

# Binfield Beacon

November 2017

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



## Wear yours with pride...



## ...and don't forget to donate

### ClothesBank

A big thank you to everyone who gave their time, clothes or money to help with our Autumn giveaway day - we couldn't do it without you!



Are you filling your Christmas shoeboxes? The deadline to drop them back to St Mark's is Friday **10th November**. Find out more: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

This month...

### Remembrance Day Services

**Saturday 11th November**  
10.45am Armistice Day Service at St Mark's

**Sunday 12th November**  
9.30am Parade from Binfield shops followed by 10am Remembrance Day Service at All Saints'

Next month...

### Until We Meet Again

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





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

## 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

### Monday 6th November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 8th November

10.00am 3G Birthday Party at St Mark's

### Thursday 9th November

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

### Friday 10th November

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

### Saturday 11th November

10.45am Armistice Day Service at St Mark's

### Sunday 12th November—Remembrance Sunday

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
10.00am Remembrance Day Service at All Saints'  
NO Whizz Kids

### Monday 13th November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 15th November

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

### Sunday 19th November

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 20th November

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

### Wednesday 22nd November

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

### Saturday 25th November

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

### Sunday 26th November

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 27th November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Tuesday 28th November

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

### Wednesday 29th November

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

## 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



## Remembrance Day Services

### Saturday 11th November 10.45am

Armistice Day Service at St Mark's Church  
Outside by the memorial

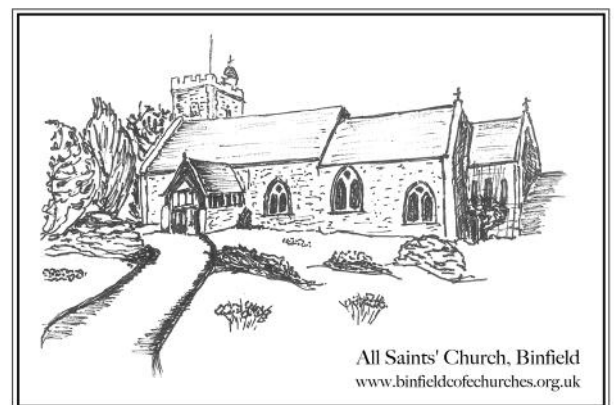
### Sunday 12th November

9.30am Parade from Oakmede shops to All Saints'  
followed by 10am Remembrance Day Service at All Saints'

Looking for a gift or two?

## All Saints' tea towels are now on sale!

£4.50 each these beautiful, soft, natural cotton tea towels show Alwyn Kimber's lovely sketch of All Saints' Church in all its glory.



All Saints' Church, Binfield  
[www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

We are also selling packs of quality notelets in 2 similar designs on ivory card.

Items can all be bought from the church office or our webshop:

[www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk](http://www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk)

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## FROM YOUR RECTOR



### The Bridge Builder

Once upon a time, there were two brothers. Their father had a large farm and when he became too old to work, he called his sons to him. "I am too old to work anymore," he said. "I will divide my farm in half and give each of you one half. I know that

you will always work together and will be good friends."

When the brothers first started farming on their adjoining farms, they were the best of friends and would share everything together. Then, one day there was an argument between the two brothers and they stopped speaking to one another. For many years, not a word was spoken between them.

One day, one of the brothers was at his house when a carpenter came to his door and said, "I would like to do some work. Do you have any work that I can do?" The brother thought for a moment and then replied, "I would like for you to build a fence on my property. Build it down near the stream there that separates my farm from my brother's. I don't want to see my brother anymore and I would like for you to build a high fence there please. I'm going into town and I'll be back this evening."

When he came back that evening, he was shocked to see that the carpenter had not followed his instructions. Instead of building a high fence there, he had built a bridge over the stream. The man walked down to take a look at the bridge, and as he did, his brother walked toward him from the other side. His brother said, "After all the terrible things I've done to you over the years, I can't believe that you would build a bridge and welcome me back." He reached out to his brother and gave him a big hug.

The brother then walked back up to his farmhouse to talk to the carpenter. "Can you stay?" he asked. "I have more work for you to do." The carpenter answered, "I'm sorry but I can't stay. I have to go, for I have many other bridges to build."

As we remember this month those who have given their lives in wars, let's remember that it's too easy to build fences. Let's be bridge builders instead. As the Bible says, "*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*" *Colossians 3:13.*

The author is unknown, and the story can be found in various places on the internet.



Luke

### From the Registers:

### Baptisms



*Clementine Webb*

*Lawrence Rice*  
*Arthur Rice*

### Binfield Scarecrow Trail

Raising funds for the Binfield ARC project



*We hope you have all had a lot of fun with the amazing Binfield Scarecrow Trail — look out for a write-up in the next edition of the Binfield Beacon!*

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### Thank you...

to everyone who brought along their food gifts for our Harvest Services. All food items have been taken to the Bracknell Foodbank

# 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:

The majority of the repair work being carried out under Phase 1 of the project has now been completed, with a small amount left to finish off. The work is expected to be finished early November, and one of our Churchwardens, Dave Saunders, who has been doing an amazing job coordinating all the work, is planning to write a full update on how it's all gone in a later edition of the Beacon.

