

The Binfield Beacon

May 2018

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



Words of wisdom

SUMMER CLUB

It's back!

9am - 12.30pm 25th - 27th July

Want to sign up the kids?

Want to volunteer?

Email: daisyridell@gmail.com



Cemetery Tidy Up

Can you help?

Details inside...

Photo Competition

How are those scenic shots of Binfield coming along? Don't forget we want photos of everything 'Binfield' —including events and activities!



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

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

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

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

Monday 7th May — Bank Holiday

9.30am NO Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 9th May

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

Thursday 10th May

10.15am Midweek Communion at All Saints'

Friday 11th May

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's

Sunday 13th May

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 14th May

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 16th May

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

Sunday 20th May — The Binfield 10K

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
NO Parish Communion at All Saints'
NO Whizz Kids at St Mark's
NO All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 21st May

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

Tuesday 22nd May

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 23rd May

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

Saturday 26th May

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 27th May

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 28th May — Bank Holiday

9.30am NO Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 30th May

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

June 2018

Saturday 2nd June

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 3rd June

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 4th June

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

**Many hands
make light work!**



STUBBS HILL CEMETERY SPRING TIDY UP

Please can you spare an hour or two to help
with the spring clearance at Stubbs Hill
Cemetery?

Saturday 16th June 2018 from 9am

Refreshments will be provided

Please bring tools and some gardening gloves



For more details contact

Tony Muller on
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tony.muller@btinternet.com

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Thank you

Thank you so much to everyone
who has donated time, money and/
or clothes for our April Giveaway.
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FROM YOUR RECTOR



Words of wisdom

I am often asked what's the difference between knowledge and wisdom? I reply, knowledge is what you know, wisdom is what you do? Hopefully these stories below will help to explain this further.

Knowledge and wisdom

There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom.

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit not a vegetable.

Wisdom is knowing not to include it in a fruit salad.

The two wolves

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life.

"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.

One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.

The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Testing for gossip

In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem. One day an acquaintance met the great philosopher and said, "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Hold on a minute", Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple filter?"

"That's right", Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my friend, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test. The first filter is **Truth**. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "Actually I just heard about it and ..."

"All right", said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of **Goodness**. Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?"

"No, on the contrary."

"So", Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's

true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: the filter of **Usefulness**. Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well", concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

The Bible says this about Wisdom:

The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.

~ **Proverbs 19:8**

I hope you enjoy these short stories, and I pray that they will give you wisdom, that you will love life, cherish understanding, and prosper.

Stories from

<http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html>

Luke

Easter Lilies



We hope you have managed to see the lovely display of lilies at All Saints'

Jan Vigar would like to thank everyone who contributed



From the Registers:

Funerals

Jean Taylor
Vera Lilian Richards

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: £52,898

Project Phase 2 Cost: £260,000



*Our collection raised
£517.42
Thank you!*

Fundraising Update:

Firstly we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who dug out any foreign and old coins they had lying around and donated them to the Cash 4 Coins collections for the repair project. They were sent off and have now been counted... and the total we raised through this was £571.42! We will be putting the buckets out again, so please hold on to any more coins you might have bought back from your Easter holidays or find under those sofa cushions!

Preparations are gearing up for the third annual Binfield 10k taking place on Sunday 20th May, and as we mentioned last month, the church will again be supporting the event. Just a reminder that there will be no 9:30 or 11am services on this day, but we would love to hear from you if you would like to help at the Water Station at All Saints', or just come and cheer on the runners. We'd also love to hear from any runners who would be willing to run for "Team ARC", and collect sponsorship for their participation in the race!

We'll keep you posted on the date for the 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! 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:**
a/c no: 03290131
sort code: 20-11-74
Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs

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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

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
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Sarah Muller	tel. 428782
Jan Vigar	tel. 411267
Gisele Taylor	tel. 07724 889169
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Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



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

We are currently looking for help with:

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

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

Praying for and with you



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

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

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We are also on Facebook
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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
22nd May
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 11th May

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

**EVERYONE WELCOME THE DOOR IS
ALWAYS OPEN**



MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

Next: Saturday 26th May
"The 1960's"

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.

