

The Binfield Beacon

August /September 2018

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



How do you lead?



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

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

Please note there are no children's/youth groups, Men's Breakfast, Women's Walk/Talk or Open Door Services during August

August 2018

Saturday 4th August

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 5th August

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

Monday 6th August

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Sunday 12th August

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 13th August

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Thursday 16th August

10.15am Midweek Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 19th August

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service with Communion at All Saints'

Monday 20th August

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 21st August

12.00 Silver Service at The Red House, Binfield

Sunday 26th August

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 27th August BANK HOLIDAY

9.30am No Time of Prayer at St Mark's

September 2018

Saturday 1st September

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 2nd September

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'

Monday 3rd September

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 5th September

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

Sunday 9th September

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

Monday 10th September

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 12th September

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

Friday 14th September

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's

Sunday 16th September

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

Monday 17th September

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 19th September

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

Thursday 20th September

10.15am Midweek Communion at All Saints'

Saturday 22nd September

7.45am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 23rd September

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

Monday 24th September

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 25th September

12.00noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 26th September

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

Sunday 30th September

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



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Rafting

By good fortune, I was able to raft down the Motu River in New Zealand twice during the last year. The magnificent four-day journey traverses one of the last wilderness areas in the North Island.

The first expedition was led by 'Buzz', an American guide with a great deal of rafting experience and many stories to tell of mighty rivers such as the Colorado. With a leader like Buzz, there was no reason to fear any of the great rapids on the Motu.

The first half day, in the gentle upper reaches, was spent developing teamwork and co-ordination. Strokes had to be mastered, and the discipline of following commands without question was essential. In the boiling fury of a rapid, there would be no room for any mistake. When Buzz bellowed above the roar of the water, an instant reaction was essential.

We mastered the Motu. In every rapid we fought against the river and we overcame it. The screamed commands of Buzz were matched only by the fury of our paddles, as we took the raft exactly where Buzz wanted it to go.

At the end of the journey, there was a great feeling of triumph. We had won. We proved that we were superior. We knew that we could do it. We felt powerful and good. The mystery and majesty of the Motu had been overcome.

The second time I went down the Motu. the experience I had gained should have been invaluable, but the guide on this journey was a very softly spoken Kiwi. It seemed that it would not even be possible to hear his voice above the noise of the rapids.

As we approached the first rapid, he never even raised his voice. He did not attempt to take command of us or the river. Gently and quietly he felt the mood of the river and watched every little whirlpool. There was no drama and no shouting. There was no contest to be won. He loved the river.

We sped through each rapid with grace and beauty and, after a day, the river had become our friend, not our enemy. The quiet Kiwi was not our leader, but only the person whose sensitivity was more developed than our own. Laughter replaced the tension of achievement.

Soon the quiet Kiwi was able to lean back and let all of us take turns as leader. A quiet nod was enough to draw attention to the things our lack of experience prevented us from seeing. If we made a mistake, then we laughed and it was the next person's turn.

We began to penetrate the mystery of the Motu. Now, like the quiet Kiwi, we listened to the river and we looked carefully for all those things we had not even noticed the first time.

At the end of the journey, we had overcome nothing except ourselves. We did not want to leave behind our friend, the river. There was no contest, and so nothing had been won. Rather we had become one with the river.

It remains difficult to believe that the external circumstances of the two journeys were similar. The difference was in an attitude and a frame of mind. At the end of the first journey, it seemed that there could be no other way. Given the opportunity to choose a leader, everyone would have chosen someone like Buzz. At the end of the second journey, we had glimpsed a very different vision and we felt humble and intensely happy.

A leader is someone with influence. You all have influence. It might be as parent, partner, friend, colleague, child, neighbor or stranger, the role doesn't matter, you have influence as all of these. The question is do you lead like Buzz, where you are in command, you bellow instructions, and the raft goes exactly where YOU want it to go, and the river is there to be conquered? You look great and people are there to serve you. Or, are you like Motu, where the river was loved, you saw things for the first time, you become one with the river. The river had become your friend? You use your gifts so others can grow, learn and see things they had not noticed before?

The Bible puts it like this, *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.*

1 Peter chapter 4 verse 10.

Whether it be with our children, parents, friends, neighbors, colleagues or strangers, will you use your gifts to help others?

Luke

Story taken from; <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.htm>



NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S



Fundraising for essential repairs to our historic Parish Church

All Saints' Church Needs Your Help!

