

Binfield Heath Village News

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Safari Supper

Have you put forward your names for the **Village Society's** Safari Supper on **Saturday, February 11th**? It is a great way to meet new people; couples host one course and go out to a mystery destination for two others. Who-goes-where and who might turn up on your doorstep is kept secret until the very last minute. Forms available at binfieldheath.org.uk or at Binfield Heath Stores. Entry £15 per couple. Contact lis@henleycomms.co.uk or fionarollason@googlemail.com

Auction of Promises

Dunsden Village Hall still has a **funding shortfall** of £38K for its exciting revitalisation project so plans a silent auction and is looking for pledges; anything from cake-making and babysitting to a week in a holiday home, or items worth £50+. Lots promised so far include tickets at the Mill at Sonning and dinner at the French Horn. If you can help, please contact **David** on **9693633** or david@designforprint.org

Thanks to everyone who attended the quiz which raised £600+ for hall funds. Why not shop online via [Give as you Live](#) and help us raise even more.

BH Flower Show

This show has been running for nearly 70 years, during which time it has grown considerably, with attendances of over 1,000. There are many attractions, plus a BBQ, tea tent and other food stalls. However there is some concern that **this year's event may not be able to go ahead** if the committee cannot recruit a **show secretary** for the organisation of the flower show competition, which involves the preparation and checking of the schedule of entries for the show, organizing the exhibition of produce, and the judging and awarding of prizes. Full support given to anyone able to take this on. Contact **Peter Ransom** – **9478411** or **07825770983**.

All Saints Church's Pancake Supper

This annual community event has been run at Dunsden Village Hall by members of the church, for 30+ years. This year's event takes place on **Shrove Tuesday, 28th February**, at **7-30pm**. Everyone is welcome to partake of home-made soup and freshly cooked pancakes, which is followed by a traditional Beetle Drive that is great fun. **Tickets £6**. Contact **9473184** or **9477776** for more details.

Snowdrop Sunday

Taking place at **All Saints Church**, Dunsden, from **10-5pm** on **26th Feb**. Service 11-12pm. Free entertainment, tea/coffee/cakes/mulled wine plus snowdrop plants to buy to plant at home or in the churchyard.

New BH Website

Log in to www.binfieldheath.org.uk and find out all that's going on. You can check bin dates, bus times and comment on planning applications direct with SODC without going through their site. Have a look – and let the parish council have any ideas or suggestions. The new website is an investment by the council and was designed by Mark Dodson, Holmwood Farmhouse. There is a linked Facebook page too. Sign up for news and announcements to hear about events and things that affect you.

Village News

We are sad to report the death of **Len Meddick** who lived for over 50 years at Elm Cottage, Dunsden Way and was a keen supporter of village institutions. His funeral will take place at **3.15pm** on **Friday, 27th January**.

Newsletter

Get your newsletter as soon as it is published; join the email distribution list by sending your name, address and e-mail to Beth, details in footer. Let me know, too, if you would you be interested in editing the newsletter.

Snow White

The **Shiplake and Dunsden Dramatic Organisation** (SHADDO) bring you Ben Crocker's hilarious re-telling of **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**. Performances at **7.30pm** on **Thurs. 26th, Friday, 27th and Saturday, 28th** with a **Saturday matinee at 2.30pm** at Shiplake Memorial Hall. **Tickets cost £5-£10** available from Binfield Heath Stores and on the door. Licenced bar.

Drama Classes

These boost your child's confidence, concentration and language skills and allow them to have fun using their imagination. Classes take place at **Dunsden Village Hall, Wednesdays 3.50-4.35pm** (ages 5-7) **4.40-5.40pm** (ages 8-11) & **Shiplake Memorial Hall, Tuesdays 3.55-4.40pm and 4.40-5.40pm**. Contact **Claire** at info@treehousedrama.co.uk or on **07970 598253**.

HSO Concert

On **Sunday, 5th March at 7.30pm** at Reading's Hexagon, **Stephen Hough** will play Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.4, with the Henley Symphony Orchestra who will also play the Prometheus Overture and Holst's The Planets. Tickets are £18, £15 and £12, U16's & students half price, 1 child free with adult £15 & £12. Tickets available from **01235 859210** www.henleysymphonyorchestra.co.uk/contact

Book Club

"A Street Cat Named Bob" will be discussed at our next meeting on **Wed.22nd February**. New members welcome. Contact **Jean** on **9484575**.

Dates for your Diary

Jan. 26-28	Snow White, 7.30pm
27	L. Meddick Funeral 3.15pm
Feb. 11	Safari Supper 7pm
22	Book Club, 2pm
26	Snowdrop Sunday 10-5pm
28	Pancake Supper 7.30pm
Mar. 5	HSO Concert, 7.30pm