

The Binfield Beacon

April 2019

Your Binfield Parish community magazine - there's lots going on!



*For Easter Service
times*

including Easter Songs of Praise
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Binfield 10K race

sign up now to volunteer or run
—see page 8

THE EGGSELLENT ADVENTURE
RETURNS! —see back cover



OUR MISSION: To help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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

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

Friday 5th April—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

10.00am Open Door at Foxes' Den Café

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

Monday 8th April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 10th April

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

NO OASIS GROUP

Thursday 11th April

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'

9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'

NO WHIZZ KIDS

11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

6.30pm Songs of Praise at St Mark's



Monday 15th April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

8.00pm Practice the Presence of God—The Rectory

Wednesday 17th April

9.00am Women's Walk/Talk from Foxes' Den Café

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

NO OASIS GROUP

Thursday 18th April—Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints'

Friday 19th April—Good Friday

2.00pm Hour at the Cross at All Saints'

He is RISEN Sunday 21st April—Easter Day

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'

9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'

NO Whizz Kids

11.00am All Age Service at All Saints'

followed by children's Easter Egg Hunt



Monday 22nd April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 23rd April

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 24th April

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's

NO OASIS GROUP

Saturday 27th April

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 28th April

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 29th April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 1st May

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 4th May

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 5th May

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'

9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'

11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'

NO WHIZZ KIDS

ClothesBank

Clothing for local families in need

Thank you so much to everyone who donated time, money and/or clothes for our March 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 26th June**. We will advise in the June Beacon the dates, times and venues for donations and arrangements for sorting clothes or volunteering at the Giveaway.

For more information contact Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169

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FROM YOUR RECTOR

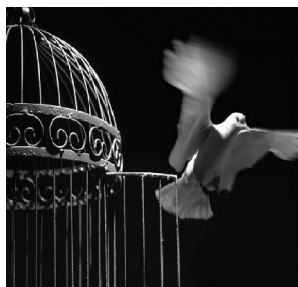


"The Bird Cage"

There once was a man named George Thomas, a pastor in a small New England town. One Easter Sunday morning he came to the church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit.

Several eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak. "I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me, swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright. I stopped the boy and asked, 'What you got their son?' 'Just some old birds,' came the reply. 'What are you gonna do with them?' I asked. 'Take 'em home and have fun with 'em. I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time.' 'But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?' 'Oh, I got some cats. They like birds. I'll take 'em to them.'"

The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?" "Huh????!! Why, you don't want them birds, mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing - they ain't even pretty!" "How much?" The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$10?" The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone. The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free. Well, that explained the empty bird cage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story. One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!" "What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other. How to hate and abuse each other. How to drink and smoke and curse. How to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!" "And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, I'll kill 'em." "How much do you want for them?" "Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you!! You don't want those people!!"



"How much?" Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "Your life." The Pastor ended his story this way: "Jesus paid the price. On that first Easter Sunday morning, he picked up the cage, opened the door, and set us free."

This Easter let's remember what the Bible says, "The Son paid for our sins, and in him we have forgiveness." *Colossians chapter 1, verse 14*

Luke

EASTER SERVICE TIMES

PALM SUNDAY: SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 14th April, 6:30pm, at St. Mark's.

Services at All Saints' Church:

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 18th April, 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 19th April, 2pm

Hour at the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 21st April

8:15am, 9:30am, 11am*

*Children's Egg Hunt
after the 11am
service



From the Registers:

Baptisms

Florence Charlotte Luna Smith
Oliver, Timothy Chapman

Weddings

Thomas Fletcher and Samantha Sharman

KEEP THE DATE FREE!

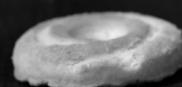
Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7th May

9:15-12:30pm

St. Mark's Church, Binfield

Bring friends and, if you can, any
cake or biscuit donations
All proceeds to the Binfield ARC Project
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk





All Saints' Repair & Care



Mmmm...food!

Two different fundraising events took place last month around the theme of food. The lovely people at Newbold Youth Church took over the kitchen at the Foxes' Den, pulled together a delicious supper and invited everyone to join them. Donations were taken for the meal, and just over £200 was kindly given to the ARC Project. Following this, our Whizz Kids team put on a Bake Sale and raised just over £100 too! Thank you to everyone who helped raise the money and fill our tummies!

New things for sale!

We are very grateful that local artist Lorna Minton has kindly given us permission to reproduce her beautiful painting of All Saints' Church. The flowers featured around the picture were all growing in the church yard at the time she visited. We have had some notelet sets printed which are available to buy at either church and at the Foxes' Den. Cards featuring more of Lorna's work can also be found at V&A Traynor's Fine Arts in the village. We are also planning to sell some small plants for Easter which would make a great alternative (or additional!) gift to eggs, so keep an eye out for those.

Things going on:

Next up is the Binfield 10k. We will again this year be hosting the Water Station up at All Saints' Church, and if anyone would like to run for the ARC Project (as Michael Hawkins has promised to again!), see details on this page for how you can collect sponsorship money via JustGiving.