Donations Received Since Project Launch: **£177,537**

Charitable Grants: **£42,000**

NEW PHASE 2 TOTAL: £55,957

Fundraising Update:

Phase 2 of the Repairs Project has reached another important phase as the remaining repair work is put out to tender. This should result in us having a much clearer idea of how much we need to continue to raise in order to pay for them.

And for that reason we are so grateful for everyone's continued support for the project, and for everyone who donated their recycling points to the Bracknell Forest scheme. We're looking forward to reporting how much both of those things raised in the next Beacon.

We also really appreciate those who are continuing to support the project through collections or sending in personal donations. We love the Silver Service team for collecting £125 for the project, and for the kind person who donated the profit from selling their prize ram!

As you can see, support is coming in many different ways from different people and we couldn't be working towards fixing up the rest of our beautiful church without you all!

We are looking forward to seeing what more fundraising ideas come in after the summer – we are already looking forward to the Ladies Pamper Day later in the year, and if you enjoy cycling, why not look into the Ride & Stride event on Saturday 8th September (before heading to the Church Fete of course!). This is organised by the Berkshire Churches Trust, who generously awarded the ARC Project a grant which helped to complete Phase 1 of the repairs: www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/berkshire

If you have any other ideas or requests for a fundraising event, please let us know

With thanks from the Fundraising Team
fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.Uk

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk



JustGiving
www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust

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Cycle, ride or walk to help save our churches.
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supporting your local heritage.

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Email: rideandstrideberks@gmail.com
Web: www.berkshirechurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride
Charity Number 285797

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Charity Number 1119548



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

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.

How to fundraise for us:

JustGiving enables you to fundraise on our behalf.
For example, you could choose to raise money for us
by taking part in an activity such as a sponsored run or
car wash, and proceeds money will be given directly
to us.

- See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and
set up your own fundraising page at: [http://
campaign.justgiving.com/charity/binfield-pcc/
binfieldarcproject](http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/binfield-pcc/binfieldarcproject)

Don't forget to check if your employer can
fund-match any money you raise for
Charity!



Let's keep our beautiful church standing!

HELPING EACH OTHER

PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

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.

We have a new privacy policy in line with the new GDPR rules on our website and if you would like to sign up to receive emails from us regarding updates, news and events from the parish please go to this webpage:

<http://eepurl.com/dtqaqr>

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: office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Praying for and with you



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

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

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

Rector:

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

Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

Church Office:

Hayley Fourie, Administrator
01344 421079
office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All enquiries for weddings & Baptisms

Office opening hours:

Monday : 9.30am – 130pm

Tuesday : 9.30am - 2.30pm

Thursday : 9.30am - 2.30pm

Office closed Wednesday & Friday

Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins
01344 411681

Bell Tower:

Liz Harris
01344 649628

P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes
07809 736372

Treasurer:

Sarah Muller
01344 428782

Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White
01344 421079

Church Website:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

We are also on Facebook

facebook.com/allSaintsWithStMarks



ARC Fundraising Team

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Church Office

St Mark's Church

Popeswood Road

Binfield

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All Saints' Church

Church Hill

Binfield

RG42 5NS

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.

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 Tuesday 21st August
at The Red House, Binfield*

*12 noon Tuesday 25th September
St Mark's Church*

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

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

Saturday 22nd September
Lucky Dip!

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.

5th September
19th September

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

OPEN DOOR



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

A crèche is available if you have young children

**10am Friday 14th
September**

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

**EVERYONE WELCOME THE DOOR IS
ALWAYS OPEN**



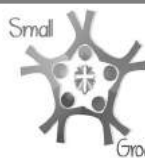
MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



Saturdays:
4th Aug, 1st Sept, 6th Oct,

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

ALL SAINTS' & ST MARK'S ARE HERE FOR YOU



3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday (during term time)
10am until 11.30am at St Mark's Church.

Everyone is welcome: babies, toddlers,
parents, carers and the older generation.

*Extra parking available at Newbold
Church (opposite St Mark's)*

Not on during August

New term starts September 5th

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

For more info contact Jan Watts:
01344 305965



Bereavement Support Team

We will all suffer with loss, grief or bereavement at some time in our lives. Bereavement affects all of us, predominantly through death, but also in other ways such as relationship breakdown, loss of a job, or sudden disability.

