

# The Binfield Beacon

February 2018

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



## HALF A NEW ROOF



With a dusting of snow you can see the new half of the roof doing a great job of keeping in the heat...



Easter  
Lilies

Remembering loved ones at Easter... more info inside

## The Binfield Calendar Photography Competition



Don't forget to get your camera or phone out and get snapping the people and scenes around Binfield

**One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water**



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

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

### February 2018

#### Saturday 3rd February

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

#### Sunday 4th February

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 5th February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

#### Wednesday 7th February

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 8th February

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

#### Friday 9th February

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

#### Sunday 11th February

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 12th February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

#### Wednesday 14th February

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

#### Saturday 17th February

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's (NB Date change)

#### Sunday 18th February

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

#### Monday 19th February

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

#### Wednesday 21st February

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 25th February

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 26th February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

#### Tuesday 27th February

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

#### Wednesday 28th February

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

### March 2018

#### Saturday 3rd March

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

#### Sunday 4th March

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 5th March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

#### Wednesday 7th March

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 8th March

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

#### Friday 9th March

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

#### Sunday 11th March - MOTHER'S DAY

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



## Easter Lilies

### *A time to remember loved ones*

Every year at Easter we have a beautiful display of lilies in All Saints' Church, and the names of loved ones no longer with us are displayed on a scroll with the flowers.

If you would like to commemorate someone please contact Jan who will arrange this for you. Please give your names in by 19th March.



A donation towards the cost of the lilies would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

Jan Vigar 01344 411267

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## FROM YOUR RECTOR



### The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in China had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of

water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

If you feel more like the broken pot, and you focus more on your flaws, why not try focusing on all the beauty and grace that you bring to this world. If as you read that last sentence you have just thought I don't, then write down three things every day that you have done to help others. Very soon you will begin to see how, like the broken water pot, you too can make a difference in this world. And remember as well, that the Bible says you are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139 verse 14. And God doesn't make mistakes!

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

Luke

## ClothesBank

### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated for our January ClothesBank

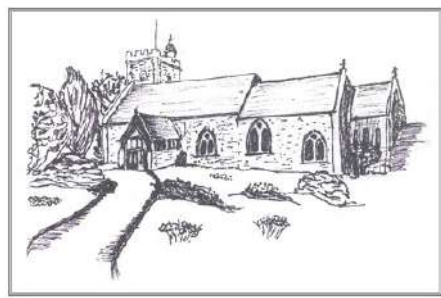
We always need NEW socks, underwear and pyjamas as we cannot give away 2nd hand ones of these. Our next ClothesBank will be in April—if you are having a sort out, please hold onto your donations until then as we have insufficient storage.

If you would like to volunteer to help sort the clothes or at the Giveaway please get in touch

clothesbankbracknell@gmail.com or  
call Gisele on 07724 889169

Thank you!

### All Saints' notelets for sale!



£5 for a pack of 10 notelets showing two of Alwyn Kimber's lovely sketches of All Saints' Church on ivory card.

These can be bought from the church office or our webshop:

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

### From the Registers:

#### Baptisms

*Oliver Joseph Hughes*  
*Carissa Elizabeth Troup*

#### Funerals

*Kathleen Jameson*  
*Peter Jourdan*  
*Greta Carroll*

# NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S



## *The Binfield ARC project: Fundraising for essential repairs to our historic Parish Church*

### *All Saints' Church Needs Your Help!*



### **Fundraising Update:**

#### **Happy New Year!**

We hope you all had a wonderful time over Christmas and have enjoyed seeing in 2018.

We are ready to start another year of fundraising, especially since we've started to feel a difference with the church seeming to be warmer inside already! This photo, taken by Liz Hall during the recent snowy weather, shows how the new roof at the East end, with the new tiles, felt and insulation is effectively keeping out the cold, while the part which has yet to be worked on is not doing such a good job!

In the next phase of work, we are hoping that repairs will be carried out on the rest of the roof to match it all in and increase the benefits we are already seeing. Worryingly, there was some water ingress in this other part of the roof before Christmas, so we know that these repairs are now vital too.

