

The Binfield Beacon

Double Edition! December 2017 - January 2018

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
BINFIELD**

Carol Service

6.30pm 17th December

Christmas Eve

9am Parish Communion Service
3pm and 5pm Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Service

Christmas Day

9.15am BCP Service
10.30am All Age Service (no communion)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Until We Meet Again

Celebrate the Joy and Hope of Christmas While
Remembering Loved Ones No Longer With Us

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER at 6.30pm
All Saints' Church, Binfield. RG42 5NS

OUR MISSION: *To help people follow Jesus and his teachings*

SERVICES AND GROUPS @ ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S CHURCHES

December 2017

Saturday 2nd December

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 3rd December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'
NO Whizz Kids
6.30pm Until We Meet Again service at All Saints'

Monday 4th December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's
8.00pm Open Door Christmas Special at St Mark's

Wednesday 6th December

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk — Dinton Pastures
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Friday 8th December

10.00am Open Door Christmas Special at St Mark's

Sunday 10th December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 11th December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 12th December

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 13th December

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Thursday 14th December

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 17th December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'
6.30pm Carol Service at All Saints'

Monday 18th December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Sunday 24th December — Christmas Eve

9.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'
3.00pm Christingle at All Saints'
5.00pm Christingle at All Saints'
11.30pm Midnight Service at All Saints'

Monday 25th December — Christmas Day

9.15am BCP Service at All Saints'
10.30am All Age Service (no communion)

Sunday 31st December — New Year's Eve

10.00am All Together Service
(NO 8.15am, 9.30am or 11am services).
NO Whizz Kids

January 2018

Saturday 6th January

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 7th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'
NO Whizz Kids

Monday 8th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 10th January

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Thursday 11th January

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 12th January

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

Sunday 14th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 15th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 17th January

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk from Crema Coffee Shop
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Sunday 21st January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service with communion at All Saints'

Monday 22nd January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 23rd January

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 24th January

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Saturday 27th January

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 28th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 29th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 31st January

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

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FROM YOUR RECTOR



Are You God's Wife?

One cold winter's day a 10-year-old boy was standing barefoot in front of a shoe store, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and asked him what he was doing.

"I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," the boy replied.

The lady took him by the hand and went into the store, and asked the clerk to get a half dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the boy to the back part of the store, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel.

By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she then purchased him a pair of shoes, and tying up the remaining pairs of socks, gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?"

As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears in his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you God's wife?"

Let's remember the words of Jesus this Christmas, ***It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35***

Source unknown

Luke

From the Registers:

Baptisms

*Elsie-Betty Margaret Sykes
Harry John Richard Roberts*

Weddings

Richard Baker & Victoria Fosh

Funerals

*Joyce Ottley
Glynis Hunt*

BINFIELD NIGHTSHELTER

It is that time of year when the temperatures have started to drop below zero and those that don't have a cosy home are at their most vulnerable.



This year we will be once again be opening St Mark's Church overnight on Tuesdays to give shelter to the homeless in the area (other churches are opening on other days of the week). This starts in December and will go on throughout winter until the end of March.

We have the start of a great team to make this happen and we are now looking out into the community to see if anyone else would like to join in and volunteer their time, skills, food, sleeping bags and anything large or small that you think might help.

Many of you have already come forward to volunteer for one of the three shifts and we really appreciate everything that you do. However, we are still in need of some volunteers for the night shift (we only ask you to do every other week and you can sleep!) That is Tuesday nights from 9.45pm to 7am.

Of course you are more than welcome to come along to the evening shift every week if you so desire. We just need to ensure we have a minimum number of volunteers on shift to allow us to open our doors.

There are all sorts of jobs that need doing—from driving the mini bus to collect our guests to cooking to doing the laundry. We are even wondering if there are any counsellors or people with other skillsets that we haven't thought about that might like to pop in to see if they can help.

We will be more than happy to chat over your ideas and queries you may have about contributing to this much needed and worthy annual project. It really is important for us to step out and help those around us less fortunate than ourselves. Any offer of help small or great is very much appreciated. Please do get in touch!

Dave (saundersdave2@aol.com)

Things we need:

- ***We are urgently looking for sleeping bags for St Mark's and Newbold Church. If you have a spare sleeping bag you can donate please bring this along to a Tuesday evening or drop it into the St Mark's office one weekday morning.***
- ***Men's pants—new large and medium***
- ***Socks—warm/walking/sports socks sizes 8-10***
- ***Woolly hats, scarves and gloves***
- ***Food— Long life pasta sauces, baked beans, plum tomatoes, long-life orange juice, loo rolls, cling film, foil, and breakfast supplies: eggs, bacon and sausages***

Thank you!

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S



The Binfield ARC project: Fundraising for essential repairs to our historic Parish Church

All Saints' Church Needs Your Help!

Fundraising Update:

As 2017 comes to a close, we are looking forward to celebrating those special Christmas-time services in our beautiful village church. Nothing feels more festive than participating in one of the candle-lit Carol or Christingle services or attending the service at Midnight on Christmas Eve.

And this year we can celebrate Christmas knowing that the first phase of work has been completed over the East end of the church, and appreciating that so many people in the village and beyond have come together to help make that happen.

To mark the end of the first phase of repairs, we would like to invite the community to come and join us in a thank you to everyone who has helped raise the money to carry out the work with a glass of prosecco and slice of cake on Sunday 3rd December after each of the services.

And whilst we celebrate a fantastic year of fundraising, we are of course still looking to continue the project and to the next phase of repairs. Recent events have helped continue to boost the funds for Phase 2 of the work, and we would like to especially mention Jane Aylwin, who raised £650 at her Pamper Afternoon, and the team who organised the Ladies' Clothes Exchange Evening which has raised £728. Both were fun events which left those who came along with smiles on their faces and new clothes in their wardrobes!

