

The Binfield Beacon

It's the Double! December 2018 & January 2019

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



*Merry
Christmas
& A Happy
New Year!*



Christmas Cards for sale!

At both churches and online:
binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/shop

Until We Meet Again

Sunday 2nd December
Celebrate the Joy
and Hope of
Christmas
While
Remembering
Loved Ones No
Longer With Us

More info inside...



OUR MISSION: To help people follow Jesus and his teachings

December 2018

Saturday 1st December

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 2nd December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism All Saints'
6.30pm Until We Meet Again Service at All Saints'

Monday 3rd December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 5th December

9.00am Women's Walk/Talk around Dinton
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Friday 7th December

10.00am Open Door Christmas Special at St Mark's

Sunday 9th December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 10th December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 12th December

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

Thursday 13th December

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 16th December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service with Communion at All Saints'

Monday 17th December

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

Tuesday 22nd January

12noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 19th December

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

Sunday 23rd December

9.30am Common Worship Communion at All Saints'
6.30pm Carol Service at All Saints'

Monday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE!

3.00pm Christingle Service at All Saints'
5.00pm Christingle Service at All Saints'
11.30pm Midnight Service at All Saints'

Tuesday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY!

9.15am BCP Communion at All Saints'
10.30am All Age Christmas Service at All Saints'

Sunday 30th December

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

January 2019

Saturday 5th January

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 6th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service NO Baptism at All Saints'

Monday 7th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 9th January

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

Thursday 10th January

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 11th January

10.00am Open Door Service at St Mark's

Sunday 13th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 14th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 16th January

9.00am Women's Walk/Talk from The Foxes' Den
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Sunday 20th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service with Communion at All Saints'

Monday 21st January

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

Tuesday 22nd January

12noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 23rd January

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

Saturday 26th January

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 27th January

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 28th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 30th January

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

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FROM YOUR RECTOR



A Christmas Poem

They say there's a big man
who lives far away,
Supposedly jolly but it's hard
to say.
I've never seen him, and
neither have you.
But the children believe,
whether or not it's true.

He's known as a loner, with many a quirk
No time for a chat, he's embroiled in his work.
He keeps to himself, for most of the year,
I reckon we're grateful he doesn't appear.

We send him requests, for particular needs,
But we never hear back, who knows if he heeds?
We try to be good, give his arm a twist,
To merit our place on his blessed little list.

And maybe one day if we do what we should,
He'll give us our things, so long as we're good.
I've had it to here, I'm calling his bluff:
He's a weird moralistic dispenser of stuff!

Granted, this rant is a strange one to pick,
But listen I'm not really after St Nick.
As strange as he is, and Santa is odd,
I'm really addressing most folks' view of God.

It's God who we see as a distant Big Guy –
An ancient, invisible, St Nick in the Sky.
"He's sees you asleep, He knows when you wake
He's watching and waiting to spot your mistake."

And just like with Santa, requests we hand in,
We want all his things but we don't want him.
That's our connection with old Father Christmas,
We might dress it up, it's essentially business.

Throughout the year, good behaviour's our onus
When Christmas rolls round we're expecting our
bonus.

"Just leave us the gifts Nick, we've been good
enough!
And then please push on, now we've got all your
stuff!"

I mean Santa is interesting, curious, quirky
But no-one wants him to share their Turkey!
I'm sure his "ho, ho, hos" are sublime,
But I fear what he'll say once he's drunk our mulled
wine.

That's old St Nick, but the picture rings true,
It's how we imagine what God is like too.
But Christmas resounds with a stunning "Not so!"
The One from on high was born down below.

To a world in need He did not send another,
God the Son became God our Brother.
He drew alongside, forever to dwell,
Our God in the flesh, Immanuel.

This God in the Manger uproots all our notions:
A heavenly stooping, divine demotion.
Born in a stable, wriggling on straw,
Fully committed to life in the raw.

Santa gives things and then goes away.
Jesus shows up, to befriend and to stay.
Santa rewards those with good behaviour.
Jesus comes near to the broken as Saviour.

If you don't like God, I think I know why...
You probably think He's St Nick in the Sky.
You're right to reject that far-away stranger!
This Christmas look down to the God in the manger.

*Poem, Santa v Jesus. Youtube. Speaklife. Published on
12 March 2015.*

Luke



From the Registers:

Baptisms



Matilda Deller

Scarlett Sutton

Funerals

Jack Fraser

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S



The Binfield ARC project: Fundraising for essential repairs and updates to our historic Parish Church

All Saints' Church Needs Your Help!



Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £181,393

Plus Charitable Grants: £42,000

New Phase 2 Target: £455,000

Phase 2 Donations to Date: £67,408

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £13,031

Current Phase 2 Funds: £54,375

(plus PCC funds of £100,000)



Fundraising Update:

On Sunday 11th November, over 500 people attended one of the most moving Remembrance Day Services many of us have experienced at All Saints' Church. The parade and service drew together adults and children from many of the different organisations and groups based in and around Binfield, all paying their respects to those who served and died for us. We remembered them as a community through song, prayers, thoughts and words in our beautiful church, which had been tidied and prepared by volunteers during the week before. And it reminded us why we are working hard to complete the work needed to maintain and strengthen the building, so that it can continue to serve us all in this way.