We are currently waiting on further cost information for the outstanding repair work, so that the Fabric team can put the work out to tender again, and we will then have a better idea of how much it will cost to complete, and how much more we need to raise.

We would like to thank those who have been continuing to help us raise those funds, including Liz Hall and all the 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield Rainbows and Brownies who took part in their carol singing session at Tesco's in Warfield on 4<sup>th</sup> December. They did such a great job entertaining the shoppers, and raised a fantastic £391.82!

Thanks also to Margareta Hawkins who raised £400 selling her wonderful gingerbread houses and churches over Christmas, and Liz Ferris has now raised over £400 through her jewellery sales.

We appreciate all these efforts, so please get in touch if you have any ideas or an event you'd like to run this year.

With thanks from the Fundraising Team  
[Fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:Fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

**Donations Received: Binfield PCC: Charitable Grants:**

**£167,102      £100,000      £42,000**

**NEW PHASE 2 TOTAL: £79,102**

**Project Phase 2 Cost: £208,000**

**Total projected project cost: £750,000**

### ***How to donate or fundraise for us:***

If you are able to make a donation, however big or small, it will all help! You can donate by:

- Cheque: please send a cheque to the church office, made payable to "Binfield PCC Church Repairs". Include your name and address especially if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim Gift Aid.
- BACS: a/c no: 03290131  
sort code: 20-11-74  
Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs
- JustGiving: See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and set up your own fundraising page at: <http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/binfield-pcc/binfieldarcproject>

Don't forget to Gift Aid it if you are a UK Tax Payer - this will add an extra 25% to your donation! Ask at the church office for more details.

Please contact us at [fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

**[www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk](http://www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject](https://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](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) or call on 01344 421079

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

## PASTORAL CARE VISITING TEAM - need a friend?



In All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we have a small pastoral care team, who are happy to visit and befriend the people of Binfield. So, if you have recently moved to the area and don't know many people; if your family live far away; if you are a Mum at home with a baby and would like adult company; if you find it difficult to get out or just fancy a friendly chat over a cup of tea, please get in touch with one of us. You don't need to be a member of the church; just enjoy some company occasionally!

*And, if visiting others is something you would enjoy doing, please also let us know*

<b>Jane Aylwin</b>	<b>tel. 481692</b>
<b>Jill Hanson</b>	<b>tel. 452694</b>
<b>Margareta Hawkins</b>	<b>tel. 411681</b>
<b>Sarah Muller</b>	<b>tel. 428782</b>
<b>Jan Vigar</b>	<b>tel. 411267</b>
<b>Gisele Taylor</b>	<b>tel. 07724 889169</b>
<b>Dave Dawson</b>	<b>tel. 360389</b>

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

## All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



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

### We are currently looking for help with:

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

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

## Praying for and with you



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

We also have weekly prayer sheets — please email [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) to have your prayers included each week.

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

### Rector:

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

### Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672  
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

### Church Office:

Claire Murphy, Administrator  
01344 421079  
[office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)  
**All enquiries for weddings and baptisms**  
**Office opening hours:**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**  
**9.00am—12noon. Closed Tuesday.**

### Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins  
01344 411681

### Bell Tower:

Liz Harris  
01344 649628

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Kate Hayes  
07809 736372

### Treasurer:

Andrew Aylwin  
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Andrea White  
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### Church Website:

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

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



### ARC Fundraising Team

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

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**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  
27th February  
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 9th February**

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

**EVERYONE WELCOME THE DOOR IS  
ALWAYS OPEN**



## MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

Please note 3rd Saturday this month:

**Next: Saturday 17th February**

**"If I had a Time Machine..."**

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.

**7th Feb - 9am meet at Crema**  
**21st Feb - 9am meet at Crema**  
**7th Mar - 9am meet at Crema**

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

## MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



**Saturdays:**  
**3rd February, 3rd March**

We start at 7.45am from the car park at the Binfield village shops. Duration approx. 1 hour.

