All Saints' with St Mark's - Binfield Parish Magazine

Binfield Beacon

February 2017

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!

This month...

Fantastic new total for the Binfield ARC project - new ideas needed!



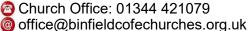
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Children's clothes needed in the 1st week of February









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OUR MISSION:
To help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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

FEBRUARY 2017

Wednesday 1st February

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk from Crema Coffee Shop

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Saturday 4th February

7.30am Men's Walk from village shops car park

Sunday 5th February

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 February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 8th February

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Thursday 9th February

10.15am Midweek Communion at All Saints'

Friday 10th February

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's

Sunday 12th February

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

NO Whizz Kids

6.30pm Evening Prayer service at St Mark's

Monday 13th February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 15th February

9.00am NO Women's Walk and Talk — HALF TERM

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Sunday 19th February

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 February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

8.00pm Practice the Presence of God at The Rectory

Wednesday 22nd February

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Saturday 25th February

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 26th February

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

Monday 27th February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 28th February

12.00noon Silver Service at St Mark's

MARCH 2017

Wednesday 1st March

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk from Crema Coffee Shop

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Saturday 4th March

7.30am 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

From the Registers: December

Baptisms

Finlay Flanagan

Funerals

Walter Webb



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.

Next Giving Event: Wednesday 8th February

Donations of children's clothing and shoes (4yrs plus) is especially needed and can be brought to St Mark's Church from Monday 30th January during office hours

Thank you

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 Thursday 23rd March.

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



A Story for Valentine's Day

Larry and Jo Ann were an ordinary couple. They lived in an ordinary house on an ordinary street. Like any other ordinary couple, they struggled to make ends meet and to do the right things for their children.

They were ordinary in yet another way – they had their squabbles. Much of their conversation concerned what was wrong in their marriage and who was to blame.

Until one day when a most extraordinary event took place. "You know, Jo Ann, I've got a magic chest of drawers. Every time I open them, they are full of socks and underwear," Larry said. "I want to thank you for filling them all these years."

Jo Ann stared at her husband over the top of her glasses. "What do you want, Larry?"

"Nothing. I just want you to know I appreciate those magic drawers."

This wasn't the first time Larry had done something odd, so Jo Ann pushed the incident out of her mind until a few days later.

"Jo Ann, thank you for recording so many correct check numbers in the ledger this month. You put down the right numbers 15 out of 16 times. That's a record."

Disbelieving what she had heard, Jo Ann looked up from her mending. "Larry, you're always complaining about my recording the wrong check numbers. Why stop now?"

"No reason. I just wanted you to know I appreciate the effort you're making."

Jo Ann shook her head and went back to her mending. "What's got into him?" she mumbled to herself.

Nevertheless, the next day when Jo Ann wrote a check at the grocery store, she glanced at her checkbook to confirm that she had put down the right check number. "Why do I suddenly care about those dumb check numbers?" she asked herself.

She tried to disregard the incident, but Larry's strange behavior intensified.

"Jo Ann, that was a great dinner," he said one evening. "I appreciate all your effort. Why, in the past 15 years I'll bet you've fixed over 14,000 meals for me and the kids."

Then, "Gee, Jo Ann, the house looks spiffy. You've really worked hard to get it looking so good." And even "Thanks Jo Ann, for just being you. I really enjoy your company."

Jo Ann was growing worried. "Where's the sarcasm, the criticism?" she wondered.

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Her fears that something peculiar was happening to her husband were confirmed by 16-year old Shelly, who complained, "Dad's gone bonkers, Mom. He just told me I looked nice. With all this makeup and these sloppy clothes, he still said it. That's not Dad, Mom. What's wrong with him?"

Whatever was wrong, Larry didn't get over it. Day in and day out he continued focusing on the positive. Over the weeks, Jo Ann grew more accustomed to her mate's unusual behavior and occasionally even gave him a grudging "Thank you." She prided herself on taking it all in her stride, until one day something so peculiar happened, she became completely discombobulated.