The Bereavement Support Team are not counsellors, but support and companionship if you are suffering a loss of any kind, can be offered.

There is no charge for a visit. All support team members are DBS checked and have ID badges.

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact Liz Hall for more information.



Liz
orinocco@hotmail.co.uk
07850 799434

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Lily Ann Alltree

Weddings

*Joshua Che Jian
& Charlotte Tong*



PIANO LESSONS

Awaken the musician in your child!

Aged 7 and upwards? learn to play the piano!

I am an experienced music teacher based close to Binfield Primary School and provide term-time lessons after school. I teach foundation level and ABRSM grades 1-5 as appropriate.

If you would like to discuss learning to play the piano then please give me a call, in confidence.

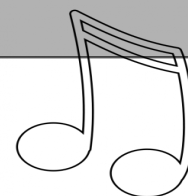
Contact: Alison Ayres on 01344 449500

YOUTH CHOIR Aged 7+

Practice is on Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm at St Mark's Church, Binfield

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



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone!

We hope you've been enjoying the heatwave, we certainly have! Here's what we've been getting up to as we wind down for the summer holidays...

At Whizz Kids, plans have gone out the window due to this unexpected weather, so we've been outside playing sports, making up stories, blowing off steam and having ice lollies to cool down! It's so great to learn about Jesus, bible stories and how he wants us to live, but God wants to have fun in his creation too, so we have been taking advantage of the weather and heading outside to play together in the world he made. As I'm writing this we only have 2 weeks left of Whizz Kids, so on the last week we'll be having a water fight! Somehow I feel I'll end up being the target for many of them... And of course,

summer club in a few weeks too, which we are all excited for, so you can look forward to pictures in the next Binfield Beacon!

At Oasis we are finishing up our term on 'identity', where we've been looking at who God says we are, in contrast to who the world says we are. There have been loads of activities to help us understand how important we are to Jesus, like writing letters to our future selves, talking about comparison and looking at how photo filters and editing change us, and using mirrors to understand how intricately we are made and how unique we are. It's been a great term and has helped us to understand what makes us, us and how we can be ourselves confidently. Like Whizz Kids we only have 2 weeks left at Oasis too, which will mark one year of the club, and what a year it has been! We will be toasting marshmallows around the fire on our last week to reflect on what we've learned and to just enjoy being in each other's company.

Thank you so much if you have supported Whizz Kids or Oasis in any way, it has been a fantastic year of growth and fun and we couldn't do it without the support of the community, so thank you!

Daisy, Children's Worker daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids Dates: August—not on

September—9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP

10.45am-12noon @ St Mark's
ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES...GAMES...
FUN...AND MUCH MORE!!

For children of school years 1-6 every
Sunday (not the 1st Sunday of the month)

All children welcome - Bring your friends

(Leaders have enhanced DBS clearance)



Wednesday Girls' Group 7pm-8.30pm @ St Mark's

Yr7+ girls welcome to come along and chill, chat and meet up with friends that have moved to different schools. Term-time only
email daisyridell@gmail.com for more info



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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

Sports Week

Sports Week 2018 has been a fantastic success – the children have engaged brilliantly with the activities, which have included circuits, cricket, tennis, judo, Gaelic football, yoga and dance. Additionally, some of the children have participated in offsite activities including SportsAble and a golf festival. Those that went to SportsAble took part in boccia and wheelchair basketball, as well as learning about inclusivity and disabled sport. The children have continued with the 'Daily Mile' and personal challenges, trying to improve their scores over the week.



Y2 Visit to Henley

Y2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum on Friday 6th July. The trip was a great way to consolidate their English topic based around The Wind in the Willows story.



The children got so much out the visit and particularly enjoyed seeing the characters in the Wind in the Willows exhibition – it brought their learning to life! We were lucky enough to explore the habitats along the river bank too. As it was a beautiful day in

Henley, the children ate their lunch by the river whilst the regatta boats gave the children a cheerful wave as they cruised by in the sunshine! What a super day!

School Admissions

The School's Admissions Policy for September 2019 is now available on the School website.

Binfield C of E Primary School welcomes all children from the neighbourhood whatever their beliefs. It should be clear that there is no requirement for families to be church attendees.

The School promotes attitudes of mutual respect and responsibility and is committed to the children developing their full potential academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. It strives to provide a caring Christian environment and to lay the foundations for its children to take part in adult life. We value the uniqueness of everyone in our community, fostering pride in ourselves and respect for each other.