In the meantime, we have lots of great things going on to help us support the Fabric Team as they look towards the next round of necessary repairs.

Some of you will have enjoyed a lovely time being pampered at the Red House, organized by Jane Aylwin, and we thank her for arranging this special afternoon again.

We will also report on how much the Binfield Scarecrow Trail raised for the ARC project in the next issue – but we're sure that everyone will have enjoyed taking part in something which is getting bigger and better each year!

We would also like to thank those who recently attended the funeral of Roy Cox, who kindly donated £209 to the retiring collection in aid of the ARC Project.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we have the Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening taking place at St. Mark's, which will be an opportunity to swap something which has been hanging around in your wardrobe with something fresh in time for the Christmas Party season! See the website for full details on buying tickets in advance and where to drop off donations.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Quiz Night, also taking place at St. Mark's, which we are really looking forward to. Get your teams together and buy your tickets for a brain-engaging evening (or just for a drink and some food to help us raise more funds!). Again, see the website for full details on tickets.

We are setting a deadline of the Quiz Night to bring in your foreign or old coin donations – so please add them to the buckets before then or on the night.

And finally for now, we are happy that the 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield Rainbows and Brownies are already planning to hold a carol singing session at Tesco's in Warfield on 4<sup>th</sup> December, so please put the date in your diary to come along and sing some jolly Christmas songs with them!

With Thanks,  
The Fundraising Team  
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**NEW PHASE 2 TOTAL: £42,922**

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:

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- **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:**

Friday 3rd November: Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening,  
7pm, St. Mark's

Friday 24th November: Quiz Night, 7:30pm St. Mark's.

Friday 24th November: Deadline for foreign coin collection.

Monday 4th December: 1st Binfield Carol Singing at Tesco Warfield

# 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](mailto: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*

<b>Jane Aylwin</b>	<b>tel. 481692</b>
<b>Jill Hanson</b>	<b>tel. 452694</b>
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<b>Dave Dawson</b>	<b>tel. 360389</b>

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) to have your prayers included each week.

**CONTACT US: 01344 421079 [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)**

### Rector:

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

### Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672  
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

### Church Office:

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**All enquiries for weddings and baptisms**  
**Office opening hours:**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**  
**9.00am—12noon. Closed Tuesday.**

### Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins  
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### Bell Tower Captain:

Vacancy

### P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes  
07809 736372

### Treasurer:

Andrew Aylwin  
01344 481692

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Andrea White  
01344 421079

### Church Website:

[www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

We are also on *Facebook*  
[facebook.com/allSaintsWithStMarks](https://facebook.com/allSaintsWithStMarks)



### ARC Fundraising Team

[fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

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**St Mark's Church**  
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RG42 4AH

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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!

I can't believe it's November already! We've still been finding loads of ways to have fun despite the chilly weather...

At Whizz Kids we spent time learning about harvest, why we celebrate it and what it's for. We made bunting to decorate the church for the celebration, with pictures of loads of fruit and vegetables to show all the food we can be thankful for. Next, we're going to be talking about being LEADERS, and how we can be great leaders for God!



Oasis

We also had our first few Oasis Life Group sessions, which were so much fun! Oasis Life Group is aimed at girls in schools years 7-9, as its aim is to provide support, discussion and fun during this time of change. We've made milkshakes, decorated pizzas, and watched movies and it's been a blast so far. If you're interested in joining us on a Wednesday evening just drop me an email, we'd love to have you! Also, if there are any girls in year 10+ that would like to help us lead the event we would love that, so please get in touch.

As Christmas is right around the corner it's time to announce the return of the Whizz Kids' Christmas Party! It was so much fun last year and we had a great turn out, so let's make it even better this year. If you're in school year's 1-6, join us on Friday 22nd December for a night of dancing, food, games and a present! Booking is essential for this event so please let me know if you'd like to come, an ideal time for parents to finish wrapping presents without little eyes around!



We hope you have a fantastic November, and I'll see you next month.

*Daisy*

Children's Worker [daisyriddell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyriddell@gmail.com)



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP: 10.45am-12noon @ St Mark's Church**  
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A group for children of school years 1-6 every Sunday (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

**All children welcome - Bring your friends**

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## **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

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Bracknell Choral Society, now in its 57th year, is a very friendly, non-auditioning choir of over 120 members. We strive to deliver high quality concerts, performing a wide variety of music.

We are led by our inspirational Musical Director Greg Hallam, ably assisted by our expert piano accompanist Nick Austin. Both are professional musicians who ensure that we work hard to achieve musical excellence. We have a lot of fun as a Society too, with an active social programme and a concert tour abroad every two years. Rehearsals are held from 7:30pm to 9:30pm on Wednesday evenings during school term time at **Newbold College Church, Binfield RG42 4AN**, with a mid-rehearsal refreshment break. New members are always welcome to join us and are invited to attend two rehearsals prior to joining. For further information visit our website [www.bracknellchoral.org.uk](http://www.bracknellchoral.org.uk). For concert tickets email [tickets@bracknellchoral.org.uk](mailto:tickets@bracknellchoral.org.uk).