"I want you to take a break," Larry said. "I am going to do the dishes. So please take your hands off that frying pan and leave the kitchen."

(Long, long pause.) "Thank you Larry. Thank you very much!"

Jo Ann's step was now a little lighter, her self-confidence higher and once in a while she hummed. She didn't seem to have as many blue moods anymore. "I rather like Larry's new behavior" she thought.

That would be the end of the story except one day another most extraordinary event took place. This time it was Jo Ann who spoke. "Larry, I want to thank you for going to work and providing for us all these years. I don't think I've ever told you how much I appreciate it." She said.

Larry has never revealed the reason for his dramatic change of behavior no matter how hard Jo Ann has pushed for an answer, and so it will likely remain one of life's mysteries. But it's one I'm thankful to live with. You see, I am Jo Ann.

We may never know what happened to Larry, but maybe he realized the power of this verse from the Bible, and decided to put it into practice, *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs that it may benefit those who listen.* (Ephesians Chapter 4 verse 29). It certainly seemed to work for Jo Ann. Will you try copying Larry and see what happens to those you talk to?

Story taken from, Chicken Soup for the Soul by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen and was written by Jo Ann Larsen.

Luke

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is beneficial for building each other up

Ephesians 4:29

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!

Fundraising Update

Donations received:

Binfield PCC:

Charitable Grants:

£68.707

£100.000

£42.000

NEW TOTAL

210,707

Phase 1 Project Cost: £230,000

Phase 1 preparation work starting Summer/Autumn 2016 Total projected project cost: £750,000

THANK YOU!!

What an incredible year we had last year. We are so overwhelmed by all the support and donations we received since the project started in March 2016. We were able to enjoy walking, cake eating, running (after eating all the cakes!), music and much more together, while money was raised.

There was a flurry of events in the lead-up to Christmas: The 1st Binfield Brownies and Rainbows (and their parents) sang carols to shoppers at Warfield Tesco and raised £363, the Billingbear Golf Club Quiz night raised £340, the Kids Nearly New Sale at St Mark's bought in £168, and the Ladies Fashion event another £214. Thanks to all those who organised and took part.

On top of this, we are really pleased that we have been awarded another grant of £7,000 by ChurchCare and the Wolfson Foundation. This has taken us over the £200,000 mark and to an incredible total to start the year with. We still have a way to go to reach our Phase 1 target, and we'd love to add some more events to our calendar for 2017 so please have a think and let us know.

So we hope and pray that 2017 is a happy and peaceful year for you all, and a successful one for the ARC project!

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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- JustGiving: See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and set up your own fundraising page at: http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/ binfield-pcc/binfieldarcproject
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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?

After the flurry of events before Christmas we are now looking to 2017.

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 Thank you!



All Saints' Repair & Care

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 February 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 February

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

EVERYONE WELCOME
THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN



MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

Next Date: Saturday 25th February

"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"



Our Speciality: BACON & EGG BAPS for more information contact Tony on 07596 461160

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



1st and 3rd Wednesday every month, except August

Meet at Crema Coffee Shop at 9am

1st February 15th February - No Walk (Half Term) 1st March

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



Saturday:

4th February

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

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hi Everyone!

It is with great sadness that this will be my last review as my role as Youth Worker has become redundant. It has been an honour and a pleasure to have worked for All Saints' with St Mark's Churches over the last three and a half years. I would like to thank you very much for being able to work with all of your Young People helping them to grow in their relationships with Jesus.

Over the time we have had such a lot of fun. With ChillOut; enjoying games and activities including campfires, Christmas parties with Sumo Suits and Surfing and summer Water Fights!

At Life Chat we have had wonderful in depth discussions about all aspects of Jesus, God, the Bible and life that have been challenging for both Leaders and Young People alike!

Trips to the beach, Ice skating, bowling and Soul Survivor both in Watford and for the awesome summer camp! And two amazing trips to the Lightship in Tollesbury.

You've even been amazing raising money for Tear Fund with sponsoring Catherine to cut all her hair off, sending a pair of Goats and packing shoeboxes for Christmas!

