

The Binfield Beacon

March 2018

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



*Easter is on
the way!*

Easter Services at All Saints' Church, Binfield

Please see inside for full details, including our
Easter Songs of Praise at St Mark's Church

The Great Binfield Easter Egg Hunt

It's back! Find out how to join in the fun inside

Easter Lilies

Remembering loved
ones at Easter. Find out
more inside...

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

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

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

Monday 12th March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 14th March

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

Sunday 18th March

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 19th March

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

Wednesday 21st 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

Saturday 24th March

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 25th March

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 March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 27th March

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 28th March

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

Thursday 29th March

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints'

Friday 30th March

2.00pm An Hour at the Cross at All Saints'

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

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



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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The other side of the wall

There was a young woman who took great pride in the growth and care of the flowers in her flower garden. She had been raised by her grandmother who taught her to love and care for flowers as she herself had done. So, like her grandmother, her flower garden was second to none.

One day while looking through a flower catalogue she often ordered from, a picture of a plant immediately caught her eye. She had never seen blooms on a flower like that before. "I have to have it," she said to herself, and she immediately ordered it.

When it arrived, she already had a place prepared to plant it. She planted it at the base of a stone wall at the back of her yard. It grew vigorously, with beautiful green leaves all over it, but there were no blooms. Day after day she continued to cultivate it, water it, feed it, and she even talked to it attempting to coax it to bloom. But, it was to no avail.

One morning weeks later, as she stood before the vine, she contemplated how disappointed she was that her plant had not bloomed. She was giving considerable thought to cutting it down and planting something else in its place.



It was at this point that her invalid neighbor, whose lot joined hers, called over to her. "Thank you so much! You can't imagine how much I have enjoyed the blooms of that vine you planted." The young woman walked through the gate into her neighbor's yard, and sure enough, she saw that on the other side of the wall the vine was filled with blooms.

There were indeed the most beautiful blooms she had ever seen. The vine had crept through the crevices and it had not flowered on her side of the fence, it had flowered luxuriantly on the other side.

The Bible says this, *Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians chapter 6 verse 9.* Just because you cannot see the good result of your labour does not mean that it bore no fruit.

Author: Randy Reynolds.

Taken from www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story60

Luke

Easter Services

at

All Saints' Church, Binfield

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm 29th March

Good Friday

An Hour at the Cross

2.00pm 30th March

Easter Sunday

8.15am, 9.30am, 11am

1st April

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

From the Registers:

Weddings

Eloise Horton & Glen Menezes

Funerals

Stephen Jones

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: £50,481

Project Phase 2 Cost: £260,000

Fundraising Update:

We are pleased to report that Phase 1 is now officially closed – the final bills have now been paid! This means that we can now confirm the good news that Phase 1 cost less than the amount initially forecast:

Phase 1 Fundraising Target: £230,000

Total Phase 1 Funds Raising (inc grants): £211,648

**Phase 1 Actual Cost (minus VAT reclaimed):
£162,535**

Donations carried over from Phase 1: £49,113

This means that we have been able to rollover the additional amount of donations contributed into Phase 2.

We now also have estimates for how much the next Phase of repairs will also cost. The goal is for all outstanding repair work to be combined into one lot of work. This however depends on the next round of fundraising and how much we are able to raise. The work will be broken down based on available funds if necessary, and the actual figures may again change once the work is put out to tender. The amount held by the PCC will once again be used as a fund-matching base for the additional grants we will be applying for.

Phase 2 Fundraising Target: £260,000

Current Phase 2 Fundraising Total: £50,481.

So now we have these figures, the Fundraising Team are all ready to crack on with those grant applications and hopefully again helping to co-ordinate a series of fun events which we can all enjoy while we raise the money to complete these vital repairs to our beautiful church.

So please get in touch if you have any ideas or any event you'd like to run this year. No idea is too small and all your input and support is always appreciated!

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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sort code: 20-11-74
Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs

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

How to fundraise for us:

JustGiving enables you to fundraise on our behalf. For example, you could choose to raise money for us by taking part in an activity such as a sponsored run (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
Margareta Hawkins	tel. 411681
Sarah Muller	tel. 428782
Jan Vigar	tel. 411267
Gisele Taylor	tel. 07724 889169
Dave Dawson	tel. 360389

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



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

We are currently looking for help with:

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

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

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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We are also on *Facebook*
facebook.com/allSaintsWithStMarks



ARC Fundraising Team

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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 March
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 March

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 24th March

"Brexit – Hard or Soft - does it actually matter?"

