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# Binfield Heath Village News

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## **Binfield Heath Village Shop**

During the pandemic we have managed to keep our shelves stocked with many items that have been hard to source, including a wide range of baking and bread flours. We have also been able to introduce many new products and offer a wider range of products to try and offer a one stop grab and go experience. If there are any products you would like us to stock please just ask and we will do our utmost to accommodate.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say how very heart-warmed we have been by the community spirit and the kindness and thoughtfulness of many, not just in the village but by the many new faces we have seen since the start of Covid-19.

We are very proud to say we live in Binfield Heath with many friends and neighbours that we can all count on in a crisis, as proven since day 1.

A very sincere THANKS to all of those for supporting, encouraging and continuing to use us over the last 3-4 months. Shop Local is the way we can survive as a small business. We now have the following items in stock:

3 Pack Protective Masks - £4.00  
250ml Hand Pump Sanitizer - £4.00  
500ml hand pump, kills 99.9% of germs - £14.00

Please just ask if you need deliveries or assistance from us, as we have a team of volunteers happy to help with any issues brought to us. Stay Safe.  
*Sharon & Gavin*

## **Shopping help**

As the government eases lockdown many people are now able to shop for themselves. However if anybody in the village is in a vulnerable group or shielded, and would benefit from some help, please call 07799 038492 to be put in touch with a friendly neighbour who can lend a hand.

## **Plowden Arms site**

This pub was much used by villagers, whilst Binfield Heath did not have their own. The Plowden Arms closed 18 months ago; it now has a 8-house development plan on it, incl an 80m<sup>2</sup> public house. Planning Application Ref: P20/S1872/PIP.

Any comments on this development must be made by 25th June. If it is approved, it will mean new developments all the way from the old Garden Centre, through Thames Farm and Mount Ida, incl an old people's village development near Haileywood, through to the new rugby pitches just before the Flowing Spring.

## **Thames Valley Air Ambulance**

Many congratulations to the Heads, who made £756, through the sale of wonderful plants, shrubs and kindling over two weekends. Kiln dried kindling wood is still available in a box in the drive at Veronica, Heathfield Avenue.

Similarly Wendy and Paul Robinson, Kiln Lane raised £200 by selling a wide variety of plants and shrubs from outside their house. Well done to one and all. All proceeds in both cases went to the Air Ambulance.

## **House fires**

There was a minor house fire in Kiln Lane a couple of weeks ago, caused by an exploding aerosol can. The event seemed quite incredulous but the fire was soon put out by a quick thinking neighbour, who had a fire blanket and small extinguisher to hand. It took the fire engine 10 mins to arrive – the delay might have been a different story regarding the damage. Just a reminder to check that your smoke alarms are working and that you have something to hand, if something similar were to happen to you. There are different ways of extinguishing a fire, according to what is burning.

## **Flower Show and Village Day**

Both our much loved Flower Show and Village Day have been cancelled this year owing to coronavirus. As you may have seen in the Henley Standard, this is the first time the Flower Show has been cancelled since WW2. The committee did all they could to avoid this decision, and it is a great shame, especially as Mary Berry had agreed to open the show and judge the baking entries.

If government restrictions on gatherings and social distancing are lifted later in the summer then the two committees may consider holding one much smaller event to bring the village together again. The Flower Show will be back again next year on Sat, 28 Aug 2021.

## **Bottle and Glass Inn**

We will be ready to see you all again in the garden from Sat, 4 July (subject to the changing guidelines). We'll be opening Thurs - Sun to begin with, times TBC.

Initially pizzas by pre-order only will be available, but you'll be able to order drinks from the outside bar and get a table when you arrive. This is so that we can manage the flow of guests in the garden. Please do help us out and order in advance - we need to uphold social distancing as much as possible and we will not be able to cope with a lot of people in one hit (remember fireworks night...) Please log on to the [website](#) in the next week or so and we'll have more information about opening times and ordering.

We'd like to thank the village for all your support and look forward to seeing you all soon.

*David, Alex, Steve and Team B&G*

## **Parish Council Zoom meeting, 22 June**

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Binfield Heath Parish Council will hold a meeting open to the public via Zoom on June 22 at 6pm. It will be a full council meeting and the agenda will be posted on the website. If you would like to take part please contact the [clerk](#) for the link to join.

## **Greenshoots**

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Many will be familiar with [Greenshoots](#), in Peppard Common, a horticultural therapy unit for people with learning difficulties, which had to close in March because of Covid 19. Their potted plants have since been sold from outside a private house: 17 Stoke Row Road, Peppard RG9 5EJ. Everything is priced up and cash or cheques, made out to Greenshoots, can be posted through the letterbox. At present the charity/nursery remains closed since opening it, is more complex than for an ordinary commercial nursery. They have had tremendous support from the public and have raised £8000+ to date. They still have a selection of perennials, vegetable plants and herbs at reasonable prices and welcome donations of surplus plants.

## **Heath and Watkins**

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Covid 19 is causing even more use of single use plastics, so do remember that Heath and Watkins in Sonning Common can refill your empty plastic containers with good quality eco-products – cleaning products, hand wash. They also try and sell hardware items loose and in paper bags and will accept clean, empty and unbroken flower pots for reuse. Crate outside their door for drop off.

## **NOMAD Foodbank**

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The NOMAD deliveries have been a great success, to which the village has contributed so generously. NOMAD are very grateful for all the support. Need for food packages has thankfully eased as people return to work. Shiplake and Binfield Heath are now alternating weeks. The village shop is now the main drop-off point for NOMAD donations. If donations outweigh need we can also drop at Springwater Food Bank in Sonning Common.

## **Cakes for the NHS**

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Baking for the NHS has now finished but was a huge success and brought forward some generous and creative bakers from around the village. Pam Cronin's daughter Jennie asked her to pass on a heartfelt thank you to all those who showed such love and care for the staff at RBH. The cakes were mostly distributed to the Anaesthetic and ITU depts but some deliveries went to the Paediatric and A&E depts, by request from some of the younger bakers together with their colourful and inspiring pictures. The odd tray-bake went to the porters too, where cakes in the middle of the night are always a great boost to morale! Pam has collected recipes and pictures and will put them together soon for all to enjoy.

## **Church matters**

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The parish is working towards reopening Dunsden Church for Private Prayer on a Weds, Sat and Sun, between 2pm - 4pm. They are currently working out social distancing measures required, prior to opening but are hoping to reopen next Sat, 27 June and are really looking forward to welcoming people back into the church. Once they have everything sorted they are going to create a video to show people what to expect.

## **Giving thanks for our pets**

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Our churches are holding a Pet Service by Zoom on Sun, 5 July at 4pm to give thanks for our pets and for all animals, domestic and wild. God has blessed this world with millions of species of animals, some of which are companions in our homes. Join us by Zoom, show off your pets and receive a blessing for all that they are to us. For the Zoom link, email [Rev Sarah](#); if you'd like to send a picture (photo or drawing) we will put together a video of them all. We will also be visiting Beale Park Wildlife Park and Marwell Zoo virtually during the service to meet some of their animals too. Everyone welcome.

## **Newsletter**

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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](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.

## **Dates for your Diary**

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22 June	Parish Council meeting
3 Oct	Comedy night at Dunsden Village Hall
11 Dec	Ninebarrow concert