## The Binfield Beacon

April 2018

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!





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

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

#### **April 2018**

Sunday 1st April — EASTER

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'

11.00am All Age Service NO Baptism at All Saints'

NO Whizz Kids

6.30pm Easter Songs of Praise at St Mark's

Monday 2nd April — Bank Holiday

9.30am NO Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 4th April

9.00am NO Women's Walk&Talk 10.00am NO 3G Group at St Mark's 7.00pm NO Oasis Group at St Mark's

Saturday 7th April

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

**Sunday 8th April** 

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'

NO Whizz Kids

11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'

Monday 9th April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 11th April

NO Groups

Sunday 15th April

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 16th April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

8.00pm Practice the Presence of God @ The Rectory

Wednesday 18th April

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

Friday 20th April

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's

Sunday 22nd April

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'

10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 23rd April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 24th April

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 25th April

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Saturday 28th April

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 29th April

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 30th April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

#### May 2018

Wednesday 2nd May

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

Saturday 5th May

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 6th May

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## **CloThesBank**

#### Clothing for those in need

There are many men, women and children of all ages in our area in need of basic clothing and shoes that they just can't afford. Launched in 2015, ClothesBank continues to be a huge success thanks to everyone who donates clothing and the army of volunteers who help sort it and work tirelessly at the Giving Events.

## **April Giveaway**

We really need donations of children's clothes for 4-18yrs old especially boys clothes please.

Please can donations be dropped off at St Mark's during office hours Mon, Weds, Thurs and Friday 9am -midday 16th to 20th April and then only, as we will have space ready to receive the clothes.

We can also accept clothing at All Saints' during church services on Sunday 15th and 22nd April.

Thank you!



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### FROM YOUR RECTOR



## The Trouble Tree

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. Upon opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterwards he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree", he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Author unknown

At Easter we celebrate the fact that Jesus died on a tree to take all of our troubles from us. The good news is that he rose from the dead again to show that this promise is true. The Bible says, Cast all your anxiety on to him because he cares for you. 1 Peter chapter 5 verse 7. Why not try laying your troubles at the foot of God's trouble tree, the cross,



every day. Guess what, if you do, like the carpenter, when you come out in the morning to pick them up, there won't be nearly as many as you remember hanging up the night before.

Luke

## Easter Day at

All Saints' Church, Binfield

#### **Services**

8.15am, 9.30am and 11am Sunday 1st April 2018



Come and sing Easter songs and carols at St Mark's at 6.30pm on **Easter Day** 

#### From the Registers:

#### **Baptisms**

Amy Dolegowska

#### Weddings

Lauren Andrews & Phil Stephenson

#### **Funerals**

Patricia Nicklass

## **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!

Donations Received: Binfield PCC: Charitable Grants: £171,016 £100,000 £42,000

NEW PHASE 2 TOTAL: £51,392

Project Phase 2 Cost: £260,000

#### **Fundraising Update:**

The PCC have agreed that the Repairs Team can go to tender on the next phase of the project, which means that we will get a clearer idea of costs from possible contractors, and how much work we can move on to next. In order to support this work, we need to keep raising as much money as possible!

Whilst we start applying for additional grants, we are also hoping to line up more fundraising activities.

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the third annual Binfield 10k race will be taking place, and the church will again be supporting this amazing village event. There will be no services at 9:30 or 11am on this day, and we will instead be providing the water station up at All Saints'. We would welcome anyone who would like to help or just come and cheer on the runners. And we would be happy to hear from anyone who is running and willing to run for "Team ARC", and collect sponsorship for their participation in the race!

Due to popular demand, we are looking into possible dates for a second Ladies Clothes Exchange/Swishing Evening, so start having a look in your wardrobe for any items you haven't worn in a while and would be willing to swap for a new piece ready for summer!

We should also hopefully be able to give an update on the amount we raised through the foreign currency collection we ran until the end of last year.

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



#### How to donate:

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:

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#### 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 (have you entered the Binfield 10K yet?!) 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

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

Please contact us at fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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

### **HELPING EACH OTHER**

#### Keeping you informed

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

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

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

## 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:

## 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

#### 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

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

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#### **Church Website:**

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

We are also on *Facebook* facebook.comallSaintsWithStMarks



#### **ARC Fundraising Team**

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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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.