### Autumn concert

Bracknell Choral Society's Autumn concert on **Saturday 25th November** has a flavour of the coming festive season with a programme which includes Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*. We will also be singing Britten's lively and dramatic cantata *St Nicolas*, which tells the story of the saint who became the model for Santa Claus. The choir will be led by Greg Hallam, our professional musical director with professional orchestra and soloists, the Senesino Players, Robin Bailey (tenor) and Gwenllian Llyr (harp). Choristers from Worcester College, Oxford will join us for *Ceremony of Carols* and *St Nicolas*, in which the audience also has the opportunity to sing two glorious hymns.

The concert takes place at **St Joseph's Church, Bracknell RG12 1HA at 7.30pm**. Tickets will cost £15 (accompanied under -18's free) and are available from [tickets@bracknellchoral.org.uk](mailto:tickets@bracknellchoral.org.uk) or at the door. Wine and soft drinks will be served in the interval for a small donation.

### Christmas Carol Concert at Newbold College and future events:

We have an exciting programme lined up for the 2017-2018 season. Our Christmas carol concert takes place on **Wednesday 20th December at Newbold College**. This is a lovely opportunity to listen to and join in carols, as well as enjoying mince pies and soft drinks to welcome the festive season.

In the spring term, we will be taking part in a joint concert with Swindon Choral Society in March, performing Bach's great *St Matthew Passion* in the spectacular surroundings of Marlborough College chapel. We also have a weekend workshop planned for February - a great opportunity to sing, as well as wine and dine in the relaxed setting of a country hotel. Our popular cabaret - style summer concert with light refreshments and strawberries and cream takes place in July.

## Bracknell Forest Children's Centres



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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 November 28th  
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

## 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 10th November**

Please contact Liz for more details at [orinocco@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:orinocco@hotmail.co.uk)

**EVERYONE WELCOME THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN**



## MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

**Next: Saturday 25th November**

**"Cinema or Theatre?"**

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



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## WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



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

**1st Nov - 9am meet at Crema**

**15th Nov - 9am meet at Crema**

**6th Dec - Dinton Pastures Walk - either meet 9am at Crema or Dinton Pastures at 9.15am**

**20th Dec - NO WALK**

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

## MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



**Saturdays:**

**4th November, 2nd December**

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](mailto: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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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## News from the Parish Office – November 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 14 November	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 21 November	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

### Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Saturday 11 November	Binfield Neighbourhood Plan – Community Meeting from 10am
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)
Saturday 13 January	Binfield Neighbourhood Plan – Community Meeting from 10am

### Get involved in shaping the Binfield Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council are looking to start work on updating the Binfield Neighbourhood Plan. Although adopted only recently in March 2016, with Bracknell Forest Council currently working on a new Borough wide local plan, it is important the Neighbourhood Plan stays up to date. If you are interested in developing policies which will impact on development in the parish, please do come to one of our meetings – the first is planned for Saturday 11 November at 10am in the Library. Further dates for 2018 will be planned.

### An Update on the NEW Community Hub & Parish Office Extension

Following our update in the Oct Beacon we now move to the tender phase. Please note the following dates:

October 2017	Tender documents reviewed by the Parish Council & distributed to contractor shortlist
November 2017	Contractor appointed
January 2018	Works commence – <b>this means the closure of the current building and the car park</b> 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!

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

Our next round of Grant Applications opens for community groups and organisations whose services and work benefits the Binfield area and local residents.

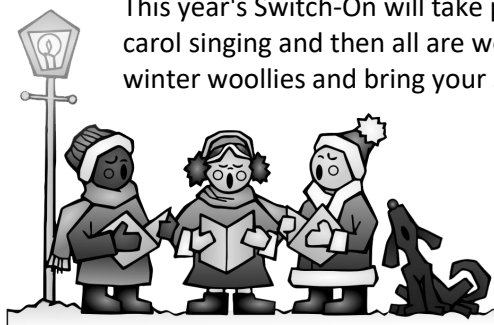
Please note the following key dates:

<b>11 December 2017</b>	<b>Closing date for Grant Application submissions (8 weeks to go!)</b>
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.

### SAVE THE DATE! 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!



Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty

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## Binfield Garden Club

Our final visit of 2017 in September to Syon Park was a great success. We enjoyed good weather, an extremely interesting look around the house and grounds and delicious lunches at the garden centre.

Next year's outings are already being planned so watch this space!

Our meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> saw Richard introduce John Armand to talk about Unusual Bulbs and how they get to your garden. For over 70 years, Jacques Amand has offered flowering bulbs of many varieties to discerning gardeners. The company began as a flower shop in the Strand when Jean Jacques Amand arrived from the Netherlands in 1927. Since then the company has grown to become a major supplier of bulbs, well-established favourites as well as the rare and unusual. John Amand, is a Director of the family business.

We enjoyed his interesting talk with super slides of many spectacular flowering bulbs. Many of these, such as Lilliums, are grown by suppliers in India, near Darjeeling where areas are set up to grow them commercially. We saw how they were cleaned, packed up and shipped by containers. Holland is another vital country for the bulb growers where acres are devoted to building up big stocks of Fritillaries, Alliums etc and of course, tulips. Big numbers mean they can be grown, planted and lifted by machines so the prices can be lower. Many years of work goes into developing new varieties and building up enough stock to sell and his lovely pictures showed fields of colour ready to be cut for the flower markets. John finished his talk with a series of photos showing the setting up from beginning to end, of his glorious stand at Chelsea Flower Show where he has won an amazing total of 31 Gold Medals – so far!! We were very pleased that John had brought a great variety of bulbs for us to buy as well, it's always nice to go home with something!

