

The Binfield Beacon

March 2019

Your community magazine - there's lots going on!



A person is a person because he recognises others as persons

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ClothesBank

For the date of the next donations collection and to help at the GiveAway *see page 3*



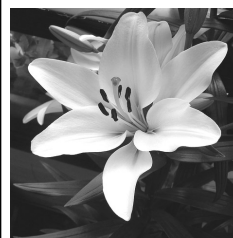
Foxes' Den Café

*Have you tried
Binfield's new
community café?*

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FOR CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

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Easter Lilies

*A time to
remember your
loved ones*

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

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

Saturday 2nd March

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 3rd March

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

Monday 4th March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 6th March—Ash Wednesday

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
7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at All Saints'

Friday 8th March

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's

Sunday 10th March—1st Sunday of Lent

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 March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 13th March

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

Thursday 14th March

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 17th March—2nd Sunday of Lent

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 18th March

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

Wednesday 20th March

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 23rd March

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 24th March—3rd Sunday of Lent

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 March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 26th March

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 27th March

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

Sunday 31st March—MOTHER'S DAY

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



Everyone's welcome to join us
at our All Age Mother's Day
service at All Saints' Church
Sunday 31st March at 11am

Monday 1st April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 3rd April

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 6th April

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 7th April—5th Sunday of Lent

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

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Chloe Hannah Cole



Quill Watson Piercy



Funerals

John O'Flaherty

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FROM YOUR RECTOR



"African Wisdom" by
Ellen K. Kuzwayo

A foot has no nose

Of the many interactions I had with my mother those many years ago, one stands out with clarity.

I remember the occasion when mother sent me to the main road, about twenty yards away from the homestead, to invite a passing group of seasonal work-seekers home for a meal. She instructed me to take a container along and collect dry cow dung for making a fire. I was then to prepare the meal for the group of work-seekers.

The thought of making an open fire outside at midday, cooking in a large three-legged pot in that intense heat, was sufficient to upset even an angel. I did not manage to conceal my feelings from my mother and, after serving the group, she called me to the veranda where she usually sat to attend to her sewing and knitting.

Looking straight into my eyes, she said "Tsholofelo, why did you sulk when I requested you to prepare a meal for those poor destitute people?" Despite my attempt to deny her allegation, and using the heat of the fire and the sun as an excuse for my alleged behaviour, mother, giving me a firm look, said "'Lonao ga lo na nko" - "A foot has no nose". It means: you cannot detect what trouble may lie ahead of you.

Had I denied this group of people a meal, it may have happened that, in my travels some time in the future, I found myself at the mercy of those very individuals. As if that was not enough to shame me, mother continued: "Motho ke motho ka motho yo mongwe". The literal meaning: "A person is a person because of another person".

As we approach Lent, a time for giving things up, why not try giving up something different from chocolate this year? Why not give up selfishness. Jesus said, 'Do to others, what you would want them to do to you.' *Luke, chapter 6, verse 31.* Instead of thinking of the

inconvenience you might have to endure to help someone, try remembering that, a person is a person because of another person. This Lent, will you, like the lady in the story, treat people with the dignity that they deserve, whoever they are?

Source: Stories to make you think. <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story48>

Luke

ClothesBank

Clothing for local families in need

Thank you so much to everyone who donated time, money and/or clothes for our January Giveaway.

In particular we would like to thank the Binfield Co-op, Forest Road for so generously providing food for our clients on the Giveaway Day.

Thank you to Avis for so generously providing us with a van which enabled us to transport all the clothes boxes.

We really could not do this without your help.

Thank you.

The next ClothesBank Giveaway is on **Wednesday 27th March**. Please drop off any donations of good quality, clean clothes or new underwear/pyjamas to St Mark's Church office (Tues, Wed or Thurs 9.30am to 1.30pm) or alternatively to The Rectory, Terrace Road (bags can be left under the bench outside) from **Monday 18th March**.

We are grateful for all donations but please ensure that they are clean and of the quality that you would be happy to wear yourself. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any 2nd hand underwear or pyjamas.

Anyone who would like to help in anyway with the sorting of clothes on Monday 25th March or the Giveaway on Wednesday 27th March please contact Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169 for more information.

LOVE LIFE
LIVE  LENT
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD



All Saints' Repair & Care

Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: **£221,496**
Plus Charitable Grants: **£42,000**

New Phase 2 Target: £455,000

Phase 2 Donations to Date: £100,961

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £13,706

Current Phase 2 Funds: £87,255

(plus PCC funds of £100,000)



What does the church mean to you?