**Be ready for all weathers!**

Contact Kim Swain for more information  
07894 469633 or [kim.swain1@gmail.com](mailto:kim.swain1@gmail.com)



## Small Group Meetings

A Small Group is a gathering of three or more people who meet up on a regular basis to share fellowship, study the Bible and pray together. If you are interested in joining a small group, meeting in the comfort of someone's home, please contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

# CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's, full of fun and friends. We've been busy right up until Christmas, here's what we got up to...

Whizz Kids have been having great fun on Sunday mornings, learning about all things Advent. We talked about hope, peace, joy and love at Christmas, and who might need our love at this time. We decorated glass candle holders to remind us that Jesus is the hope and light on earth and that we don't need to worry! The snow didn't stop us one Sunday morning! We went outside and had snowball fights, it was cold but so worth it.

The return of the Christmas party was a huge success, with 30 kids joining us for an evening of fun, games, food and a bouncy castle - the leaders struggled to keep up! It was a great way to come together to celebrate a great year, and hang out with one another. Here's to this year...

Oasis has had a great first term and is really becoming a safe space to discuss whatever needs to be discussed. The group we have is incredibly fun and welcoming, and have been so fantastic to work with. This coming term, we'll be doing a series on BIG questions, about life, God and us. It will be a chance for us to talk about our views and think about the hard questions in life, we'd love for you to join us!

We had our first off-site meeting in December, we took a trip to McDonald's for the evening! It was so fun to hang out in The Lexicon and eat together, and we didn't even lose any kids! We are looking forward to more off-site trips in the future, so stay tuned for more info.

Thank you for the continued support with the Kids and Youth Work in Binfield, it's hugely appreciated. We wish you all the best in 2018, whatever it holds.

Daisy, Children's Worker [daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com)  
Feb/Mar Dates: 11/02/18, 25/02/18, 18/03/18, 25/03/18



**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**

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



### 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!**



**It's back! Don't go anywhere...**

## The BINFIELD 10K

**20th May 2018**

[www.binfield10k.co.uk](http://www.binfield10k.co.uk)

Plans are well under way for the 2018 Binfield 10K!! Last year we enjoyed great success with our second village Binfield 10K run and we are hoping to achieve the same this year. Please keep the date free if you are interested in getting involved in anyway – either as a runner (or walker!) or as a marshal, or helping on the stalls on the day.

This is a true community event in which anyone can get involved, whether you are a runner or not.

Watch this space for more information, but if you are interested in finding out more, please email [enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk)

**Run / Jog / Walk**

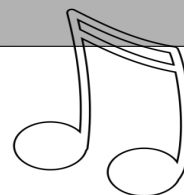
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## YOUTH CHOIR Aged 7+

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**



## Why come to Jo Jingles?

Because regular exposure to music is educational and fun!

Jackie Thornton has run Jo Jingles in the Ascot, Winkfield Row, Binfield & Bracknell for 20 years and has been their "Regional Franchisee of the Year" several times. Jackie & her colleagues Bev and Lyn run parent & child classes locally every week day, so you're bound to find something which fits in with you and your youngster.

The classes are carefully structured according to individual age and ability and are kept small. Using only the highest quality of music from a vast array of sources, they don't expect you to sing... but joining in adds to the fun. Their props and imagination further stimulate play which develops fine and gross motor skills.

Jo Jingles is educational with a structured weekly introduction to new and fun learning themes such as colour, shape, numbers and animals. This term we are travelling along with Jo as he visits different countries. Music develops early language acquisition which is why Jo Jingles is recommended by many children's health workers and speech development practitioners.

Jo Jingles is fun & fresh! Watch as your youngsters join in with "Little Jo" who brings special surprises each week and is always ready to move to the music with fun actions. With over 1,000 songs under his belt, from old favourites to new music, you know every class is different from one week to the next!

We always have an offer for new customers. This term you can choose either a free taster class or 3 classes for £12 (£10 for babies). You can find all our classes on the website [www.jojingles.com/ascot](http://www.jojingles.com/ascot)



If you would like your child to be part of the Jo Jingles music experience just give Jackie a call on 07855 687058 or email [jo.jingles@btinternet.com](mailto:jo.jingles@btinternet.com) There will be a huge welcome waiting for you!



