

Shinfield Parish Council Newsletter

January 2025

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Shinfield Art Showcase 2025 (Feb half term week)

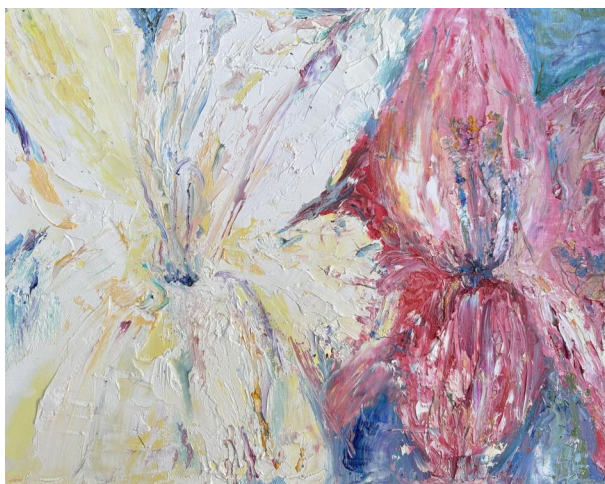
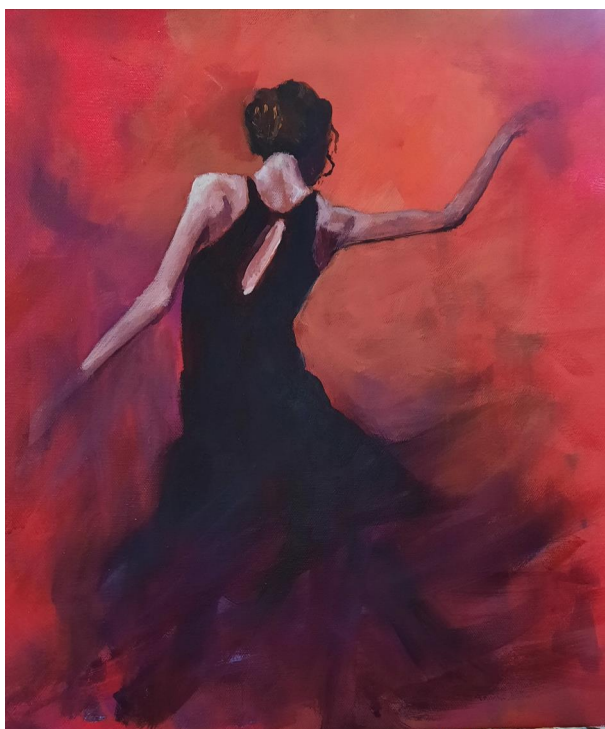


Shinfield Art Showcase (Shinfields first art exhibition)

From 15th - 20th February there will be workshops and activities - more information to follow.

- The exhibition itself will be open to the public, (**FREE admission, everyone welcome**) from Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd February. (Friday/Saturday 10-8pm and Sunday 10-4pm). We have over 60 local artists who wish to display their work, some of which will be available for sale - some examples of their work below.

This event is also supporting the Shinfield Parish Public Art Fund.





If you're an **artist** and you wish to take part, it isn't too late, you have up until the 31st January to register and pay your fee - please visit [Shinfield Art Showcase Feb 2025 - Shinfield Parish Council](#) for more information and how to officially sign up.

Friday Fun-Day



Crafting with Crumbs

Come join us for a 50 minute session featuring art and Craft activities – perfect for keeping the kids entertained during Feb half-term

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST – SLOTS AVAILABLE FROM 9AM – 3PM

Includes a kids drink and a small cake

Please arrive 5 mins before the start of your session and sign in at Crumbs Coffee Shop – Booking Essential



This event is being held
in conjunction with SPC
as part of the Art
Exhibition



Also as the Shinfield Showcase falls within half-term and we cannot do the usual Friday Funday activities, Crumbs have laid on 'Crafting with Crumbs' it's £3 per child with a 25p booking fee. Scan the QR to book.

Shinfield Parish Council Committee Meetings - GET INVOLVED

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Shinfield Parish Council (SPC) would like to welcome you to become more involved in the activities of the parish by giving us feedback, asking questions and making suggestions.

Often local councils are seen as 'Vicar of Dibley' organisations, and although this TV series can be extremely comical this is not how we operate.

The 'Full Council' (SPC has 15 councillors representing the various areas of the parish) meets on a monthly basis and the first item on the agenda is for 'public questions'.

All meetings are open to the public. It is not necessary to inform us if you are coming, however, it can be helpful to know of any questions in advance of the meeting so the necessary research can be carried out to enable as full a response as possible. In July and August, we had over 50 members of the public at each meeting to raise concerns over school transport and to have an opportunity to hear directly from Wokingham Borough Council's lead for Education and Children's Services.

The next round of elections for Shinfield Parish Councillors is in 2027 (we currently have a full complement but casual vacancies do occur in between election periods, so keep a watch on our website if this interests you).

You do not, however, need to wait for a vacancy if you wish to be involved; you could contribute by joining one of our working parties if this is an area that you have knowledge, expertise or a keen interest.

