

The Binfield Beacon

February 2019

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



**Would you rather be
the carrot, the egg or
the coffee bean?**

OUR MISSION: *To help people follow Jesus and his teachings*

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

Saturday 2nd February

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 3rd February

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

Monday 4th February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 6th February

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

Friday 8th February

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's

Sunday 10th 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 All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 11th February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 13th February

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

Thursday 14th February

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 17th February

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am All Age Service with Communion at All Saints'
NO Whizz Kids—Half Term

Monday 18th February

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

Tuesday 19th February

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 20th February

NO Women's Walk/Talk —Half Term
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
NO Oasis—Half Term

Saturday 23rd February

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 24th 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 All Age Service at All Saints'

Monday 25th February

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

Wednesday 27th February

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

Saturday 2nd March

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

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8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
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10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
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From the Registers:

Baptisms

Dec—Oliver William Crouch



Dec—Peter Rundle



Weddings

December—Sue Wilson & Paul Atkinson

December—James Haskell & Chloe Madeley

Funerals

January—Ray Westlake

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FROM YOUR RECTOR



The carrot, the egg, and the coffee bean

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling.

It seemed that, as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans.

She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes, she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," the young woman replied. The mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened! The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" the mother asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?" Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong but, with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit but, after a death, a breakup, or a financial hardship, does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour.

If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their

greatest, do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?

The Bible puts it like this. *No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down: he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.*

1 Corinthians Chapter 10, verse 13.

Lets all try and be a bit more like coffee, and change our circumstances for the better by bringing a good fragrance and flavour.

Luke

Easter Lilies

A time to remember 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 by Friday 5th April who will arrange this for you.



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

Thank you

Jan Vigar 01344 411267

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



All Saints' Repair & Care

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: £98,626

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £13,659

Current Phase 2 Funds: £84,967

(plus PCC funds of £100,000)

Fundraising Update:

So that we could write this update, we've been looking back over all the amazing activities which took place at the end of last year (Christmas seems like a while ago already), and what a busy time it was! So many fantastic fundraising activities put on by lovely individuals who kindly gave their time and effort so that a whole range of people got to have a great time while the ARC project benefitted.

At the end of November, the very successful Clothes Exchange evening raised £1,174; thanks for coming and swapping all those clothes ladies! The beginning of December saw Liz Hall's 1st Binfield Rainbow and Brownie units igniting the festive spirit with their carol singing at Tesco in Warfield, and they raised a fantastic £407. This was followed by Dads R Loud providing the entertainment while we ate amazing curry kindly donated by the Binfield Village Stores team at our Christmas Party, which raised another £813. Trudy Inge and her friend Rose put on a wonderful workshop where we made some beautiful decorations to brighten up our Christmas tables (see picture), raising £400, while the sale of Margareta Hawkins gingerbread churches generated another £387. We also had lots of lovely items available to buy including mistletoe, the fantastic Binfield Village Calendar (which has now sold out), the Whizz Kids tea towel, and all those knitted items, handmade by lots of clever people which also sold really well! Thank you to everyone who sponsored, contributed and bought these items and added to the fund!

All this activity was topped off by a very kind, large donation which came in at the end of December to really finish the year on a high.

So after the break, we're ready to start another year of fundraising to continue to support the repair work. Thanks to you all, we are able to start some of the work in the Spring, but we still have a way to go to be able to carry out all of the work needed. Look out for new fundraising activities, and let us know if you'd like to get involved!

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team
fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

See more photos at 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's 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

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.

JustGiving enables you to fundraise on our behalf.
For example, you could choose to raise money for
us by taking part in an activity such as a sponsored
run or car wash, and proceeds money will be given
directly to us.

See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and
set up your own fundraising page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/binfieldarcproject-phase2>

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



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CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a fantastic New Year with friends and family. We have had a very busy festive season at Whizz Kids and Oasis, from movie nights to our Christmas party, it's been a full term!