A huge thank you also goes to Vicky and Chris Lunn, the organisers of The Binfield Scarecrow Trail, which raised over £3,300 for the ARC project, and brought visitors in from near and far! Thank you to everyone who participated by making a scarecrow or walking the trail. We can't wait to see the scarecrows come back again next year.

Our final event for the year will be the 1st Binfield Rainbow and Brownie packs singing at Tesco's in Warfield on 4th December, so please put the date in your diary to come along and sing some festive Christmas songs with them between 5-7pm.

We have really enjoyed the huge variety of fundraising events which have taken place this year, and we are so excited for a new year and hopefully seeing more repairs being carried out on our church!

With thanks and wishing you blessings for 2018

The Fundraising Team
fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Please contact us at
fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk or
www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject



Donations Received: Binfield PCC: Charitable Grants:

£138,865 £100,000 £42,000

NEW PHASE 2 TOTAL: £50,865

Project Phase 2 Cost: £208,000

Total projected project cost: £750,000

How to donate or fundraise for us:

If you are able to make a donation, however big or small, it will all help! You can donate by:

- Cheque: please send a cheque to the church office, made payable to "Binfield PCC Church Repairs". Include your name and address especially if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim Gift Aid.
- BACS: a/c no: 03290131 sort code: 20-11-74
Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs
- JustGiving: See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and set up your own fundraising page at: <http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/binfield-pcc/binfieldarcproject>

Don't forget to Gift Aid it if you are a UK Tax Payer - this will add an extra 25% to your donation! Ask at the church office for more details.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 3rd December:

Prosecco & Cake, All Saints' Sunday Services

Monday 4th December:

1st Binfield Rainbows and Brownies Carol Singing at Tesco's 5-7pm

HELPING EACH OTHER

Keeping you informed

Here at All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we are looking to improve our communication with everyone in the village and congregation. To do this we need to keep our contacts database up to date.

If you are not already on it but would like to receive information and updates on what we are doing here in Binfield, please email the church office on office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk or call on 01344 421079

Please note: we do not sell your information and you will only be contacted with information relating to church activities

PASTORAL CARE VISITING TEAM - need a friend?



In All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we have a small pastoral care team, who are happy to visit and befriend the people of Binfield. So, if you have recently moved to the area and don't know many people; if your family live far away; if you are a Mum at home with a baby and would like adult company; if you find it difficult to get out or just fancy a friendly chat over a cup of tea, please get in touch with one of us. You don't need to be a member of the church; just enjoy some company occasionally!

And, if visiting others is something you would enjoy doing, please also let us know

Jane Aylwin	tel. 481692
Jill Hanson	tel. 452694
Margareta Hawkins	tel. 411681
Sarah Muller	tel. 428782
Jan Vigar	tel. 411267
Gisele Taylor	tel. 07724 889169
Dave Dawson	tel. 360389

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



Meet people and get involved with the many projects and ministries that make up All Saints' and St Mark's Churches.

We are currently looking for help with:

- cleaning at All Saints' and St Mark's churches
- Beacon Deliverers for the new developments
- tea & coffee rotas for the 9.30 and 11am Sunday services

To find out more and to offer your help, please call 01344 421079 or email the church office on:

Praying for and with you



Prayer ministry teams are available on Sundays at the 9.30am and 11am services at All Saints' Church so if you have anything that you need prayer for then please make use of this prayer ministry at a service or if you prefer, please contact Luke.

We also have weekly prayer sheets — please email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk to have your prayers included each week.

CONTACT US: 01344 421079 office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Rector:

Revd Luke Taylor
07939 526361
lukethevicar@gmail.com
(Friday is Luke's day off)

Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

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Claire Murphy, Administrator
01344 421079
office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
All enquiries for weddings and baptisms
Office opening hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9.00am—12noon. Closed Tuesday.

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Michael Hawkins
01344 411681

Bell Tower:

Please contact Liz Harris
01344 649628

P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes
07809 736372

Treasurer:

Andrew Aylwin
01344 481692

Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White
01344 421079

Church Website:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

We are also on *Facebook*
facebook.com/allSaintsWithStMarks



ARC Fundraising Team

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We'd love to hear from you—if you have any feedback on the Binfield Beacon, please send your comments, suggestions and compliments to The Editor, Binfield Beacon, c/o Church Office (see above for details). Thank you.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hello Everyone!

With the weather turning cold and the lights up it can only mean one thing... Christmas is near. Although I'm sure that comes as no surprise to anyone who's been in any shop the past few months!

At Whizz Kids we've been continuing to learn about what it takes to be a leader, and how all of us can lead in one way or another. Here are some acrostic poems we made with words we think would be good to describe a leader. There are some great ideas among the group for what makes a great leader, including being careful, responsible and prepared. Maybe I could learn a thing or two from them...

We also have our Christmas Party returning on 22nd December for another night of fun, friends and food! There will be games and a present for each child on the way out too. Booking is essential for this event so please get in touch for more

information. Although it's just a few days before Christmas, it will give parents a chance to do last minute wrapping and organising!

At Oasis we've been having loads of fun, forming new friendships and exploring and discussing different areas of our lives. The group's aim is to build faith and provide a supportive community for girls in secondary school. We have a wonderful group of girls and can't wait to see how the group evolves to benefit them most.

As I am writing this, we will soon be having our first off-site session at McDonald's! We always have room for more so if you'd like to come along and try Oasis out and join us for more off-site outings, we would love to see you.

Thank you for all your support as a community, and if you have any questions feel free to drop me an email.

