

The Binfield Beacon

November 2018

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



The struggle at the end of conflict...



What's happening this month...



The Ladies Clothes Exchange Event

Friday 23rd November

More details on the back cover



Remembrance Day—Sunday 11th November

9.30am Parade from Binfield shops followed by

10am Remembrance Day Service at All Saints'

Next Month...



Until We Meet Again

Celebrate the Joy
and Hope of
Christmas
While
Remembering
Loved Ones No
Longer With Us

OUR MISSION: To help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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

November 2018

Saturday 3rd November

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 4th November

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

Monday 5th November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 7th November

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 November

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 9th November

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

Saturday 10th November

9.30am Parade from Oakmede Shops to All Saints'
10.30am Remembrance Day Service at All Saints'

Sunday 11th November

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
10.00am Remembrance Day Service at All Saints'

Monday 12th November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 14th November

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

Sunday 18th November

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 November

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

Wednesday 21st November

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 November

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 25th November

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 November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 27th November

12 Noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 28th November

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

Remembrance Day Services



Saturday 10th November

10.30am Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church Memorial

Sunday 11th November

Parade- 9.30am From Oakmede Shops to All Saints' Church

10.00am Service at All Saints' Church

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Lily Marie Fearon
Olivia Rose Fearon



Mollie Harper



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FROM YOUR RECTOR



Reconciliation The struggle at the end of conflict.

It's easy to assume that reconciliation happens only at the end of conflict, but of course there are moments, even in the midst of

war, when by the mercy of God there is a space for compassion and peace. We have all heard of the Christmas Truce in 1914; there was a more limited truce again in 1915 and, at times during the worst of the conflict, soldiers who respected one another would pause for a short while. An unidentified soldier reported: "We shouted to the Germans to come and fetch their wounded.....we promised not to shoot, and a man who wore the iron cross advance to assist a wounded man. Another followed and, amidst our cheers, they carried him off. Before going, the first man saluted and said, 'Thank you, gentlemen, I thank you very much. Good day.' The incident quite upset me for a time and I wished we might all be friends again."

At the end of the war, the victorious soldiers marched into Germany and the two nations came face to face. A private in the Scots Guards wrote: "I had serious misgivings before entering Germany. My comrades vowed such vengeance on the people that I anticipated something worse than war..... no treatment was going to be bad enough and cruel enough. What was my surprise to find, after two or three days in Germany, all our roaring lions converted into sucking doves. The army, without any prompting, took up an unexpected attitude of friendliness..."

Reconciliation came sometimes between the families of opposing troops. A German, Egbert Wagner, met a wounded British soldier, Jack Brewster, pulled him into a shell hole, bandaged him and, as he wrote to the distraught British man's parents: "Acting on the command of our Lord Jesus, 'Love your enemies,' I provided him with bread and wine and had a lot of conversation with him." He was able to report Jack's convalescence. In 1918, Jack's parents helped Egbert's brother, then a POW in British hands. A bond of friendship was firmly established between the families.

The last veteran of the war, Harry Patch, who died in 2009 aged 111, spent much time towards the end of his life talking about the need for reconciliation. In 2004, he visited the battlefields and met the last surviving German veteran, Charles Kuentz: "Charles was conscripted just like myself and fought for the Kaiser as I had fought for the King, relations, of course, cousins, so it was a family affair. It shows you how stupid war is." The two men,

through an interpreter, spoke and exchanged presents and shook hands. In Ypres that evening, they sat side by side for the nightly ceremony of commemoration at the Menin Gate; Harry commented: "I felt sorry for what Charles had to go through; no one deserved to go through that war."

I guess the problem is, it is easy to talk about reconciliation when we're not the ones having to do it, but how do you prevent war from breaking out in your relationships? You remember the words of Harry Patch who said, "War is stupid.....no one deserved to go through that war." How do you prevent that from happening again? You try to live out the words of Jesus like Egbert Wagner did, "*love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*" *Matthew Chapter 5 verse 44.* Which way will you chose?

Story taken from The Door, Autumn 2018, by Joan van Emden.

Luke

**Many
hands
make light
work**



Please can you spare an hour or two to help with the autumn clearance at All Saints' Churchyard?

ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY UP

**Saturday 3rd Nov
from 9am**

Please bring tools and some gardening gloves and thank you in advance!