At Whizz Kids on Sunday mornings, we finished our topic of the 10 Commandments, learning about why God has given them to us and why they are still important. This term we are looking at the fruit of the spirit, and will be exploring why we need all of these fruit and how they work together!

Our Christmas party was so much fun, with a bouncy castle, games, craft and food. It was great to end the year by blowing off some steam and celebrating together!

At Oasis we've been talking about social media, and how difficult it can be to navigate how to use it well. We chatted about comparison, photo editing and gossip, and it's great to have a safe space to discuss how to deal with

issues like this today. We ended the term with a trip to bowling and McDonald's, which definitely brought out everyone's competitive side! We also had a pyjama and Christmas movie night to finish off the festivities, and will be starting this term by meeting strong women of faith to hear their stories!

If you'd like to join us at either Whizz Kids or Oasis we would love to see you, and we are open to absolutely anyone! Check the details in this Beacon for when and where we run. See you soon!

Daisy

daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids dates: Feb 10th & 24th (Not 17th as half term)



Oasis



3G 3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday

Feb: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Mar: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd

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



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 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

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



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
26th February &
26th March
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

10am Friday 8th February

10am Friday 8th March

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: 23rd February

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 Foxes' Den Café in Binfield

6th February - 9am meet at Foxes' Den Café

20th February - NO WALK—Half Term

6th March - 9am meet at Foxes' Den Café

20th March - Either meet at Foxes' Den Café at 9am or at St Michael's Church in Warfield at 9.15am (we will walk from St Michael's to Fernygrove Farm Coffee Shop have a coffee and walk back)

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



**Saturdays
2nd February & 2nd March**

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

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>

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**

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



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

Church Office:

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

Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins
01344 411681

Bell Tower:

Liz Harris
01344 649628

P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes
07809 736372

Treasurer:

Sarah Muller
01344 428782
Treasurer@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White
01344 421079

Church Website:

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



ARC Fundraising Team

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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St Mark's Church
Popeswood Road
Binfield
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All Saints' Church

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

Binfield Environment Group

In November, I wrote about the Bracknell Forest Biodiversity Action Plan. This is the second of a series of articles on the species mentioned in that plan that make Binfield their home. This species is definitely in the parish, but is quite hard to find – the noctule bat.



We are lucky in Binfield to be batty. Some of you will have seen bats in your garden. Some of you will have seen bats whilst walking around the village at sunset. It is most likely that the bats that we see are one of the two species of pipistrelles – common or soprano. They can often be seen flitting around streetlights or flying erratically silhouetted against the darkening sky.

There are another 15 species of bats that breed in the UK, approximately half of which have been recorded in Binfield. The particular species mentioned in the Bracknell Forest Biodiversity Action Plan is the noctule bat. Noctules are our largest bat, but would still fit in the palm of your hand. They fly high and direct, stooping on their insect prey, and are not the bats that we see around our street lights. They tend to be one of the first species to emerge at dusk, so if you see a bat flying high and direct over the fields around the village then there's a good chance that it is a noctule.

Noctules prefer to nest in old trees and are a good indicator of mature woodland. They rarely use bat boxes. The action in the Plan is to identify roosting sites, and we are pretty confident that there is at least one noctule roost in Binfield, and we will be working with the local bat group (<http://www.berksbats.org.uk/>) to see if we can find roosts.

One of the positive aspects of some of the new housing developments around the village is the proliferation of bat boxes. There will be at least 50 of these by the time the Blue Mountain development is complete and there is every chance that they will be used by Binfield's pipistrelles. We are currently looking into ways that we can monitor the village's bat boxes. However, all of the species of bats found in the UK are protected, and it is illegal to disturb them unless you hold the appropriate license.

Binfield Environment Group have a couple of bat detectors and would be happy to help you identify the bats that you get in your part of the village, or to lead bat-related events. We 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.

