

Binfield Beacon

May 2017

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



ClothesBank

Thank you so much for all your donations and support for our April Give Away Day

Kids' Stuff Nearly New Sale

2.30pm May 6th
at St Mark's Church
Great quality kids stuff

Book your table now!
Lots of bargains!

We hope you had as much fun as we did on the Great Binfield Easter Egg Hunt!



THERE IS NO SUCH
THING AS A PERFECT
PARENT. SO JUST
BE A REAL ONE.

~ Sue Atkins

OUR MISSION:

To help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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

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

Monday 8th May

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 10th May

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Thursday 11th May

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 12th May

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

Sunday 14th May

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'
No evening service

Monday 15th May

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 17th May

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

Sunday 21st May

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
No services or Whizz Kids due to the Binfield
10k Road Race
6.30pm Compline at St Mark's

Monday 22nd May

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 23rd May

12noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 24th May

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Saturday 27th May

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 28th May

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 29th May

NO Time of Prayer at St Mark's (Bank Holiday)

Wednesday 31st May

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

JUNE 2017

Saturday 3rd June

7.45am Men's Walk from village shops car park

Sunday 4th June

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 5th June

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 7th June

9.00am Women's Walk&Talk
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

Thursday 8th June

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 9th June

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's



Beautiful Easter Lilies at All Saints' Church

**Many hands
make light work!**



STUBBS HILL CEMETERY SPRING TIDY UP

Please can you spare an hour or two to help
with the spring clearance at Stubbs Hill
Cemetery?

Saturday 27th May 2017 from 9am

Refreshments will be provided
Please bring tools and some gardening gloves
and thank you in advance!



For more details contact

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FROM YOUR RECTOR



GOD CREATED CHILDREN AND IN THE PROCESS GRANDCHILDREN

(author unknown)

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students etc. here is something to think about. Whenever the children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to his own children.

After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said was "Don't!"

"Don't what?" Adam replied.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve we have forbidden fruit!!!!"

"No way."

"Yes way!"

"Do NOT eat the fruit" said God. "Why? Because I am your father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why he hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants. A few minutes later, God saw his children having an apple break and he was ticked!

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God said.

"Uh huh" Adam replied.

"Then why did you?" said the Father.

"I don't know," said Eve.

"She started it." said Adam.

"Did not!"

"Did too!"

"DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed. BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY! If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

- You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.
- Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
- Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.

- Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
- The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
- We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in!

ADVICE FOR THE DAY:

Be nice to your kids.
They will choose your nursing home one day.

AND FINALLY:

If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle:
TAKE TWO ASPIRIN AND KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN!

Luke

From the Registers: April 2017

Baptisms

Hayley Sarah Best



Kyla Iris Sadler-Collins



Funerals

Ian Rigby

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:
£105,432	£100,000	£42,000

NEW TOTAL (Phase 2): £17,432

Phase 2 Project Cost: £208,000

Phase 1 repairs expected to start May 2017.

Total projected project cost: £750,000

Fundraising for Phase 2..!

Our first event for this month is the Kids' Stuff Nearly New Sale taking place on Saturday 6th May. Come down to St. Mark's and grab some bargains.

After this, May is all about the preparations for the Binfield 10k on Sunday 21st. Whilst runners are ramping up their training, we are making sure that everything is ready for hosting our water station/spectator area up at All Saints'. With a chance to cheer on the runners as they pass by not just once but twice, and live music from Lee Davids of Riser, we would love for lots of people come up on the day. If anyone would like to volunteer to help hand out water to thirsty runners, please let us know. A special thanks to those running for "Team ARC" who are raising sponsorship money for the ARC Project.

We are also looking to kick off our Tag-a-Tile scheme soon, so look out for dates where you can come up to All Saints' to buy a tile and leave your permanent mark on the repaired roof!

We would also like to thank Motorhouse Hire Ltd who were the first to respond to our recent mail drop to local registered business and sent in a kind donation.

As ever, we are relying on your donations to carry out as much work as we can on the church. If you can think of any way you can help with our fundraising, please let us know!

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.

 @binfieldkidsstuffsales

Kids' Stuff Nearly New Sale

2.30pm Saturday 6th May

Come and grab some bargains!

St Mark's Church, Binfield

Entry 50p per adult

Email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk to reserve a table

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!



