

# Binfield Heath Village News

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## Auction of Promises

Do you fancy a ride in a helicopter or on a combine harvester? Or perhaps a stay at the French Horn is more to your liking – these are just some of the lots in the Dunsden Village Hall auction to raise refurbishment funds.

The live auction is at Loddon Brewery from 7.30 on **Saturday, June 10th** but you can bid now online or pick up a list and bid at Binfield Heath Stores <https://auctionofpromises.com/DunsdenVillageHallAuction>. If you can offer a lot, please contact **David Woodward**, 9693633 or [david@designforprint.org](mailto:david@designforprint.org). For further details of the auction event look out for posters or go to: [www.dunsdenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.dunsdenvillagehall.co.uk)

## Walking Festival

The **Chilterns Walking Festival** takes place between **15th and 29th May**. Locally based **Pipsticks** has some regular walks and Nordic walks in the programme, from the Maltster's Arms at Rotherfield Peppard and from Nettlebed. [www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest.html](http://www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest.html). There is a 2nd festival in September that will include a walk from the Bottle & Glass and a Chiltern Society walk planned from Binfield Heath on **Sunday 27th August**.

## Garden Party

The **Royal British Legion** are holding this annual fundraiser at **2pm** on **Sunday 4th June** at Riverlawn, Mill Lane, Shiplake. On offer are boat trips and cream teas plus cake and book stalls. Entry is free.

## Community Clear Up

The Green Gym, Phillimore Estate and some village volunteers have been clearing the stream and surroundings on Arch Hill recently. It would be much appreciated if the community could play their part in helping to keep the area tidy. Further projects planned with all offers of help very welcome. Contact: **Fiona Rollason**, 946 2990

## Annual Village Day

The Village Society will be running its annual Village Day on the recreation ground **Sunday 4th June**, from **midday to 4pm**. Come and enjoy this popular event, which brings together young and old, with teas, a bar, BBQ and stalls. Help always appreciated.

## Chelsea Fringe Event

**Dunsden Community Orchard** is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary by taking part in the Chelsea Fringe from **2-5.30pm on Saturday 3rd June**. Short talks will be provided, entrance is free and cream teas will be on sale in the village hall. For more details of local Chelsea Fringe Events go to [www.chelseafringe.com/events/category/uk/henley-on-thames/](http://www.chelseafringe.com/events/category/uk/henley-on-thames/)

Are you able to help spruce it up for the event? There will be a working party on **Sunday, 21st May at 2pm**.

## Open Gardens

Six gardens in Binfield Heath are open this year on **Sunday, 2nd July**, from **1.30-5pm**, in aid of the **Air Ambulance**. Teas and plants are for sale at 13 Heathfield Avenue. Offers of help/plants/cake to **Christine Head and family – 9478845**.

## Wilfred Owen Bust

A sculpture of the poet, who lived in Dunsden from 1911-13, has been generously offered to Dunsden by the Wilfred Owen Association who favour an outside position where it can always be seen. The church, parish council and village hall committee favour an indoor position due to the risk of crime. Your views are valued; please vote on your preferred location at [tinyurl.com/owenbust](http://tinyurl.com/owenbust)

## Book Club

This month's book is **'Falling'** by **Elizabeth Jane Howard**; the group will be discussing this at their meeting on **Wednesday 7th June, 2pm**. New members welcome. Contact **Jean** on **9484575**.

## Midsummer Music

On **25th June** enter the wrought iron gates of Holmwood's lovely gardens for an unforgettable evening of well-known opera arias, famous songs and piano music. The **concert starts at 5.30pm, gates open at 4.30pm**. Bring your own picnic and gazebo if you wish; free parking on site. There will be a **raffle with fabulous prizes**; proceeds will go to support our local village halls and the Scout hut in Binfield Heath, all of which are undergoing renovation and are in need of funds. **Tickets £25** available from Binfield Heath Stores or online at [www.binfieldheath.org.uk](http://www.binfieldheath.org.uk)

## Wanted

Paper delivery person, teenager with bike or adult with transport, 2/3 days a week. For further information speak to **Gavin at Binfield Heath Stores, 9478842**.

## Dunsden Village Quiz

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped raise **£500** for hall funds. Special thanks to those who helped put out the tables and chairs, manned the bar and the door at the beginning of the evening and helped clear at the end. Help us raise further funds when you shop online via [Give as you Live](http://Give as you Live).

## 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.

## Dates for your Diary

May	15-29	Chilterns Walking Festival
	21	Orchard Working Party 2pm
June	3	Chelsea Fringe Event 2pm
	4	Village Day, 12 – 4pm
	4	Garden Party, Shiplake 2pm
	7	Book Club, 2pm
	8	General Election
	10	Auction of Promises, 7.30pm
	25	Midsummer Music, 4.30pm
July	2	Open Gardens, 1.30 -5pm