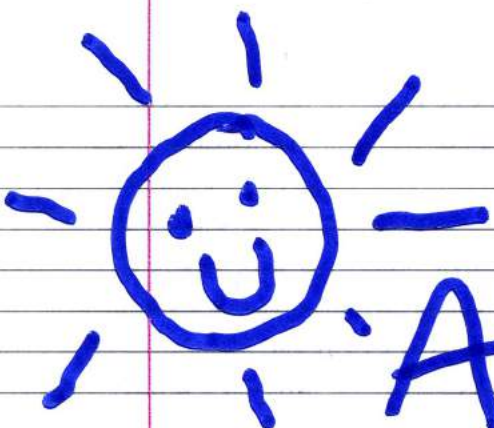


# Binfield Beacon

March 2017

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



 All I  
REALLY NEED  
TO KNOW I  
LEARNED IN  
KINDERGARTEN  
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**ClothesBank**

Clothing for those in need

Thank you so  
much to every  
one who helped  
us in February!



Be a part of the  
**Great Binfield  
Easter Egg Hunt  
2017** - find out how  
inside...



Don't forget!

Clocks go  
forward  
Sunday 26th  
March  
(Mother's Day)



**Easter Lilies**

Commemorate a  
loved one this  
Easter - find out  
how inside...

**OUR MISSION:**

*To help people follow Jesus and his teachings*

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

## MARCH 2017

### Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday - Lent starts

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk from Crema Coffee Shop  
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's  
7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at All Saints'

### Saturday 4th March

7.45am Men's Walk from village shops car park

### Sunday 5th March

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'  
NO Whizz Kids  
6.30pm Common Worship Evening Prayer at St Mark's

### Monday 6th March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 8th March

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

### Thursday 9th March

10.15am Midweek Communion at All Saints'

### Friday 10th March

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's

### Sunday 12th March

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's  
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'  
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Mark's

### Monday 13th March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 15th March

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk from Crema Coffee Shop  
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

### Sunday 19th March

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's  
11.00am Informal Service with Communion at All Saints'  
6.30pm Compline. A quiet reflective service at St Mark's

### Monday 20th March

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

### Wednesday 22nd March

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

### Saturday 25th March

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

### Sunday 26th March - CLOCKS GO FORWARD

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's  
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'  
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Mark's

### Monday 27th March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Tuesday 28th March

12noon Silver Service at St Mark's

## Wednesday 29th March

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's  
8.00pm Practice the Presence of God at The Rectory

## APRIL 2017

### Sunday 2nd April

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'  
NO Whizz Kids  
6.30pm Common Worship Evening Prayer at St Mark's

### Monday 3rd April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 5th April

9.00am NO Women's Walk&Talk (Easter Holidays)

### Saturday 8th April

7.45am Men's Walk from village shops car park

### Sunday 9th April

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's  
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'  
6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Mark's



## Easter Lilies

*A time to remember  
your loved ones*

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

If you would like to commemorate someone please contact Jan who will arrange this for you. The lilies and scroll will be in church from 15th April.

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

Thank you

*Jan Vigar 01344 411267*



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## FROM YOUR RECTOR



### "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten"

by Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need  
Too know about how to live  
And what to do and how to be  
I learned in kindergarten.

Wisdom was not at the top  
Of the graduate school mountain,  
But there in the sandpit at Sunday school.

These are the things I learned;

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life

Learn some and think some

And draw and paint and sing and dance

And play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world,

Watch out for traffic,

Hold hands and stick together.

Be aware of wonder.

Or to put it another way, as Jesus said:

*In everything, do to others what you would  
have them do to you.*

*Matthew's gospel, Chapter 7 verse 12.*

*Luke*

*From the Registers: February 2017*

### Baptisms



Liam Aiden Waistell

Rhodri Elis Adams

## Easter Services

at

**All Saints' Church,  
Binfield**

**Ash Wednesday 1st March**

7.30pm

**Maundy Thursday 13th April**

7.30pm

**Good Friday 14th April**

**An Hour at the Cross**

2.00pm

**Easter Sunday 16th April**

8.15am, 9.30am, 11am

(6.30pm at St Mark's)

# NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S



All Saints'  
Repair & Care

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

*All Saints' Church Needs Your Help!*

### *Fundraising Update*

Donations received:	Binfield PCC:	Charitable Grants:
<b>£70,101</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£42,000</b>

**NEW TOTAL**  
**212,101**

Phase 1 Project Cost: £230,000

Phase 1 preparation work starting March 2017  
Total projected project cost: £750,000



### **Almost There!!**

We are now so close to reaching our first target, standing at just over 90% of the way towards the amount needed to pay for the first phase of repairs. Preparations are underway to have a contractor ready to start on the work on All Saints' as soon as possible.