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 Mar - Meet at Crema at 9am

21st Mar - Meet at Crema at 9am where we will go to St Michaels in Warfield (or, if you prefer, meet us at St Michaels at 9.15am) We will then walk to Fernygrove Farm Coffee Shop for a coffee and walk back.

4th Apr - No Walk

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS

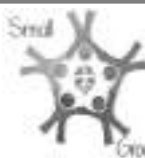


**Saturdays:
3rd March, 7th April**

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

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone!

We hope you are doing well and enjoying 2018 so far! We've been getting up to lots this month...

At Whizz Kids we've been hearing stories of Jesus in the time after he was born, and have been thinking about lent and what that means for us. We celebrated pancake day with a pancake flipping competition and learned that Shrove Tuesday is traditionally the last chance to feast before fasting during Lent. We learned a magic trick of how to make a cross out of a piece of paper with only one straight cut! Then we wrote on the cross one thing we either wanted to start or stop doing over the period of Lent. One person said they'd like to pray every day, and another said they want to play nicely with their siblings, and not annoy them. I think we can all try to be better at that!

When hearing the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, we sat through the whole thing with open chocolates held right under our noses! This was to feel a tiny bit of what Jesus went through when we was tempted.

We have also introduced the Craft Table Challenge at Whizz Kids, where each week we set a challenge for those who want to take part to make or draw something new. We asked them to create their dream mythical animal, a new bedroom for themselves, and a scene from a Bible story of their choice. It's been great seeing the Kids get their creative hats on and wow us with crafts. As it was half term, we also painted our nails as well as the usual football, table tennis, and giant building blocks.

We've been busy at Oasis too, starting our new topic of BIG questions about faith. We've shared thoughts about if we think miracles are real, was God ever born and does prayer really work? It been great to hear different opinions and see what the bible has to say about the things that boggle our minds - the leaders have learned a lot too! It was Lucie's birthday so we celebrated that with a football cake, and it didn't last long!

We also went to support one of our members, Milly, as she performed a main part in her school's production of 'Bring it On!'. She did amazingly well, and it was fantastic to be able to support her, so a big shout out to Milly for acing that performance, we are very proud.

If you'd like to join us at Whizz Kids or Oasis we would love to see you, so please drop me an email with any questions.

Have a great month! Daisy, Children's Worker daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids Dates: 18/03/18, 25/03/18



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP

10.45am-12noon @ St Mark's
ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES...GAMES...
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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

3G



3 Generations playing together!

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

Extra parking available at Newbold Church opposite

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

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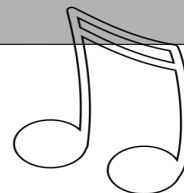
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YOUTH CHOIR Aged 7+

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



Binfield Patient Group

REMINDERS:

1. When you need help fast but it is not an emergency and the surgery is closed **TELEPHONE 111**. When the surgery is **OPEN**, ALWAYS telephone the surgery in the first instance.
2. If your health need is urgent please telephone Binfield surgery Monday to Friday (01344 286264) before 10.00am. You will generally be offered a same day appointment.
3. The Bracknell Urgent Care Centre is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 8.00am to 8.00pm for minor injuries and 6.30pm to 8.00pm for minor illnesses. Telephone 01344 551100. **BEFORE** telephoning Brants Bridge and when the surgery is **OPEN**, please telephone the surgery (01344 286264) to find out if this is the most appropriate service for your needs. When the surgery is closed please **TELEPHONE 111**. They will direct you to the most appropriate service for your needs.
4. Call **999** for life-threatening conditions.
5. **DO NOT FORGET THE NEW EXTENDED HOURS SERVICE** for **PLANNED** care, NOT Urgent Care. This service is provided by Berkshire Primary Care Ltd on behalf of all the Bracknell and Ascot surgeries. The new appointment times on offer are 6.30pm to 8.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 2.00pm on Saturdays. these appointments are of 15 minute duration and held at Boundary House Surgery in Bracknell. They should be booked Monday to Friday through Binfield surgery,

01344 286264, at normal Binfield surgery opening times. There is plenty of car parking and Boundary House surgery is close to public transport.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS:

Repeat prescriptions are NOT available by telephone request. Repeat prescriptions are ONLY available by the following two methods:

1. Fill in a repeat prescription form at the Binfield surgery reception desk.
2. Through the computerised EMIS ACCESS system. If you are not yet on EMIS please attend Binfield surgery with 2 forms of ID and speak with a receptionist. They will guide you through the EMIS system. Once you are 'up and running' you can then order repeat prescriptions from your home computer.