The school sets its own catchment (designated) area and this has remained the same for a number of years. A copy of the map showing the designated area can be found on our website or from the school office.

School tours for prospective parents

Will your child be starting school in **September 2019**? Are you considering Binfield C.E. Primary School? If you are interested in visiting our school, the following tour dates have been arranged for prospective parents:

Tuesday 16th October 2018

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Tuesday 27th November 2018

Wednesday 16th January 2019

The morning starts at 9.30am and will consist of a welcome meeting with the Head teacher, a tour of the school by the children and an informal question/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.

Our school's core values are:

Community, Inclusion, Creativity, Integrity.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE FUN FAMILY



On Foxley Fields
Friday 27th July from 5.00pm
FREE Burgers & Hot Dogs - BYO Drink
Everyone welcome - Come and join us
Call the church office for more info: 01344 421079



FUN DRAMA CLASSES FOR CHILDREN 4+ YRS

LITTLE DRAMA COMPANY SUMMER SCHOOL

30 JULY - 09.30 - 15.30 - ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BINFIELD

If you're looking for a great fun summer activity for your child then look no further. We'll have a whole day full of our favorite drama games, exercises and mini performances. Children aged 4 to 8 will love the opportunity to express themselves, be curious and use their imagination in our relaxed, fun and friendly summer school.

ONLY £30 PER CHILD

Call Emma: 07747608082
www.littledramacompany.com

Sign up for our Autumn Term on our website

Binfield Scarecrow Trail

Raising funds for the Binfield ARC project



**October half term - look out for info in
the next edition of the Binfield Beacon!**



JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING



On Binfield Tennis Courts
Monday July 30th - Friday August 3rd
Beginners: 9.00 am - 10.00 a.m.
Intermediates: 10.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Contact: Mr T. Usher:

01344 487514 tim_usher@yahoo.co.uk

Binfield lighthouse



DID YOU KNOW - that we have a drop-in session on Tuesday evenings at St Mark's Church for the homeless?

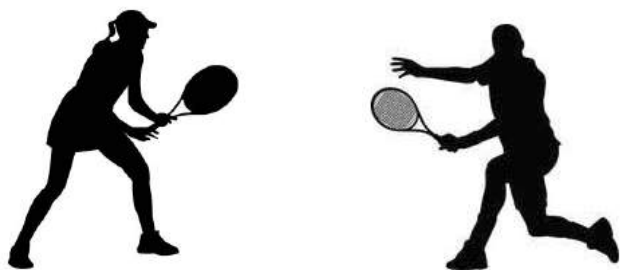
We provide a hot meal and a place for relaxing and fellowship.
To find out more or get in touch go to our facebook page:
facebook.com/binfieldlighthouse

Can you help with Beacon deliveries?

We are in urgent need of more deliverers for the Binfield Beacon magazine in several roads in the village and on Temple Park as well as to the new housing areas as they are built.

Deliveries are only 10 times per year and mostly take 20-30 minutes.

If you can help, please call Hayley in the church office on 01344 421079 or email info@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



THE ANTHONY NOLAN CHARITY

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sunday 9th September

11am—4pm

Early entry advised as

only 24 players required

Open to tennis players of any standard or
experience

Entry Fee—£10 per player (includes lunch)

£5 for lunch only

Contact: Tim Usher.

01344 487 514 /07519 774 060

tim_usher@yahoo.co.uk

**ANTHONY
NOLAN**

**saving the lives
of people with
blood cancer**

Binfield Photography Competition



Thank you to everyone who
submitted entries for the
competition. The winner will be
announced at the Binfield Church
Fete on 8th September !

SUCCESSFUL SHIPMATES GET THE DRIFT



By Terry Dilliway

News, anecdotes and reports of continuing success were shared by shipmates of Bracknell Branch of the Royal Naval Association at their July meeting in Binfield Club.

Chairman, Shipmate Mike Daley, reported that branch affairs were going well; treasurer, Shipmate Martin Powell, announced a healthy balance in branch funds; and branch secretary, Shipmate June Boddrell, updated members on news from the RNA national conference.

Members also heard of improved relations with Maidenhead Sea Cadets following an enjoyable visit by shipmates and Bracknell branch officers to a recent meeting of the Cadets.

