

Binfield Heath Village News

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Binfield Heath Village Shop

The shop, as from 2 October will be open for an extra hour on Friday and Saturday 09.00 – 19.00. Full opening hours are:

Mon - Thurs	9am - 6pm
Fri and Sat	9am - 7pm
Sun	9am - 1pm

Readifood (Food Bank in Reading) are very grateful for all the generous donations from Binfield Heath but are still desperate for more, so please continue to, or start to contribute to the Food Bank in store, either by bringing goods in, by buying from the village shop or by making a cash donation, which will be used to buy the foods they most need.



Congratulations to Sharon & Gavin on receiving a SOHA community award, for the work and support they offered the village and new customers during lockdown, for which they are very grateful.

'Drive-in' Harvest Festival: Sun, 4 October at 10am*

This year, Harvest Festival will be held in the car park at All Saints Church, Dunsden. It will be a 'drive-in' service to enable everyone to come and sing harvest songs and worship with joy from the safety of their own car. Please book to attend by emailing bene-fice.sdh@gmail.com or scan the QR code below and it should generate the email for you.



open the camera on your phone and scan it, then open the email

We will be collecting gifts for the Food Bank, who are short of the following items but anything is gratefully received:

Crisps (multibags), small bags of sugar, biscuits, spreads, child friendly cereals, tuna, pasta sauce, shower gel, shampoo and washing powder.

We apologise that you will not be allowed to leave your car while at the service but we need to comply with Govt guidance relating to COVID-19.

We look forward to seeing you there. The United Benefice of Shiplake with Dunsden & Harpsden cum Bolney <http://www.shiplakedunsdenharpsden.org.uk>

*All plans subject to alteration at short notice if Govt guidance changes.

Binfield Heath Flower Show

Hello everyone

Just wanted to update you on the Flower Show. As a Committee, we were so disappointed that we couldn't hold the Show this year but we still want to think about preparing the ground for next summer.

As many of you know, I am relocating to Perthshire in Scotland beginning December. I will, therefore, be resigning as Chair and we need to appoint my successor. The Flower Show has been an institution in this village for over 70 years and it's so important that we maintain our celebration of rural village life. This reflection of our community spirit matters to all of us and we must try our hardest to preserve it.

I would encourage anyone who feels they can play a role in continuing this tradition to get in touch with me for a chat. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chair and can recommend the experience to any of you. We all work together in the Committee to support

each other in all its aspects and have fun in the process. So satisfying! Our AGM will be held on Weds, 11 November and we hope to have a new Chair in place by then. Please get in touch. Evelyn (McQuater), Chair 07912619970

Parish Council zoom meeting

PC Zoom meeting at 6pm on Mon, 21 Sept. Please contact the clerk, Mandy Sermon on msermon@btinternet.com by Sun, 20 Sept, if you would like to take part. Agenda on the website www.binfieldheath.org.uk

Planning applications

A reminder that you can check online on the Binfield Heath Parish Council website for details of current planning applications in the village. There is a link straight through to SODC to make comments on proposed building works. Or you can go direct to: <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/planning-application-register>

Back in time...

Marina Hart (Editor) recently received an email from an estate agent in South Africa, who had come across a copy of the little booklet 'An English Village in Wartime' by Thomas Scotcher, familiar to most of us in the village. The agent posted the copy to her. This booklet is a third 'Victory' edition and has a printed dedication. It is signed by Mr Scotcher himself with a personal message to Mrs Goodyear and 'John' in 1945. It seems from the conclusion of the little book that Mrs Goodyear and John Evans ran the White Hart in Sonning – does anyone remember them? We are delighted to have received the book and wonder if anyone knows anything about them. Any clues most welcome!

And if anyone else has a 1945 edition of the booklet, please take good care of it and never consign it to a bin! The more recent reprints, made in 1994 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of D Day, are still available – contact Lis Ransom: lis.ransom@outlook.com. They cost £4 each, with proceeds going to the RBH as they did 75 years ago.

Home grown produce in village shop

Sales of donated home grown produce in the village shop are now raising monies for the FISH charity. Please bring in any surplus apples or other vegetables or fruit.

Happy Hats

Hand knitted beanie hats for babies and children and knee blankets for the elderly will be on sale shortly and on display at the village shop at the beginning of October .

The proceeds from these sales will go to FISH charity.

Dunsden Village Hall

E&DVH is back and open for all of their usual popular exercise and art classes including yoga, pilates and dance.

The popular Flock Comedy and Nine-barrow music events are reluctantly cancelled. The Bonfire night and Christmas Fayre, which was such a success last year are unlikely to go ahead under current Covid rules.

The hall is delighted to welcome Anette Crick, who also works at Shiplake primary school, to the hall team. There is a vacancy for a volunteer trustee; if interested please contact hall chair David, who would be delighted to hear from you: dfp@talktalk.net.

Burglaries

Please all be extra vigilant, as there have been a spate of burglaries in and around the village recently, incl at a house on Shiplake Rise and The Woodyard on Dunsden Way.

Red Kites

I have been asked to remind people that it's not good to feed red kites. who can be dangerous. especially for young children. who enjoy picnics in the garden. The kites have been known to swoop down and steal food from people's hands.

For those shielding

A reminder that if anybody is shielding or vulnerable, there is a network of people in the village who can help with groceries, prescription pick-ups, telephone chats if you're feeling lonely, or help with any other urgent errands or concerns you might have. Please contact Amanda on 07799 038492 to be put in touch with a friendly neighbour who can help.

Gardening and odd jobs

Hard working, obliging and capable graduate looking for odd jobs in the next 2 – 3 months. Has previous gardening experience. Pls contact Ricky Hart on 07910 369213 if interested.

Local Window Cleaning In Binfield Heath

Glens Window Cleaning:
Offers Window Cleaning / Gutter Clearing / Jet Washing / UPVC Cleaning/ Roof Moss Removal .

For a free quote call Donna :
07881958720
www.glenswindowcleaning.co.uk

Loddon Brewery

We are all familiar with our fabulous local brewery but some may not realise that they also run a coffee shop:

Mon:	CLOSED
Tues-Thurs:	9am-5pm
Fri-Sat:	9am-9pm
Sun:	10am-4pm

They offer cafetiere coffee, teas and hot chocolates + homemade cakes and sausage rolls. They also sell a range of soft drinks include fruit nresse from The Shoulder of Mutton, Playhatch.

Newsletter

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 to be added to the list.

You will also be able to access the newsletter from the VILLAGE WEBSITE. 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

21 September	PC zoom meeting
4 Oct	Harvest Festival
11Nov	Flower Show AGM