### **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

Next date:

## 12noon Tuesday 24th April 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

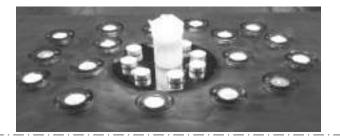
...followed by refreshments

A crèche is available if you have young children

## 10am Friday 20th April

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

EVERYONE WELCOME THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN



#### MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

## Next: Saturday 28th April "Fake News"

07.30 "Smell the Coffee" 07.45 "On the Soapbox"

08.45 "On your Bikes"

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

## WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



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

**4th Apr** - No Walk

18th Apr - Meet at Crema at 9am2nd May - Meet at Crema at 9am16th May - Meet at Crema at 9am

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

#### MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



## Saturdays: 7th April, 5th May

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

#### **CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS**



#### Hey Everyone!

With the weather finally warming up it really is starting to feel like spring, but we hope you made the most of the Beast from the East and went sledging or made snowmen in the snow!

During Lent at Binfield Church, we are looking at the question 'does God speak to me?', so at Whizz Kids we've been following the same path and have been learning about the different ways God does speak to us. We acted out the story of Joseph interpreting the Pharoh's

dreams with God's help, and found out that God can speak to us through our dreams! We are also going to be learning how God speaks to us when we read the Bible, and listen to music.

It was also Mother's Day, so we made these flowers for special ladies in our lives, whether that's a Mum, Sister, Aunty, or friend! On each of the petals, we wrote something we are

grateful for about our
Mums, like how loving
they are or how they
encourage us. We took
some of these flowers to
Church to show just how
proud we are of the
women in our lives, and
some of the Whizz Kids
even said prayers and poems for them too!

We've been having a blast at Oasis too, eating food and hanging out together,

and occasionally going completely off topic and playing games for the entire night..! We're continuing our BIG questions series, and most recently talked about what really makes Jesus so special, and how does that impact us? It's fantastic to see so many opinions from different people being honest and open with their thoughts, and it's great that we've got such an accepting environment going.



We have also invested in a waffle and toastie maker, to cater for all of our food needs! Food is always available at Oasis, so if you'd like to join us come along for (usually!) delicious food.

Have a great month!

Daisy, Children's Worker daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids Dates: 22nd Apr, 29th Apr, 13th May, 20th May, 27th May



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP 10.45am-12noon @ St Mark's

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## 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



#### 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

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#### 3 Generations playing together!

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

Extra parking available at Newbold Church opposite

Come and join us for cake, coffee and a chat while

the little ones play!

For more info contact Jan Watts: 01344 305965



Come and join us!



## Binfield Badger Group



The next meeting will be on **Thursday 12th April 2018.** We will be welcoming **Nigel Palmer** of the wildlife charity **Save Me**, to talk about their work, including the funding of leading Vet Dick Sibley's trials being carried out on a Devon cattle farm. He believes his new testing methods for bTB will detect and eradicate the disease much earlier in cattle without slaughtering any badgers.

As always for Binfield Badger Group meetings, there is no charge and the meeting is open to non-members. Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting will start at 7.30 pm. This will be at **Farley Wood Centre, Turnpike Road, Binfield RG42 1FW** and everyone is welcome to attend.

Annelise Hill

## 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** 



## **Binfield Patient Group**

#### IS SHINGLES BECOMING A BURNING ISSUE?

If you are over 70 then don't give shingles a chance to affect you. Most people would have had the chicken pox virus at some point in their lives. As the virus lies dormant in the body anyone can develop shingles. This is even more important for those in their 70s as herpes zoster (shingles' other name) affects this age group more commonly. Getting vaccinated against the virus boosts immunity and helps to reduce chances of the shingles virus reactivating.

The GPs and nurses at the surgery would be very happy to talk to you and provide you with more information. They encourage those eligible to take up immunisation as prevention is the best that one can do to help reducing the chances of avoidable disease. Binfield registered patients can telephone the surgery on 01344 286264.

#### **EMIS PATIENT ACCESS:**

This internet service is available to Binfield surgery patients. Using this service you can peruse your personal medical records from the date that you apply for access, book appointments and order repeat prescriptions. Many other items are also available. If you do not already use this service please contact the surgery on 01344 286264 for further details.

#### **SMEAR TESTING:**

Ladies, do you remember when your last smear test was? Women aged 50 to 64 should have a smear test every 5 years. Having regular smear tests offers you the best protection

against developing cervical cancer. In the UK someone is diagnosed with cervical cancer every three HOURS and over a THIRD of those diagnosed are women over 50.

