

Binfield Beacon

October 2017

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



Binfield Scarecrow Trail

Raising funds for the Binfield ARC project



October Half-Term:
Sat 23 – Sun 29 Oct

Maps £2 each from Binfield Village Stores
& Crema Coffee Shop, 1 prize per map.



Like us on facebook for more information
facebook.com/binfieldscarecrowtrail

ClothesBank

The next ClothesBank Giveaway is on 11th October so we will be accepting donations from Monday 2nd October at St Mark's Church, Binfield.

The Binfield Lighthouse

Did you know that we look after the homeless on Tuesday nights? Find out how you can help inside...

Ladies Pamper Afternoon

14th October
Book your treatment now!
Details inside...

Binfield Church Fete

St Mark's Church, Binfield

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported this amazing annual event. We all had great fun and hope you did too! Full article next month...

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

October 2017

Sunday 1st October

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 2nd October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 4th October

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

Saturday 7th October

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 8th October

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

Monday 9th October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 11th October

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Thursday 12th October

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 13th October

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

Sunday 15th October

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

Monday 16th October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's
8.00pm Practice the Presence of God

Wednesday 18th October

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

Sunday 22nd October

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am NO Whizz Kids - HALF TERM
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'

Monday 23rd October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 24th October

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 25th October

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Saturday 28th October

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 29th October

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

11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'

Monday 30th October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

November 2017

Wednesday 1st November

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

Saturday 4th November

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 5th November

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

From the Registers:

Baptisms



Alfie Chizlett



Ben Lowing

Weddings

Andy Smith & Emily Sauven
Greg Marshall & Gemma Legg
Andrew Winchcombe & Chloe Edwards
Richard Burrows & Catherine Brand
Samuel Stacey & Nicola Russell
Ashley Nicholls & Madeleine Renouf

Funerals

July:
Mary Negus
Barry Claridge
Dave Creasey
August:
Jan Mitchell
Iris Pascutia
Sheila Dale
Jean Biggs
September:
Roy Cox



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FROM YOUR RECTOR



The seed of honesty

A successful business man was growing old and knew it was time to choose a successor to take over the business.

Instead of choosing one of his Directors or his children, he decided to do something different. He called all the young executives in his company together.

He said, "It is time for me to step down and choose the next CEO. I have decided to choose one of you."

The young executives were shocked, but the boss continued. "I am going to give each one of you a SEED today – one very special SEED. I want you to plant the seed, water it, and come back here one year from today with what you have grown from the seed I have given you. I will then judge the plants that you bring, and the one I choose will be the next CEO."

One man, named Jim, was there that day and he, like the others, received a seed. He went home and excitedly, told his wife the story. She helped him get a pot, soil and compost and he planted the seed.

Every day he would water it and watch to see if it had grown. After about three weeks, some of the other executives began to talk about their seeds and the plants that were beginning to grow.

Jim kept checking his seed, but nothing ever grew. Three weeks, four weeks, five weeks went by, still nothing. By now, others were talking about their plants, but Jim didn't have a plant and he felt like a failure.

Six months went by — still nothing in Jim's pot. He just knew he had killed his seed. Everyone else had trees and tall plants, but he had nothing. Jim didn't say anything to his colleagues, however... He just kept watering and fertilizing the soil – He so wanted the seed to grow.

A year finally went by and all the young executives of the company brought their plants to the CEO for inspection. Jim told his wife that he wasn't going to take an empty pot. But she asked him to be honest about what happened. Jim felt sick to his stomach, it was going to be the most embarrassing moment of his life, but he knew his wife was right.

He took his empty pot to the board room. When Jim arrived, he was amazed at the variety of plants grown by the other executives. They were beautiful — in all shapes and sizes.

Jim put his empty pot on the floor and many of his colleagues laughed, a few felt sorry for him!

When the CEO arrived, he surveyed the room and greeted his young executives.

Jim just tried to hide in the back. "My, what great plants, trees, and flowers you have grown," said the CEO. "Today one of you will be appointed the next CEO!"

All of a sudden, the CEO spotted Jim at the back of the room with his empty pot. He ordered the Financial Director to bring him to the front.

Jim was terrified. He thought, "The CEO knows I'm a failure! Maybe he will have me fired!"

