

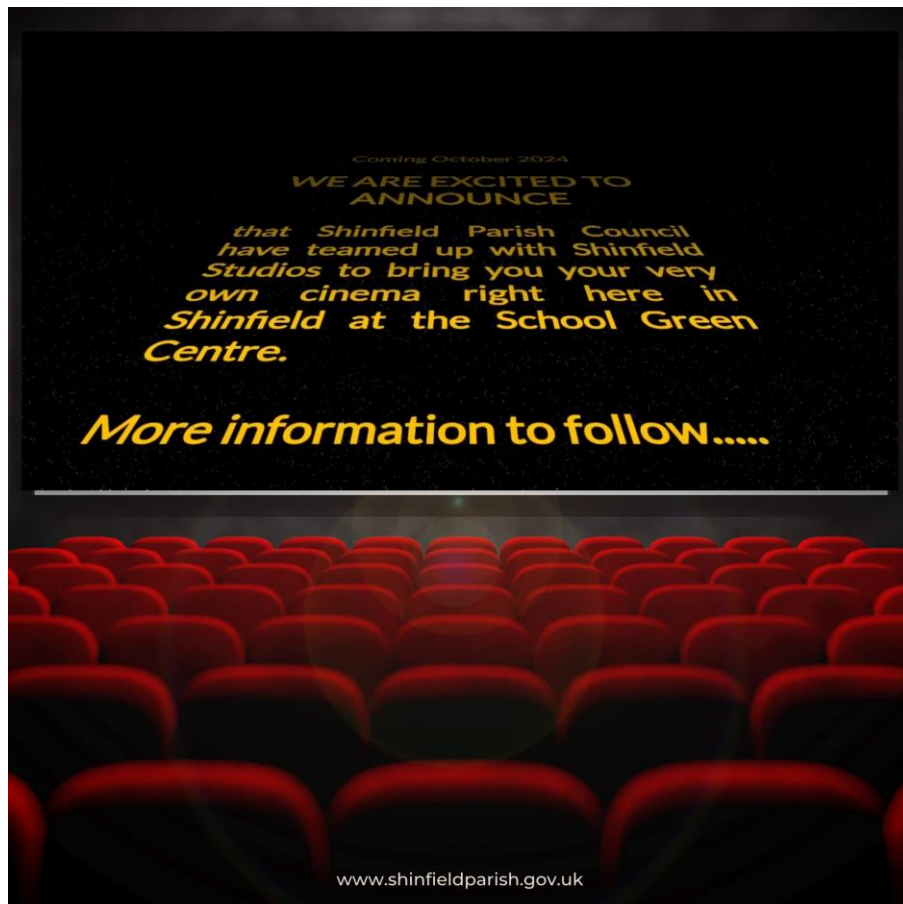
Shinfield Parish Council Newsletter

June 2024

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We are extremely excited to announce...

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SOON...



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If you can't view this video, please visit [Shinfield Cinema - Shinfield Parish Council](#)



Shinfield Art Showcase 2025 - Calling all local artists



We are holding the first ever Shinfield Parish Art Exhibition '*Shinfield Art Showcase*' in Feb half-term 2025 and we'd love to display lots of local artists work.

To express your interest visit [Shinfield Art Showcase 2025 - Shinfield Parish Council](https://www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/shinfield-art-showcase)

Thank you to all those who have already expressed an interest, we are delighted that we already have such a diverse range of artists and we hope lots more of you will join us as there is plenty of room for everyone.

Crumbs Grand Opening 4th May 2024

Crumbs Cafe at the School Green Centre opened its doors at 8:30am on Saturday 4th May 2024

It was so *amazing* to see so many of our community turn out to support our new cafe operators and and join in with the fun activities Crumbs had laid on. They also wanted to support a local charity by doing a raffle to raise money and the Shinfield Voluntary Car Service was chosen - see picture for more info.



