

Message from our Chairman, Andrew Grimes

I'm pleased to announce that we have received planning permission for the new Community Centre. We received positive comments on the development at the Remembrance Day Ceremony. By the time of the next Remembrance Day the new building will be quite substantial.

The Remembrance Day ceremony was well attended and it is pleasing to see our young families showing an interest in the communities links with our history.

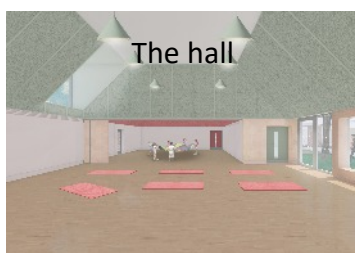
Pubs may come and pubs may go but it looks like Shinfield is replacing its losses with a new Pub/Restaurant at Lane End Farmhouse.

We are beginning to see the arrival of the facilities we need to make living in the Parish attractive.

*On behalf of all the councillors and staff,
we wish you all a Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*

Community Centre Update

The exciting new Community Centre build will start in 2020 with the demolition of the old British Legion and construction of a state of the art multifunctional centre for the whole parish. During its construction there was the possibility that we would lose the use of our popular Parish Hall but the Parish Council have approved plans to keep the hall open throughout the build and hall hirers will relocate to the new halls to enable the refurbishment of the current hall.



The hall



The cafe area

The pictures above are the architects drawings of the proposed structure of the building & some of the facilities - we're very excited to get underway with the build - this is going to be a great community resource.



Councillor Surgeries are back at Shinfield Parish Hall

Starting from January 2020

3rd Friday of the month
10-11.30pm by
appointment only

Please call or e-mail a week
in advance and let us know
you're coming & what
you'd like to discuss

We look forward to seeing
you!

SPC highlights of what we've done in the Parish 2019



Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2019

A big thank you to the hundreds who turned out for this year's Remembrance Parade on the green and especially those who paraded and represented the forces, civic and youth. Thank you to the officiators and the Guide and Scout who read out the Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph. Without the community involvement it would not be as successful as it is.



Deardon Allotments Officially Opened on 23rd October 2019



"Newcomers to Shinfield literally putting down roots" The Parish Council in conjunction with the University of Reading have officially opened 34 new allotments at the Deardon Field Site, they are not ready for occupation yet but the majority of those who will be renting are new to Shinfield. There are around 20 plots still available on this site and a small number at other sites throughout the parish, so please contact Angela at the Parish office On 9888220 if you aspire to be a Tom or Barbara of the "Good Life". (Those of you under 50 please research the reference or ask your parents).



Pictured; Cllr Ian Clarke, Shinfield Parish Council & Janis Pich, Director of Estates at Reading University, officially opening the new site.

Allotments Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The allotment AGM took place on the 2nd October at the Parish Hall at 7:30pm. Cllr Ian Clarke chaired the meeting thanking the allotment judges Roger Butler and John Eckton for doing a sterling job.

Winners of Best Kept Allotments 2019

Cllr Clarke then presented the prizes to;



Pictured right, Mr & Mrs Willis won 'seasoned allotment holders' and left; Mr & Mrs Baker won 'new allotment holders'



Pride in Our Parish

As part of an ongoing project, Pride in Our Parish, 8,000 bulbs in total were planted at three sites, Shinfield Rise, Brookers Hill & Three Mile Cross for bloom in Spring 2020. More sites have been identified, so keep an eye out for the professionals with their tractors planting every bulb by hand.



MEET YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Phil Darley Shinfield Village



Phil has lived in Shinfield for over 32 years, married with two children.

Phil was keen to join the Parish Council to further his aspirations of putting something back in to society.

Cllr Marcus McDowell Shinfield Village



Marcus has lived in Shinfield for 5½ years, he is married with a young family. Marcus was keen to join the parish Council to raise the profile of the council and increase participation.

Shinfield Community Singers

Following a small Community Fund grant from Shinfield Parish Council, the Shinfield Community Singers were able to print advertising leaflets, invitations to join the singers and produce some ideas of songs that would appeal to older people in care homes who may only remember music from a bygone age.



Following many visits to sing in care homes around Reading and Wokingham, the group were in the fortunate position of being able to present a cheque for over £1200 to Tim Waters, the local area organiser of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon group for the Alzheimer's Society. If you'd like to join, please contact Wendy Fruen on 07849 843905



YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

WHAT ARE NAGs?

The NAGs are a Government initiative rolled out by the Police to address community safety issues through Neighbourhood Policing and local resident involvement.

WHO MAKES UP A NAG?

The Fields NAG covers the Civil Parishes of Arborfield & Newlands, Barkham, Shinfield and Swallowfield and is made up of local residents, Police and local organisations together with representatives of Borough and Parish Councils.

WHY?

The purpose of the NAG is to help problem solve community safety issues, to reduce crime and disorder and help to bring about a greater sense of reassurance and community spirit.

HOW?

The Fields NAG works in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council and Thames Valley Police, to address neighbourhood concerns. Members of the NAG are the conduit through which local issues concerning the whole community can be addressed; these issues are identified by the NAG surveys. These surveys are used to draw up a list of community priorities that the NAG can then act upon.

CAN YOU HELP?