It really has been an amazing time and I thank you for sharing the journey with me.

All of this would never have been possible without the help of all of my wonderful leaders and I would like to thank you all too. Dianne, Kate, Rachel, Olly, Sophia, Nigel, Rosie, Ian, Elliot, William, Valerie, Lesley, Natalie, Sarah, Tony, Melissa and Jordan. If I have missed anyone out please accept my thanks too!

I have included a selection of my favourite photos, so look for yourselves in them!

I am still planning another trip to Soul Survivor Saturday Celebration on February 11th so do come and join us. Also to Soul Survivor in the summer so come and ask me about joining in with that trip - it's AWESOME!

Finally I would like to sign out with my favourite verse, if you don't already know that it is!!

Jeremiah ch 29 vs11 " For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord "plans to prosper you and not to hurt you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God Bless you All!! Fiona



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

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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





CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



We hope you've had an amazing Christmas time spent with family and friends, and that you are all settling back into school. We had a jam packed time over Christmas, from Christingle services to the Whizz Kids Christmas Party!

In the run-up to Christmas, we made these decorations for our trees of baby Jesus wrapped in a paper plate blanket! This was to help us remember Jesus and what

he has done for us when we looked at our tree. We also wrote our feelings about Christmas on lots (and lots!) of pieces of green paper. We threaded them together to form lots of paper chains and made a life-size Christmas tree! It had pride of place at All Saints' over the holidays.

Last term we raised nearly £50 for the ARC project by bringing in some of our pocket money, fantastic effort from the Whizz Kids. This term we will split the money raised between the ARC project and a chosen charity, voted for by the kids.

The WK Christmas party was so much fun! We had a disco, a buffet, games and craft, and the night was very exciting. It was great to see both familiar and new faces, and we will definitely be doing it again. We are also planning on having another social for this term, so if you have any ideas for what you would like to do please email me.



Thank you to everyone for your support this past year, and bring on 2017!

Daisy— Children's Worker daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids Dates: 19th Feb, 26th Feb, 12th Mar, 19th Mar, 26th Mar

Whizz Kids

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

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

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:

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

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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News from the Parish Office – February 2017

Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

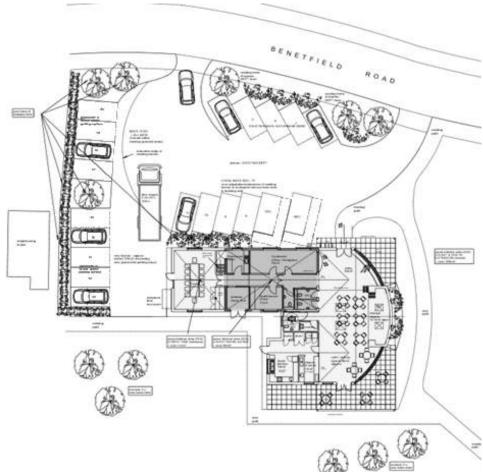




Date	Meeting	Time
Tuesday 7 February	Amenity Committee	8.00pm
Tuesday 14 February	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8.00pm
Tuesday 21 February	Planning & Transportation Committee	8.00pm
Tuesday 14 March	Parish Council	8.00pm

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.	
Sunday 21 May	The Binfield 10k – now an annual event, a great run around the Binfield Parish.	



Current Projects – the Parish Office Extension Proposal

A major revamp of the Parish Office is being planned to provide more working space, a larger meeting room and a new community room, along with associated storage, parking, cycle racks, outdoor seating etc. We will continue to seek public views throughout the project so please get in touch if you have feedback on the plans – you can see them any time at the Parish Office and on our website. An overview of the proposed extension is shown here. The existing building is the darker shaded area in the centre, with new spaces to either side.

The community café is planned to open Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm. At other times it may be available for private biro.

Please let us know what you think! By the time you read this Planning application should be submitted!