The competition for a mosaic of seeds and/or plants was won by Jenny Baxter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine McTaggart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Ferris and 4<sup>th</sup> Christine Leonard. Congratulations. Refreshments and a big raffle rounded off an enjoyable evening.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>'s meeting sees **ANDREW HALSTEAD return to the club.**

Andrew will give an illustrated talk **The Private Lives of Ladybirds.**

Andrew is an expert Entomologist (formerly with the RHS) with more than 40 years' experience of garden wildlife, identifying and dealing with the pests of garden /glasshouse plants, including those new to Britain, so this should be really interesting and useful! The competition is for a 'Floral Firework' display and there will be the usual super raffle plus tea/coffee and biscuits so do come along to our meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7.15pm at Binfield Memorial Hall.

Details on [binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com) and on our Facebook



page. If you miss this one, our December meeting is the Christmas Party for members only, so maybe make a New Year's resolution to come and try us out on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Guests and visitors are always most welcome at just £3 which includes free hot drink and biscuits.

Our picture shows members enjoying 'sniffing' and buying hostas at a previous evening of Perfume and Flowers.

*Sue Jeffery*

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Autumn is here and we all congregate for another get together at the Memorial Hall. We have invited friends and new members for our meeting with the Vicar who flower arranges and has a repartee to match.

It's a busy evening and after a greeting from myself, the proceedings begin and we are given an evening of entertainment and lovely flowers.

Coffee and Cake soon arrive and a thirsty Hayden enjoys many questions from the floor over the flowers and his life. He begun his talk by saying 'ask me anything'; that opened a can of worms and there were many laughs by his replies.

Reflections on the summer events: our summer lunch at Cantley was a good day; the church Fete - cold but dry and a stall of more than Jam and Jerusalem went very well after much hard work by the group. Coffee mornings and smaller visits, some sad days at the loss of some WI husbands and much support for those left behind. We lost some members who moved and added some more to give a new perspective to our group.

This week we all met at a group meeting and enjoyed more flowers, chat and entertainment by our own members; they all brush up well! Keep Fit on Wednesdays and walks, craft etc keep all of us busy over the autumn days.

We are looking forward to a Christmas market visit to Oxford in December and a Pantomime trip.

A soup lunch brings October in and a visit to Windsor Barracks is booked. A Scarecrow planned for the village event before we celebrate 99 years of our WI in Binfield in November.

We will enjoy Victoria Lockwood this month with a singing recital.

Would you like to know more about this active group of ladies? Would you like to enjoy a fun evening out from husbands and kids? Come along to our next meeting at Binfield Memorial Hall at 7.15pm. We are looking forward to an Antiques Roadshow with Simon Jones looking at our antiques and a competition for a future antique.

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*Linda*

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***We need caring and hard-working volunteers to join our committee and support our staff in continuing to offer the people of Binfield and Bracknell a Pre-school we are proud of.***

For further information about the roles we are looking for and how much time you would need to devote to them, please contact us at enquiries.binfieldpreschool@gmail.com.

You can also find out more about the preschool by visiting our website at [www.binfieldpreschool.net](http://www.binfieldpreschool.net).

We look forward to hearing from you.

***Thank you for supporting us***



### ***Quick update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team!***

We would like to welcome back PCSO Michelle

Noone who has been on maternity leave since March. She is looking forward to getting back out into the community and picking up where she left off. A big thank you to PCSO Gary Clarke who has been holding the fort for her!

***Speed Watch Update:*** We are now in possession of a brand new speed indication device. For those who have previously offered their time to help with this community initiative then PC Darin Stone will be in contact soon to arrange some training and Speed Watch dates. For anyone else interested in volunteering their time please contact the team on BracknellNorthernParishesNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk with 'Speed Watch' as the subject header.

***Rural Crime:*** Having seen posts on social media I am concerned that some incidents of rural crime are still not being reported to Police. I am currently running an audit of reported offences in the Binfield (and Hurst) area. We cannot promise to solve every individual crime, but we do need to be told what's going on so that we can direct our resources to the right locations at the right time, and work with our community to prevent further offences.

*Thanks, Cass and the Northern Parishes Team*

### **News from Binfield Patient Group**

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*By Terry Dilliway*

Every year the nation remembers their sacrifice.

They may have lost a limb last week; or lost their life a century ago.

The ex-servicemen and women who gave – and continue to give – so much towards our safety and security in every theatre of conflict over the past hundred years, are never forgotten by the Royal British Legion. And Binfield's 95-year-old branch plays its proud part in the country's annual season of Remembrance.

The 2017 Poppy Appeal is now underway, with Binfield volunteer collectors manning their posts at The Meadows and our own Parish Appeal Organiser, John Anderson, managing yet another year-long campaign aimed at ever more record-breaking fundraising. Meanwhile, the RBL marches on with its multi-million-pound programme of support for the injured and traumatised who are struggling to make the difficult transition from military to civilian life.