All Saints'
Repair & Care

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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All enquiries for weddings and baptisms

Office opening hours:

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9.00am—12noon. Closed Tuesday.**

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Church Website:

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We are also on Facebook
[facebook.com/
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ARC Fundraising Team

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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St Mark's Church
Popeswood Road
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All Saints' Church

Church Hill
Binfield RG42 5NS

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

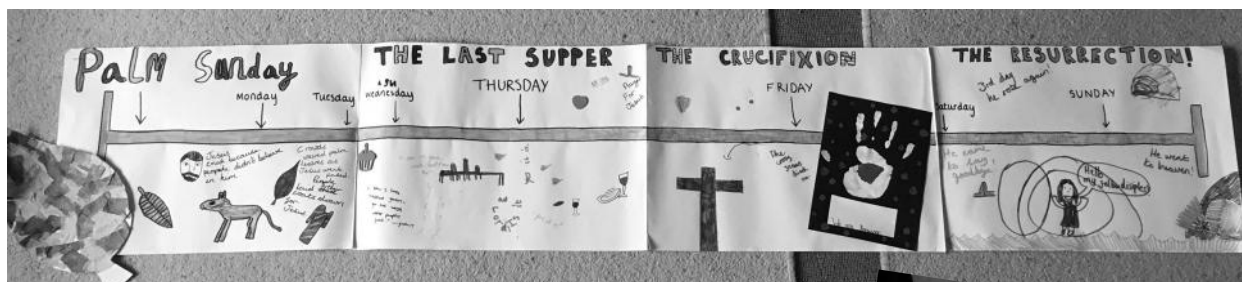
CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS AND COMMUNITY



Hello Everyone!

I hope you have all had a fantastic Easter spent with friends and family, and enjoying this lovely weather! Let's hope you didn't feel too sick from all that chocolate...

In the run up to Easter at Whizz Kids, we've been looking at the last week of Jesus' life, and why those events are so important. We created this big timeline, so we can easily see what happened on what days, starting with Palm Sunday and ending with the Resurrection!



These handprints are a reminder that we were forgiven for all our wrong doings when Jesus died on the cross, and we are now free from guilt! We also made tomb biscuits to go with the story of the resurrection, but they weren't around for long...

So far we've raised over £70 in total for the ARC Project just from Sunday mornings at Whizz Kids, which is really incredible! We are continuing to save up and split the money between the ARC Project, and a charity we vote for on Sundays. We also have the Binfield 10k coming up on the 21st May, and some amazing individuals are running/walking to raise money for our church, so make sure you're there to cheer them on if you can be! There will also be a water station by All Saints' church that will be full of Whizz Kids hydrating the runners, feel free to come along and join us.



As you are reading this, we will have been bouncing off the walls at Gravity Force for another social trip! We love to hold events that you can bring your friends to, so let me know if you have any other ideas for trips you want to go on.

We are just about to start the summer term, which means we will have loads more outdoor games and activities to make use of the amazing space we have here at St. Mark's, and hopefully the weather too! We would really love to see you there on a Sunday morning to join in the fun, and if you would like to join us as a young leader, (under 18's) perhaps for DofE volunteering etc, please contact me as we'd love to have you on board. Thank you for all the support we receive, and a massive thanks to all our helpers, we couldn't do it without you!

We look forward to seeing you all again soon! **Daisy** — Children's Worker daisyridell@gmail.com



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

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



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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



Hi All you lovely people!!

I would just like to thank you so much

for the gift voucher!! It was a wonderful surprise that I did not expect at all! I will enjoy deciding what to buy with it; maybe something for my garden now that the better weather is coming and I can enjoy being outside. I really enjoyed being the youth worker and we had some amazing times!

Thank you all so much!
God bless
Fiona xx



Want to explore Fostering or Adoption?

Come along to our drop-in morning to ask questions

in an informal setting

Saturday 20th May 2017

10:00am-12:30pm

At: St Andrew's Church, Priestwood Court Road, Bracknell, RG42 1TU

For more details, email Penny Lander: bracknell@homeforgood.org.uk www.homeforgood.org.uk



Binfield
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Binfield Easter Egg Hunt

A big thank you to everyone who made eggs and to all the egg hunters out there! A special thank you to Binfield Stores and Crema Coffee shop for hosting the maps and prizes. We hope you all had as much fun as we did!

