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To help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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

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)
- 10.00am NO 3G Group at St Mark's (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'
- NO Whizz Kids (Easter Holidays)
- 11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'
- 6.30pm Passiontide Songs of Praise at St Mark's

Monday 10th April

- 9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 12th April

- 10.00am NO 3G Group at St Mark's (Easter Holidays)

Thursday 13th April

- 10.15am Mid Week Holy Communion at All Saints'
- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints'

Friday 14th April - GOOD FRIDAY

- 2.00pm An Hour at the Cross at All Saints'

Sunday 16th April - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
- 9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
- NO Whizz Kids
- 11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'
- 12noon Easter Egg Hunt at All Saints'

Monday 17th April

- 9.30am NO Time of Prayer at St Mark's (Easter Monday)
- 8.00pm Practice the Presence of God at The Rectory

Wednesday 19th April

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

Friday 20th April

- 10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

Saturday 22nd April

- 7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 23rd 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'
- 12.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting at All Saints'
- with Bring'n'share lunch
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer at St Mark's

Monday 24th April

- 9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 25th April

- 12noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 26th April

- 10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Sunday 30th 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

MAY 2017

Monday 1st May

- No Time of Prayer (Bank Holiday)

Wednesday 3rd May

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

Saturday 6th May

- 7.45am Men's Walk from village shops car park

Sunday 7th May

- 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

ClothesBank

Clothing for those in need

There are many men, women and children of all ages in our area in need of basic clothing and shoes that they just can't afford. Launched in 2015, ClothesBank continues to be a huge success thanks to everyone who donates clothing and the army of volunteers who help sort it and work tirelessly at the Giving Events.

April Giveaway

We really need donations of children's clothes for 4-18yrs old both boys and girls plus young adult clothing men and women's please

Please can donations be dropped off at St Marks during office hours Weds, Thurs, and Friday 9am -midday 19th to 21st April and then only, as we will have space ready to receive the clothes. (Monday is the bank holiday so the office will be closed)

We can also accept clothing at All Saints' during church services on Sunday 16th and 23rd April.

Thank you!



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FROM YOUR RECTOR



Father Kolbe

Several years ago, Tony Campolo had the opportunity to visit Auschwitz, that horrendous Nazi prison camp. He writes; *to go to that place is a horrific experience. It's not what you see, but what*

you feel that affects you. Something ugly lingers. Vicious hatred and sadness seem to be in the very air you breathe. Beyond all of that, there is a permeating sense of evil. Of all the things that struck me as I toured that demonic place, I was perhaps most moved by this one large room where there was a huge pile of children's shoes. I couldn't help but think of all the children who had once worn them, and how their lives had been destroyed by the diabolical anti-Semitism of the Nazis. But, there was one thing the tour guide showed me that lifted my spirits. It was the cell of a Roman Catholic priest, Father Maximilian Kolbe. He had done something magnificent with his life, even in that terrible place. He had been a blessing in a place that was cursed.

The Nazi captors had an ugly way of deterring prisoners from trying to escape. If ever someone did escape, all the remaining prisoners were lined up and six were chosen at random to be hung. Nevertheless, there were escapes. After one escape, the six men picked for death stood on the scaffold with ropes around their necks, when something incredible happened. Before the trapdoors could be opened and their bodies hung, Father Kolbe asked to be heard. He pled with the commandant to let him take the place of one of the men who were about to die. Pointing to one particular man Franciszek Gajowniczek, he said, "He's from my village. I know him. He's a good man and he has a wife and several children. On the other hand, I am a priest. I am not married and I have no children at all. I do not have a family that needs me. Let me be hung in his place!"

The commandant acceded to this startling request and Father Kolbe took the place of the designated man on the gallows, and a few moments later was dead. This was love in action. And, as has been said over and over again, there is no greater love than the love that would cause one person to lay down his life for another.

When Tony visited the cell that had once held Father Kolbe, the tour guide pointed out a vase that contained fresh flowers. She explained that when the war was over the man who had been saved by Father Kolbe's sacrifice moved his family to the town of Auschwitz so that they could regularly come to the cell and place flowers there, to revere the man who had sacrificed so much for them.

Isn't that what happens at Easter? We remember a man who sacrificed his life, so that you and I could live, now, and in heaven. The Bible puts it like this, *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3 verse 16.* I guess the only questions that remains is will you? I don't mean will you literally lay down your life for others, although you might have to one day, I mean, will you lay down your ego, your choice, your desire, your wants, your always having the last word, or, stop putting others down and instead build them up?