The EMIS system also allows you to peruse your personal medical records and book appointments. Many other items are also available using this computerised system.

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Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

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Nursery Hours: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm daily
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COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Parish Office: March 2018



From 1 January 2018 meetings are open to the public and held in the Binfield Library, Oakmede Place (unless otherwise stated)

Tuesday 13 March	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 20 March	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Thursday 15 March	Annual Parish Meeting – Binfield Memorial Hall
Saturday 17 March	Neighbourhood Plan – 10am to 12noon drop in with Councillors. Topic “Transport Issues”
Sunday 20 May	The 3 rd Annual Binfield 10k – Run, Jog, or Walk! Register at binfield10k.co.uk

Parish Council Office extension works underway It's exciting to share with you all that the Parish Office extension works, with a new Community Hub and extended car park for Foxley Fields, has started! The work commenced during February and the site is fully contained. This means that the site has all of its own parking, with no contractors parking in the surrounding areas, but this will mean the car park is now closed during the works.

The project is expected to be completed by mid-September 2018 with the new car park able to accommodate a total of 22 spaces, including disabled parking bays, and a dedicated drop off area. The Parish Office Team have the following suggestions for Binfield Primary School drop off/pick-ups:

- ❖ A car share with neighbours or friends?
- ❖ Dropping older children further away to give them valuable experience of making some of the journey on foot on their own?
- ❖ Starting a walking bus with friends sharing the walks?
- ❖ If driving is the only option are there other places to park? A friend's drive? Popes Meadow? The Daruchini are happy for their car park to be used at school drop off/pick up times with walking options straight down Terrace Road South or a quicker route around Foxley Lane onto Benetfield Road.

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.

Considerate driving and parking We do receive a lot of concerns from residents about inconsiderate driving and parking in Binfield.

Please remember the following:

- **“Park and Stride”** consider parking further away if possible and walking part of your journey
- **Avoid driving and parking on the pavement** as children are taught that the pavement is a safe place
- **Parking restrictions** - single yellow lines, double yellow lines, school keep clear yellow zig zag lines
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- **General inconvenience** - avoid double parking or blocking residents’ driveways, and please always be polite when speaking with people about these difficult issues.

Bracknell Forest Council Local Plan – the Borough Council are consulting on the Local Plan which will define development in the area until 2036. The Consultation is open until 26 March and you can find the documents and comment on the Borough’s website - consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal

Don’t forget we are in our new temporary home at Lexham House, Forest Road, RG42 4HP so pop in for updates on the building works or check on our website.

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29th March at 8.00pm**



Binfield Garden Club

Our speaker on 1 February was Joy Craig from Avoncourt Fuchsias in Earley. Joy treated us to an extremely interesting and informative talk and slideshow on "Fuchsias: my way for the garden and show bench". Joy is a member of several societies, including the British Fuchsia Society and a national judge. Joy's "addiction" to fuchsias really started in 1979 when she visited the flower marquee at the King's Meadow Horticultural Show in Reading and came away with a Dollar Princess fuchsia. Joy was encouraged to join the Reading & District Fuchsia Society where she met George Bartlett to whom she credits most of her knowledge. In 1980 Joy bought her first greenhouse and from there it just grew and grew. She learnt how to take cuttings, how best to feed her plants and combat insects and rust. After winning her first novice's cup Joy was spurred on to enter other shows and realised she had a knack for growing fuchsias and geraniums, winning many cups over the years. In her 60's Joy was encouraged to take a stewards course and is now a National Steward for the British Fuchsia Society as well as a National Judge which is about as high as you can really go in the fuchsia world.

Joy keeps her show and pot plants in a heated greenhouse over the winter and waters ever 2-3 weeks just to keep the soil damp. At the end of February she starts to feed weekly with a high nitrogen feed. From the beginning of April to the end of August this is replaced with a fully balanced feed. Show plants are fed on a daily basis for a profusion of flowers and patio pots once a week. Joy recommends using a good quality, fine, multi purpose compost and uses Rose Clear Ultra to control whitefly, greenfly and rust. Rust is highly contagious so if you spot it on your plant you should remove the rusted leaves and isolate it from the others. Hardy plants should be fed once a week and not cut back until April. When taking cuttings Joy finds that she has better success when she puts 5 or 6 small cuttings in a pot together. She takes small tip cuttings with stems of about 1cm long from the stock plant and tucks them round the edge of a small pot. She dates and labels the pot and gives them a drink (always watering from the top) and in about 4 to 5 weeks they should start to root.