For more details contact: Tony Muller
07596 461160 tony.muller@btinternet.com

ClothesBank

Clothing for those in need

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who helped make our October Giveaway day a huge success.

In particular we would really like to thank Avis for the van which enabled us to transport all the clothes boxes and Co-op Binfield for providing food for our clients on the Giveaway day.

THANK YOU!

We couldn't do it without you.

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 Since Project Launch: £181,393 Plus Charitable Grants: £42,000

NEW PHASE 2 TOTAL: £60,858

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £1,382 Phase 2 Estimated Cost: £260,000

Fundraising Update

We are still feeling excited this month, with our fundraising total continuing to creep up thanks to your donations, big and small.

Representatives from Bracknell Forest Council and the Parish Council visited us at All Saints' to present their cheque for £703 from the Recycling Incentive Scheme. They took some great photos on a lovely sunny day which showed off the beautiful church part way through our repair project and shared them on their social media pages.

We will also be excited to share with you in our next issue the total the amazing Binfield Scarecrow Trail raised for us this year. A huge thank you as always to the organisers who made it happen, to everyone who made their brilliant scarecrows and to all those who bought a map and walked the streets of Binfield seeking out the awesome straw creations.

And we are still equally grateful for all the personal contributions being made to the project, with donations such as the one made by the friends of Marjorie Webber who met to celebrate her birthday and filled a jar with £203.20 worth of coins for the fund in lieu of presents. What a kind gesture!

We are looking forward to the events taking place over the next couple of months. If you enjoy singing a carol or two, please come along to our Carol Practice Social at St. Mark's Church on Thursday 15th November at 7:30pm. Even if you are unable to make this, please feel free to come along and sing with us around the village – look out for the December date on the website and in notice sheets.

We know that lots of you ladies are looking forward to the Clothes Exchange evening, taking place at St. Mark's from 7:30pm on 23rd November. Please have a look through your wardrobes for those items of clothing, any accessories,

jewellery or shoes which you still love but never get around to wearing. They may become someone else's new favourite thing, and you may find yours! Please drop donations off to church or the team by Monday 19th November so that we have plenty of time to sort and arrange everything. Even if you aren't able to donate anything this time, feel free buy a ticket to join us for the evening. We will have a licensed bar, some great raffle prizes and guest stalls, and don't forget the ticket includes a glass of mulled wine and the opportunity to pick up items for a few coins for the fund! Tickets are available to buy now, from the church office, the team or from the website, where you will also find more information on the evening.

And don't forget to add into your diary our Christmas celebration featuring the brilliant band Dad's R Loud on Saturday 8th December, also at St. Mark's (what would we do without this fantastic venue?!). Buy your tickets and bring your friends!

Finally, don't forget to visit our "shop" online, or in the church office to check out the fundraising items we have for sale. We have our lovely Christmas cards featuring All Saints' Church in the snow, our 2019 Binfield Village Calendar, and our handmade Christmas Decorations. We would still love to accept more knitted or crocheted creations, so please pick up the patterns we have available, or feel free to make your own and we'd be happy to collect them if you can't get them to us!

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject.org.uk

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S

The Binfield ARC project: *Let's Keep our Beautiful Church standing!*

Upcoming Event Dates:

Thursday 15th November: Carol Practice
Social @ St Mark's, 7:30pm
Friday 23rd November: Ladies Clothes Exchange
@ St Mark's, 7:30pm
Monday 3rd December: 1st Binfield Rainbows & Brownies
Carol Singing @ Tesco, Warfield
Saturday 8th December: Dads R Loud Christmas Party
@ St Mark's, 7:30pm

Tickets available from church, the office and online
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk



**8TH DECEMBER:
SAVE THE DATE!!**



Can you Knit or Crochet?

We need your help, you clever
people...



Join The ARC Community Christmas Knitting Challenge

We need volunteers to make lots of these lovely
little festive items to sell around the village this
Christmas



Download a pattern from the website, Facebook – The Binfield ARC Project
or pick up a copy at church or from the Church Office and get knitting...
Look out for information of where to drop off finished creations
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk



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: send a cheque to the church office.

Please make sure it is made payable to
"Binfield PCC Church Repairs".

Include your name and address and please in-
dicate if you are happy for us to claim Gift Aid
on your donation.