2nd May - Meet at Crema at 9am

16th May - Meet at Crema at 9am

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS

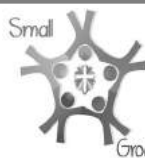


Saturdays:
5th May, 2nd June

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!

I hope you all had an amazing Easter enjoying your break from school and eating your body weight in chocolate! Here's what we've been getting up to this month...

Although it's much warmer now, we had a few snow days near the end of March which coincided with Whizz Kids, meaning all our plans went out the window and we played out in the snow building snowmen and having snowball (more like snowboulder!) fights, and ended up inside with a hot chocolate. It was great fun, although the leaders were no match for the army of young people successfully taking us down.

In the run up to Easter, we looked at the different ways in which God speaks to us, through dreams, nature and music. And of course we had our own Easter egg hunt. There were lots of coloured eggs, each with one word from a bible verse in it, the teams had to collect all their coloured eggs and piece together the verse as quickly as possible. Don't panic, there was a chocolate prize at the end for all the teams!

We had our annual Church Easter egg hunt too on Easter Sunday, and it was great to see so many of you there to take part. Over 300 mini eggs were hidden around the Church grounds, including the special chick everyone was looking for. Hannah was the one who found the chick, and it turns out she found it last year too, she must have a hidden talent!

Binfield Summer Club is back this year for school years 1-6, on the 25th, 26th and 27th July. Details and booking to come soon, but for now keep those dates free...

At Oasis we ended up the spring term by finishing our BIG questions series about faith and life, asking what's so special about Jesus anyway? And does prayer really work? It's been great having these discussions and figuring out what we believe.

After the game 'empires' was introduced to the group we haven't been able to stop playing it, one week we lost track of time and ended up playing it for the whole session! Nothing like a bit of healthy competition... We usually munch on waffles or toasties, and hang out together and build community.

That's all for now, see you next month!

Daisy, Children's Worker daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids Dates: 13th May, 27th May

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
daisyridell@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP

10.45am-12noon @ St Mark's
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Oasis



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



3 Generations playing together!

Wednesdays 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 PRIMARY ANTIQUES SUMMER FETE SHOW

SATURDAY 30TH JUNE, FROM 11am

SAVE THE DATE AND DUST OFF YOUR ANTIQUES FOR A VERY SPECIAL SUMMER FETE TO HELP CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF BINFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL.
WHO KNOWS WHAT WE MAY FIND!

Experts in medals, coins, jewellery, paintings, watches and more will be ready waiting to value your very own collectables.

There will be the usual fabulous stalls, games and more. For further details on the antiques show and the experts attending or if you would like to get involved please contact Friends of Binfield School via email: fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk



Local Family Looking For Land! (Potential building plot)

Do you have a small parcel of land that you are looking to sell? Do you have a large garden you have considered fencing off and selling? We are a local family (not a developer) looking to build a family home in the Binfield area. We have strong ties to Binfield (our children went to the local school and we attend All Saints' Church) and we would love to stay in this area.

If you or anyone you know has a plot of land, we'd love to hear from you!

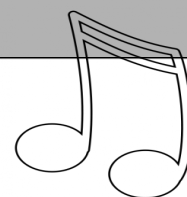
Contact Dave on saundersdave2@aol.com

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 Easter Egg Hunt

A big thank you to everyone who made eggs and to all the egg hunters out there! A special thank you to Binfield Stores and Crema Coffee shop for hosting the maps and prizes. We hope you all had as much fun as we did!

See you next year! [facebook.com/binfieldeasterregghunt](https://www.facebook.com/binfieldeasterregghunt)

Watch this space for the return of the hugely popular Scarecrow Trail in the Autumn!