When Jim got to the front, the CEO asked him what had happened to his seed – Jim told him the story.

The CEO asked everyone to sit down except Jim. He looked at Jim, and then announced to the young

Jim couldn't believe it. Jim couldn't even grow his seed. "How could he be the new CEO?" the others said.

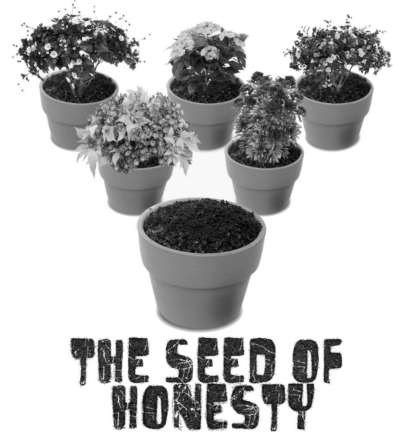
Then the CEO said, "One year ago today, I gave everyone in this room a seed. I told you to take the seed, plant it, water it, and bring it back to me today. But I gave you all boiled seeds; they were dead – it was not possible for them to grow. All of you, except Jim, have brought me trees and plants and flowers. When you found that the seed would not grow, you substituted another seed for the one I gave you. Jim was the only one with the courage and honesty to bring me a pot with my seed in it. Therefore, he is the one who will be the new Chief Executive Officer!"

- * If you plant honesty, you will reap trust
- * If you plant goodness, you will reap friends
- * If you plant humility, you will reap greatness
- * If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment
- * If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective
- * If you plant hard work, you will reap success
- * If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation
- * If you plant faith in God, you will reap a harvest

So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later...

As the Bibles says,
for whatever one sows, that will they also reap. Galatians 6:7.

Author Unknown
Story was submitted by
visitor Madhukar for
academictips.org.



Luke

ClothesBank

Clothing for those in need

The next ClothesBank Giveaway is on 11th October so we will be accepting donations from Monday 2nd October at St Mark's Church, Binfield.

Please help us earn a share of £1000!

We are currently very fortunate to be chosen by Bracknell Forest to be part of their recycling charity scheme. Please log onto their website and donate your recycling points to ClothesBank and help us receive much needed funds...

The link and more information can be found here:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/clothesbank

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:

Phase 1 repair work has been continuing nicely (when it's not been raining!) over the summer – can you spot your tile being added to the front of the roof of All Saints'?! There is now also insulation up there which will help the church feel much more cosy and warm this winter, not to mention dry!

We are grateful for the continuing fundraising efforts which will hopefully see us being able to extend these improvements to other areas of the church roof.

During the school holidays, events taking place included the Binfield Parish Council Summer of Fun Event, held at Farley Wood Community Centre. Despite the rain, kids had lots of fun, and £234.88 was raised through our refreshment and BBQ stand. Many thanks to the Council for inviting us to participate and to their team for helping out on the day too!

The Community Get Together was run over two dates in August and was also enjoyed by those who came along to have a cup of tea, some cake and a chat. Thanks to the team who organised this, (Louise, Clare, Sue and Sarah) and all who helped them raise £146.

Jo-Anne Carlsson also arranged a special "Hug-A-Horse" event with her horse at Berkshire Equine Assisted Therapy and raised £80 for us. We're hoping she'll agree to running another session after hearing lots of great feedback!

And a huge well done and thanks also go to James Foster who raised an incredible £534.19 running in his Sprint Challenge. James used Just-Giving to raise the money – another fantastic example of how you can contribute to the fundraising project through your own events.

Don't forget to check out the shop on our website at www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/shop, where our quality notelets, Christmas cards and tea-towels will all be available to buy (also at All Saints' and St Mark's Churches). These went down really well at the wonderful Church Fete – it was great to see lots of you down there enjoying yet another brilliant day despite the wind and threat of rain!

Look out for further details of our Ladies Clothes Swap event on Friday 3rd November and Quiz Night on Friday 24th November and don't forget the fabulous Scarecrow Trail is back – a huge thank you to the organisers!

We're looking out for more events and ideas as always, please get in touch.

With Thanks,
The Fundraising Team



NEW PHASE 2 TOTAL: £40,215

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>
- **JustTextGiving:**
Text "BARC16 £10" to 70070 (or your amount)

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.