- Saturday 16th February - BEG work party in Farley Copse
- Saturday 16th March - BEG work party
- Saturday 20th April - BEG biodiversity survey in Wicks Green



BINFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS.....

Although we may be in the midst of winter... at the cricket club we are already looking forward to Spring and the Summer! There is lots of good news to share from BCC, with both the 1st and 2nd teams being promoted in their first season in the

Thames Valley League (TVL), the 3rd XI achieving their highest ever finish – and with the introduction of so many colts to Senior cricket – our highest number of people playing ever. As the club continues to go from strength to strength, we are looking forward to having three senior teams in the TVL and one team in the Berkshire League in 2019, as well as fielding two friendly teams on Sundays. So throughout the summer, there will be cricket at BCC every weekend and, with a recently refurbished bar, non-playing social members and spectators are welcome as always.

Binfield Cricket Club prides itself on being a family-orientated club and there is a thriving colts section, for both boys and girls, with a successful All Stars programme starting from age five. Another milestone for BCC this year is entry into the Home Counties "Super-8" ladies cricket competition - this builds on a dedicated girls section and women's softball and hardball cricket. Our indoor nets (practice) sessions will be starting mid Feb running through mid April.

All details will be found on our website.

So if you are looking for a new team, a new sport, or just to pop along to your local cricket club you can follow us on social media, you can find us on twitter @Binfield_CC, or on Facebook and Instagram or visit the website at www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk and get in contact.

All the best for 2019!

Andy Bryant, Chairman Binfield Cricket Club



1st BINFIELD SCOUT GROUP Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme 2018

We would like to say a very big thank you to all the staff and customers of: The Doctor's Surgery, Lloyds Chemist, Binfield Library, Crema Coffee Shop and The Foxes' Den Café at Binfield Parish Office for having and using one of the special post boxes for the annual Scout post this Christmas.

With your help we raised a fantastic **£222** for Scout funds.

This money will go towards helping to provide all the exciting activities and opportunities available to our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

Many thanks again, and here's hoping that with your continued support, next year's post will be even more successful!

Best wishes from everyone at
1st Binfield Scout Group.

COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Parish Office: February 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)



February 2019

Tuesday 5 February	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 12 February	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 26 February	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm
Saturday 9 February	NEW! Parish Councillor drop-in surgeries	10am -12pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Annual Parish Meeting	Thursday 14 March, 7.30pm arrival for an 8pm start, The Foxes'
4 th Annual Binfield 10k road race	Sunday 19 May at 10am

New Years resolutions? Perhaps more exercise and volunteering

If you have a goal to get more exercise, did you know there are lots of walks right here in Binfield? You can find some good routes on the parish website at <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/newpage#Walks> Or maybe you would like to do some practical conservation? If you are a Facebook user, you can search for the [Binfield Environment Group](#) and find details of their upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Or for something quick and easy, you can always pick up a litter picker and a rubbish bag from us here at the Parish Office and return them when you are done - every little really does help!

The Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Peoples Award

On Thursday 14 March the Parish Council will host their Annual Parish Meeting which is for the electors of the parish to find out more about how the council operates and what we are focused on. This year, the event will be held for the first time in the newly opened Foxes' Den Community Café. As part of the evening, we will be announcing winners of the Parish Peoples Awards so if you have someone you think deserves a bit of credit for their efforts find out how to nominate them here: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-peoples-award> or pop into ask the office staff for a form. The closing date is Thursday 14 February 2019. You can nominate an individual, group or business.

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

In May 2019, all seats on the parish council are up for election. If you would like to get more involved with your community and stand as a councillor you can get in touch or take a look on our website: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/councillors-and-staff#CouncillorElectionsandVoting>

Also, we have new Parish Councillor drop-in surgeries running monthly. Please feel free to drop by and talk to a Councillor about any matter or issue within Binfield Parish.