We are continuing to look at ways we can push on to raise the total amount needed for Phase 1, and to look towards carrying on the work in the next Phase!

Lent is coming early this year, so if you are planning to give up chocolate or wine, perhaps you might consider donating the money you save to the project.

Or do you think your employer might consider making a donation? Thanks to a great suggestion from a member of the congregation, we have created a template for members of the Parish to use to approach their employers and to ask them to consider making a donation to the project. The Business Donation Letter is available to download via the website at [www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk/howtohelp](http://www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk/howtohelp), or email the fundraising team or church office and ask for a copy. We would be happy to give them publicity in return for their contribution!

As ever, look out for details of events coming soon (like our live music night featuring fantastic local band Dads R Loud at the end of April), or send through any other ideas – it will all help us raise that final amount!

With thanks,  
The Fundraising Team

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

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

- **Cheque:** please send a cheque to the church office, made payable to "Binfield PCC Church Repairs"  
Include your name and address especially if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim Gift Aid.
- **BACS:** a/c no: 03290131 sort code: 20-11-74  
Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs
- **JustGiving:** See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and set up your own fundraising page at: <http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/binfield-pcc/binfieldarcproject>
- **JustTextGiving:**  
Text "BARC16 £10" to 70070 (or your amount)  
Don't forget to Gift Aid it if you are a UK tax payer – this will add an extra 25% to your donation! Ask at the church office for more details.  
Please also ask at the office for ways to add to your regular giving if you belong to the congregation.

Please contact us at [fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)  
See our website for more information on our project, easy links to fundraising and dates for upcoming events:

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

### **ARC Fundraising Events – got any ideas?**

We are looking for some great new fundraising ideas to help us save our historic church.

We know some ideas are currently being put into place but we are always looking for new ones! If you have an idea but feel that you might need support to make it happen please come to the church office at St Mark's to have a chat about it. We can offer assistance with printing and promotion and even offer St Mark's as a venue.  
**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

**Tuesday 28th March**  
**12 noon**  
**at St Mark's Church**

We'd love to meet you and please bring your friends too!

If you would like 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 10th March**

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 Date: Saturday 25th March**

"2016 - Was this the year of a new Democracy in action?"

07.30 "Smell the Coffee"  
07.45 "On the Soapbox"  
08.45 "On your Bikes"



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## WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



1st March Meet at Crema at 9am  
15th March Meet at Crema at 9am or St Michaels Church, Warfield at 9.15am for a walk to Fernygrove Farm Café  
5th April NO WALK as Easter Holidays  
**For more information contact Gisele Taylor or Claire Thomas on 07724 889169**

## MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



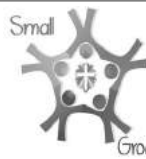
**Saturdays:**

**4th March, 8th April and 6th May**

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

**Be ready for all weathers!**

Contact Clive Betteridge for more information  
01344 450260 or [clive.betteridge@ntlworld.com](mailto:clive.betteridge@ntlworld.com)



## Small Group Meetings

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

# CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS AND COMMUNITY

## Hey Everyone!

I hope you are enjoying being back at school and seeing all your friends. The weather is starting to warm up, which means soon we will be able to do more outdoor activities! As usual, we've been busy here at Whizz Kids.

We had the pleasure of hosting the kids from St. Michael's Church, Warfield for a movie morning, and it was great fun. Over 80 kids in total were there, and that's a lot of popcorn! It was amazing having over 5 congregations under one roof, having fun and praising together. Hopefully, we can do more activities with other churches in the future!

