

Binfield Heath Village News

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The Queen's Jubilee, 5 June

Many thanks to The Village Society, and PCs of Binfield Heath and Eye and Dunsden for treating us to such a fabulous jubilee party, as well as to those who helped set up and pack away. There were 360 people there.

This email from a participant probably sums up how we all felt:

Please would you send on our thanks to all the organisers for everything they did to make last Sunday such a success. The marquees and tables were fabulous and the Prosecco really welcome. How kind for all that to be provided. So much work went into creating a wonderful village event. We felt really proud to be part of the village celebrations and it was very much appreciated.

Margaret's Medley of Melodies – Saturday, 18 June

Mezzo-soprano Margaret Fish is singing a medley of melodies in aid of Ukrainian refugees. She would like to spend an evening in your company sharing some career high- and low-lights and some songs she loves. This may be her swansong after many years as a singer and singing teacher, so do come and listen. There will be a mixture of classical and silly songs, nearly all of which are about love, which of course makes the world go round.

There will be refreshments and drinks in the interval. No ticket charge, but all donations to Ukrainian refugees in the UK. 7pm at All Saints Church, Dunsden RG4 9PH.

Cakes for Ukraine

The end figure for this amazing cake sale was £1598, thanks to donations that came in even after the sale. Many thanks to Gavin and Sharon and all those who bought, baked and donated.

Shiplake Primary school fayre, Sat, 25 June

Shiplake School is holding a Totally Tropical School fayre next Saturday, 12.30 – 16.30.

The fayre is open to the public & activities on the day include:

A Tiki Bar, BBQ, kids stalls & games, face painting & inflatable fun, tea & cake tent, plant stall, steel band, classic cars and a dog show!!



They are also looking for local sellers & crafts people to take stalls in the craft tent. If you would like a stall contact: belinddouglas@outlook.com. Tables are £25.

Bus shelter

The burnt out bus shelter has been removed, and the one opposite is in need of repair. The design will be discussed at the next PC meeting but it is an insurance claim, so will undoubtedly take a while. The road will be repaired by OCC – it's in their hands, but the PC are pushing as hard as they can.

Binfield Heath Flower Show, Sat 27 August – SAVE THE DATE

The wonderful Flower, and companion dog Show is again taking place on the August bank holiday Saturday. All entries from pre-Covid are being reinstated. At this stage, we would really appreciate any contributions for the Tombola and Raffle – please let us know if you can contribute, either by leaving at The Dowlings, The Spinney, Kiln Lane or by calling 07989 314523 and we will collect. We will also need as many helpers as possible for the set-up (there will be a beer and a sausage roll ready for our helpers on Friday). More details to follow. *The Flower Show committee*

Mystery crotcheter



I have no idea who it is who delights us all with these wonderful treats. I now know someone who knows who it is but that's all. Thank you and one day we might catch you. You can spot this on the letter box near the village shop.

Plant Sale in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance

The plant sale at the Heads, Veronica, Heathfield Avenue continues. There is still a good selection of plants. All profits are in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Please bring plenty of cash, as no change will be given. The sale will continue until stocks run out.

Binfield Heath Neighbourhood Plan: we're getting there!

Great news - we now have a draft Neighbourhood Plan and want to hear your views on our progress so far. More than 360 people at the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and last month's Parish Meeting have already had a chance to view the information boards detailing our progress. We have received many supportive comments – so thank you to those who provided them.

The plan, covering Binfield Heath village and Crowsley, includes a draft Design Guide and Code, Landscape Character Assessment and a history of the parish, which highlights the part played by the old heath in the development of the parish.

You can see the settlements here and the documentation can be found at www.tinyurl.com/ndpdropbox

Main points you will find in the plan:

Future development should be confined to the three settlement areas – the shop, Gravel Road and surroundings and around the Bottle and Glass. Everywhere outside these settlements is classed as open countryside, with only limited development allowed.

The full plan should be ready for public consultation in the late summer, with a view to completing the examination process later this year. Meanwhile – please do take a look and let us have your views. You can write to us using any media you like but the simplest may be to email us at binfieldheathneighbourhood-plan@gmail.com or just chat to one of us.

- New buildings must respect the BH design code in size, height, position, style and setting.
- We hope to protect older buildings considered to be of special character and interest in the parish, alongside those already listed.
- There will be strong protection for important green spaces – please suggest any that matter to you, particularly those with good views. We will continue to press for the whole parish to be included within the Chilterns AONB.
- We are seeking special conservation area status for Crowsley, Coppid Hall and what remains of the old heath.
- The plan is sensitive to mitigating climate change, supporting farming and protecting biodiversity.

This really is your opportunity to help shape the future of your parish.

We look forward to hearing from you.

BH Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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.hart9@outlook.com to be added to the list.

You can also access the newsletter from the [VILLAGE WEBSITE](#). Please also let [me](#) know if you wish to unsubscribe. A hard copy will not be delivered to you though.

Dates for your diary:

18 June	Margaret's evening of melodies
20 June	PC meeting in Scout hut
25 June	Shiplake school summer fayre
27 August	Binfield Flower Heath Show