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News from the Parish Office: May 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 8 May	Annual Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 22 May	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Sunday 20 May	The 3 rd Annual Binfield 10k – Run, Jog, or Walk! Register at binfield10k.co.uk

Annual Parish Council, Tuesday 8 May

This important annual meeting of the Parish Council will focus on the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Committee/Sub-Committee/Outside Bodies representation, as well as electing Payment Signatories, Internal Controller, and Internal Auditor. Councillors will also review a number of annual policies and undertake financial duties for the year. All are welcome to attend with a public participation element set aside at the start of the meeting.

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

Despite battling with some awful wet weather over the past month we are pleased to let you all know that the foundations and ground floor slabs are now complete. The timber frame structures are due to be installed during May. Therefore, the project completion timescale remains the same with building handover this September.

Now's the time to get in touch with your ideas and requests for the new community hub! If you run a community group and are looking for space to meet or run events or activities then please let us know so that the booking of this space can be firmed up ahead of this exciting new space becoming available. We'll keep you posted on the progress of this project and please feel free to contact us about aspects that interest you.

Littering on the increase

Bad News! We have received an increasing number of reports of littering within the Village and its boundaries.

Fly tipping We work in partnership with Bracknell Forest Council who remove fly tipping so please inform the Borough Council directly by calling 01344 352000 or email customer.services@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or use their online form via www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk and keep us posted on what you have reported so that we can follow up too.

Good News! You may be interested to learn that prosecutions do take place with a Bracknell Forest Council press release (27th March) reporting that a fly tipper was fined £2,500 for fly tipping at Savernake Pond in Bracknell so please do keep your reports coming.

General litter Our Parish Warden, the Binfield Environment Group, Parish Councillor and Office staff supported the recent Great British Spring Clean, #GBSpringClean, to keep Binfield clean and tidy. Our Parish Warden in particular spends much of their working hours litter picking and has observed general litter on the increase. Feel free to get involved! We have litter pickers, rubbish bags with handy bag hoops in the office that you can borrow.....and of course,

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Bracknell Forest Council Local Plan

As reported in the April Beacon, Bracknell Forest Borough Council were consulting on the Local Plan which will define development in the area until 2036. The deadline for consultation comments was 26 March and you can find the comment from Binfield Parish Council on our website in our document archive/planning consultation. The Local Plan documentation can be viewed at consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal

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 postponed AGM took place on March 22nd and a successful past year was reported. The committee was re-elected with just a couple of changes and with Richard still at the helm! If anyone feels able to help the committee in anyway, they will be most welcome. We are a friendly, happy group and meetings are only once a month.

Annual awards for achieving the most points in the monthly competitions were won by 1st Christine Leonard, 2nd Belinda Thornhill, 3rd Nancy Bowen, 4th Liz Ferris – congratulations.

April's meeting saw our current year get off to a fantastic start. Richard introduced charismatic Daniele Altieri who gave us such a warm and lively presentation. It was wonderful listening to Daniele describe his many ideas to make our gardens appear bigger and more intriguing. Here are a few of his magical but simple suggestions.

Avoid straight paths, use curves or zigzag to make the eye's journey longer. Scatter plants both sides so the eyes go back and forth. To create an illusion of distance use the perspective tricks of the Renaissance painters with lively colours in the foreground and fading cooler colours in the distance. Plant smaller foliage further away and larger foliage nearer.

Gardens will seem bigger if one cannot see where they end, so Daniele showed us tricks used by Japanese designers to borrow some of the elements of what's beyond and use similar shapes and foliage to merge. Use a mirror in the garden, but it must be tilted to reflect something beautiful and do blur the edges. Beware it won't attract birds to fly in to it!

Frame a view using tall grasses or tall plants to blur and frame. If you have a high wall or buildings by your garden don't plant a tree right in front of it but plant it nearer to you and it will screen it more; or put a human height pergola in front which will draw your eyes to it instead of the building behind. The pergola could just be simple linked posts with an evergreen growing along it.