Recycling facilities in the Parish

We hear so much on the news about the importance of reducing our impact on the environment and we often post regular items about litter and responsible dog ownership but this month we are focusing on local recycling facilities. The Bracknell Forest Council website has a huge amount of information about what you can recycle and where so if you have some items and aren't sure where to take it check it out here: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/what-can-i-recycle> We'd also ask that if you do visit a bottle bank and its full, please do not leave your recycling lying around – we've had incidents in the Oakmede car park where glass has become strewn about and its dangerous for all of us. The collection day for bin emptying at Oakmede Place is a Wednesday so a good tip is to get down there on a Thursday when you are most likely going to be able to find space! Obviously the bigger the recycling centre the more space so if you have a lot perhaps try one of the Tesco recycling points or the Longshot Lane Recycling Centre, Bracknell. The Parish Office would like to introduce small item recycling at our new facility – what would be useful to you? We already take stamps but what else would you like to see? Let us know and we will see if we can provide it.

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty
01344 454602/Binfield Parish Council at the Parish Office, Benetfeld Road, Binfield, RG42 4EW
Parish Office opening hours: 8.45am-1pm Monday to Friday
office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

Thinking of others at Christmas

As usual, the run up to Christmas was a very busy time in school. Amongst the celebrations, which included Christmas Lunch for 500, a visit from Father Christmas and, of course, our Nativity services, we held a Christmas Jumper Day which raised over £500 to be split between Save the Children Fund and Shelter. We really enjoyed seeing the children embracing the theme and their awareness of the charities' beneficiaries being those less fortunate than us. Additionally, the collections taken at the Christmas performances raised a total of £340, which will also be split and donated to Save the Children and Shelter.



Y4 Residential Trip to Ufton Court

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their first residential trip to Ufton Court near Reading. The children took part in a wide range of activities including willow weaving to make swords, trebuchet construction and firing, battle skills and re-enactments. It was a pleasure to see them using their learning muscles and thinking skills during these sessions.



'Bringing the Roman Period to Life' was the main feature of the residential experience - the highlight was the spectacular Roman Banquet in the evening, for which everyone

dressed up and acted like true Romans! The staff were very impressed by how quickly the children settled into the activities, how engaged they were and how much they gained from the experience. Well done to the Y4 children and staff!

Can you help?

In the week commencing 11th February, we will be holding a joint Science and Computing Week in school. The two subjects are closely linked and are very relevant in the wider world. We are in the process of arranging a really exciting

week and would love to have a range of visits, assemblies and/or workshops from local scientists (**any** field) or technology experts. The theme is going to be '**Asking Questions: Solving Problems**' with a focus on coding and analysing data and results. It would be lovely for the week to provide children with a range of experiences of different sciences and technology.

If you, or anybody you know, might be able to come into school during that week to share your/their knowledge and experience, please contact us via pa@binfieldschool.com if you think you will be able to lend us your scientific or technological talents.

Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a School Governor to serve as part of the Governing Board at our lovely village Church of England Primary School.

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If you would like further information about the role, in the first instance, please contact the clerk to Governors (clerk@binfieldschool.com) or enquire at the school office.

FOBS – A BIG thank-you!

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'While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.'

—Patience Strong

Hi everyone well it's certainly been an interesting few months with some bumps in the road along the way so I'd just like to spend a few moments reassuring all you wonderful people that despite some technological difficulties we are making progress and Open+ really is imminent. If you've seen the lights on in the library when it's closed it's because we have been thoroughly testing the new system. Once we are 100% satisfied we will notify you and get underway with your Open+ inductions. You've all been so patient so please bare with us just a bit longer, it really will be worth the wait I promise.

So here are the Children's Events for February

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

Every Tuesday we have a craft session for primary school children from 3.00pm. 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 4th February from 3.00pm until 4.30pm and is free.

Adult Events:

We have an afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be 2nd February at 2.30pm, 50p for refreshments.