Joy's talents also extend to crafts and cake making and we are very much hoping to sample these during a visit to her garden later in the year.

After tea and questions, our February competition winners for "Display of foliage and/or stems" were announced – 1st Christine Leonard, 2nd Nancy Bowen, 3rd Belinda Thornhill, 4th Caroline Matthews.

Our next meeting, which is also our AGM, is on 1 March. Our speaker for the evening will be Rose-Ann Movsovic who will be giving us a talk on "Bats in the Garden" and the monthly competition is "St David's Day pot or vase of daffodils".

Do come along and join us. New members are very welcome and full details can be found on our website binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com or find us on Facebook.

Karen Rance



The Binfield Belles

Another new year in Binfield WI, always a chatty evening about Christmas and everything else missed and I chat about the year ahead. Subs are due. This could be a subject for controversy this year with press coverage about dissatisfied WIs but as we are thriving number-wise Binfield is not in the equation.

Jerusalem is sung in this our 100th year and a welcome to all including our speaker Toni Kent an aspiring comedienne who talks about her life from council house to Comic. Much enjoyed by all and more chat during coffee with a super lady. Competition to find the best joke was not so easy.

Business is centred on the forthcoming events and trips. We also caught up with progress on the centenary events that we are planning. Flower festival on the way and now designing posters and sorting invites for the opening night are all progressing. A new banner in progress with craft done by several members including yours truly although my progress is rather SLOW; life seems to get in the way. A new tablecloth for all the members to sign will also be started.

Our New Year Lunch was a success at Mill Ride Golf club and Soup lunch at Anita's when you read this we will have had our February meeting as well, Catherine Sampson talking on royal Weddings; very apt as we have the royal wedding this year. This was an insight into our past royals with scandal as well!!! We had visitors and new members that night as well. Visits to the theatre, afternoon tea at the mill, see inside a world war 2 bunker, behind the races at Ascot and an Auction room visit are all planned over the next few months. Hopefully something for all! The next meeting in March is the AGM band social evening - visitors still welcome. Meet March 8th 2018 at the memorial Hall 7.15pm

Linda

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Nineteenth Century Rectors of Binfield: Edmund Savory

(Part 2 of 3) by John Harman

Canon Savory, as he eventually became, was a keen local historian. In the Binfield Parish Magazine, he produced a series of notes on the history of Binfield, gleaned from All Saints' archives and from his wider reading. As mentioned last month, he was the force behind the Parish magazine, which flourished towards the end of the 19th Century, eventually selling 250 copies monthly. And he continued the church restoration started by his father-in-law: providing the display in All Saints listing all the rectors of the parish and, in 1887, arranging the memorial to his father-in-law. It was described in Kelly's Directory as "a beautiful carved reredos, in three compartments".

His interest in local history meant that he could, when in 1899 the Berkshire Archaeological Society made an "excursion" to All Saints, give them a very full account of the church's monuments and history. The account is summarised in the Reading Mercury's edition of June 3rd 1899. Canon Savory's interest in local history was again recognised in May 1903 just before his eventual retirement, when he became the Binfield "helper", offering copy for the New Victoria County History which was being prepared.

He was interested also in demographic patterns in Binfield. He used census material to plot the growth in the population of the village, showing it [though not tabulated as below] to be a regular steady increase of about 70 inhabitants each year:

Year	1831	1841	1851	1861	1871	1881
Residents	1145	1215	1285	1362	1625	1684

And he reported each year the numbers of births deaths and marriages, sometimes, as in 1885 when there was a 50% increase in deaths recorded in the village, commenting on these inexplicable blips in the statistical pattern, and breaking down the incidence of the deaths into age ranges, which showed [again not originally tabulated]:

Age ranges [between]	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
Deaths in each range	7	0	1	1	0	4	6	4	

Such figures seem to suggest even in 1855 a death rate in the village of about 1.33 per 100 villagers so, despite the concerns of 1885, Binfield in the late 19th century seems a healthy place to live. Savory's interest in these figures suggests that he appreciated that tracing socio-economic trends could be beneficial to his parish. For example, in 1886 when there had been only three marriages, he lamented the fact that two of the six people involved still could not write their signature. So he understood the growing need for universal literacy, and was an advocate of the public library facility that had been set up within the village "In this age of intellectual advancement, no

Parish ought to be without its public lending library. . . . The need for an institution of this kind is felt by more than one class of people." - again a practical, parish self-help philosophy.