To arrange an appointment for a smear test, following receipt of a letter from Primary Care Services England, Binfield registered patients should telephone the surgery on 01344 286264.

#### YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY:

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Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

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### **News from the Parish Office: April 2018**

#### **Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:**



All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Binfield Library, Oakmede Place (unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 10 April	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 17 April	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 24 April	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

#### **Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

Dates	Details
30 March (Good Friday)	Binfield Easter Egg Hunt – all profits raised will go directly to support Binfield Pre-School
to Sunday 8 April	
Sunday 20 May	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Binfield 10k – Run, Jog, or Walk! Register at binfield10k.co.uk
Tuesday 7 August	Binfield Summer of Fun 2018 (Farley Wood Centre, Turnpike Road)

#### An update on the Parish Council Office extension with new Community Hub & car park

This project has now "broken ground" (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March) and we are sure you have been observing the works. The contractors are currently focused on the foundational work to get ready for the building's timber frame which is expected to arrive on-site towards the end April.

As you know the Parish Car park has now closed to contain any contractor vehicles and equipment within the site. We thank you all for your support on parking during the peak school run times. Please do remember not to wait or park on the double yellow lines as, apart from contravening Rule 238 of the Highway Code, these spaces are useful pull in areas for cars as they navigate down Benetfeld Road and will ensure a smoother pick up/drop off for all.

We will keep you posted on the progress of the works and please feel free to contact us to discuss any aspects of this project.

#### Parish People's Awards 2018

The Parish Council were delighted to recognise people who have made an impact to those living in Binfield. Kate Hayes received an "Individual" award for her support to many fundraising events for the All Saint's ARC Project, as well as Binfield CoE Primary School, it's PTA, and the Rainbows. Rob West, together with the Lloyds Pharmacy Team, received a "Business" award for their expert advice and caring attitude no matter how busy they are. Both award winners were nominated by residents of Binfield. Please join us in congratulating this year's award winners when you see them in the Village!

#### Looking ahead to the 2018 Summer of Fun events!

The 'Summer of Fun' is a Bracknell Forest Borough-wide event series offering activities for all the family with FREE entry for all. Many families seek out local, low-cost activities, such as bouncy castles, crazy golf, circus skills, to engage their children during the Summer school holidays. A wide age group is catered for, from toddler through to teenager.

Event dates have now been set as follows: Warfield Memorial Ground – Friday 27 July, North Lake, South Hill Park (Bracknell) – Wednesday 1 August, Farley Wood Centre (Binfield) – Tuesday 7 August, Memorial Hall (Sandhurst) – Thursday 9 August, Morgan Recreation Ground (Crowthorne) – Tuesday 14 August, Great Hollands Recreation Ground (Bracknell) – Thursday 16 August, Carnation Hall (Winkfield) – Wednesday 22 August, and Braybrooke Recreation Ground (Bracknell) – Wednesday 29 August.

#### Silver Jubilee 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Silver Jubilee Field in the Parish this year. It would be great to commemorate this Anniversary and all ideas are welcome to help us mark this occasion. Ideas so far include placing a commemorative bench at the Field and running a "Silver Jubilee Rocks" painted pebble hunt for the children. Please do keep your ideas coming and we'll confirm in the next Beacon what this commemoration will be.

Don't forget we are in our new temporary home at Lexham House, Forest Road, RG42 4HP so please pop in!

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#### Binfield Garden Club

Our AGM meeting with the anticipated talk on Bats, had to be cancelled on March 1<sup>st</sup> due to the snow and extreme cold. This will be at a future date. Apologies, the weather is not in our hands!



On April 5<sup>th</sup> we look forward to an evening with Daniele Altieri with a talk called Illusion, Surprise and Mystery in the Garden

Daniele is a self-employed gardener, his earliest garden memories are of his grandfather, a very methodical and quiet gentleman, clipping the box parterre or raking the gravel, and his mother's passion for gardening.

Daniele moved from his native Italy with its highly structured Renaissance gardens to the UK and its tradition of

growing a fantastic variety of plants. His favourite style is to mix the two together and stir in lots of bulbs to have a garden that is beautiful for 12 months of the year.

Do come along and hear what should be a very interesting talk with some lovely pictures: 7.15pm, at Binfield Memorial Hall, with tea and biscuits, raffle, bric a brac and cards for sale, and for those who wish, a competition of a vase or bowl of spring flowers.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our plant sale and social evening – last year this was a great success with the plants selling as quickly as hot cakes. We hope to have lots to sell this year, so come and buy!