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## News from the Parish Office: February 2018



### Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

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Tuesday 6 February	Amenity	8pm
Tuesday 13 February	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 27 February	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

### Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Thursday 15 February	Closing date for nominations for Annual Parish People's Awards
Thursday 15 March	Binfield Annual Parish Meeting – the chance for all Electors to come and find out about the Parish Council.

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

We'll be using the Beacon to bring updates every month about the development of the Parish Office:

January 2018 Contractor to be appointed following a competitive tender process. Work expected to commence end of January – **this means the closure of the current building and the car park** so that work can be safely carried out. The Parish Office will move to a temporary village location and all Parish Council meetings will take place at Binfield Library.

Summer 2018 Community Hub & Parish Office open!

Again, we want to remind all parents and carers who drop off/pick up - please start thinking about alternative options for getting children to and from school. The closure of the car park is important to ensure the safety of the construction site and when it reopens there will be more spaces but the Parish Council is aware that the closure will cause additional, temporary, disruption. If you would like more information on the site plans and tender process please do get in touch!

### Make your nominations for the Parish People Awards

These awards highlight the excellent work being done for the people of Binfield to be recognised at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Submit your nomination via email/post to the Parish Council and include the name of the nominee, a seconder, and the reasons why they have made a positive impact to Binfield people. Call the office for a form or download one from our website.

### Annual Parish Meeting – 8pm on Thursday 15 March at the Binfield Memorial Hall

Every year the Parish Council is required to hold an "Electors Meeting" where residents can come and find out about the work of the Parish Council – what projects it is planning, how public monies are being spent. This year the meeting is in March and we welcome all residents to come along. If there are topics you would like to know about or want us to include please do get in touch.

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

2018 is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish Council taking on responsibility for the Silver Jubilee field (adjacent to Wicks Green). We are considering options to mark the occasion and would like to hear from any residents who remember the original garden and Arboretum or who would like to see any particular planting or other activity take place in the field.

### Usual reminders – Litter, Dogs, Parking respectfully and not on pavements as well as Used Stamps and Lost Property!

All our regular bugbears about taking your litter home with you, picking up after your dog (please!) and not parking in a way to cause obstruction (yellow lines, pavements, opposite the school/yellow zig zags!) and a reminder we collect used stamps for charity as well as often have items of lost property! Drop by if you think you have mislaid something. Don't forget we will be in our new temporary home of Lexham House, Forest Road from early January.

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### Binfield Garden Club

We hope everyone had a happy and healthy start to 2018. It seems a long time since our successful Christmas party on in December. Members enjoyed a rousing performance by the Ukelele

band and tested our brains with the quizzes. The tables looked lovely with Deanna's outstanding decorations and Roland's balloons jollied up the hall (especially those that went with a bang!) We had a huge raffle and very tasty refreshments so thank you all those who planned and worked so hard. The competition for a table decoration was won by Elaine McTaggart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Fraser, 3<sup>rd</sup> Belinda Thornhill, 4<sup>th</sup> Christine Leonard. Well done, everyone, there are photos on our website.

At our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting Richard, our chairperson, had a change of roles. Introduced by Rosemary, he became our speaker for the evening, titling his talk, Chairman's Mystery Tour with a little science.

First he gave us a tour of Copenhagen's lovely old buildings and, of course, included some plants and flowers. For Part Two, Richard showed us the amazing Carlsberg Brewery laboratory, not usually open to the public so somewhere none of the audience had visited.

The founder, Jacob Jacobson, wanted to consistently brew the best beer so a laboratory was set up in 1875 with the aim to develop a scientific basis for the malting, brewing and fermenting operations of beer. The new laboratory was established in 1896.

It was here that Soren Sorenson introduced the concept of pH to measure acidity, critical in brewing beer. Richard, being a scientist, could have lost some of us here, but he cleverly kept us entertained describing how the pH scale works and how useful it is, not only for constant beer quality but also essential for farmers and gardeners to provide plants with the ideal soil they require. It is certainly something we will all think about in future and maybe get testing our own garden soil.

We all enjoyed Richard's very interesting and informative talk, thank you!