Discussions led to the decision to hire a more comfortable minibus for future longer journeys for shipmates visiting destinations and facilities of interest; a trip to the Yeovilton base of the Royal Naval Air Service (previously Fleet Air Arm) is already planned for later in the year.

Shipmate Nigel Carpenter told of the occasion when, as a young RN Regulating Petty Officer, he was charged with the responsibility of safely transporting the Royal Mace back to the Royal Yacht Britannia, following Her Majesty the Queen's inspection of the fleet during the immensely impressive Spithead Review in 1977.

Shipmate Nigel went on to include in 'dits corner' several amusing examples of descriptive phrases and remarks which have passed into common currency since their origins in the Senior Service.

On a more sober note, the use of the White Ensign at funeral services was clarified for members. The traditional ensign of the Royal Navy is not to be draped at public funerals but is officially acceptable at funerals specifically involving and commemorating serving and retired RN servicemen who have 'crossed the bar'.

After closing the business of the meeting, Shipmate Chairman Mike Daley intrigued the membership with an illustrated talk on the 1819-20 relationship formed by RN Lieutenant Smethurst who became the friend and confidant of Shaka Zulu, one of the most powerful monarchs in the history of South Africa's Natal Zulu nation.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Parish Office: August / September 2018

Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings: The Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held in the Binfield Library, Oakmede Place (unless otherwise stated)



Tuesday 7 August	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 14 August	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 28 August	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm
Tuesday 11 September	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 25 September	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary - Summer of Fun Days, 11am-3pm, FREE entry!

Dates	Details
Wednesday 1 August	Great Hollands Recreation Ground, Bracknell
Tuesday 7 August	Farley Wood Community Centre, Binfield
Thursday 9 August	Memorial Park, Sandhurst
Tuesday 14 August	Morgan Recreation Ground, Crowthorne
Thursday 16 August	Braybrooke Recreation Ground, Bracknell
Wednesday 22 August	Locks Ride Recreation Ground, Winkfield
Wednesday 29 August	North Lake, South Hill Park, Bracknell

Additional Dates

Saturday 15 September	Binfield Environment Group, Practical Conservation Day – check their Facebook group
Sunday 21 to Sunday 28 October (half term)	Arts Week will be back again for more fantastic fun and creative crafts with a new U17's Photography Competition launching now!

Update on the Parish Office extension at Benetfeld Road



The building continues to progress and by the time you read this the roof could be complete, first fix electrics in place and most, if not all, of the internal alterations will be complete. The project is still on track for a late October completion. We are sure that many people will be keen to find out what they can do in the new space - we are so excited to bring plans to you but as the finer points are still being agreed you will have to wait a little longer. Keep an eye out on the parish Facebook page for further updates.

The Summer of Fun is an event series offering activities for all the family with FREE entry for all! The Binfield event is on Tuesday 7 August, 11.00am – 3.00pm, at the Farley Wood Community Centre. Please see the additional events listed above across Bracknell Forest. This year's Binfield event will include; Laser tag, crazy golf, climbing wall, soft play (toddlers), Strike-a-Light reaction test game, circus skills, balloon modelling, active storytelling with Creative Junction, and performances by the Lynette Stephenson Academy of Dance, fire service/police vehicles plus activities run by local community groups.

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Arts Week – New U17's photography competition

Arts Week takes place in the October half term, Sunday 21 to Sunday 28 October. This year the best young photographers are being asked to enter an U17's competition. Use your phone, tablet, or camera and your photographs could win fame and cash prizes! The competition is open from now until 1 October 2018 and to residents of Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield who are under 17. For rules and to register go to www.arts-week.org.

Polite reminder – hedge and tree overgrowth

The very warm weather has seen a huge growth in vegetation and the Parish have been working hard, as has Bracknell Forest Council, to ensure that amenity areas are kept cut back. Please can we ask that you cutback any overgrowth from your gardens that maybe impacting public footpaths so that people can pass easily and safely.

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty

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Binfield Garden Club

On the beautiful warm evening of 5th July, we had an interesting talk by Naomi Slade called Inspiring Orchards. Naomi described her childhood which inspired her love of fruit trees and enjoyment of their bounty!

