

Binfield Heath Village News

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Binfield Heath Flower Show, Saturday, 28 August

After the pandemic forced its cancellation in 2020, the Binfield Heath Flower and Companion Dog Show is going ahead this year on the summer bank holiday Saturday. As always, the show will take place in the field opposite Holmwood.

At its heart are the competitions for locals of all ages, encompassing everything from fruit and flowers to cakes and crafts. The Companion Dog Show will draw entries from near and far. Away from the competitions, there will be traditional sideshows, children's entertainment, local artisans, antiques valuations, music and refreshments for all tastes.

The show committee welcomes volunteers with open arms. There are plenty of jobs, big and small, so do get in touch with our Chairman Charlie Calderbank: 07969 572054 or backbreaker82@hotmail.com or anyone else on the committee. It's great fun, and is all in aid of having fun.

There will be a special issue Binfield Heath newsletter later in the month with more details and the competition schedule.

Pop-up antique valuations event

Might some of your most precious possessions have a story to tell? For the first time, you can bring them along to the Flower Show and find out their secrets. In an exciting new venture, the Flower Show is collaborating with Watlington-based fine art auctioneers and valuers, Jones & Jacob, to host a pop-up antiques valuation tent as part of the show. Three experts will be there to evaluate your jewellery, china, glass, watches, paintings and ornaments – anything small enough to carry in. You can even

bring in photographs of larger items, such as furniture and they'll tell you as much as they can. It's a free assessment, so no charge, and you can sit and watch what other people have unearthed as well. More about this in the next newsletter.

Mystery crocheter

This elusive crocheter has struck again – for anyone who missed it, the bus stop near the village shop was awash with celebrations of the NHS last weekend.



Knit and Natter

FISH will be starting a 'Knit and Natter' group from 19 July. It will run every Monday from 2- 4pm.

Please come along if you would like to knit or crochet, or just talk.

- No skills required.
- Wool, needles and patterns available.
- Everyone welcome

For more information, please contact the FISH Office on 0118 9723986 or call in at the office between 9 – 12am.

Our centenarian+

Whilst still an important member of our community, Margery Williams is now living at Huntercombe Nursing home and continues to do well there.

Plant sale at The Heads

Congratulations to the Heads for their plant sale, which was a great success for the second year running. They raised £805, and are sending a cheque to Thames Valley Air Ambulance for £1150 (incl £345 from sales of kiln dried kindling). They would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition

You are warmly invited to Binfield Heath Chapel's Art and Craft Exhibition 2021 on the theme *"Still Adrift?"* Wed, 18 – Sat, 21 August, 12-6pm.

Binfield Heath Chapel, Dunsden Way, RG9 4LJ.

Admission to the exhibition is free. If you would like to submit your art or crafts please contact Ysanne: 07887 950432 ysannebroadly@yahoo.co.uk.

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Parish Council meetings to go live again in August

Owing to complex government regulations, the Parish Council is no longer permitted to hold its monthly meetings by Zoom. As our previous meeting place, the Scout Hut, is not yet ready, and we were unable to find any other available location, the June meeting had to be cancelled and the July meeting has been postponed until Mon, 2 August. It will be a live meeting and will take place in the Palmer Room at Dunsden Village Hall at 7pm. If you have any matters you would like to raise, please contact the clerk, Mandy Sermon by Sun, August 1, on clerk@binfieldheath.org.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan

Update 2 - PTO

The **Neighbourhood Plan** (NP) Steering Group met on 1 July 2021 for its first meeting and good progress has already been made. 18 members of the Parish have volunteered for the Steering Group and 5 for a drafting Group. The drafting Group has already produced the first outline draft of the NP using material from the Parish and Community led plans and the recent Parish Council survey results.

The Steering Group has agreed to pursue a Character assessment of the Parish followed by developing Parish specific Planning Policies and Design Codes.

The Steering Group Minutes and the latest draft of the NP, as it evolves will be uploaded to the Binfield Heath website so that Parishioners may keep themselves up to date

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Newsletter

Get your newsletter as soon as it is published. We aim 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.

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