We all know that All Saints' is there, at the end of Terrace Road, but what does it mean to you? Is it where you go to worship on a Sunday, or the place which serves the community and draws everyone together for events such as weddings or Remembrance Day? Or is it a great example of 14th Century architecture, full of interesting history and memories of people who have lived in our village?

As part of this project we'd like to build up a record of what the church means to different people, so we'd love to hear from you. We'll be handing out the short set of questions at church, or you can find them on the website, at the Foxes' Den Café and at the library. Let us know if you'd be happy for us to make a short video recording of you answering them to use on social media too! Thanks to Liz Hall for this stunning photo of All Saints' on one of the recent snow days. Not only does the church look beautiful, but it again shows clearly how we still need to get the other half of the roof fixed! Our Christmas cards, featuring Ken Brunt's picture of All Saints' in the snow, have sold really well over the last couple of years, so this year we are hoping to sell some Easter cards. If you have a photo of the church in Spring-time which you'd be happy for us to use, perhaps showing all the lovely daffodils which usually grow up in the yard, please send it in to us or via the church office! We'd also like to offer some additional Easter-themed items for sale to help us raise money, perhaps plants which could be given as gift alternatives to eggs? If you have any ideas, please let us know. And lastly for now we are looking at putting on another Quiz Night, so please contact us if you would like to be part of a small team who would work together to put this on in the Spring. Thank you for all your continued support and fundraising suggestions.

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team
fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk
www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject

How to donate or fundraise for

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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Let's keep our beautiful church standing!

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS

Hey Everyone,

We hope you are well, and enjoying the weather starting to turn to spring!
Check out what we've been getting up to at Whizz Kids and Oasis this month...

At Whizz Kids we've been working our way through the fruit of the spirit, learning about qualities such as patience, peace, joy, and kindness. We have learnt that with God's help, we can have all these qualities, and use them everyday! We made boxes of kindness, with an encouraging note and a sweet treat inside to give to someone who needs some kindness, the catch is that you have to find a way to give it to that person anonymously!

Along with this, we have been having our usual fun involving games, sports, craft and other activities to keep us busy, we even spent a few weeks building forts and dens in the church, which did get rather competitive...

We will also be preparing for Mother's Day this year, where we will be celebrating all the amazing girls and women in our lives that inspire us. We would love for you to join us for our All Age service at 11am on the 31st March to help us celebrate the women Binfield.

At Oasis we've started a new series, hearing strong women of faith talk about their experiences, struggles and highlights of being a follower of Jesus. It's been great to hear the different ways that people have come to find

God, and how he has worked through even the hardest times to show his love!
We have been hearing from women of all ages from many different walks of life, and it has been amazing!

Our sessions involve games, craft, chilling out, and lots of chatting...

We also have dinner together every week, it's so important to spend time in community eating together and building relationships, and bonding over food is always a good idea! We also love a social meet up, we've been bowling, to McDonald's and are heading ice skating soon...

If you like the sound of what we do and want to come check it out for yourself,
we would love to see you!

Anyone is welcome, whether you've visited us before or not,
so all the information is below if you'd like to try it out!

See you soon,

Daisy

daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids dates: March 10th, 17th & 24th and April 28th

Oasis dates: March 6th, 13th & 20th and April 3rd & 24th



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

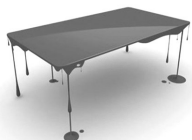
For children of school years 1-6 every
Sunday (not the 1st Sunday of the month)

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:

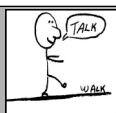
Tuesday 26th March @ 12 noon

**Tuesday 23rd April @ 12 noon
at St Mark's Church**

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

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

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 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)

3rd April - 9am meet at Foxes' Den Café

17th April - No Walk

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



Small Group Meetings

A Small Group is a gathering of three or more people who meet on a regular basis to share fellowship, study the Bible and pray together. If you'd like to join a Small Group, meeting in the comfort of someone's home, please contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

Next: 23rd March

Discussion topic : "What makes us British?"

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK



Saturdays

2nd March and 6th April

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

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 March

10am Friday 5th April—at Foxes' Den Café

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

EVERYONE WELCOME



THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

HELPING EACH OTHER



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
orinocco@hotmail.co.uk /07850 799434

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 housing 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

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Revd Luke Taylor
07939 526361
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(Friday is Luke's day off)

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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

Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins
01344 411681

Bell Tower:

Liz Harris
01344 649628

P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes
07809 736372

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Sarah Muller
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Treasurer@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White
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ARC Fundraising Team

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Church Website:

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



Church Office is sited in St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church

Popeswood Road
Binfield RG42 4AH

All Saints' Church

Church Hill
Binfield RG42 5NS

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>

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. Thank you.