The competition for A living creature in your garden was won by Stephanie Cann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Fawcett, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Bowen and 4<sup>th</sup> Belinda Thornhill. Congratulations.

Next meeting is on February 1<sup>st</sup> with a talk by Joy Craig on Fuchsias; my way for the garden and show bench. Joy runs Avoncourt Fuchsias in Earley, Reading and we are hoping to arrange a visit there later in the year. The competition is a display of foliage and/or stems.

Do come and join our welcoming club on the first Thursday of each month at Binfield Memorial Hall at 7.15pm

Our full programme for the year and all details are on the website [binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com) or find us on facebook

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Happy New Year Binfield

2018 finds us all eagerly waiting for the winter to be over and Spring to be on the doorstep. It doesn't quite happen that way, but a sunny welcome is always to be had at our meetings in Binfield at the Memorial Hall. November and December were busy months in Binfield; an auctioneer doing an antiques road show for us, where members brought in treasures only to find some weren't worth what they thought. There was much fun and laughter along the way and Simon Jones was a truly entertaining. December kept us busy with a visit to the Christmas Market in Oxford on a cold, sunny day. It turned out to be a good trip with plenty of gluhwein, Christmas gifts and nibbles along the way.

At our December meeting after Jerusalem and some business the group enjoyed our Christmas Party with plenty of lovely nibbles and a toast for Christmas, then singing along and a boogie with a great Ukulele band. It truly finished the year for our lovely group.

Roll out the old and ring in the New Year; as I pen this we meet this week for the first of our meetings of 2018. We will be celebrating a hundred years of Binfield WI in November just after the suffragettes were so prevalent. Started for local wives in the country to get a break from farms, and graduating to the bigger villages, where many gentry started groups in their own homes. Binfield graduated to Parish rooms and then the Memorial Hall where it has been since. All of this will be on display at our commemorative flower festival on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in All Saints' Church. We also have lots of visits and outings planned for 2018.

Next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall when we have Catherine Sampson talking about Royal Weddings - how apt! Pop along and meet us or call me on 01344 454503

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*Linda*

## Nineteenth Century Rectors of Binfield: Edmund Savory

by John Harman

**Edmund Savory**, Dr Randall's curate was born in 1826, came to Binfield in 1853 and was rector from 1859 until 1903, when he retired and, it is reported, moved to Wallingford. So, with his six-year curacy, he attended to the religious needs of the parish for 50 years, mostly as rector immediately following the 28 year rectorship of Dr Randall. He also served as the Rural Dean of Maidenhead, from 1881 to 1902, and was appointed an honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford from 1881 until his death at Woodlands, in Crowthorne in 1912.

While serving as Binfield's curate he married, in the autumn of 1853, Diana Maria, James Randall's younger daughter. Previously, he had studied at Oriel College, Oxford - the cradle of the Oxford Movement and we know that he shared the relatively conservative high church religious perspectives of his father-in law. He received his BA in 1847, and became the fourth fellow [teacher] to be appointed to the then recently established Radley College. He took Holy orders in 1851, and left Radley in 1852 presumably to take up his appointment in Binfield. In 1849, it was Edmund Savory and a colleague who first took some Radley boys rowing on the river thus initiating the school's eventual fine reputation in the sport. In his memoirs, Philip Gurdon, Radley's first rowing blue, describes the event: *"The beginning was this – one morning Messrs Savory and Howard chose six boys and me as cox, took us up to Sandford where an eight was lying – I don't know where she came from. We all got in and rowed her to the new boat house."*

Diana and Edmund had a son and a daughter. James Henry was baptised at Binfield on April 15th 1855. He was educated at Winchester College and, from 1874, at Trinity College, Oxford, receiving his MA in 1885. The next year he became vicar of Little Dalby in Leicestershire, subsequently in 1896 getting the chaplainship of the chapel at Bayham Abbey until his death in August 1903. The Savorys' daughter, Mary Rebe Diana Ellen Savory, was born in 1866, 11 years after James and there appears to be no records of other birth or deaths in between. She was still living at the Rectory in 1891. Subsequently there is no record of a marriage, but also none of her death.