We have now received the responses back from the Tender process for the next stage of work, and the cost has come back higher than expected, at around £455,000 including VAT and fees. However, this is not too surprising considering this work would see all the remaining roof repairs completed; covering an area twice the size of the first Phase! And the fact that this work is needed has been again proved as water has been leaking in from the roof during most of the recent wet weather we've had, particularly threatening the irreplaceable oak beams towards the back of the church. The Project team is hoping to start the repair work again from next Spring, and so we will need to try to pull together as many funds as possible by this time.

And so we are truly thankful that the community continues to come together to support the ARC project. This year's Binfield Scarecrow Trail has again been a shining example of this, with 48 families and groups making scarecrows for the brilliant trail around the village (including the winning entry shown above) and many local businesses getting involved. A huge thank you to the organisers, Chris and Vicky Lunn, helpers, participants and visitors who together raised a fantastic £3,125. Thanks particularly go to Amelia Everett, age 10 (pictured), who spent her half term week baking to be able to offer biscuits and cakes at

her family's stop on Knox Green, and raised an additional £320 from donations!

So now to kick off your Christmas celebrations, come along to our Christmas Party featuring Dads R Loud on Saturday 8th December at St. Mark's. Tickets are on sale now for £8 including a portion of meat or veggie curry. Licensed cash bar available. This will be a great night!

It wouldn't be Christmas without carols, so luckily we have Liz Hall's 1st Binfield Rainbow and Brownie units singing for us at Tesco in Warfield on Monday 3rd December 5-7pm - please go along and say hi to support them. We will also be hosting some old-fashioned carol singing around the village on Tuesday 18th December, starting at the Foxes' Den Café at 6:30pm, and returning there for mince pies and warm drinks after. Wrap up warm and bring your lanterns – maybe it will even snow for us?!

Trudy Inge has also kindly organised a fundraising session to make beautiful Christmas table decorations on Tuesday 11th December at 10-12:30pm St Mark's. Please contact her at tpinge@btinternet.com to see if she has spaces available, £20 each including materials and refreshments.

Our ARC shop is full of things for sale right now, available online, in church or at the church office, and at the Foxes' Den Café! Our lovely Christmas cards featuring All Saints' Church in the snow, the 2019 Binfield Village Calendar, handmade Christmas Decorations (thank you crafters for all your wonderful donations so far!) and tickets to events are all there. We would still love to accept more knitted, crocheted or stitched creations, so please pick up the patterns we have available, or feel free to make your own and we'd be happy to collect them if you can't get them to us!

With many thanks, from the Fundraising Team

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject.org.uk

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' AND ST MARK'S

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

Upcoming December Event Dates:

Monday 3rd: 1st Binfield Rainbows & Brownies

Carol Singing @ Tesco, Warfield, 5-7pm

Saturday 8th: Dad's R Loud Christmas Party @ St. Mark's, 7:30pm

Tuesday 11th: Xmas Decoration Making @ St. Mark's 10-12:30pm

Tuesday 18th: Carol Singing around Binfield, meet @The Foxes' Den Café at 6:30pm

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk



The ARC Community
Christmas Knitting Challenge

Beautiful, handmade Christmas
decorations, now *FOR SALE!*
Min donation of £1 per item
Available from the church office, during church
services, at the Foxes' Den Café and online
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

Thank you for your contributions so far! We'd still
love volunteers to make lots more of these lovely
little festive items to sell around the village.

 Download a pattern from The Binfield ARC Project website
or pick up a copy at St. Mark's or the library and get knitting...





**Christmas Table
Decoration Workshop**
Tuesday 11th December
10-12:30pm
At St. Mark's Church, Binfield
£20, materials & refreshments provided.
Limited places so book soon!
Please contact Trudy at
tpinge@btinternet.com for more details
and to secure your spot.
Proceeds to the
ARC Project

More details on back cover!
CHRISTMAS PARTY!
Saturday 8th December, 7:30pm



Tickets £8 inc.
live music and
meat or veg curry.
Licensed cash bar available

Tickets available from the church office or online
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk



Raising funds for ARC

Join us for
**Carol Singing in
Binfield**



2018 TUESDAY DECEMBER 18TH
6:30 PM UNTIL 7:30 PM

Meet at the Foxes' Den on Foxley Fields
Refreshments provided afterwards
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

How to donate or fundraise for us:

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

- **Cheque:** send a cheque to the church office. Please make sure it is made payable to "Binfield PCC Church Repairs".

Include your name and address and please indicate if you are happy for us to claim Gift Aid on your donation. If you are a UK Tax Payer - this will add an extra 25% to your donation! Ask at the church office for more details.

- **BACS:**Account: Binfield PCC Church Repairs
Sort code: 20-11-74
Account Number: 03290131
- See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and set up your own fundraising page at:
www.justgiving.com/campaign/binfieldarcproject-phase2

Don't forget to check if your employer can fund-match any money you raise for charity!