Beacon Editor: Carolyn Adams beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Influential Binfield Victorians by John Harman

This is one of a series of snapshots of families and people who settled in Binfield in the 19th Century. In each I outline their background and then look at what each did, said and wrote - an eclectic, subjective selection but one which can lead to insights on Victorian Binfield. Alfred Caswall and his family were early "incomers".

The Caswells were a West Country family whose menfolk were usually involved in politics or the Church. Two of Alfred's direct 17th and 18th century ancestors had been M.Ps for Leominster, one of whom had spent a short time in the Tower while his potential involvement in the South Sea Bubble scandal was being considered. Alfred's grandfather was Rector of Swalcliffe, his father Rector of two parishes, Yateley and West Lavington. Many of the male Caswells were educated at Winchester and Oxford. Alfred did not go to university because he was deaf, not completely and not from birth, but there is correspondence that as a young man he spent time in Prussia seeking to improve his hearing and that he was interested in exploring the effectiveness of hearing aids then available. So Alfred, born in May 1811, denied a career in politics or the Church, chose the Law. He was called to the bar in 1835 and practised corporate law for the rest of his life from his chambers in and around The Temple, publishing works on copyhold - its history and current practice, as well as serving as agent for several estates, including those held by the Bishop of Salisbury.

He married Mary Elizabeth Powell at St John's church in Hackney on June 27th 1843.

The new railways must have been a major factor in Alfred and Mary's choice, in the autumn of 1845, of Grove House in Binfield as the new home for their rapidly growing family. On Thursday 25th September 1845, the directors of the "DIRECT LONDON and EXETER RAILWAY COMPANY (with Extension to Falmouth and Penzance, through Hammer-smith...Isleworth.... Bracknell ... Binfield ...Salisbury... to Exeter) took their company to market." The GWR Paddington to Twyford line had been running for five years. Binfield was a short coach drive from Yateley, and one railway line offered access to Salisbury as well as to his father's second parish of West Lavington, while the Paddington/Twyford line handily connected to near Grays Inn. Sadly, Alfred's father died less than a year after his son's purchase of Grove House and the projected station at Binfield never really materialised.

The inset shows, however, that Alfred and Mary had indeed purchased a "comfortable and commodious residence".

Once settled in Binfield, Alfred became a member of the Vestry Committee and, as with most of the better-off Binfield residents, regularly contributed to local funds and charities - a practice maintained after his death in May 1855 by his wife. In addition, his professional expertise would have been particularly useful when, quite soon after the Caswall family had moved to Binfield, he became part of the committee responsible for overseeing the building of the north aisle of All Saints', a project initiated by the Reverend Randall.

And he contributed a stained-glass window to the church - a copy, his daughter Katharine believed, "of one in Magdalene Church, Oxford" - probably created at the Whitefriars Glass factory, which had been purchased in 1834 by Mary's father, James Powell and after James' death in 1840 directed by her brothers, Arthur and Nathaniel. Grove House was situated at the end of Monks Alley, on a large site next to Marchfield House. The Caswells eventually changed the name to "The Elms".

Mary Caswall, now a widow, purchased "Binfield Place". It remained in the family home until just after the death of Alfred's last surviving child - Katharine.

John.harman@ntlworld.com

Sales By Auction
GROVE HOUSE - A desirable Freehold Residence with, beautiful Grounds and rich Meadow Land, at Binfield, one of the old beautiful districts of Windsor Forest, and well-situated Hunting Seat. MESSRS. DANIEL SMITH and SON will Sell by Auction, at the Mart, near the Bank of England, Tuesday next, October 12th at two o'clock (unless having been previously disposed of by Private Contract), with possession the above comfortable and commodious residence, possessing every accommodation and convenience for any moderate establishment surrounded by well-dressed pleasure grounds, handsomely timbered, with walled garden, stabling for six or more horses, double coach-house, gardener's cottage, fish ponds, and rich paddocks, in all about sixteen acres, desirably situated near Binfield Church, about five miles from the Twyford Station on Great Western Railway, within a short distance of the Towns of Wokingham and Bracknell, nine miles from Reading, eleven from Windsor. The gardener will show the estate, and descriptive particulars may had on the premises; at the chief Inns in Reading, Wokingham, &c.; of Messrs. Nelson, Solicitors, Essex Street, Strand; at the Auction Mart; and at Daniel Smith and Son's Offices, in Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, and Windsor.