See you next year! facebook.com/binfieldeasteregg hunt

Watch this space for the return of the hugely popular Scarecrow Trail in the Autumn!

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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 23rd May
12 noon
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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 27th May
"I Know my Rights"

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)



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
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...followed by refreshments

A crèche is available if you have young children

10am Friday 12th May

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

EVERYONE WELCOME
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MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



Saturdays:

6th May, 3rd June and 10th July

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 – May 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 9 May	Annual Council Meeting	8.00pm
Thursday 18 May	Annual Parish Meeting – Electors Meeting at the Memorial Hall	8.00pm
Tuesday 23 May	Planning & Transportation Committee	8.00pm

Upcoming Events – Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Thurs 18 May	Annual Parish Meeting (8.00pm) - the electors meeting – an opportunity for all residents to come and
Sun 21 May	The Binfield 10k (10.00am) – now an annual event, a great run around Binfield Parish. Start & finish at
Wed 26 July	Binfield Summer of Fun (11.00am to 3.00pm) - a free day out for families – Farley Wood Community Association

Extending the Parish Office – Extension Plans are available to view in the Parish Office!

Many of you may already know the Council is hoping to secure planning permission to increase the size of the Parish Office on Foxley Fields. Many of the informal community meeting spaces in Binfield are fully booked or have regular fixed bookings and, as our Parish grows, there is a growing need for meeting spaces for individuals and groups. Also, our current office can no longer accommodate our growing team. Please feel free to drop into the Parish Office to view the Plans. We will also be posting updates on our website and social media pages as this project progresses.

The Binfield 10k

The event this year will be on Sunday 21 May (10.00am) and promises to be even bigger with 600 runners taking part. This means more requests for help. If your organisation can run a water station, or provide volunteers we are desperate to hear from you! **You can email volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk** with an offer of help. There's a huge range of tasks – manning car parks, marshalling, bag drop, leaflet dropping prior to the event, and manning stalls and tea tents! The best news of all is that as well as supporting the school via the great work of FOBS, the monies raised will go to more groups and causes around the village - meaning this truly is a community-wide event, so please do get involved. And if you want to see the route plan and learn about the road closures please visit www.binfield10k.co.uk

Summer of Fun

Summer of Fun is a series of events organised by the Parish & Town Councils around Bracknell Forest. The Binfield event will take place on Wednesday 26 July, 11.00am to 3.00pm, right at the start of the school holidays and this year will be at Farley Wood Community Association on Turnpike Road. We are looking for a community group who wants to raise funds to take on the catering for the event - so if your group could man a tea stall or a BBQ we would love to hear from you. Please email binfieldparish.council@btinternet.com or call us on **01344 454602**

Grants

Do you all know that grants are given out by the Parish Council twice per year? Each year a fund (currently £12,000) is allocated to helping local groups and causes. **If you want to learn more about the next round of grants, which will close in June for decisions at the July Council meeting**, please email: binfieldparish.council@btinternet.com or call us on **01344 454602**.

The Annual Parish Meeting

This year the Annual Parish meeting will be held on Thursday 18 May at the Memorial Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm start. This is a great opportunity for residents and organisations to come along and find out what the Parish is working on in the coming municipal year. If you are around, please join us. You will hear from previous recipients of grants and find out who has won the 2017 Parish People's Awards. Our guest speaker this year will be Richard Schofield, CEO of The Kings Academy Group, the organisation who will be running the new all through school at the Blue Mountain site. Richard will be sharing plans for the school with the community.

Ally, Amanda & Janet

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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

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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:

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 events@newboldchurch.org visit our website www.newboldchurch.org or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/newbold.church.1/>, or visit our church website. We look forward to seeing you. Many thanks for your kind help and support!

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Binfield CE Primary School SIAMS (church) Inspection – we are 'Outstanding'!

We had our SIAMS (church) inspection on 15th March. Mrs Jenny Earp inspected the school and spent time talking to parents, pupils, staff, governors and our Rector, Luke. She also observed R.E. lessons across the school and collective worship (assemblies), and scrutinised a range of evidence including: pupil progress and attainment data (Reading, Writing, Maths and R.E.), pupils' work and books, plus a range of supporting evidence provided by the school, including our own self-evaluation.

We are delighted to announce that the inspection went extremely well and we have been graded as an "Outstanding Church of England Primary School". The inspector highlighted many areas of strength across the school.

