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# Binfield Heath Village News

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## Carols around the Tree

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Although it was deep and crisp and even that night, the carols were well attended and appreciated by all. Many thanks to the Village Society for organising this and a fabulous £210.05 was raised for Sue Ryder.

## Carols at the Bottle and Glass

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Another evening of festive fun, full of local choristers and villagers was hosted by Dave and Alex at the Bottle and Glass and £220 was raised towards [life saving treatment for Charlie Ilesley](#). £35k out of the required £45k has been raised so far.

## Lunch for Launchpad

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On Sat, 19 Jan, 12.00 – 14.00 Beth Timms is hosting a soup lunch at home: Oak Lea, Gravel Road, BH to raise money for [Launchpad](#), a local charity that supports the homeless in the area. Anyone is welcome to pop in for homemade soup and bread + homemade puds, in return of a donation towards Launchpad. Please let Beth know if you can join, so that she can cater accordingly.  
[beth.timms@btinternet.com](mailto:beth.timms@btinternet.com)

## Sellout performers Ninebarrow return

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Dunsden Village Hall are proudly hosting the top-rated Dorset folk duo Ninebarrow [www.ninebarrow.co.uk](http://www.ninebarrow.co.uk) on Sat, March 23rd. Their last appearance was a sell-out. 'Stunning'; 'immaculate'; beautiful' (The Telegraph), and 'exquisite' (Radio 2 Magazine) are just some of the amazing reviews these rising young stars have received. Forget all your preconceptions about folk. This is simply great music. Loddon ales. Tickets just £13 from [buytickets.at/dunsden/](http://buytickets.at/dunsden/)

## Nordic Walking

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This sociable outdoor activity can be enjoyed by people of all abilities and fitness levels - from gentle wellness walks to walk workouts or preparing for your trek or snow holiday. Low impact on your joints but with high calorie burn and great for your core and posture. Master the Nordic walking technique and the result is a full body workout, and you get all the wellbeing benefits of exercising outdoors! Philippa Sanders (Pipsticks Walks) runs regular Nordic walking activities around BH village, and beyond. Give it a go! Free taster sessions on Sunday, 3 February. BH playground – 9.30, 10.30 and 11.30. Contact Philippa on 07710453087 [pipsticks.nw@btopenworld.com](mailto:pipsticks.nw@btopenworld.com)

## Gladman chance their arm...

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As CAGE suspected they might, Gladman Homes lodged an appeal for 245 houses near Dunsden with the High Court just before Christmas. The Secretary of State will be the defendant against an accusation that (in legal terms) their Inspector acted improperly in refusing the Gladman appeal. SODC and CAGE have been identified as third parties. In summary, Gladman's case against Inspector Palmer's decision is on two grounds: 1) that he failed to correctly identify the relevant Housing Need figure, according to the requirements of the Oxfordshire Growth Deal and 2) that he made an incorrect assessment of the relevant South Oxfordshire deliverable housing supply. [www.cagedunsden.org](http://www.cagedunsden.org)

## Binfield Heath Book Club

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The next village book club meeting is on Weds, 6 Feb at 14.00. Contact Beth Timms 0118 9461987 for more info, or if you would like to join.

## Une soirée française

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Aimeriez-vous venir discuter en Français autour d'un diner dans le village? Nous vous offrons une soirée à la française dans une ambiance amicale et décontractée. Vous n'avez pas besoin de parler couramment le Français, mais suffisamment pour vous joindre à la conversation.

Si cela vous intéresse, envoyez moi un email (en anglais ou français). Le dîner sera pour 8 personnes maximum. [marina.hart@virgin.net](mailto:marina.hart@virgin.net)

## Friendship in the Ark

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See old friends or make new ones! Join us at a series of social events, which brings people together from all around our beautiful area and share good company!

Events offered are on the first Monday of each month, in The Ark behind Shiplake Church. Please feel free to bring a friend, neighbour or family member. There is no charge but if you would like to make a nominal £2 donation to cover the refreshments it would be most welcome.

**4 Feb – Join the Tea set**, 14.30 – 16.00. Everyone welcome.

Contact Pat Needham if you would like to join 01491 576961

**4 March – Boys' Brunch**, 10.30 – 12.00 – for all gentlemen  
Contact Paul Barrett if you would like to attend 01491 578051

**1 April – Light lunch** at 12.30.

All welcome. Please let Jo Taylor know if you are able to attend on 0798 5703126 and/or if you have any special dietary requirements.

## Village Clean Sweep

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Many thanks to everyone who picks up litter as they go around the village. As a joint effort though, a village litter pick will take place on Sat, 2 Feb at 10.00 starting from outside the village shop. Please join the taskforce, if you can. High vis jackets and litter grabbers will be supplied.

## **Dunsden Village Hall raffle tickets now available**

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The hall has recently installed a new Rangemaster cooker in the main hall's new kitchen, but more funds are needed to update the tatty kitchen in the small hall which also needs a new roof. Fences around the property need renewing and some landscaping work is also a priority. You can help by buying tickets for the raffle which will soon be on sale at hall events, from committee members and in the village stores. There are some excellent prizes and the draw will be at our quiz night in May.

## **Local yoga class at Shiplake Memorial Hall**

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Tuesday 11.15 – 12.30.  
Stretch at Shiplake with Pauline:  
[saspauline@yahoo.com](mailto:saspauline@yahoo.com)  
07747 147235  
One to one lessons also available

## **The Cook Curry Club**

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This local company cooks delicious, fresh homemade curries and delivers to the Village shop, 17.15 – 19.00 every alternate Friday, as of 18 Jan, Your order needs to be received by Weds eve. Take a look at [www.thecookcurryclub.com](http://www.thecookcurryclub.com) or call Kran on 07411151276 for more information.

## **Black ice spots**

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Not all roads are gritted on cold nights and the road going from the Bottle and Glass down to Harpsden is particularly dangerous with a black ice spot just in front of Perseverance Cottage on the bend. Please let us know if you are aware of other dangerous spots.

## **'Give As You Live' and support your favourite charity for free**

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This clever scheme routes your online purchases through a site which donates up to 4% of the value of your shopping to your nominated charity – at no cost to you. Includes Amazon and eBay as well as prepaid cards for food at Tesco, Asda and M&S. Dunsden village hall is one local charity on Give As You Live: [www.giveasy-oulive.com/join/edvh](http://www.giveasy-oulive.com/join/edvh)

## **Contributions**

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If you would like to add any news or make mention of anything of interest to the village for the next newsletter, please email the editor.

## **Newsletter**

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Get your newsletter as soon as it is published. We aim is to get as many as possible on our village mailing list, so that we only have to deliver to newcomers and those without internet access. Please email your email address to [marina.hart@virgin.net](mailto:marina.hart@virgin.net) to be added to the list.

You will also be able to access the newsletter from the VILLAGE WEBSITE. [www.binfieldheath.org.uk](http://www.binfieldheath.org.uk).

Please also let me know if you wish to unsubscribe. A hard copy will not be delivered to you though.

## **Dates for your Diary**

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Thurs, 17 Jan	Murder Mystery at Bottle and Glass
Sat, 19 Jan	Launchpad lunch
24 – 26 Jan	SHADDO panto
28 Jan	Parish Council Meeting
2 Feb	Village Litter pick
3 Feb	Nordic Walking
4 Feb	Join the Tea Set (Ark)
6 Feb	Book Club
4 March	Boys' Brunch (Ark)
23 March	Ninebarrow return
1 April	Light lunch in the Ark