No-one is ever disappointed at the exceptional generosity of donors to the Binfield Poppy Appeal; while enthusiasm constantly grows for taking part in Remembrance events around the village.

On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the children of Meadow Vale School are conducting their now-annual Remembrance Assembly, which service veterans and guests look forward to attending, and which commences at 9.15am.

The following day, Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, marks the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice which brought an end to the First World War. The commemoration begins at 10.45am in St Mark's Church grounds, where young people's organisations will join with Service veterans at the Village War Memorial to witness the launch of the eleven o'clock maroon marking the anniversary of the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month of 1918 when the guns fell silent.

Binfield Remembrance Parade will muster at Oakmede shops car park at 9.25am on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, ready to march at 9.30am sharp along Terrace Road North to All Saints' Church under the measured supervision of the village's illustrious Parade Marshal, serving Staff Sergeant Geraint Davies, Royal Military Police Regiment.

Parade organisers politely ask enthusiastic – and very welcome -- supporters to join the march at the rear, if they wish, in order not to disorient youngsters in their ranks further forward. Many thanks are extended for this understanding.

The Service of Remembrance is set to commence at 10am and will be conducted by Rector of Binfield, Reverend Luke Taylor.



### ***Bayonets and Guide Dogs before Dinner***

*By Terry Dilliway*

A guest speaker whose subject had nothing to do with the sea was nonetheless accorded an enthusiastic welcome to Bracknell Royal Naval Association branch.

Dee Beach, of the Guide Dogs charity, was cheered by the October meeting of shipmates at Binfield Club when she announced her pride at being connected to the Senior Service through her granddad, who had been a Navy officer.

And further loud applause was well deserved when Dee concluded her enthralling, fact-filled demonstration and talk on the work of the much-respected charity whose highly trained dogs are a popular sight guiding their vision-impaired owners around the community. Chairman S/M Mike Daley warmly thanked the branch's guest.

Illustrated talks are becoming a popular feature of the RNA meetings, which take place at Binfield Club at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Veterans of the Royal Navy, and their supporters, are guaranteed a genuine shipmate's welcome to join and enjoy taking part in events which include social evenings and visits to places of interest around the region.

In September, amid the clashing of blades and scabbards, special guest Freddie Jones invited branch members to brandish an impressive collection of swords, bayonets and fighting knives from past centuries to illustrate his talk and demonstration of historic military weaponry.

The recent packed meeting heard apologies for absence from many shipmates for reasons of health or holiday; and those in attendance were reminded of the forthcoming Trafalgar Dinner, a traditionally successful Navy celebration enjoyed by members who regularly express their appreciation for the catering by Mandy King and her staff at the Village Club.

***Once Navy, Always Navy***



## Nineteenth Century Rectors of Binfield: Dr Randall (Pt 1)

by John Harman

**James Randall** was Rector of Binfield from 1831 to 1859. He was baptized at Compton in Hampshire 20th November 1790. We know that his father was not in orders since he is listed as "gent" in the entry for James in the *Alumnii Oxoniensis*, the record of Oxford University graduates. Like Dr Gabell James was educated at Winchester. In fact, as explained in the previous part, he would almost certainly have been taught by Dr Gabell. After Winchester he went, in 1809, to Trinity College, Oxford where he eventually became a fellow. His academic career was brilliant, as is indicated by his scholarship to Winchester, his First in Humanities at Oxford, his fellowship between 1818 and 1821 at Trinity College and his law studies. In addition he published at least two theological works and several pamphlets in his lifetime.

One of the theological works, *"Sermons on the Books of Joel, Jonah, Nahum, Micah and Habakkuk, and on some passages of Isaiah and Ezekiel"* may still be read online by searching online with the above title, so it is possible to consider whether, as stated in the preface to his Sermons, they achieved their goal of assisting *"members of country congregations in understanding and profitably applying some of the prophecies most frequently brought under their notice in the services of the Church."* In addition, to consider whether the review of the Rector's work published in the Bath Chronicle of July 14<sup>th</sup> 1843 is justified. The reviewer states, *"Our inspection of these discourses authorises us to say, without hesitation, that the author has discharged the above important duty in a manner which establishes for him a high character as Christian minister, and with a degree of literary ability which stamps him as a writer of considerable talent."* He goes on to support his claim, concluding by saying that *"these sermons [would be] admirable, adapted for family reading"*, a statement that allows considerable speculation as to the conduct of family prayers at the time – at least in the better-off houses, since the volume of sermons cost half a guinea.

Much earlier in his life Randall spent some of the time between graduating in 1813 and taking up his fellowship, as an assistant master at Rugby School. His time at Rugby was just a decade before Webb-Ellis is alleged to have *"picked up the ball and run with it"* - to begin the history of the game of Rugby football - and about 15 years before Thomas Arnold began to introduce his influential educational reforms at the school.