Will you lay these down so that someone else can live? Will you follow Father Kolbe's example and in some small way, help someone else to live?

Luke

Excerpt from: Let Me Tell You a Story: Life Lessons from Unexpected Places and Unlikely People by Tony Campolo

From the Registers: March 2017

Baptisms



Louis Ashley Renouf-Nicholls

Jack Henry Tranter

Funerals

Anne Marie Clegg

Eileen King

Jeffrey Clayton

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!

Donations received:	Binfield PCC:	Charitable Grants:
£95,848	£100,000	£42,000

NEW TOTAL: £237,848

Phase 1 Project Cost: £230,000

Phase 1 repairs expected start May 2017.

Total projected project cost: £750,000

Fundraising Update

THANKS TO YOU ALL...Phase 1 is GO!

We have raised the money needed to cover the first repairs to All Saints' Church! We are amazed that it only took us a year to get here after the project was launched in March 2016.

A contractor has now been selected and the actual repair work is being scheduled to start in May, with an aim to complete by August time.

However, Phase 1 only identified the most critical work needed, and we really need to keep raising money so that necessary repair work can continue in other areas.

So now it's on to fundraising for Phase 2...!!

To start us off, the Fundraising Team have sent out letters to local businesses registered in Binfield, Katie Dover has run her 10th out of 10 races and raised over £500 for the project (thank you Katie! You can still donate justgiving.com/fundraising/Catherine-Dover) and we are really looking forward to hearing Dads R Loud play at the live music night on 29th April at St Mark's – make sure you get your tickets too.

We are also excited to host our water station/spectator area up at All Saints' for the Binfield 10k again on 21st May. We would love to have volunteers to help hand out water to thirsty runners and cheer them on!

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"
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- **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

See our website for more information on our project, easy links to fundraising and dates for upcoming events:

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!



HELPING EACH OTHER

Keeping you informed

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

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

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

PASTORAL CARE VISITING TEAM - need a friend?



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

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

Jane Aylwin	tel. 481692
Jill Hanson	tel. 452694
Margareta Hawkins	tel. 411681
Sarah Muller	tel. 428782
Jan Vigar	tel. 411267
Daphne Steel	tel. 452450
Gisele Taylor	tel. 07724 889169
Dave Dawson	tel. 360389

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

All Saints' and St Mark's Volunteers



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

We are currently looking for help with:

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

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

Praying for and with you



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

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

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

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01344 455174

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01344 421079
office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All enquiries for weddings and baptisms

Office opening hours:

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
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Church Website:

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

ARC Fundraising Team

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We'd love to hear from you—if you have any feedback on the Binfield Beacon, please send your comments, suggestions and compliments to The Editor, Binfield Beacon, c/o Church Office (see above for details). Thank you.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS AND COMMUNITY



Hey Everyone!

Hope you are all doing really well, and enjoying the run-up to Easter, with plenty of pancakes and chocolate. We've got loads coming up this month so keep your eyes and ears peeled for info...



We are in the middle of our Easter series at the moment, where we are learning about the events that happened in the last week of Jesus' life. We are creating a huge timeline, so we can see what happened on what days, like Palm Sunday and the Last Supper. Haniya and Bethany decided to make their own versions of



the wine used at the Last Supper, very creative! We've been learning about these events through stories, craft, and even acting. In other Easter news, we have the chocolate egg hunt at All Saint's on Easter Sunday, so make sure you're there for that!



We are also heading to Gravity Force on Sunday 30th April in the afternoon for a social, so it's a great opportunity to bring your friends and come and bounce around with us! This trip is open to anyone in school years 1-6, but we will need over 18's to help us supervise, whether you go for a bounce or not is up to you! You will need to book a place for this, so make sure you email me to ensure your space!



As a community, we have raised enough for the first stages of All Saints' Church refurbishment, which is amazing news! We will continue using the pocket money saved by Whizz Kids to split between the ARC project and a charity of the kids' choice, and will have more fundraising activities this year too.

We are also looking for some young leaders, who can be from school year 7-11 to help us out some Sundays, so if you are interested in children's work, or perhaps need somewhere to volunteer for DoFE, let us know, it would be great to have you on board!

Hope you all have an Egg-cellent Easter, (sorry, it had to be done!) and I hope to see you soon!

Daisy — Children's Worker daisyriddell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids Dates:

None in Easter Hols, 23rd April, 30th April.



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

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES...GAMES...FUN...AND MUCH MORE!!