HELPING EACH OTHER

PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

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

We have a new privacy policy in line with the new GDPR rules on our website and if you would like to sign up to receive emails from us regarding updates, news and events from the parish please go to this webpage:

<http://eepurl.com/dtqaqr>

PASTORAL CARE VISITING TEAM - need a friend?



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

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

Jane Aylwin	tel. 481692
Jill Hanson	tel. 452694
Margareta Hawkins	tel. 411681
Sarah Muller	tel. 428782
Jan Vigar	tel. 411267
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: office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



Praying for and with you

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

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

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

Rector:

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

Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

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Hayley Fourie, Administrator
01344 421079
office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All enquiries for weddings and baptisms

Office opening hours:

Tuesday: 9.30am - 1.30pm
Wednesday: 9.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday: 9.30am - 1.30pm

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Bell Tower:

Liz Harris
01344 649628

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Kate Hayes
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Andrea White
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Church Website:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
We are also on Facebook
facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks



ARC Fundraising Team

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All Saints' Church

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Binfield
RG42 5NS

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

MEETINGS & GROUPS - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

THE SILVER SERVICE



A more traditional short service designed and led by our retired congregation members followed by a delicious homemade lunch

Next dates:

**12 noon Tuesdays
11th December &
22nd January
at St Mark's Church**

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

If you would like help with transport or you can help with transport please contact
Beverley Cornish
on 01344 307271 or 07704 437207

OPEN DOOR



We would love you to join us
for a short informal service at
St Mark's Church, Binfield

...followed by refreshments

A crèche is available if you have young children

Christmas Special:
10am Friday 7th December
10am Friday 11th January

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

EVERYONE WELCOME



MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

Next: 26th January 2019

(no December Men's Breakfast)

"Should government be run by politicians?"

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



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

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Crema Coffee Shop, Binfield.

5th December - Walk around Dinton Pastures - either meet at Crema at 9am or Dinton Pastures at 9.15am

19th December - 9am meet at Crema

2nd January **NO WALK**

16th January - 9am meet at
THE FOXES' DEN

6th February - 9am meet at
THE FOXES' DEN

For more information contact
Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169 or
Claire Thomas on 07912 746289

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



Saturdays

1st December & 5th January

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

Be ready for all weathers!

Contact Kim Swain for more information
07894 469633 or kim.swain1@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS' & ST MARK'S ARE HERE FOR YOU

3G 3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday (during term time)

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

Extra parking available at Newbold Church opposite

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

For more info contact

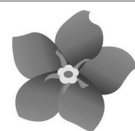
Jan Watts:

07445 000 443



Bereavement Support Team

We will all suffer with loss, grief or bereavement at some time in our lives. Bereavement affects all of us, predominantly through death, but also in other ways such as relationship breakdown, loss of a job, or sudden disability.



The Bereavement Support Team are not counsellors, but can offer support and companionship if you are suffering a loss of any kind.

There is no charge for a visit. All support team members are DBS checked and have ID badges.

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact Liz Hall for more information.

Liz

orinocco@hotmail.co.uk /07850 799434



3G's Second Birthday Celebration

"Time flies when you are having fun." How true this is for those of us at 3G. Our 2nd birthday celebration was a great success. Mr. Bertie Slippers entertained both the children and the adults with his magic. "Shaun the Sheep" cake was a great hit and the party food enjoyed by all. The children received a little book "The Lost Sheep".

The year has seen an increase in numbers and the general feedback is what a lovely atmosphere there is with a warm welcome assured for everyone. The children continue to enjoy the variety of toys plus the craftwork, story time and the singing with the musical accompaniment by the children!

The Bible stories have covered the themes of Creation, together with the much loved Old Testament stories of Abraham, Noah and Joseph. We have had stories from the New Testament including Jesus calling his disciples, healing people, telling parables including the "Lost Sheep" and meeting with people like Zaccheus whose life was changed for ever.

It a privilege and a delight to be part of this ministry.

Jan Watts and 3G Team



YOUTH CHOIR Aged 7+

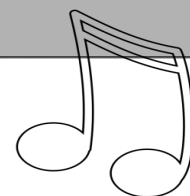
Practice is on Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm at St Mark's Church, Binfield

We sing at the first 9.30am Parish Communion each month,

some All Age services and special occasions.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Contact Michael Hawkins on 01344 411681



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone,

We've been having loads of fun this month at Whizz Kids and Oasis, and with Christmas just around the corner, we have loads more to come..!

Don't forget Whizz Kids is open to everyone in school years 1-6—we'd love to see some new faces!

At Whizz Kids we've been continuing our sessions looking at the 10 commandments, and have thought about how we can be respectful of our parents and family, and how important it is to always tell the truth. It's been great learning about these commandments and

exploring why God wants us to do these things. We've also been getting into the Christmas spirit by drawing designs to be a part of our Whizz Kids Christmas tea towel, which we are going to be selling to raise money for the ARC project! These should be available soon after this beacon is delivered to you, so if you are interested in one either head to the back of All Saint's Church, or email me to get your hands on one.