One of the sessions this month was run by the amazing Claire Murphy and Jo Foster while I was away, and they did a fantastic job! Biscuits were decorated, towers were made, and all the kids had an ace time, so a huge thank you to them! We are so lucky to have so many great volunteers in Binfield, so thank you to all the helpers at Whizz Kids, we could not do this without you!

We are planning a trip to Gravity Force in March, which will be open to all the Whizz Kids in school years 1-6. Dates to follow, so if you are interested in joining us please drop me an email and we can book you a place. You don't have to attend Whizz Kids to join us, we would love new people to join us, so feel free to invite your friends along!

The Wilderness Walk will be coming back in 2017, and with even more additions than last year. We will be raising money for the ARC project, as we are nearly at the target for the first stage of refurbishments! We are doing all we can to help with the fundraising for the Church, so let me know if you have any more ideas for how we can get involved.

*Daisy* — Children's Worker  
[daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com)



**Whizz Kids**

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP: 11am-12noon @ St Mark's Church

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**All children welcome - Bring your friends**

(Leaders have enhanced DBS clearance)



### **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

## YOUTH CHOIR Aged 7+

Practice is on Thursday's  
6.30-7.30pm at  
St Mark's and 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

# 3G



3 Generations playing together!

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



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

For more info contact Jan Watts: 01344 305965



## JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

on Binfield Tennis Courts

Monday April 10th - Friday April 14th

Beginners: 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

Intermediates: 10.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Contact: Mr T. Usher: 01344 487514 tim\_usher@yahoo.co.uk



## Binfield Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 6th to Monday 17th April 2017



It's back! Last year's Easter Egg Hunt around the village  
was **eggsellent** fun and helped to raise much needed funds  
for Binfield Pre-school.

**Would you like to join in and make and display your own egg? It's FREE to take part and we need to close  
entries at midnight on Friday 31st March so that we can produce and print the maps in time.**

Register here: [form.jotformeu.com/70285270692358](http://form.jotformeu.com/70285270692358)

Find us on [facebook.com/binfieldeasteregghunt](https://facebook.com/binfieldeasteregghunt)



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# HELPING EACH OTHER

## Keeping you informed

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

If you are not already on it but would like to receive information and updates on what we are doing here in Binfield, please email the church office on [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) or call on 01344 421079

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

## PASTORAL CARE VISITING TEAM - need a friend?



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

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

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

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

## All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



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

### We are currently looking for help with:

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

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

## Praying for and with you



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

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)

### Curate:

Revd Nigel Richards  
07831 258249  
[richards-nigel1@sky.com](mailto:richards-nigel1@sky.com)

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Dave Saunders  
07834 459672

Neil Harrison  
01344 455174

### Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins  
01344 411681

### Bell Tower Captain:

David Creasy  
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### Church Office:

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**All enquiries for weddings and baptisms**

### Office opening hours:

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
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07809 736372

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### 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)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## News from the Parish Office – March 2017

### Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Parish Office adjacent to Foxley Fields



Date	Meeting	Time
Tuesday 14 March	Parish Council	8.00pm
Tuesday 21 March	Planning & Transportation Committee	8.00pm

### Upcoming Events – Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Thursday 18 May	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> - the electors meeting – an opportunity for all residents to come and find out about the work of the council in the previous and coming year.
Sunday 21 May	<b>The Binfield 10k</b> – now an annual event, a great run around Binfield Parish.

### Parking. Parking. Parking.

Many of us are affected by the challenges caused from inconsiderate parking. This is the number one cause of complaints received here at the Parish Office. Whether to do with the school run, Saturday morning football or someone blocking a drive to pop to a shop it's a real bug bear throughout the parish. The Neighbourhood Policing team are trying to support by being around at peak congestion times but that isn't always possible.

This is not just the rambling of the short, feisty Northerner in the Parish Office... This is actually "legal stuff" that you will find in the Highway Code – you may have read that, many moons ago, in order to pass your driving test...!

In particular see rule 243! You can find the Highway code at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Here are the biggest issues reported:

The yellow zigzags outside of schools - It is NEVER acceptable to park on these. OK? That's just the way it is. Sorry you are late for a meeting, but no, you can't just throw your kids out here. The offenders know who they are, they think "it just takes a second" but everyone knows they know it's not OK! And if you don't do it when the Neighbourhood Policing Team are on duty, don't do it when they aren't!