Look out for details on more events we are working on. We are still looking for helpers to run tea/refreshment tents at upcoming local events, and to help putting on a Quiz Night around June-time, so please contact us if you would like to get involved.

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk
www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject

Fundraising for essential repairs and updates to our historic Parish Church

All Saints' Church Needs Your Help!

Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £223,205

Plus Charitable Grants: £42,000

New Phase 2 Target: £455,000

Phase 2 Donations to Date: £102,670

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £13,714

Current Phase 2 Funds: £87,956

(plus PCC funds of £100,000)

How to donate or fundraise:

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:** Name: Binfield PCC Church Repairs
A/C No.: 03290131
Sort Code: 20-11-74

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:** raise money for us by taking part in an activity such as a sponsored run, See our JustGiving Binfield ARC campaign and set up your own fundraising page at: www.justgiving.com/campaign/binfieldarcproject-phase2

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

New! Notelets for sale

£5 per pack 5 A6 cards.

Featuring a beautiful illustration of All Saints' Church, reproduced by kind permission of the artist, Lorna Minton. Available to buy from either church or the Foxes' Den Café. All proceeds to the ARC Project.



Lorna Minton: www.paintedchurches.co.uk



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Let's keep our beautiful church standing!

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hi Everyone,

We are in the run up to Easter, so there's not long left until chocolate eggs and Easter egg hunts galore! Here's what the Kids and Youth groups have been up to this month...



Whizz Kids have been continuing to learn about the fruit of the spirit, we now know joy, peace, patience, self-control, goodness, and kindness.

We gave each quality a physical fruit name, like the self-control strawberry, and then made a smoothie with all the fruit we've learned about, and it turned out pretty great!

It was fun to feed our minds and our bellies at the same time!



The Whizz Kids held a bake sale at the All Age Service to raise money for the ARC Project, and they did a fantastic job! There were loads of cakes and they raised over £100 to help repair our church, which is incredible. Not only did they bake the cakes to be sold, they did all the selling and counting of money too, so well done! As it was such a success, the kids are really keen to do it again, so we will be aiming to have a bake sale every first Sunday of the month at All Saints' Church, so please come along for some delicious cakes and world-class serving skills!

Also, we will be holding our annual Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday at 11:00am, so do come and join us for that, it would be great to see you.



Oasis

At Oasis we've had guests come in to talk to use about being a Christian as part of our 'strong women of faith' topic this term, and it has been amazing hearing women of all ages and backgrounds share their testimonies, and explain their relationship with Jesus.

We've also been doing a Q&A with each guest where the girls can ask them questions about their journey, struggles or celebrations on their walk with God.

It's been great delving into the nitty-gritty of life and having a supportive community to explore these questions with!

We also went on a group trip ice skating which was so fun much, and we came away with no injuries which is quite a miracle! We like to remember that God is there in the fun too, so we like to make sure there's plenty of room for fun as well as the deep and meaningful chats at Oasis.



We hope you have a fantastic Easter, and we would love to see you at any of our events over the next few months, so whether you've been coming for years or have never been before, you are welcome to join us!



See you soon,

Daisy

Children's and Youth Worker

daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids dates: April 28th and May 12th, 19th & 26th

Oasis dates: April 3rd and May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd



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 23rd April @ 12 noon

Tuesday 28th May @ 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

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

17th April - No Walk

1st May - 9am meet at Foxes' Den Café

15th May - 9am meet at Foxes' Den Café

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS



Saturdays
6th April and 4th May

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



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

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS

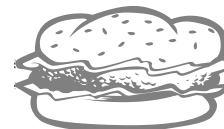


Men's Breakfast is usually held on the 4th Saturday of each month at **St Mark's Church**

Next: 27th April

Discussion topic: "Global Warming: natural or man-made?"

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



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for more information contact Tony on 07596 461160



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Every Wednesday

April 3rd & 24th and May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

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



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 5th April—at Foxes' Den Café

10am Friday 10th May

EVERYONE WELCOME
THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN



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

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

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

Volunteering—we'd love some help!



Meet people and get involved with the many projects and ministries that make up All Saints' and St Mark's Churches.

We are especially 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



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, 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)

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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

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

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Michael Hawkins
01344 411681

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Liz Harris
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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](https://www.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

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COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office – April 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 9 April	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 16 April	Amenity Committee – note an update to original date	8pm
Tuesday 23 April	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Parish & Bracknell Forest Borough Councillor Drop-in	Saturday 13 April, 10am - 12pm
Biodiversity Survey – Binfield Environment Group	Saturday 20 April, 10am - 2pm
Community Litter Pick – Binfield Environment Group	Saturday 18 May, 10am - 2pm
4 th Annual Binfield 10k road race	Sunday 19 May at 10am – REGISTER or VOLUNTEER!

Congratulation to the 2019 Parish People Awards winners!