Time went so quickly, Daniele's talk was so enjoyable and many members will now be tweaking their gardens to implement at least one of his ideas! We all hope he will return next year!

The competition table looked and smelled lovely with vases of Spring flowers, and was won by (joint 1st) Nancy Bowen & Belinda Thornhill, (joint 2nd) Liz Ferris & Christine Leonard and 3rd Carol Fraser. Well done all.

Small hardy fuchsia plants were taken home by many members to grow on for the Annual Challenge in September. Good luck, everyone.

Next month's meeting is our annual Plant Sale on Thursday 3rd May, 7.15pm at Binfield Memorial Hall so do pop along for some bargains, a big raffle and a cup of tea and delicious home-made cake.

May 9th is the day trip to Compton Acres, leaving Binfield at 9.15 am and returning at approx. 5.45 pm. There are still some places available – look on the website or come to the plant sale and book your seat.

Visitors and guests are ALWAYS welcome on the first Thursday of each month.

binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and on facebook or ring 01344286752 or 01344459902

Sue Jeffery



The Binfield Belles

As I write this piece today about the activities of the Binfield Belles, it has been raining for most of the day. I am reminded it's April and showers are expected, however, this deluge we can do without.

Our March meeting was eventually held at Binfield Club due to prior bookings at the Memorial Hall and a record number arrived for the AGM. Our meetings are anything but boring and after singing the wonderful Jerusalem, I wonder if those in the club bar were stirred or not? After the protocol, all stays the same; a few new committee members and the loss of others. Wanting this to be a relaxing get-together we had cake and coffee. We welcomed visitors and new members, followed with a sketch about the WI, not only were the group laughing but so were the actors, it was truly an enjoyable evening.

The remainder of the month passes too quickly and the girls meet for craft, badminton, walking and coffee mornings plus meetings for flower festival, new banner, what will we do when all this is over.

Some members visited the theatre in Wokingham for a production of a 'Flea in her ear'; another good evening. A trip to the Hindu temple at Neasden followed by a great Indian lunch enjoyed by our members and others from our local group WIs. A truly wonderful building, we have all learnt about Hinduism and enjoyed a wonderful service whilst there. A group meeting at Warfield Park was an enjoyable afternoon; the speaker was a direct descendant of the suffragette Emily Davidson who lost her life on Derby Day in 1918 fighting for the cause. I have suggested a Suffragette Procession in Bracknell on Derby Day this year as it's also their centenary, the Belles probably think I have finally lost the plot; we'll see!!

As I finish my chatter for another month I continue to preside over these lovely ladies for another year and hope to hand over that job next year. However there is loads going on this year: A visit to the World War 2 bunkers soon; afternoon tea at the Mill; where will it end? Want to join in our fun? Pop along on the 2nd Thursday every month 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall, next meeting on May 10th. "My life as a Foster Mother" with Carol Clayton, our speaker. More details, call me.

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Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

30th Anniversary Celebrations

On Thursday 15th March 2018, we celebrated our 30th anniversary. Mrs Featherstone-Wright, Headteacher, and some of our children welcomed the Bishop of Reading, The Right Reverend Andrew Proud, to our school to help us commemorate this special day!

During his time with us, Bishop Andrew participated in a special service, visited the classrooms and enjoyed lunch with pupils and invited guests from the community. Additionally, Bishop Andrew planted a tree in memory of long-standing governor Mr David Fawcett, who passed away last year. Mrs Fawcett chose a holly tree which has been placed in the BOLE, and she joined the Bishop in the planting ceremony. Bishop Andrew also blessed the tree and said a few special words in recognition of Mr Fawcett's contribution to the school since its inception.

On Friday 16th March, the celebrations continued, with former governors and staff returning for guided tours around the school conducted by Y5 and Y6 children. There were some lovely comments about how polite and well informed the children were, and how the school has changed beyond recognition in the last 30 years!