3G 3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday

March: 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



BINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL

Registered charity No 237516

The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of the Binfield Memorial Hall will be held on 28th March, 2019 in the Memorial Hall at 8.00pm.

All residents, whether regular or single users of the Hall, or any resident who would like to hear more about the Hall is welcome and entitled to attend.

We would be delighted to see you there.

Denise Fuller

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**



COMMUNITY NEWS

News from the Parish Office:- March 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)

Tuesday 12 March	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 19 March	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Parish & Bracknell Forest Borough Councillor Drop-in	Saturday 9 March, 10am – 12pm
York Road Play Area Public Consultation	Saturday 9 March, 10am – 12pm
Annual Parish Meeting	Thursday 14 March, 7.30pm arrival for an 8pm start, The Foxes' Den community café at the Parish Office
4 th Annual Binfield 10k road race	Sunday 19 May at 10am – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The Annual Parish Meeting and Parish People's Award, 7.30pm arrival for an 8pm start at The Foxes' Den

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. Parish Councillors are interested to hear from you all during this meeting on the priority areas you think the Parish Council should focus on in its next 4-year term. You can also hear more about what it is to be a Parish Councillor as our election will take place in May 2019.

The Parish People's Awards will be presented during this meeting.

Parish Council building – Landscaping and car park markings

Many of you will have noticed there are still jobs to be done externally at the new Parish Office. These have started in earnest and updates will be posted to the Parish Council's Facebook page. The works will cause some minor disruption and please respect closure notices and other signs so that we can get the work done as quickly as possible.

By the end of March, the final car park layout with markings will be complete, including two disabled parking bays and the drop-off bay. Please note the drop off bay cannot be used for parking between 8.00am-9.00am – drop off only – and at all other times there is a maximum of 30 minutes parking time.

We are also starting soft landscaping work, adding trees, shrubs and British native hedgerows around the building.

York Road Play Area Public Consultation – Come along on Saturday 9 March, 10am-12pm

The Parish Council is responsible for the play area off York Road, adjacent to the Red Rose Allotments. We would welcome your input into a proposal to improve this area. The site is not being used to its full potential and, over the last few years, has started to fall into a state of disrepair, therefore the Parish Council will be closing the play area in the near future.

Please come along as we would welcome your input on considerations such as off-road parking for allotment holders to reduce congestion on Red Rose, a community garden for more people to enjoy gardening without needing to commit to a full allotment, improve the play area to increase its usage by local families.

Parish & Bracknell Forest Borough Councillors will also be available on 9 March during this time at their Drop-in Councillor Surgery to answer any general questions you may have.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

Meet our 'Purr-fect' pupils!

Moor Cottage Veterinary Hospital in Binfield recently asked our pupils to design some posters to decorate their new Cat Clinic. Con-'cat'-ulations to Elen, Izzy and Oliver on their winning entries. The children were lucky enough to be invited to attend the grand opening on Saturday 12th January and even cut the ribbon to declare the Cat Clinic officially open!



Y1 children visit Milestones Museum

On Thursday 24th January, Y1 went on a trip to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke to support their current Toys topic. The day's activities included playing traditional games, including Hopscotch, Dominoes, Cup & Ball and Simon Says. After lunch, the children explored the museum in smaller groups. They found lots of interesting items such as old household appliances and vehicles, and especially enjoyed the old fashioned arcade games! Everyone had a great time and the children had lots of new experiences which they will be able to apply to their learning and share with their parents.



A busy Wednesday in Y5!

On 30th January, visitor Sumi talked to the Y5 children about her religion, Hinduism. She discussed the many stories that explore right from wrong, including the story about Krishna stealing butter. Sumi also brought with her artefacts such as an Om and an Oil lamp she places in her temple at home. That afternoon, the children watched a science demonstration conducted by Mrs Sandilands and Mrs Ahmed. The demonstration was about reversible and irreversible changes, using six different materials to explore what would happen to them as they were burned. The materials used were chocolate, paper, paper towels, plastic, a block of butter and a paper plate. Y5 discovered that, once the textile burned it formed a new material, such as ash or gas, which is produced through smoke (CO₂ or carbon dioxide). Mr G was on hand with the fire extinguisher! However, not all the materials burned - some simply melted, such as the chocolate!



Thank you to FOBS

Finally, a huge thank you to our PTA, Friends of Binfield School, who have very kindly paid for 7000m² tons of bark to make our adventure playground Spring-ready! Thank you FOBS as always for your hard work and continued commitment to ensure the very best for all the children of Binfield Primary.