Knit and Natter is on Monday 4th February at 2.00pm and Saturday 16th at 2.00pm, 50p for refreshments.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 14th February at 11am. Be prepared to exercise that grey matter, 50p for refreshments.

The Binfield Film Group is on Tuesday 10th February 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 28th February at 11.00am, 50p for refreshments.

Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month which makes it 22nd February 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.

Our drop in book group meets on the last Monday of the month so will take place on 25th February at 5.30pm, 50p for refreshments.

'Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities.'

—R. David Lankes

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Happy New Year Binfield!

It's been a busy couple of months, as usual, for us on the Neighbourhood Policing Team. We always see a rise in some crime types such as burglary in the winter months due to longer hours of darkness. It's always worth reminding our residents to ensure that they make their homes look occupied even when they are not. Leaving lights on with curtains/blinds closed is always a good start, or using timers attached to lights and TVs/radios. Please remember to always double lock your doors (you'd be surprised how many people don't) as this makes them much harder to force open. Make sure side and rear gates are also locked with nothing close by that could be used to climb over, and make sure garden tools are safely locked away so they are not used to break windows. Most importantly keep an eye out for neighbours and always report suspicious activity to us.

We have also seen a recent series of newer model Range Rovers being stolen. If you are lucky enough to own one then it is worth investing in a Faraday pouch in which to keep the keys. This blocks the signal from the key card. We believe that the thieves are using signal boosters to unlock and start the cars from outside. That all being said so far Binfield has, on the whole, escaped from both these current series but it's best to make sure you are protected.

Cass and the Northern Parishes Team.



News from the Foxes' Den...

We've got a jam-packed Feb for the whole community to come and enjoy at the Foxes' Den Café. Look out for our Facebook updates to find out about our food and drink offering (including mouth-watering pictures of our home-made baked goods and treats!).

On the menu this month is spicy parsnip (don't worry, we won't blow your heads off!), satay sweet potato curry, pea and potato soup and spiced carrot and lentil soup.

Did you know we take collections for the Binfield Lighthouse? If you have any cartons of juice, any long-life custard, packets of biscuits, teabags or any other long-life items, please do drop them into us. We can then deliver them to the Binfield Lighthouse volunteers on a Tuesday evening, ready to welcome vulnerable people to the church.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Den this Feb!

Our timetable of events and workshops are as follows (all events are free unless otherwise indicated):

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Every Monday: 9.30am -10am	Rhyme Time
Every Wednesday: 2pm – 2.45pm	Toddler/Pre-schooler craft – free fun for the little ones
Every Thursday: 1pm – 2.45pm	Crafternoon – grown up craft session. Come and learn a new skill, make new friends, craft in company.
Every 2 nd Wednesday 9.30am	FREE Nutrition talks with Dr Valerie Simonova: 13 th Feb – How to lose and maintain weight: why diets never work 27 th Feb – Sugar: too much nowadays?
Saturday 9 th 2pm – 4.30pm	Paediatric Parent 1st Aid Course with Daisy First Aid. Cost: £25
Tuesday 12 th : 9.30am – 4.30pm	Authentic Selling Conversations Workshop An action-packed day of Authentic Selling Training, specifically aimed at local business owners. Cost = £145 + VAT. To book a place, please contact Amanda Downs at Sales Growth Expert: amanda@salesgrowthexpert.co.uk
Saturday 9 th 10am-12pm	Meet a Parish Councillor – informal drop in session to chat about local issues
Monday 18 th : 9am -12pm	Hand Sewing Skills Workshops for children aged 8+ A sewing class designed to teach your child the basic hand sewing skills. They will make a button tree, and then stitch it onto a fabric pillow, ready to be stuffed, sewed and taken home. Children can be left. Max of 8 children. Price includes a drink and a snack. Cost TBC
Monday 18 th : 1pm – 3pm	Pottery painting and pottery workshop Cost £11
Wednesday 20 th : 10am– 12pm	Creative Art workshop for kids with Debbie Forrest Art In this workshop, your child will learn hand drawing and beginner watercolour skills. They will come away with an A3 piece of art. Price includes a drink and a snack. Cost £18 per child.
Friday 22 nd	STEM workshop for children aged 7-12. We are trying to make this workshop happen. There will be 3 engineering challenges set, they'll be lots of fun! Keep an eye out on our Facebook Page to see if this session will go ahead. Cost TBC

