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# Binfield Heath Village News

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## Go ahead for the shop and Post Office

Plans for the future of the Binfield Heath shop and Post Office are moving ahead. David Holliday from the Bottle and Glass attended the recent Parish Council meeting to talk about taking on future management of the shop. Although nothing is yet 'signed and sealed', David is liaising with the Estate plus Gavin and Sharon and is currently in talks with the Post Office to ensure a smooth handover when they choose to leave.

Refurbishment of the shop interior and its accommodation will be phased in following the transition of tenancies, with the retail and Post Office facilities planned to stay open during the works, unless a limited closure is unavoidable. The application to build two semi-detached houses between the shop and the recreation ground has now been passed by SODC.

Paul Rollason, chair of Binfield Heath Parish Council, said he was delighted with the news. "Our greatest priority through all the discussions about the future of our shop and post office has been to keep both open and viable into the future. Now we can look forward to the next stages in this vital project for the village."

Updates to follow.

## Shiplake Community Cinema

Shiplake Community Cinema will be showing CAIRO CONSPIRACY on Fri, 15 March at Shiplake Memorial Hall.

"A searing political thriller brimming with tension".

This performance will be subtitled. Doors open at 6.45 for a 7.30 performance. Tickets are £8 and are available from both village shops. Please contact Pam Hudgell on 0118 940 2105 or [pamhudgell@btinternet.com](mailto:pamhudgell@btinternet.com) for more information.

## Binfield Heath Flower and Dog Show

After 5 years as our wonderful trusted Treasurer, Peter Sherrell is stepping down after this year's 75th annual Flower Show. We are now looking for someone to shadow Peter and take on this role and join our lovely Committee. Please contact Caroline Dowling on 07776188623 or [carodowling@yahoo.com](mailto:carodowling@yahoo.com). The whole committee will be hugely supportive of anyone who wants to take on this role, or indeed join us in any other capacity.

With appreciation. *The Flower Show Committee*

## Binfield Heath Chapel

You are warmly welcome to any of the events at Binfield Heath Chapel in March, including the following (all events are free):

### Spring Supper, Fri, 15 March, 7:15 p.m.

A hot meal followed by a short talk. Please email [ysanneboady@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ysanneboady@yahoo.co.uk) to reserve a place and to inform of any dietary requirements.

### Walking Group, Mon, 18 March, beginning 10:30 a.m.

A walk of approximately 3 miles (weather permitting).

### Coffee Morning, Fri, 22 March, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### Easter Trail, Sat 30 March, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

An event for children and families. Grab a trail sheet from the Chapel and follow the clues, before returning to the Chapel for prizes, activities and snacks (we recommend you wear wellies).

### Easter Sunday Services, 31st March: 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

## Mothering Sunday

This Sunday, 10 March is Mothering Sunday. At Shiplake Church posies will be given to children to give to their mums. The service will be followed by soup and Simnel cake.

Other services are at Dunsden Church at 11 am followed by refreshments and at Harpsden Church at 9.30 with Sunday school.

Easter craft activities for children will be at Harpsden church on Good Friday, 10 to 11.30. Click here for parish details of [services over Holy Week](#).

## Neighbourhood Plan Update

We submitted our Neighbourhood Plan to SODC for examination on 31 October 2023. SODC have appointed an examiner whose role is to confirm whether the plan is compliant with the local plan and legislation for its production. If there are any problems the examiner can update the plan for us. If the plan is accepted as being compliant with the basic conditions (set out in the legislation) then SODC will organise a local referendum which we hope will be in the spring/summer. If more than 50% of those voting vote in favour then the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of what is known as the development plan and it will carry the same weight as the local plan produced by SODC. It should be taken into account by planners when deciding planning applications in our parish.

## Parish Council

The next parish council meeting will take place at 7pm on Mon, 25 March at Dunsden Village Hall.

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This year's Pantomime, at the end of January was 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and was a great success. All agreed that it was a great script and a slightly shorter play than usual.

The teddy bear's picnic song with audience participation used sign language only for the last verse. The audience joined in with enthusiasm.

The panto Director Ellie continued directing with energy and enthusiasm into the 9<sup>th</sup> month of her pregnancy. She gave birth to baby Phoebe the day before the dress rehearsal and still turned up for every performance with her beautiful baby in tow.

The Shaddo AGM will be held on Thursday April 25 at 7.30pm upstairs at the Plough in Shiplake. If you would like to attend, or find out more about SHADDO, please contact us on [admin@shaddo.uk](mailto:admin@shaddo.uk).

## **Wilfred Owen Window – Dunsden Church**

Please click here to view the new leaflet on the [Wilfred Owen window](#). It has loads of info including details on opening times. There is a free short guided walk planned, with a brief talk about the window, meeting at All Saints Church at 10.30 on Saturday 6 April. Donations welcome to church funds.

## **Chilterns AONB**

Progress is being made with plans to persuade the Government to include more of BH and E&D in the Chilterns AONB - see Henley Standard: <https://www.henleystandard.co.uk/news/home/187653/seven-parishes-make-joint-bid-to-be-moved-into-aonb.html>.

## **Seeing the signs**

We all understand that road works are inevitable from time to time – complete with signage. If you come across signage still in place after the works have been completed, please report it on [fixmystreet](#). You should give the address and also the post code if you know it.

## **Boy racers**

You will be aware from the Henley Standard coverage of the troubles with 'boy racers' in and around Henley recently. On a couple of occasions, they have raced through this village too. If you are aware of any anti-social behaviour of this sort, please phone the police at once.

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## **Dates for your diary:**

15 March	Shiplake community cinema
15 March	Spring supper at Chapel
18 March	Chapel walking group
22 March	Coffee morning at Chapel
25 March	Parish council meeting
30 March	Easter trail at chapel
6 April	Walk and Wilfred Owen window
23 April	Oliver Makower memorial service
25 April	Shaddo AGM