Please also ask at the office for ways to add to your regular giving if you belong to the congregation.

Upcoming Events:

14th October:	Pamper at 1.30pm The Red House
23-29th October:	Scarecrow Trail
3rd November:	Ladies Evening—Clothes Exchange
24th November:	Quiz Night @ St Mark's

Please contact us at fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

See our website/facebook for more information, links to fundraising and dates for upcoming events:

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk or www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject

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:

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lukethevicar@gmail.com
(Friday is Luke's day off)

Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

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office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
All enquiries for weddings and baptisms
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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9.00am—12noon. Closed Tuesday.

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Vacancy

P.C.C. Secretary:

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Andrew Aylwin
01344 481692

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Andrea White
01344 421079

Church Website:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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



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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 AND COMMUNITY



Hello Everyone!

We hope you've had a fantastic summer, enjoying time with family and friends and having a break from school! We managed to get a few spots of great weather, so hopefully, you were able to get out in the sun. A new school year means new classes and teachers, which I'm sure you're settling into well!

The Binfield Church Fete was so great, with yummy food and bouncy castles it was a fab day for everyone.

Whizz Kids were running three of the stalls, so a massive thank you to everyone who came and helped the day run smoothly!!

We've got lots going on this October, so keep your eyes and ears peeled...



Whizz Kids is back!! Every term time Sunday (except the 1st of the month) we meet at St. Mark's Church at 10:45am for games, craft, learning about faith and much more. We welcome anyone in school years 1-6, and we even have some new recruits of Year 7 young leaders this term, which is amazing! We're planning more socials and the return of the Christmas Party too...

NEW Oasis Life Group: On Wednesday evenings we are starting a life group which is aimed at girls in school years 7-9, but could be open to others interested in coming. It will be a place to chat about issues, faith, and support each other at a time when everything is



changing. We will share food, hang out, and be a community of like minded people! Join us at St. Mark's Church on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm.

Light Party: We are teaming up with Warfield Church to host a Light Party on the 31st October which is set to be a night of madness and fun! At St. Michael's Church, it will be an evening of pizza, games, and lots of fun! 5:30-7:00pm, don't miss out!

With any of these events, please email me if you are interested in coming along or if you have any questions. We would love to see as many of you joining in as possible, so feel free to bring your friends along too!

See you all soon!

Daisy

Children's Worker daisyridell@gmail.com



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

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



3G



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



Come and join us!



Binfield Lighthouse Programme

The Lighthouse Programme continues to support the homeless and those in need. Providing home-cooked meals and shelter on Tuesday evenings at St Mark's. During the summer months the doors are open from 6.30pm, the hall is set up with numerous games and a hot meal is served from 7.00pm. Typically we entertain 15 ~ 20 guests a week.

Volunteers are welcome to help as often as they like; there is no pressure to attend regularly. Alternatively you could simply drop a prepared dish to site and we will serve the food.

Help Needed :

- Volunteers to either cook a meal or donate food
- Large serving plates
- Sharp kitchen knives
- Bottles of squash
- Tea, coffee and sugar

For further information and to volunteer please contact amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk or 07825 341559. Donations can be handed in to the Church office marked for the Lighthouse.

Ladies Pamper Afternoon

Saturday 15th October 1.30-5.30pm

at the Red House (next to The Jack O' Newbury pub)

Various Therapists have donated their time and all funds raised will go to the All Saints' ARC project

- Lymphatic massage. 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Manicure
- Pedicure
- Massage
- Physio treatments and sports massage

Pamper Afternoon



Please come along and have coffee (or tea), cake and a chat - bring your mothers, daughters, friends too...

Treatments - £15.00 for a 30 minute appointment

Please contact Jane Aylwin to book appointments or for more information

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MEETINGS & GROUPS - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

THE SILVER SERVICE



The August Silver Service took place in Jane and Andrew's house and garden. We are so grateful to them for their generous hospitality. The weather was warm and sunny, so we were able to enjoy looking round the lovely garden, which is full of colour. The four children had fun playing in the garden and with the dogs. We all enjoyed fellowship over a delicious lunch.