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP Details of Patient Survey 2018

Executive Summary

This year's patient survey was carried out between 24 and 28th September. There were 424 respondents (~4% of the surgery's registered patients), approximately the same as 2017, with 21% choosing to take part using the on-line option. The largest group of respondents were in the 31-45 year age group (31%), 61-75 years (24%) 46-60 years (19%). 10% of respondents were over 75 years of age. The Practice population figures for these groups are, 31-45 years = 23%, 61-75 = 12%, 46 – 60 = 22% and over 75 = 5% of the population, so the survey was broadly representative of the demographics of Binfield surgery, with a slight over-representation from the 31-45 year olds.

The top three areas identified about the surgery were doctors and nursing staff being friendly and helpful, the quality of healthcare provided by GP and nursing team and ability to secure an appointment.

The three areas that were identified for improvements when asked a free question in the survey, were appointment access, appointment punctuality (waiting times being poor) and the surgery premises and facilities.

This apparent conflict of opinion in appointment access demonstrates that the surgery's system suits many, but not all and the issue appears to be in the ability to make follow-up appointments and the communication around who is responsible for doing this.

Booking appointments

Almost all patients (90%) are aware of the ability to book an appointment on the same day and to book over the phone and this is highly valued by both patients and within the practice. Binfield is the only surgery within the Bracknell & Ascot area to offer this service. There were some comments about difficulties in booking follow-up or pre-booking longer-term appointments as well as requests to see a female doctor.

There is still some confusion over use of the extended hours service and the patient group will be putting together some more information about this to help people's understanding of the choices that are available.

There are a small number of follow-up appointments available to book in advance, yet once these are gone, the on-the-day call is necessary. As we value the ability to be able to see a doctor on the day for emergencies, we feel we would like to keep this system, as it is the preferred option most of the time. The on the day appointments before 10am are of course not just for emergencies.

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These options are clear on the web-site under PRACTICE – Opening Hours or APPOINTMENTS.

The second part of the 2018 survey will be contained in the Beacon March edition.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



Fabric Sale

Meadow Quilters (Binfield) will be hosting Doughty's Reading Roadshow with their wonderful selection of fabrics for Patchwork and Quilting at Charvil Hall, Park Lane, Charvil, RG10 9TR from 10.30am until 2.30pm on Monday 18th February 2019

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We would be delighted to see you there.

Denise Fuller



Binfield Garden Club

After a much-enjoyed pre-Christmas treat of tea and a tour of the wonderful illuminations at Wisley (thank you Sarah, for organising), we began 2019 on a high note with a marvellously entertaining talk on The Healing Power of Plants by Dr Timothy Walker.

Tim is a lecturer in Plant Sciences and a director of the Oxford Botanic Gardens which opened in 1621 to grow plants to support herbal medicines. Back then people were aware plants could help make you better but not very sure why! Since then so much has been learned from early Chinese medicine, the knowledge of indigenous people around the world and even studying animals' behaviour. Koalas find tea tree to eat to kill infection, horses chew willow bark to relieve pain and mongooses eat echinacea if they have an injured limb.

Tim kept us amazed by the huge number of plants whose active ingredients create the wonderful medicines we have today treating everything from breast cancer (taxol from Yew trees) to Alzheimers (enzymes from snowdrops and daffodils)

Tim even shared his aromatherapy secret for avoiding backaches after gardening – drops of thyme, marjoram, black pepper and bergamot oils in his bath. Which of us gardeners will give it a try?

