



Shinfield Parish Council Newsletter

December 2024

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Christmas 2024
School Green Centre
Opening Times

December

Monday 23rd
9am-5pm

Tuesday 24th
9am-1pm

Friday 27th
9am-4pm

Saturday 28th
9am-5pm

Sunday 29th
10am-4pm

Monday 30th
9am-4pm

Tuesday 31st
9am-4pm

Closed 25th, 26th December & 1st January

Back to normal hours from Thursday 2nd January 2025

Book your Shinfield Cinema tickets for Decembers showings

**SHINFIELD
CINEMA**

Book your tickets for
Friday 13th December 2024

Elf (PG) at 4pm

The Holdovers (15) at 7:30pm

 scan the qr code or visit
www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/shinfield-cinema

School Green Centre, Shinfield, RG2 9EH

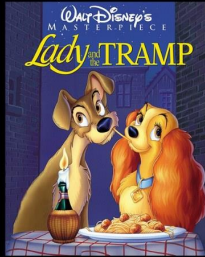
Visit www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/shinfield-cinema for more information on how to book and all the showings throughout December or visit the ticketing website directly [Shinfield Cinema - Shinfield Parish Council](#)

Film Schedule Jan-Feb 2025 - tickets will be available to book soon

SHINFIELD CINEMA

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Date	4pm	7.30pm
3rd Jan - no showings		
10th Jan	Toy Story (PG)	Splash (PG)
17th Jan	Sing (U)	Barbie (12)
24th Jan	Brave (PG)	Sunshine on the Leith (PG)
31st Jan	Harry Potter (PG)	No Showing
07th Feb	Beauty & the Beast (PG)	Deadpool & Wolverine (15)
14th Feb	Lady & the Tramp (U)	Loving Vincent (12)
21st no showings due to Shinfield Art Showcase		
28th Feb	Moana (U)	TBC

Shinfield Cinema replaces Friday Funday on 20th December



Instead of the usual Friday Funday and Baby & Toddler Group, we are offering free cinema tickets for **sing along Frozen**.

10.30am showing is now fully booked, so we have laid on an extra showing at 12.30pm which we still have a few remaining tickets for.

To book on a first come first serve basis, please email info@shinfieldparish.gov.uk

Shinfield's 2nd Festive Fayre at the School Green Centre



****Sing along and light switch on 5.45-6pm - School Green, Shinfield**

Lidl Opening 5th December & opening times



Save like a hero

£

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Download Lidl Plus and make epic savings today

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Come say hi!

Shinfield, Hollow Lane, RG2 9DY
 Opening Hours: Mon - Friday: 08.00 - 22.00,
 Sat: 07.00 - 22.00, Sun 10.00 - 17.00

Facebook: /LIDLGB Twitter: @LIDLGB Instagram: @LIDLGB

Customer Services: lidl.co.uk/contact or call 0800 977 7760 Contact us Monday - Saturday 9am - 8pm, Sunday 9am - 5pm

Prices correct at time of going to print. Valid for a limited period only. All food prices are saving suggestions only. Offers available in selected stores only and subject to availability, excluding limited range items. Lidl UK & Ireland are not responsible for quality, packaging, sizes, measurements, colours and weights may vary. Your rights depending on your local charitable entity's practice. Exceptions may apply in local markets.

Reading Family Aid: Toys & Teens Appeal 2024



Registered Charity No. 1022144



Reading Family Aid's Toys and Teens

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL 2024

PLEASE DONATE NEW AND 'AS NEW' GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-16

These will be given to disadvantaged children in Reading who otherwise may not receive a gift this Christmas.

Donate funds to the appeal via our GoFundMe: 

Bring your gift donations to one of our donation points.

Donation point information: 

Final date for donations: **Saturday 7 December**

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/christmas-toys-and-teens-appeal-2024>

See our website for more information and the full list of donation points:
www.readingfamilyaid.org

✉ info@readingfamilyaid.org ☎ 07930 033413

Thank you to our sponsors:



Shinfield Parish Community, your generosity this year has been exceptional and will help make Christmas more special for the children and young adults receiving the gifts - we can't thank you enough.

You can travel by bus for FREE this winter



Every Saturday from 15 November to 21 December anyone boarding a bus in the borough won't have to pay.