We also have the return of our Whizz Kids Christmas Party which has been huge fun

the past two years, with inflatables, games, disco, craft, food and more! If you are in school years 1-6 and would like to come along to the party, please email me to book on for a night of fun and dancing, it would be amazing to see you there!

At Oasis we're still growing in numbers which is incredible, and it's so great to see all the girls come together for fun and community. We've started making more room for being creative, whether it's something messy like making slime, or something more intricate like decorating tea lights, it's been great having a place to be creative and colourful! In our sessions we've been chatting all things social media, and figuring out how to navigate the difficult world of being online today. It's sparked amazing conversations, and has been great to talk to likeminded people about the issues we face.

We're also planning some festive-themed social events for the Christmas period, so if you're interested in keeping up with those please join our email list by getting in contact.

Thank you so much for the support this term, we can't do it without you, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Daisy

daisyridell@gmail.com

WK dates: Dec 9th, 16th, Jan 13th, 20th & 27th



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY GROUP

10.45am-12noon @ St Mark's
ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES...GAMES...
FUN...AND MUCH MORE!!

For children of school years 1-6 every
Sunday (not the 1st Sunday of the month)

All children welcome - Bring your friends

(Leaders have enhanced DBS clearance)



Oasis



Oasis

Wednesday Girls' Group

7pm-8.30pm @ St Mark's

Yr7+ girls welcome to come along and chill, chat and meet up with friends that have moved to different schools. Term-time only email daisyridell@gmail.com for more info



Creative Table (for pre-school and Reception year children)

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday
(except the first of the month)

for younger children to use while their parents are enjoying the service.

Some of the children's work is displayed in the Lady Chapel at All Saints' Church

CHURCH NEWS

All Saints' Christmas Cards for sale!



The beautiful All Saints' Church was captured veiled in crisp white snow by Ken Brunt and the image is now available as Christmas cards for £5 per pack (10x a6 cards or 5x a5 cards and envelopes)

Available to buy from both churches and our online shop:
binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/binfieldarcproject/shop/

The Binfield Village 2019

Calendar:

NOW ON SALE!

£8 each

Featuring some beautiful photos taken by our winning local photographers of views and events from around our village. The calendars are A4 with each page featuring a full colour photograph and a month view with space to write. Priced at £8 each, they are available from the parish office, the church office, the Foxes' Den Café and the ARC website.

Delivery can be arranged within the village: please email claire@foxesden.co.uk



All proceeds go to The Binfield ARC Project.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm

At ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BINFIELD

*A Service celebrating the Joy and Hope of Christmas
remembering Loved Ones no longer with us*

Beautiful Carols and Christmas Music
with OCCASIONS SINGERS

For more information please contact
Occasions.singers@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

Book Enrichment Week at Binfield Primary School

In October, we had a very successful enrichment week, where we were all immersed in Reading! Activities included visits to Binfield Library, decorating our classroom doors, exploring literacy and visits from authors.

To kick off the week, we had a visit from James Bishop, who told us about how he became an author. He read the children extracts from his 'Iguana Boy' series and they created a superhero story of their own!

Also during the week we hosted a Junior Reading Afternoon for parents. During the session we explored ways to help children read fluently, as well as the importance of asking the right questions when hearing children read. Feedback from the afternoon was very positive – here are a few of the lovely comments we received:

It was a useful lecture given by teachers and I will apply some tips with my daughter now.

Very well organised and structured – know you are all busy so many thanks for preparing!

Fantastic session, thank you.

A really interesting and worthwhile workshop. I've noticed a marked difference in my daughter's reading fluency, particularly from using the techniques I learned.

All in all, a great week which was enjoyed equally by the children and staff.

HM Queen's Visit to Bracknell

We were absolutely delighted to be invited to take two of our children to Bracknell to represent our school during Her Majesty the Queen's visit last month. Of course we're biased, but Elijah and Lottie were definitely the smartest school children there! They waved their flags with enthusiasm when they saw the Queen and were a credit to the school.

Mrs Featherstone-Wright, who accompanied the children, commented: 'Each teacher nominated one of their pupils who represented all aspects of Binfield's 'Golden Essentials', including respect, kindness, listening skills and never settling for less than their best. Once all the names were submitted, the two lucky children names were drawn out of a hat'.

Nikki Edwards, Director of Bracknell Forest Borough Council,

wrote a follow-up letter of thanks to our school and commented on how superb the children's behaviour and manners were on the day. Well done Elijah and Lottie!

Thank you FOBS!

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Friends of Binfield School (FOBS), our Parent/Teacher association, we have been able to purchase many new books for our children. For the Infants, we have purchased approximately 1,000 new Read Write Inc Book Bag Books, which the children are really enjoying reading to their parents. The books are very much aligned to the schools Read Write Inc Scheme of reading and we know that they will be of great benefit to the children.