God bless,

Daisy

Children's Worker
daisyridell@gmail.com



Oasis



Whizz Kids

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP: 10.45am-12noon @ St Mark's Church
ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES...GAMES...FUN...AND MUCH MORE!!

A group for children of school years 1-6 every Sunday (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

All children welcome - Bring your friends

(Leaders have enhanced DBS clearance)



Creative Table (for pre-school and Reception year children)

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday (except the first of the month)

for younger children to use while their parents are enjoying the service.
Some of the children's work is displayed in the Lady Chapel at All Saints' Church



Partied in style!

It is hard to believe that it is one year since 3G was started. The first Wednesday we had 4 children. We were full of excitement and anticipation but not sure how things would progress. We praise God for the continual growth in numbers and for all of our wonderful helpers who give of their time and talents so cheerfully and faithfully.

We have a selection of toys, dolls house, stables, garage, stove, dolls etc. with which the children engage on arrival. There is always a craft, sticking or painting, plus the ever enjoyable play dough. During the morning refreshments are available for all and during the story time the children have small bowls of fresh fruit. The Bible story is followed by action songs and an appropriate sung prayer to close.

We now have 26 children regularly attending each week and on the 8th November we had our first birthday celebration. We had the joy of having 54 children with many more adults. The theme for the party was Noah's Ark. Everyone was involved with the children wearing furry tails and animal masks and the grown ups making the Ark. The food continued the theme with animal shaped sandwiches, together with an amazing Noah's Ark cake and animal painted biscuits. It was a very happy celebration which was enjoyed by all.

Jan Watts and 3G Team



3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday 10am until 11.30am at St Mark's Church, Popeswood Road. Everyone is welcome: babies, toddlers, parents, carers and the older generation.

Extra parking available at Newbold Church opposite

**Come and join us for cake, coffee
and a chat while
the little ones play!**

For more info contact Jan Watts:
01344 305965



YOUTH CHOIR Aged 7+

Practice is on Thursdays

6.30-7.30pm at

St Mark's and we sing at the first

9.30am Parish Communion each month,
some All Age services and special occasions.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Contact Michael Hawkins on 01344 411681



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Contact: Alison Ayres on 01344 449500



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MEETINGS & GROUPS - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

THE SILVER SERVICE



A more traditional short service designed and led by our retired congregation members followed by a delicious homemade lunch

12 noon 12th December
12 noon 23rd January
at St Mark's Church

We'd love to meet you and please bring your friends too!

If you would like help with transport or you can help with transport please contact Beverley Cornish on 01344 307271 or 07704 437207

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



Men's Breakfast is usually held on the 4th Saturday of each month at **St Mark's Church**

No December Men's Breakfast
Next: Saturday 27th January

"Roundhead or Cavalier?"

07.30 "Smell the Coffee"
07.45 "On the Soapbox"
08.45 "On your Bikes"



Our Speciality: BACON & EGG BAPS
for more information contact Tony on 07596 461160

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



We usually meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Crema Coffee Shop, Binfield.

6th Dec - Dinton Pastures Walk - either meet 9am at Crema or Dinton Pastures at 9.15am
20th Dec and 3rd Jan - NO WALKS
17th Jan - 9am meet at Crema
7th Feb - 9am meet at Crema

For more information contact Gisele Taylor or Claire Thomas on 07724 889169

OPEN DOOR



We would love you to join us for a short informal service at **St Mark's Church, Binfield**

...followed by refreshments

A crèche is available if you have young children

Christmas Specials:

8pm 4th December and 10am 8th December

Back to normal... 10am 12th January

Please contact Liz for more details at orinocco@hotmail.co.uk

EVERYONE WELCOME THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN



MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS

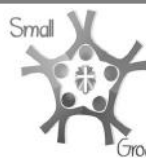


Saturdays:
2nd December, 6th January

We start at 7.45am from the car park at the Binfield village shops. Duration approx. 1 hour.

Be ready for all weathers!

Contact Kim Swain for more information
07894 469633 or kim.swain1@gmail.com



Small Group Meetings

A Small Group is a gathering of three or more people who meet up on a regular basis to share fellowship, study the Bible and pray together. If you are interested in joining a small group, meeting in the comfort of someone's home, please contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS

All Saints' Church roof – completion of phase one!

As we reach the completion of the first phase of restoration repairs to Binfield All Saints' Parish Church, we would like to reflect on the amazing works that have been undertaken by our contractors and how, together, we have achieved this milestone.



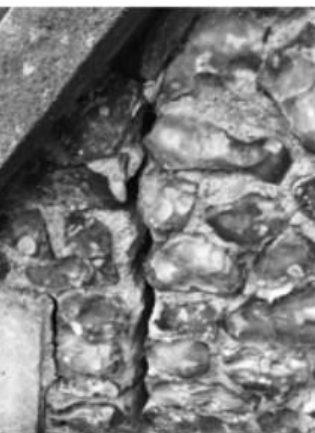
We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the ARC Project in all shapes and forms, whether by donating, volunteering or raising funds in all sorts of creative ways, for their support. This could not happen without you all.



The works begins



New stone works



Chancel wall movement

All Saint's Church has stood on its site for hundreds of years; some of what you see today can be dated back to the 1300s.

The restoration of the roof and parts of the stone works has enabled us to uncover craftsmanship from the past, which is difficult to replicate today. However, the contractors who have worked to restore All Saints' are specialists in their field and have worked on most of the churches in the area. We are blessed to have them.

We are also blessed to live in an amazing parish and have a parish church, steeped in history. With your active help and support we are ensuring that our Church is at the centre of our village life for the next generation; a place where we can come together to worship, celebrate, mourn, remember and give over.