There was tricky beginning to his rectorship. The Reading Mercury of December 5<sup>th</sup> 1831 reported a meeting in Binfield. *"At a respectable Meeting of the Tithe-Payers in the Parish, held at the Stag and Hounds Inn, Binfield, Tuesday last, with a view of coming to some arrangement with the Rector respecting future payments of the Tithe, it was resolved to adjourn till Monday next, December 5th at three o'clock in the afternoon precisely, when it*

*will be proposed to nominate a Committee wait on the Rector to point out several inequalities in the present mode of rating, and to come to an amicable arrangement of all matters in regard to the Tithe in the Parish. All persons who feel aggrieved at the amount of the rent of their Tithe are requested be punctual in their attendance."* Tithes were a national issue around the time of the 1832 Reform Act, but there appears to be no newspaper report either of the meeting of December 5<sup>th</sup> or of any subsequent committee waiting on the Rector, so presumably, in Binfield, the issue was resolved

Katherine Caswall, in her 1921 memoir of mainly Victorian Binfield reports that James Randall had practised law before taking orders a claim is confirmed by Canon Carter's reference in the obituary notice in *"The Guardian"* of November 24<sup>th</sup> 1882 to Randall's *"legal knowledge"*. It seems that he studied Law after his short teaching career. He was a barrister at law in Lincoln's Inn in 1818. Other than this, much of Randall's early career mirrored Dr Gabell's: both won scholarships to Winchester, both went on to become fellows of an Oxford college, and both became teachers before entering the ministry.

But there were differences in their ecclesiastical careers. Randall took a parish quite early in his career, and he was a busy rector. There is no record of any curate conducting a funeral service in Binfield between 1836 and 1845. Either he had no curate for those years, or he was relying for some of the time on the help of his sons, James Leslie and Richard, acting as assistant curates.

The 1841 census lists Randall as *"Clerk"*. His wife and two daughters were at the Rectory The census shows, also that his father in law, Richard Lowndes, then 80 years old was living with them, and that there were three younger Lowndes relatives: Eliza [20], Sarah [15] and William [10].

Randall was absent from The Rectory on the night of the 1851 census in Binfield, but his wife, Rebecca [62] and his daughter, Diana [25] were at home together with 4 house servants, a butler and a gardener.

In the 1851 census James' son, Richard Randall is listed as the assistant curate of Binfield. It shows that Richard [26], lived near to the Church, along The Terrace [now Terrace Road North] with his wife, Wilhelmina, née Bruxner [29], daughter of the then resident of Binfield Manor, and their son, Richard G Randall [5]. The Randall's other son, James Leslie Randall went on to enjoy a distinguished career in the Church. Ordained deacon in 1852, priest in 1853, he was the curate of Warfield from 1852 to 1857, and rector of Newbury from 1857 to 1878, thence becoming archdeacon of Buckingham, and eventually being made suffragan bishop of Reading. It seems, incidentally, that keeping the curacy of a parish within the family, was quite common practice - at least around Binfield. The rector in 1817, the Reverend William Cookson had had as his curate his elder son, George Cookson.

*Part Two Next Month...*

## DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND at THE PHYSIOSTUDIO

The Physio Studio, our Binfield based physiotherapy practice is now offering a Diagnostic Ultrasound Scanning service.

Our highly experienced Physiotherapist Keith Littlebury explains how ultrasound can help to diagnose any ongoing injuries you may have and optimise your physiotherapy treatment.



### HOW IS DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND HELPFUL?

Diagnostic Ultrasound can benefit your physiotherapy treatment in three ways;

1. By providing valuable additional diagnostic information at the assessment stage which your Physiotherapist can use to plan your treatment.
2. To monitor your recovery and healing process at intervals throughout your treatment to guide the progression of your rehab programme.
3. As a diagnostic tool when your Physiotherapist feels further investigation or intervention is required.

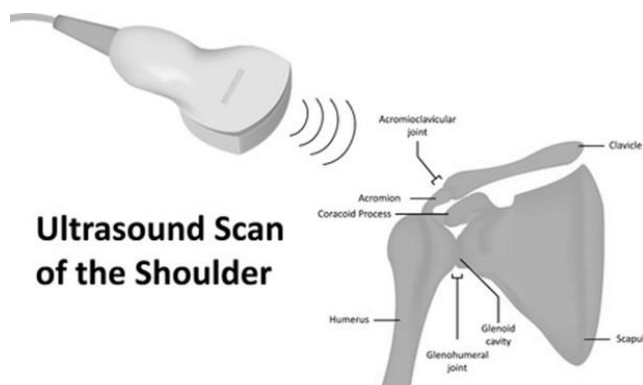
### WHAT IS A DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND SCAN?

A Diagnostic Ultrasound Scan is completely safe, harmless and painless. The images are obtained from reflected sound waves and no ionising radiation is used. Still or video images can be recorded and stored for further evaluation later.

Colour Doppler Ultrasound can be used to look for areas of increased vascularity in cases of suspected painful inflammation.

### WHAT INJURIES CAN BE SEEN ON A SCAN?

It is quick and the assessment is dynamic i.e. the structures can be visualised during your painful movements and the painful area can be accurately pinpointed.



Ultrasound Scan  
of the Shoulder

Scans can visualise soft tissue structures such as muscles, tendons, ligaments, nerves, blood vessels and bone surfaces.

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Muscle tears (hamstring, calf, quadriceps; to assess extent of damage and monitor the healing process).