Usual reminders – Litter, Dogs, Parking respectfully and not on pavements as well as Used Stamps and Lost Property! All our regular bugbears about taking your litter home with you, picking up after your dog (please!) and not parking in a way to cause obstruction (yellow lines, pavements, opposite the school/yellow zig zags!) and a reminder we collect used stamps for charity as well as often have items of lost property! Drop by if you think you have mislaid something.

Binfield Parish on social media – we are trying to get better at keeping the community updated on both Facebook and Twitter but please be aware we don't have the resources to answer queries this way – please send any questions about posts to us at binfieldparish.council@btinternet.com

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POLICE BINFIELD UPDATE:

Happy New Year from the Neighbourhood Policing Team at Bracknell. February 2017 will see another Thames Valley wide Rural Crime Awareness and Prevention Campaign. This will be organised locally by PC Darin Stone and PCSO Michelle Noone, along with colleagues from the neighbouring areas of Twyford and Winkfield. We hope to run a number of events including tool marking, drop in sessions and adopt a farm events so that we can continue to build relationships with our more rural communities. Updates on events will be published nearer the time on the TVP website neighbourhood pages, our Twitter account (@TVP Bracknell), on Facebook and via TV Alerts. We look forward to hopefully seeing you all soon at one of our events.

In regards to ongoing crime types that are affecting all of our local communities, please remember to not leave anything on show in your vehicles and do your best to properly secure and protect tools stored in vans or sheds. Your local officers can provide advice on extra security measures. As always we can be contacted

BracknellNorthernParishesNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Thanks PS 5679 Cass Oswald



Binfield CE Primary School

Learning in a caring environment Spring Term at Binfield CE Primary School

The Spring Term is shaping up to be a very exciting one for our pupils. With trips to Milestones Museum (Y1), Shakespeare's The Globe Theatre (Y6) and Windsor Castle (Y2), along with the Y3/Y4 production, sharing assemblies, lots of FOBS events and of course the Easter service at St Mark's, it's going to a very busy time.

Mrs Lou Slocombe has been the Deputy Headteacher at Binfield CE Primary school for nearly 5½ years. In this time she has contributed a huge amount to the school. We are delighted to announce that she has been successful in securing a Headteacher position at Radstock Primary School in Earley, from the summer term. Whilst we are obviously pleased for Mrs Slocombe, we will be sorry to lose her from the team at Binfield. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well on her promotion. We are currently recruiting for her replacement – watch this space!

FOBS - A BIG thank-you! FOBS (Friends of Binfield School) work tirelessly to raise additional funds for the school so that the children can enjoy some extras. In tough economic times and when school budgets have been slashed, their work is even more important and valued by staff, governors and the children. We are very grateful for all of their hard work. The FOBS committee is always looking for additional help, no matter how small, so do please get in touch with them if you would like to help via their website www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs or e-mail fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk.

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News from Binfield Patient Group

BERNADETTE OLAOFE, Practice Nurse at Binfield surgery left the Practice in December. Bernadette was at Binfield for 18 years. Bernadette was a dedicated nurse and extremely caring with her patients. Bernadette you will be missed. The Binfield Patient Group wish Bernadette well for the future.

LAND REQUIRED: With the number of patients now registered at Binfield Surgery being well over 10,000 and with the massive amount of new housing being built in the area over the next few years, the Surgery Partners are looking to move to new larger premises in the Binfield area to provide the best possible care. If you are aware of any land, buildings or premises that are larger than the present surgery and are for sale or about to be put for sale please contact Liz Kerr, Binfield Surgery Practice Manager, on 01344 286264 with details.

FREE STRESS CONTROL **WORKSHOPS:**

Weekly session workshops have been arranged in Bracknell. Learn techniques to manage stress more effectively. You can attend for 4 times over one month. The dates are Tuesday 7th February or Tuesday 7 March 2017 at Bracknell Open Learning Centre, Rectory Lane, Bracknell. RG12 7GR. The session times are 6.30pm – 8.00pm. For more information and to book a place please visit the following website:

www.talkingtherapies.berkshire.nhs.uk or telephone: 0300 365 2000 and quote 'Stress Control'.