As we gather pace working towards phase two of the project (which will see works completed to the roof elevations of the South Aisle and Nave areas) we have already been blessed with giving of £50,000 towards the total of £200,000 (inc VAT). In addition, we anticipate the first phase final costings will come in slightly under budget, which will give us a boost towards the total required through continued fund-raising.

We thank you for all that you have done and everything that you will do over the coming year.

Thank you and God bless.

Nehemiah 2:18. *They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So, they began this good work.*

Dave Saunders

Churchwarden



Choir Vestry roof area



Lennox forming new leadwork



New roof line and lead valley

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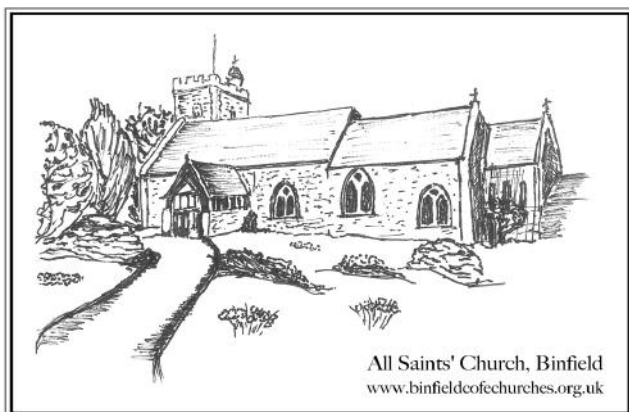
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COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Parish Office: Dec 2017/Jan 2018



Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

All meetings in 2017 are open to the public and are held at the Parish Office adjacent to Foxley Fields

Date	Meeting	Time
Tuesday 5 December	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 12 December	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 19 December	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

From 1 January 2018 meetings are open to the public and will be held in the Binfield Library, Oakmede Place

Tuesday 9 January	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 16 January	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Monday 4 December	Binfield Christmas Lights Switch On! Knox Green Corner, opposite The Binfield Club
Monday 11 December	Closing Date for 2017-18 Grant Applications (Round 2)
Friday 22 December	Parish Office closes for Christmas break – Building & Car park will close for the duration of the building project
Tuesday 9 January	Parish Council meeting will determine the 2 nd round of Grants
Saturday 13 January	Binfield Neighbourhood Plan – Community Meeting from 10am

Get involved in shaping the Binfield Neighbourhood Plan By the time you read this we will have had a first get together in the Library in November to start to get residents views about the current Neighbourhood Plan. If this is something that is of interest to you we would love you to get involved. The next meeting is planned for Saturday 13 January from 10am to 12noon in Binfield Library.

An Update on the NEW Community Hub & Parish Office Extension We'll be using the Binfield Beacon magazine to bring updates every month about the development of the Parish Office:

December 2017 Contractor will be appointed following a competitive tender process

January 2018 Works commence – **this means the closure of the current building and the car park** so that work can be safely carried out. The Parish Office will move to a temporary village location and all Parish Council meetings will take place at Binfield Library.

Summer 2018 Community Hub & Parish Office open!

Now is the time for parents and carers who drop off/pick up to start thinking about alternative options for getting children to and from school. We will be asking users of the car park to start thinking about this now! Car Share? Walk one or two days a week – it will all help! The closure of the car park is important to ensure the safety of the construction site and when it reopens there will be more spaces but the Parish Council is aware that the closure will cause additional, temporary, disruption.

If you would like more information on the site plans and tender process please do get in touch!

2017/18 S137 Grant Awards for Local Community Groups – next round January 2018 – CLOSING SOON! There is still time to apply for a Grant Award if you are involved in a community group who could benefit. Please note the following key dates:

11 December 2017 Closing date for Grant Application submissions!

9 January 2018 Parish Council meeting with Grant Award agenda item

10 January 2018 All Grant applicants informed of Grant Award decisions

Download the Grant Application Form and Grant Policy from our website or contact the Office for a copy.

DON'T FORGET! Binfield Christmas Lights Switch On - Monday 4 December, 6 for 6.30pm This year's Switch-On will take place at Knox Green Corner, opposite The Binfield Club. There will be carol singing and then all are welcome at The Binfield Club afterwards for refreshments. Wear your winter woollies and bring your singing voice!

One for 2018! Start making your nominations for the Parish People Awards These awards highlight the excellent work being done for the people of Binfield to be recognised at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th March 2018. Submit your nomination via email/post to the Parish Council and include the name of the nominee, a seconder, and the reasons why they have made a positive impact to Binfield people.

We at the Parish Council would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty

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Binfield Garden Club

LADYBIRD, LADYBIRD FLY AWAY HOME...One of our best known and loved insects was the subject of our talk on November 2nd and what an interesting evening it turned out to be.

Andrew Halstead, whose new edition of his book – Pests and Diseases – will be out next March, told us there are 45 species of ladybirds in the UK. I'm sure most of us can't tell the difference but we enjoyed the photos of ones such as the 24 spot, cream spot, kidney spot and scarce 7 spot. Other amazing ones are the waterside ladybird which can change colour for camouflage and the larch ladybird which has no spots at all!

The harlequin ladybird has been in the news as it arrived in the UK in 2004 and now outnumbers all the others due to the fact it lays more sets of eggs each year. Andrew said it is not all bad as it has a voracious appetite for aphids and also eats up other alien species!

Ladybirds have few natural enemies, their bright colours act as a warning and, if threatened, they produce an orange bitter fluid. They all over-winter, often in houses where they will wake up if it gets too warm and then it is kindest to put them outside to find food and another sheltered place to sleep.

Andrew then expelled the old myth that we need a hard winter to kill off the bugs. NO, bugs all hibernate, but a cold winter will kill off many young birds such as blue tits so when the bugs all wake up in Spring there are fewer birds to eat them!

