over to the Wild Oxfordshire website at www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk and have a look in our guidance section.
- Kirtlington's Hedgehog Street – see the website at www.hedgehogstreet.org/kirtlington/

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Summer in the Library

Stories and nature are two of my favourite things, so I was delighted that this year's Summer Reading Challenge brought the two together.

The challenge was simple: read six books over the summer and be rewarded with a medal, a certificate and even the chance to win a goodie bag. The goodie bags were generously supported by local businesses



Miniature gardens activity



Card Art



Story time with Jonathan

– Goring Hardware, Inspiration, The Village Café, and Wallingford Bookshop – as well as The Friends of Goring Library and Oxfordshire Library Service.

To celebrate the theme, we ran a whole series of fun, nature-inspired events. From a creepy-crawly yoga session with Emma, to a LEGO garden workshop complete with bird feeders, water features and reading nooks; there was something for everyone. Lorraine introduced the library to the Adventure Labs app. Use the app to go on real-life treasure hunts where you get to explore your local area or even a new place – using a smartphone to help guide the way and answer questions! We have one set up for the tapestry in the library.

Our very first activity in the new library garden was making mini-gardens in seed trays with Lisa. We also got crafty with Jane, making leaf-inspired cards (thanks to funding from The Arts Society, Goring) and finished with a lively storytime with Jonathan, full of songs and puppets.

Drop-in activities kept children busy throughout the summer – from creative crafts to trails hidden around the library and even a Poo ID quiz. My noticeboard behind the desk is now overflowing with the brilliant stories and pictures children made to earn their extra stickers.

And what a summer it was – 200 children signed up for the Reading Challenge this year, our best ever! A huge 'well done' to everyone who took part. If you joined but haven't finished yet, it's not too late. You can still pop into the library, complete your challenge and claim your medal.

A big thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers, who helped with events, ran workshops, handed out stickers and made the library such a welcoming place all summer long. And a special thank you to Krys for creating the beautiful new bunting that brightened the front of the library.

Keep an eye out for more family-friendly events and activities this October half-term – we'd love to see you there!



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Further afield

WALLINGFORD PHOTO CLUB

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In October our resident (retired) judge Gordon Roberts will take us through a critique of our own images on 2nd- always a popular and useful session. Then on the 9th we have another practical session focussing on phones: camera phone images and processing (sharing images and getting feedback and tips tailored to our experience levels). On 12th Simon Booker joins us for *Strictly Nature*: On 23 October we have our first 'no set subject' competition of the season, where images of our choice will be assessed by a professional judge. On 30th is another practical evening exploring why in this digital age print still matters and how to inexpensively produce great images that have impact.

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BENSON GARDEN CLUB

Benson Garden Club's talk on Thursday 6 November will be given by Chris Beardshaw on *Painting with Plants*. Chris is a celebrated designer, plantsman and broadcaster and has clocked up over 35 years' experience in the horticultural world. He has a long broadcasting career which began in 1997 and includes *Gardeners' World*, *Hidden Gardens* and *The Flying Gardener*, amongst many others. These days he is a panelist on BBC Radio 4 *Gardeners' Question Time*. Visitors are welcome to attend and tickets are available now for £12 each (a reduced price of £6 for Chris's talk is available for members who have enrolled for the coming year). Please email to purchase tickets (contact details below) or buy them in person from Derry's Den (26 High Street, Benson). The talk will be at Benson Parish Hall, OX10 6LZ. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. Further information about the club and how to join as a member can be found on our website www.bensongardeningclub.weebly.com or please feel free to email bensongardeningclub@gmail.com

WALLINGFORD ART CLUB

Join the friendly Wallingford and District Art club on Tuesday 21 October at 7.30pm, for a live demonstration as professional artist, Sarah Martinez, shows us Pop Art screen printing. She set up Berkshire Printmakers after realising that manual 'hands on' printing techniques were being lost to digital art, and travel across the country with 30 plus photo screens, water based inks, and squeegees. The demo will be held at Centre 70 (off Goldsmiths Lane in Wallingford) from 7.30-9.30pm and is free for club members or £5 for visitors. If you would like further information about this event or other club activities, please visit the club website at www.wallingfordartclub.org.uk or email admin@wallingfordartclub.org.uk