After that interesting talk, we had refreshments and the raffle and enjoyed hearing the limerick competition entries. Well done, everyone who had a go. The winner was David Ireland, 2nd Carol Fraser, 3rd Belinda Thornhill and 4th Richard Skinner.

Our next meeting on Thursday February 7th will be our AGM plus a speaker from Thrive on Top Tips for Easier Gardening. The competition will be for snowdrops and /or primroses.

We were delighted to welcome 4 new members in January. Visitors are always welcome so do come along.

7.15pm at the Memorial Hall. The first outing of the year will be to the Orchid Festival at Kew Gardens on 5th March – not to be missed.

Unfortunately our last report was not printed in The Beacon so a reminder that it can be found on our website along with the whole programme for 2019.

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For general information ring Richard on 01344 286752 or Rosemary 01344 459902



The Binfield Belles

Ring in the New and celebrate the old, oh how that applies to the WI! We have celebrated the old—the last 100 yrs—and 2019 starts a new 100 yrs we hope for our lovely group. We have a new banner to display and a contingent of new members joining us every month. Old friends sometimes leave, some for pastures new and others whom we celebrate their time with us in the WI. Eileen Moore sadly left us after being a member for some 50 yrs and a president, she was with us for our birthday celebrations—this Birthday Cake, made by Mary Wharphshire depicting committee members was brilliant and was cut at the Christmas party.



The Christmas Party went with a swing as usual and singing was supplied by a local singer, buffet produced by our ladies and a few bottles consumed to give a merry evening all round.

January rolls in and we meet for our monthly meeting where we were given all the facts on Jack the Ripper by Mike Daley, a slightly gory start to the New Year but enjoyed by the crowd of belles who speculate on who he was—it has never been solved. We welcomed some new members and enjoyed refreshments and cakes supplied by our monthly tea contingent who always do a sterling job.

Planning a new year is always inspiring and we have a few trips—Calendar Girls in March and a Pottery workshop planned for February, together with a Denman trip where WI meets WI for learning, fun and meeting new friends on various courses planned for 2019. Our trip is a tour and afternoon tea with a tippie added in. On a boozy note we hope to visit the Bombay Sapphire Distillery in the coming months and maybe a trip across the water to the Isle of White.

Our next meeting is on Feb 14th Valentine's day at Binfield Memorial Hall at 7.15pm. We have Bagels and Bacon—a trip around the East End by our speaker Jeff Rozelaar. Pop in and join us or give me a call, or visit our website— info and photos on there.

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Pride and a Perfect Resolution ---- Terry Dilliway

Looking back on 2018 and the programme of events commemorating the centenary of the end of WWI, it might seem a tall order for the Royal British Legion to 'beat that' in terms of bringing the meaning of the Custody of Remembrance home to the nation.

In May, the RBL was the beneficiary when 82,000 rugby fans filled Twickenham Stadium for the 101st match between the British Army and the Royal Navy. And in August, thousands of members and representatives recreated the 1928 Battlefields Pilgrimage, with standards and wreaths from every UK branch parading through Ypres to the Menin Gate as Great Pilgrimage 90 commemorated the centenary of the launch of the 'Hundred Days Offensive'. Binfield Legion chairman Karen Hatt was there representing the parish branch.

Summer activities included Army veteran Dan Smith spending 53 days trekking and kayaking 900 miles across the UK, raising £23,000 towards the Legion's 'Thank You' to the WWI generation; and school children and work colleagues were invited to delve into family archives for photos and correspondence from Great War ancestors to proudly display on noticeboards.

A team of 12 military wounded and injured serving personnel and veterans undertook a Himalayan expedition, reaching Mera Peak summit on Remembrance Sunday. At the Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance, the Queen saw Sir Tom Jones, Sir Bryn Terfel and Sheridan Smith perform alongside the band of HM Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force Central Band and the RAF Squadronnaires.