From the addresses he wrote in the Parish Magazine, a forerunner of the Binfield Beacon, and something he initiated, it seems that Savory was a "hands on" rector - aware that he had a responsibility for more than just the spiritual needs of his parish. He attended to what he saw as Binfield labourers' social and cultural needs with skill and imagination. One is dealt with in this part in some detail.

As well as developing the parish magazine project, he was clearly the motivating force behind the establishment of the Working Men's Club. The parish magazine records its progress from the first meeting, in early 1884, when 80 men of the village met and *"expressed warmly their approval of the proposed club."* In pressing for such a club Savory expressed the hope that *"the establishment of this institution would promote the happiness and mutual benefit of the working men of this parish."* And there was pace and effort in the early stages of the planning: within a month nearly £200, just under half of the eventual capital cost of the club, had been given or firmly promised. Despite some setbacks - an enforced change of site and difficulties in raising the balance of the sum required - the building was completed and a constitution established.

The club opened in mid 1885. In the Parish Magazine of January 1886, we can estimate its early success, detect something of Savory's motives in pressing for it, and share in his satisfaction. He writes: *"The rules have been kept without any symptoms of discontent. The rooms are bright and cheerful and it is pleasant to see so many men enjoying themselves thoroughly in a quiet and rational manner."* Possibly a little patronising, but he was almost certainly trying to convince the subscribers - certainly not numbered among the *"working men"* of the village - that their subscriptions had been put to good use. After all, there was a book by Samuel Smiles in the Club's library.

Nearly 10 years later in 1895 he has clearly retained his interest in the Club and its associations. So, for example, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, the Reading Mercury can report: *"BINFIELD. Working Men's Band - A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Binfield Working Men's Club String Band, on October 9th, when they were entertained to supper by the Rev. Canon Savory, president of the Club. A capital supper was provided by Mrs. Spencer, at her house in Terrace Road. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the President for his kindness, and the remainder of the evening was spent in the revision of many old favourite pieces."*

Furthermore, the Rector's interest was not just Presidential. In 1888, with the club clearly well-established, there came the need for a steward. On September the 29<sup>th</sup>, an advertisement was placed in the Reading Mercury: *"WANTED, for a Working Men's Club, a married man without encumbrance, to act as STEWARD. He might take other work by day, but must devote his evenings to the Club. Apply to Rev. E. Savory, Rectory, Binfield."*

*The next parts will outline Reverend Savory's further village and church initiatives.*



## Binfield Library News: February

Having lost Helen at the end of last year, January saw the departure of Gillian. We wish her well in her new adventure overseas.

### Notable dates

Look out for one-off activities in the library as they are announced. Among the many national and international projects that the library is involved with, 6<sup>th</sup> February is *Safer Internet Day*, introducing the *Be Online* campaign. Come to the library to find out how we can support your use of the internet. February is also LGBT history month, so an excuse to explore the library's history resources and associated novels and films.

### Children's events

Bounce & rhyme sessions are for pre-school children every Thursday at 09:30. Please come and teach us some new songs and join in with our new signs. We open at 09:00 and you can enjoy a coffee and chat with your friends. Singing is followed by a simple craft involving lots of glue and stickers. There is a £1.20 charge for this activity.

Children's craft sessions will run on Tuesdays from 15:30. Again, there will be a £1.20 charge.

A free all-age Lego™ session runs on the first Monday of the month.

### Adult events

Knit & Natter runs on the first Monday and third Saturday of the month at 14:00. New knitters are very welcome.

Brain gym takes place on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00. Refreshments are available for 50p.

The Film Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 15:15 and still has spaces available.

Coffee morning and Quiz is on the last Thursday of the month.

Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month. New players welcome. Don't know what it is? Come along and find out!

Join our drop-in book group to discover a book you'd never normally pick up on the last Monday of the month at 17:30.

We have now started a Saturday afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday at 14:30. Test your general knowledge!

This is your Library, so please use it. We aim to provide services and activities to meet your needs, so please let us know how we are doing and don't forget parking is absolutely free on a Saturday.