**Next: 12 noon Oct 24th
at St Mark's Church**

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

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

10am Friday 13th October

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

EVERYONE WELCOME THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN



MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

**Next: Saturday 28th October
"Left Brain - Right Brain"**

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.

**4th Oct - 9am meet at Crema
18th Oct - 9am meet at Crema
1st Nov - 9am meet at Crema**

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



**Saturdays:
7th October, 4th November**

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](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

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News from the Parish Office – October 2017

Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

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



Date	Meeting	Time
Tuesday 3 October	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 10 October	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 24 October	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Events – Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
22 – 29 October	Arts Week

An update from the Summer!

July S137 Grant Awards for Local Community Groups We are delighted to let you all know that 19 local Community Groups were successful in their application for a S137 grant. A full list of grant recipients can be found on our website in the Parish Council/Grants page. The next Grant Application window opens in December 2017.

26 July Summer of Fun, Farley Wood Despite the wet weather the event went ahead – The ARC Project keeping the BBQ going in the rain! We estimate 380 people came on the day to enjoy the free activities which included teenage zorbs, laser quest, crazy golf, circus skills, balloon modelling, junior tennis skills, performances and active storytelling. Huge thanks to all of our volunteers, community groups, and suppliers who took part!

Travellers on Foxley Fields A word of thanks to local residents who supported the Parish Council in dealing with the unauthorised traveller encampment over the weekend of 9/10 September. An eviction notice was served with bailiffs appointed. Travellers used rubbish bags provided to clear the site and our Parish Warden, with the help of local residents, cleared remaining items and undertook a site inspection. Firm and swift action ensured that Foxley Fields could resume as normal by Monday 11 September. The Parish Council were already considering preventative measures for Foxley Fields in keeping with the open nature of the space and we will share more with you on this shortly.

12th Annual Northern Parishes Arts Week, 22 – 29 October Arts Week is fully funded and run by the Parish Councils of Binfield, Warfield, and Winkfield with over 40 free-to-book arts and crafts events for locals of all ages in venues across the Parishes. Events include children's trash drumming, animation workshops, pumpkin carving, "Scary" performing arts workshops, and for adults, silver jewellery making workshops, calligraphy, ukulele workshops and lots of lovely performances of music, a new drama piece of satirical theatre and talks.

Booking opens on Sunday 8 October at 2.30pm online at www.arts-week.org.

Binfield Landscape Character & Heritage Study – your comments requested Binfield Parish Council, in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Planning Group, have produced a draft Binfield Parish Landscape and Heritage Study to inform decision making following the adoption of the Binfield Neighbourhood Plan in April 2016. The study will assist the Parish during the Local Plan process, and in particular the emerging SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment), and in development control by providing a robust landscape and heritage evidence base.

The Parish Council requests your comments on the draft by Friday 20 October 2017. Find the draft Study at our website in the Document Archive section or on our Facebook page.

Parish Office Extension & Community Hub – update Our planning application has been approved. A short list of contractors has been identified after Expressions of Interest were received and evaluated against key criteria. Our next step is to enter the tender process with an expectation that a contractor will be appointed in November 2017 with works commencing from January 2018. The Parish Office will take a temporary office location in the Village centre from January for approximately six months. For more information on the Office Extension & Community Hub plans then please check our Facebook page/website.

Ally, Amanda & Janet

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Garden Club

It's been a busy summer for gardeners of Binfield coping with heavy rain interspersed with a few scorching days. Luckily the club had a dry day for their visit to the beautiful Kiftsgate Court Gardens in Chipping Camden at the end of July.

August 3rd was an extremely interesting evening by John Baxter on the Perfume of Flowers. John began with prehistoric times when scented herbs were used to worship gods, through Egyptians and Persians distilling fragrances from flowers, to Arabs bringing scents and perfumed oils to Europe. Royal Patronage gave rise to the modern industry and perfume has been an integral part of our lives, often associated with beauty and romance!