A group for children of school years 1-6 every Sunday (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

All children welcome - Bring your friends

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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. Extra parking available at Newbold.

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.



The eggs have been laid (beautifully created) and are hidden around the village and will be available to be found between the above dates — purchase your map(s - one map per prize) from the Binfield Village stores or Crema Coffee shop and have fun seeking out the all the eggs - can you spot them all??

Find us on facebook.com/binfieldeasteregg hunt



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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 25th April
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

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

Next Date: Saturday 22nd April
"The Perfect Democracy"

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)



5th April NO WALK as Easter Holidays
19th April Meet at Crema at 9am

3rd May Meet at Crema at 9am
17th May Meet at Crema at 9am

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

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 21st April

Please contact Liz for more details at orinocco@hotmail.co.uk

EVERYONE WELCOME
THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN



MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



Saturdays:

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



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)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Parish Office – April 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 4 April	Amenity Committee	8.00pm
Tuesday 11 April	Finance and General Purposes	8.00pm
Tuesday 18 April	Planning & Transportation Committee	8.00pm

Upcoming Events – Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Thursday 18 May	Annual Parish Meeting - 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. Venue: Binfield Memorial Hall
Sunday 21 May	The Binfield 10k – now an annual event, a great run around Binfield Parish. Starts & finishes at Foxley Fields.

New Parish Councillors

We are pleased that William Bell and Jeremy Evans have joined the Parish as Councillors to bring our membership back to eleven. Take a look on our website so that you recognise them and make sure that you say hello. They have become Councillors to serve the community so please talk to them, and all our Councillors, so that they are aware of our local issues.

Dog Issues

We are still having problems with people not picking up after their dogs. Can we remind you that leaving the mess for pedestrians to step in is an offence that can attract a fine. All the bins around the parish can be used to dispose of poo-bags and this council is working to provide more bins where there are few bins and where dog fouling is becoming a greater problem. Wicks Green is the open space for dogs to be off lead, but all other parks managed by the parish are “on lead” areas so that we keep these clean and safe for all users.

Parish Warden

We are really sad to have lost our Warden Steve Jolliffe who has resigned to take on new responsibilities – but really happy that he has an exciting new opportunity to take up in the summer. You may see him around the parish for a while so take the time to wish him well. As this goes to press we are interviewing for a new Warden, so watch this space next month for details.

New Administrator

It really is all change at the Parish Council with a new member of staff. We are delighted to welcome Kirsty Sizeland who will be in the office from Monday-Thursday, mostly mornings. Give the office a ring with your queries and problems and you may well speak to her. She is also working on our website – so we hope to be much more up to date – and other more interactive social media forums. All the better to keep in touch with you all.

Let us know your concerns

If you have parish issues to report and aren't sure where then email binfieldparish.council@btinternet.com or call us on 01344 454602. If you are a user of social media you can notify issues on the Parish Facebook page. Please do not tag personal accounts of members of staff – we are all part time and an issue can go a long time before someone is back on office hours. If an issue needs reporting elsewhere we will always try to point you in the right direction.

Ally, Amanda & Janet

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Community Update

Some of the community may already be aware but PCSO

Michelle Noone will be leaving the team until September on adoption leave as her and her husband become parents to a little girl. This has happened fairly quickly for Michelle meaning she hasn't been able to update everyone in person, I hope you will join me in wishing Michelle well with her new family. Binfield will continue to be covered by PC Darin Stone who will be joined by PCSO Gary Clarke who will split his time between Binfield/Warfield and North Ascot, both will be supported by me and the wider Northern Parishes Team.

In other news - we have seen some recent comments on social media about canisters of nitrous oxide found in local playing parks (small silver/grey canisters). If you do see these being used please do report it via 101 at the time as it is a safeguarding issue.

Also, are you aware of Thames Valley Alerts? This is a good way of keeping up to date with crime prevention information and issues that may concern you. If you would like to receive these alerts you can do this via the Thames Valley Police website or email your name, address and email address to BracknellNorthernParishesNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk with 'TV Alerts' as the heading.

Thanks, PS 5679 Cass Oswald and the team.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Newbold Church: Fundraising Events for ADRA UK's Annual Appeal ADRA's Featured Projects for 2017

UK: Providing disadvantaged people with opportunities to improve their lives through the support of community centres, disability support projects, crisis relief, food banks and soup kitchens.

Nepal: Helping 30,000 smallholder farmers increase their household income through training and providing links to market suppliers.