Concerns such as these indicate that the Reverend Savory as keeping abreast of the social developments of the 19th century; a Blue Book approach to health, the library movement and the trend towards universal education – all flavoured by the "Self Help" approach popularized by Samuel Smiles. He became involved, also, in the development in Binfield of a branch of the Royal Berkshire Friendly Society. Friendly societies had evolved from the Clothing Clubs that sprung up in the earlier part of the century. Both kinds of organization sought to promote thrift - insurance against a rainy day. Savory was - with Mr Hutchinson Browne who had settled in Binfield after retiring as a high-ranking administrator in Australia - closely involved in the development of the Binfield branch. And there is evidence that he sought to promulgate self-help insurance projects elsewhere. For example, the Reading Mercury of February 8th 1883 headlined "INSURANCE WITH RESPECT TO SCHOOL TEACHERS", and reported. "This subject which was discussed at the last meeting of the Association at Sandhurst was resumed by the Rev. E. Savory, of Binfield, who read a second paper on the subject. In the course of is remarks the rev. gentleman said that on the general advantages of life insurance he need say nothing. They had only to take up the prospectus and report of any of the great Insurances Companies to find cogent arguments prove that no individual was justified in neglecting it, and that it was of the almost importance to every class of community. Certainly school teachers could not claim exemption from the general obligation."

And, as a sporting footnote ,seemingly against the tide of opinion, the Rector supported the introduction of football in the Village, obviously understanding some of the problems of the game, and claiming for it qualities that many modern professionals could benefit from appreciating more fully: "I know of no game which teaches, better than football, the difficult lesson of self-command; which helps better to enable you to keep your temper under aggravating, sometimes very aggravating, circumstances." His understanding of the game arose from his son's ability. James Henry played both Football and Cricket for his school, Winchester College, in 1873 and 1874, and then at university for his college, Trinity, Oxford. Picked for the University team, he played at half back in the Oxford side that lost 1-2 to Wanderers, six-time FA Cup winners between 1871 and 1878, in the final of 1877. And he was a double Blue, having played in the Varsity matches against Cambridge in 1877 and 1878. The 1877 match was played in front of crowds at Lords of more than 10,000 on each day. James Henry went in at number 6 with the score at 25 for 4 wickets. He was bowled for a duck, but Oxford eventually won the match over two innings.

More about the Reverend Canon Savory will be outlined in the final part of this account next month



Binfield Library News: February

Binfield has seen a few changes in the last few months, our lovely Supervisor Helen Snow has sadly left us but she has not vanished and remains a valued customer, Gillian has taken up residence in Texas, USA of which I'm very envious which leaves... our new supervisor Robert Card who is warmly welcomed, and familiar faces of Chris, Margo, Fiona and me (Sar) who will be relaying Binfield library events from now on.

March sees the clocks going forward and evenings staying lighter for longer so people there's no excuse, come and see us. Visits from you have decreased recently let's change that and make Binfield library a vibrant, fun place to be but we can only do that with your help!

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 5th March 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 5th March and Saturday 17th March. New knitters are very welcome, we need to hear more nattering please.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 8th March 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 20th March at 3.15pm. 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 29th March.

Rummikub is on Friday 30th March. 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 26th at 5.30pm. We're pleased to say we have a few regular members but there's always room for more.

We're here to help so please contact the Library for any further details on any of our events. This is your Library, so please use it. We aim to provide services and activities to meet your needs, so 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:
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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Creative Arts Enrichment Week

There was a real creative buzz around the school during our Enrichment Week last month, and all of the children enjoyed taking part in workshops and putting together their artistic masterpieces around the theme of 'Celebration across the World', linked to our school's forthcoming 30th anniversary!

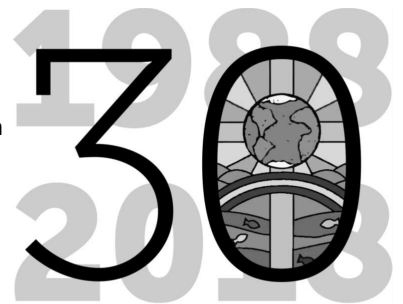
Each year group in the school had a country to focus on and inspire them in their art work. Workshops included Indian drumming and Bhangra dancing, Chinese dancing and Samba! In addition, we were lucky enough to have some drama sessions including Origami workshops. A big thank you to FOBS for their support of the week's activities. Their funding enabled us to book the workshops and thus broaden the children's understanding of the different ways celebrations take place across the world and in different cultures in the UK. Thank you also to our parent helpers for the workshops they ran, and to our teachers, Mrs Sandilands and Mrs Corah, for doing such a brilliant job of organising a fantastic week of activities for the children.