And a chorus of cheers in Binfield Club on Remembrance Sunday greeted the sight on television of RBL Branch member and Standard Bearer Laurence Townley, caught on BBC cameras at Whitehall's Cenotaph during David Dimbleby's commentary on the thousands attending the National Parade and Service of Remembrance.

Binfield branch's 2018 Poppy Appeal total exceeded £21,000; appeal organiser John Anderson praised 'such generous public support'. Could it, just possibly, have had anything to do with your extraordinary work, John?

Never fear that 2019 will prove another year the RBL will be proud of – indeed, another year in which Binfield branch will play a full part. So, a perfect New Year resolution would be: Join the Royal British Legion. It's not necessary to be a television personality like 'Yosser' Townley, or a gifted fundraiser like John Anderson!

Only qualification needed is to be a person who cares; a citizen who is proud to wear the badge of the renowned ex-Servicemen's charity which provides comprehensive support and facilities for the families who have served – and suffered sacrifice -- to protect our freedom. Binfield RBL branch membership secretary Anthony Boddrell can be contacted on 01344 311869.

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



A New Year and a New Captain ---- Terry Dilliway

A new year brings a new boss to take the bridge of the Royal Naval Association.

At December's meeting of the National Council, retiring General Secretary Captain Paul Quinn OBE RN (Retd) handed over the Central Office baton to Captain 'Bill' Oliphant RN (Retd).

National President, Shipmate John McAnally, described S/M Paul's eight-year tenure at the helm as 'absolutely outstanding'.

Admiral McAnally added that it was not only S/M Paul's work rate which would be remembered. "He was a fair and frank friend to all; always approachable, he brilliantly led a small but most effective team at Semaphore Tower, Portsmouth, which he typically renamed Central Office to better reflect its role as servant rather than boss of RNA shipmates".

And the new S/M General Secretary brings with him a reputation of sterling service as a Royal Navy officer. During his last year in the post of Captain of Portsmouth Naval Base, Bill Oliphant saw the fitting out of Britain's latest and most advanced aircraft carrier, *HMS Queen Elizabeth*, and her deployment at sea, to train with and fly off her future capability of F35B fighter bombers.

A gradually rising profile has brought the RNA much closer to the serving Navy, as well as providing a welcoming berth for service veterans and supporting associates, following the willingness of the National Council to embrace change and progress.

The growing success of Bracknell Branch, which meets at Binfield Club at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month, is set to continue into 2019 under the popular presidency of former Mayor S/M Shelagh Pile and chairmanship of S/M Mike Daley. Treasurer S/M Martin Powell and S/M Secretary June Boddrell lead committee members S/M Lynne Daley (social secretary), S/M Nigel Carpenter, S/M Anthony Boddrell (standard bearer and branch area delegate) and S/M Norman Webber (branch vice-chairman) into another year of trips, visits, talks and entertainment.

Senior Service veterans and friends are invited to enjoy any regular meeting and join the welcoming branch at its Binfield HQ. A Happy and Healthy New Year is wished to present and prospective shipmates.

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The Binfield 10k Road Race 2019

We are busy planning – registrations will be open any day now and we already have our first three sponsors on board! Many thanks to the continued support from Binfield Parish Office, CVD Wellbeing and Advantage Printroom – all of whom have been involved in the event from the beginning!

We even have our 6 pacers committed – so they are available to help you achieve your personal best or to help you complete the course – choose the pace you run at from 45 minutes to 70 minutes!

We are really excited about this years 10K – we have the new Parish Office facilities available to us, so this year it will be better than ever.

If you are not a runner and would still like to get involved, please don't forget that we desperately need marshals – if you are interested in helping the runners around the course please email Purveen Hira at volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk If you would like to find out more about our sponsorship opportunities, then please email enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk. We cannot organise the run without the help of our sponsors – we have packages to suit everyone so please contact us if you are interested. Please like our facebook page to find out more, or visit our website at www.binfield10k.co.uk and watch out for more information coming soon! 😊