For the Juniors, we have bought many sets of Guided Reading books. This is to ensure that when sharing a book as a class, each child has access to the text. It is really important for children to be immersed in high-quality texts and, with the help of the class teachers, we have purchased some thought-provoking texts with rich vocabulary to explore. We have also replenished the Book Corners in each junior class, and again have purchased around 1,000 books for these. We have bought a mixture of popular titles that children enjoy (Wimpy Kid/Tom Gates/David Walliams), as well as other high-quality texts from authors such as Ali Sparkes, Michelle Paver and Enid Blyton. The children were very excited about these and again are enjoying bringing them home to share with their parents.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Environment Group

In November, I wrote about the Bracknell Forest Biodiversity Action Plan. This is the first of a series of articles on the species mentioned in that plan that make Binfield their home. One of the cutest of these creatures is the hedgehog. The UK's only spiny mammal is popular with gardeners because its diet includes beetles, slugs, caterpillars, millipedes and earwigs.

They used to be a common sight across the UK, but their numbers have declined from around 30 million in the 1970s to about 1.5 million today. However, they appear to be doing better in some urban and semi-urban areas. Thanks to everyone who has let us know about hedgehog sightings, it seems that Binfield may be one of these areas. Hedgehogs have repeatedly been seen this year in a number of locations around the village, such as the Red Rose allotments, the Wicks Green area, and Benetfield Road.

Hedgehogs hibernate between November and March to conserve energy. If you see a hedgehog at this time of year then it could be in trouble. Similarly, hedgehogs are nocturnal creatures and a hedgehog



out in broad daylight may also be in trouble. The websites of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and Harper

Asprey Wildlife Rescue provide more information on how to see if a hedgehog needs help and what to do.

One thing that we can all do between April and October is put out food and water for hedgehogs. Hedgehog food is available from garden centres, but they also like meaty cat and dog food. You can also buy or build a hedgehog feeding station so that larger animals, including pets, can't get at the food and the hedgehog can feed in a protected space.

The specific action in the Biodiversity Action Plan is to increase the number of gardens connected as part of Hedgehog Street. All you have to do is make sure that there is at least one 13cm x 13 cm hole in your garden boundary. You can even get a durable label from the People's Trust for Endangered Species or British Hedgehog Preservation Society to let your friends and neighbours know what you've done, and to make sure that the hole doesn't get accidentally blocked up.

Please continue to let us know if you see a hedgehog or improve the accessibility of your garden for hedgehogs. It would be great if you would also submit this information to The Big Hedgehog Map. We will summarise the information on new garden links and pass it on to Bracknell Forest Council.

Binfield Environment Group can be contacted by email at binfieldeg@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Mike Coker

Note that a version of this article appears on the BEG website with relevant web-links.

News from the Foxes' Den...

We are delighted to welcome you to the Foxes' Den Café! By the time you read this, we (fingers crossed!), will have successfully launched on the 3rd of December and hosted the Binfield Christmas Lights switch on. If you haven't already, why not pop in and say hi. Our coffee is freshly roasted in Marlow by the fabulous Coopers. Coopers have partnered with Falcon Coffees, to ensure that the espresso you'll find in your cup is sourced from plantations that work directly with the smallholders, farmers and local community, to drive sustainable, ethical and fair coffee from bean to cup. We think you'll agree it tastes pretty good too!

If coffee is not your cup of tea – well, we also have a selection of really great tea too! From Oxford Supplier Jeeves and Jericho, we'll aim to serve you a fabulous cuppa, be it English Breakfast, or something more soothing. Look out for our speciality teas. Why not try our amazing Festive Punch tea – it's perfect for getting into the festive mood, and very warming on a cold winter's day.

As you probably know, our mission is to create a great, vibrant and welcoming community space. As we really get going, we will aim to have a host of events, workshops and activities for you to attend. We will be advertising these in the café, through the Beacon each month, around the Parish using the Parish notice boards, on our Facebook page, Parish website and our own Foxes' Den website. You can follow us on Facebook @thefoxesdencafe, or our website: www.foxesden.co.uk. You are more than welcome to drop in and say hi if you have any questions or would like to find out about hiring this new community space.

We hope to see you soon!

Sarah and Claire

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COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Parish Office: December 2018 and January 2019



Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

The Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held in the Parish Office, Benetfeld Road (unless otherwise stated)

December 2018

Tuesday 4 December	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 11 December	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 18 December	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

January 2019

Tuesday 15 January	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 22 January	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Rural Crime Prevention Event	Saturday 1 December from 10.30am at the Parish Office
Thames Valley Police "Let's Talk Binfield" – Talk: Take control of your health: Let food be your medicine/ Techniques one can use to de-stress & take control	Monday 3 December between 10am-12noon – Parish Office
Christmas Lights Switch-On & Official Opening of the new Parish Office	Monday 3 December from 6.00pm – Parish Office & Foxley Fields

Update on the Parish Office extension at Benetfeld Road: At the time of writing this (12 November) it is hard to say "We're in!" because there is still a lot of work to do but, by the time you read this (with every finger crossed), the Parish Office will have reopened and we will be joined by our tenants, The Foxes' Den, who will be running the community café space. The Parish Office redevelopment has been a 3+ year project and we are very excited to share it with all residents.