Needless to say, we are very pleased that the combined effort and support of our whole school community has been recognised as 'Outstanding'. Thank you to everyone. We had a special assembly where we celebrated this good news with all the children. The full report is available on the school website.



News from Binfield Patient Group

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Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Garden Club

Unfortunately our April meeting is after the Beacon publishing deadline line, so a short report on Paul Barney's talk about Unusual Edible Plants (April 6th)

will have to be included next time.

Just a reminder of our PLANT SALE on Thursday May 4th at 7.15 pm. Do call in for some plant bargains, tea and cake and a sit down and chat. There will also be a big tombola – everyone is welcome.

Our thriving club meets on the first Thursday of every month at The Memorial Hall, and visitors are always made very welcome.

In addition to our interesting monthly speakers, we also have competitions, raffles, and often have plant bric a brac items for sale, and of course, tea and biscuits!

Members have several exciting day visits coming up – Sissinghurst, Kent on 14th June and Kiftsgate, Chipping Campden on 19th July with a stop at the Burford Garden Company.

More details can always be found on our website binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and on [facebook.com/binfieldgardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/binfieldgardenclub) - do "like" us if you can!

Sue Jeffrey



May 2017 Update

We have continued to see a series of thefts of tools from vans mainly in the Priestwood and Garth areas but with some overspill into the London Road area of Binfield. My team have been working tirelessly on this and arrests have been made today (08/04). The investigation is still in its infancy and further updates will follow however some items believed to be stolen have been recovered. This is where it is extremely important that items such as tools are marked in some way to make them identifiable beyond doubt. The harder people make it for the criminals the less likely they and their community are to be targeted in the future. If you would like some advice regarding tool marking (which we can help you with directly) or regarding extra security measures please get in contact with the Northern Parishes Team at Bracknell Police Station.

You Said, We Did – we have had complaints regarding people using their mobile phones while driving all over the area but in particular some local roads to Binfield. On Thursday morning the team were out looking specifically for this on Terrace Road South and within 30 minutes issued fines to two drivers. You could say we were being a bit sneaky as we used undercover spotters for the offending drivers who were then pulled over further down the road. Its good to bear in mind, therefore, that we could be there at any time and it's just not worth the risk. Thames Valley Police has dealt with some high profile cases in recent years of people killed by drivers using their mobile phones; we do operations like this to keep our communities safe.

*See you all soon,
Cass and the #NorthernParishes Team.*



The Binfield Belles

Neither March winds blew and certainly no snow fell on our March meeting. The Belles met for the AGM, not the most popular meeting, but interesting. Something I like to comment on after my second year as President: interesting, varied, enjoyable and never dull; Binfield WI has more than filled my life over the last 12 months.

Welcoming members; some new and visitors, singing Jerusalem and enjoying birthdays begins every meeting. Business follows and we proceed to welcome in committee whom are staying for another year with myself and a new member Linda Gibbs joining as well.

That's over; they all breathe a sigh of relief. Visits are discussed and future events for the next few months given out and booked; a coffee morning and walk for ACWW (our worldwide charity) takes place in April. We also have a group meeting in Warfield with other WIs.

No speaker this month, so members enjoy a social evening with competitions and discuss lots over coffee and cake.

The girls enjoyed Thoroughly Modern Millie at High Wycombe and due to some late sickness welcomed a couple of husbands as well - I think they enjoyed the high kicks more than the girls.

In May we are holding a Spring Afternoon Tea on 21st May at the Memorial Hall. Members, family and friends are welcome to enjoy lots of homemade fare and entertainment.

Events coming up include a visit to Frogmore in June, Cookery days in July and Summer Lunch at Cantley. In September we have a visit to Watts Gallery and much more.

Monthly meets for walking, badminton, keep fit, craft and games are all part of WI get-togethers. Our next meeting will be on May 11th at 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall. We welcome members old and new to enjoy a Speaker, coffee, cake and chat in abundance. For more details call me...

Linda

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Binfield Library News: May 2017

My heart lifts with these longer days and warmer weather as I am an avid gardener and allotmenteer. My potatoes and onions are all planted, I am already eating rhubarb and asparagus and my spare bedroom is filled with pots of seedlings. Don't forget that we have some lovely gardening books at the library if you need some guidance or inspiration. We also have the yellow booklets of the National Garden Scheme for the local counties. They are celebrating 90 years of opening gardens for charity this year so hope to beat their records. If you have been busy pruning away and don't have a brown bin we stock the brown sacks which are used for garden refuse for Bracknell Forest. These cost 70p each and are then put out with your rubbish recycle bins. If you don't have the room or too much garden waste, these are the perfect solution.