Other interesting subjects to look forward to range from orchards to fungi to house plants. Do have a look at our website, binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com to see what you might be missing.

We are also looking forward to our first outing of the year on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> to Compton Acres, Poole. The coach takes us there and back from Binfield village, so make sure to book your place.

Later visits will be to West Dean Garden, West Sussex and to Sheffield Park, East Sussex for gorgeous autumn colours.



Guests are always most welcome at any of our meetings, the first Thursday of each month, 7.15pm at Binfield Memorial Hall.

Do come and try us out, you won't be disappointed. binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com, or on Facebook, or phone 01344 286752 Sue Jeffery



# The Binfield Belles

The last few weeks haven't been an easy one for anyone; plenty of snow and a real cold snap of weather. Luckily by the time we met in March, all of that had passed and with the brighter, dryer days spring is springing - or is it?

Our meeting day last week arrived and due to a problem with our faithful Memorial Hall our meeting the AGM is cancelled and we can find nowhere at short notice to hold it. The task of contacting all the girls, about 60 of them, falls to our committee, who do a sterling of job on text, email and phone. A few unfortunately slipped the net and I bowled up to the hall with long suffering husband, holding my hand to make sure no one arrives and wonders what's happening. A couple of committee members were there as a text and phone message failed. So much for technology - it sometimes doesn't work!

However all was okay, apart from a visitor who came along, so sorry to disappoint her but who I encourage to come the next time when we meet at the club. I am hoping a majority can make it as it's the AGM due to have taken place on the cancelled night.

Last month was busy as usual and we met for coffee at South Hill Park. Some walked, the rest chatted for a nice morning. A flower workshop was very successful; we have many budding florists who are eager to arrange at the Flower Festival in June. A trip to the Mill Theatre was cancelled due to the weather but rescheduled for May. I went to Denman with one of the girls, our training and activity centre near Oxford, to hear a talk on the Suffragettes. They have big news this year as it's their centenary; the same as ours.

We had a great afternoon with tea thrown in and we evaded the weather as well. Looking forward to this month with trips planned: theatre visit, coffee morning and our group meeting with local WIs, always a chatty afternoon.

The April meeting will be on April 12th 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall. Speaker will be Peter Hague on West Wycombe Park and the Dashwoods - our competition a souvenir from a National Trust visit.

New members and visitors always welcome: contact Linda 01344 454503 /07708 731294 for more details www.binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi

Linda

## COMMUNITY

## Nineteenth Century Rectors of Binfield: Edmund Savory

(Part 3 of 3) by John Harman

The Reverend Savory was, politically, a conservative. And no surprise to find, in 1885, evidence of organised political activity in Binfield. Wider suffrage had created the need for greater party organisation. So, in May 1885, "an enthusiastic meeting of Conservatives of Binfield and neighbourhood was held on Monday evening in the Binfield Workmen's Club, for the purpose of electing officers for the Binfield sub-division of the Bracknell polling district. [then a list of those attending and an account of the election of officers.] An address was given by Mr. C. T. Murdoch, [ the eventual sucessful conservative candidate for the Reading constituency] who pointed out the advantages to be derived by the people from a Conservative Government, and dwelt upon the disastrous results of the policy of the present Government." It was moved, "that a branch of the East Berks Conservative Association be established for the parish of Binfield". After this was proposal was carried unanimously, "addresses were also given by the chairman and the Rev. E. Savory".

When he felt the occasion warranted, Savory could also be quite politically vociferous about current national issues. Just before the first of the two elections in the 1880s when it appeared that a Liberal victory was possible, with a radical element intent on the disestablishment of the Church of England, he pulled no punches. Merging quotation from psalms 83 and 137 he wrote in the magazine: "When we see Atheists, Infidels, Secularists and Radicals clamouring around the walls of the church of England and crying, like the Moabites and Hagarines of old, 'Down with it. Down with it even unto the ground ... it is the duty of every man to raise his voice." And, later in the same article, more typically reasonable argument, "The Church of England has been entrusted to us as trustees. It is not ours to do what we like with it - to let it go or give it away. It has come to us as a magnificent inheritance."

