
Binfield Heath Village News

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Binfield Heath Flower Show – next meeting tomorrow, 16 March

Message from Charlie Calderbank, previous Chair:

As many of you know, I have moved away to start a new adventure in Dorset. The girls and I much enjoyed our time in Binfield Heath and will no doubt be returning. The culmination of my time there was overseeing the return of the Flower Show last year. It was great fun to see everyone out and about again after various lockdowns. What the show now really needs is a fresh injection of enthusiasm to take it into the post-Covid era: the roaring twenties.

It may be clichéd, but organising the Show really is as little or as much work as you make it. My plan – being a foodie – was to build up the range of food on offer. I made a start, which you might take further or you might be more interested in music, in which case why not add something on that front instead? The fruit and vegetable displays are the big draw, but there are loads of other things that anyone who is interested could introduce or build on. Music, food, animals, sports, you name it. There are also loads of charitable causes that you might want to support and the show can help there too.

My hope was to focus on fun and make sure everyone had a great time. The show has a well-established base of support, but for it to carry on, it really needs someone to take the lead. Don't let it fade away: reinvent, rejuvenate and embrace it!

Do let [me](#) know if you're interested (I live a hundred miles away now, so you can say whatever you like and I won't tell!). Bring a friend or two to a meeting and you can see what it's about. The next meeting is at the Shoulder of Mutton tomorrow evening, 16 March at 19.30. Do come.

'Tea with God' Family Service and Supper

An informal creative worship and supper at 4pm on Sun, 20 March at Shiplake Church. Suitable for all ages and generations; the theme will be 'doors'. Biblical doors, spiritual doors, church doors and more. What doors has Jesus opened - or closed - for you recently? Come along to explore, create and open doors together. [Revd Sarah](#)

Mothing Sunday

Mothing Sunday will be celebrated as a benefice at Shiplake Church on Sun, 27 March and everyone is welcome. No posies this year but bee-shaped nuggets of wildflower seeds to plant, to reflect our care for every aspect of God's creation. The service begins at 10am, we look forward to seeing you there. Revd Pam

Licensing our Assistant Rector

On Sun, 3 April, Revd Sarah Nesbitt will be licensed to the United Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden, as Assistant Rector by the Bishop of Dorchester. The service is at 3pm at All Saints Church, Dunsden. Everyone is welcome, followed by a celebratory tea.

Wool donations

A local charity knitting group welcomes any donations of unused wool. Currently knitting for the Ukraine. Please call 01189 479513 to collect.

Afternoon Tea

You are invited to afternoon tea with home-baked cake, friendship and conversation at St Margaret of Antioch Church, Harpsden, on Mon, 4 April from 2-3.30pm. Contact Pat Needham on 01491 576961, or just come along.

Harpsden W.I

The Harpsden branch is currently welcoming new members. They meet once a month on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm in Harpsden Hall. The next meeting is on Weds, 13 April Please do come along - all welcome.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Sun 5 June

More news to follow next month.

Annual Parish meeting, 23 May

An early date for your diary. Binfield Heath's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Mon, 23 May, when residents can discuss village matters over a glass of wine. An exhibition of the parish Neighbourhood Plan will also be held and comments will be welcome on its progress so far.

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.

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Dates for your diary:

20 March	Tea with God
27 March	Mothing Sunday
3 April	Licensing of Assistant Rector
4 April	Tea at Harpsden Church
13 April	Harpsden WI meeting
23 May	Annual Parish meeting
5 June	Platinum Jubilee