On double yellow lines outside of the chemist – (or any other double yellow lines for that matter) unless you display a disabled permit. For the rest of you, everyone else thinks you are a lazy toe rag\*. Everyone - they are all looking at you and thinking "you lazy toe rag". No-one cares if you are picking up verruca medicine or special fried rice, the double yellow lines are there for a reason, and these aren't it. PS... it doesn't matter if you are on the road side of the yellow lines or the pavement.... See below

On verges and pavements. Some people go out without cars. I know.....who knew? Walkers, with or without dogs, people in wheelchairs or with mobility scooters, people with small children, runners. You may recall doing this at some point before you became so attached to your vehicle. Churning up verges and causing lots of mud isn't nice and parking on pavements so that people have to go into the road – it's rude and frankly can be quite dangerous. Those parking on yellow lines AND on the pavement.... Do I need to spell it out... double TOE RAG!

\* they are probably calling you something worse but, hey, it's the Beacon! We needed to be able to print this! For the record, I cannot find an actual definition of a 'Toe Rag'. I am assured by my colleagues "it's just a Northern thing"

The Parish Council are looking at how parking can be improved but the Parish doesn't own land it can turn into parking, bar the extension to the car park we are already planning at Benetfeld Road. So, in the absence of extra parking being provided it is down to all drivers to ensure they park as safely as they drive.

And yes, of course, this is written a bit tongue in cheek, and certainly not aimed at offending anyone but this is a real issue that is not going to go away unless people take responsibility for their role in it.

We'll be back next month with a more sensible update about projects and other parish goings on. But we will remind you that you have an opportunity to nominate deserving people around the Community for a Parish People's Award. Pick up a form at the Parish Office or on our website and email it back to us. As the Annual Parish meeting will now be held in May we have extended the deadline until the end of March.

Ally, Amanda & Janet

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on THURSDAY 23rd March 2017

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community so do come and join us.

We look forward to welcoming you



## Binfield CE Primary School SCIENCE WEEK!

The last week of school before the  
February half-term was amazing!

Our Science Enrichment week created a real buzz around the school and the children have been completely engaged by our visiting scientists and the experiments they have undertaken during the week. The learning objectives and values for the week were: To ask questions, to understand and make links, to discover together and to enjoy the week. We think we can safely say that the children achieved all these objectives!

We received a lovely letter from a parent explaining how much her son has enjoyed the week and how he can't wait to try more experiments at home. She concluded by saying: 'Thank you for igniting a love of science this week!'

In addition to our visitors, we were lucky enough to have Miss Hill talking to the children about what being a member of the Binfield Badger Society involves, and Mrs Slocombe who shared with the children her love of archaeology and experiences of 'Big Digs'!

We would like to thank our visiting Scientists this week: Mr Weston, Miss Ford, Mr Gough, Dr Boehmer, Mrs Hall and Dr Murphy. We would also like to give special thanks to Miss Hughes for doing such a brilliant job of organising such a fantastic week of activities for the children.



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## News from Binfield Patient Group

**SEPSIS AWARENESS:** The UK Sepsis Trust estimates that there are more than 120,000 cases of sepsis and around 37,000 sepsis deaths each year in England. A nationwide campaign was launched on 19<sup>th</sup> December, principally aimed at parents and carers of young children aged up to 4 years, which will help them to recognise the symptoms of sepsis to protect young children and save lives.

Leaflets are available at your GP surgery.

**COMBATING LONELINESS:** A recent study featured in the British Medical Journal found that loneliness and isolation are associated with a 30% higher risk of having a stroke or developing heart disease. The health impact of loneliness is said to be the equivalent of smoking 15 cigarettes a day. More than three quarters of GP's nationally report that they see between one and five lonely people a day. A report by the Local Government Association, which represents more than 370 councils in England and Wales, warn that the impact of loneliness and isolation on health and social care mean that it must be recognised as a major public health issue. There are thought to be over one million people aged over 65 who are lonely- around 10-13% of older people. This is likely to increase as people live longer. If you know of a lonely person, please contact your local council to see if any help is available.