At the end of the day, each child took home a commemorative pin badge marking this special anniversary, to either wear with pride or keep in a safe place. This gift for the children was a joint venture by the school and FOBS, whose support we are, as always, extremely grateful for.

We are so proud to be part of the Binfield community and look forward to remaining an important part of the village for the next 30 years!

Easter Services

As usual, we celebrated the end of the Spring Term with our Easter Service at St Mark's for the Juniors and in school for the Infants. Both of the services were extremely reflective and thought provoking. There was some beautiful singing and the children led the services extremely well; a very apt way to finish the term.

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.

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Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



Binfield Library News: May 2018

'You are as welcome as the flowers in May' Charles Macklin

Hi everyone! So what's going on at Binfield Library?! Well I'm sure most of you have now seen our newly structured interior without the somewhat imposing counter. Admittedly when I walked in for the first time my jaw dropped but after the initial surprise I felt, and I hope you all agree that it feels far more welcoming and friendly as well as spacious, great for our groups! It gives us the opportunity to be more accessible to you and provide you with much more assistance. Self service is also now up and running (hopefully as it wasn't at the time of writing this) after a few minor set backs and soon to be introduced in other libraries. Binfield will go down in history as being the first library in Bracknell Forest to have this new technology! Go Binfield!

So what's happening this month? Here are the dates for your diary so no excuses:

Children's Events:

We have Bounce & Rhyme sessions for pre school children every Thursday at 9.30am this includes during school holidays. The library opens at 9am perfect timing after dropping off your older children at school. Now I know the weather is getting better but that's no excuse for loitering outside the library doors. Singing is followed by a Tots craft with lots of glue and messiness, a must for your Tots! The charge is £1 per child but this includes the singing (which has improved since I stopped doing it), tea and the simple craft.

Our children's craft session continues on Tuesdays at 3.30pm with a charge of £1.20 per child. Don't forget us when the sun is out.

Lego is on Monday 7th May 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. Our cabinet has been looking a bit empty lately so I challenge you to fill it with your lovely models.

Adult Events:

Knit and Natter is on Monday 7th May and Saturday 19th May. New knitters are very welcome; it's been a bit quiet lately so we need to hear more nattering please.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 10th May at 11am. This is our most competitive group so if you like a feisty friendly challenge this is for you! Refreshments served for 50p.

The Binfield Film Group is still going strong but still no male input!! Come on gentlemen we need you! Our regulars meet monthly to discuss the

film and the next meeting is on Tuesday 15th May at 3.00pm. Refreshments served for 50p.

Our Coffee morning and Quiz is still lively, fun and a great way to socialise and meet new people. So come along and find out the latest going on in our community. The next one is on Thursday 24th May.

Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month making it 25th May at 2.00pm. We play both the numbers and letters version of this game but we do need a few more members please. Refreshments served for 50p.

Our drop in book group meets on the last Monday of the month so will take place on Monday May 28th at 5.30pm. We have regular members but there's always room for more so bring along your friends and enjoy an animated discussion of the current title.

And finally we have a Saturday afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be on 5th May at 2.30pm.

We love our customers and our library so please remember we are here to help you and amongst the many services that we offer we can issue or renew your senior citizen bus pass. If we don't have what you're looking for tell us and we will do our best to get it for you.

The Binfield Library team: Robert, Chris, Margo & Sar

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New Library Technology - The Countdown Begins

Visitors to Binfield library will be the first to experience new opportunities to access library services in a more convenient way, through the introduction of new technology.

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Experienced library staff and volunteers will be ready to introduce and familiarise customers with the new technology.

We value the input from our customers as part of this pilot launch at Binfield library and we welcome feedback on your views and customer experiences. Please let us know what you think since we will use this feedback to help ensure the smoothest possible roll-out of the new technology in all our other libraries across Bracknell Forest.