A traditional orchard consists of a minimum of 5 trees, not more than 20m apart. Naomi rightly said one's immediate vision of an orchard is similar to the magnificent one at Wisley, but they can actually take many forms. A row of houses each with a fruit tree in their garden is one example, the social garden on the roof of Queen Elizabeth Hall containing figs, apples, pears and olives is another. Naomi showed photos of fruit trees in villages, large houses, French chateaux, orchards in the community in schools, hospitals, business parks and many more. Alongside towpaths and motorways orchards spring up from discarded apple cores, plum stones etc. Keep your eyes open and a bag handy! Naomi's aim is to encourage fruit trees and bushes to be planted in any small neglected plots all over the country for children and adults to forage in and enjoy. She also reminded us that prolific dwarf varieties are available to fit into small gardens. – no excuse not to eat fresh fruit!

This month's competition of a vase of grasses was won by Christine Leonard, 2nd Belinda Thornhill, 3rd Nancy Bowen and 4th Liz Ferris – well done.

Two days prior to this meeting many of us had a wonderful day at West Dean Gardens, W Sussex. The sun shone, the flowers and incredible vegetable gardens were in full glory, the café and shop a delight and the journey through the countryside was beautiful.

Here is the Head Gardener and the longest rose pergola in the country!



August 2nd will be our meeting with a talk by Fay Newbery on fungi in the garden, from toadstools to plant diseases and lichens. Fay is a Plant Pathologist with the Royal Horticultural Society, a real expert and a true enthusiast. So do come along. 7.15pm Binfield Memorial Hall.

September 6th will be a talk on Growing Alpines at Kew by Kit Strange. This will be another very interesting evening and do remember visitors are always most welcome.

Names are being taken for our day out on October 16th to Sheffield Park, E Sussex where the autumn colours will be magnificent.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting Christmas treat at Wisley planned for members and a very famous speaker for our 25th Anniversary celebrations next year. Don't miss out!

See binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com or Facebook for details or phone 01344 286752

Sue Jeffery



The Binfield Belles

Welcome on this lovely sunny morning to the Binfield Belles ladies of the Binfield WI. It is my privilege to write these few words each month depicting the antics of our group, today is no exception, we have been busy over these past 4 weeks.

Flower festival weekend was a great success held in All Saints' Church with wonderful flower displays and craft relating to the last 100 years of your local WI, some campaigns and showcasing their skills as well. We were fortunate to have a beautiful weekend of weather and the church, sparkled with a bit of elbow grease from the girls. We had a preview night on Friday with visit from our local mayor, local businesses and invited guests from the village. Our guest Julie Summers, well known author of the history of the WI who wrote Home Fires, a wartime serial featuring a local WI. She spoke a few words to open proceedings and enjoyed an evening of canapés and fizz to celebrate.



Saturday and Sunday saw a stream of people visiting our display and having Tea and Cake to sit and chat. It was a great way to celebrate and we thank the church and all members and friends who helped during that lovely weekend.

Our monthly meeting featured Chris Allen showing us his skills with green wood to make all sorts of lovely wooden articles including some unusual Gipsy flowers. It was an entertaining evening and a bumper number of members rolled up. All the normal business, chat, coffee and cake followed and we eventually managed to leave the Hall. Not a dull moment this month. Party Bye the Pitch was marked on our calendar as we normally run the Tea tent serving tea and coffee, cakes, and savouries. A blistering day on Saturday opened and we were lucky to be under cover; England were playing football so a quiet start, but we had a steady stream of customers and finally hung the aprons up about 9pm although the party continued. Relaxing now till our meeting this week and then next month we have a Posh Picnic on the cricket field for our summer lunch.

September 8th is the Church Fete and we will have our usual stall. Next meeting will be September 13th with the Air Ambulance and Amanda McLean at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall. Pop in and see us for a visit and enjoy a chat with friends, coffee and cake.

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Binfield Library News

August / September 2018

"In the summer, the days were long, stretching into each other. Out of school, everything was on pause and yet happening at the same time, this collection of weeks when anything was possible." Sarah Dessen, *Along for the Ride*.

Our Summer Reading Challenge 'Mischievous Makers' is well underway now; we've had a good response but we need more of you young people to take the challenge, so bring an adult to the library with some ID and we can make you a member straight away. We have a guess how many sweets in the jar competition and a life size Dennis the Menace to have your photo taken with, as well as a treasure hunt around the library and Gnasher is proving very hard to find!

