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# Binfield Heath Village News

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## **Binfield Heath Flower Show, Bank holiday Saturday, 24 August**

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The schedule is out this week; see [binfieldheath.org.uk/show](http://binfieldheath.org.uk/show). Take a look at the back of this newsletter at the host of events, both time-honoured and new, as well as selected photos from last year, as a reminder of the fun of the show. There will be Shetland ponies and llamas, a host of reptilian delights, owls, ferrets and child-friendly farm animals to groom and feed. We will even have artefacts from the local dig in the woods.

The show's theme is Grow and Show but we invite all entries from sewing bees to knitters to potters, bakers, candlestick-makers, photographers, painters, jam-makers and many others. There are categories and cups to be won by all and of course the much coveted Family cup. Start getting your exhibits ready.

We would welcome any raffle or tombola prizes and old crockery and would love more volunteers to help run the event and stalls – for contributions and help phone Evelyn McQuater on 07912 619970 or [evelynmcquater@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:evelynmcquater@hotmail.co.uk).

## **Flower Show Photo Display**

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As mentioned in the Show schedule, there will be a display of archived local photos from bygone times,

If you have any photos that have not been previously shown and we can include in the display, please let Alan Greeley know on 0118 947 8834, [alan.greeley@hotmail.com](mailto:alan.greeley@hotmail.com).

## **Village plant sale**

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Congratulations to the Head family, who raised £540 on 1 – 2 June for the Air Ambulance during their plant sale and cream teas. They thank everybody for coming.

## **Village day – 9 June**

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Congratulations to the village society for raising £1205 at this village event. Much fun was had by all and proceeds will serve to sub various village events, including the Monday Club and Carols round the Tree at Christmas.

## **Fiona's Summer Party, 29 June**

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Many congratulations to Fiona Raybould too, who managed to raise £3506 at her summer BBQ. Proceeds will be divided between The Royal Berks Hospital Coat fund and MCKS Charitable Foundation UK.

## **Polo in the village**

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Binfield Heath Polo Club is hosting its annual Charity Festival Day on Sunday, 28th July, in aid of the Air Ambulance. 10am - 5:00pm Entry is £15.00/car or £5:00 on foot (children free). Polo will be played throughout the day. Food stalls & Bouncy Castle on site – this is your chance to watch the sport up close (with a glass of something) amongst friends & family. All welcome including dogs on leads.

Binfield Heath Polo Club, Gravel Road, RG9 4LY

## **Binfield Heath Village shop**

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Do remember that there's a Food Aid collection box in the shop, especially as children entitled to free school meals often go hungry during the school holidays. Any foods and other household necessities that would be great.

Gavin and Sharon now offer breakfast specials. They also have new breads and pastries and pizza slices from their hot oven on offer.

## **Pressure mounts for a new Thames bridge ending around Caversham Park Village**

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Reading Borough Council and a major new Sussex-based regional organisation called Transport for the South East have listed a massive new bridge across the Thames and Caversham Lakes, as one of their top three priorities. The bridge would take off at Thames Valley Business Park and land at the traffic lights opposite Caversham Park Road. It would cost at least £150 million excluding the cost of essential mitigation measures which would attempt to lessen its impact on our roads and communities. Significant new traffic locally, including on our minor roads, would be likely together with worse air quality and noise. Supporters have said that they intend to get 55,000 cars a day out of the centre of Reading – we don't want them here! A Park & Ride Scheme would urbanise the green space between our villages and Reading. Because of its carbon emissions, the scheme would make a nonsense of Reading's recent declaration of a climate emergency. If a steering group reconvenes, local MPs, including Theresa May and John Howell, will meet later this year to discuss the scheme. Both the parish council and our district and county councillors are against the plans as they stand. Look out for more on this damaging proposal and if you are concerned, please write to our MP John Howell at [john.howell.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:john.howell.mp@parliament.uk)

## **Have your say re Polling stations**

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Residents are being asked to comment on the location of polling stations that are used for elections in South Oxfordshire. Councils are carrying out a review of polling places to help ensure that they meet the needs of voters. [SODC polling stations](#).

