

# The Binfield Beacon

October 2018

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



## Binfield Scarecrow Trail

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

Register your  
scarecrow online  
by 7 Oct



Supporting



**All Saints'  
Repair & Care**

Maps £2 each from Binfield Village  
Stores & Crema Coffee Shop

Enjoy the trail & collect a prize (1 per map)

[www.binfieldevents.com/scarecrows](http://www.binfieldevents.com/scarecrows)

### What's happening inside...

Ladies Pamper  
Afternoon  
Saturday 6th  
October



The Ladies'  
Clothes  
Exchange  
event  
is back! Friday  
23rd November  
A fun evening out  
and you can help  
raise money

More details on  
the back cover...

### ClothesBank

Please drop off your  
donations to St.  
Mark's Church  
w/c 1st October  
Please get sorting!  
More details inside...

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

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

## October 2018

### Monday 1st October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 3rd October

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 6th October

07.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

### Sunday 7th October

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 Baptism at All Saints'  
6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise Service at St Mark's

### Monday 8th October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 10th October

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

### Thursday 11th October

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

### Friday 12th October

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

### Sunday 14th October

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 15th October

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

### Wednesday 17th October

9.00am Women's Walk/Talk from Crema Coffee Shop  
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's  
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

### Sunday 21st October

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

### Monday 22nd October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Tuesday 23rd October

12.00 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

### Wednesday 24th October

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

### Saturday 27th October

07.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

### Sunday 28th October

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

### Monday 29th October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 31st October

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

## Harvest Songs of Praise

We would love you to join us for a Songs of Praise Service to celebrate Harvest Season at St Mark's Church

Sunday 7th October, 6.30pm

## From the Registers:

### Baptisms



Rupert Austin Buckley

Sophia Olive Coomes

Joshua Coomes

### Weddings

Charlotte Mitchell & Paul Clapp

Amanda Thrower & Philip Knight

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### The last ride

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes, I honked again. Since this was going to be my last ride of my shift, I thought about just driving away, but instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked.

'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90s stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.' 'Oh, you're such a good boy', she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?' 'It's not the shortest way', I answered quickly. 'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice.' I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left', she continued in a soft voice. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

'What route would you like me to take?' I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'. We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. 'How much do I owe

you?' She asked, reaching into her purse. 'Nothing', I said 'You have to make a living', she answered. 'There are other passengers', I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. 'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy', she said. 'Thank you.' I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light.

Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life. I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware - beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

The Bible asks that you, *"Do nothing out of vain ambition or selfish conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*

*Philippians chapter 2 verses 3 and 4.*

I sometimes wonder how much more enjoyable life would be if we lived more of our life like the taxi driver did that day? What about you, what do you think?

Author: New York City taxi driver  
**Luke**

Story taken from. <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story78>

## ClothesBank

The next ClothesBank Giveaway is Wednesday 10th October so we will be accepting donations from Monday 1st October at St Mark's Church, Binfield.

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

[clothesbankbracknell@gmail.com](mailto:clothesbankbracknell@gmail.com) or  
call Gisele on 07724 889169

**Thank you!**

Correction from last edition. Thank you to Binfield Co-Op for kindly donating food for our clients on our Giveaway Days

# 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: **£179,563**

Charitable Grants: **£42,000**

**NEW PHASE 2 TOTAL: £59,028**

**Phase 2 Costs to Date: £1,382**

Phase 2 Estimated Cost: £260,000

### Fundraising Update

#### (there's lots going on!):

We hope that you all had a great summer and enjoyed some of the beautiful weather we had. The sun may not be shining as much as this edition goes to press, but fear not, we have plenty of events and things going on to help brighten up your Autumn!

Firstly, a huge thank you to Bracknell Forest Council and everyone who donated their recycling points to the Recycling Incentive Scheme – the ARC project has been awarded a fantastic £703 as our share of the available pot of £1000! Hopefully you will see more publicity around this, but this and all the donations coming in really helps us get closer to our target.

We have been working on some of the fantastic fundraising ideas which have been suggested to us, and there are some exciting things coming up over the next few months...

To kick us off we are looking forward to the lovely Ladies Pamper Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, which is an event hosted by Jane Aylwin at her beautiful house. Look out for details of how to book appointments and enjoy a little "you time" whilst raising money for the project!

