



SPC Newsletter June 2023



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SHINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



The New Shinfield Parish Historical Timeline has been displayed in the School Green Centre

Why not pop in to view this and give us your feedback, were very proud of this.

Sports Working Party

Following the feedback received from the public consultation exercise in January and February this year we have been developing plans for the refurbishment of Millworth Lane and are now in the process of getting these formally costed up. We will be sharing more information in the next few months.

Committee Meetings

Shinfield Parish Council wants to do more to promote arts, culture and events in the parish and has set up a new committee for that purpose. The previous Recreations & Amenities committee will now become the Facilities committee concentrating on the efficient management of our physical assets including School Green Centre, Spencers Wood Pavilion, Manor Pavilion and our allotments. Public attendance at our committee meetings is welcomed and encouraged. If you have any queries about attending or would like to ask a question then contact the Clerk for more information.

The full list of meeting dates for the coming year can be found here www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/committee-meetings/

MANOR PAVILION

We are delighted that the new pavilion situated in Garrett Drive, Shinfield is now open. The result of a partnership between the University of Reading and Shinfield Parish Council, the pavilion will be the new home to Shinfield Cricket Club. During the week the council has secured a long-term hire from a dementia care group. Unfortunately that means at this stage the council is not taking any other bookings for the building.



The sun shone for the formal opening which saw hundreds of residents turn out to witness a game between the cricket club and students from the university. There was even a great article on South Today the following week.

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

UPDATES FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 24th May and is where the Chairman makes a formal report on the events of the previous year.

The full report by the Chairman, Andrew Grimes can be found here www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/committee-meetings/



There will be a Parish Meeting on Thursday 29th June when the council will briefly set out its general plans for the next 4 years. This will be followed immediately by a general knowledge quiz night where the winning team will be able to nominate a local organisation to receive a cash prize of £250 (and of course if an organisation enters a team and wins they can nominate themselves). The recipient could be any organisation which would qualify for the council's main grant award scheme.

Welcome to our new WBC Borough Councillors

Shinfield Parish Council congratulates Borough Councillors Catherine Glover (Shinfield South) and Andrew Gray (Shinfield North) on their success in the May elections. Borough Councillors are specifically invited to SPC Full Council meetings where there is an opportunity for them to provide an update on their activities and to share information between parish and borough.



ANNUAL GRANTS AWARD SCHEME

Previously the Parish Council made a number of grant awards as requests were received during the year but for 2023. We have decided to move to an annual cycle whereby all grant applications will be considered at the same time to allow equal consideration to be given to all applications.

Anyone who has received a grant in the last three years will be contacted directly with more information on how to apply but the awards are open to most organisations and the criteria can be found here www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/your-parish-council/grants/

Green Park Train Station

Chairman, Andrew Grimes and Parish Clerk, Bruce Winton were pleased to be invited to the formal opening of Green Park Train Station on Thursday 25th May. The layout of parish boundaries means that part of the Reading bound platform lies within the Parish of Shinfield.



COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

PUTTING THE PARISH ON THE MAP

There was an interesting article on the School Green Centre in the Observer magazine on 30th April (still available online) and for those of you watching Saturday Kitchen on 2nd June you may have heard Dan Akroyd name check Shinfield Studios.



 [Click Here](#) 

Exciting News!

The School Green Centre has been shortlisted for an AJ Architecture Award 2023 – visits from judges will take place from July–Sept and winners announced in November. For more info visit their [webpage](#)

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Allotment News & Information

Access to Allotments 4 Plots still available!

We have 4 fantastic raised bed allotment plots left to rent at our soon to open site Orchard Rise.

These beds are for those who may not have been able to access allotment due to health or disability. These beds are raised and on a tarmacked area to allow access to wheelchair users and those with poor mobility. The plots are also smaller to make sure they are manageable and the site has a disabled parking bay.



These Plots are first come first serve.

To reserve a plot please email francesca.lane@shinfieldparish.gov.uk and attach pictures of both sides of your valid Wokingham blue badge.



Email Updates For Allotments

If you are currently an allotment holder, please make sure we have your current up to date email address. We have had many instances of information not being passed on due to emails being incorrect. If you think you need to inform us of a change please email: francesca.lane@shinfieldparish.gov.uk

The SAGHA Plant sale in May was a success, lots of people turned out. We will keep you informed about future events.



Shinfield Studios



Shinfield Studios Community Spring Update 2023 spoke about plans to create a public space with a cinema and café. The plans are progressing and a community consultation will open soon. Keep your eye out on their website for updates and further news.

www.shinfieldstudios.com/

[For the full Architects Review click here](#)

WHAT'S ON

Regular Classes at the School Green Centre and Spencers Wood Pavilion		
Hirer	Activity	Day of session
School Green Centre		
Adult sessions		
Bumps and Beyond	Postnatal fitness class	Monday morning
Shinfield Shambles	Morris Dancing	Monday evening (starts again October 2023)
Sally Podzemney	Pregnancy yoga	Tuesday evening
Angela O'Brien	Pilates	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday morning
Zumba Gold Class - Emma Rogers	Zumba Gold Class	Wednesday morning
Shimak London	Dance Class (Bollywood)	Wednesday evening
ELS Fitness	Fitness - Zumba	Wednesday evening
Activate Training and Sports Therapy	Pilates and Lattes	Wednesday evenings & Thursday morning
West Coast Swing Reading	Dance Class	Thursday evening
Food for all UK	Community	Saturday evening
Shinfield History Group	Education	2nd Tuesday of each month
Pound Green Womens Institute (WI)	Meeting	3rd Wednesday of each month
Age UK	Dementia Café	Monthly
Younger people		
Worker Bees	Activities	Monday morning
Starlet Dance	Dance	Monday evening
Baby Sense & Toddler Sense	Mother & baby	Tuesday morning
Flexx Gymnastics	Fitness	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon
Libby Putney Strictly Street	Dance	Wednesday morning & Friday afternoon
Shimak London	Dance Class (Bollywood)	Wednesday evening
Diddi Dance	Dance	Thursday morning
Bloom Toddler Classes	Mother & baby	Friday morning
Moon Tuition	Education	Saturday morning
Kaizen Shotokan, Karate Academy	Karate	Saturday morning
SLA Education	Education	Saturday morning/afternoon & Wednesday evening
Tutu Olonko	Education	Sunday morning
Spencers Wood Pavilion		
Adult sessions		
Senior Citizens Coffee morning - Shinfield Volunteers Group	Community	Thursday Morning
Spencers Wood History Group	Education	3rd Tuesday of the month
Younger people		
Dance Sensation	Dance	Tuesday & Thursday afternoon & evening
Youth Club	Community	Wednesday evening
Diddi Dance	Dance	Friday afternoon
Visit www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk for more information and how to book on the classes		

Want to try Fishing for FREE ?

[Reading & District Angling Association](#) (Free Fishing Lessons by trained coaches)

15th July 2023 at 10:00 am

Venue: Cottage Lane (near Mere oak Park and Ride), Burghfield, Pingewood, Reading

For more information or to register your interest please contact info@rdaa.co.uk

[For more details of What's On in Shinfield click here](#)

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