**CHANGE4LIFE CAMPAIGN:** Recent newspaper headlines highlighted the fact that many children consume half the daily recommended sugar intake before school. Public Health England's new Change4Life campaign urges parents to take more control of their children's diets. A new free app has been developed to highlight just how much sugar, saturated fat and salt can be found in everyday food and drink that their children consume. It works by scanning the barcode of foods helping parents compare brands and features food detective activities for children and mini missions the whole family can enjoy. You can download the free Be Food Smart App from the iTunes Store or Google Play.

**EMISACCESS RECORDS:** Join us at Binfield Library on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February or 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm to 3.00pm for information on how to access your medical records and order repeat prescriptions from your computer.

*Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group*



### Binfield Garden Club

On February 2nd Jim Buttress talked to us about his experiences as Superintendent of The Royal Parks and we were all certainly “royally” entertained!

Jim, who began as an apprentice gardener at 15 and worked his way up to the top job, said it had all been a pleasure and honour. He retired early due to the immense changes caused by privatisation and went on to cruise the world giving on-board talks, helped Tom Hart-Dyke make his famous World Garden, and now is a judge for RHS shows and appears on radio and tv programmes.

Jim gave us an interesting insight into all the precision planning and care that make our Royal Parks the best of any city in the world, totalling almost 5 thousand acres including 15 miles of river and 21 lakes and ponds in central London. 14 million plants are raised each year in the Parks’ own nurseries under 11 acres of glass to ensure there is colour somewhere all year round. Plants are grown individually in pots bigger than themselves to avoid becoming pot-bound and are often sprayed with growth retardant to produce the wonderful uniform displays. In the Spring, 5 thousand extra tulips are grown as reserves, enabling any gaps due to damage to be replaced overnight.

London’s highrise buildings help protect the parks from severe frosts and snow but today’s cleaner air means more black spot and rust to deal with. Thousands of trees were lost to Dutch Elm disease and the fight is now on to save Horse Chestnuts, oak and beech from similar problems.

Jim showed us photos of many beautiful areas, herbaceous borders, the rose garden in Regents Park and the 40 acres of azaleas in Isabella Plantation, Richmond Park which certainly rival our Savill Gardens and entry is free!

Over the years, organisation and responsibility for these wonderful parks has changed and today with their Charitable status and trustees and no government funding, events must be staged to ensure income so the parks regularly come alive with concerts, sports activities and much more.

How thankful we must be that the Crown Land Acts 1851 had the vision to preserve these wonderful open spaces, open from dawn to dusk and welcoming 77.7 million visitors a year.

We certainly enjoyed Jim’s talk which was also peppered with anecdotes, including one of him sitting with the Queen Mother admiring the flowers and sharing large glasses of her “little something!”

After tea-time, a thank you to Jim, any questions and the excellent raffle, the competition winners for a bowl of hyacinths were announced as 1st Christine Leonard, 2nd Belinda Thornhill, 3rd Liz Ferris and 4th Nancy Bowen. Congratulations.

March 2nd will be our AGM and The Committee would be delighted to recruit some new helpers, so if anyone feels they could join our friendly happy bunch, please put your name forward. There is only one Committee Meeting a month.

Following the AGM business there will be a talk by Sarah Hyde about Lilies. The competition is “A Vase of Spring Flowers”.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome at our meetings. First Thursday of every month, 7.15pm at Binfield Memorial Hall.

For more details, see our website [binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com) or find us on Facebook.

*Sue Jeffery*



### The Binfield Belles

Binfield WI is now nearly 99 years old, we have a wide range of ages in our group and every month some visitors and new members, in those first years a small group of ladies in Binfield village met for meetings in their own homes. How times have changed or have they? On a rather cold January evening a large number of my Binfield Ladies slid along to the Memorial Hall in the snow to meet for the first meeting in the year.