A fun way to entertain the kids during the school Half Term is the Binfield Scarecrow Trail. Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, it gets bigger and better each time! You can enter your scarecrow to be included on the map until 7<sup>th</sup> October, and come and see them all out on the trail between 22-28<sup>th</sup> October. See the ARC Facebook page for links to more details.

A few people have suggested that it would be great to have some more carol singing around the village during the Christmas period this year. Michael Hawkins has kindly offered to help us organise this, and we will kick this off with a Carol practice social at St. Mark's on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm. Look out for more information and please let us know if you would be interested in taking part.

Following this, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the Ladies Clothes Exchange evening will take place at St. Mark's from 7:30pm. This is the re-arranged date for the

event which was due to take place earlier in the year. Plenty of tickets had been sold, but the team unfortunately didn't receive quite as many clothes donations to make it as successful as the first event. We are hoping that everyone will have plenty of time to sort through their wardrobes to find any good quality items of clothing or accessories, and to drop them off to church or the team by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This will give us plenty of time to sort and arrange all the new donations, to add these to the donations given in July, and to make the venue look fabulous and everything easy to look through on the night. Tickets are on sale and as ever, please ask or see the ARC website for more details.

Finally (for now!), the awesome band members of the always-popular Dad's R Loud have agreed to perform at a Christmas Party Fundraiser on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Put on your dancing shoes and festive jumpers to celebrate the season – it will be a great night going by the last Band Night event, so buy your tickets and bring your friends!

While all of these events are going on, we are also planning to have some new fundraising items for sale. The photo entries for the Binfield Photography Competition were judged at the Church Fete in September, and were all of a high standard! We eventually managed to pick 12 winners whose brilliant photos of local scenes will be made into a calendar for sale with profits going to the ARC Project.

If you can knit or crochet, or know friends or family members who can, we have patterns available for some lovely handmade Christmas decorations. We would love for people to make even just a few of these each for us to sell at our events. The patterns will be available at the usual places and from the library too.

Please get touch if would like to get involved or help at one of our fundraising events, otherwise we'll see you there!

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team

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

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# NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S

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

*How can YOU help?!*

## Join in...upcoming Events:

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Ladies Pamper Day @ The Red House, 1.30pm-5.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October	Binfield Scarecrow Trail
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Carol Practice Social @ St. Mark's, 7:30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Ladies Clothes Exchange @ St. Mark's, 7:30pm (details back page)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> Binfield Rainbows & Brownies Carol Singing @ Tesco, Warfield
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Dad's R Loud Christmas Party @ St. Mark's, 7:30pm

Tickets available from Church, the office and online.

See our website for more information on our events: [www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk](http://www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk)

## Ladies' Pamper Afternoon

**Saturday 6th October 1.30-5.30pm**

at The Red House (next to The Jack O' Newbury pub)

Various therapists have donated their time and all funds raised will go to the ARC project

## BOOK NOW FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

Please get in touch with Jane Aylwin: [jane.aylwin@googlemail.com](mailto:jane.aylwin@googlemail.com) 07779 294724

THERAPISTS STILL NEEDED — do you offer pedicures and want to meet new clients? Call Jane.

## 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](http://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 especially if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim Gift Aid.

- **BACS:** a/c no: 03290131  
sort code: 20-11-74  
Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs

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.

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

[www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk](http://www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject](https://www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject)

# HELPING EACH OTHER

## 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*

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

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

## All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



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

### We are currently looking for help with:

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

**To find out more and to offer your help, please call 01344 421079 or email the church office on: [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) to have your prayers included each week.

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

### Rector:

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

### Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672  
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

### Church Office:

Hayley Fourie, Administrator  
01344 421079  
[office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto: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

### Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins  
01344 411681

### Bell Tower:

Liz Harris  
01344 649628

### P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes  
07809 736372

### Treasurer:

Sarah Muller  
01344 428782

### Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White  
01344 421079

### Church Website:

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

We are also on Facebook

[facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks](https://facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks)



### ARC Fundraising Team

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

Church Office  
**St Mark's Church**  
Popeswood Road  
Binfield  
RG42 4AH

### All Saints' Church

Church Hill  
Binfield  
RG42 5NS

**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  
23rd October  
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 12th October**



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

**EVERYONE WELCOME  
THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN**



## MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

**Next: Saturday 27th October**

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.