It's our birthday!

Binfield CE Primary School is 30! This month we will be celebrating our big birthday with a visit from the Bishop of Reading, a special service and a picnic lunch for the children!

We will also be opening the school up for guided tours of the site for past pupils, staff, governors and those with community links to our school or the two previous village schools, St Marks and All Saints Schools. Find out about how our school has changed and developed over the last 30 years, what the children enjoy most about being here and how important community links within Binfield village are to us.



30 years of learning in a caring Christian community

Tours will be taking place on Friday 16th March at 10.00am, 11.15am and 1.20pm. We are limiting the numbers per tour to 30, so please book your place quickly via pa@binfieldschool.com.

We hope to welcome many familiar faces back to our school – in the meantime, If you have any reminiscences of our school over the years or those of St Marks and All Saints Schools, please do get in touch, as we would love to hear from you!

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

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



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.
Rackets/balls supplied if needed

Contact: Mr T. Usher:
01344 487514 tim_usher@yahoo.co.uk

Party 'Bye' The Pitch Saturday 7th July 2018

1st Binfield Scouts and Binfield Cricket Club are very pleased to announce that "Party Bye the Pitch" will be held at the Cricket Club again this year. Live Music, BBQ, Licensed Bar, Fete Stalls, Children's Entertainer and more!

Put the date in your diary now!
Tickets on Sale in June. More details to follow soon.

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Bracknell Choral Society and Swindon Choral Society Joint Spring Concert Saturday 24th March

Performing one of the greatest choral works:
Bach's St Matthew Passion.

The concert will take place in the magnificent Victorian chapel at **Marlborough College SN8 1PA**. We will be singing in English with a professional chamber orchestra and soloists and will be led by Bracknell Choral Society director, Greg Hallam.

The concert starts at **6.30pm**. Tickets cost £15 (one under 18 free with one paying adult).

Tickets are available from
tickets@bracknellchoral.org.uk,
www.swindonchoral.org.uk or at the door.

COMMUNITY NEWS



March Update

There has been a new series of burglaries which has involved some properties in Bracknell. These crimes have been linked to a wider series that involves other Police areas such as West Berkshire, Wokingham and Buckinghamshire. CID departments, supported by Neighbourhood Teams across these areas are working together to investigate the burglaries and put a stop to the offenders. Detective Insp Mike Bettington has provided the following advice in relation to these offences: Keep doors and windows locked and secure and don't leave keys in doors (including internal doors to conservatories). Don't keep large sums of cash at home and keep jewellery and valuables secure in lockable boxes or safes, hidden in the property. Also please look out for your friends and neighbours and report any suspicious activity in your area whether it be persons or vehicles that seem out of place.

The Northern Parishes Team are holding a Community Forum on 22nd March 7-8pm at Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road, Winkfield. The aim of the forum is to discuss Policing Priorities for the Northern Parishes area. It will be an opportunity to meet some of the team and also local Parish Councillors. The meeting is open to anyone living or working in the areas of Binfield, Warfield, Priestwood, Winkfield and North Ascot. *Please do come along and say hi!*

Cass and the Northern Parishes Team

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

Upcoming dates for your Diary

- 16th March Binfield School Birthday Tours (page 18)
- 16th March Binfield School 30th Birthday (back page)
- 20th March Diversity Lecture (see below)
- 22nd March Police Community forum (this page)
- 24th March Bach's St Mathew Passion (page 18)
- 29th March Binfield Memorial Hall AGM (page 14)
- 20th May The Binfield 10K (page 6)
- 7th July Party Bye the Pitch (page 18)

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DIVERSITY CENTRE LECTURES SPRING 2018

20 March 2018:

Diversity Centre Lecture (19:30 Smith Centre – “Digital World, Digital Church, Digital God?
The internet and Christian Identity” – Dr Timothy Hutchings

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/bible-conference-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.



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.

Would you like to join in and make and display your own egg?

Find out more on www.binfieldevents.com Find us on facebook.com/binfieldeasteregg hunt



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BINFIELD PRIMARY
30th Anniversary Celebration

16 MARCH

DATE: Friday 16th March 2018
VENUE: Northampton Park, Binfield Lane, Binfield RG42 8SS
TIME: 7.30pm - Midnight

DRESS CODE: Casino Chic




TICKET PRICE:
Early Bird special - £25pp until February 16th
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