
Binfield Heath Village News

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Lunch for Launchpad

Congratulations to Beth and John Timms for raising £430 for [Launchpad](#), a local Reading charity for the homeless at their soup lunch in January.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition

Come and join us for the 8th Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Binfield Heath Chapel, Dunsden Way. Enjoy many excellent examples of local skill in painting, drawing, photography and a wide variety of interesting crafts. Together with an Easter hunt for children, free refreshments and entry, it will be a very pleasant way to spend the Easter weekend.

19th, April, Good Friday 12 - 6pm
20th, April, Easter Saturday 11 - 6pm
21st April, Easter Sunday 12 - 1.30pm
22nd April, Easter Monday 11 - 4pm

Sat, 11 May: quiz night is back!

Popular quiz night at Dunsden Village Hall returns, thanks to Beth & John.

Bring a team or join one on the night and take part in a fun and brain-teasing evening. Tickets are selling fast at just £12 including fish & chip supper. Lod- don ales to help the little grey cells? Tickets from Binfield Heath Stores and buytickets.at/dunsden

Plant sale

The proposed date for the plant sale at The Binfield Heath Chapel is Sat, 25th May from 10:30 am to 1pm.

Beware – car thefts

There have been a number of thefts recently including the theft of a landrover and quadbike from Harpsden in early March – some suspicion has attached to a white VW pick up – call the Police on 101 if you see anything suspicious.

Village plant sale

There will be no open gardens in aid of Air Ambulance this year but instead a plant sale on 1 and 2 June, 2.30 - 5.00 pm at the Heads, 13 Heathfield Avenue, Binfield Heath RG9 4ED. You'll be glad to hear that they will also be doing their delicious cream teas at £3.50pp – all profits to Air Ambulance.

Village day – 9 June

The 2019 Village Day will take place on Sunday, June 9th on the recreation ground. It will be a bring-a-picnic event with bar, home-made cakes on the tea-stall, the much loved plant stall, live music and ... a return of the historic Binfield Heath Wheelbarrow Race in a new form! Watch this space...

Grow and show for Flower Show, 24 August

The 2019 Binfield Heath Flower Show will take place as usual on Bank Holiday Saturday, which this year falls early on August 24.

'Grow and show' will be a theme at this year's show, as local allotment holders and keen gardeners alike are encouraged to take part in the annual flower and vegetable competition and displays.

And it's not just for gardeners - the competition invites sewing bees, knitters, budding bakers, photographers and painters to enter for the many cups and prizes. Animals and space rockets made from vegetables are firm favourites among the entry categories for children.

The competition schedule will be published in early summer but now is the time to start planting and planning for your prize-winning specimens and masterpieces.

The committee, now chaired by Evelyn McQuater who has taken over from Peter Ransom, is already working on all the other displays and entertainments for this year's show. Evelyn says that all the favourites will be there as usual, along with some new ideas. If you'd like to help the committee, as it plans the village's biggest annual event please contact Evelyn on 07912 619970 or evelynmcquater@hotmail.co.uk.

Give As You Live - support your favourite charity for free

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. Sign-up is easy and Dunsden village hall is one local charity you can support: www.giveasyoulive.com/join/edvh

Flower Show Photo Display

Last year's show had a popular display of old photos of Binfield Heath. We want to do the same this year and expand it to include some photos not previously seen.

You may have some tucked away somewhere, which we could scan and enlarge and include in our display, so please can you look for any suitable pictures you may have?

Please contact Alan Greeley on 0118 947 8834, alan.greeley@hotmail.com, who would be only too pleased to discuss further.

Sonning triathlon, 13 July

This [event](#) is suitable for all the family. Register one month ahead.

Activities for children

Help your church to provide activities that are fun, relevant and timely! At present, our church only offers a few activities or services specifically for families, children or young people. We would like to change this and make sure there is something for everyone in our parish on a regular basis. So we need your opinions on the 'what' and 'when'; if you have children or grandchildren and could spend 6 minutes answering 10 short questions, we would be very grateful. Click this link to go to the questionnaire, which you may complete anonymously if you wish. Thank you in anticipation. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2WLYR39>

Revd Sarah, Assistant Curate

Black ice spots

The season of black ice is almost over but a second dangerous spot, in addition to the one in front of Perseverance Cottage, is on the Emmer Green Road just past the old Coach & Horses P.H going towards Emmer Green.

Many thanks to Richard Winter, who was seen spreading salt on black ice spots during the last cold snap.

Village website

If you would like to be regularly notified of updates on the [village website](#), you have to sign up to the village mailing list. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page, and enter your email address.

Contributions

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.

Local links

Fixmystreet.com continues to be the best place to report any problems with roads or pavements locally.

Livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk is a useful site that lists all kinds of services and activities for adults, including for the elderly.

SHADDO

SHADDO, your local drama group is looking for new talent! Come along to the AGM at the Shoulder of Mutton at Playhatch at 7.30 pm on **April 10 th**. Find out what SHADDO does and give us your ideas for future productions and events.

We would love to meet you, hear your ideas, and get you involved. A theatre group needs a lot of different talents and skills. Apart from acting we need people interested in painting the set, helping with costumes and props, assisting with lighting and sound, and helping backstage. It's a great way to meet new people and it's a lot of fun! If you are interested in getting involved but can't make the meeting, please email: liz.james500@hotmail.co.uk

Nextdoor Binfield Heath

[Nextdoor](#) is a good communication vehicle on local issues, with a particular group for Binfield Heath. It is free to join and is really useful if you are looking for recommendations, want to sell something, want to advertise a local event etc.

Newsletter

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 to be added to the list.

You will also be able to access the newsletter from the VILLAGE WEBSITE. www.binfieldheath.org.uk.

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

Smile with Jo - Fitness and Confidence for the over 50s

Classes are held on Wednesdays 10 - 11am at the Shiplake Church Rooms. Ring 07776 376497 or e-mail: jo.casells@live.co.uk for more information

Dates for your Diary

23 March	Ninebarrow return
1 April	Light lunch in the Ark
15 April	Parish Council meeting
19-22 April	Arts and Crafts exbn
6 May	Join the Tea Set in the Ark
11 May	Quiz night
25 May	Plant sale at chapel
1 & 2 June	Plant sale at the Heads
3 June	Boys' brunch in the Ark
9 June	Village Day
13 July	Sonning triathlon
24 August	Binfield Heath Flower Show