Ankle injuries (to visualise ligament and tendon injuries around the ankle including Achilles' tendon rupture).

Other conditions which can be examined include tennis elbow, golfer's elbow, finger injuries, wrist injuries, knee ligaments, patella tendon, Baker's cyst, plantar fasciitis.

Ultrasound is not the most effective examination for deep joint structures such as osteoarthritis or meniscal knee injuries where x-ray or MRI may be more appropriate.

If you think you could benefit from an ultrasound scan with Keith, please call 01344 861 891 or see our website [www.physiostudio.com](http://www.physiostudio.com) for more information.



## Restoring the Record

### Rights of Way Training Course

Phil Wadey, Open Spaces Society and Sarah Bucks, will be presenting a workshop based on their book *Rights of Way – Restoring the Record* at the **Town Hall, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 2AQ on Saturday 18 November 2017**. The aim of the training event is to enthuse, enable and empower rights of way researchers to make definitive map modification order applications to ensure that rights that would be extinguished in 2026 are saved from the cut-off-date. The day will concentrate on identifying routes, the key sources of evidence of historic ways, where that information is located, what it can tell us, and how a systematic research method can be employed to undertake this work.

**Date:** Saturday 18 November 2017

**Start:** 09.30 - 16.00 (approximate depending on final questions)

**Venue:** Town Hall, Market Square, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 2AQ

**Includes:** tea, coffee & lunch

**Booking & queries:** [ellenfroggatt@oss.org.uk](mailto:ellenfroggatt@oss.org.uk) with reference: RWRTR-18-11.

There is no charge for this event but delegates will have to meet their own travel expenses. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please bring a copy of *Rights of Way – Restoring the Record* if you have one, and a laptop so that you can take part in some practical activities. (Smart phones and tablets may not be suitable for all activities but may be better than nothing.) Wi-fi is provided.



## Binfield Library News: November 2017

So much to tell you this month, so I will try and be brief...so unlike me!

We have a Dementia Friends morning on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. We will be given professional advice and information on how to assist people with dementia. This is such an increasing problem that is likely it will affect most of us so some guidance can only be a good thing. Please phone us to book your free place.

As the long dark afternoons are drawing in, we are trialling a Saturday afternoon activity for adults. Saturdays can be so miserable when you are on your own so why not pop into the library at 2.30pm on the first Saturday of every month for a fun quiz session. Nothing too taxing and all self marked, it would be a session to get those brain cells moving, have a laugh and perhaps make some new friends. Fiona's first fundate is the 4<sup>th</sup> November!

Finance is still a big issue with the council's reduced grants and Libraries are being asked to achieve some revenue. As such there will be small charges for most activities but we still think they are great value.

On a personal note I would like to say farewell to Binfield Library and all the lovely friends I have made here after I came for a 3 month temporary stay over 2 years ago! After 27 years in libraries I am handing in my stamper and scanner and moving to pastures new. I have always been passionate about libraries and what they can offer the local community and I know that I will miss the job immensely but am looking forward to the next phase of my life. I would like to say a big thank you to all my colleagues, Chris, Fiona, Gillian, Margo and Sar who have worked so hard with me and tolerated my whirlwind style of management - gosh I will miss you. On a happier note I wish my successor Robert much happiness at Binfield and know you will make him welcome

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! Sadly due to the financial constraints placed upon us this is now charged at £1 per child but this includes the singing, the cuppa and the simple craft.

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 6<sup>th</sup> November. This is a free session for all budding brick builders no matter what your age.

### Adult Events:

Knit and Natter is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. New knitters are very welcome.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. Refreshments served.

The Binfield Film Group is still enjoying a wide range of films and have just reviewed 'The Viceroy's House'. The group of film buffs meet monthly to discuss the film and the next meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Rummikub is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. 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 27<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30 pm. Last month we read 'The Museum of You' by Carys Bray, an uplifting story of a girl trying to build memories about her mother. We try to read something we would normally never pick up. Why not drop in to collect the book and join us on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries), find us on facebook and twitter or call 01344 306663





## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Binfield Tennis Association: **A BIG THANK YOU!**

On Sunday September 17th Binfield L.T.C. held its third charity tennis tournament in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust. £587 was raised on the day which will help fund further research into the treatment of leukemia. We would like to thank all the players who took part in this tournament and also to those who provided the delicious lunch and cream tea. Further thanks are due to all the local shops and businesses who generously donated raffle prizes. They were: *Unique Hair Studio, the Daruchini Restaurant, the Stag &*



*Hounds, the Victoria Arms, Ascot Racecourse, Wyevale, Sainsburys, Top of the Pots, Early Bird Florists, Crema Coffee, Dudman's Fruit & Veg, Cliff Roe Sports, the Binfield Winery & Traynor's Picture Framing Gallery.*

## Binfield Church Fete 2017—THANK YOU!!

Despite high winds and the threat of rain there was a great turn out for our annual church fete once again. A huge thank you to everyone who came or supported us in anyway. There were cakes aplenty, both in the tea-tent and the bake-off tent. It was our third dog show and it was great to see so many wagging tails once more. Thank you to Marcus Carpenter who stepped in at the last minute to provide the sound system. The Swing Band provided the ambience for those enjoying their afternoon tea, which this year had the option of a glass of prosecco—thanks to Connoisseur Estates!