Our speaker Janet also braved the weather to talk about Linus quilts over the last few years patchwork quilts have become more fashionable again, years ago all the small pieces of fabric used very often had a significance baby’s first dress, dad’s shirt, pieces of fabric from all places. Nowadays you can equally as well use those things but also fabric pieces are available to buy. Linus quilts are made in volunteer’s homes and donated to the charity, some go to babies in hospitals others to people who have lost their belongings in fires or other circumstances. Enjoyed by children in cancer wards. In all shapes and sizes, beautiful colours and designs, each individual to the maker. It seems a lovely way to give to such a worthy cause so satisfying, although the amount of work is very great. Really enjoyed by all the belles, followed by a break for that coffee and cake and a name the baby competition. Scarves and handbags were brought in for selling on, good for fundraising and helps the spring declutter. The committee are now planning for the spring and summer and we have some visits in the pipeline including an afternoon tea and a visit to Windsor barracks; they all like a man in uniform!

For all those crafty ladies we have a new banner to design and make for 2018 and some theatre visits and coffee mornings thrown in. The last at Wyevalle was popular and then one at Lavender Park planned in Ascot, good place for catch-up’s and chatting to new members.

Signing off for this month on a breezy Sunday. Looking forward to the year ahead, sees our AGM on the 9th March 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall and whether we stand the test of time as President and Committee all will be revealed next time. Call me for details or pop into the meeting.

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## Binfield Library News

Word finally seems to have got around and the library is definitely getting used more. A good example of this is our Thursday morning Bounce & Rhyme session where last week we hit an all-time record and had over 50 mums, dads, grans and kiddies. We are running out of room and might have to start moving the furniture about! We have a really enthusiastic crowd who, thankfully, join in with all the songs and rhymes and are patiently teaching me new songs. We have had some Makaton training so are hoping we will be adding lots of signs to our singing. So keep coming and spread the word that the library is a friendly place to visit.

For those kiddies who are a bit older Nicola is now running a 'Sticky Kids' session every other Saturday. This is a music and movement session for children up to 4 years old with not a glue stick in sight! Held at 11 am, the next dates are the 4th and 18th March. If you are working during the week this is the activity for you and your little ones.

Here is a quick summary of dates for your diary:

### Children's Events:

LEGO group is on Monday 6th March at 3.30pm.

Art Club is meeting on Monday 13th March at 3.15pm for children between the ages 5 and 9. The 50p charge is to cover the cost of the materials.

Children's Knitting session is after school on Thursday 23rd March. All materials provided.

Bounce & Rhyme sessions are every Thursday at 9.30 am and are very popular. Please come and teach us some new songs or maybe can how to sign? We open at 9 am and you can enjoy a coffee and chat with your friends. Singing is followed by a Tots craft, a simple craft involving lots of glue and stickers!

Story time is moving to Friday afternoons at about 2.30 pm., timed to fit in with collecting children from school. We will also be trying some simple rhymes and attempting to do some jigsaws.

Crafts are back to Tuesday afternoon; drop in sessions finishing about 4.30 pm. We rely on small donations to keep these craft sessions going, thank you.

### Adult Events:

Knit and Natter is on Monday 6th March at 2 pm and Saturday 18th March. New knitters are very welcome

Brain Gym is on Thursday 9th March at 11 am. Come and join us for a brain workout and you also get tea and cake! Last month we were working out Homophones, intrigued, then come and join us!

Are you new to Binfield? Drop in for a chat, make new friends and exercise those brain cells at our Coffee morning and Quiz, Thursday 23rd March.

Rummikub is on Friday 24th March at 2 pm. We play both the numbers and letters version of this game and novices are always welcome.

The drop in book group meets on last Monday evening of the month at 5.30 pm. Last month we read the latest book by Isabel Allende, 'The Japanese Lover'. This multigenerational love story was set both in the war and modern times. We try to read something we would normally never pick up so this month we are reading 'Black Rabbit Hall' by Eve Chase. Why not drop in to collect the book and join us on Monday 27th March.

The Historical Group is meeting on the 24th March at 11.15am.

Board games session on Monday 13th March at 2 pm. If you enjoy scrabble or dominoes etc., why not drop in for this new activity. We are open to ideas about games we could play.

Please contact the Library for any further details on any of our events.

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

We look forward to welcoming you to the library.