If you are a UK Tax Payer - this will add an ex-
tra 25% to your donation! Ask at the church
office for more details.

BACS: Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs
Sort code: 20-11-74

Account Number: 03290131

See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and set
up your own fundraising page at:

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/
binfieldarcproject-phase2](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/binfieldarcproject-phase2)

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

Clothes Exchange

Out with the old and in with the new

FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
7.30 PM
ST MARK'S CHURCH BINFIELD

£5 a ticket
inc mulled wine
& nibbles

Licensed bar
Guest stalls
Raffle

Drop off your no longer needed, good quality clothing,
shoes or accessories to either exchange or donate by
19th November
OR
simply bring yourself and some friends for a fun night!

Tickets and info available at the church office or online
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

HELPING EACH OTHER

PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

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

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

<http://eepurl.com/dtqaqr>

PASTORAL CARE VISITING TEAM - need a friend?



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

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

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

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

All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



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

We are currently looking for help with:

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

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

Praying for and with you



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

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

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

Rector:

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

Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

Church Office:

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

All enquiries for weddings and baptisms

Office opening hours:

Tuesday: 9.30am - 1.30pm
Wednesday: 9.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday: 9.30am - 2.30pm

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Michael Hawkins
01344 411681

Bell Tower:

Liz Harris
01344 649628

P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes
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Treasurer:

Sarah Muller
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Treasurer@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White
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Church Website:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
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:

**12 noon Tuesday
27th November
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
November**

*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
November**

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

7th November - 9am meet at Crema

21st November - 9am meet at Crema

5th December - Walk around Dinton Pastures - either meet at Crema at 9am or Dinton Pastures at 9.15am

19th December - 9am meet at Crema

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



**Saturday
3rd November**

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

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

Binfield Lighthouse Programme

The Lighthouse Programme continues to support the homeless and those in need. Providing home-cooked meals and shelter on Tuesday evenings at St Mark's Church. During the warmer months the doors are open from 6.30pm, the hall is set up with numerous games and a hot meal is served from 7.00pm. Typically we entertain 15 ~ 20 guests a week.

Would you like to get involved?

Volunteers are welcome to help as often as they like; there is no pressure to attend regularly. Alternatively you could simply drop a prepared dish to site and we will serve the food.

For further information and to volunteer please contact amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk / 07825 341559. Donations can be handed in to the Church office marked for the Lighthouse.



Thank you

To everyone who brought along their food gifts for our Harvest Services. All food items have been taken to the Bracknell Foodbank

Bereavement Support Team

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



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

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

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

Liz
orinocco@hotmail.co.uk / 07850 799434

3G 3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday (during term time)

10am - 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

November dates, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

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

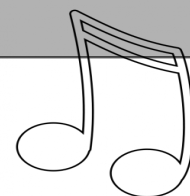
For more info
contact Jan
Watts: 01344
305965



YOUTH CHOIR Aged 7+

Practice is on Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm at St Mark's Church, Binfield
We sing at the first 9.30am Parish Communion each month,
some All Age services and special occasions.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Contact Michael Hawkins on 01344 411681



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone,

Now the weather is turning and we are getting ready for the Autumn/Winter months we have lots planned for Whizz Kids and Oasis this month. Have a look at what we've been getting up to...

At Whizz Kids we've started our topic of the 10 commandments, but we are looking at each one in a positive way. For example, when God tells us not to be jealous, he is asking us to be grateful for what we have! We thought of everything we had to be grateful for and filled this poster with them to help remind us that we will always have things to be grateful for.



This year will also see the return of the Whizz Kids Christmas Party on the 21st December! It was so much fun last year with games, food, inflatables and a disco, so if you're in school years 1-6 and want to come along, email me to book on, you don't want to miss it!

At Oasis, we have kicked off the term with nearly 30 girls joining us for food, chats and games, which is incredible! We've started this term talking about social media, and will ask questions like is it real life? And how can we not compare ourselves to others? We've got nail painting, hair station, and lots of craft to keep you busy between

discussion time, and we even ventured into the world of slime and made our own coloured slime to play with.

We love that Oasis is a place where girls can come and be themselves and chat about issues that affect their everyday lives, so if you feel like you'd like to come along and join us you'd be very welcome, we are open for school years 7-11.

Thank you for all your support with the Children's and Youth work!

