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# Binfield Heath Village News

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## Half-term activities

There are great creative activities available from Tues, 13 – Thurs, 15 Feb, 10.30 – 12.30 for children and adults alike. Please see the attached poster and reserve your places at [bene-fice.sdh@gmail.com](mailto:bene-fice.sdh@gmail.com).

## Litter picking

The parish council is hoping to organise a village litter pick soon but the date has yet to be set. We are aware that certain roads suffer more than others from cans and rubbish thrown from passing cars. Meanwhile, to people who enjoy walking in our lovely countryside – if you'd like to litter-pick as you go, sticks and bags are available to borrow from the PC – please just get in touch with any of us. Helping to keep the village tidy regularly would be much appreciated by everyone.

## Report your bus problems

Regular bus users should be aware that the app has had some problems recently and may not be working accurately. Please let the clerk know when you encounter any difficulties with the bus service as we are keeping a log and reporting it back to Arriva. [clerk@binfieldheath.org.uk](mailto:clerk@binfieldheath.org.uk).

## Oliver Makower

Oliver died on 4 December after a fight with Alzheimer's. He played a large part in the village both through Holmwood (where his father lived) but also through his participation in the Flower Show running 'Onest Ollie's' 'Oopla stall. You may have seen his obituary in the Henley Standard which is attached.

A memorial service is being held in London on Tues, 23 April and anyone is welcome. Please book your place via: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oliver-makower-memorial-service-tickets-787033708007?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

## Potholes

Holes in our roads are becoming more of a problem and driving over them can be expensive if a tyre is shredded in an unseen water-filled pothole. If you are aware of any that need fixing please contact OCC via [fixmystreet](mailto:fixmystreet), giving the exact location with road name or post-code. If you receive no help this way, please send the details to David Bartholomew, OCC councillor and he will follow up. [David.Bartholomew@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:David.Bartholomew@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

## Look out, there's a thief about... again

Take care to lock up your garden sheds and garages. Thefts of garden machinery and tools have been reported recently in the centre of the village. Please report anything suspicious to the police.

## Shiplake Community Cinema

SCC will be showing 'Lunana - A yak in the classroom' on Fri, 9 Feb at Shiplake Memorial Hall.

This is a very different film. Set in Bhutan, it is the story of a school teacher who is sent to the most remote school in the Himalayas. He really wants to go to Australia and become a singer but his superiors have other ideas! It is a heartwarming story set in stunning scenery. The BFI said 'a thoughtful exploration of happiness and community values'. It was an Oscar Nominee for Best International Feature Film.

Doors open at 6.45 and the performance begins at 7.30. The film will be subtitled.

Tickets are £8 from Shiplake and Binfield Heath shops or on the door. There will be a Cash Bar. For more info please contact [pamhudgell@btinternet.com](mailto:pamhudgell@btinternet.com) or phone 0118 940 2105.

## Fish n Chips knitting

Many thanks to all those knitting these colourful outfits for newborn babies in Uganda, thereby keeping them warm as a vital part of safe neonatal care.



MAMA (1173745) is a mid-wifery-centred maternal health charity (<https://mamazur.org>) in Hoima, Uganda and is strongly supported by a family in the village. If you would like to contribute, need the pattern and can knit some outfits, please contact: [cairnsfamily4@aol.com](mailto:cairnsfamily4@aol.com).

## Cement slabs for free

The Forge trustees are offering 17 18"sq cement slabs free to anyone who would like to collect them. Useful for sheds or pathways. They are soon to be stacked outside the front wall of the Forge. Watch out for them, first come, first served.

## Kindling

Firewood kindling at £3 a bag or 2 for £5, is always available in a box by the gate post outside Veronica, Heathfield Avenue. All proceeds to [Thames Valley Air Ambulance](https://www.thamesvalleyairambulance.org.uk).

## Collection at Village Carols

Many thanks to all that came along and joined in the carols. £80.93 was raised in aid of Nomad.

## Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 09.30. More details overleaf.

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**Dates for your diary:**

9 Feb      Shiplake C Cinema  
13-15 Feb      Half-term activities at  
                    Shiplake Church  
23 April      Oliver Makower memorial service

**United Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden  
and Harpsden cum Bolney**

**Benefice Sunday School**

On Sunday mornings, 9.30am for about an hour  
at St Margaret of Antioch Church,  
Harpsden RG9 4AX



**Bible stories**



**Crafts**

**Songs**



**Prayer**