Swaziland: Addressing disease and malnutrition through training, nutritional coaching, and the provision of drought-tolerant supplies and clean drinking water.

In addition, ADRA works in over 120 countries to provide food security, livelihoods, health, disaster relief, basic education and advocacy.

Contributions to the 2017 ADRA Annual Appeal will also support projects in Somalia, Thailand, Chad and Rwanda.

Newbold Church will be supporting ADRA's projects for 2017 through the following fundraising events:

Door-to-Door Collection from **25th March – 9th April** by licensed volunteers.

Community Concert and bake sale on **Saturday 22nd April at 7:30pm** at Newbold Church, Popeswood Rd, Binfield.

Pampering Event on **Sunday 30th April from 3:00 – 6:00 pm** at Newbold Church, Popeswood Rd, Binfield. One hour packages available, consisting of three different professional treatments e.g. facial, foot massage, back massage. Full Price £25; Student Price £20. To book treatments please contact us at events@newboldchurch.org

Community Auction Dinner on **Sunday 7th May** at Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, St Marks Rd, Binfield. Come and join us for an afternoon of food and the auctioning of competitive goods and services from local businesses and community members.

Car Wash on **Sunday 14th May from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm** at Newbold College, St Marks Rd, Binfield.

You are warmly invited to come and enjoy any of our community fundraising events. For further information you can contact us at

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Binfield CE Primary School

In January we challenged children across the school to write a prayer which illustrates the school's core values. Mr Olney, RE Subject Leader, said: "The children used their power tools to great effect to produce some wonderful pieces which perfectly illustrated their understanding of the school's Christian values". The final prayer is an amalgam of the prayers submitted by children from Y3 to Y6 which best met the criteria.

Our School Prayer

We thank you for our close community here at Binfield School.
Bless us with kindness, friendship and fairness in all that we do.

Help us to act with integrity by making the right choices and to
be true to ourselves, each other and the world.

Give us kind hearts to include the people who are
lonely and the strength and understanding to
collaborate with all of those around us.

Guide us to use our talents to be creative in all
that we do, so that our community can grow
and learn together.

Amen

News from Binfield Patient Group

CAR PARKING: The surgery have informed us of the following:

Unfortunately, from early March four of the surgery parking spaces were lost due to the new house building next to the surgery. The surgery was given notice on 24th February that the spaces were to be taken back by the land owners in the 1st week in March.

For many years there was a tenancy at will in place to allow the surgery to use the extra land as part of the surgery car park. Sadly, when Bracknell Forest Borough Council sold the land to Spitfire Bespoke Homes Ltd for development, they did not take into account the tenancy at will and sold all of the land.

Spitfire Bespoke Homes Ltd now requires the land to build homes and gardens on the site.

The surgery appreciate that it has always been difficult parking at the surgery and really need your patience as it is now going to get even worse. The surgery is still seeking opportunities for land and funding to enable a move to new premises.

MENTAL WELLBEING: When it comes to living a long, healthy life, most people would agree that 'prevention is better than cure'. That's why so many of us these days are quitting smoking, eating a better diet or getting more exercise. But how many of us think about our mental health in the same way? Just like it's not only those with heart disease that need to look after their hearts, it's not only those with mental health conditions that need to look after their mental health. We all do, and good mental health is something we can work towards every day. The Mental Health Foundation suggests you are in good mental health if you can "make the most of your potential, cope with life and play a full part in your family, workplace, community and among friends". In other words, it isn't about never feeling sad, angry or anxious, but more about being able to function and get on with our lives, despite the problems or challenges life throws at us. Look on the following website: www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health/about-mental-health/what-mental-help-for-details.

DR WILLIAM TONG'S retirement party was held at the surgery on 24th March. The surgery doctors, staff and many patients wished Dr Tong a very long and happy retirement paying tribute to his dedication, care and empathy as our GP. The Binfield Patient Group wish Dr Tong well for the future and for a very long and happy retirement.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



Binfield Garden Club

The AGM of Binfield Garden Club was held on Thursday 2nd March. After the Minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved Rosemary Ellis, our Vice Chair, delivered the Chair's report on behalf of Richard who was unable attend due to a long standing prior commitment.

Richard thanked the Committee members for all their support and also other seen and unseen helpers who's help is invaluable in the running of the Club. Our President, Alan Foster, presented gifts to Dot Green and Rosemary Davies who were stepping down from the Committee. Sarah Baker has volunteered to join the Committee and joins the remaining members who were voted in again 'en bloc'.