We will bring you more on the dates of the introduction very soon.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming dates for your Diary

13th May	Binfield Singers Spring Concert (this page)
20th May	The Binfield 10K (Back page)
1st June	Tickets on sale for Party Bye the Pitch (page 18)
10th June	Winkfield PTA National Festival Circus (page 18)
23rd and 24th June	W.I. Flower Festival (page 18)
30th June	Binfield Primary Antiques Summer Fete Show (page 8)



Spring Concert

7.30pm

Sunday 13th May 2017

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

The Binfield Singers present a selection of well known songs, with solos, choir pieces and audience participation.

Refreshments served. There will be a retiring collection for charity

For more info please contact Jan: 01344 411267

SPORTS



The 2018 cricket season is upon us – weather permitting as always! Hopefully the latter part of April was drier than what we saw over the previous 6 or so weeks and the geese will have vacated their baths on the ground... As you can see from the fixtures, we have a very full month of home games, including many colts games and also a cricket festival for our newly formed Women's team – the Binfield Unicorns. They play soft ball cricket, so if there are any ladies who fancy something new, please check out their section on our website. Also after many years, our 1st and 2nd XI take the large step up into the Thames Valley League (TVCL) which will see us take on new teams, and provide the impetus for the club to grow on the pitch as it has done off the pitch.

During the winter months our excellent groundstaff and volunteers have been as busy as ever. We now have some hard standing parking for those damper days, plus I highly recommend a trip to the pavilion to see the transformation inside. It is really rather impressive. Junior coaching, and All Stars Cricket will resume during May on the ever popular Friday nights – and whenever we are playing or training, the bar will be open – so please feel free to pop down and enjoy our hospitality whilst watching some cricket in a safe, picturesque and family setting.

Andy Bryant, Chairman

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 MAY HOME FIXTURES	1st XI	vs	Purley on Thames CC	Sun 29 April	1.00pm
	Midweek XI	vs	Bracknell CC	Tue 01	6.00pm
	Under 13's	vs	Eversley Scorchers	Thu 03	6.00pm
	1st XI	vs	White Waltham CC	Sat 05	1.00pm
	3rd XI	vs	Earley CC 2nd XI	Sat 05	1.00pm
	Berkshire Stags VICC	vs	TBA	Sun 06	TBA
	Under 13 Unicorns	vs	Henley	Sun 06	TBC
	Under 11's	vs	Royal Ascot	Sun 06	10.00am
	Binfield Unicorns (Women's)	vs	Inter Club Festival	Mon 07	TBA
	Under 15's	vs	Royal Ascot	Thu 10	6.00pm
	2nd XI	vs	Cove CC 3rd XI	Sat 12	1.00pm
	1st XI	vs	Round 2 NVC	Sun 13	1.00pm
	Friendly XI	vs	Reading Uni Alumni & Staff	Sun 13	2.00pm
	Berkshire Seniors Over 60s	vs	Bucks Over 60s	Tue 15	1.30pm
	Midweek XI	vs	Finchampstead CC	Tue 15	6.00pm
	1st XI	vs	Sulhamstead & Upton CC	Sat 19	1.00pm
	Under 9's	vs	Wokingham Acorns	Sun 20	10.00am
	Friendly XI	vs	Frintley Green	Sun 20	2.00pm
	Under 13's	vs	Emmbrook & Bearwood Bears	Tue 22	6.00pm
	Under 11's	vs	Finchampstead Falcons	Thu 24	6.00pm
	2nd XI	vs	Aldershot 3rd XI	Sat 26	1.00pm
	Friendly XI	vs	Bracknell CC (Keith Strong Memorial Game)	Sun 27	2.00pm
	Under 13's	vs	St Olaves School	Mon 28	TBC
	Under 13 Unicorns	vs	Crowthorne & Crown Wood B	Wed 30	6.00pm

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