**Raffle raised an
amazing £154.50 for
Shinfield Voluntary
Car Service**





Last week (Tuesday 28th May) Crumbs were visited by Wokingham Borough Councils' Food Standards Agency and at no surprise to us, they were awarded a **5 Star food hygiene rating!**

To view their menu and opening times visit [Crumbs Café](#)

Parish Meeting & Quiz Night 29th May

On Wednesday 29th May, the Chair of Shinfield Parish Council, Andrew Grimes, welcomed the public to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Andrew set out what the parish council has been up to in the last year including the introduction of Friday Fundays, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and the re-tendering of the School Green Centre café (with Crumbs Coffee being appointed). Most recently, the School Green Centre has received two RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) awards for the South region and will soon be judged for the national awards.

Looking to the future, Andrew covered in more detail the planned Shinfield Cinema, the new High Copse pavilion and the plans for the refurbishment of Millworth Lane Recreation Ground. There will be an Art Exhibition based in School Green Centre in February 2025 and so far over 20 potential artists have expressed an interest in displaying their works.

Following the presentation there was an opportunity for refreshments before the start of a closely fought quiz. The winners for the second year were Shinfield Players Theatre who received a £250 prize in support of their plans for their building.

Link to presentation in PDF format [Annual Parish Meeting – Shinfield Parish Council](#)



Lidl on 'target' for Winter 2024 opening



Are you a Shinfield Parish Volunteer or do you recruit Volunteers?



SHINFIELD PARISH VOLUNTEERS

info@shinfieldparish.gov.uk

We are in the process of updating our volunteering database and want to make sure we don't miss anyone. If you are a volunteer or a charity or community group that recruits volunteers within our Parish, please let us know info@shinfieldparish.gov.uk - we just need the name of the charity etc and a contact method. This information will help with planning future events and invitations. *Thank you in advance.*

Annual Council Meeting

The Annual Council Meeting was held on 22nd May 2024 and the following was unanimously agreed.

- **Parish Councillor Andrew Grimes was re-elected as Chair of Shinfield Parish Council**
- **Parish Councillor Laurence James and Parish Councillor Nadine Masseron were elected as Vice Chairs of Shinfield Parish Council**

The full council also reviewed our risk register and agreed 2025/26 committee meeting schedule.

To view the agenda and supporting documentation visit [Annual Council Meeting – Shinfield Parish Council](#) and the draft minutes will be available soon.

Millworth Lane Recreation Ground



You are invited to attend an update meeting regarding the proposed sports provisions at Millworth Recreation Ground on Saturday 15th June 2024 at 10am, School Green Centre, Shinfield, RG2 9EH

This meeting is to feedback after the consultation last year and show plans of the revised proposals for the new sports provisions - so we need anyone who is interested in this project to attend. If you can't attend, we will update our website with this information after the meeting.

Shinfield 10K 2024 - another impressive turnout despite the weather







A message from the Race Director, Colin Cottell of Reading Roadrunners

The traditional damp Bank Holiday weather failed to dampen spirits as almost 1,000 runners of all abilities and ages took part in the annual Shinfield 10k and Junior Cross Country Races held on 6 May.

In the 10k almost 700 runners enjoyed the support of hundreds of local people as they made their way long the route before returning to the finish at School Green. Residents from Shinfield View Care Home were among those who cheered on the runners. There was a large contingent of runners from local running clubs, including Reading Joggers, Reading Athletics Club and Shinfield Running Club, as well as host club Reading Roadrunners.

Despite having the worst of the weather there were 262 finishers in the Junior Cross Country Races, a record number.

After running the 10k many parents made the short walk to Langley Mead, where they were able to cheer on their kids in the Junior Races.

Both the brand new cafe in the School Green Centre and Reading Roadrunners' Refreshment Tent on the Green did brisk business.

Shinfield once again received great support from local businesses and community groups. Honeysuckle Day Nursery, which is located on Church Lane was this year's main sponsor. Alexandra Rourke from Honeysuckle presented the 10k prizes. There was additional sponsorship from Beard and Bloor Homes. Shinfield Scouts provided the 10k water station, Volker Highways the barriers, and Wood Group free parking. Shinfield Infant and Nursery School, Shinfield Parish Council and Reading University allowed access to their property and use of their facilities. The event was organised by Reading Roadrunners, with any surplus due to go to local charities, which this year includes Shinfield Adult School Trust. 2025 will be the 40th anniversary of the original Shinfield Fun, so put 5 May in your diaries, as next year promises to be a very special occasion and one you won't want to miss.

link to the drone footage <https://youtu.be/9-zOkP4BxwU?si=U02VFWClpM68WGU7>

Shinfield Volunteer Group Footpath Report - April/May 2024



With very little to report for April we held it over for a combined report with May.