John's talk reminded us of the many different fragrances and how they are extracted and distilled. Naturally plants have 'smells' to attract or repel, but for humans scents have strong emotional qualities and can please or irritate! John's wife brought a vast array of scented oils and everyone enjoyed sniffing them. Winners of August's competition for herbaceous flowers were...1st Christine Leonard; 2nd tied Belinda Thornhill and Nancy Bowen; 4th Liz Ferris

September's meeting was a talk by Roger Askew on The History of English Gardens. Beginning with a painting of Adam and Eve's Garden of Paradise, he traced the early enclosed spaces of medieval times seen as a place of withdrawal and calm from the outside world. The name 'garden' evolved from the word 'garthen', medieval for enclosed spaces and our 'orchard' came from 'wort gearð' meaning 'berry yard'. Later, wealthy people began to look beyond the enclosed garden. In the following centuries gardens evolved into vistas with lakes, trees and uninterrupted views of landscapes. Examples can be seen at Stowe and at Bowood House, the first to install a ha-ha. In Victorian times wealthy industrialists employed teams of gardeners to compete with each other and build wonderful gardens such as Bodnant and Waddesdon. Since then well-known gardeners and designers like Gertrude Jekyll, Christopher Lloyd and Beth Chatto have shown us how to plan and use colour. Our modern gardens have become extensions to our homes and living spaces, but still can provide a place to withdraw and be calm. The Annual Challenge this month had members bringing in dahlias grown from the seeds given out earlier this year. Well done to the winner of the cup Jenny Baxter; 2nd was Christine Leonard, 3rd Carol Fraser and 4th Liz Ferris.

The final visit of the year will be on September 14th to Syon Park and our next meeting is on Thursday 5th October, 7.15pm at The Memorial Hall with a talk by John Armand on Unusual Bulbs. The competition is a mosaic of seeds and/or plants, 12" by 12" max! Visitors and guests are always welcome. More details on binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com or find us on Facebook.

Sue Jeffery



PS Early each summer Garden Club members help children at Binfield CE Primary School to plant seeds which they take home and care for then bring back to be judged at the end of term. This year Nasturtiums were grown and this photo shows the happy winners! Well done.

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As you read this summer will have come and gone or never come some may say! In August we all celebrated together with our annual summer lunch which was at Cantley House. A bright day arrived and we had a delicious lunch at the venue with more chat in the garden afterwards. It's a time to catch up with all your friends and welcome some new. So, September rains in and we have the summer fete to look forward to in the village where we will have had a stall. I am writing this before so will catch up in the next issue. During the summer The Belles have met for coffee mornings and a delicious cream tea at Anita's house.

Two demonstrations showing summer cooking were held at a member's house on some nice sunny days and they were enjoyed by all who joined in the lunch afterwards, sipping Pimms and wine as well. Our monthly events continue and work on the banner and flower festival for next year is discussed.

In September we have the Vicar with flowers demonstrating his skills with repartee as well; Report to follow.

October's meeting will be on the 12th and we welcome along a young classical singer to entertain us. Interested in visiting on that night? Pop along to Binfield Village Hall at 7.15pm where a warm welcome awaits and an entertaining evening begins. A visit to the barracks in Windsor is also on the cards and a soup and roll lunch, reminds us that winter is coming. November brings an icing workshop so get all those Christmas cakes made and learn some new icing tips!

We welcome many new members and others move on as we say goodbye to Sally Everett - a Binfield figure known by many who is moving to Lambourn and is joining the WI there - we wish her well!!

Thinking of coming along? Need more details? Give me a call - Linda at 01344 454503 /07708 731294 or e mail hbindaskitchen@aol.com - we look forward to seeing you

Our website is binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi

Linda

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

Lexicon Opening

Binfield CE Primary School (VA) were delighted to participate in the opening ceremony of The Lexicon in Bracknell town centre on Thursday 7th

September. Five of our children, chosen by staff as being excellent representatives for the school, attended the launch with Mrs Featherstone-Wright and Mrs Mistry. The children were a credit to the school and particularly enjoyed being interviewed by local TV and radio presenters!



Gardening Competition

After Easter, the Binfield Gardening Club kindly came into school and helped all of the children plant some nasturtium seeds. On Monday, the children were invited to bring in their resulting plants and these were judged by the club. Well done to the children who were chosen by the club for their efforts. As always, our thanks go to Mrs Lusby, Mr Ireland and the Binfield Gardening Club members for giving the children this opportunity.

Starting School in September 2018?