There is a new meeting room in the Parish Office for public meetings and a smaller quiet office/meeting room. Both of these meeting spaces are available for community groups to use. The new community café offers a fantastic space for groups, a café, as well as four public toilets which will be open whenever the café is open. The community café opening hours will be Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm. Outside of normal café times the space will also be available for hire.

Christmas Lights Switch-On and Official Opening of the new facility – Monday 3 December: Please join us at the Parish Office on Benetfeld Road (RG42 4EW) to both open the building and switch on the Binfield Christmas lights! Please arrive from 6pm, the official opening will take place at 6.30pm and then we will follow up with the lights switch-on and carol singing. Festive refreshments will be served afterwards at The Foxes' Den. There will be three Christmas trees this year located at the Binfield Parish Council Office, Knox Green Corner, and the Travelodge.

New Website & New Logo: The re-opening of the Parish Office is not all that is new for the Parish Council. We are also pleased to announce the launch of our new website – www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. The new site gives you more information than ever before and we hope that you find it useful to see all that is going on. The beady eyed amongst you might have also spotted our new logo. It is 30 years since the original logo was adopted featuring an oak tree, Binfield Bricks and Binfield Badgers. The new logo includes all of those elements, just in a refreshed way.

Christmas Opening: The Parish office will close for the Christmas break on Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen on Wednesday 2 January 2019. We will be monitoring emails over this time.

Development at Blue Mountain: Residents will recall that the plans for Blue Mountain include a community facility as well as the new school and the residential areas. The Parish Council will be looking for views from the community in December. Please look out on our website and social media, as well as the parish noticeboards, for details of how to tell us what you want to see in this facility.

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty
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REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

1918 -2018

The weather forecast did not look good for Saturday morning, but the rain held off, and there was a very good turnout for the Remembrance Day Service, at the War Memorial at St Mark's Church. The Royal British Legion, The Royal Naval Association, 1st and 3rd Binfield Brownies and 5th Bracknell Brownies paraded their Standards to start the short service. The service opened with poems and prayers from representatives from Meadow Vale Primary, Kings Academy and Easthampstead Park Schools. One of the Legion members was then presented with a posy from children from Meadow Vale School on behalf of all children, which was then laid with the wreaths from village organisations. A maroon was set off to start the two minute silence and one to announce the end.



After a very wet start to Sunday, the sun came out and stayed dry for the parade. The parade mustered at Oakmede Shops and was led by our Parade Marshal Staff Sergeant Geraint Davies and our drummer Dave.

The parade made its way to All Saints' Church at a steady pace. To mark the centenary year, children from Meadow Vale School met members of the congregation dressed as WW1 soldiers and handed



them cards bearing the names of the fallen on the Role of Honour. The service was led by Luke and started with the hymn 'I Vow to Thee my Country'. The first reading was given by Mr Nigel Duncan, retired Head Teacher of Meadow Vale.

A few from 3rd Binfield Brownies and four boys from Meadow Vale School, read letters and diary entries from soldiers, factory workers, mothers, nurses and chaplains. 1st Binfield Guides wrote and read prayers, and 1st and 3rd Binfield Brownies sang 'I'll Be Home Someday'. The Standard Bearers made their way to the Roll of Honour to the strains of 'Lament to a Fallen Soldier', wreaths were laid and a poppy was dropped for each of Binfield's Fallen in All Conflicts. After the Last Post a maroon was set off and the two minutes silence followed. The end of the two minutes silence was marked by another maroon and Reville was played. The Standards Bearers returned to 'Amazing Grace'. The Standards were returned and collection taken to the rousing hymn 'Onward Christian Soldiers'. After the National Anthem and blessing the service finished with the hymn 'I Cannot Tell'. The Collection went to The Poppy Appeal.

The Binfield Branch of The Royal British Legion would like to thank all of those who took part in both services, pictures provided by Meadow Vale children to decorate the church, the decorated stones by 1st Binfield Brownies and the Village for their support each year and giving so generously.

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**HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
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Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



The Binfield Belles

The Binfield WI met for a Birthday Celebration at their November meeting as it was on 25th November 1918 that the first committee meeting was held for the WI. A number of village ladies made up the committee then, as they decided on the format of their meetings. Presided over by Mrs Shore and Lady Mary Bevan, the first monthly meeting would be on the 5th December 1918.

We have a wonderful legacy to celebrate and in true form with a Craiguevar band, cheese, wine and a celebration cake we toasted that 100 years.

October's meeting was an interesting evening travelling from Land's End to John O'Groats with Joyce Windmill. With great slides and lots of interesting facts learnt on the way, I think we walked with her.

As these months fly by our members meet at different venues for different interests: walking, craft, keep fit, badminton game, and scrabble or simply to drink coffee and watch the world go by.

We lose members who are friends along the way; Kate Trowell who has moved to Axminster. She lived in the village for many years with her family and is now enjoying a new life nearer her family.

New members joined us and we offer a great friendship in the group and look forward to sharing time with them.

Centenary celebrations are always good en masse and couldn't be better than a visit to Brick Lane Music Hall for theatre and afternoon tea. What a day it was; brilliant entertainment that included fun and laughter for all. A long journey home but a fitting trip for our great group.