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BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

— Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

Hurrah! Open+ is now up and running at Binfield Library and I'm pleased to say that over 100 of you have joined up to it. If you don't know what Open+ is it's the opportunity to visit the library during extended opening times when it's not staffed, you can decide when it's convenient for you! No more fines because you arrived 2 minutes after we've shut! Want to know more? Come into the library for more information and book your induction.

Also a massive thank you for everyone who came to the Harry Potter evening we hope you had as much fun as we did! If any of you Harry Potter fans missed out on the Binfield event another **Harry Potter evening** is taking place on Thursday 7th March 6.00pm - 7.00pm at Whitegrove Library. Ask the Binfield staff for more information.

So here are the Children's Events for March: Bounce & Rhyme sessions for preschool children every Thursday at 9.30am followed by the Tots crafts at 10.00am, £1.20 charge per child but this includes the singing, tea and craft however if you just want to sing and have tea it's just 50p, what a bargain! Our Tuesday craft sessions start from 3.00pm. This is a drop in session so there is no need to book but there is a charge of £1.20 per child.

We're introducing a **new weekly Craft session starting on Thursday 7th March at 3.30pm**. This session will be all about the Summer Reading Challenge theme which is top secret unless you join the group, so if you want to know what the theme is come along to Chris' craft session and find out. The charge for this group is 50p for refreshments.

We've decided to have a bit of a change to our Lego group so from March 4th it will be every Monday from 3.00pm until 4.30pm, it's still free just more often.

Adult Events:

New to Binfield Library starting on Friday March 1st at 2.00pm is our Reminiscence group run by our lovely volunteer Susan. If you like to remember the

days when computers were nonexistent, phones were still in big red boxes and sweets were weighed then this is the group for you; a chance to remember how things use to be and talk about your memories. Refreshments 50p.

We have an afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be 2nd March at 2.00pm, 50p for refreshments.

Knit and Natter is on Monday 4th March at 2.00pm and Saturday 16th March at 1.30, 50p for refreshments.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 14th March at 11.00am, we had a great turn out in February, thank you ladies and gents for your continuing enthusiasm.

The Binfield Film Group is on Tuesday 19th March at 2.00pm. 50p for refreshments

Our Coffee morning and Quiz, meets on the last Thursday of the month 28th March 11.00 and Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month which makes it 29th March at 2.00pm both have refreshments for 50p.

Drop in Book group is on Monday 25th March and I know they always enthusiastically welcome newcomers.

As always I'd love to hear about any groups you'd like us to hold, Binfield is a growing community and we'd like our library to expand with it.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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On Saturday 9th March the team are hosting a second charity event to raise money for DrugFam. DrugFam supports the family & friends of people effected by drug use. Following on from our very successful Rock & Roll night in November last year the theme for the 9th March is **Bollywood Night**.



We would love to see our local community supporting this worthwhile cause by having a great evening out. The event is at Brownlow Hall, Newell Green, Warfield from 7:30 to 11pm and is £15 a ticket (includes drum displays, Bhangra DJ and buffet food). We will also be holding a raffle on the night with some amazing prizes.

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Take care, Cass and the team.



News from the Foxes' Den...

We have a busy March in terms of events and activities for you in our lovely local community.

Our highlights are: **Holistic Therapy Awareness afternoon** 1pm on 5th March and the **Dementia Friends talk** - 11am on 14th March. Find out more about Dementia and its impact on friends and families.

Also **Tackling Loneliness and finding your inner super hero** - 15th March. Both talks are free to attend and include refreshments in the break. We are also really looking forward to hosting the first **Foxes' Den Wine Club** featuring local business **The Tasting Barn** at 7.30pm on 29th March. This will be a fun evening of wine and English cheese pairings.

Your amazing custom allows us to host these events and activities, like the Dementia Art Therapy café (26th at 10am), and support local businesses. We are working hard at spending our profits on the local community – thank you for helping to make this all happen! Have a great month and see you soon in the Den!