Will your child be starting school in September 2018? If you are interested in visiting our school, the following tour dates have been arranged for prospective parents:

Tuesday 17th October 2017
Tuesday 7th November 2017
Tuesday 28th November 2017
Tuesday 9th January 2018

The morning starts at 9.30am and will consist of a welcome meeting with the Headteacher, a tour of the school by the children and an informal questions/answer session with key members of staff. If you would like to attend one of these events, please call the school office on 01344 860106 to book a place.

S. Featherstone-Wright (Headteacher)

Binfield Badger Group

The next Binfield Badger Group meeting will be on **Thursday 19th October 2017**. We are looking forward to welcoming Julia Lofthouse, BBOWT's Mammal Project Officer. She will be telling us about the Trust's Water Vole Recovery Project. This little mammal has lost a staggering 95 % of its range since 1900. She will also update us on BBOWT's badger vaccination programme in West Berkshire, which will hopefully restart later this year. This promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

As always for Binfield Badger Group meetings, there is no admission charge and the meeting is open to non-members. Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting will start at 7.30 pm. This will be at the Memorial Hall in Binfield and everyone is welcome to attend.

Annelise Hill



News from Binfield Patient Group

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Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

COMMUNITY



Enjoying the Codes and the Docks

By Terry Dilliway

It's no secret that shipmates of Bracknell branch Royal Naval Association enjoy nothing more than a trip out for the day.

So there could have been no better choice of trip than a visit to Bletchley Park, secret home of Britain's famous wartime codebreakers.

A group of twelve members and three friends benefited from excellent weather while gaining an insight into the lives and work of Alan Turing's specialists who unravelled the Lorenz and Enigma codes, effectively shortening the length of World War 2 by up to two years.



Group Photo in car park

After travelling by minibus from their headquarters at Binfield Club, Bracknell's shipmates toured the huts where thousands of intelligence staff received continuous messages from dispatch riders and where Colossus, the world's first digital computer, was developed. Members photographed the Polish Memorial, commemorating the achievements of three exceptional Polish mathematicians credited with breaking Enigma; and personal skills were tested when visiting the 'Brilliant Minds' exhibition.

A more ancient method of secret messaging was also revealed to shipmates with exhibits which told the story of the National Pigeon Service, whose 250,000 flying messengers contributed to the war effort.

Bracknell RNA secretary S/M June Boddrell said: "All shipmates enjoyed the day enormously and all agreed a

second visit was needed as there was just too much information to absorb in one go."



Group photo in front of Semaphore Tower (with new RNA Bus)

Portsmouth dockyard and the Semaphore Tower headquarters of the Royal Naval Association was next destination for a Bracknell Branch visit, when twelve members were welcomed, together with shipmates from Lee on Solent, to an Open Day at RNA Central Office.

A few moments' retail therapy at RNA 'slops' preceded an enjoyable light lunch above in the fourth-floor 'Semaphore Arms', with members taking advantage of the breathtaking views of *HMS Warrior*, the distinctive Spinnaker Tower and the constantly busy harbour and Navy docks.

Following an informative talk on the surroundings and events of the day, shipmates took passage on a harbour launch to view dockyard sights which included Royal Navy warships in for refit, and preparations for the imminent arrival of *Queen Elizabeth*, first of Britain's two new aircraft carriers, due to be escorted into her home port just days after the Bracknell sailors' visit.

A sip of Pussers rum, a Navy favourite, contributed to the enjoyment of another successful day arranged by S/M Lynne Daley, Bracknell RNA social secretary.

Once Navy, Always Navy



Following a recent unauthorised encampment on Foxley Fields I would like to take this opportunity

to try and explain about powers available to Police. Contrary to popular opinion we cannot turn up and immediately evict an unauthorised encampment. Trespass on land is a civil offence and the eviction process falls to the land owner (Private or Local Authority). The Police do have powers under Section 61 of the Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 however use of these powers is not always appropriate and has to be a balance between the needs of the local community/land and the occupants of the encampment. Each encampment is different and the circumstances of each encampment need to be assessed individually. This is an ongoing process and just because the powers may not be appropriate initially this can change over time and as soon as they are appropriate we will use them. When we receive notification of an encampment we will always attend (usually within the hour depending on other incidents

requiring our attention at the time) and we will issue codes of conduct to the occupants, and then identify and liaise with the landowner. We will then make regular patrols in order to assess the impact of the site. We would urge our local communities to conduct themselves with respect. Each group is different and just because a previous encampment has caused issues doesn't mean that other's will, spreading fear and stereotypes on social media is not helpful. We would also like to remind our communities that unnecessary use of the 999 or 101 lines can cause delays for others genuinely in need of our help. Once we are aware any further calls merely reporting their presence do not speed up or change our response or approach. Calls to report actual issues (such as damage & anti-social behaviour) are of course welcomed as this will help with our assessment process. We are always happy to expand on this in detail via email at