With the expected drier weather in April we were able to use our spare road shavings to improve a couple of areas along footpath 18 and Reading 13. We removed a piece of tree root that must have been transported to footpath 13 when we raised the surface. This had worked its way to the surface as the path settled and was a small trip hazard. We dug that out and used some of our spare material to fill in the hole. Finally on this circular route we cut an old dead tree that was protruding over the fence. In early May, Reading Borough Council cut the surface of footpath 13 as they promised they would. This mainly rural circular walk is becoming popular as it can be started at the small car park at the bottom of Hyde End Lane with the walk going along the bottom of the Ridge Sang and then crossing Church Lane along footpath 18 and the well mentioned Reading footpath 13 to return to the start along the Simon Brooke cycleway. If all this information and footpath numbers appear baffling I can recommend you navigate to the Shinfield Parish Footpath Map and it will all make sense? The notice boards dotted around the parish will have the same detail. The SVG and Loddon Valley Rambler members who helped with the project to rescue this walk over the last couple of years are justifiably proud of this achievement and hope that moderate use will help to keep it clear of obstructions.

We reinstalled a kissing gate at the junction of footpaths 3 and 4 at the rear of Shinfield Grange. This became necessary due to footpath 3 being officially diverted at its southern end.

Moving into May, we reported to WBC some rotten planks on the footbridge along footpath 18 up near the motorway. We initially thought we would suggest to WBC that Loddon Valley Ramblers would provide the labour if WBC provided the timber. We then realised they have a full list of jobs agreed with Wokingham elsewhere in the borough so thought we would leave it to the countryside rangers.

Three members of the group picked up on the work already done to rewrite the Shinfield Parish Walks for a web based version. We are pleased to say that walks 3, 4, 5 and 6 are now available on the Shinfield Parish website. Walks one and two will be done when construction work is completed.

We reinstalled a second kissing gate on footpath 3 at the Cutbush Lane East end. This had previously been installed further along the footpath and is now in a more suitable position.

Following yet more complaints about the condition of Woodcock Lane (Byway 25) we asked Loddon Valley Ramblers to raise the issue with WBC. There is little to report regarding a solution for this ongoing problem.

We were able to remove some stinging nettles at the Hyde End Lane end of footpath 16. This must have pleased the students going to Oakbank.

Footpath 7 is closed until mid June and we will report on that with our next bulletin.

Footpath 20 is finally being finished to something like the multi use route we were promised 12 years ago. The photo attached is the newly created access point at Hyde End lane.

Footpath 4 passing the Shinfield grange is still not accessible until a date in July. Walkers have to use footpath 3 to join 4 if they wish to proceed towards Arborfield.

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers to join us for footpath monitoring and foliage clearance so please contact us if you can spare a little time. We are contactable on our details below should you encounter anything that you feel needs reporting.

Ray Sharp on ramblerray@gmail.com or 07761 251217

Elaine on 0118 988 2771

WBC Press release: Get ready for the general election on Thursday 4 July

[get ready for the general election on thursday 4 july](#)

The general election will take place on Thursday 4 July and polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm.

[Following changes to parliament constituency boundaries](#), all residents in Wokingham Borough now fall into one of two areas for electing local Members of Parliament:

- Earley and Woodley
- Wokingham

Residents can [view a map of current and new boundaries](#) on the House of Commons library. They can also check their Parliamentary constituency by putting in their postcode into the [Electoral Commission's upcoming elections checker](#).

Candidates for each constituency will be published by 5pm on Friday 7 June.

There have been a number of significant changes introduced to elections and the voting process in the last year. And with only a month to go until the general election, Wokingham Borough Council is urging residents to make sure they are prepared and to take action now to ensure they can have their say.

Anyone wishing to vote in the general election needs to be [registered to vote](#). The deadline to register is 11.59pm on Tuesday 18 June and it takes just five minutes to do.

Those wishing to register will be asked for their national insurance number, but you can still register even if you don't have one. You normally only need to register once – not for every election. However, you need to register again if you have changed your name, address or nationality.