Annual Awards (for points gained in competitions throughout the year) were then announced and presented by Alan Foster. Congratulation go to 1st Belinda Thornhill, 2nd Nancy Bowen, 3rd Christine Leonard, 4th Roy Cox and Liz Ferris and David Ireland for more than 5 entries.

Following the AGM proceedings, Rosemary introduced our speaker – Sarah Hyde from H W Hyde & Son, specialist growers of lilies and other bulbs and Chelsea Gold Medal winners. Based in Ruscombe, the company was founded in 1926 by her grandfather and Sarah works in the nursery alongside her siblings, Richard and Elizabeth.

Sarah passed round pictures of the many beautiful lilies available to order. Asiatic lilies, the biggest group, are generally unscented and come in a huge variety of colours from snow white to black. They should be planted 6 inches deep, in well drained alkaline soil and are quite hardy. Asiatics were developed as a cut flower, come from the smallest bulbs and produce multiple flowers. Generally the bigger and blowsier the flower, the bigger the bulb and fewer flowers.

Orientials, another large group produced as pot plants, have scented flowers and are now also available in a double form. The colour selection is limited to white, pinks and carmines. Oriental trumpet crosses produce the biggest and most scented flowers and can reach up to 8 feet tall.

To prolong the life of a potted lily bulb, the top surface of compost, down to bulb level, should be replaced on an annual basis.

This month's competition for "A Vase of Spring Flowers" was won by Roy Cox, 2nd Belinda Thornhill, joint 3rd Christine Leonard, Liz Ferris and Nancy Bowen.

Lastly the raffle was drawn and a reminder that the next meeting will be April 6th at 7.15pm, when our speaker will be Paul Barney from Edulis Nursery on "Unusual Edible Plants".

Visitors and new members are always very welcome. Please look at our website binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com for all information or find us on Facebook.

Karen Rance



The Binfield Belles

The Binfield Belles meet on a cold February night to enjoy another evening with friends old and new. Singing Jerusalem to open the meeting and after bit of business settled down to talk and slides on Vermeer a Dutch painter known for the Girl with a Pearl Earring featured in a film more recently. Our speaker was both fascinating and entertaining; her history of this well known painter and entering the world of art in this way was a revelation to all. Many questions followed and much enjoyment expressed over coffee and looking at the entries for our competition of a painting you had personally painted. The talents of some of the girls including a copy of Vermeer's painting. Every month we plot a small competition for members and encourage flowers to be brought in for flower of the month. It's interesting to see what unusual plants some have in their gardens.

Coffee and cake and gossip follow, more business to pursue, many laughs and comments as usual some enjoyed a successful coffee morning at Lavender Park, a necklace bead day where members make a bead necklace this proved to be both difficult for some working out the pattern and the smallness of the beads. However we finally got going and it was a most fun day, lots of chat, laughter and some even managed beautiful necklaces. We thank Margaret for her time and her patience that day. Beads and sequins also featured in a Strictly Sparkly Afternoon where some members attended a talk on the dresses and behind scenes info from Strictly, the lovely costumes were all made by this company within a few days to intricate patterns and for sylph-like figures most of the time. What an insight into this world and lovely to see a display of the dresses they brought along.

Off to see Thoroughly Modern Millie this week, so report next time. Next meeting 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall on April 13th Surviving Wedding Photography with Tony Weston, competition Wedding Photograph. Interested?! Pop in and see us or contact Linda 01344 454503 or 07708 731 294

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Binfield Library News

The library has been very pleased to cooperate with the Binfield surgery recently by providing a location for the promotion of online access to surgery information. This national scheme allows you to make appointments, repeat prescriptions and look at your records from a computer without having to visit or phone the busy surgery. If you haven't got access to a computer at home you can do this at the library and it is really very straight forward, even I have joined up and used it!

In January I wrote about my introduction into the world of libraries. This month it is the turn of Sar our Community Librarian;

I think I was about 11 when I first started volunteering at my local library on a Friday evening. Back then there were no computers (yes you did read that correctly and you probably have an idea how old I am now!!) just a numerical filing system!

The building was an old school house and I'd been a member since I was a toddler; for me it was the best place in the world even though the librarian was really scary (actually she was lovely and became a great friend). That place was my sanctuary, my escapism and after leaving University I got a permanent position there and trained to be a Chartered Librarian which took a number of years, lots of hard work but it was so worth it.

I've worked for lots of different counties, lots of different libraries; public, schools and prisons each different but always the same passion - books!