After tea, questions and a vote of thanks from Richard our chairperson, November's competition winners were announced. 1st for her 'Floral Firework' display was Christine Leonard, 2nd Jenny Baxter, 3rd Elaine McTaggart, 4th Carol Fraser – well done, everyone.

December is our members' Christmas Party and then we look forward to 2018 with our speakers presenting a most exciting range of topics from bats to fungi, Surrey gardens to house plants and many more. We also have visits arranged including Compton Acres, West Dean Gardens and Sheffield Park so why not come along on the first Thursday of the month 7.15pm at the Binfield Memorial Hall and see for yourself? We always have a superb raffle, lovely cards for sale and a garden bric a brac stall. Guests and visitors are always welcome for just £3 which includes a free hot drink and biscuits. Details can be found on our website binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and latest updates on Facebook.

Happy New Year everyone, and will this scene of Wicks Green field 2010 be repeated THIS winter??

Sue Jeffery



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INSPIRING WOMEN

**The
Binfield
Belles**

October was a busy month for the ladies of the Binfield WI. Our monthly meeting had a musical evening with a recital from a very talented young lady, Josephine Lockwood who entertained the group with her repertoire. It made our rendition of Jerusalem sound rather feeble; obviously have to work at it!

A visit to the Combermere Barracks in Windsor was very successful and we enjoyed a trip around the barracks including seeing the beautiful horses, a talk about the history and even managed to try on some of the uniforms, including the bearskin. A coffee morning at Holme Grange always popular and a good social time for many who popped along.

It was decided to put a Scarecrow in for the trail this year and Hilary and I had much fun in creating Wilomena although Hilary was more creative than me and a little help from her husband as well. Mandy said we could put her outside the club and a place was found in the smoking area we fixed her to a chair and my husband and I set her up on the day, her legs went floppy and the boots fell off but she was put together and looked quite regal. It was decided she had escaped from the WI meeting next door and called at the club for a G and T. It was great fun and sad when we had to take her apart but perhaps we can try again next year.

Each month the usual round of activities takes place and most are well supported also making a time for tea and natter.

We have icing afternoons with tea included this month and our Oxford Christmas Market visit takes place in December, Christmas coffee morning planned, held at Mavis's house on the 5th December is always popular with the belles.

Our next meeting will be on the 14th December when we have a Christmas Party with Buffet and Entertainment after that another year of our WI will be over and we look forward to 2018 when the group will be 100yrs old. Our January 11th meeting is at 7.15 pm with Toni Kent presenting: From council house to Comic. All welcome so pop in or give me a call Linda 01344 454503 Email hlandaskitchen@aol.com

Website binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi
Happy Christmas

Linda

COMMUNITY

News from Binfield Patient Group

SOME IDEAS ON WHAT SERVICES TO USE:

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Have you, like me, left the surgery after your appointment and remembered something you meant to ask but forgot ?

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WHAT OUTCOME SHOULD I EXPECT ?

DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS NOW, OR CAN WE REVISIT IT LATER ?

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO ON MY OWN TO IMPROVE MY CONDITION ?

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS ?

WHAT QUESTIONS HAVEN'T I ASKED THAT I SHOULD HAVE ?

You probably have more or different questions that you would like to ask. It is a good idea to write your questions down and take the piece of paper with you. Your GP will be only too pleased to answer your questions.

MEDICINE CABINET:

Is your medicine cabinet fit for the winter ? Most common ailments, such as colds, sore throats, coughs, a blocked nose or a painful earache CANNOT be treated with antibiotics

WHAT WORKS INSTEAD ? Adults: Rest, drink plenty of fluids, take pain relievers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen and ask your pharmacist for advice on getting the relief you need. Ask your pharmacist what medicines should be in your cabinet to help you and your family through the winter season.

CHILDREN: Do not give ASPIRIN to children under 13 years of age. For CHILD illnesses, always make a GP appointment.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS:

Binfield surgery will be closed on Monday and Tuesday 25th and 26th December, 2017 and Monday 1st January, 2018.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD NEW YEAR.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



On behalf of the local Police Team I would like to take this opportunity to wish our residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It has been an extremely busy year for us as Thames Valley Police has faced unprecedented demand on its services. I am however delighted to see that

our hard work does pay off as Bracknell Forest saw a decrease in crime of 2%. This is in great contrast to the overall 12% rise across the Thames Valley Police area. As we approach Christmas it is, however, worth remembering that this period can see an increase nationally in burglaries as people start to pile up the presents under the tree. We will be providing lots of crime prevention advice on this soon via Thames Valley Alerts, Twitter and will be out with the Stronghold Van during the first two weeks of December – we will have goodies to give away so please come and say hello if you see the van!

Have a safe festive period from Cass and the Northern Parishes Team (Darin, Gary, Michelle, Andrea, AJ and Daemon).

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REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

Although it was a rather wet Saturday morning there was a good turnout for the Remembrance Day Service, at the War Memorial St Mark's. The

Royal British Legion, The Royal Naval Association and 3rd Binfield Brownies paraded their Standards to start the short service. Luke opened the service with a prayer and a member of Brownies did a short reading. One of the Legion members was then presented with a posy from children from Meadow Vale School on behalf of all children, which was then laid with the wreaths from village organisations. A maroon was set off to start the two minute silence and one to announce the end.

Our prayers were answered for a dry day on Sunday. The parade mustered at Oakmede Shops and was led by our Parade Marshal Staff Sergeant Geraint Davies. Our usual drummer had had an accident so we would like to thank Elliott Brookes for standing in at short notice and doing a fantastic job.