Yes, you can! why not join us?

How to contact us:

Email: clerk@shinfieldparish.gov.uk



The Fields Neighbourhood Action Group

House Numbering for a very good reason

Did you know that many of the houses in our area do not show their house numbers clearly at the front of their properties?

The Fields Neighbourhood Action Group is concerned that many house owners in our area do not display a house number, or name, clearly at the front of their property and may be putting their **own lives and safety at risk** in the event of an **emergency**.

Even when there is a house number, addresses are not easy to find when the number is in small numerals on a front door perhaps 50 yards from the road. All emergency services have this problem and are delayed in getting to **you or your family**.

So if your house has a number or name, make sure it is plain to see by someone in a moving vehicle approaching from either direction. Large clear numerals are best. If your house is set well back, fix the number to the front gate or the fence – anywhere it can be seen easily and quickly

Don't let your number be up for the sake of a house name or number that cannot be seen.

What's On & Information

Visit www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/whats-on/ for more info...

Be part of our community

Shinfield Voluntary Car Service
Registered Charity No: 1152423

For people who have difficulty in
getting out and about

Bookings & enquiries **0118 9883400**
Weekday mornings



Computer Club

Need help with the internet or
email?

Contact

Kerry on 0118 9882250 or
Ian on 0118 9882459 to
arrange a one-to-one lesson

The Welcome



Lunch Club

For adults of all ages

Join us in Shinfield Parish Hall,
School Green, for a two-course
lunch (£2.00), a laugh, and a chat.

First Wednesday of the month at
12:45 – 2:45pm

SHINE »

Zumba Gold

Classes take place at
Shinfield Parish Hall
Every Tuesday 11am – 12noon

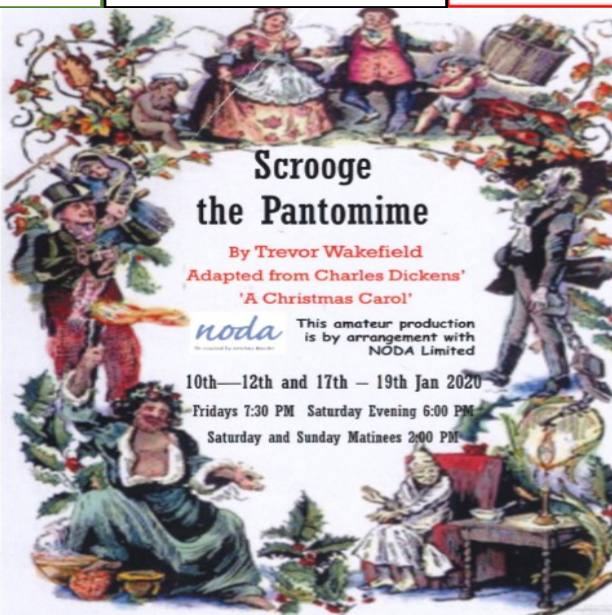
SHINE Zumba Gold is latin inspired dance
moves specially adapted for the over 60's

For information on how to join please
visit our website:

www.wokingham.gov.uk/shine

or contact the SHINE office on:
shine@wokingham.gov.uk
Tel: (0118) 974 3728

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Scrooge the Pantomime

By Trevor Wakefield
Adapted from Charles Dickens'
'A Christmas Carol'

noda This amateur production
is by arrangement with
NODA Limited

10th—12th and 17th – 19th Jan 2020

Fridays 7:30 PM Saturday Evening 6:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday Matinees 2:00 PM

Original handcoloured etchings—art by John Leach for first edition of the book 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens



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SHINFIELD PARISH EASY WALKS FOR ALL

Nº 1: Langley Mead

Langley Mead is free and open to the public
for enjoyment, recreation and education.
It is located off the B3349 Hyde End Road,
to the south of the village of Shinfield and
to the east of Spencers Wood. There is a public
car park with eight spaces plus a disabled space.
Alternative parking is available at School Green
car park and usually at the tennis court car park
in Millworth Lane (if not reserved for events).

The main paths are suitable for wheelchair
users and pushchairs.

This leaflet shows three easy all-ability
circular walks for local people to enjoy.



New



Carols Round the Tree Service

will be held on 15th December at 4pm
in Shinfield Infant School Hall with
refreshments to follow at
Shinfield View Residential Home

Carols by Candlelight Service (new for
this year) at 7pm on 22nd December at
Shinfield Baptist church



Cinderella will be performed in
Swallowfield Parish Hall on:-

Friday 31st January - 7.30pm,

Saturday 1st February - 2.30pm and 7.30pm,

Wednesday 5th February - 7.30pm,

Friday 7th February - 7.30pm and Saturday 8th February -
2.30pm and 7.30pm

This production is brought to you by arrangement with
Lazy Bee Scripts. **Juliet Devon, Russell Players**

Please Support the Homeless this Christmas

Visit our website for more information on all
Wokingham based Charities and find out how
you can help

[https://shinfieldparish.gov.uk/homeless-
charities/](https://shinfieldparish.gov.uk/homeless-charities/)

Christmas Office Opening Times

24th Dec Closed

27th, 30th & 31st Dec 10-12pm

For all our Committee Dates, visit our website
<https://shinfieldparish.gov.uk/events/>

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