STROKE CARE IMPROVEMENTS:

Local people suspected of having a stroke will be taken straight to the nearest hyper acute stroke unit by ambulance to receive the best possible care. The nearest unit to Binfield is the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

NEW SERVICE AT ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL:

A new resource at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading is available to borrow for people with learning disabilities. It is called 'While U Wait' and is a library of different activities resources which people can use when in/at the hospital. The resources include:

Drawing materials, Games (eg: Kerplunk, Connect 4), Sensory pieces to investigate and enjoy, Relaxation massage equipment. On discharge from hospital, please return the borrowed items.

The hospital will also soon have its own Changing Places toilet. It will be on level 1 at the main hospital entrance. The key will be held at the main reception.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

Binfield Garden Club

Since our last report we have enjoyed a marvellous Christmas Party with delicious food, fun quizzes and

excellent entertainment by The Tuesday Girls. A great evening was had by all, thanks to the extremely hard work of those responsible for organisation, food and drink buying and preparation, the wonderful raffle and help setting up and clearing away. THANK YOU ALL!!

The party night competition was for a table decoration and congratulations to the winners as follows: 1st Christine Leonard, 2nd Liz Ferris, 3rd Elaine McTaggart, 4th Nancy Bowen.

2017 has opened on a very high note! At our meeting on January 5th, Richard introduced Troy Scott-Smith, Head Gardener at Sissinghurst. Troy grew up as a Yorkshire lad absorbing a love for nature which has led to his career path of gardening at Harewood House, landscaping in France, at The Courts in west Wilts, Bodnant in North Wales, and presently Head Gardener at Sissinghurst, Kent.

Sissinghurst's wonderful garden was created by Harold Nicholson and Vita Sackville-West for their own pleasure. This was a garden of long vistas; a beautiful white garden, rose garden, herb garden to name but a few. Vita loved plants and wanted them growing exuberantly and to perfection with their own species, so for example, an entire bed of delphiniums would be stunning at its peak, but bare at other times when other areas would come into their own.

Over the years with garden visiting becoming so popular and having been taken over by The National Trust, Vita's garden had become too precise, stuffed with plants for all year round display, perfectly manicured hedges and grass, and solid pathways.

Troy's vision is to look back for clues and to garden in the spirit of Vita and Harold and his talk/ slides enthralled us with his plans and subtle changes. His priority was to start outside with the entrance and farm buildings and his team of gardeners, with the help of a trusty digger, have enhanced this all by ripping up tarmac and having cows grazing once more, sowing wild flower meadows, reinstating the pond, banishing the legions of noticeboards and signs. The shop and nursery are rejuvenated with trugs instead of plastic baskets, rustic oak tables, trees for shade and car parking moved to not spoil the view!

Troy admits this beautiful garden has challenges as he replaces stone pathways with Vita's grass ones which will suffer wear and tear with all the visitors. However, Vita preferred the natural look and controlling the vast numbers of visitors is now a priority. Coach bookings have now been cut from 20 a day to 8 so we are fortunate that we are already booked for our club visit this June, something we are so looking forward to after Troy's wonderfully inspiring talk. We will be hoping we will see him there!

Our competition of a Pot Plant, was won by Nancy Bowen, 2nd Belinda Thornhill, 3rd Rosemary Ellis and 4th Christine Leonard.

Next month's meeting on February 2nd is a talk by Jim Buttress on his 10 year's experiences as a Superintendent of The Central Royal Parks and the competition is: A bowl of hyacinths.

All meetings are at 7.15pm on the first Thursday of each month – please look at our website for details of our exciting programme for the rest of the year. Visitors are always most welcome.

binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and find us on Facebook!

Sue Jefferv



The Binfield Belles

Happy New Year Binfield! Christmas is over and decorations are gone, our party hats packed away for another year and so the Binfield Belles reflect on the year just gone. We had lots of good speakers and some not so good, plenty of theatre outings and trips, saw snowdrops at Welford, had a cookery demonstration in the summer, enjoyed coffee mornings at various venues, visited Winchester for the lovely Christmas market and had a Christmas party to top the lot. Above all we had lots of chat, laughter, tea, coffee and some tipples plus plenty of cake, new members joined and some old members left for pastures new.