This year has proved to be the most successful yet with around £6500 being raised for our churches here in Binfield.

**Thank you again and see you next year!**


Special words of thanks go to...

- James Foster, our compere who ran around the church, ensuring that we were all kept up to date with the Tug of War, the Binfield Bake Off, the Dog Show and the raffle and silent auction
- To Mary Wharphshire, for being our head judge on the Binfield Bake Off (ably assisted by Dave Saunders) and to the WI for judging the children's competition. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you once again for entering and donating your cakes to the tea tent so they could be enjoyed by everyone
- To Vicki Hamble from Canine Solutions, who had the tricky task of judging all your favourite furry pets and choosing winners amongst such high competition
- To Sarah and Tony Muller and their teams for running the bar and BBQ
- To all the volunteers who helped on the day on the numerous stalls
- To all the community groups (Brownies, Guides, Rainbows, Scouts and Whizz Kids) for running the sweets stalls and games
- To everyone who donated prizes for the Silent Auction, raffle and tombola, and cakes for the tea tent
- To Jo Foster and Sarah Cox for their extraordinary efforts in providing scones & the pretty china tea service in the tea tent
- Finally, thank you to the Church Fete Committee – a group of hardworking ladies who put in a lot of time to make the fete the success it is





# Binfield CE Primary School (VA)



We have had a great start to the school year. The school feels really settled and the children have adapted well to the changes of classroom, staff and friendships groups. Many parents have also been brave - smiling and saying their goodbyes positively enabling children to take that next step of responsibility and independence.

*Mrs Featherstone-Wright, Headteacher*

## ***'Ello 'Ello 'Ello Reception!***

Last month our Reception children were lucky enough to have a visit from the police! PC Mistry and PC Griffiths came in to talk to the children about what the police do to help us. They learnt all about keeping themselves safe when they are out and about in the community. The children had the opportunity to look at different equipment and uniform, they even got a chance to try some on! They asked lots of great questions that they thought of themselves and they also learnt lots of top tips about what to do if they are worried.

## 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 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.

## New Governor Required

### ***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 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](mailto: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”

# SPORTS



I write this as the cricket season has come to an end and the extensive post-season ground-work is near enough complete. 2017 saw us end our long affiliation with the Chilterns Cricket League and we are all looking forward to newer challenges in the Thames Valley Cricket League next year.

This summer we had a record number of people at Party By the Pitch, hosted a very enjoyable village 6-a-side completion over the August bank holiday, and had a memorable victory against a strong MCC team.

The new ECB All Stars initiative ( 5-8 year olds ) was a great success, introducing many youngsters to the joys of cricket – and their parents – to the joys of socialising in pleasant surroundings on a Friday night !

2017 was also another landmark year in that we started our first women's team – playing (with great success ) in a number of softball competitions in the summer. If there are any ladies interested in playing cricket – please don't hesitate to check our website for more information. Winter net information for seniors, colts, girls and ladies will also be on the website in the coming months.

Thank you to all for your support this season , and we look forward to welcoming you all back ( whether in a playing or social capacity ) next Spring.

Andy Bryant - Chairman, Binfield Cricket Club

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## COMMUNITY

### Upcoming dates for your Diary

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| Nov 3rd  | Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening at St Mark's (see back page) |
| Nov 12th | Remembrance Day Parade                                       |
| Nov 18th | Rights of Way Training Course, Henley (see page 19)          |
| Nov 23rd | FOBS London Shopping Trip (see page 12)                      |
| Nov 24th | Quiz Night at St Mark's                                      |
| Nov 27th | Start of Scouts Christmas post (see below)                   |
| Dec 2nd  | Christmas Bazaar at Binfield Primary School (see below)      |
| Dec 4th  | Binfield Christmas Lights Switch on—Knox Green by roundabout |

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

office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



**QUIZ NIGHT**  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm  
 St. Mark's Church, Binfield  
 Tickets £4 per person, teams 6-8 people  
 Tickets from the church office or buy online  
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 Prize for the winning team!

Licensed Bar Available  
 Food option:  
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**Binfield Primary Christmas Bazaar**  
 2nd December 2017  
 11am - 3pm

Binfield Primary,  
 Benetfield Road,  
 Binfield  
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**Tombola Visit Santa's Grotto Festive food, drink and games fantastic raffle prizes and much more fun at the annual Binfield Primary Christmas Bazaar**



**1<sup>st</sup> BINFIELD SCOUT GROUP**  
**Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November-16<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

The Scout Post delivery scheme will be taking place again this Christmas. The Scout Post is operated by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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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## Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 from 7pm  
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in aid of the Binfield ARC Project  
**Licensed Bar, Guest Stalls and Raffle**

*Do you have clothes in your wardrobe you haven't worn for a  
while? Looking for a new outfit for Christmas?*

Donate items of good quality clothing, a pair of shoes or  
accessories to exchange for something on the night or just  
come along with your friends for a fun evening!


**£5 entry** including a glass of bubbles/soft drink  
and 1 token if you donate items

Tickets available from the church office or online

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See more details on how the  
evening will work, where to  
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