See you soon,

Daisy

daisyridell@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP

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

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

All children welcome - Bring your friends

(Leaders have enhanced DBS clearance)



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

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



Creative Table (for pre-school and Reception year children)

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday
(except the first of the month)

for younger children to use while their parents are enjoying the service.

Some of the children's work is displayed in the Lady Chapel at All Saints' Church

CHURCH NEWS

Church Fete News

Thank you
for helping us to raise
an amazing
£4,800
at this year's fete!

The Binfield Village 2019 Calendar: **NOW ON SALE!**

Featuring some beautiful photos taken by our winning local photographers of local views and events. The calendars are A4 with each page featuring a full colour photograph and a month view with space to write.

The calendars are priced at £8 each and are available from the church office, the ARC website or email claire@foxesden.co.uk and delivery can be arranged within the village.

All proceeds go to The Binfield ARC Project.



Remembrance Rocks

1st Binfield Brownies are painting 92 white pebbles with poppies this November, as a mark of respect for our fallen soldiers in the village. Each pebble will have one of the soldiers' names written on it.

The pebbles will be in All Saints' Church on Remembrance Sunday, and then, the following week, the Brownies will hide them around the village for people to find and keep or re-hide.

If you are on Facebook, you can see more about them by visiting the "Binfield Rocks" group.

"We will remember them."



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

*A Service celebrating the Joy and Hope of Christmas
remembering Loved Ones no longer with us*

Beautiful Carols and Christmas Music
with OCCASIONS SINGERS

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER at 6.30pm

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

For more information please contact

Occasions.singers@gmail.com

www.occasions.org

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

Y6 Responsibility Ties

Every year our new Year 6 children are presented with a red tie in recognition of the important responsibility they will undertake during their last year at primary school. Jobs will include helping out at assemblies, covering the office during lunchtime periods and serving dessert to the children in the lunch hall. The children applied for red tie jobs at the beginning of term and are relishing their new responsibilities. We have found this initiative helps the children gain confidence and is the start of preparation for the transition to Year 7. We wish all the children good luck in their roles and thank them for their contribution to the school. We hope they will wear their red tie with pride this year as they carry out their roles.



Florence Nightingale Workshop

Last month Year 2 had a visit from Florence Nightingale! The children attended an exciting drama workshop to find out more about 'The Lady with the Lamp' and her life. They got to hear her stories, see artefacts and help act out her life. The children really enjoyed imagining what it would have been like to have been a nurse or soldier in the Crimean war. They had lots of fun dressing up and bandaging the wounded soldiers! The children engaged superbly with the learning and have done some excellent follow-up work.



School tours for prospective parents

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

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Tuesday 27th November 2018

Wednesday 16th January 2019

The morning starts at 9.30am and will consist of a welcome meeting with the Headteacher, a tour of the school by the children and an informal question/answer session with key members of staff. If you would like to attend one of these events, please call the school office on 01344 860106 to book a place.

Our school's core values are:
Community, Inclusion, Creativity, Integrity.
"To be true to ourselves, each other and the world"



PIANO LESSONS

Awaken the musician in your child!

Aged 7 and upwards? learn to play the piano!

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

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

Contact: Alison Ayres on 01344 449500

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🕒 **Fridays 9.30-10.30am - The Binfield Club**

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Karen Williams

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News from the Foxes' Den...

As you read this we are getting so excited about getting into the Den and making ourselves at home!

Plans are coming together but no matter how much wishing and praying we do, we can't speed up the builders and contractors. We are still hoping to get into the building for the start of November to begin our fit out. In case you have missed out on the plans so far: we are two Binfield Mums who love our community and are working with Binfield Parish to create a community café/hub on Foxley Fields.

Meanwhile...

Do you have any lonely, abandoned wooden chairs sitting unloved in the depths of your shed or garage?

One of our massive initiatives is to rescue and upcycle wooden chairs for using in the café. So, if you have any that have been sat in your garage just in case all the relatives pitch up for Christmas, please consider donating them to the community café.

We can even lend them back to you for your Christmas guests! Please email claire@foxesden.co.uk - thank you!



CALLING ALL GROUPS: THERE IS STILL TIME - PLEASE REGISTER WITH US FOR AN INVITATION TO OUR PREVIEW EVENT

Along with the Parish Office, we would like to invite community groups and businesses to see the new facilities before we officially open.

