
Binfield Heath Village News

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Binfield Heath village shop

Gavin and Sharon are working round the clock to supply and deliver products they can source. As from Monday, 6 April their opening times are 09.30 – 17.30 Mon – Fri, same for Sat (excl 13.00 – 14.00 for lunch) and Sun 09.30 – 12.00. Please call them on 0118 9478842 for any orders or queries. Thank you to them on behalf of the whole village.

Watercolour paintings

Diane Honey of Dunsden is hoping to raise funds for Dunsden village hall through the sale of signed, limited edition, A3 size, colour prints of 3 of her original watercolour paintings, "Dandelion Clocks", "Bluebell Woods" and "Summer Teasels". Examples can be viewed at Binfield Heath Stores. £12 each or 2 for £20. Email Diane at diane.honeydvh@gmail.com for further details.

Bonfires

Many people are self-isolating for different reasons, but some have chronic asthma and respiratory problems. Please can you refrain from lighting bonfires during the day in your garden, tempting as it is, as people are being forced indoors, as a result.

Val Knight

It is with great sadness that we announce Mrs Knight's death. Many of you will know Val from Shiplake Primary School. She was a wonderful teacher, as this Facebook page attests: www.facebook.com/groups/674156520015825/

Val had a hip replacement in January, then contracted norovirus but then coronavirus in Wallingford but was coping well. We understand that she had an embolism and died without suffering. Details of Val's funeral are not known at this time but follow the FB page to find out more.

Val actually lived in Shiplake Cross but is well known in the neighbourhood.

Baking for key workers

A message from Pamela Cronin:

A big thank you to those, who have already baked biscuits and cakes, which I in turn deliver to my daughter/son in law to take into the anaesthetic and ITU departments at RBH. All these goodies are much appreciated by the staff (we cannot take responsibility for their waistlines). If anybody else would like to bake on the odd occasion, do give me a call on 07906 041810. If your flour supplies are scarce, I am happy to provide some if you need it. Thank you.

Donations for NOMAD Food Bank

NOMAD (Henley) provide food parcels for local families in need and are in desperate need of donations, particularly the following:

UHT milk, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, crisps, cereal, biscuits, tinned meat and toiletries.

A volunteer will collect donations from outside your front door and deliver to NOMAD. If you have donations now (and in the coming weeks) - please contact Amanda on 07799 038 492. There is also already a food bank collection box in the village shop.

Ongoing library services

The online Oxfordshire library membership offers borrowing via the web, including audio books. LibriVox is a free phone app, which offers masses of free audiobooks.

Covid 19 App

You may be interested in this App. Help slow the spread of #COVID19 and identify at risk cases sooner by self-reporting your symptoms daily, even if you feel well. <https://covid.joinzoe.com/> (this app is not Govt approved).

Do you need help or can you help?

The [Binfield Heath Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group](#) provide volunteer support for those who are self-isolating, quarantined or in a vulnerable group. They also support NHS and key workers, who may face challenges with shopping or other tasks. The group is part of the OCC support network and offers practical support with shopping, collecting prescriptions, dog walking or a friendly chat.

Please see the attached document for your local contact and essential information on grocery deliveries and services. Visit the website <https://aid.binfieldheath.org.uk/> or join the Facebook Group [Binfield Heath Covid-19 Mutual Aid](#).

Binfield Heath Chapel

Due to coronavirus, the chapel and its meetings are closed until further notice. Our Easter messages and other weekly sermons are available for those interested on our website: <https://www.binfield-heathchurch.org.uk/sermons/>.

Shiplake/Dunsden/Harpsden church

If anyone would like support from the church, prayer or otherwise, let [Rev Robert](#) or [Rev Sarah](#) know, because we are aware, sadly, that there will be issues around bereavement and funerals in the coming weeks.

As a result of current circumstances, services are available online at **10.00 and 20.00 daily (pls see attached)**.

Message from Rev Robert Thewsey
It does feel strange taking services with none of you around. I do hope that you are all keeping well. Overleaf are the links for services. If you are on Facebook then please do 'like' the Benefice Facebook page and you will be able to see the links there as well
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There will be morning prayer Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and Eucharist on a Wednesday and Sunday.

Please do all stay safe, and if there is anything that you need help with please do ask. Please share the links below with anyone who might be interested, and if you hear of someone who is on email and has not received our service links, please do ask them to get in touch so we can include them.

The links are as follows:

YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UC5c41j9rhNzPhORRKGf3BHQ

Facebook: @shiplakedundenharpsden or www.facebook.com/shiplakedundenharpsden/

Order of Service for Morning Prayer: www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer

Toad Hall Garden Centre

Sarah March kindly offered to deliver supplies to self-isolators from Toad Hall but they are now only taking orders online at info@toadhallgardencentre.co.uk and Sarah is no longer able to deliver.

Village playground

As you will know, the recreation ground is closed in order to avoid group gatherings. Please ensure that no one meets here – there were a couple of incidents about 10 days ago but thankfully no repeats.

Newsletter

Get your newsletter by email as soon as it is published. Our goal 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.

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 marina.hart@virgin.net.

Dates for your Diary

3 Oct	Comedy night at Dunsden Village Hall
11 Dec	Ninebarrow concert