It is important to remember that all residents will need to [bring suitable photo ID](#) in order to vote. Although photo ID was introduced in 2023, not everyone has voted in local elections since then and for many people this will be the first time they have needed to bring it to vote at a polling station.

Accepted forms of ID include a passport, full or provisional driving licence and blue badge. A [full list of accepted ID](#) is available on the Electoral Commission's website.

If you don't have ID you can [apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate](#). If you applied before, you do not need to apply again this year. The deadline to apply for the general election is 5pm on Wednesday 26 June.

Expired ID will be accepted, as long as you still look like the photograph on the document. If you turn up without suitable photo ID, you will not be issued with a ballot paper. Bringing your poll card alone will not entitle you to vote. All voters will be asked to show their ID before they are issued with their ballot paper.

Absent voting and recent changes

[Absent voting](#) allows you to vote in an election by post or by proxy if you are unable to vote in person at the polling station on the day. For example, you may be unable to vote in person if you are at work, on holiday or have a medical condition or disability that makes it difficult. It is now possible to apply for a [postal](#) or a [proxy](#) vote online.

For anyone who is registered to vote and wishes to vote by post, or to cancel or amend a postal or proxy vote, they have until 5pm on Wednesday 19 June. The deadline for to apply for a proxy vote is 5pm on Wednesday 26 June.

There have been recent [changes to postal and proxy voting](#) that will be in place for the general election:

- You need to prove your identity when applying to vote by post and by proxy
- There are changes to how many people someone can act as a proxy for
- You need to reapply for a postal vote every three years (previously five years)

If you are a postal voter, once received, you should complete and return your ballot paper pack as soon as possible using a Royal Mail post box.

If you miss the post, you can hand it in at the Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham (during office hours) or your polling station on election day. Choosing to hand in your postal vote will mean that you must complete an additional form with an authorised member of our staff. If you do not, your postal vote will be rejected.

Key dates to remember

- [Register to vote](#) by 11.59pm on Tuesday 18 June
- [Apply for a postal vote](#) by 5pm on Wednesday 19 June
- [Apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate](#) and [apply for a proxy vote](#) by 5pm on Wednesday 26 June
- Polling day – 7am to 10pm on Thursday 4 July
- Verification and count – Thursday 4 July (from 10pm overnight)

Voters will receive a poll card in the post prior to the election. Residents are advised to read their poll card carefully, as it will tell them where to vote on Thursday 4 July and remind them to bring photo ID.

Anonymous voting

If you are concerned that your safety would be at risk if your name or address were listed on the electoral register, you can register to vote anonymously by downloading and completing an application form from the [Electoral Commission website](#).

Due to the [new requirement to bring photo ID](#) to vote at a polling station, residents who register to vote anonymously, or who plan to register to vote anonymously, will also need to apply for an [anonymous elector's document](#) (AED).

Anonymous registrations only last for one year, so you must ensure you apply every year to ensure you don't lose your vote.

The deadline to register to vote anonymously is 11.59pm on Tuesday 18 June. Applications for an AED must be submitted before 5pm on Wednesday 26 June and this will need to be brought to the polling station. This means you do not need to show an additional form of photo ID when voting.

Extended 50% off bookings at Spencers Wood Pavilion



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Help shape the future of Wokingham Borough by participating in the Draft Community Vision Consultation



✨ Your Voice Matters! ✨

Take the survey now to share your ideas and priorities for our community's growth and development. Together, we can build a brighter future for all residents ❤️

More [→ https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/give-us-your-views-on-our-draft-community-vision](https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/give-us-your-views-on-our-draft-community-vision)

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Adult Education in Wokingham

Visit [Adult Education Courses \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com)

TVP bike marking event at the School Green Centre 19th June

The poster features a blue background with a large diagonal blue shape. At the top left are the logos for Thames Valley Police and British Transport Police. The main title 'BIKE MARKING EVENT' is in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the title, a blue box contains the date '19/06/2024' and another blue box contains the time '14:30pm-16:30pm'. Below the title, a paragraph of text describes the event. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of two cyclists riding a road bike. In the bottom right corner, a blue box contains the location 'School Green Centre, Shinfield'.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE **BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE**

BIKE MARKING EVENT

19/06/2024

14:30pm-16:30pm

BTP and Wokingham NHPT have teamed up to offer cycle security advice along with security marking and registration onto BikeRegister's online database. We will also have **Dr Bike** on hand to check your bike's safety.