For more information and to register for an invitation please get in touch with Claire Murphy at the Foxes' Den: claire@foxesden.co.uk 07919 448254.

If you would like to keep up to date with our plans please follow us on Facebook and Instagram: [fb.com/thefoxesdencafe](https://www.facebook.com/thefoxesdencafe) @foxesdencafe

We look forward to welcoming you soon Binfield!

Sarah & Claire

COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Parish Office: November 2018



Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

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

Tuesday 13 November	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 27 November	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, St Mark's	10 November 2018
Remembrance Day	11 November 2018
Christmas Lights Switch-On	3 December 2018

Update on the Parish Office extension at Benetfeld Road

We are expecting to move back into the Parish Office at Benetfeld Road at some point in mid-November. But as with all large building projects we don't yet have an exact date! Facebook posts will be the place to look as we get closer to finalising the project. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all into the parish office and we hope you find some time to pop in and see this exciting new facility.

Street Naming at Amen Corner North – Recognising those in the war

In partnership with Bracknell Forest Council the Parish Council have been making submissions for suitable names for new streets in Binfield. Many thanks to Councillor Dillaway for nominating names to recognise war service.

Remembrance Day – Sunday 11 November

This day is an opportunity to remember those who have served in the world wars. You can make a donation to the Poppy Appeal by calling into the Parish Office during November and collecting your poppy. There will be also be a Remembrance Service taking place at the War Memorial at St Mark's Church on Saturday 10 November. Please gather at 10.45am.

The new development at Amen Corner North features the following names

Attlee	Reverend Bernard Henry Bravery, DD FRHC, Clerk in Holy Orders, brother of British post-war Prime Minister Clement Attlee, was Rector of Binfield 1929-35. He was Asst Curate of St Paul's, Haggerston 1897-1901; Vicar of Wolvercote 1901-09 and Vicar of Chieveley 1909-29. During WW1 he was Acting Chaplain, RN 1915-16.
Bonsey	Reverend Hugh Richmond, MA, was Asst Curate of Lambeth Parish Church 1912; Forces Chaplain to 42 nd Infantry Brigade Expeditionary Force in WWI; vicar of Fernhurst, West Sussex 1918, Rector of Checkendon, Oxfordshire 1922 and Rector of Binfield 1927-1929
Chapman	Gunner George, 142 nd Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, died aged 33 in February 1921 of malaria contracted while serving in Salonika up to 1919. Born and married in Binfield his name appears on the triptych dedicated at All Saints' Church and he is buried in a Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave in Binfield cemetery.
Duncan	Major General Sir John, KCB, CB, CMG, CVO, DSO, was awarded many other decorations after entering the Army in 1891, retiring in 1928. He lived at Marchfield and died on September 17 th 1948.
Russell	Private Henry George, 6 th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment, born and lived in Binfield, son of Alfred Russell of

Christmas Lights Switch-On – Monday 3 December

Please join us at the Parish Office on Benetfeld Road (RG42 4EW) to switch on the Binfield Christmas lights! Please arrive from 6pm, with carol singing at 6.30pm and refreshments afterwards at the Foxes Den. There will be three Christmas trees this year located at the Binfield Parish Council Office, Knox Green Corner, and the Travelodge.

Dog Fouling

It is disappointing to share with you all that we have received further complaints from people who are frustrated with dog fouling that is not being disposed of correctly. People have reported dog foul being placed in their blue recycling and green refuse bins. Please ensure that you throw the bags into council-provided bins or your own refuse bins. We thank all responsible dog owners for helping us keep the parish clean and tidy.

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty
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Binfield Garden Club

Our speaker on 4th October was Dr Michael Keith-Lucas, a retired senior tutor in plant sciences at Reading University. Michael visited us back in 2016 giving an enthralling talk about the use of pollen in solving crime and certainly didn't disappoint this time round with an equally fascinating talk on "Pollination – The Sex Life of Flowers".

150 million years ago, during the Jurassic period, there were no flowering plants or pollinating insects and plants relied on the wind for pollination. This was extremely inefficient, with the chances of pollen landing in the right place around 1 in a million but during the early Cretaceous period the first insect pollinated plants and pollinating insects started to appear and today the vast majority of plant species rely on insects to transport pollen from male to female flower parts. Relatives of the magnolia and water lily were amongst the earliest flowering plants to appear, attracting solitary wasps, which later evolved into bees, and beetles.