The next phase of the Library transformation is underway. The self service technology has been approved and should be with us in the autumn. We are now also looking for volunteers to help us in our daily activities. If you feel that you could run a book group, sing with the children or assist with the shelving and tidying of the libraries please let us know. Libraries are such a valuable resource for the community; we need to secure their future.

Here is a quick summary of dates for your diary:

Children's Events:

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 held on 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 on Tuesday afternoon; drop in sessions finishing about 4.30 pm. In the half term holidays we will put these out earlier in the afternoon and repeat them on the Thursday afternoons. With no craft budget we rely on small donations to keep these craft sessions going, thank you.

Adult Events:

Knit and Natter is on Saturday 20th May. There will be Monday session due to the bank holiday. New knitters are very welcome.

Our small history group looked at the topic of Florence Nightingale last month and it is amazing what we learnt in just an hour. Why not come and join us, May 22nd at 2 pm.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 11th May 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 25th May.

Rummikub is on Friday 26th May at 2 pm. We play both the numbers and letters version of this game and novices are always welcome.

The drop in book group is meeting a week earlier than usual on Monday evening 22nd May at 5.30 pm. Last month we read the 'A Place Called Winter' by Patrick Gale. This was a surprising book set in Edwardian times and covered many social issues of the day with an interesting setting in the latter part of the book of the Canadian Frontier. We try to read something we would normally never pick up. This month I am putting my reputation on the line with one of my favourite books of all time. It is 'Major Pettigrew's Last Stand' by Helen Simonson. Why not drop in to collect the book and join us.

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

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The Binfield Library team:

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The BINFIELD 10K



10am Sunday 21st May 2017

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The Binfield 10K is fast approaching and we are looking forward to what we hope will be a fantastic event!

Sadly registrations are now closed, but we have 600 runners all set to run the 10K which starts at Foxley Fields on Sunday 21st May 2017 at 10am.

There will be a Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Traditional Village Tea Tent and lots more. Come along and support the event, we still need more marshals to help the runners around the route and we need volunteers to come and help man the stalls on the day.

It's a fantastic village event and we would love everyone to get involved. There are plenty of spectator spots around the route, including All Saints' Church, The Victoria Arms Pub and Crema Coffee Shop. Also, as it's such a central route, you can cheer on the runners if they run past your house!

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Upcoming dates for your Diary

- May 6th Nearly New Sale 2.30pm at St Mark's
- May 14th Binfield Singer Concert 7.30pm at St Mark's Church, Binfield
- May 21st The Binfield 10k road race
Race starts at 10am on Foxley Fields
- May 27th Cemetery Clean Up—please help!
From 9am at Stubbs Hill Cemetery
- June 5th Party 'Bye' the pitch tickets go on sale



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We look forward to seeing you down the ground soon, here's to good weather and long summer evenings and weekends

Andy Bryant (Chairman)

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Binfield Cricket Club Home fixtures for May 2017			
Date	Time	Binfield Team	Opposition
Sat 06 May	1.00pm	1st XI	White Waltham CC
Sun 07 May	TBC	Berkshire Stags VICC	TBC
Wed 10 May	6.00pm	Under 11's	Hurst CC
Sat 13 May	1.00pm	1st XI	Taplow CC
Sun 14 May	2.00pm	Friendly XI	Reading Uni Alumni & Staff
Tue 16 May	6.00pm	Midweek XI	Wokingham CC
Wed 17 May	6.00pm	Under 13's	Wokingham CC
Thu 18 May	6.00pm	Under 11's	Royal Ascot CC
Sat 20 May	1.00pm	2nd XI	Wraybury CC 2nd XI
Sun 21 May	2.00pm	Friendly XI	Sonning CC
Tue 23 May	6.00pm	Midweek XI	Bracknell CC
Wed 24 May	6.00pm	Under 9's	Shinfield CC
Sat 27 May	1.00pm	1st XI	Penn & Tylers Green CC
Tue 30 May	6.00pm	Midweek XI	Reading CC

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