After a rather intense interview the new Supervisor for Ascot Heath, Binfield and Whitegrove library is Sar! She is very excited about this opportunity and would love to hear more from you on how we can develop our library service and what will get more of you using the library. We see so many of you walking passed our front door; what can we do to get you in??

Christine, Margo and Sar are really pleased to see how well the self service is being used and the reaction to it has been really positive, so a big thank you to all of you!

I know for parents the summer holidays can seem endless so to keep you all busy during the summer we have a few extras this month to beat any boredom.

Children's Events:

Now we're into the summer holidays remember that we still have Bounce & Rhyme sessions for pre school children every Thursday at 9.30am. If you have older children bring them along too; you're never too old to make lots of noise. Our sing along is followed by Tots craft inspired by Chris and although there is a £1 charge per child this includes the singing, tea and craft.

Our children's craft sessions continue but during the summer we have them on a Tuesday and Thursday from 2.00pm at £1.20 per child.

Lego is on Monday 6th August and will be available all afternoon so we'd love to what your imagination can create. Maybe a Beano inspired model?

Adult Events:

We have an afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be 4th August at 2.30pm.

Knit and Natter is on Monday 6th August and Saturday 18th August at 2.00pm.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 9th August at 11am. Be prepared to exercise that grey matter! Refreshments served for 50p.

The Binfield Film Group is still running but they really need new members for animated discussions. They meet monthly to discuss the film and the next meeting is on Tuesday 21st August at 3.00pm. Refreshments served for 50p.

Are you new to Binfield? Why not come along to our Coffee morning and Quiz, it's lively, fun and a great way to meet new people; it's on the last Thursday of the month: 30th August.

Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month which makes it 31st August at 2.00pm. Don't know what it is? Neither did I until I had it explained to me! Refreshments served for 50p.

Our drop in book group meets on the last Monday of the month so will take place on Monday 27th August at 5.30pm. This group enjoys a good discussion and is quite lively so if you fancy a friendly debate this one is for you.

Finally for all of you who don't like the heat Binfield Library has air conditioning, you can spend a relaxing afternoon browsing our varied stock or immersed in a novel away from the glare of the sun and those pesky mosquitos or if you're a sun lover why not pick up a paperback for your lounge and buy your garden waste sacks at the same time!

We look forward to seeing you at our library.

The Binfield Library team, here to help!

Chris, Margo, &
Sar



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Binfield Church Fete

SATURDAY September 8th 2018 - 2pm to 6pm

The Village Church Fete is coming soon and there are lots of exciting things we want to share with you!

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We already have lots of Guest Stalls too, but if you know of anyone else who maybe interested please get in touch: binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com

This year promises to be bigger than ever and we are all really looking forward to it!

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Silent Auction

This year we are keen to follow our previous successes with a Silent Auction. If you have anything that you would like to donate, either for a Raffle Prize or a Silent Auction lot we would be very grateful. In the past we have had some amazing prizes donated and it would be great if we can do the same this year. If you feel you could provide a Silent Auction prize of any description, please contact Jane Aylwin on 07779 294724.

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Our tea tent relies solely on the generous donations from all of you in the village. Please start preparing your recipes and planning your cakes as we truly welcome all your donations. In addition, we would like to improve our home preserves stall this year – please start thinking about home-made produce, jams, pickles and chutneys – all are welcome on our home-made produce stall this year.

Raffle Tickets and Quiz Sheets

Our now infamous cryptic quiz is back! Quiz sheets and raffle tickets are now available! You can buy them in between Sunday church services at All Saints. Quiz Sheets are £1 each. Please email binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com if you would like more information

Volunteers Needed

We will also need help with both setting up the fete and clearing up afterwards and we always need volunteers to man the stalls on the day. Sign up board will be in All Saints Church on Sundays or you can let us know by emailing binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com

Please sign up and support us where you can! We truly rely on the support of our wonderful village to make the fete the huge success that it is - Thank you!



Binfield Church Fete

SATURDAY September 8th 2018 - 2pm to 6pm

It's Back – The Binfield Bake Off!

We are so excited about the Binfield Bake Off!

- This year the ladies of the Binfield W.I. are in charge! We have a recipe for a Victoria Sponge Cake that you are invited to make
- The recipe needs to be followed exactly, although you can decorate / fill your cake in any way you choose!
- Entries are £3 and you will need to enter in advance by contacting the Church Office and putting your name down on our list
- Cakes will need to be brought to our Binfield Bake Off Tent before 11.00am on the morning of the fete.
- Judging will take place from 11.15am



Get practicing to make the perfect Victoria Sponge cake through the Summer!