The parade made its way to All Saints' Church at a steady pace. The service was led by Luke and started with the hymn 'Be thou my vision'. A poem 'Remembrance Day' was written and read by William Kruczek and assisted by 3rd Binfield Brownies. 1st Binfield Guides wrote and read their

own prayers and Binfield Guiding sang 'Away in a Far Land'. The Standard Bearers made their way to the Roll of Honour to the strains of Amazing Grace, wreaths were laid and a poppy was dropped for each of Binfield's fallen in all conflicts. After the Last Post and two minutes silence the Standards returned to 'Lament to a Fallen Soldier'. The service ended with the rousing hymn 'Onward Christian Soldiers'. The Collection went to The Poppy Appeal.

The Binfield Branch of The Royal British Legion would like to thank all of those who took part in both services and the village for their support each year and giving so generously.

LIVE ON to preserve the memory of the fallen and the future of the living

Karen Hatt - Chairman of Binfield Branch of The Royal British Legion



Success and Santa the Sailor

By Terry Dillaway

A wave of generosity greeted Bracknell's Royal Navy veterans when they collected for sailors' charities on Trafalgar Day.

Shoppers enjoying the new Town Centre Lexicon complex filled Royal Naval Association collection boxes with more than £330, which will help finance efforts to support the welfare of retired members of the Senior Service.

Bracknell RNA branch secretary, Shipmate June Boddrell, said: "Our members are grateful to the Bracknell Forest Borough Council for granting us a street collection permit. There will be no expenses incurred and all proceeds resulting from the event outside Princess Square, and in the centre of High Street on Friday and Saturday October 20th and 21st, will now be forwarded to our charity number 266982 at Portsmouth Central Office.

"Our retired sailors wish to convey sincere thanks to all those who showed such kindness."

The branch's RN veterans continue to steam towards the close of another successful year. Activities included trips to Chatham and Portsmouth dockyards and Bletchley Park wartime codebreaking headquarters. Visiting speakers brought an intriguing variety of subjects to well-attended meetings at the Bracknell shipmates' Binfield Club HQ; the traditional annual Royal Navy Trafalgar Dinner was a great success, and a popular skittles evening followed the business of November's meeting when special guests were shipmates from Aldershot.

Able Seaman Claus takes duty with the RNA on Saturday, December 9th, when Father Christmas joins the crew of sailors and supporters at a seasonal Craft Fair planned for Birch Hill Community Centre between 1.30 and 5pm.

Entrance is free and cakes and refreshments will be available among the many stalls offering Christmas gifts of hand-made crafts and novelties, proceeds of which will benefit funds to finance Bracknell branch activities during the coming year.

Once Navy, Always Navy

Nineteenth Century Rectors of Binfield: Dr Randall (Pt 2)

by John Harman

It seems that The Reverend Randall devoted more personal time to the needs of his parishioners than either of his two predecessors. After 1845 two curates, Richard Randall and, later, Edmund Savory officiated at some of the births, marriages and deaths in Binfield, but by no means all. Savory, much later, aptly summarised Randall's pastoral achievement as *"a gradual and patient building up of Church principles which has marked the great religious revival of our day."* By this, presumably, he was referring to the growing influence of The Oxford Movement, incidentally, one in which Miss Caswall's uncle, Edward Caswall was eventually extremely influential as a friend and close associate of Cardinal Newman and as a poet and hymnist - the Christmas carol *"See Amid the Winter Snow"* probably his best-known work.

While he was Rector, Randall was, in 1846, made chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford. He came to be regarded as an expert in ecclesiastical law and must have advised Samuel Wilberforce on contemporary issues such as those associated with the Oxford Movement. He became in 1855, Archdeacon of Berkshire, holding each of these posts until 1869. He was made a canon at Bristol - probably an honorary post - in 1867 and held that office until 1875.

The Oxford Movement's clash with the Anglican church was rarely quite as sublime as Edward Caswell's carol. And sometimes the arguments came close to home in Binfield. So, a letter in the Windsor and Eton Express of January 1st 1859 under the heading, *"ALLEGED POPISH PRACTICES"* claims *"We have scarcely settled down after our pretended [sic] Boyn Hill enquiry than are startled by another case, quite as bad as the confessional, in another county, viz., at Lavington, in Sussex, where the rector, the Rev. R. Randall (who by the bye is a son of Archdeacon Randall, one of the commissioners in the Boyn-hill case), has been in the habit of teaching, or ordering to be taught, in the schools of the place, that the Holy Communion is also called the "Mass," and that there are seven sacraments in our Church"*. The writer of the letter, a *"Maidenhead Protestant"* then reports that the curate at Lavington had resigned and that the schoolmaster and choirmaster had resisted inducements to remain. He alleges, also that Archdeacon Randall had assisted his son's attempts to withdraw his order.

A more ordered account of this dispute – perhaps an attempt to find oil for troubled waters – can be found in the correspondence between Randall's son and the Bishop of Chichester which was published in the Oxford Journal of 29th January 1859. It is also worthy of note that James Randall was a signatory of a joint letter to the Bishop of Oxford, published in the Berkshire Chronicle of March 12th 1859, supporting Oxford against allegations that he had *"sanctioned any peculiarities of the Romish system"*. Nevertheless, both Randall and his son-in-law attended the funeral of Edward Pusey who had become the leader of the Oxford Movement in the early 1840s when John Henry Newman converted to Catholicism.

As Archdeacon of Berkshire, Randall became involved in the issue of the disestablishment of the Church. No wavering here. At his first visitation to Reading in 1855 he stressed *"the advantages arising both to the Church and the State from their union; the injury that both (more especially the State) would sustain if their separation were effected"* and called *"upon all who felt the reality of their membership to stand forth at all times, and in all places, in defence of a Church whose foundations they believed God himself had laid"*.