3rd Oct - 9am meet at Crema  
17th Oct - 9am meet at Crema  
  
7th Nov - 9am meet at Crema  
21st Nov - 9am meet at Crema

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

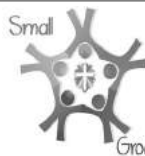
## MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



**Saturdays:  
6th October, 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](mailto:kim.swain1@gmail.com)



## Small Group Meetings

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

# 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. 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](mailto:amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk) / 07825 341559. Donations can be handed in to the Church office marked for the Lighthouse.



## 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](mailto: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*

October dates, 3rd 10th, 17th & 24th

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

For more info  
contact Jan  
Watts: 01344  
305965



### Come & Join Us!

The Binfield Singers are practising for their Christmas Concert and need more singers.

We are a small choir where we sing to have fun together.

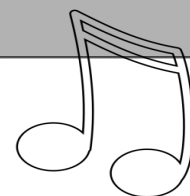
**We are having an informal Taster Evening on  
Tuesday 9th October  
in our usual practice room in Murdoch Hall, Newbold  
College, starting at 7.30pm.**

Come to meet us and see if you would like to join us. Phone Michael Hawkins (411681) or Jan Vigar (411267) for more information.

## 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!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer, and are getting back into the swing of school life! We've been so busy this summer, here's what we've been up to...

At Whizz Kids we finished up the summer term with a water fight, which very quickly turned into an attack on the leaders! It was great fun and a chance to get rid of some of that excess energy as term was finishing. We also had the return of our summer club, which was so much fun! This year was pirate themed, which involved treasure maps, games, craft, sports, and of course a pirate ship bouncy castle. It was a wild few days and we are hoping to do it all again next year. We also took part in the Binfield Fete, and the Whizz Kids did a fantastic job of running the teddy tumble and the hoopla!

This term on Sunday mornings, we are launching into looking at the 10 Commandments, and how they can help us be more like Jesus. In addition to this, we will have the Whizz Kids Christmas Party 2018! Last year's party was a huge success, so we will be putting on a Christmas celebration again in late December. The final date is TBC, so give me an email if you'd like to be updated.

We ended the first year of Oasis with a bonfire and s'mores to celebrate what an incredible first year it has been! We've gone from discussing the big questions about faith, to talking about self-worth and the pressures of social media, all while eating good food and being in great company! This term at Oasis you can look forward to a whole new group of girls coming up to join us, new games and activities, and an ice-skating social in November.

If you'd like any more information about anything above, please don't hesitate to drop me an email! Have a great month...

Daisy, Children's Worker [daisyriddell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyriddell@gmail.com)

**Whizz Kids Dates: 7th Oct and 14th Oct—none in Half Term**



*Oasis*



## 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)

*Oasis*

## 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 [daisyriddell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyriddell@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

## Binfield Church Fete

Thank you once again to all who turned out to support our annual church fete. There was such a wonderful atmosphere and it was fantastic to receive so much support from the village. A big thank you to all the dog owners for bringing along a super selection of furry friends, to the bakers of Binfield for supplying entries for the Great Binfield Bake-Off and for the very popular Tea Tent.

We have yet to find out the total raised but will keep you posted in the next edition of the Binfield Beacon.

There are so many people to thank as it takes a great many people to put on such an event. Special thanks go to:

- ◆ The Swing Band
- ◆ The Binfield WI and Linda Hill for judging the Bake-Off
- ◆ Damon McCarthy for stepping in last minute to provide us with our sound system and for driving the support vehicle
- ◆ All those who helped to set up the site and clear up afterwards – some going above and beyond with heavy lifting, specifically Damon, James, Luke and Phil for the many hours they put in to help us out
- ◆ Julie Nixon and Avis for providing the support vehicle
- ◆ Vicki Hamble of Canine Solutions for taking on the unenviable task of judging the Dog Show – it really is very difficult to choose between such beautiful dogs!
- ◆ James Foster for being such a fantastic compere, as always
- ◆ Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service for bringing along the fire engine and bringing a smile to so many little people's faces as they clambered aboard
- ◆ The men's breakfast team, ably led by Tony Muller, for running the BBQ
- ◆ Helen Maberly for running the Bar and Kate Ellison-Browne for overseeing the book stall.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Binfield Brownies, 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield Scouts, Whizz Kids for running the sweets and games stalls
- ◆ FOBS, Binfield School, 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield Scouts and the Parish Council for the loan of tables and gazebos
- ◆ Jo Foster and Sarah Cox for organising the tea tent, including baking 200 scones and providing such pretty china and table cloths
- ◆ Mike Thomas for, yet again, providing us with a donation of chocolate for the sweet stall.
- ◆ Everyone who donated silent auction, raffle and tombola prizes, books, toys and cakes as well as all those who volunteered their time to run stalls on the day
- ◆ All the stall holders who come along with their amazing set of wares

Finally, an enormous thank you to the Church Fete Committee – an incredible team put in months of work to make the fete the success it is. Many of the team are standing down this year. If you would be interested in joining in next year, please get in touch with the church office.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

### 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 16th October 2018**  
**Tuesday 6th November 2018**  
**Tuesday 27th November 2018**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Blooming marvellous!

Shortly before Easter, the Binfield Gardening Club kindly came into school and helped all of the children plant flower seeds. At the end of the summer term, the children were invited to bring in their resulting plants and these were judged by the club. As always, we had some marvellous entries! Our thanks go to Mrs Lusby, Mr Skinner and the Binfield Gardening Club members for giving the children this opportunity.



### Welcome to the new school year!

The first day of school is always a very exciting time for children and our lovely Reception staff! Miss Elvin and Mr Johnson are really enjoying getting to know the new children, who have settled in well and are coping extremely well with learning new routines and making friends. We are delighted to have such a lovely group of children joining our school!



### School Games Award

We are very pleased to announce that our school has been awarded the School Games GOLD award for the fourth consecutive year! We are immensely proud of the enthusiasm and commitment of our children in regaining this award, and are very

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Binfield Photography Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted entries for the competition. It was very tough for the judges (representatives from the Binfield PCC) to make their decisions but our winners are; Christine Reynolds, David Cann, Josh Taylor, Keith Wilson, Ken Brunt, Mandy Bryant, Paul Milligan, Richard Milmam and Ruth Mason. These 12 photos will now be made into a 2019 Binfield Calendar. These calendars will be on sale shortly and all funds raised will go to the Binfield ARC project so that our beautiful church will survive many more hundreds of years. To pre-order your calendar please email [claire@foxesden.co.uk](mailto:claire@foxesden.co.uk)



# COMMUNITY NEWS



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## News from the Parish Office: October 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 2 October	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 9 October	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 23 October	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

### Upcoming Dates for your Diary - Summer of Fun Days, 11am-3pm, FREE entry!

Dates	Details
Sunday 21 October to Sunday 28 October (half term)	Arts Week 2018 – Binfield, Warfield, & Winkfield

### Update on the Parish Office extension at Benetfeld Road

At the time of writing, we have 6 - 7 weeks to go before we think building works will be complete and 8 - 9 weeks before opening. Early November is our best estimate for opening at the moment!

Those of you who use sites such as Facebook may have already spotted that the community café, now known as "The Foxes' Den" are starting to tell people their plans.



The community café will, we hope, be an exciting new addition to facilities in Binfield. With a place to get a cuppa as well as meet people or take part in an activity. We'd encourage you to follow The Foxes' Den on Facebook for full details but if Facebook is not your thing, then keep an eye out for posters in the parish notice boards, the library and of course, in November's Beacon.

### Arts Week - Sunday 21 to Sunday 28 October (half term) - FREE local arts & crafts events

The 14th Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week is during this Autumn school half term break. Fully funded and organised by your local Parish Councils of Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield there are 49 free-to-book arts and crafts events for all the family with details and booking from 2.30pm on Sunday 7th October at [www.arts-week.org](http://www.arts-week.org). Arts Week promotes the enjoyment and active participation in a wide range of arts and crafts that are readily available for all the family in our local area.