Canon Savory's recognition of the need for universal literacy did not mean he supported state-provided free schooling for all. He saw that as a potential threat to the level of religious teaching in schools. At the time, there were church as well as state inspections of schools such that he would have been aware of a reported decline in Religious Education as the demands of the secular curriculum increased. He therefore resisted the growth of State interest in education, seeing it as a further threat to the promulgation of the Gospel in school. His [slightly grudging and abrupt?] voice can be heard in a later decision of the Binfield school managers: "The managers of the School have accepted the new Education Bill: henceforth all scholars who attend are free of payment."

But, in the apolitical sense of the term, Savory was himself quite liberal. A Temperance Society started in Binfield in the late 1880s. He was convalescing in Edinburgh - the first time, I think, since 1859 that he had been absent from the village for any long period. He wrote "I have never been, and am not, a supporter of total abstinence." He went on to confirm his support of the goals of temperance - even total abstinence - if

alcohol was leading to the destruction of a man and his personal relationships.

At the turn of the century 75 year-old Canon Savory's support for the associations he had fostered during his ministry had not diminished. For example, the Reading Mercury of January 26th 1901 reported that, "The annual meeting of the local branch of the Royal Berks Friendly Society was held on Monday in the Parish Room. There were present Canon Savory and Mrs. Savory, an, Mr. A. S. Gibson and Mrs. Gibson and others. Tea was provided by the chairman of the branch. The report stated that the membership had increased during the year from 38 to 46 members."

Nevertheless only three months later, it was clear that he was beginning to curtail his clerical responsibilities. A Mercury report of 4th of May 1901 notes that, "Much regret is felt in this parish [Binfield] at the contemplated resignation [as Rural Dean] of the Rev. Canon Edmund Savory, who has spent nearly half century amongst us ...... and there is no clergyman in the Diocese better known or more highly esteemed." He resigned the Deanery in early 1902, and a meeting of his brother clerics later that year the view of the village was confirmed: "The regret at his resignation was universal, for during many years of association all who had been brought into contact with Canon Savory had experienced that ability, courtesy, and consideration which had been his life's characteristics. In their ruri-deanal chapter any subject brought forward secured his sympathy and received sound judgment."

By then, he must have contemplated also his retirement as Rector, settled in the Spring of the next year, but the arrangements were dominated by the sadness of the illness of his son in the late summer. Thus on the 15th of August the papers report that, "owing to the serious illness of the Rector's son, the Rev. J. H. Savory, it was decided not to have a public presentation of the testimonial of the revered Canon". The subscription had reached £173 9s 8d. And on September 2nd the Berkshire Chronicle reports: "The new Vicar comes into residence early in October. Much sympathy is being extended to Canon and Mrs. Savory by the parish at large. The sorrow at leaving their old home and their parishioners has been intensified in the loss of their only son. the Rev. J. H. Savory. late chaplain to the Marquess Camden, of Baynham Old Abbey. Kent."

Another report stated that Reverend Canon Savory and his wife were to retire to Wallingford, but at the time of his death, in early 1912 he was living at Woodlands, a house in Crowthorne. His wife, Diana, lived a further ten years, dying when she was 96, also at Woodlands. Both Edmund and Diana were buried at the Church of John the Baptist, Crowthorne.

There is a photograph of the Reverend Savory in the first volume of Stanley Ball's notes held at the Berkshire Record Office. It is very formal, and typically Victorian - as is its subject. Savory is pictured seated in high-backed chair, against a bookcase background of heavy, learned tomes. He is already quite old, with impressive grey mutton-chop side whiskers, looking a little like Gladstone but slimmer and, if possible, even more stern.



## Binfield Library News: April 2018

'Spring is the time of plans and projects.'
- Leo Tolstoy

Spring is officially here and I for one am pleased to see the longer days and warmer weather it puts a big smile on my face and makes me feel that anything can be achieved. So Binfield don't forget we have lots of books on allotments (my favourite hobby), gardening and holidays to help you make the best of these extra hours

A big thanks to all of you for being so patient with the library closure in March, we are the first library in Bracknell Forest to go live with self service which will eventually lead to extended opening. We certainly have some very exciting times ahead of us.

So what's happening this month? Well here's a quick summary of dates for your diary:

#### Children's Events:

We have Bounce & Rhyme sessions for pre school children every Thursday at 9.30am and we're lucky to have Jackie Thornton hosting on the 1st Thursday of the month. The library opens at 9am perfect timing for getting out of the cold after dropping off your older children at school. Singing is followed by a Tots craft with lots of glue and messiness, a must for your Tots! 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 Tuesdays at 3.30pm with a charge of £1.20 per child.