As the Rector of Binfield, he became occupied in the temporal as well as the spiritual needs of his church, principally in the restoration of the building. In his article *"In Memoriam - James Randall"*, in the parish magazine for August 1887, Savory extols Randall's influence on the restoration, at the same time, linking it to changes in the attitudes of the laity demanded by church reforms of the first half of the 19th century. *"People resented reform for which they themselves were scarcely ready, and the good of which they scarcely recognised. Restoration meant rates - it meant, in many instances, giving up a cushioned corner in a padded enclosure; it meant, in fact an awakening, and people do not like to be disturbed."*

The Reverend Savory, Randall's curate, son-in-law and successor itemises what Randall the restorer achieved: getting rid of the large square pews; cleaning the Chancel roof; strengthening the Chancel walls; removing the galleries; reseating the whole church; building the North Aisle; restoring the Tower. Alongside those improvements to the fabric of All Saints was the building of the church schools and the pastoral work in the village so that, as Savory put it, *"Still grew the love of the people for their Church, and with its growth the desire to honour and embellish God's House."*

Perhaps less controversial was Randall's work in ensuring the maintenance and success of schooling in Binfield. He ensured pragmatic, business-like management of the Vestry meetings from the outset, and in 1833, very soon after he became Rector, a Sunday school was established. The minutes in 1833 record a resolution, *"That a Sunday school be established and that a salary of £5 be allowed to the master of the National School for his attendance thereupon"*.

Private lives were rarely explored in the Victorian press unless they could be linked to sensational events. But it seems certain that the Reverend Randall enjoyed [ensured?] a close knit-family. His aged father-in-law and three of his female relatives were part of his family at the Rectory in 1841. He must have been proud, too, in 1845 when *"a young gentleman, son of the Rev. Mr. Randall, of Binfield, presented her Majesty with a nosegay, which she was pleased accept"* during her passage through Binfield. He would have taken pleasure in the marriage of his daughter to his curate, and in the holiday at the prestigious Crescent Hotel Buxton that he and his wife shared with them in August 1861. Finally, and significantly, he was resident at The Rectory when he died in November 1882, aged 92.

The Reverend Savory, the subject of the next part, conducted his funeral service at All Saints Church in Binfield.

Next month Reverend Savory...



The Binfield Scarecrow Trail 2017

The November Beacon had already gone to print as the Scarecrows were being put on display around the village. It was October half-term holiday week and it started out damp and chilly, but that didn't stop hundreds and hundreds of you from queuing up at Crema Coffee shop and the Binfield Stores to buy your maps and to venture out onto the streets of Binfield.

It started several weeks before for many people in the village with the design and construction of each scarecrow - 35 scarecrows featured on the trail. Some took it very seriously—after all there was a golden trophy at stake for the best scarecrow as voted for by the map purchasers. Others joined forces with family members or met up with friends and had so much fun wrestling with their creations.

People came from far and near to hunt the scarecrows down and the atmosphere in the village was amazing, with children buzzing over each discovery. It was a busy time and we do appreciate that the parking was a bit of an issue at times and would really like to thank those of you that it affected for your patience and forbearance.

So, two things to announce - firstly:

The winner of the best scarecrow as voted for by those that went around the trail and bought a map is...

Rob Webb & his creative team consisting of daughters Jessica & Erin with their Nana in charge of quality control. Congratulations!

There were so many votes for lots of different scarecrows this year so well done everyone; the feedback on all your efforts has been incredible.

Secondly:

The amount raised was £3,326!

This is absolutely incredible and at £2 a map it explains why the village was so busy!

Huge thanks to every scarecrow maker, Crema Coffee Shop, Binfield Village Stores and everyone who took part and supported us with facebook posts, posters and more... The funds are going to: The Binfield ARC Project - All Saints' Repair and Care so a BIG THANK YOU.

If you didn't win this year there's amazing news!! ... there's only 50 weeks left until you can do it all again. Here's to the 2018 trail

Claire Murphy



Scarecrow's Lament

*Here in the barn redundant I stand
In rusty hat with a twisted straw band
Hobnail boots on and broom in my hand*

*I need to be in the fruitful field
Guarding the crop, admiring the yield
But now it seems my fate is sealed*

*In my belly is a nest of mice
Who tickle and squirm and it's not nice
And the farmer has a new device*

*He scares the birds by other means
Things that go BANG over the beans
An inflatable man, who stands in the greens*

*And so the world passes me by,
And in my straw heart I mourn and cry
I know my destiny—to be the GUY!*

By Liz Ferris - Binfield Resident



Binfield Library News: Dec17/Jan18

Notable dates

Look out for one-off activities in the library as they are announced. Among the many national and international projects that the library is involved with, remember that 4th-10th December is Computer Science Education Week. Why not discover how the library supports digital services, skills and access?

Children's events

Bounce & rhyme sessions are for pre-school children every Thursday at 09:30. Please come and teach us some new songs and join in with our new signs. We open at 09:00 and you can enjoy a coffee and chat with your friends. Singing is followed by a simple craft involving lots of glue and stickers. There is a £1 charge for this activity.

Children's craft sessions will run on Tuesdays from 15:30. Again, there will be a £1 charge.

A free all-age Lego™ session runs on the first Monday of the month.

Adult events

Knit & Natter runs on the first Monday and third Saturday of the month at 14:00. New knitters are very welcome.

Brain gym takes place on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00. Refreshments are available for 50p.

The Film Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 15:15 and still has spaces available.

Coffee morning and Quiz is on the last Thursday of the month.

Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month. New players welcome. Don't know what it is? Come along and find out!

Join our drop-in book group to discover a book you'd never normally pick up on the last Monday of the month at 17:30.