We enjoyed a Christmas market trip and coffee morning in November. Our meeting in December will be a Christmas party with lots of goodies to eat and drink, a cabaret and a stunning cake to share.

On January 10th, at our meeting, we welcome in 2019 with a talk on Jack the Ripper - just right for a cold frosty evening with Michael Daley - what more could the Binfield Belles ask for?!

Come along at 7.15pm and join in our fun plus coffee and cake and laughter to bring in the New Year.

**It only remains to wish you a great
Christmas and Happy New Year.**

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Letters from the Front and a Torch Held High

There can be no doubt that Binfield played its full part in remembering and commemorating the centenary of the act of Armistice which brought an end to the Great War.

A weekend of services and parades featured contributions from parishioners of all ages to the Remembrance events at St Mark's War Memorial and All Saints' Church.

A very welcome break in the rain on Saturday morning, November 10th, provided a sunny opportunity for wreaths of poppies to be laid at the newly-cleaned and refurbished Village War Memorial. Contributions from Rainbows, Brownies, Meadow Vale schoolchildren and Service veterans' branches brought a display of colour to the proceedings.

The sun also shone on Binfield's Remembrance Parade; separate Armistice service and Sunday parades being necessary because of this year's hundred-year anniversary events otherwise clashing on the same day.

Children from Meadow Vale School and 3rd Binfield Brownies, dressed in period costume of WW1, brought extraordinary poignancy to the All Saints' service when they read from diary pages and letters sent from the Great War battlefield. Prayers written and read by members of 1st Binfield Guides also impressed a packed congregation with the youngsters' conscious understanding of the importance of the Remembrance season.

Still more moving was the rendition by 1st and 3rd Binfield Brownies of a hymn written by Binfield Royal British Legion branch chairman, Karen Hatt.

Parish Rector Rev Luke Taylor's address added topicality to the lesson of needing to love one's perceived enemy, citing a Russian soldier's recorded heroism as an example of our failure to understand the similarity between people of all nations. Such shared respect would go the longest way to eliminating any reason for war.

In his much-quoted poem *In Flanders Fields*, WW1 poet Major John McCrae wrote: "To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high."

Be in no doubt, Major, the torch of remembrance will continue to be held high in the Parish of Binfield.

TERRY DILLIWAY

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



Dinner, Skittles and Yes, Prime Minister!

There could surely be no better way to recognise a Branch's success than to be invited to parade before the Prime Minister.

Such was the proud duty of Shipmate Standard Bearer Anthony Boddrell, when Bracknell Royal Naval Association standard joined others attending the Maidenhead World War 1 Centenary service where the address was given by constituency Member of Parliament, Theresa May.

Another pleasant duty, reported to Bracknell RNA Branch November meeting, was the parading of the standard at October's Trafalgar Dinner, which traditional annual Royal Navy event was this year described by Shipmate Chairman Mike Daley as 'a wonderful night'. Much praise was heaped upon Steward Mandy King and Binfield Club's catering, which never fails to rise to the busy occasion. And special thanks were due to S/M Social Secretary Lynne Daley for her attractive floral arrangements and table presentation.

Shipmate Secretary June Boddrell's report included correspondence from Maidenhead Sea Cadet Unit, whose year of awards and successful training has received congratulations from Bracknell shipmates together with much gratification expressed at the Branch's burgeoning relationship with the Cadets.

A very warm welcome back to the meeting was accorded to popular Branch President, S/M Shelagh Pile, returning after a tragic family bereavement. Shelagh relayed her sincere thanks to shipmates for their warm support during her difficult time. Another noted welcome return was that of Shipmate Laurence ('Yosser') Townley, original branch standard bearer.

S/M Secretary June announced news of staff changes at Central Office and on the Semaphore Circular; several forthcoming Portsmouth events also received a mention, including the prospect of Christmas fayre with all necessary trimmings aboard HMS Warrior.

Forthcoming branch events were reported on the horizon. December's branch meeting – in the usual venue of Binfield Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday, December 5th – will take the form of a skittles and buffet evening, to which all are invited. Much fun is forecast for this, another popular seasonal occasion.

Bracknell shipmates wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all ex-RN servicemen and women, and supporters of the Senior Service.

---- Terry Dilliway

Once Navy, Always Navy



Binfield Library News

"One can never have enough socks," said Dumbledore.
"Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People will insist on giving me books."

— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

Wow I can't believe another year is almost at an end. It seems that time really does go quicker as you get older, something I never thought I'd hear myself saying. It's been a rollercoaster ride for our libraries this year with staff changes and self-service being introduced but I'm pleased that all our valued customers have come along for the ride. And there's still more to come! As you will have seen from the new signage and just to confuse you because we like to keep you on your toes our opening times are due to be extended with 'Open Plus' which will enable you to use the library when it's not staffed. This has not happened yet but is imminent so if you are interested in this please let us know so we can give you more information.

Also have you seen all the wonderful book posters in the library? These were very generously donated by Binfield Primary School pupils, a great big thank you -they are a beautiful addition to the library and we are very lucky to have them.