If you would like more information, please email clerk@shinfieldparish.gov.uk. You are welcome to make an appointment to discuss your interests in person.

The parish covers a large area, encompassing Shinfield Village, Shinfield North, Spencers Wood, Three Mile Cross and Grazeley. A local council is governed by legislation and is funded through the 'precept' (this is collected with your council tax) and income from hiring out facilities.

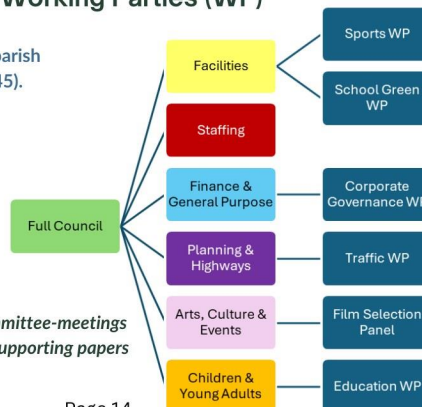
Committee Structure & Working Parties (WP)

SPC is in the largest 250 town and parish councils in the country (out of 10,245).

SPC is a busy vibrant council and manages its commitments through committees and working parties.

These committees then report to the monthly Full Council meetings. Currently we have six committees and various working parties (WP).

Visit www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/committee-meetings for a schedule of meetings, agendas, supporting papers and minutes

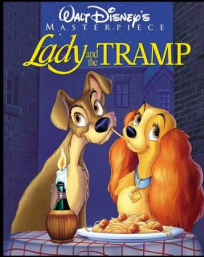


Shinfield Cinema Film Showings Jan/Feb 2025

SHINFIELD CINEMA

www.shinfieldparish.gov.uk/shinfield-cinema





Date	4pm	7.30pm
3rd Jan - no showings		
10th Jan	Toy Story (PG)	Splash (PG)
17th Jan	Sing (U)	Barbie (12A)
24th Jan	Brave (PG)	Sunshine on 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

Get your tickets here [WeGotTickets - Shinfield Cinema](#)

Click here for Shinfield Studios [Community Engagement Newsletter](#)

Public consultation on the redevelopment of old Shire Hall Building/Shinfield Park



Sign up to the webinar <https://www.shinfieldpark.co.uk/> to access the online public consultation on 15th January at 6pm.

Have your say on the proposed Council Tax increase

ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY



Royal Berkshire Fire Authority is consulting on your Fire Service's funding for the next year.

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service provides protection, prevention and response services to the people of Berkshire. To maintain the current level of service, the Fire Authority is proposing a £5 increase for 2025/2026, based on a Band D precept, to £86.31.

Read more

The consultation closes at **12pm on Friday, 31 January 2025**. If you require assistance with accessing the information in a different format or language, please **contact us**:



rbfrs.co.uk/haveyoursay



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Pincents Kiln, Calcot,
Reading, Berkshire,
RG31 7SD**



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in Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service **www**.rbfrs.co.uk

Wokingham Borough Council Community & Safety Bulletin: cyber safety campaign & more...



Click here for the full bulletin published 06.01.25 [Community Safety and Enforcement](#)

Keep up to date with current Road Works in the Parish



Click on the WBC link and in the map add your area, this will help plan your journeys

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roads/roadworks>

Citizens Advice Mobile Hub back at the School Green Centre - free, confidential, impartial advice



Citizens Advice will be at:

School Green Center

**Thursday 16th January
between 13:30 and 15.00**

**with our Mobile Advice Unit.
Providing free, confidential
advice, information and support.**



Reading Buses - new single bus fares from 1st Jan 2025



Find out more here <https://www.reading-buses.co.uk/new-single-fares-1-january>

Lidl Temporarily closed potentially until March 2025



Some of you may have seen the notice up in the store '*due to unforeseen circumstances, the store has had to close temporarily*'

However, the official response from Lidl press office 03.01.2025 was;

'Whilst we were pleased to have the Shinfield store opened and ready for customers ahead of the busy festive period, it has now been closed temporarily as we make additional updates to the flooring. The changes being undertaken are standard internal works and we look forward to reopening our doors to customers in due course. Whilst firm timelines are yet to be determined, we anticipate to be open again for trading by the end of March'.

Social Seniors Coffee Morning at Spencers Wood Pavilion Thursdays
- everyone welcome



 Social Seniors
Tea and Coffee
Morning
Spencers Wood Pavilion
Every Thursday
10.00 – 12.00
Come along and meet with old
friends in our new Parish location

All adults welcome
Take away service available
Air conditioning and Wi-Fi


St. Barnabas Pantry



Live in Shinfield North and need some help with your food shop costs, visit <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/reading-st-barnabas-pantry/> for more information.