Every new year promises lots of things. Welcoming our members back in January, enjoying visitors, planning events and speakers, trips and days out. Most of all there will be plenty of friendship on offer and it gives me great pleasure to see our lovely ladies and the group grow because of this.

Christmas Lunch at Mill Ride was most enjoyable and our own party with musical entertainment finished off our last meeting. We have lined up new trips for the theatre in High Wycombe and there will be a necklace bead day for all the craft enthusiasts, a trip to a craft show in London is on the cards and also a Strictly Sparkly afternoon in Mortimer.

A visit to Ascot races is being planned together with an Easter afternoon tea, another cookery demonstration; the list is endless.

So if you read this on a bleak February day pop along on the 9th February to the Binfield Memorial Hall at 7.15pm or before and join us for another evening of entertainment and chat at our WI. Our topic: the Art of Vermeer with Sandra Smith about Vermeer the painter famous for *Girl with the Pearl Earring*. Perhaps it will make us want to get out those brushes and paper, who knows? Enough of me for now...

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New Year is a time for reflection and I have been doing a lot of this as 2017 is definitely going to be a year of change for both the Library and myself. I didn't mean to have a career in the library, starting out with a science degree before moving into hospital management. I sort of fell into libraries after the birth of my daughter but once I started I was hooked. Twenty five years on I am still passionate about the job and Libraries. It is a fantastic rewarding job, well apart from the money! Every day is different, different readers, problems and rewards and I have watched the 'bumps' grow through childhood into adults. Where else can you bring a smile to most people's faces, help sort out a knotty problem, print a boarding pass, recommend a thrilling read or just listen and give comfort?

Libraries are such an amazing resource. They are safe, warm and free and despite what the popular press would have us believe, we have moved forward with the times. We do bus passes, DVDs, quiz sessions, Bounce & Rhyme, IT sessions to name a few as well as working with Parish councils and GP surgeries. This year heralds automation and the introduction of volunteers but I really hope that the libraries survive. What do you want from us? Are we providing the service you require? Why not pay us a visit and let us know.

Here is a quick summary of dates for your diary:

Children's Events;

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

Art Club is meeting on Monday 13th February 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 February. 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.

At half term our topic is Harry Potter. We have drop in crafts on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm and also a Harry Potter Night on Monday the 13th February between 5.30 and 6.30 pm. This fun packed event will have a story telling session, quizzes, puzzles and many Harry Potter crafts. Please book for this so that we know how many children to cater for.

Adult Events:

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

Brain Gym is on Thursday 9th February at 11 am. Come and join us for a brain workout and you also get tea and cake!

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 February.

Rummikub is on Friday 24thth February 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 Jane Shemilt, 'The Drowning Lesson'. Two doctors take their family to Africa and the family's dream adventure turns into their worst nightmare! We try to read something we would normally never pick up so this month we are reading 'The Japanese Lover' by Isabel Allende. Why not drop in to collect the book and join us on Monday 27^{th} February.

The Historical Group is meeting on the 24rd February at 11.15am.

Board games session on Monday 13th February 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, find us on facebook and twitter or call 01344 306663.

THANK YOU BINFIELD!



The manager & residents at Binfield House would like to thank local residents for their kind donations of gifts made to us at Christmas, I'm sorry we couldn't send a message of thanks personally, but we were overwhelmed with the generosity shown to us all,

We wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Manger & Residents at Binfield House

COMMUNITY

Toys from Binfield Church Fete distributed to children in Harare

I have been extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel from Australia to Europe and Africa in 2016 for an extended period. Like most holidays you never truly know what a trip has install and this one was no exception. Whilst the scenic cities, beaches, mountains and country sides left me in awe, it was my interactions with the locals in the various countries along the way and the ongoing friendships with these people that has made this trip so memorable for me

One such new friendship involved the Aylwins who were so wonderful to me and continue to be so. It was through Andrew and Jane that I came to be at your church fete this September. I was flying to Zimbabwe that same evening and I decided whilst at the fete to buy as many toys and books as I could pack for a crèche. I would be visiting a school in Harare (which is funded by friends of mine). Upon hearing my plans, Rachael Willmott kindly donated a secondhand suitcase to assist with the logistics.

