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# Binfield Heath Village News

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## Binfield Heath village shop

Gavin and Sharon would like to thank everyone for their continued support and kind words during this difficult time.

## Have you seen?

If you've walked down Heathfield Avenue lately you might have noticed that Primrose Cottage and Blooms Cottage have been doing window displays in the theme of children's books. This week's theme is **Treasure Island** with parrots, treasure, maps and boats. So many people walking past on their daily exercise have seen this little surprise, designed to share joy in this unusual time. Would others like to join in?

Themes coming up:

1<sup>st</sup> May : Alice & Wonderland  
15<sup>th</sup> May: The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
29<sup>th</sup> May: Winnie the Pooh

Vinx Willgoss & [Keli Thomas](#)

## Baking for key workers

There's been a great response with adults and children alike baking; children's pictures and messages are very much appreciated. Some teenagers are definitely heading for the Great British Bakeoff.

Traybakes, biscuits and cupcakes are ideal, as easy to transport. Please list ingredients and date baked on wrapper. NO NUTS PLEASE. Where possible, please include a recipe and possibly a photo or link for Pam to keep and edit when we get out the other end.

Pam's daughter doesn't go into the RBH every day, so it's best to call Pam first on 07906 041810. About 60-70 portions are going in most weeks and there are no reports of any being left over! Pam has plenty of SR flour and dried fruit, donated by Gavin and Sharon, for use by any bakers for the NHS or village. Just drop Pam in a container and she'll fill it up.

## Fish and Chips

Great news. Orwells are serving Fish 'n Chips from 5pm - 8pm on a Friday - freshly cooked haddock and chips with crushed peas and tartare sauce. £15 per person and by reservation only via the [website](#) or on 01189 403 673. For all other orders incl veg and fruit boxes, ready meals and much more, visit the website.

## Donations for NOMAD Food Bank

NOMAD (Henley) provide food parcels for local families in need. The village has been incredibly generous and each week Amanda Jennings and team take in a carload of food and toiletries, which is really appreciated. As before items most needed are:

UHT milk, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, crisps, cereal, biscuits, tinned meat and toiletries.

A collection box is in the village shop, or a volunteer can collect from your house. If you have donations please contact Amanda on 07799 038492.

## R Cotterill and Son

Cotterills are open 9am - 5pm, Mon - Fri. They want to keep everyone safe and on the road, enabling important food shopping and most importantly keeping key workers going.

They are running a strictly no contact system, using protective clothing and making sure the vehicles are wiped down before and after repairs/inspection. 0118 947 8830.

## Clap for the NHS

It would be nice for anyone who claps for the NHS on a Thursday eve to walk to the end of their drive, so that we can all see each other and feel part of the wider community.

## Anyone self-isolating

If you or someone you know are on the Government's SHIELDED list (i.e. has received a letter from the Government stating the need to self-isolate fully), it could be worth filling out this simple form to see if you qualify for help with essential supplies and/or basic care needs. The form is very easy to fill out and can be done on behalf of someone else. <https://rebrand.ly/Shielded-Help>

## Toad Hall Garden Centre

Toad Hall remains open for processing and collection of telephone and email orders only [info@toadhallgardencentre.co.uk](mailto:info@toadhallgardencentre.co.uk) (and not for casual visitors). Sarah March has though been called back in to look after the plants.

Sarah is happy to deliver reasonable car boot loads to those who are self-isolating. They can place their order either online or by calling Sarah at home on 0118 9483550. Either way, you will then receive a call from a member of TH staff (but not Sarah) to confirm availability, prices etc. and take payment. You can either request delivery by Sarah at the time of ordering or at the time of payment. Delivery via Sarah is likely to be quicker than via TH van.

## Social distancing and walks

The general rule is that walkers should walk on the right hand side of the road facing oncoming traffic. Currently many people are walking on the left and although it is perhaps not as dangerous with the current reduced levels of traffic, it does make maintaining social distancing a bit more difficult.

It may be that some people are unaware of this or may have forgotten, but the guidelines are:

**If there is no pavement**, keep to the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic. You should take extra care and be prepared to walk in single file, especially on narrow roads or in poor light keep close to the

side of the road. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.