### Arts Week - New U17's photography competition - still time to submit your entry!

This year the best young photographers are being asked to enter an U17's competition. Use your phone, tablet, or camera and your photographs could win fame and cash prizes! The competition is open until 1 October 2018 and to residents of Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield who are under 17. For rules and to register go to [www.arts-week.org](http://www.arts-week.org).

### Dog Fouling & Littering

More residents than ever are letting us know they are frustrated with unwelcome anti-social behaviours such as littering and not picking up after dogs or not checking dogs when around children. And many of those who let us know they are concerned are also responsible dog owners. There are 19 litter bins around the parish and 1 dog bag dispenser. The Parish Warden also spends over half of her allocated hours picking litter! The Parish Council is aiming to hold community litter picking events (look out for a review of the September event in next month's Beacon) and we are looking to improve signage in our parks so the rules about dogs are clear. We need everyone, however, to play a role in keeping the parish clean and tidy. Let us know any concerns you have, and we will do our best to address them.

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty

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## Binfield Garden Club

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August Fay Newbery, a plant pathologist with the Royal Horticultural Society, gave us a very interesting talk on fungi – “The Good, The Bad and the Wondrous”. There are over 15,000 known species in the UK. The vast majority of these feed on dead organic matter which they break down into humus, minerals and nutrients and as such are extremely beneficial, but others, such as bracket fungi, develop out of sight causing decay and rot within the tree which can lead to weakening or breakage of the affected tree. Fungi come in a huge myriad of shapes and sizes. The Octopus Stinkhorn, for example, looks like something out of an alien movie with its long slender arms and pinkish-red interior and in maturity smells like putrid flesh – yuk!

Our speaker on 6<sup>th</sup> September was Kit Strange, an alpine horticulturalist, on “Growing Alpines at Kew”. This was an extremely interesting and enlightening talk detailing the huge amount of work involved throughout the year in growing the plants and the ongoing care needed to produce the very best specimens for display to the public. The propagation house is the engine room of the alpine unit and contains both seed grown plants and those grown from cuttings. Sometimes seedlings come in from the Millennium Seed Bank for the team to nurture. They arrive suspended in agar and, rather than release them from this jelly like substance (which will gradually fall away), the seedlings are potted on using the same compost as used for the adult plants. Some top tips from Kit were the use of chopsticks to work soil around the roots of delicate plants; washing-up liquid to get rid of greenfly and a solution of 10 parts water to one part milk for treating mildew.



A very happy Roland with his prize-winning fuchsia

August's competition winners for “A floral selection from your garden” were – 1<sup>st</sup> Belinda Thornhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Leonard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Ferris and 4<sup>th</sup> Daphne Steel and the Annual Challenge winners for “A hardy fuchsia” were 1<sup>st</sup> Roland Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Rance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Belinda Thornhill and 4<sup>th</sup> Carol Fraser. A huge well done to all our winners.

There are still places available for the trip to Sheffield Park on 16<sup>th</sup> October and bookings are now being taken for our trip to the Christmas

illuminations and afternoon tea at Wisley on 6<sup>th</sup> December. We are also looking for volunteers to join the Committee as “floating” members, to help out as and when required. If you are interested please speak to one of the existing Committee members.

Dr Michael Keith-Lucas, a retired senior tutor in plant sciences at Reading University, will be making a return visit to the Club on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Michael is a very entertaining speaker and his talk is entitled “Pollination – The Sex Life of Flowers”. Do come along and join us for yet another fascinating evening. New members are very welcome and full details can be found on our website <https://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com/home/>, by phone on 01344 286752, or find us on Facebook.

Karen Rance



## The Binfield Belles

Is it really September now with only a few months to Christmas - dare we mention that? Over the past 2 months the girls of the WI have enjoyed a variety of events; at our meeting in July we welcomed Tony Stafford now a retired Beefeater. His talk Bishops, Sex, Money and the Tower was great fun and enlightening on the past history of goings on in the Tower, although that could be the headline in any newspaper today! There were plenty of questions for Tony and he stayed for a cuppa before leaving us to chat business and whatever else crops up at our meetings. We now have our new banner up for display at the meetings moving on to the next 100 years.

Some of our girls had a visit to the village of Hampstead Norreys near Newbury. This picturesque village had plenty of history and the day was sunny and so enjoyable. They can even boast a World War 2 heroine. Perhaps we could have similar walks around our village for visitors, we have plenty of historical landmarks; after enjoying the afternoon, tea was taken in their 13<sup>th</sup> century church with scones and cakes.