What's on in the Parish



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**

Registered Charity No. 1152423

Office: 0118 9883400
shinvol@gmail.com



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



**We accept referrals from
various organisations
such as:**

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



EasyFund with us:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/
causes/josimah-baby-bank/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/josimah-baby-bank/)



Visit our website to donate, volunteer
or refer

www.josimahbabybank.org

Follow us on Facebook:
facebook.com/josimahbabybank

Josimah Baby Bank is a charity registered in England
and Wales. Charity Number: 1202421

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Upcoming Events January & February 2025

JANUARY 17	Design and format a CV using Word Online via Zoom 10:30am-1pm
JANUARY 27	Introduction to Reception and KS1 Phonics, Reading, Writing and Spelling (over 3 weeks) Maiden Place Community Centre 9:30am-12pm
JANUARY 27	Building Resilience in your Child Online Via Zoom 7pm-8:30pm
FEBRUARY 05	Social Media for Job Searching Online via Zoom 10:30am-1pm
FEBRUARY 12 & 26	Creating and Delivering Presentations Online via Zoom 10:30am-1pm
MARCH 04	Introduction to KS2 Reading, Writing and Spelling St Pauls Parish Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm
MARCH 05	Digital Skills - Photo Skills using an iPad (over 3 weeks) The Cornerstones 10am -12pm



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

To find out more and to book visit our website:
www.webenrol.com/wokingham
Email: adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk
Phone: 0118 9743797





CROSFIELDS SCHOOL

Explore our school where learners thrive
from **Nursery** through to **Year 11**



Experience the welcoming spirit and vibrant life at Crosfields for yourself. Join us at one of our **Open Days, Experience Days** or reach out to our friendly Admissions Team for a chat about your child's future.

Book your visit today!
www.crosfields.com/events



Coaching At Shinfield Tennis Club

Sessions	Age	Times	Prices
Tuesday			
Red Ball	5-8	9.45 - 10.30 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Yell	9-10	4.30 - 5.15 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Orange Ball - Clough's Challenge Week	8-10	4.30 - 6.00 pm	FREE MF £10.00 MF
Yellow Ball - Clough's Challenge Week	11-17	4.30 - 6.00 pm	FREE MF £10.00 MF
Thursday			
Yell	9-10	4.30 - 5.15 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Red Ball	5-8	4.30 - 5.15 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Orange Ball	8-9	5.30 - 6.00 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Green Ball	9-10	6.30 - 7.00 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Yellow Ball	11-17	6.30 - 7.00 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Saturday			
Yell	9-10	9.00 - 9.45 am	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Red Ball	5-8	9.00 - 9.45 am	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Orange Ball	8-9	10.00 - 11.00 am	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Green Ball	9-10	10.00 - 11.00 am	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Yellow Ball	11-17	11.00 - 12.00 am	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Friday			
Orange Ball (Quaker - Green Day)	8-9	4.30 - 5.30 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Green Ball (Quaker - Green Day)	9-10	5.30 - 6.30 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Yellow Ball (Quaker - Green Day)	10-17	6.30 - 7.30 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5

Sessions	Age	Times	Prices
Monday			
Cardio	18+	7.00 - 8.30 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Thursday			
Cardio	18+	2.00 - 3.30 pm	£8.00 MF + £5 £10.00 MF + £5
Wednesday			
Adult - Beginners	18+	9.00 - 10.00 am	£10.00 MF + £5 £12.00 MF + £5
Adult - Intermediate	18+	10.00 - 11.00 am	£10.00 MF + £5 £12.00 MF + £5
Adult - Improvers	18+	Coaching session	

MF = MF + £5 | £5 = £5 | £10 = £10 | £12 = £12 | MF + £5 = MF + £5 | MF + £5 = MF + £5





**ROBOTICS
HALF TERM CLUB**
WITH THE VEX GO KIT

£134
per child
limited spaces
available

**DIFFERENT SKILL LEVELS
ARE WELCOME**

Beginner Children who have completed 0-10 VexGo Labs/Activities	Intermediate Children who have completed 11-20 VexGo Labs/Activities	Advanced Children who have completed 20 or more VexGo Labs/Activities
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 10 am - 2 pm (4 hours daily)
 Monday - Thursday
17th - 20th, Feb 2025

 +44 7927 970178
 School Green Centre,
Shinfield

Russell Players

**The Untold
Story
of Jack
and the
Beanstalk**

By Juliet
Devon



Swallowfield Parish Hall RG7 1QX
 Matinee. Saturday 1st Feb. 2.30pm.
 Evening. Wednesday 5th Feb. 7.30pm.
 Matinee and Evening. Saturday 8th Feb. 2.30 & 7.30pm.
 Tickets, Adults £12.00, Children 17 years and under £5.00
 purchased from Swallowfield Stores,
 our Box Office Number 0786 239 0053
 or on line via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/russellplayers/e-odgaeo>

Russell Players will make a charitable donation to The Cowshed
 a compassionate and community driven charity
 which provides support to individuals during times
 of personal crisis

**The Repair Cafe at Lambs Lane
Primary School Spencers Wood.
Back Lane RG7 1PW**

2025 Dates
19th January
16th February
16th March
20th April
18th May
15th June
20th July
17th August
21st September
19th October
16th November
21st December
10 am to 1pm

**billie@spencerwoodrepaircafe.co.uk
spencerwoodrepaircafe.co.uk
07718 6792827**



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



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