School Green Centre, Shinfield

What's on in the Parish, School Green Centre & Spencers Wood Pavilion

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
Sally Podzemney	Pregnancy yoga	Tuesday evening
Angela O'Brien	Pilates* / Ballet**	Tuesday*, Wednesday*, Thursday* & Friday** morning
Jonathan Newey Fine Art	Art Class	Tuesday evening (Next session starting 23.04.24)
Shinfield History Group	Education	2nd Tuesday of each month
Zumba Gold Class - Emma Rogers	Zumba Gold Class	Wednesday morning
Pound Green Shinfield WI	Meeting	3rd Wednesday of each month
Activate Training and Sports Therapy	Pilates and Lattes	Wednesday evenings & Thursday morning
West Coast Swing Reading	Dance Class	Thursday evening
Titantium Pilates	Pilates	Thursday evening
Mindfulness in Reading	Health	Friday morning / afternoon
Micka's Training	Fitness Class	Friday evening
Food for all UK	Community	Saturday evening
Shiamak London	Dance Class (Bollywood)	Sunday morning and afternoon
Age UK	Dementia Café	Monthly
Shinfield Baby Group	Parent(s) and babies	Friday morning
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
The Hang out at Shinfield	Youth Club	Wednesday evening
Diddi Dance	Dance	Thursday morning
First Impressions Theatre	Theatre	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evening (Term time only)
Rangers	Girl Guides	Thursday evening
Bloom Toddler Classes	Mother & baby	Friday morning
School Green Baby & Toddler Group	Mother & child	Friday morning
Libby Putney Strictly Street	Dance	Friday afternoon (Term time only)
Nrtyashetra	Dance	Friday afternoon
Shimak London	Dance Class (Bollywood)	Sunday morning (Term time only)
Moon Tuition	Education	Saturday & Sunday morning/afternoon
S-Cube Shinfield	Education	Wednesday evening & Saturday morning
Music School	Music	Saturday morning
SLA First Class Learning	Education	Saturday afternoon
Tutu Oloko	Education	Sunday morning
Nemesis Martial Art	Martial Art	Saturday morning
Spencers Wood Pavilion		
Adult sessions		
ELS Fitness	Fitness - Zumba	Wednesday evening
Senior Citizens Coffee morning - Shinfield Volunteers Group	Community	Thursday morning
Spencers Wood History Group	Education	3rd Tuesday of the month
Berkshire Wellness Circle	Drumming	Saturday morning
Younger people		
Dance Sensation	Dance	Tuesday & Thursday afternoon & evening
Diddi Dance	Dance	Friday afternoon
Spencers Wood Recreation Ground		
Pizzatron	Pizza	Thursday evenings (16:00 - 20:00)
Fitness Bootcamp	Adults	Sunday morning (restarts in Spring)
For further details relating to these sessions please visit www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk		



D-day 80th Anniversary celebration

Early bird:
£20 family ticket (2 adults,
2 children under 18)
Children (3-17) /
Concessions (65+) £5
Adults (18+) £7.50
Children under 3 years –
Free

Saturday 8th June
12-11pm

On the gate:
£22 family ticket (2 adults,
2 children under 18)
Children (3-17) /
Concessions (65+) £6
Adults (18+) £8.50
Children under 3 years –
Free

scan QR code to book



Food and drink
Live Music
local business stalls
play area
bouncy castle
games
crafts



Swallowfield Church

Fete

SATURDAY 8th JUNE

2.00pm to 5.00pm

Swallowfield RG7 1QX

Stalls - Children's Activities - Teas

FREE BIKE CHECKS
SATURDAY, 29 JUNE BETWEEN 1PM TO 4PM
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH FETE, SCHOOL GREEN
SHINFIELD, RG2 9EE



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Wokingham Bikeathon

Sunday 23rd June 2024

Event Hub: Cantley Park
Twyford Road, Wokingham, RG40 5TU



Refreshments
on route



Family
friendly



Sustainable
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Register now!