Our August meeting this year was a posh picnic, originally on the cricket field but rescheduled to the grounds of St Mark's as there was an issue with the weather forecast. Just as well as the day was wet to say the least but we sheltered in the Baxter Room and Church for a great lunch with Pimms! Never mind the weather. Some members had a trip on the Thames from Runnymede with our friends from Harmanswater finishing up for a great afternoon in Windsor - a lovely trip with sunny skies.

Last Saturday we had our usual stall at Binfield Fete with traditional goodies made by our ladies and a variety of bric a brac etc for sale. It was a lovely afternoon and the rain held off till the end.

Our next meeting in October will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall. Joyce Windmill will be talking about the length and breadth of Britain, with a competition - a picture of beautiful Britain. We have a theatre visit lined up, a Christmas Market, birthday trip to a Music Hall in November and lots more. Make new friends and revisit old ones something for all the Binfield Belles. Pop into our next meeting and join in the fun.

Linda  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS



*I hope you all had a safe summer. I am pleased to report that the Northern Parishes*

*Policing Team is now up to full strength across the board following our new PCSO's and PCs joining the team. They have all been working hard on a number of crime prevention projects and investigations – PCSO Magda is currently working on a rural crime prevention event which will involve tool and equipment marking. We will advertise this further as soon as we have a date and location set.*

*We have seen a number of incidents of courier fraud being reported over the last week or so. This is when the suspects ring the victim pretending to be from their bank or from the Police, they will claim a fraudulent transaction has occurred and*

*request PIN numbers and account details, such as the balance, and then send a person to collect the victim's card from their home address. They will then use the card to withdraw cash and make instore and online purchases. The suspects tend to target the elderly. Please make sure you speak to elderly/vulnerable relatives, friends and neighbours to remind them not to give out any banking details over the phone. A legitimate caller from either the bank or Police will never ask for these details over the phone. If someone has fallen victim to this it is really important to report this asap, we are currently investigating an incident that was reported quickly and we have managed to get CCTV from cashpoints and shops.*

*Stay safe, Cass and the Northern Parishes Team.*

### Binfield Patient Group

As of 1st September, just gone, items that can be bought at a pharmacy for short-term conditions without a prescription will no longer be prescribed. The health budget is not large enough, therefore "over the counter" medicines will no longer be prescribed routinely. This information covers all health providers, and surgeries in East Berkshire have received guidance from the East Berks Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the products involved. A full list of conditions for which prescribing has been stopped is available at: [www.eastberkshire.nhs.uk](http://www.eastberkshire.nhs.uk)

#### BRACKNELL FOREST

##### Social Prescription Programme:

Bracknell Forest Social Prescribers can give you a call and help you find a friendly group or club near you. GET MORE EXERCISE. LEARN A NEW SKILL. MEET NEW PEOPLE. To request a ring back, call 01344 352000. MORE INFORMATION available online at: [health.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/social-prescription](http://health.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/social-prescription)

#### REMINDERS:

Don't forget your appointment for long term conditions

and make sure you come in for a follow-up appointment if called, texted or written to by the Surgery.

The FLU season is now upon us. If you are over 65 or have certain long term health conditions the flu jab is free. If you are in this age group, are in any of the risk categories, are a carer and you are also a patient of Binfield Surgery, contact the surgery on 01344 286264 to book an appointment.

Children aged 2, 3 or 4, or in school years 1 and 2 are also eligible.

THE BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP require volunteers to join their group. If you are over the age of 18 please contact Liz Kerr, Practice Manager on 01344 286264.

#### REMINDER: 2018 PATIENT SURVEY:

The yearly Binfield Patient Survey is taking place during the last week of September. This is your chance to express your views. The survey can be completed in the surgery waiting room, on-line via the Binfield Surgery website, or via the Binfield Surgery newsletter sent to all patients who have consented and given their e-mail address to the surgery.

*Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group*

### BINFIELD BADGER GROUP

The next Binfield Badger Group meeting will be on Thursday 25th October 2018. We will be welcoming **Brian Clews** who will be giving an illustrated talk on **Britain's Mammals** and the effects of increased development on species and their habitats – a subject close to the hearts of many Berkshire residents, with so much countryside fast disappearing under bricks and mortar!