The relationship between plant and insect is mutually beneficial and flowering plants have evolved to use colour, scent (both fragrant and downright disgusting), pollen, nectar and even some sneaky mimicry to make themselves as appealing as possible to the insect world. The bee orchid, for example, has flowers which look like a female bee - the males fly in to mate with it and end up pollinating the flower. Bees are attracted to ultra violet wavelengths and many flowers have patterns of UV within their petals which point out the nectar and pollen at their centre. Some flowers, particularly alpenines, have spots on their flowers which change colour once visited. Whilst insects are by far the most common pollinators, birds, bats and some small mammals also play a part and the plant adapts its flowers to attract the most advantageous pollinator. Birds are particularly attracted to red flowers, whilst bats are drawn to white or cream flowers which emit a rather obnoxious scent resembling their own.

It's difficult to say which came first, the plant or pollinator, as both have evolved together – in some instances to such an extent that a particular plant species may only be pollinated by one particular insect. There is a Madagascan orchid with a tubular flower a foot and a half long. Darwin predicted that it must be pollinated by a gigantic moth (undiscovered at the time) with a foot and a half long tongue. Sure enough 20 years after his death such a moth was discovered!

After the refreshment break the monthly competition results were announced. Unfortunately this year's early cold weather and the subsequent summer heatwave wasn't the best for potatoes but well done to Nancy Bowen, the winner of October's competition for the "Largest home grown potato".

Spaces for the members-only Christmas trip to Wisley on 6 December are now extremely limited but there will be a waiting list should anyone, who has not yet done so, wish to put their name down.

On Thursday 1st November our speaker will be Geoff Hawkins with a talk on "House plants". Geoff was head gardener at the private estate of Mill Court near Alton, Hampshire until he retired in 2012. Since then he has been a horticultural speaker, broadcaster and gardening consultant.

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

Is this the Indian summer we were promised ? As I write this the day is warm and the sun enjoyable, however when you read this in November winter will be on us and officially we will be 100yrs old. The WI that is! Thinking back to September we welcomed Amanda Mclean to our meeting to talk about the Air Ambulance in this area. This proved to be a really interesting evening, from how it all started to the great changes they are making and the people who work so hard both in the air and on the ground. It was enjoyed by all, Amanda stayed for coffee to chat with the girls and a collection was also taken for this great cause.

There is always business to discuss, and social time finished off the evening. Our monthly meetings include Scrabble afternoons, craft and walks. For the more energetic we have a keep fit group and badminton every week. Our coffee morning was at Lavender Park in October and a November one is in the pipeline. I am sure we will be visiting the Foxes Den in the near future to test the coffee there.

November will be a busy month as we are visiting the old time Music Hall that used to be in Brick Lane for a show and afternoon tea. A chance for the ladies to dress up if they wish. At our November birthday meeting on the 8th we are having a cheese and wine evening with entertainment and a celebration birthday cake. Perhaps some of our members will give us memories of past WI events and we can have the archive out again for everyone to see. On November 30th we will be visiting the Christmas Market in Winchester, which is always a lovely day out.

If you would like more details of our lovely group give me call.

Linda
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Dear all, a couple of events to make you all aware of for November and December:

Towards the end of November we will be taking part in the force wide Road Safety Awareness campaign. As part of this the team have arranged a number of speed enforcement and awareness operations across the Northern Parishes area, as well as running a competition for local school pupils to design road safety posters that will be displayed near to schools across the area. We are always in need of new volunteers for Community

Speedwatch, so if you would like to get involved you can contact us at BracknellNorthernParishesNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

On the 1st December from 10:30 onwards we are holding a Rural Crime Prevention event at Binfield Parish Council, Benetfield Road. There will be presentations, free tool marking and also demonstrations and discounts available for tack marking and plant machinery marking.

We hope to see you there!

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You probably have more or different questions that you would like to ask. It is a good idea to write your questions down and take the piece of paper with you. Your GP will be only too pleased to answer your questions.

FLU SEASON:

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PATIENT SURVEY:

The survey that was completed in the surgery in September is now being analysed. Details of the points raised and the actions taken will be presented in a future edition of The Beacon.



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Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



Binfield Library News: Nov 2018

Did you know Louisa May Alcott was born on November 29th 1932?

Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable."

Louisa May Alcott (Author of Little Women)

November is here and it has brought us some lovely new members of staff at Binfield library. So let me introduce you so you can say hello the next time you're in.

Welcome to Gillian, Liz and Maxine who have worked at Whitegrove library until now. Gillian and Maxine will work Monday afternoon and Liz Thursday afternoon.

Many of you will know Julie a resident of Binfield who will be with us on Thursday morning, Friday afternoon and a Saturday; I don't think I'll be able to persuade her to do Rhyme time, but you never know. Chris our one remaining original assistant will still be around on a Tuesday afternoon and a Saturday which is awesome. Pinky is our newest assistant, everything is changing around her but she's taking it all in her stride. She'll work on a Tuesday afternoon and a Saturday. I'll be around all day Thursday, Friday afternoon and a Saturday and I for one am very much looking forward to all the changes that are happening.

I would also like to say a big thank you and a fond farewell to Margo who is now working at Sandhurst and Crowthorne Library. We miss her enthusiasm, energy and knowledge very much, but thank goodness for me she's only a phone call away, not so good for her!

So here are the Children's Events for November.

Bounce & Rhyme sessions for preschool children every Thursday at 9.30am followed by the Tots craft at 10.00am, there is £1 charge per child this includes the singing, tea and craft.

Every Tuesday we have a craft session for primary school children from 3.00pm. This is a drop in session so there is no need to book. There is a charge of £1.20 per child.

Lego is on Monday 5th November from 3.00pm until 4.30pm and is free.

Relaxation for children is on every Thursday at 3.30pm during term time and costs £1.20 per child. It's a great way to unwind after a hectic day at school.

Adult Events:

We have an afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be 3rd November at 2.30pm, 50p for refreshments.

Knit and Natter is on Monday 5th November at 2.00pm and Saturday 17th November at 2.00pm, 50p for refreshments.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 8th November at 11am. Be prepared to exercise that grey matter, 50p for refreshments.

The Binfield Film Group is on Tuesday 20th November at 2.00pm. A slight change in time due to the night's drawing in, 50p for refreshments

Are you new to Binfield? Why not come along to our Coffee morning and Quiz, it's lively, fun and a great way to meet new people; it's on the last Thursday of the month 29th November at 11.00am, 50p for refreshments.

Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month which makes it 30th November at 2.00pm. If you fancy giving it a go but don't understand the rules the lovely ladies attending will talk you through it, 50p for refreshments.

Our drop in book group meets on the last Monday of the month so will take place on 26th November at 5.30pm, 50p for refreshments.

Self service has been really well received and I'm so pleased to see Binfield Library busy but there's always room for improvement so if you're not a member and would like to become one just pop along with your photo ID, two other documents with your address on and we can join you immediately and it's free!

We look forward to seeing you at our library.

The Binfield Library team, here to help with a smile!

Chris, Elaine, Julie, Liz, Maxine, Pinky and me.



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



Ways to Remember Great-Grandad

To say Thank You seems a very easy thing to do.

But, when the words need to cross generations to reach those who belonged to another age, it's maybe not so simple.

The Royal British Legion has an answer. The #ThankYou100 campaign is covering all walks of life in order that people at home, work and play can convey their gratitude to today's generation for the part their grandparents and great-grandparents played throughout the horrors of World War 1 to protect our enjoyment of freedom.

At summer events large and small, members and supporters of the RBL have taken stalls to display family photos, letters and mementoes which bring to life the images and thoughts of ancestors and friends who experienced the horrors of a century ago.

With this year's Remembrance season upon us, the opportunity presents itself to express our heartfelt message of Thank You in some form which proves to today's friends and colleagues that the contribution of their relatives and ancestors to a world-changing war 100 years ago will never be forgotten.

A pot of poppies in the garden at home; a sing-a-long of WW1 songs at a tea party; a pub quiz with questions testing general knowledge of life at the time of the conflict. How about researching websites on the subject, and sharing findings with children; perhaps printing-out a page or two for them to show their teacher at school – or for you to pin on the noticeboard at work?

Ask your library to source books like *Goodbye to All That* by Rupert Graves or *Undertones of War* by Edmund Blunden. No literature is more effectively infused with the atmosphere of the time than the work of the famous poets and writers from the 1914-18 trenches or the home front.