Adults £20 • Children £5 (ages 12-17)
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4 routes to choose from:

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⌚ 60-90 minutes

Intermediate



Quietest route recommended for families
⌚ 120-160 minutes

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More experienced riders
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Extra Long



More experienced riders
⌚ 180-240 minutes

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See you there!

www.wokinghambikeathon.co.uk



Join us for
our next
event

**Parsons Grange care home,
Shinfield**

**Adjusting to a diagnosis
of dementia**

**Thursday 13th June 2024
2pm - 4pm**

Join us to hear dementia specialist Barbara Stephens, Co-Founder and CEO of Dementia Pathfinders, share insights into how your journey with dementia might unfold following a diagnosis and offer advice on how to live positively with dementia, while making emotional and practical adjustments along the way.

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Have you ever considered joining the WI and maybe then thought it wouldn't be for me?

Come to an Open Meeting and find out more!

Wednesday June 19th at 7:45pm

**Pound Green Shinfield WI
at the School Green Centre, Shinfield**

Free Entry

Join us for an evening of fun / enjoy a glass of wine / refreshments

Come and see us - everyone welcome!

For information contact Ange on 07775169784

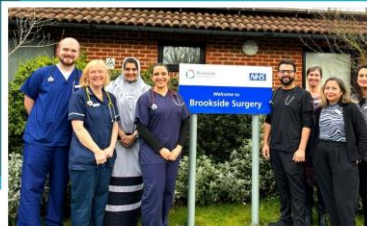


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FRENCH OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

FREE TENNIS FOR ADULTS AND JUNIORS
TEST OUT OUR NEW COURTS AT SHINFIELD TENNIS CLUB
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ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME
BEGINNERS
INTERMEDIATE
MATCHPLAYERS

9:30 - 11:30	FAMILY FUN	SPARE RACKETS AVAILABLE
10:30 - 11:15	CARDIO TENNIS	
11:30 - 12:30	FAMILY DOUBLES	
12:30 - 4:00	MEMBERS TOURNAMENT	




Swimming classes for bumps,
babies and beyond

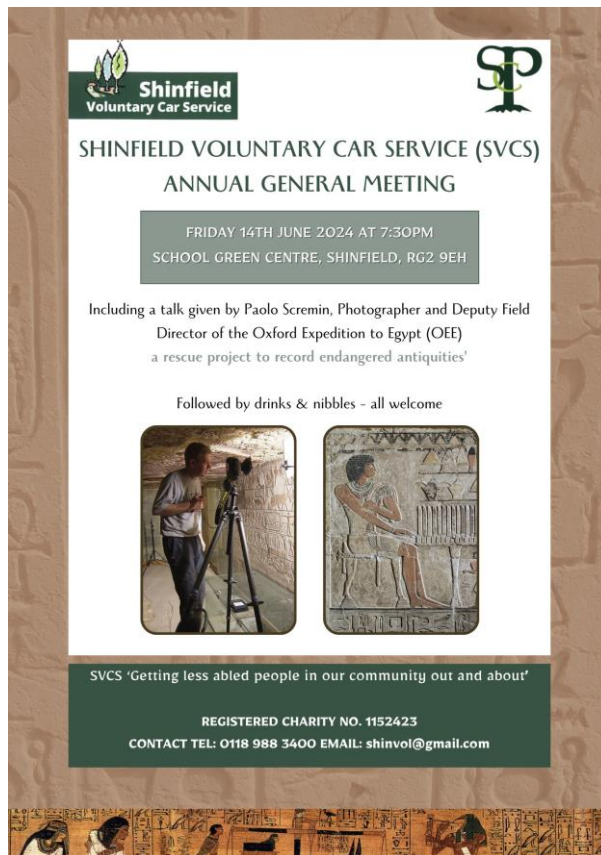
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Other What's On in the Parish

Grazeley Village Hall visit www.grazeleyvillagehall.org.uk/whats-on

Spencers Wood Village Hall visit <https://spencerswoodvillagehall.co.uk/regular-activities/>

For more information on **what's on** locally visit [What's On and Events Calendar - Shinfield Parish Council](#)



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