Foxes' Den Team www.foxesden.co.uk

Every Monday: 9.30am -10am	Rhyme Time – free baby and toddler singing fun!
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. Learn a new skill, make new friends, craft in company.
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Tuesday 5 th March (1st Tuesday of every month)	Teddy Bear Clinic with Dr Brown Bear Free Consultation – small fee for surgery
Tuesday 5 th March 1pm	FREE Holistic Therapy Awareness afternoon – Come and meet Joanna Bond and her team to find out more about the Emmet Technique.
Saturday 9 th 10am-12pm	Meet a Parish Councillor – informal drop in session to chat about local issues
Wednesday 13 th March	FREE Nutrition talks with Dr Valeriya Simonova: A informative health session based around diet, nutrition and well-being.
Thursday 14 th 11am – 12noon	Dementia Friends Talk – Free – an informative session about helping to support people living with Dementia. Come and meet others on a similar journey and find out about the support networks available.
Friday 15 th March 10.30 – 12.30	Let's talk Binfield – Loneliness and Discovering your inner super hero talks.
Sunday 17 th 12noon – 5pm	Jump into Spring – Movement, yoga, mindfulness and nutrition £45pp
Wednesday 20 th 7.30pm – 9.30pm	Paint and Prosecco Evening! Come & join us for a fun evening £25pp Very limited numbers
Tuesday 26 th 10am-12.30pm	Dementia Art Café An event for people living with Dementia and their carers/family members. Only 12 spaces left at time of publication. PLEASE NOTE THE CAFÉ IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THIS EVENT
Wednesday 27 th March	FREE Nutrition talks with Dr Valeriya Simonova: A informative health session based around diet, nutrition and well-being.
Friday 29 th 7.30pm-10pm	The Foxes' Den Wine Club featuring The Tasting Barn – come and join us for cheese and wine pairings £20pp

COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

DETAILS OF SECOND PART OF THE PATIENT SURVEY 2018.

Reception Staff

87% very satisfied/satisfied, which is similar to the 2016 and 2017 survey, with many positive comments about reception staff. As a reminder, if there are individual grievances, they need to be raised through the practice manager, so that appropriate action can be taken.

Nursing Staff

There is high awareness of the ability to see the practice nurses about vaccinations (81%), dressings (70%) and suture removal (53%). There is lower awareness of the ability to have an ECG (39%), family planning (42%) and long-term conditions (43%). There is some confusion over the ability to book ear-syringing or an ECG with a practice nurse without having a doctor's referral. There was a suggestion to provide a list of services available from the practice nurses, without requiring a GP consultation, the patient group will follow-up with this suggestion.

Doctors

The quality of healthcare provided by GPs and the attitude of the doctors were regarded two of the top-rated areas in the survey. There were isolated comments about the ability to see a female doctor and although this is not something that will change, the Patient Group can ensure information about seeing specialist nursing staff is as clear as possible, as this may be an appropriate choice for some.

On-line Access

Awareness of on-line access and ability to access medical records, order repeat prescriptions and make appointments is quite high (72%), yet further information could be made available to increase this number. The patient group will generate further information to this end. **Blood pressure machine in surgery premises**

There is very low usage of the machine being used in the surgery (21%) which could partly be due to its proximity to the right of the entrance and is out of sight. The patient group will improve this by appropriate signage.

Waiting Area

Some comments stated that the waiting area has improved since last year, which is encouraging, as this was an action following the 2017 survey which was put into place very quickly. There is still the ongoing issue of securing new premises, about which information will follow when relevant.

Duncan Johnston

Binfield Patient Group

Binfield Environment Group



This amazing bird is a nightjar, whose folk-names include fern-owl, goat-sucker and dew-fall hawk. This scarce summer migrant hunts for moths, and other insects, at dawn and dusk and sleeps during the day hidden by its incredible camouflage.

The males attract mates and defend their territories by making a strange other-worldly churring sound.

They probably don't nest in Binfield, but on rare occasions might be seen or heard here. However, Binfield resident's actions could play an important role in the future of the local nightjar population. Their preferred habitat is open sandy heath, and they nest on the ground. This makes them susceptible to disturbance by people and dogs during their breeding season. Dog-walkers amongst you may have noticed the proliferation of new parks around the village, but have you found all of them?

I have counted seven, four of them in Binfield Parish (Larks Hill, Cabbage Hill, Popes Meadow, Blue Mountain, Peacock Meadow, Piglittle Meadow, and Stokes Farm), with at least one more subject to planning approval. These parks are all Suitable Alternative Natural Green-spaces (SANGs) and are being developed to compensate for new homes that are being built within five miles of the Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Area (SPA).

Thames Basin Heaths are the remnants of the sandy lowland heath that was common in this area but has been fragmented by development. Sandy lowland heath is the preferred habitat of the nightjar and a number of other special creatures. Development and especially new houses bring people and dogs and many of the special species that make

sandy heaths their home don't get on well with dogs, even well-behaved ones.

A well-built SANG will deliver benefits to more than dog-owners. For example, the Blue Mountain park will have a path suitable for runners, a community orchard, five ponds, and several areas of wildflower meadows. Although Binfield is blighted by developments, one upside is the opening up of private land to all of us, so go and make the most of it!