The Binfield Library team:  
Helen, Chris, Fiona, Gillian, Margo & Sarah

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



## COMMUNITY

### Pamper & Prosecco Evening

SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 6PM – 11PM AT BINFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enjoy an evening of mini beauty sessions, shopping and prosecco with your Sister, Mum, Granny, Aunty and friends. All are welcome to come and relax and have a giggle together before Mother's Day

Pamper sessions 6-9 – book mini pamper sessions in advance  
Bar open until 11pm – Featuring the Binfield Prosecco Experience Bar!  
Tickets £4 includes a complimentary glass of prosecco (softer alternatives available)

Buy tickets and book pamper sessions at [www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs)

To book a stall at this event, email Jo Maher at:  
[events@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:events@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk)

## SPORTS



### Binfield Cricket Club

Although we are still in winter, for those of us cricket loving folks, the start of the cricket season cannot come soon enough! During the autumn we invested heavily in installing new and extensive

drainage to the ground – with the hope that should we get a repeat of last Spring's unseasonably wet weather – it will not affect matches going ahead.

As always, we are looking for new players - we have teams to suit all abilities so whatever your standard we'd be delighted to hear from you! We also welcome any potential umpires, scorers and anybody who simply wants to have a lazy afternoon watching cricket in safe, friendly surroundings.

If you are interested, please register on the website  
[www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk) ( please

note - this does not mean you are committing yourself to play every game ! )

Our pre-season nets also start at the end of February at Wellington College on a Sunday evening - details below and also on the website and our Facebook page. Please feel free to pop along to a session, we look forward to seeing you.

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

### PRE-SEASON INDOOR NETS SESSIONS

ALL TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

Date	Time	Location	Groups
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> of Feb			
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> of March	6pm – 8pm	Wellington College Sports Club	U15's, U17's, U19's and Seniors
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> of March			
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> of March		REST WEEK	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> of March			
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of April	6pm – 8pm	Wellington College Sports Club	U15's, U17's, U19's and Seniors
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> of April			





# COMMUNITY

## Upcoming dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th March Stay & Play Breakfast: Home for Good (see below)  
 Tuesday 7th March Newbold College Diversity Lecture 7.30pm (see below)  
 Saturday 25th March Binfield Primary School FOBS: Pamper & Prosecco evening 6-11pm  
 Saturday 29th April Band Night at St Mark's: Live music from Dads R Loud - watch this space!  
 Email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk to list your event for free!

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

The **BINFIELD 10K** 

**10am Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

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

Plans are well under way for the 2017 Binfield 10K!! Last year we enjoyed great success with our very first community Binfield 10K to help raise money for FOBS (Friends of Binfield School) and we are hoping to achieve the same this year, with even more local groups and charities to benefit.

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

**If you don't fancy running yourself, why don't you get involved and become a Marshal? It's a great way to support the run and be part of a truly wonderful community day. Please email [volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk) if you are interested in helping. Thank you!**

Spaces to run are going fast: as of the middle of February we are already way over 300 runners and we have a maximum of 600—so don't delay, if you want to run sign up today: [www.binfield10k.co.uk/entries](http://www.binfield10k.co.uk/entries)

If you are interested in finding out more, please email [enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk)

**Run / Jog / Walk**

**#runbinfield**

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Reading

## Upcoming Events

Stay and Play Breakfast - a fun session for the families to join together for play and breakfast:

**4th March 2017**  
[reading@homeforgood.org.uk](mailto:reading@homeforgood.org.uk)

Interested in Fostering and Adoption - drop-in information session:

**Saturday 11th March 2017 10am-12pm**  
 at St Matthew's Church, 205 Southcote Lane, Reading, RG30 3AX

Monthly Stay & Play - For all Bracknell and Wokingham adoptive families, and Special Guardians:

**Saturday 25th March 2017**  
**9.30-11.30am**  
[wokingham@homeforgood.org.uk](mailto:wokingham@homeforgood.org.uk)

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**LECTURES SPRING 2017**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Dr. David Landrum, Director of Advocacy at the Evangelical Alliance.

*Christianity, Free Speech and the Challenges of Secularism*

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Dr. Jenny Taylor, Director, Lapido Media, Centre for Religious Literacy in Journalism  
*Fear and Loathing in the Newsroom: how journalists understand religion*

All lectures will be held at 19.30. in the Smith Centre, Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, St Mark's Road, Binfield. RG42 4AN. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.



**Party 'Bye' The Pitch**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017**



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

Put the date in your diary now!

Tickets on Sale in June. More details to follow soon.

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