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

*Annelise Hill*







## Binfield Library News: Oct 2018

"With summer's best of weather  
And autumn's best of cheer."

Helen Hunt Jackson, *September, 1830-1885*

Wow what a wonderfully busy summer we at Binfield library have had. It's been lovely to see so many of you come in to chat about your books and holidays so a big thank you. Also a great big congratulations to all our young members who continued reading throughout their holidays and completed the Mischief Maker Reading challenge. If you haven't received your certificate yet then you will do very soon.

Thank you to all for being so patient with the changes which have sometimes caused disruption within the library. We're happy to say that things are beginning to settle down now. In the next few months you may see some new faces but we will introduce you to them in the next issue.

We'd really like to start some new groups so we hope to begin Relaxation for children which has been very popular at other branches, dates haven't been confirmed yet but drop in to the library to find out more or check out our library Facebook page. Likewise if you would like us to introduce something come and have a chat - we're always open to new ideas and as part of Binfield Community we would like to participate as much as possible. Talking of which we still need volunteers to help us. Mike Allen our Volunteer coordinator sends you this message:

### ***Binfield wants you!***

*Now that our local library has all the new technology installed and working, we want to install more Binfield people... well, we'd love more local people to volunteer to help staff and assist our customers.*

*If you can offer us a regular commitment of a few hours per week, we can offer you training and support, a place in our team and the opportunity to meet many interesting library customers.*

*To find out more, ask at the library or go to [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/volunteer-your-library](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/volunteer-your-library)*

### **So here are the upcoming Children's Events:**

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 1<sup>st</sup> October from 3.00pm until 4.30pm and is free.

### **Adult Events:**

We have an afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm, 50p for refreshments.

Knit and Natter is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.00pm and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm, 50p for refreshments.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. Be prepared to exercise that grey matter, 50p for refreshments.

The Binfield Film Group is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 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 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am, 50p for refreshments.

Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month which makes it 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 29<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm, 50p for refreshments.

Let's keep Binfield Library as busy as it was in the holidays, 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!

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



### A Ribbon, Two Centuries – and Counting

*Terry Dilliway*

“A powerful act of Remembrance and the biggest single membership event in Legion history.”

These are the words of Royal British Legion National Chairman Terry Whittles describing Great Pilgrimage 90, the parade at the Menin Gate, Belgium on August 8<sup>th</sup> which celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1928 pilgrimage of war veterans and those who lost loved ones in the First World War.

1113 Legion branches represented by 2226 members, with standards and wreaths, marched along the original 1928 route.

And among them was Binfield RBL Branch Chairman, Ms Karen Hatt, who told the July branch meeting that GP90 funds had benefited by £719, which was raised by Meadow Vale school children, who also wrote messages in their own words to the fallen. Chairman Karen is keen for the Meadow vale pupils to become Affiliated Junior Members of the RBL to mark their valued support of Binfield branch; the Chairman will report on her Pilgrimage experiences to the October 24<sup>th</sup> Binfield RBL meeting in the Binfield Club.

July's meeting heard that the Binfield Branch Standard would soon wear a ribbon in recognition of its being paraded at GP90. Branch Membership Secretary Anthony Boddrell reported that membership now stood at 52.

Oldest branch member, Len Burritt, had been in hospital briefly, but was reported well and looking forward to the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 28<sup>th</sup>; and well wishes were conveyed to Branch Secretary Paul Hammerstone's wife, June, who was recovering from a knee operation.

The village 2018 Armistice Service will be held at St Mark's Church on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am in front of a newly-refurbished Binfield War Memorial. The date has been chosen to allow a maximum number of parishioners to attend this historic 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWI ending. The Parish Remembrance Sunday Parade will assemble as usual next day at Oakmede car park ready to march at 9.25am to All Saints' Church.

Record-breaking Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser, John Anderson, announced a 2018 total to date of nearly £18,000 and asked members to record the thanks of the meeting to Mark Row for his generosity in donating all £128 of recent competition winnings to the branch Appeal.