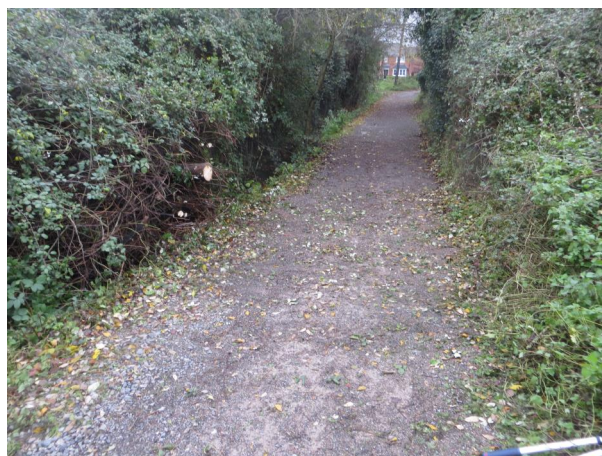
See all routes at www.wokingham.gov.uk/news/2024/travel-free-winter

Disabled residents are now able to travel on ALL local bus services for FREE at any time



It will help more than 2,000 residents with changes made in response to feedback from disabled residents and their carers. All time restrictions have been removed from the disabled bus pass and disabled plus companion bus pass, starting from yesterday (1 December).

Shinfield Volunteer Group to the rescue





Big thank you to Ray and Team at The Shinfield Volunteer Group who monitor and maintain our parish footpaths - they promptly cleared a fallen tree from footpath 20 in Ryeish Green after the recent storm. Also, thank you to our residents who reported this so promptly.

If you spot any other issues, please contact Elaine on 0118 988 2771

Shinfield Community Orchard - how wonderful

Posted by [Freely Fruity](#)

We started work on our latest community orchard in Shinfield today. We were joined by the amazing eco team from [Shinfield St Mary's CE Junior School](#). The planting is a joint project between [University of Reading](#), [Shinfield Parish Council](#) and funded by Beard. Lots more free fruit for residents of the local area.

Posted by [Shinfield St Marys Junior School](#)

Today, our school's Tree Champions and Ecology Deputies started work on a community orchard. They're very used to planting trees on the school site (we've planted 5,000 so far) but this is our first off site project. Our tree champions receive training from the Young Tree Champions program. This is a free service run by the [The Tree Council](#) education department. The trees were donated by [Freely Fruity](#) in partnership with [University of Reading](#), [Shinfield Parish Council](#) and Beard. The trees will provide free fruit to local residents for years to come.



Repair Cafe at Lambs Lane Primary School started a free 'build your own birdbox' project back in February

As you may know the Repair Cafe at Lambs Lane Primary School started a free 'build your own birdbox' project for children back in February 2024.

The plan was to use donated wood offcuts to create birdbox kits using RSPB templates. We have an enthusiastic team of volunteer wood cutters to cut the wood. Children between the ages of 7 to 12 build their own birdboxes with hammers and nails and can take the boxes home. We wanted to engage young people with the repair ethos and help our bird population at the same time

This has been a successful project, we have run 20 workshops, 3 shows and we are getting close to creating 500 birdboxes.

The project involved a lot of movement of planks of wood and birdbox kits which were very heavy and travelling between several locations and using a number of garages to store the wood and kits.

We are excited to announce we have been offered the use of the Old Barn at Pudding Lane Nursery, Arborfield. We can have wood delivered to site, have wood cutting sessions to create the kits and run our workshops from a single location. This will obviously take a lot of heavy lifting out of our efforts and streamline the project.

In addition to building birdboxes we are planning to extend our range to bug hotels, bat boxes, hedgehog boxes and owl boxes.

We are taking a few weeks preparing our new center and from February we are will be running our birdbox workshops from the Eco Skills Learning Center at Pudding Lane Nursery Arborfield.

We have had a lot of interest in our workshops. They workshops are free but we will accept a small donation to cover heating and insurance costs.

Please contact billie@spencerswoodrepaircafe.co.uk or on 07718 679827 if you can help with any of the following.

A second-hand projector

6 tables and 30 chairs for the classroom

Heaters

Wood. 15mm thick 150 mm wide.

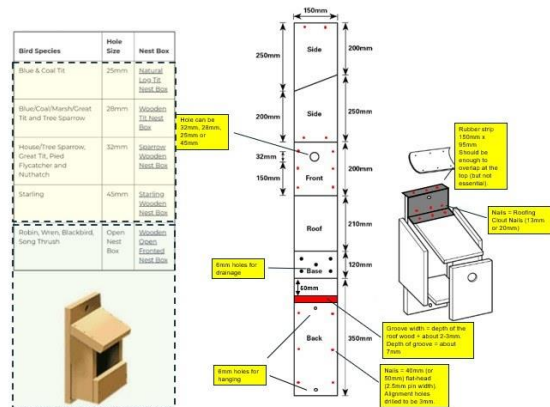
Sponsorship/grants to support the project.