## Don't miss! Professional stand-up at Dunsden village hall

Four fantastic stand-up comedians are appearing on 5 October in a dishwasher fundraiser for the village hall. Our headline act will be the brilliant Chris McCausland (from Live at the Apollo) with the 'bonkers' Wayne the Weird, musical genius Earl Okin and the intriguing Marti in support. Tickets available as from 1 Aug from [buytickets.at/dunsden](http://buytickets.at/dunsden).

## Shiplake Tennis and Social Club welcomes you

If you'd like to join a friendly club with an active social calendar and plenty of tennis for all ages and standards, then you're in luck; Shiplake Tennis and Social Club is currently welcoming new members!

We have 3 brand new floodlit courts, coaching available and enthusiastic teams playing in winter and summer leagues. Whether you're looking to make new friends, keep fit, or improve your tennis, Shiplake Tennis and Social Club is just the place. If you'd like to come and try us out, please contact our membership secretary Andrew Stallwood on: [andrew\\_stallwood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrew_stallwood@yahoo.co.uk)

## 'All Saints' for 'All Saints' Quiz-sheet

Look out for this mind boggling\* 50-question summer quiz written to raise money for the All Saints, Dunsden Redecoration Fund. It will soon be available from local church members and, hopefully, at Binfield Heath and Shiplake Village Stores. Every answer contains the word 'saint'. The winner will be announced on 1st September and be awarded a bottle of champagne.....

..... Please buy a copy, only £2, and encourage your friends to do so too.

Any problems obtaining the quiz sheet, please email Linda Glithro, [linda@qlithro.com](mailto:linda@qlithro.com). Thanks for your support!

\* Most clues are by John Timms and similar to his cryptic table top quizzes at the Binfield Heath Village Hall Quiz Nights.

## Fancy a new challenge?

Want to keep active and involved after your recent retirement? Perhaps you have legal or administrative experience, or have helped run a school, or another community facing organisation? Dunsden Village Hall is a popular venue for exercise classes, weddings and community events of all kinds. It's currently run by a small team of volunteer trustees, with two part-time staff. We urgently need some additional people to join us. Precisely how you contribute is up to you, but as well as help with staging events and with fund-raising, we are particularly looking for help with running meetings and with a review of our constitution, so we can become a Charity Incorporated Organisation.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please call David Woodward on 07802 433058 or [daw-dwr@gmail.com](mailto:daw-dwr@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:marina.hart@virgin.net).

## Village website

If you would like to be regularly notified of updates on the [village website](http://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.

## Dates for your Diary

28 July	Polo in the village
24 August	Binfield Heath Flower Show
5 October	Comedy night at Dunsden Village Hall



# **Binfield Heath and District 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Flower Show and Companion Dog Show**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 12.00 – 4.00 pm  
opposite Holmwood, Binfield Heath RG9 4DP**

Traditional sideshows and games - Local artisan exhibitors

Punch and Judy - Pottery Painting - Children's Races - Tractor Rides - Face Painting

**New additions for 2019 include Ladder Beanbags, Single Wicket Cricket, Beat the Goalie  
and Chicken Throw**

Llamas and Shetland ponies, as well as a selection of reptiles and invertebrates including snakes, lizards and tarantulas. Also, owls and ferrets together with child-friendly farm animals, including goats, ducklings and guinea pigs, which can be fed and groomed.

A display of archived photos of Binfield Heath and surroundings, together with artefacts from South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group, from their dig near the village

Vintage cars, classic motorbikes and farm vehicles

Tea tent, beer tent and soft drinks van run by The Shoulder of Mutton, Playhatch

Barbeque - Ice Cream Van

Music by Woodley Concert Band

**The Schedule detailing all the classes is out this week so  
please join in and enter!**

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