You could also go and have a look at some of the sandy heath to the south, keeping your dog on a lead if the signs ask you to do that. I also recommend joining a summer evening nightjar walk to see and hear these incredible crepuscular birds. Local walks are offered by Bracknell Forest Council, BBOWT and the RSPB – more details can be found on their websites.

To find out more about Thames Basin Heaths or local SANGs visit <https://www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/>

This is one of a series of pieces about the special creatures of our area, written by Binfield Environment Group (<https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg>).

We can be contacted by email at binfieldeg@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Mike Coker

- Saturday 16th March - Binfield Environment Group work party
- Saturday 20th April - Binfield Environment Group biodiversity survey in Wicks Green
- Saturday 18th May - Community litter-pick on 10k route

Further details on all of these will be posted on the BEG website and Facebook group closer to the time. BEG work parties will generally take place on the third Saturday of each month.



Binfield Garden Club

Our AGM took place on February 7th and a very successful year was reported by our Chairman. Members and guests enjoyed some truly memorable visits during 2018 and we had many interesting, humorous and entertaining talks by our visiting speakers on a wide range of subjects. The current committee was re-elected with Richard once again at the helm. Annual awards for achieving the most points in the monthly competitions were won by 1st Belinda Thornhill, 2nd Nancy Bowen, 3rd Christine Leonard and 4th Liz Ferris – congratulations everyone.



After the AGM proceedings Richard introduced our speaker for the evening – Trish Matthews, Research Officer for Thrive.

Started in 1978 by Chris Underhill, who saw the beneficial changes people experienced from gardening, Thrive is the leading charity in the UK in therapeutic and social horticulture and is now celebrating its 40th year. There are around 11 million people in the UK living with long term illness, impairment or disability and as well as the obvious physical benefits involved with gardening, Thrive's clients benefit from improved mental health, social engagement, accessing nature and gaining skills. Thrive has 3 centres – Trunkwell Gardens at Beech Hill, Reading; Battersea Park, London and King's Heath Gardens, Birmingham and within these clients have their own 1m x 1m gardens, often reflecting their very individual personalities.

We were all captivated by the story of Mel, an avid football fan and teddy bear collector, who has replaced the grass in her garden with astro turf complete with goal posts! The charity runs various events and open days and the clients love it when they can show off what they do to the general public.

The winners of our Feb competition for "Snowdrops and/or primroses" were
1st Belinda Thornhill,
2nd Elaine McTaggart,
3rd Christine Leonard,
4th Nancy Bowen.



Our next meeting on March 7th will be a very special celebration evening of our 25th anniversary for present CLUB MEMBERS ONLY. We are looking forward to welcoming Chris Beardshaw, TV and radio presenter and Chelsea Gold Medallist. He will be answering the question, How did you get into gardening? Entrance for members will be by pre-allocated ticket. Sorry but NO visitors or guests will be permitted to this event.

Visitors, guests and prospective new members will be most welcome on Thursday April 4th for a talk on Seasonal Spring Plants by Rosy Hardy, another Chelsea medallist, 7.15pm at Binfield Memorial Hall. She will be bringing along Spring plants for sale.

For further details see binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com or find us on Facebook.

Sue

theWI **The Binfield Belles** INSPIRING WOMEN

Welcome February snow and ice but a warmer welcome awaits at the Binfield WI every month, although it was rather sinister at our January meeting when Mike Daley talked about Jack the Ripper! He gave a great talk about the history and his own thoughts, having worked at Broadmoor for some years. It was a very busy evening almost a full turnout of the girls and plenty of catching up.

Embracing the next 100 years of the WI isn't easy and we like to think our exclusive ladies club gives village ladies and those further afield a chance to meet new friends, enjoy social visits and a chance to chat on all topics together. Earlier in the month we met at the Foxes' Den for a social afternoon and a large turnout was welcomed. We're hoping to do more get-togethers like this at the Den and chat with other ladies who are interested to join us.

The New Year lunch at Mill Ride golf course was excellent and a mix of ladies always go, so a chance to meet some members you don't know. Looking forward to some 2019 trips, we are going on theatre visits and to see the Dior exhibition in the V & A in London; a trip to the Isle of White is being discussed and some coffee mornings/tea afternoons and meet ups will continue through the year.

Our Badminton group is flourishing and keep fit/aerobics is popular. Some craft minded girls meet up and bring along projects to work on together - more of a get together I think!! Our next meeting is 14th March, 7.15pm in the Binfield Memorial Hall for our AGM but we also have social time and a keep fit demo from Jane to entertain us.