So here are the Children's Events for December and January 2019:

Bounce & Rhyme sessions for preschool children every Thursday at 9.30am followed by the Tots Christmas and New Year crafts at 10.00am, there is £1 charge per child this includes the singing, tea and craft.

Our Tuesday craft sessions will have a Christmas and New Year theme and start from 3.00pm; come along and find out what Chris has planned for you. This is a drop in session so there is no need to book. There is a charge of £1.20 per child.

Lego is on Monday 3rd December and 7th January from 3.00pm until 4.30pm and is free.

Some changes are presently taking place with the times for Children's relaxation so as soon as we know what is happening we will let you know.

On December 17th at 5.30pm we will be having a special Christmas bedtime story and craft session with Mrs Claus. Please book your place; tickets are £1.20 per child. All ages are very welcome.

Our competition this month is guess how many books make a Christmas tree so look out for that when you come in to the library actually you won't be able to miss it!!

Adult Events:

We have an afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be 1st December and 5th January at 2.00pm, 50p for refreshments.

Knit and Natter is on Monday 3rd December and 7th January at 2.00pm and Saturday 15th December at 2.00pm, 50p for refreshments.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 13th December and 10th January at 11am and we are very lucky to have a new volunteer Derek Chivers who will be setting the quizzes as well as helping with other library jobs; a big thank you to Derek.

The Binfield Film Group is on Tuesday 18th December and 15th January at 2.00pm. 50p for refreshments

Are you new to Binfield? Why not come along to our Coffee morning and Quiz, it's lively, fun and a great way to meet new people; it's on the last Thursday of the month 27th December and 31st January at 11.00am, 50p for refreshments.

Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month which makes it 28th December and 25th January at 2.00pm. If you fancy giving it a go but don't understand the rules the lovely ladies attending will talk you through it, 50p for refreshments.

Why not make joining the library one of your New Year Resolutions? All you need is photo ID, two other documents with your address on and we can join you immediately and it's free!

Have a very Happy Christmas and New Year Binfield from all of us at the library.

The Binfield Library team, here to help with a smile!

Chris, Elaine, Julie, Liz, Maxine, Pinky and our amazing volunteers Nicky, Susan, Lesley, Derek and me.



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield C.E. Primary School
Christmas Bazaar
1st December 2018
12pm - 3pm
Benetfeld Road, Binfield RG42 4EW
Tombola Visit Santa's Grotto Festive food, drink and games fantastic raffle prizes and much more fun at the annual Binfield C.E. Primary School Christmas Bazaar

Newbold Celebrates Christmas!

Join us for a festive concert and mince pies

8th December, 7pm (doors at 6.40pm)

Newbold Church Centre
 St. Marks Road - RG42 4AN - Binfield - Bracknell

'Newbold Celebrates Christmas' is a carol concert with a difference! With a blend of both traditional and contemporary musical styles, you will find all the tradition you'd expect from the festive season - candles, choirs and carols - together with various artists including the church band, jazz group and children from the church and school joining us.

Please email events@newboldchurch.org or call 01344 401792 to request a free ticket.

Please book early to avoid disappointment as it sells out quickly! We hope to see you there!




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www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk



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Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme
1st December - 22nd December 2018
 The Scout Post delivery scheme will be taking place again this Christmas. The Scout Post is operated by the 1st Binfield Scout Group, providing a Christmas delivery service to any household with a **Binfield address**, and at the same time raising funds for the whole Scout Group.
 The cost is only **30p per card**. Each envelope will be stamped with the Scout Post logo, before being delivered on Sunday 23rd December.
 Please post your **carefully addressed** cards, and **30p per card**, in a **CHRISTMAS POST** box. These will be at the following places around Binfield, between Saturday 1st December and Saturday 22nd December:
 The Doctor's Surgery, Lloyds Chemist, Binfield Library, Crema Coffee Shop, and The Foxes' Den Café.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dates for your Diary

- 1st December** 12pm-3pm Christmas Bazaar @ Binfield Primary School
- 3rd December** 6pm Binfield Christmas Lights switch on @ Binfield Parish Office
- 3rd December** 5pm 1st Binfield Rainbows & Brownies, Carol Singing @ Tesco, Warfield
- 8th December** 7.30pm Dad's R Loud Christmas Party @ St Mark's Church,
- 8th December** 7.00pm Newbold Celebrates Christmas!
- 16th December** 7.30pm Binfield Singers Christmas Carol Concert @ St Mark's Church
- 18th December** 6.30pm Village Carol Singing starts @ The Foxes' Den Café

Please email office@binfieldcofechurces.org.uk if you would like us to list your event here



Anyone for Badminton?

We are a mixed recreational friendly group who meet to play badminton on Monday evenings during school term times at 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Garth Hill College.

We are looking for additional players. Beginners and more accomplished players welcome. If you are interested in joining us please come along and meet us or phone Sheila on 07714 769001.

Binfield Singers Christmas Carol Concert

**On Sunday 16th December
at 7.30 pm
in St Mark's Church, Binfield**

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Old and New: Join in and Sing!**

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The Binfield Singers

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