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Thanks, Cass & the team

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Library News: August/ October 2017

The Summer Reading Challenge is finally completed and hopefully the children will have received their certificates in the school assemblies. If your child attends a school outside of Bracknell Forest then their certificate is being held in the library for their collection. Well done children for all your reading. It was an intensely busy time for us too but I think the staff have now recovered and all adult activities are back to normal!

We are still on the look out for some adult volunteers to help us with the day to day running of the library with tasks such as stock and shelving. There is an online application form on the Library website if you think you could offer regular assistance. We are particularly looking for someone on Thursday morning and Monday afternoon. If you feel that this is for you why not drop in and talk to one of us.

Binfield is continuing to change with many new estates being added. We keep an archive here of old photographs of Binfield showing the many changes to the area. If you have anything you think would be beneficial to have on record such as stories, maps, photographs, please let us know so that they can be copied and added to this valuable historical resource. Or maybe you are new to the area and would like to access these records and find out more about the history of the area in which you now live.

Here is a quick summary of dates for your diary:

Children's Events:

Bounce & Rhyme sessions are for pre school children every Thursday at 9.30 am. Please come and teach us some new songs and join in with our new signs. We open at 9 am and you can enjoy a coffee and chat with your friends. Singing is followed by a Tots craft, a simple craft involving lots of glue and stickers!

Our children's craft sessions continue on Thursdays as 3.30pm and there will be an extra one in half term week on the Thursday afternoon.

Lego is on Monday afternoon 2nd October and there will be an extra session on Monday afternoon in half term. Come and create something amazing!

Adult Events:

Knit and Natter is on Saturday 21st October and on Monday 2nd October. New knitters are very welcome.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 12th October at 11am. Come and join us and sharpen those brain cells and have a good laugh. You also get tea and cake.

The Binfield Film Group is still enjoying a wide range of films. Future films which we will be watching include the acclaimed Room and I, Daniel Blake. The group of film buffs meet monthly to discuss the film and the next meeting is on Tuesday 17th October at 3.15pm. There are a few spaces if you would like to join them.

Are you new to Binfield? Drop in for a chat, make new friends and exercise those brain cells at our Coffee

morning and Quiz, Thursday 26th October. Last month we were pleased to hold our Macmillan coffee morning and raise funds for this good cause.

Rummikub is on Friday 27th October. We play both the numbers and letters version of this game and novices are always welcome.

The drop-in book group is meeting on Monday evening 30th October at 5.30 pm. Last month we read 'The Tea Planter's Wife' by Dinah Jefferies. This was a heart rending book set in Ceylon in the 1920s following the story of a young married woman starting a new life half way across the world. We try to read something we would normally never pick up. This month we are trying 'The Museum of You' by Carys Bray. Why not collect the book and join us on Monday 30th?

Please contact the Library for any further details on any of our events.

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.

We look forward to welcoming you to the library.

The Binfield Library team:

Helen, 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

Nineteenth Century Rectors of Binfield by John Harman

Dr Gabell, Part 2. His life in Binfield as Rector

From his own words in a personal letter we can glean a little of Dr Gabell's approach to what he called his "retirement" in Binfield. In Sept 1823 three months before he came to live at The Rectory, he wrote to Dr Parr saying, *"I hope I shall see you at Binfield. I look forward to my retirement with an ardour that will terminate, I am afraid, in disappointment. For though I know that men even of the strongest mind have found the change from a life of occupation to a life of inaction to be too great, and that a man may have too little to do as well as too much, yet when I think of Binfield and retirement, I seem to have lost all sobriety of mind, and to be under an incredible delusion."*

Dr Gabell, approaching 60, may well have regarded his time in Binfield as "retirement". The christening and burial records of All Saints' show that he did not officiate at many such services after his first year as Rector of Binfield. Between 1826 and his death in 1831, Gabell's curate, the Reverend I. V. Bolton took all but nine funeral services. Of the nine taken by the Rector, one was of a local baronet and another, sadly, was the funeral of Susannah Bolton - the wife of the curate - who was buried on 21st of August 1827, aged only 26. These few funeral records show that Gabell's handwriting became increasingly clumsy - though not difficult to read - so it may also be that he became unwell during the last years of his ministry in Binfield.