It felt so rewarding to be able to contribute to a local community in the UK and a local community in Harare at the same time. I was able to give each child at the crèche both a soft toy and a book. Seeing their big smiles and their faces light up will be a memory that will stay with me forever!

I visited the crèche regularly while I was in Zimbabwe and enjoyed reading the children their books in English whilst their teacher also translated these stories into their local language, Shona (they learn both languages at the crèche).

I wanted to thank you all for your kindness, and I hope that the money for the toys helped you get a little bit closer to the target needed to restore the roof of the church.

Thanks also for the opportunity to attend my first ever dog show!

Kind Regards, Siobhan Ferreira



DIVERSITY CENTRE LECTURES SPRING 2017

Tuesday 7th February

Dr. Torben Bergland, Psychiatrist Moving Beyond Immature Faith: A psychiatrist's perspective

Tuesday 7th March

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

Christianity, Free Speech and the Challenges of Secularism

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.

SPORTS



Binfield Football Club has now started the redevelopment of the ground. On January 9th, the contractors moved in and begin the five month

project. The whole project has been underway for nearly 18 months now, and the springboard for that was the support from our Parish Council.

At the end of the project, we will have new dressing rooms for the players, officials dressing rooms, medical rooms, new toilets and the current building will be revamped to have a large meeting room, more toilets and an improved bar and facility that can be hired out for community events.

On New Year's Eve, we had a work party come down and help dismantle the wooden stand, fondly known as the "Shed End" which was a real testimony of the

community spirit within the club. We had folk from the Soccer School (Under 6's) all the way up to the Veterans team come along and lend a hand.

Our continued intent is to build on the platform of being an FA Community Club and generate a new facility that the village and the general community can take advantage of.

We have now begun planning for out next Junior Tournament in May, and we will have 150 teams coming down to Hill Farm Lane for the weekend. This is an event that is the envy of many clubs in the area and our tournament director, Andy Cotton, has a real passion for the event, and the organisation and support we get from within the club is first class. If you are not a member of the club, please feel free to come along and get a sense for what Binfield Football Club is all about.

Bob Bacon, Chairman www.binfieldfc.com

COMMUNITY

Upcoming dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th February Tuesday 7th February Friday 10th February Saturday 4th March

Binfield Primary School FOBS QUIZ NIGHT 7.30pm

Newbold College Diversity Lecture 7.30pm

Give and Take Care event www.giveandtakecare.co.uk

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!

Name the small rivers which run into the Nile? D- See me The Juveniles after school WHERE? Binfield Primary, Benetfeld Road, Binfield. your team name and pay for all WHEN? Sat 4th Feb/7.30pm of your team HOW? go or pay for Order tickets from: www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs £8.00 up until 21st January. Then £9.00 until tickets sell out. Min 6 in a team. Max 8

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

Watch this space for more information, but if you are interested in finding out more, please email enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk

Run / Jog / Walk

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savethedate

Please join us to celebrate the launch of Give&Take Care in the Wokingham Borough.

Date: Friday 10th February 2017

Time: 2pm

Location: At a venue in Twyford or Wargrave (TBC)

Give&Take Care is an innovative and important initiative to improve Social Care for older adults in the UK. It is based on reciprocity, strengthening local communities and inter-generational care.

Please Save the Date in your diary and join us in celebration.

For more information about the scheme and Give&Take Care please visit www.giveandtakecare.co.uk







Upcoming Events

Carers Connect - a fun session for the children while you spend time with other carers:

18th Febuary 2017

Bethany.Hare@homeforgood.org.uk

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

Saturday 18th February 2017, Saturday 25th March 2017 9.30-11.30am

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

4th March 2017

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st 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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