Because Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday clash on the same date this year, Binfield events will commence with the Armistice Service at St Mark's Church War Memorial at 10.45am on Saturday, November 10th, and the traditional Remembrance Sunday Parade will assemble in Oakmede village shops car park at 9.20am on November 11th, ready to march off at 9.40am to All Saints' Church.

TERRY DILLIWAY

LIVE ON - To the Memory of the Fallen and the Future of the Living

Binfield Environment Group

The aim of Binfield Environment Group is to encourage the community of Binfield to take pride in their environment by involving groups, individuals and businesses in a variety of projects to enhance habitats for wildlife and to encourage conservation, recycling and the clearing of litter.

Binfield residents know how lucky they are to live in Binfield and to enjoy its open green spaces and the nature that make the parish its home. We are also lucky to live in Bracknell Forest. Bracknell Forest Council have created one of the most coherent plans in the country for how its residents will "*continue to enjoy the wonderful natural environment that Bracknell Forest offers*". They have done a great job of turning the plethora of EU, national, regional and county strategies and plans into a sensible set of targets to improve the nature of the borough over the next five years. The organisations responsible for delivering these targets range from borough and parish councils to specialist conservation organisations like the Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group. Bracknell Forest Council have just launched the latest version of their Biodiversity Action Plan (available from their website), and Binfield Parish Council, Binfield Environment Group and other local organisations contributed to it and will play a part in delivering it.

The Biodiversity Action Plan is based around the six distinct natural habitats that are found in Bracknell Forest, the threats they face and the opportunities for improvement. Five of the six habitats are found in Binfield: grassland; woodland; wetland; farmland and urban. In the plan, these habitats are brought to life through biodiversity action plan species. The species relevant to the habitats found in Binfield are insects (bumblebees and stag beetle), plants (ragged robin, devil's bit scabious, wild service tree, and cowslip), birds (bullfinch and kingfisher, skylark, barn owl and swift), mammals (noctule bat and hedgehog), fish (brown trout) and amphibians (great crested newt).

Binfield Environment Group, with the help of Binfield Parish Council, are developing plans to do our bit to help these species. One of the things that we want to do is get a better understanding of which of these species can be found where in Binfield. **So, we would love to hear from you if you have seen any of these species in Binfield. We would also love to hear from you if you want to help these species, or if you are already doing your bit for one of them.** We can be contacted by email at binfieldeg@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Mike Coker

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dates for your Diary

11th November	Remembrance Day Parade & service @ All Saints' Church
15th November	Carol Practice Social @ St Mark's Church
22nd November	FOBS Annual London Shopping Trip
23rd November	Ladies' Clothes Exchange @ St. Mark's Church
1st December	Christmas Bazaar at Binfield Primary School
3rd December	Binfield Christmas Lights switch on
3rd December	1st Binfield Rainbows & Brownies, Carol Singing @ Tesco, Warfield
8th December	Dad's R Loud Christmas Party @ St Mark's Church,
8th December	Newbold Celebrates Christmas
16th December	Binfield Singers Christmas Concert St Mark's Church

Please email office@binfieldcofechurces.org.uk if you would like us to list your event here

From celebration to commemoration

A concert of contrasts with Bracknell Choral Society



On **Saturday 24th November** at **St Joseph's Church, Bracknell, RG12 1HA**, Bracknell Choral Society presents a varied programme of fine music in our Autumn concert, with contrasting 17th and 20th century pieces. We begin in the 17th century with music from Purcell. The fresh and youthful *Come Ye Sons of Art*, written to celebrate the birthday of Queen Mary in 1694 is a contrast to the elegiac *Funeral Sentences for Queen Mary*, written just months later for the Queen's funeral. We will be rounding off the concert with John Rutter's glorious and well-loved *Requiem*, written in 1985 and popular around the world for its rich choral melodies.

The choir will be led by Greg Hallam, our professional musical director with professional orchestra, the Braccan Ensemble and soloists, Anna Prowse - Soprano, Sarah Anne Champion - Mezzo-Soprano and David Le Prevost - Bass.

The concert starts at **7.30pm**. Tickets cost £15 (accompanied under-18's free) and can be purchased at **www.bracknellchoral.org.uk** or from choir members. Wine and soft drinks will be served in the interval for a small donation.

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