The Binfield Bake Off Baking Competition: Victoria Sponge Cake

Bake and present a cake using the recipe below. To be presented in your numbered space. The cake will be cut and tasted by the judges.

A detailed recipe card with method statement will be required together with a list of any other ingredients used.

Guidelines

Perfectly baked cake, not to include any other flavouring in the cake mix. No other raising agent to be used. The cake can be filled or decorated with any flavouring including jams, fruit, curds, buttercream or fondant. The cake should be of two or three layers.

Appearance, texture, taste and moisture will all be taken into account. No names must be evident on the presentation table.

Ingredients

200 grams butter
200 grams caster sugar
200 grams self raising flour
4 medium eggs

Children's Competition:
Under 16s bake 6
identical decorated
cupcakes of any flavour
50p entry



The Binfield Fete Dog Show

Brush up your pets and practice your handling skills! After the resounding success of last year's dog show, we are pleased to announce that the Dog Show will be returning and this time it will be better than ever. Categories will include the waggiest tail, handsomest dog and lots more.

Our very own Victoria Hamble will be the returning judge and we are looking forward to our furry friends strutting their stuff again this year.

ClothesBank

Clothing for those in need



A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers that help make the Bracknell ClothesBank such a success.

In particular we would really like to thank Avis for providing the van to help us transport all the clothes to Bracknell and Co-op, Binfield for providing food for all of our willing volunteers.

*Our next ClothesBank collection week
is w/c 1st October 2018*

*We are always looking for children's, teens' and
young adult's clean and non-damaged clothing*

Thank you for your help in June and for
your continued
support for future
Giveaway Days



COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming dates for your Diary

8th September	Binfield Church Fete (see page 20)
8th September	Ride and Stride (see page 4)
9th September	Anthony Nolan Charity Tennis Tournament (see page 11)

Please let us know details of any events coming up: office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

VILLAGE SPORT



We have a host of fixtures over the next 2 months – but would draw your attention to two of them against the Help for Heroes Team on Sun 5th August – an incredible group of people very humbling to be in their presence. Then on Sunday 26th (Bank Holiday weekend) we host the Village Day, where various “teams” from around the village will assemble and do battle to claim bragging rights. Anyone and everyone is very welcome to come attend these events, as well as watch any of our games through the end of September. As always, you are assured of a warm welcome. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Andy Bryant - *Chairman,*
Binfield Cricket Club

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Start time / format	Type of game
Fri 03 Aug 2018	Binfield Broncos (U19)	Peppard & Stoke Row CC	5.30pm	League
Sat 04 Aug 2018	2nd XI	Taplow 2nd XI	1.00pm Traditional	League
Sun 05 Aug 2018	Friendly XI	Help 4 Heroes CC	TBA	Friendly
Sat 11 Aug 2018	1st XI	Reading 2nd XI	12.30pm Win / Lose	League
Sun 12 Aug 2018	Friendly XI	Sonning CC	2.00pm	Friendly
Sat 18 Aug 2018	2nd XI	Burnham CC 4th XI	12.30pm Win / Lose	League
Sun 19 Aug 2018	Friendly XI	Bradfield CC	2.00pm	Friendly
Sat 25 Aug 2018	2nd XI	Hurst CC 2nd XI	12.30pm Win / Lose	League
Sun 26 Aug 2018	Friendly XI	Village Cricket Day	TBA	Friendly
Sat 01 Sep 2018	1st XI	Newbury CC	12.30pm Win / Lose	League
Sun 02 Sep 2018	Friendly XI	Shepperton CC	2.00pm	Friendly
Sun 09 Sep 2018	Friendly XI	TBA	TBA	Friendly
Sat 15 Sep 2018	Friendly XI	TBA	TBA	Friendly
Sun 16 Sep 2018	Friendly XI	Twyford & Ruscombe CC	1.00pm	Friendly
Sat 22 Sep 2018	Friendly XI	TBA	TBA	Friendly
Sun 23 Sep 2018	Friendly XI	Brentham CC	1.00pm	Friendly

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Binfield Church Fete

St Mark's Church, Binfield

**SATURDAY
8th September 2018**

2pm - 6pm

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