We look forward to welcoming you to the library.

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

For more details of library events please go to [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries), find us on facebook and twitter or call 01344 306663

## Binfield Photography competition...



**Are you a whizz with your SLR? Or is your Instagram full of stunning pics? Do you own photos of Binfield from times gone by?**

Get your entries in for the ***Binfield Calendar Photography Competition!***

The aim is to create a stunning photographic Binfield calendar for 2019. We are giving you 6 months to take photos of Binfield as the seasons change. The deadline will be June 30th 2018, with the winners and calendar being announced at the Church Fete in September.

You can enter up to 5 photographs; all we ask is that they have some recognisable connection to Binfield. There is no charge to enter, but you must have the sole copyright to the photo(s) and you must be prepared to give us (The Binfield Beacon/Church Office) the rights to use them - winners will feature in the calendar and may also appear on the cover of the Binfield Beacon.

To enter please email a digital copy of your photo(s) to [office@binfieldcofchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofchurches.org.uk). If you have a printout, please bring it/them to the Church Office during opening hours. They should be accompanied with your name, phone number, location of photo and age if you are under 16.

We will be announcing who the judges will be in a future edition of The Binfield Beacon.

We are also looking for sponsorship partners for the calendar, so if your business would like to be advertised on the calendar and throughout the competition period, please get in touch: [office@binfieldcofchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofchurches.org.uk) 01344 421079

For full competition rules please see [www.binfieldcofchurches.org.uk/photo-comp-rules/](http://www.binfieldcofchurches.org.uk/photo-comp-rules/)

## HAPPY SNAPPING!



## Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

### *Thinking of others at Christmas*

As usual, the run up to Christmas was a very busy time in school. Amongst the celebrations, which included Christmas Lunch for 500, a visit from Father Christmas and, of course, our Nativity services, we held a Christmas Jumper Day which raised £360 to be split between Save the Children Fund and Shelter. We really enjoyed seeing the children embracing the theme and their awareness of the charities' beneficiaries being those less fortunate than us. Additionally, the collections taken at the Christmas performances raised a total of £297, which will be donated to Helen and Douglas House Hospice Care for Children and Young Adults.



### **Binfield Primary School is 30 in 2018!**

Binfield CE Primary School (VA) opened in 1988 when a piece of farm land was turned into what is now known as Foxley Fields. Prior to this, the children of Binfield were taught at two village schools, St Mark's and All Saints'. As the village expanded, these schools became too small to support the growing population and our primary school was built incorporating both schools. However, we have retained continuity with the past - outside the Headteacher's office is the

school bell from All Saints' School dated 1852, and each child in Year 6 is invited to ring the bell on their last day in school in July!

In March this year we will be celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with a visit from the Bishop of Reading, together with the opportunity for past pupils, staff and those with community links to the school to join guided tours of the site. Please look out for more details in the next Beacon, and via our website, [www.binfieldschool.com](http://www.binfieldschool.com). If you have any reminiscences of our school over the years or those of St Mark's and All Saints' Schools, please do get in touch, as we would love to hear from you!

### **Foundation Governor vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor to serve as part of the Governing Board at our lovely village Church of England Primary School.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education. Applicants are normally committed Christians and their application is usually supported by the local Church.

Foundation Governors should be prepared to be involved in all aspects of school life and uphold the school's distinctive Christian Foundation.

In the first instance, if you would like further information about the role, please contact the clerk to Governors ([clerk@binfieldschool.com](mailto:clerk@binfieldschool.com)) or enquire at the school office. Parents or anyone with a love of education and children are welcome to be considered.

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

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



## Binfield Cricket Club introduces Women's cricket

A very Happy New Year to you all !

Research by Sport England shows that there are over 13 million women and girls who want to get involved in sport – and half of those are currently inactive. So if you are wondering what is stopping them, well ask yourself what is stopping you?

If you have an interest in cricket, or are looking to try something new, or are just looking for a sociable club environment and a fun sport that can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities - Binfield Cricket Club (BCC) now offers cricket for girls and women of all ages.