We have just started a Saturday afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday (2nd Dec 2017 and 6th Jan 2018) at 14:30. Test your general knowledge!

Our new art group, an opportunity to create something beautiful while learning about techniques and artists, is held on the second Monday from 15:15.

This is your Library, so please use it. We aim to provide services and activities to meet your needs, so please let us know how we are doing and don't forget parking is absolutely free on a Saturday.

The Binfield Library team:

Robert, Chris, Fiona, Gillian, Margo, & Sar
For more details of library events please go to
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries,
find us on facebook and twitter
or call 01344 306663

Binfield Photography competition...



Are you a whizz with your SLR? Or is your Instagram full of stunning pics? Do you own photos of Binfield from times gone by?

We are using this edition of the Binfield Beacon to launch our **Binfield Calendar Photography Competition!**

The aim is to create a stunning photographic Binfield calendar for 2019. We are giving you 6 months to take photos of Binfield as the seasons change. The deadline will be June 30th 2018, with the winners and calendar being announced at the Church Fete in September.

You can enter up to 5 photographs; all we ask is that they have some recognisable connection to Binfield. There is no charge to enter, but you must have the sole copyright to the photo(s) and you must be prepared to give us (The Binfield Beacon/Church Office) the rights to use them - winners will feature in the calendar and may also appear on the cover of the Binfield Beacon.

To enter please email a digital copy of your photo(s) to office@binfieldcofchurches.org.uk. If you have a printout, please bring it/them to the Church Office during opening hours. They should be accompanied with your name, phone number, location of photo and age if you are under 16.

We will be announcing who the judges will be in a future edition of The Binfield Beacon.

We are also looking for sponsorship partners for the calendar, so if your business would like to be advertised on the calendar and throughout the competition period, please get in touch: office@binfieldcofchurches.org.uk
01344 421079

For full competition rules please see
www.binfieldcofchurches.org.uk/photo-comp-rules/

HAPPY SNAPPING!

Primary Science Quality Mark

We will remember ...

Starting School in September 2018?

Foundation Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor to serve as part of the Governing Board at our lovely village Church of England Primary School.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education. Applicants are normally committed Christians and their application is usually supported by the local Church.

Foundation Governors should be prepared to be involved in all aspects of school life and uphold the school's distinctive Christian Foundation.

In the first instance, if you would like further information about the role, please contact the clerk to Governors (clerk@binfieldschool.com) or enquire at the school office. Parents or anyone with a love of education and children are welcome to be considered.



Our school's core values are:
Community, Inclusion, Creativity, Integrity.

"To be true to ourselves, each other and the world"

Binfield Cricket Club is today celebrating the news that it has received a £14,520.00 funding boost from SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA Trust) for the replacement of our old tractor unit.

Funding will replace our old tractor that is used to cut the pitch outfield and other ground maintenance tasks. This piece of machinery is essential in the preparation of a good cricket pitch, not only to enable a good standard of cricket to be played but also to ensure that a safe, flat wicket and outfield is available for the whole of the cricket season.

Matt York, a life member and part of the ground staff at Binfield Cricket Club said:

"This news is a tremendous boost for the club and we are extremely grateful to SUEZ for driving this initiative. We work extremely hard to provide a high quality playing area, and this will undoubtedly help us to further improve both the outfield and communal areas of the ground"



Marianne Ivin of SUEZ Communities Trust added "We are delighted to be able to provide the funds for the replacement equipment at the club. The current equipment was among the oldest we have heard about and it was clear that they needed our help. SUEZ Communities Trust provides grants through the Landfill Communities Fund. This important source of funding has been available since 1997 and has provided such worthy projects with more than £1.4 billion."

Gary Chippendale

COMMUNITY NEWS



Christmas Carol Concert

**On Sunday 10th December
at 7.30 pm**

in St Mark's Church, Binfield

**Tickets (on the door) £5
to include Festive Refreshments**

Come and enjoy the Carols
Old and New - Join in and Sing

For more details contact Jan on 01344 411267

www.binfieldsingers.org

Collection for Anthony Nolan Trust
in memory of Christine Woods

Upcoming dates for your Diary

Dec 2nd Christmas Bazaar at Binfield Primary School (see back page)

Dec 4th Binfield Christmas Lights Switch on—Knox Green by roundabout

Dec 9th 7pm Newbold Celebrates Christmas - FREE carol concert (see p.13)

Dec 10th 7.30pm Binfield Singers Christmas Carol Concert (this page)

Dec 13th 10.30am Ranger-led Walk: Pope's Meadow and beyond! Meet: Pope's Meadow car park. RG42 4AY. rangers@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Jan 10th 10.30am Ranger-led Walk: Meadows and Woods. Meet: Jennett's Park car park, RG12 8DY. rangers@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Let us know if you have any local events that you would like to promote in the Binfield Beacon - please get in touch: 01344 421079
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1st BINFIELD SCOUT GROUP

Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme

27th November-16th December 2017

The Scout Post delivery scheme will be taking place again this Christmas. The Scout Post is operated by the 1st Binfield Scout Group, providing a Christmas delivery service to any household with a **Binfield address**, and at the same time raising funds for the whole Scout Group.

The cost is only **30p per card**. Each envelope will be stamped with the Scout Post logo, before being delivered on Sunday 17th December.

Please post your **carefully addressed** cards, and **30p** per card, in a **CHRISTMAS POST** box. These will be at the following places between Monday 27th November and Saturday 16th December:

**The Doctor's Surgery, Terrace Road North,
Lloyds Chemist, Terrace Road North,
Binfield Library, Benetfield Road,
Binfield Club, Forest Road, and
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2nd December 2017
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