Full details can be found on: [www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/rules-for-pedestrians-1-to-35](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/rules-for-pedestrians-1-to-35)

## Do you need help or can you help?

The [Binfield Heath Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group](#) provide volunteer support for those who are self-isolating, quarantined or in a vulnerable group, who may face challenges with shopping, collecting prescriptions, dog walking or just want a friendly chat. They also support NHS and key workers,

**Please see the attached document for your local contact** and essential information on grocery deliveries and services.

Visit the website <https://aid.binfield-heath.org.uk/> or join the Facebook Group [Binfield Heath Covid-19 Mutual Aid](#).

## Binfield Heath Parish Council

The Parish Council Committee, met via Zoom this Monday. Big projects such as the potential Neighbourhood Plan (NP) are on hold until a public meeting is held to gauge levels of support and involvement across the parish.

If anyone sees signs of small groups, who may be drug-using (probably smoking) anywhere around the village, please report it to the police on 101 and to the PC. Where possible please note down number plates of suspicious vehicles.

The Parish Council thanks everyone, incl the Covid Mutual Aid groups for standing together and looking out for one another.

The next meeting will take place on Mon, 18 May, via Zoom, unless restrictions have been lifted by then. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on the website [www.binfield-heath.org.uk](http://www.binfield-heath.org.uk) for further information on the Council and issues concerning the pandemic.

We wish all parishioners well during this difficult time.

## Binfield Heath Chapel

In the week of the 75th anniversary of VE-Day, the Chapel warmly welcomes you to their sermon marking the occasion, "The God Who Delivers." This message will be available on [www.binfieldheathchurch.org.uk/sermons/](http://www.binfieldheathchurch.org.uk/sermons/) from Sun, 10th May.

## Daily hope phonenumber

There is a new, free phone facility, which the church has just launched. You can listen to hymns, reflections and a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury. This is for people who don't have access to the internet but would like to participate in some form of worship during the lock-down.

Tel: 0800 804 8044

The United Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden and Harpsden are live-streaming a daily service at 10am.. Everyone is welcome and if you miss the live stream, the video remains available for you to catch up later. The link to the Youtube Channel is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5c41j9rhNzPhORRKGf3BHQ> if you click 'subscribe' (free), it means you won't need the link every time, you just click on 'Subscriptions'.

If you have prayer requests, please send them to [Robert](#) and [Sarah](#) so we may include them, either privately or publicly; you choose. We are unable to offer personal pastoral visits at this time, but if you'd like a phone call just to chat, again, let us know.

Reverend Robert: [rob-ert.thewsey@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.thewsey@btinternet.com)  
Reverend Sarah: [revsarahjoy@icloud.com](mailto:revsarahjoy@icloud.com)

## Situation vacant

Bookings manager at Dunsden Village Hall. Full details at <http://www.dunsdenvillagehall.co.uk/Vacancies>

## Parish of Eye & Dunsden

Steps are being taken to complete the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) [eyedunsden.org/plan/](http://eyedunsden.org/plan/), which is one way residents can protect and enhance the Parish for the benefit of all. Please do get involved!

Two key activities are progressing well:

- A £5,000 grant has been given by SODC and it is hoped that match funding will be gained from Eye & Dunsden and more funding from central government. It will allow for experts and planning specialists to be hired to complete much of the research and analysis required.

- A short initial survey will be sent to all Parish residents during May asking for feedback on issues most important to people; this will enable the NDP sub-committee to direct resources to develop recommendations that address the majority of residents' issues. The survey can be completed on paper, scanned and emailed; or online. It is hoped the majority of households will complete the survey - only 4 questions and takes no more than 5 mins to complete. The deadline for completion is 30 May.

## Newsletter

Get your newsletter by email as soon as it is published. Our goal 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.

## Contributions

If you would like to add any news or make mention of anything of interest to the village for the next newsletter, please email [marina.hart@virgin.net](mailto:marina.hart@virgin.net).

## Dates for your Diary

18 May	Parish Council meeting
3 Oct	Comedy night at Dunsden Village Hall
11 Dec	Ninebarrow concert