Apart from a 6 year gap when I trained to be an FE lecturer I have worked in the library my whole career and I feel very lucky to have had so many experiences, to work with outstanding colleagues who are also friends and who are committed to offering such an awesome service. Thank you Binfield for being such a fun place to work!

So that's me and how I got where I am today - Sar

Here is a quick summary of dates for your diary:

Children's Events;

LEGO group is on Monday 3rd April at 3.30pm.

Art Club will be taking a break in April due to the school holiday but there will be an art themed craft session on Monday 10th April at 3pm for children between the ages 5 and 9. The 50p charge is to cover the cost of the materials.

Bounce & Rhyme sessions are every Thursday at 9.30 am and are very popular. Please come and teach us some new songs and join in with our new signs. 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. In the Easter holidays we will put these out earlier in the afternoon and repeat them on the Thursday afternoons. There will be an Easter theme. We rely on small donations to keep these craft sessions going, thank you.

Adult Events;

Knit and Natter is on Monday 3rd April at 2 pm and one week later due to Easter Saturday on Saturday 22nd April. New knitters are very welcome

Brain Gym is on Maundy Thursday, 13th April at 11 am. Come and join us for a brain workout and you also get tea and cake! Last month we tested our maths skills and mine were rather rusty!

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 27th April.

Rummikub is on Friday 28th April 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 'Black Rabbit Hall' by Eve Chase which was a thrilling spiral into the hearts of two women separated by decades but inescapably linked by Black Rabbit Hall. The book encompassed forgotten childhoods, broken dreams, secrets and heartache, and the strength of a family's love. We try to read something we would normally never pick up. This month we are reading 'The Muse' by Jessie Burton. Why not drop in to collect the book and join us on Monday 24th April.

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:

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COMMUNITY

Binfield Badger Group



At our next Public Meeting on **Thursday 20th April**, we are looking forward to welcoming Jayne Morgan from the Happy Hedgehog Rescue a small, self-funded, local animal rescue in Yateley on the borders of North Hampshire, West Surrey and Berkshire.

She will tell us about their work, which is funded entirely from the kind donations of website visitors and friends of the rescue. The aim of the rescue is to rehabilitate the hedgehogs with a full release back into the wild and hopefully back to the area where they were found. Read more at www.happyhedgehog.org.uk This promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

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 Memorial Hall in Binfield and everyone is welcome to attend.

Annelise Hill

Many hands make light work



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SPORTS



April 2017

The redevelopment at the football club is now in full swing. Within a week we will have the roof on the new changing room facility, which will house changing rooms for players and referee's, toilets and a physio room. So far, everything is running to plan and to budget.

During the rebuilding work, our car parking spaces have been cut down quite considerably, which we know has created a problem with parking and some people have been parking in the lane outside. We have reminded all at the club and asked them to let their opposition know too, so that everyone should be aware of our neighbours and respect them.

The changing rooms are on target to be completed by the beginning of May, and then we move inside to revamp the current club house. This will have an improved toilets and give us meeting rooms, which can

be used by the village for various activities. It will also give us a large social space and a modified bar, lots to look forward to.

Our junior tournament takes place at the club on Saturday 13th May for the weekend. This is a prestigious tournament in local circles and we will have 130 teams come to Hill Farm Lane to enjoy the tournament. We have teams come from West London and the South Coast to play and in order to make it run effectively, we have a real army of volunteers to make the day go smoothly.

The football season is drawing to a close and we host the local junior league finals again on May 6th. The bottom line is we have a facility that the area enjoys and wants to come to. The new development will only enhance that position.

If you have never been to the club, please come along, we will make you welcome, and if you are a member, many thanks for your continued support, it is really appreciated.

Bob Bacon, Chair
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COMMUNITY

Upcoming dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th April Newbold College Diversity Lectures—7.30pm
Thursday 20th April Binfield Badger Group Meeting—7.30pm
Saturday 29th April Live Music Night at St Mark's: featuring Dads R Loud - doors 7.30pm
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Spaces to run are going fast: we have less than 100 spaces left (out of 600)—so don't delay, if you want to run sign up today: www.binfield10k.co.uk/entries or you can get entry forms from the library, the parish office and the doctors surgery.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk

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Live Music Night

Saturday 29th April 2017

St. Mark's Church, Binfield

Doors 7.30pm Tickets £8

Bar Available, Tickets include a portion of nachos!



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DIVERSITY CENTRE

LECTURES SPRING 2017

Tuesday 4th 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 8th July 2017



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

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