Linda

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'Overlord' +75 --- and Our Thanks to Paul ---

By Terry Dilliway

Just before sunset on June 5th they will set sail on a voyage taking them back 75 years. Escorted by a warship of the Royal Navy, 300 Normandy veterans will be transported, aboard the specially-chartered MV Boudicca, back to the beaches where they landed on the morning of June 6th, 1944, in the largest and most well-known seaborne military invasion the world has ever seen. To commemorate the landings -- forever remembered as D-Day -- events were announced by Vice Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir Gordon Messenger when recently visiting the city from whence much of the Allied invasion fleet set sail 75 years ago. The Royal British Legion, Ministry of Defence and Portsmouth City Council together will hold a five day series of activities including a military parade along the seafront; performances by military bands; readings by VIP guests; and a flypast featuring period aircraft. Portsmouth Revival Festival will also feature food, music, dancing and vehicles of the time; and the Navy's home port's activities will culminate in a Sunset Concert for Heroes, with acts including the Military Wives' Choir and the D-Day Darlings. Funded by the RBL and a LIBOR grant from HM Treasury, the ex-Servicemen's ship will accommodate them for the duration of their visit to Normandy. The Secretary of Defence has written an open letter to D-Day veterans, inviting them to contact the Legion if they should wish to take part in the trip which will conclude with an evening of music and entertainment beside the beaches in Arromanches. From our nation's thanks to Allied troops for their part in that momentous WWII operation to enormous Binfield thanks from village RBL members to retiring Branch Secretary Paul Hammerstone, who has wielded the secretarial pen for 94-year-old Binfield RBL Branch with extraordinary efficiency and dedication since 2007. Failing eyesight has eventually caused Paul to call time on the wonderful service he has given; and further sincere appreciation must be conveyed to his popular wife, June, for having provided valuable help during recent difficult months. A warm welcome is extended to Paul's successor, Denise Fuller, who has previously held the post. Very well-known villager Denise filled the role of Parish Clerk for almost 20 years from 1979 into the 90s. The Legion in Binfield remains in utterly capable hands and the first 2019 meeting of the branch is set for Wednesday March 13th in Binfield Club.

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



Dinner, Donations, Grandmas and Ghosts

By Terry Dilliway

Already the year ahead for Bracknell Royal Naval Association branch is being mapped out with trips, visits, talks and entertainment. On Friday, March 14th shipmates are set to visit Portsmouth Historic Dockyard; and St George's Day will be celebrated with a dinner on March 29th at Mill Ride Golf Course.

Combermere Barracks, Windsor, will be visited in May, and the branch will visit RNA Central Office in the Semaphore Tower, Portsmouth in July. Army Air Corps Museum at Middle Wallop, is the destination in September when finalised by Shipmate Branch Secretary June Boddrell. National dates for shipmates include the Jutland Wood tree planting event at Langley Vale, Epsom, on March 16th and arrangements are well in hand for the National Conference which will take place over the weekend of June 7th-9th at St Neots, Cambridgeshire. February's meeting in the Binfield Club heard that the Branch Standard had been paraded at the January funeral of Bracknell Shipmate Alex Curzon-Berners, and Standard Bearer S/M Anthony Boddrell will be on duty again at the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Service of Remembrance in June, and the Whitehall Cenotaph Biennial Parade in September. An enjoyable report of the past successful year was received from Maidenhead Sea Cadets Unit, and shipmates welcomed news that Chris Edge and Andy Grainge from the Unit are soon to become members of Bracknell RNA.

Following S/M Treasurer Martin Powell's report of healthy branch finances, it was voted that up to a thousand pounds should be allocated for donations to be shared among Naval-associated charities during 2019. Initially to benefit will be The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Children's Fund; The Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Trust; The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust; Blesma (the Limbless Veterans); The Not Forgotten Association; the Accessible Boat Club; and Maidenhead Sea Cadets.

Entertainment arranged and booked by Shipmate Social Secretary Lynne Daley has become an enjoyable feature at branch, and S/M Lynne announced a forthcoming quiz and future talks by a town crier, and subjects including 'Grandma Flies Spitfires', the Ghosts of Hampton Court and the Sebastian's Action Trust -- all to add to the coming year's meetings.

A brief welfare report included special get-well thoughts for S/M John D'Arcy after suffering a recent heart attack.

March meeting will hear a report from delegates to RNA Area 6 AGM, and the S/M public relations officer announced that the branch scrapbook is up to date and available for perusal.



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with the flowers.

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Thank you *Jan Vigar* 01344 411267