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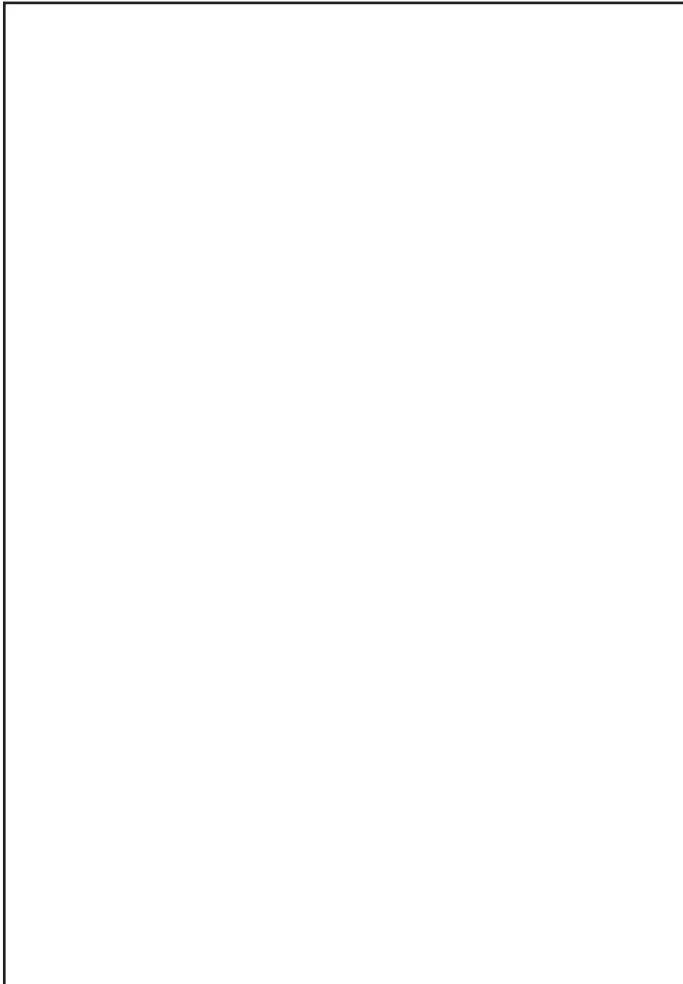
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Fri Oct 3, Sat Oct 4, 7pm, *Love Never Dies* (PG)

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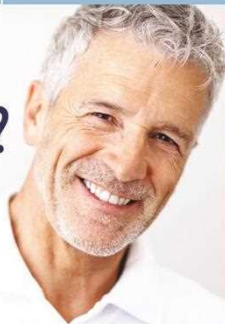
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Wednesday 24 September

Cuppa with a Copper. 10am-12noon GL. Join our local PC for a chat. With refreshments.

Thursday 25 September

Goring Gap U3a. 10.30-12noon, GVH. Speaker: Christine Green. *Working for Auntie.*

Friday 26 September

• **Genie News Copy Deadline.** Genie is published twice a month. Email us: news@genienews.org

• **Goring Unplugged.** 7.30pm for 8, GVH. Entry is £5. BYOB + nibbles.

Sunday 28 September

• **Singing workshop and following concert.** 2pm, St Thomas' Church, to celebrate the music of Sir John Rutter. See page 39.

Wednesday 1 October

• **Friends of Goring Library Author talk.** 7pm for 7.30 GL. Local author Anna Beer will talk about her murder-mystery book *Death of an Englishman*. Tickets £10 from the Library, Inspiration and Eventbrite. See page 27.

• Goring Village Green Fingers.

7.30pm, SL. Katherine Woods, *The Blitz as a Catalyst for Greening London*. Katherine is a member of the Garden Media Guild and a lecturer in gardening and garden history. She will tell us how the devastation of the London bombing created opportunities for new parks and gardens - including some surprising stories of what once lay beneath some of London's best-loved parks. Competition. *Dig For Victory* - produce from your garden. Visitors are welcome £5. For information

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• **Goring Gap News.** Copy deadline for November events. News and articles of local interest to

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Thursday 2 October

• **Goring Mobile Post Office.** 8-11am, Westholme stores, Wallingford Rd, Goring. Open every Monday and Thursday.