40 mm length 3mm head galvanised nails or 50mm screws.

Small hand- held drills

Volunteer to help cut wood or run the workshops.

The Repair Cafe at Lambs Lane Primary School Spencers Wood is open the 3rd Sunday of the Month 10am to 1pm. The dates for the next 4 months are 15th December 2024 and 19th January, 16th February and 16th March 2025.





Shinfield By-Election Thursday 5th December 2024

You can vote at the School Green Centre and Shinfield Players Theatre.

Don't forget to bring photo ID with you: Following national changes to elections and voting, residents are also required to bring suitable photo ID when they vote. Accepted forms of ID include:

- Passport
- Full or provisional driving licence
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card Identity card with Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) mark Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card Certain national identity cards Expired ID will also be accepted as long as the photograph on the document still resembles a likeness of the elector.

A full list of accepted forms of ID is available on the [Electoral Commission's website](#), along with more information about how to apply.

More information about the By-Election can be found here [By-election called for Shinfield Ward | Wokingham](#)

What's on in the Parish



Posted by Shinfield View Care Home, School Green

Spreading Christmas cheer to one and all!

It's our annual Christmas lunch that we host for older people living in our community who don't have many people around them to share this special time of year with.

If you are one of those people or know someone that would enjoy some festivities then please call us now and book on, our number is: 01184674727

There's always a place at our table.

Become a volunteer.
Transform an older person's life.



The Link Visiting Scheme is looking for volunteers to give some of their time every week to make isolated older people in their community feel connected and valued.

Our volunteers make cherished relationships and bring companionship and joy to those struggling with loneliness in Wokingham Borough. If you would like to make a difference, please request a volunteer pack!

Website: linkvisiting.org
Social: [@linkvisiting](https://www.facebook.com/linkvisiting)
Office: 0118 979 8019



the Link
visiting scheme



Share Shinfield

Every Monday 12.30 -1.30pm
Plentiful surplus food available
(Fruit, veg, bread, bakery,
fridge/freezer items)
plus free café




@Shinfield Community Church
1 Fairmead road, RG2 9DL
£1 donation
[www.facebook.com/
helpinghandshinfield](http://www.facebook.com/helpinghandshinfield) for more
details

caring more, wasting less



Voluntary Driver wanted to join our friendly team



**Do you have around
4 Hours a week to share?**

**Help bring clients to and from
their Medical Appointments**

- Use your own car with expenses paid
- Choose when and where you drive

Rewarding role – Local charity – Training given

Interested? Simply leave your Name & Number
for our Manager to get back to you



**Shinfield
Voluntary Car Service**

**Office: 0118 9883400
shinvol@gmail.com**

Registered Charity No. 1152423





Free Adult Education courses in December 2024

2 DEC	Century Maths for the Workplace Online training via Zoom 7pm - 8pm
3 DEC	Introduction to Reception and KS1 Maths 9:30 - 12:30 The Cornerstones
3 DEC	Century Maths for ESOL Online training 7pm - 8pm
4 DEC	Century Help with your Maths Online training 7pm - 8pm
5 DEC	Fun with Time School Green Shinfield 9:30 - 11:30
5 DEC	Mixing up Maths Earley Crescent Centre 9:30 - 11:30
9 DEC	Excel at Budgeting Wokingham Library 10:00 - 12 noon
10 DEC	Introduction to KS2 maths Earley Crescent Centre 9:30 - 12:30

IF YOU FANCY ANY OF THESE FANTASTIC COURSE PLEASE CALL 01189 743797 TO APPLY



**‘Something for Everyone’:
The Shinfield Eisteddfod and Festival,
1951 to 1992**

A collage of various items related to the Shinfield Eisteddfod and Festival. It includes several trophies, a framed certificate with a large 'S' and 'F', a small Christmas tree, a piggy bank, and other festive decorations.

**A talk by George Taylor
on Tuesday 10 December at 19:45
at the School Green Centre, Shinfield**



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating the true reason
for the season with a special service
featuring carols, a Christmas
message, kids' crafts, and a festive
lunch to follow.

SUNDAY

15
DEC

10.30 AM

Grazeley Village Hall - RG7 1LD
www.brighthope.church

BRIGHT HOPE ✦

FREE
EVENT



Josimah Baby Bank
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Introducing
Josimah Baby Bank
We support families in need
by supplying essential items
for children under 5

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such as:

- Royal Berkshire Hospital
- Helping Hands
- Shinfield Community Church
- Local Councils, GPs, health providers
- And lots more!

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www.josimahbabybank.org

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



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