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



### Exciting Trips and Absorbing Talks

*Terry Dilliway*

Summer business for Bracknell Royal Naval Association shipmates has included guest speakers, trips and plans for dinner and discovery.

Meeting at the Binfield Club in August, shipmate members listened to Rivertime Boat Trust and Accessible Boat Club commodore Peter May describe life afloat on the Thames at Bisham for numerous categories of disabled people who delight in becoming successful and able sailors aboard the Trust's and Club's flotilla of specially adapted sailing boats.

Ten Bracknell shipmates enjoyed a thoroughly successful visit in August to Semaphore Tower, Central Office of the RNA. Pleasure became mixed with excitement when members shared yarns and a lunch buffet with shipmates from Isle of Wight, Selsey, Wittering, Christchurch, York and Tewkesbury, followed by an RN harbour tour and dockside close-up of latest aircraft carrier Queen Elizabeth.

Shipmates were invited to join veterans from all services at a tea party held in Ascot Priory in September and, later in the month, a minibus took branch members to visit the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton.

October 13<sup>th</sup> will find shipmates touring the D-Day Planning Map Room and the RN Police and Regulating Branch Museum at Southwick House, Portsmouth. Joining them will be friends from Binfield Royal British Legion branch. A burgeoning relationship with Maidenhead Sea Cadets is giving much satisfaction to Bracknell shipmates; an invitation to the Unit's prize-giving ceremony has been followed by regular reports of the Cadets' activities.

Bracknell RNA Branch Standard was paraded at this year's 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of Remembrance at the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel, Pangbourne College. Still to come this year is a skittles evening at the Binfield Club and another traditional, and always-successful, Trafalgar Day dinner in October.

After concluding September branch meeting business, Shipmate Chairman Mike Daley introduced special guest Julia Philipson, who spoke on the work of the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. Now based in Woodlands Park, Maidenhead, the hospice service has grown from the small beginnings of a fund established by a family in memory of their four-year-old son, to a charity supporting 116 children with specialised care.

Branch members showed their appreciation for the absorbing talk by generously donating personal sums totalling £80.

**ONCE NAVY – ALWAYS NAVY**

## Dates for your Diary

<b>6th October</b>	Ladies Pamper Afternoon
<b>9th October</b>	Binfield Singers Taster Evening
<b>21st –28th October</b>	Arts Week
<b>22nd—28th October</b>	Scarecrow Trail
<b>25th October</b>	Binfield Badger Group Meeting
<b>22nd November</b>	FOBS Annual London Shopping Trip
<b>23rd November</b>	Ladies' Clothes Exchange
<b>3rd December</b>	1st Binfield Rainbows & Brownies Carol Singing @ Tesco, Warfield
<b>8th December</b>	Dad's R Loud Christmas Party

## THE ANTHONY NOLAN CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Sunday September 9th a tennis tournament was held on the Binfield courts to raise money for this leukemia charity. 24 players took part, playing in two groups of 12. The weather was perfect and a delicious lunch was provided for all the players and supporters. £600 was raised through entry fees and a raffle, which was well supported by local businesses. A big thank you to all who supported what has become an annual event. We were indebted to Binfield Primary School for providing us with electricity and to these businesses: Connoisseur Estates, Cliff Roe Sports shop, Unique Hair Studio, Early Bird Florists, Sainsburys, Victoria Arms, Stag & Hounds, the Dharuchini,



New community space available!



**Hello Binfield! We would like to let you all know about exciting happenings on Foxley Fields in the heart of Binfield. You may have noticed the building works over the spring and summer around the site of the Parish Office on Foxley Field, and if you have read the updates in the Binfield Beacon you will know that plans have been afoot to extend the offices, create a new community space and a new café.**

We are very excited that the new community space and The Foxes' Den Café will be opening late autumn/early winter 2018. The space will be available for people to come together with friends, make new friends, learn a skill, take part in a community event or simply be a space to relax. All to the backdrop of a warm welcome, good tea, coffee and of course, cake. The community café will run for the benefit of the Binfield Community, and we are now ready to hear from anyone interested in booking the event table (or what we are calling 'The Nook') during the day, or hiring the community space in the evenings.

## CALLING ALL GROUPS: 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](mailto: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:  
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We look forward to welcoming you soon Binfield!

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