• **Storytime.** 10.30-11am, GL. Drop in. Every Thursday.

Friday 3 October

• **Cleeve by Goring WI.** 7.30pm, SL. Beechwood Group meeting hosted by H.O.T. - *Confessions of an advertising photographer*. Just come along on the night or contact Katrina Cooper 01491 875334.

• **Goring and Streatley Wine Society.** 8pm, GVH. GSWS once again welcome Kay Smitham (The Bottle Opener) and Jen Grimstone-Jones (Pangbourne

Cheese) featuring a range of delicious cheese with matching wine. A very tasty evening! Enquiries to gswstreasurer@outlook.com

• **Library Garden Fundraiser Concert.** Morrell Room. Tickets £15. Bar available. See page 11.

Saturday 4 October

• **Goring Repair Café and Exchange event.** 10am-12.30pm, GVH. The aim is to reduce waste and unnecessary consumption by providing opportunities for anyone to bring one or two items to get them looked at and hopefully repaired. www.goringrepaircafe.info

• **5Aside Chess.** 10.30-11.30am, GL. Drop-in.

Sunday 5 October

Artisan Market. 9am-2pm GVH. An exciting range of locally made items all individual and unique. artists, authors, craft makers, food, a unique shopping experience Supporting new talent and small businesses. Andrea Mcardle 07894 994443.

Monday 6 October

• **Goring Mobile Post Office.** 8-11am, Westholme stores, Wallingford Rd, Goring. Every Monday and Thursday.

• **Goring and Streatley Bridge Club.** 6.45pm, GVH. Held every Monday Tuesday 7 October

• **GLib Library Book Group.** 5-6pm, GL. See library staff if interested.

Wednesday 8 October

• **Cleeve by Goring WI.** 7.30pm, SL. An evening of a *cappella* music With folk singer Amanda Shora. Just come along on the night or contact Katrina Cooper 01491 875334

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Friday 10 October

GREADIES Library Book Group 10-11am, GL.

Saturday 11 October

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Tuesday 14 October

Lego club. 4.45-6pm, GL. Please book: 01865 815155

Wednesday 15 October

Coffee Morning. 10.30-12noon, St

Andrew's South Stoke. The 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Thursday 16 October

Pick a Flick. 10.30am-2pm, CR. *Penguin Lessons.* An Englishman's personal and political awakening after he adopts a penguin during a cataclysmic period in Argentine history. Please contact Sarah Fraser 01491 871838 or Jenny Boyd 01491 872109 to book and to ask for transport if required. The cost is £5 per event, including a light lunch.

Sunday 19 October

Goring and Streatley Concert Band, Clarinet Ensemble Recital. 4pm, St Mary's Church Streatley. See page 11.

Monday 20 October

Goring Gap Local History Soc. 2.30pm, GVH. Timothy Walker: *The history of Harcourt Aboetum*. Contact Janet Hurst, goringgaphistory@gmail.com.

Tuesday 21 October

Social Scrabble Club. 4.45-7pm, GL. All welcome with refreshments.

Sunday 26 October

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Tuesday 28 - Friday 31 October

Chess Club. Children 4.45-5.45pm, Adults 5.45 - 7pm. GL. Drop-in.

Thursday 30 October

Goring Gap U3a. 10.30-12noon, GVH. Speaker: Muriel Pilkington. *The Gunpowder Plotters*.

See more events on the Events Calendar at www.genienews.org

The following abbreviations are used:

Bellême Room	BR
Canterbury Room	CR
Free Church Hall	FCH
Goring Community Centre	GCC
Goring Library	GL
Goring Social Club	GSC
Goring Village Hall	GVH
Morrell Room	MR
Storton Lodge	SL

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'Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats' (Kenneth Grahame)



A photograph by Henry William Taunt showing the River Thames at Goring busy with people and boats during the annual regatta 1887-1922. Photo:Source: Historic England Archive



A racing event on the River Thames at the Goring and Streatley Regatta, watched by crowds of spectators Date:1900 Photographer: Henry William Taunt. Photo:Source: Historic England Archive

Aerial view of Goring and the boathouse May 2025



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Green 66 passes Simon before the stoop



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