

# Binfield Heath Village News

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## Village litter pick

A litter pick for parents and children is taking place in the village this Sat, 20 November at 2pm, meeting in the playground. It is being organised by a group in Gravel Road. Sticks and bags (recyclables and non-recyclables) will be provided and filled bags will be collected by the council from Arch Hill, just outside the playground entrance. Those taking part should wear strong shoes and gloves and be aware of advice in the risk assessment, which will be communicated on the day. You can ask for a copy in advance on [raphael.le.ransom@gmail.com](mailto:raphael.le.ransom@gmail.com). Thank you to everyone who helps keep the village tidy.

## Could you brighten up our playground horse?

The parish council is carrying out some repairs to equipment in the playground. One of the items, the old red metal horse, much loved by children, has had some repairs done and now needs to be smartened up with a coat or two of paint. He needs some rust-proofing, undercoating and top coating. The council will pay for materials but would love to hear from anyone who would like to take on this project. Please contact Mandy Sermon, PC clerk, on [msermon@btinternet.com](mailto:msermon@btinternet.com).

## Community Pub Restoration update

Orwells are hosting a guest event on Mon, 29 November at Shiplake Memorial Hall, with doors opening at 7pm and a 7:30pm start. There will be a little update on plans for the Plowden Arms.

Light bites and refreshments available. Anyone, who plans to attend, needs to RSVP by Fri, 26 Nov and confirm their guest numbers to [eat@orwellsrestaurant.co.uk](mailto:eat@orwellsrestaurant.co.uk).

## Christmas Market

The Bottle & Glass Christmas Market is on Sat, 4 & Sun, 5 December, 10am - 4pm. A selection of stalls selling local produce and crafts will be in the Dutch Barn. Perfect gifts for families and friends.

## Father Christmas

Burgers with Santa in The Barn at the Bottle & Glass. Santa will be visiting on **Weds, 8** and **Thurs, 9 Dec**, 4-6pm. This is a ticketed event, so please book online. See [website](#) for details.

## Benefice Nativity Trail

**Save the Date: Sun, 19 Dec, 2-4pm.** Plans are underway for the Benefice Nativity, which this year will be at All Saints' Church, Dunsden. It's a journey around the church and churchyard through the story of Christmas. Put the date in your diary and look out for posters. Everyone is welcome; there will be refreshments, gifts and lots of family-friendly fun activities.

## Binfield Heath Chapel

"Carols by Candlelight"  
We warmly invite you to our carol services at the following times:  
Friday, 17th December (7:45 p.m.)  
Sunday, 19th December (4:30 p.m.)  
These services are opportunities to join with others to sing traditional carols, and to hear Christmas Bible readings and a Christmas message.

The Chapel, Dunsden Way, Binfield Heath. RG9 4LJ.

## Parish Council meeting

The next PC meeting will be on Monday, 22 November at 7pm in the Scout Hut.

## The Shaddo Winter Walk

This year Shaddo are inviting all residents to take part in the Shaddo World of Theatre Winter Walk. Please let them know if you would like to create a display in your garden on the theme of The World of Theatre. If you can't think of ideas, please contact us: [winterwalk@shaddo.uk](mailto:winterwalk@shaddo.uk).

The walk will run from 24 Dec - 23 Jan across Shiplake, Shiplake Cross and Binfield Heath. Displays should be visible from the street and no one should enter a garden to see it. A map will be made available, so people will know where to look. A reminder of a couple of last year's displays.



This year there IS going to be A PANTOMIME.

The Shaddo Winter production will be a bit different this year. Shaddo will be presenting a shorter version of Sleeping Beauty and in the second half of the evening, there will be a variety performance. Dates are Fri, 28 - Sat, 29 Jan. Get your tickets when they go on sale after Christmas. For more information see [www.shaddo.uk](http://www.shaddo.uk)

## Dunsden Village Hall

The hall is increasingly popular for family celebrations and weddings, with a range of exercise and other classes. Residents of Binfield Heath can enjoy a locals' discount when hiring Dunsden hall.

A couple more volunteer trustees, who would be willing to give a few hours per month to keep the hall succeeding are needed. Please give David Woodward a ring on 0118 969 3633 to find out more.

Live music will be back at the hall in 2022! The very popular Ninebarrow, a top young folk duo with superb harmonies, and all round entertainers, will be performing on **Fri, 4 March**.

## Neighbourhood Plan

The Binfield Heath Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are currently working with consultants on Planning Policies and Design Codes and a NP Communication will be issued after the next Steering Group meeting on 15 November.

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### **Dates for your diary:**

Sat, 20 Nov	Village litter pick
Mon, 22 Nov	PC meeting
Mon, 29 Nov	Orwells update
4 & 5 Dec	Bottle & Glass Christmas market
8 & 9 Dec	Father Christmas at B & G
17 Dec	BH Chapel Carols
19 Dec	BH Chapel Carols
19 Dec	Nativity trail
28 & 29 Jan	Shaddo panto
4 March	Ninebarrow