In 2014, we introduced a dedicated girls section for ages 7-13 and this has already grown into U12s and U14s teams that play girls-only soft ball and hard ball cricket, as well as enabling the girls to play mixed cricket with

the boys. Some of them progressed to the Senior men's teams in 2017 - a great achievement.

Last year we initiated taster sessions for Softball Cricket for women. A simple Kwik cricket format ensures that all players get the chance to try batting, bowling, wicket-keeping and fielding. We entered a few competitions with great success –we are now looking to expand this area of the club.

So if you fancy getting involved, an excellent New Year's Resolution for 2018 - we'd love to see you.

Our training sessions are safe and fun and are run by ECB qualified coaches who have been DBS checked (the successor to CRB). Indoor training sessions start in February and outdoor training and softball cricket taster sessions start in May.

**For more information and to register interest, please visit the website at [www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk)**

Andy Bryant - Chairman, Binfield Cricket Club  
[www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk)



# COMMUNITY NEWS



Happy New Year  
from your  
Neighbourhood  
Policing Team!

A couple of quick crime updates to start off 2018. Due to some great work and lots of effort from Police across Bracknell, Wokingham and other areas we have got on top of the burglaries that were occurring in the North Ascot and Chavey Down area before they could spread further.

The investigation is still ongoing but we are confident we have the right people and as a result we have had no more linked offences for some time. One of our leads came from a Binfield resident reporting a suspicious vehicle which led to a stop check and arrest. It just goes to show how important it is to report something if it doesn't look or feel right to you.

One of our team is also heading up the investigation into all of the tool thefts from vans that have happened in the northern areas of Bracknell during the daytime. We have a suspect who has been interviewed and we now have further evidence to put to him and so he will be coming back in very soon, we are confident that we will secure a charge and will keep you updated.

The slightly bad news at the moment is that we are down two PCSO's on our team, as a result Michelle and Gary are currently also covering Priestwood as well as their normal areas until our new PCSO's have finished training.

We would also like to thank everyone who spoke to us at Oakmede and Tesco Warfield when we were doing the TV Alert sign ups, it was great to meet so many of our residents.

*Thanks for reading,  
Cass and the Northern Parishes Team*

## Upcoming dates for your Diary

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|----------|---------------------------------|
| 1st Feb  | Dementia Talk (page 11)         |
| 3rd Feb  | School Quiz Night (back page)   |
| 10th Feb | Surgery Information Day (below) |
| 12th Feb | Fabric Sale (see below)         |

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

## Binfield Patient Group

### Come to our INFORMATION DAY

### FOR BINFIELD SURGERY PATIENTS

### SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY

### PLEASE DROP IN TO THE BINFIELD SURGERY ANYTIME BETWEEN

### 9am and 12 noon

Some of the topics we will be covering include:

1. How to Live Well with Self Management.
2. How to set up Online EmisAccess on your computer.
3. What EmisAccess is and its benefits to you.
4. How to manage your Repeat Prescriptions.
5. How to Access Services.
6. Who should you be seeing: A Doctor, Nurse or local Pharmacist.
7. What Services are available.
8. When and for what Reason should I be booking an Appointment.
9. Communicate your details with us.
10. You will be able to ask any question you wish.
11. How to Stay Healthy with SelfCare.

If you have ANY question that is not covered in the above topics, please ask on the day. We will do our best to help.

*Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group*



## Fabric Sale

Meadow Quilters (Binfield) will be hosting  
Doughty's Reading Roadshow (fabric sale)  
at Charvil Hall, Park Lane, Charvil, RG10 9TR  
at 10.30am until 2.30pm  
on Monday February 12th 2018

Entrance fee £1.50

Refreshments, tea/coffee/cake can be purchased  
throughout the day.

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Proceeds to Air Ambulance.

Enquiries:- contact Maggie on 01344 286752

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Primary School**WHEN:** Saturday 3rd February  
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[www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs)YOU CAN REGISTER YOUR TEAM NAME AND  
PAY FOR ALL OF YOUR TEAM MEMBERS IN ONE GO  
OR PAY FOR YOUR OWN TICKETEarly bird offer: £9 per ticket (until 21st January)  
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