Lego is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April straight after school. This is a free session for all budding brick builders no matter what your age and a chance to put your masterpieces in our show cabinet for all to see.

#### Adult Events:

Knit and Natter is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. New knitters are very welcome; we need to hear more nattering please.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. Be prepared to exercise that grey matter! Refreshments served for 50p.

The Binfield Film Group is still going strong but we are in need of some male input!! Come on gentlemen we need your comments. The group of film buffs meet monthly to discuss the film and the next meeting is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 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. Our next one is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Rummikub is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We play both the numbers and letters version of this game and novices are always welcome. Refreshments served for 50p.

Our drop in book group meets on the last Monday of the month so will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm. We're pleased to say we have a few regular members but there's always room for more.

And finally we have a Saturday afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be  $7^{th}$  April.

We're here to help so please contact the Library for further details on any of our events. This is your Library, so please use it and remember that among the many services that we offer we can issue or renew your senior citizen bus pass. We aim to provide services and activities to meet your needs, so 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.

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

### **HAPPY SNAPPING!**



## Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

#### **World Book Day**

We had a fantastic response to our World Book Day dress up day last

month – a huge array of book characters came to our school for the day, including Mary Poppins; the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; the Cat in the Hat; lots of Roald Dahl and David Walliams characters (including Willy Wonka's Golden Ticket!) and Holes-inspired costumes from Y6. The children were encouraged to use their imagination and create their character from existing clothes rather than buying something special. The staff enjoyed joining in too! Thank you to Sarah Henty from the library for her help in judging our winners.



#### **Y1 Trip to Milestones Museum**

In February, Y1 went on a trip to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke to support their current Toys topic. During the course of the day, the children observed and handled old toys, using various skills to sort the toys and explain their reasoning; learned traditional games, including hopscotch, dominoes, singing games, cup and ball, Jacks and Granny's Footsteps; explored the museum and found lots of interesting items such as old household appliances and vehicles and enjoyed discovering what old shops looked like – the old fashioned arcade games were especially popular! The children have lots of new experiences that they were able to share with their parents and can apply to their learning.

#### **Getting ready for Spring!**

After the recent snow, we all need a touch of Spring, and that was delivered to us in early March by Binfield Gardening Club! Club members are helping every child in school plant a seed to take home, nurture and hopefully win a prize for them at the end of the summer term. The children always love this activity and we are very grateful to the Gardening Club for continuing this annual tradition!

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

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# JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Binfield Tennis Courts
Monday April 9th - Friday April 13th
Beginners: 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
Intermediates:10.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.
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Contact: Mr T. Usher: 01344 487514 tim\_usher@yahoo.co.uk





#### DIVERSITY CENTRE LECTURES SPRING 2018

#### 17 April 2018:

Diversity Centre Lecture (19:30 Smith Centre – "Is God still an Englishman?" – Cole Moreton)

#### 28 April 2018:

Bible Conference www.newbold.ac.uk/bibleconference-2018

All lectures will be held at 19.30. in the Smith Centre, Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, St Mark's Road, Binfield. RG42 4AN. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Upcoming dates for your Diary**

The Binfield 10K (Back page)

Binfield Easter Egg Hunt! (see below) 30th March to 8th April

12th April Badger Group Meeting (page 8) 29th April

Come and Sing Ahoy (this page)

13th May Binfield Singers Spring Concert (this page)

Tickets on sale for Party Bye the Pitch (page 18) 1st June

23rd and 24th July W.I. Flower Festival (this page)



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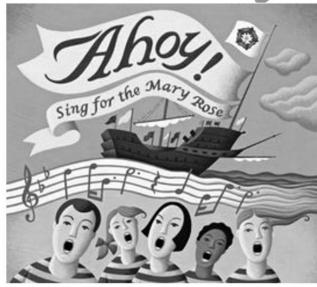
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Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10am - 4.30pm Sunday 24th June 2pm - 5pm



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## Come and Sing



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7.30pm Sunday 13th May 2017

St Mark's Church - Tickets £5 on the door

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Refreshments served. There will retiring collection for charity

For more info please contact Jan: 01344 411267

## Binfield Easter Egg Hunt

From Friday 30th March to Sun 8th April 2018

It's back! Last year's Easter Egg Hunt around the village was *eggsellent* fun and helped to raise much needed funds for Binfield Pre-school. Collect your maps from The Binfield Stores and Crema Coffee Shop

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