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But he seemed not to neglect pastoral care. The "Oxford University and City Herald" of 12th December 1829 reports "*The handsome conduct of the Rev Gabell, Rector of Binfield to the agriculturists of that Parish is worthy of notice. He deducted 10% from his tithes in 1827, and 29% in 1828, in consequence of the depressed state of agriculture.*" And, as early as 1824 - the year that he came to live in Binfield - he became the administrative force behind the re-establishment of the Binfield Charity School. This significant contribution to the life of the village is outlined in the Beacon of July 2016. Here, it is worth adding that Dr Gabell's conduct of the first two Vestry meetings, as recorded in the minutes, showed his administrative skills. The draft proposals that he presented to the meeting have an efficient and surprisingly modern ring. And as the previous account indicated, Dr Gabell and the management committee he set up kept a firm hand on the development of the school.

So, however ungainly his handwriting became as the years passed, he was respected - almost held in awe - by the author of his memorial [possibly James Randall, his ex-pupil and eventual successor] who wrote, "*In him, acuteness and strength of understanding were combined with various and accurate learning, elegance of taste and peculiar suavity of manner.*"

Whoever the author, we have evidence from elsewhere to support this view of Dr Gabell's learning, taste and discrimination. In the Reading Mercury of May 30th 1831 there is a "NOTICE of an IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE, at the RECTORY, BINFIELD, BERKS" [sic]. The auctioneers announce that they have "*received instructions from the executor of the late Rev. Dr. Henry Dison Gabell, D. D., to sell the whole of the Valuable and Genuine HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Wardrobe of beautiful Linen, an extensive Cellar of Rare Old Wines.*" The announcement reports also the auction of Dr Gabell's "*yellow-bodied Landaulet [and] brown-bodied Phaeton*". From a later auction of his library it is clear that it included Greek and Roman literature, as well as religious commentaries, **possibly** including one, immensely detailed but strangely, almost amusingly archaic "*Commentary upon the Historical Books of the Old Testament*" by Dr Symon Patrick. The 1822 edition is on https://archive.org/details/CriticalCommentaryParaphraseOntApocrypha.6vols.pitman.patrick.etc.1822_

The auction of his books took more time because of a clause in Dr Gabell's will of 1815 that allowed his wife to select any of his books which she judged to be useful "*to herself or her children in the way of amusement, instruction or edification*" up to a value of £200. The will carefully makes arrangements for his family to be provided for, leaving a great deal under the control of his wife, always referred to in warm and affectionate terms - much greater than convention would require. An 1823 codicil offers further evidence of this love and trust: he had clearly discussed the changes with his wife, the major change having arisen from her "expressed wish".

A stark single liner in the Bristol Mirror of April 30th 1831 reports the preferment of "*The Rev. J. Randall, to the Rectory Binfield, Berks, void by the death of the Rev. Dr. Gabell.*"

Upcoming dates for your Diary

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| Oct 7th | Piano Recital: Roy Bo-Wang
7.30pm at Newbold Church |
| Oct 14th | Ladies Pamper Afternoon
1.30pm at The Red House,
Binfield |
| Oct 23-29th | Binfield Scarecrow Trail |
| Nov 3rd | Ladies Clothes Exchange
Evening at St Mark's |

Piano Recital

Roy Bo-Wang

Saturday 7th October
at 7.30pm

Newbold Church,
Binfield, RG424AN



Program:

- ◆ Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody no 2
- ◆ Balakirive The Lark
- ◆ Saint-Saens/ Godovvski The Swan
- ◆ Gottshcalk Souvenir de Porto Rico
- ◆ Hiromi UeharaTom and Jerry show



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