Congratulations to those who were recognised for their community spirit and dedicated years of voluntary and community service to the parish of Binfield. Awards winners: Sue Carter, Luci Islip, Adele Valentin and Marian Cope for their enthusiastic and energetic service to 1st Binfield Cubs; Linda Willcocks for her ceaseless work to create a flourishing and vibrant Binfield WI group; Stan Bunker for always going out of his way to support his fellow allotment holders; and Ann Nesfield for her tireless commitment and calmness in all her voluntary roles, including Party Bye the Pitch.

Look out for more news on the Annual Parish Meeting and York Road amenity area consultation

At the time of writing The Annual Parish Meeting had not yet taken place (14 March) so you can expect news on the parish priorities shared by the Parish Councillors as well as the feedback received from those of you who attended. Also, the York Road amenity area consultations took place in March so we will share the feedback we received on ideas for redeveloping the play area, improving car parking, and enhancing the Red Rose allotments. You can also check our website and Facebook page for updates too.

Parish Council building – Drop-off bay & disabled parking markings

Many of you will have noticed that the new markings for the car park are now complete. Please can you respect the drop-off bay area which between 8am to 9am is strictly for drop-off only to help ease the flow of traffic at the busy school drop off time. After 9am the drop-off bay area can be used for parking for a maximum of 30 minutes. There are also two clearly marked disabled bays which can be used if there is a blue badge clearly displayed in your car. We hope you are all finding the car park useful for school drops and to visit the Parish Office and The Foxes' Den!

Parish Councillor Elections – vote on 2 May 2019!

Elections will take place on 2 May 2019 where you will have the opportunity to vote for Parish Councillors for Binfield. Please vote!

Binfield Environment Group – Practical Conservation Day and Community Litter Pick

Volunteers are most welcome at the following Environment Group-led activities:

Biodiversity Survey - Saturday 20 April, 10am - 2pm

The Group will be surveying the flora and fauna of Wicks Green. Meet at: Wicks Green, Binfield, RG42.
Car parking is available off Stevenson Drive.

Community Litter Pick - Saturday 18 May, 10am - 2pm

The Group will be litter-picking ahead of the Binfield 10k Run! Meet at: Knox Green, Binfield, RG42 4NZ.

4th Annual Binfield 10k road race, Sunday 19 May at 10am – Call out for volunteers!



Registration is now open! You can register online at www.binfield10k.co.uk or pick up a printed form at the Parish Office. Please check the Binfield 10k website for more information on road closures on the day. Remember there are plenty of volunteering opportunities at the even if you are not a runner – please get in touch via email volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk.

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty
01344 454602/Binfield Parish Council at the Parish Office, Benetfeld Road, Binfield, RG42 4EW
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Nursery Hours: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm daily extended on Tues, Wed & Thurs to 2.45pm.

MHW Community Centre - Martins Heron
Nursery Hours: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm daily extended on Wed to 2.45pm

Brownlow Hall - Newell Green, Warfield
Nursery hours: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm daily extended on Tues, Wed & Thurs to 2.45 pm

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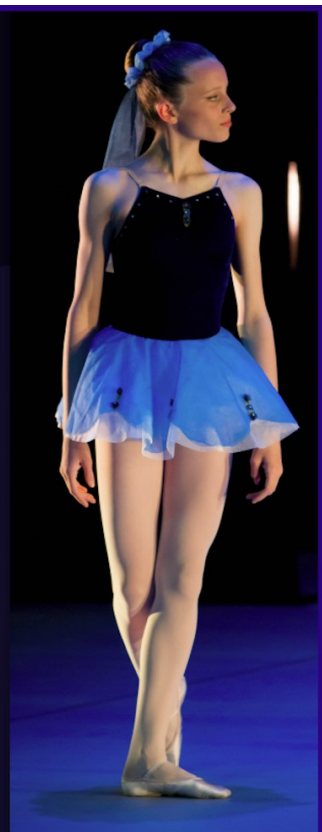


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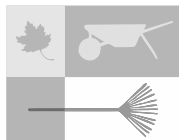
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COMMUNITY NEWS

People's Kitchen Report – by Matthea Erasmus

On Sunday the 24th February 2019, I, along with ten or eleven other volunteers, stepped tentatively into the Foxes' Den Café, like nervous jungle explorers mapping out a strange and exotic new land. Unlike explorers, however, we were soon pleasantly surprised by the variety and abundance of ingredients that had been donated to us by local shops and that had been reduced by local supermarkets.



Deliberation over the menu ensued, but it wasn't long before everyone had a job to do. The beautiful open space of the café allowed for reams of golden sunlight to stream in through the windows and paired with lazy-afternoon music, such as 'I'm yours' by Jason Mraz, I very quickly learnt that there are few things better than making lasagne on a Sunday afternoon.

The afternoon sped away and before we knew it, a buffet was out, and people were coming in. What normally may have been a daunting experience, at least for me, soon became immensely rewarding as all around people were eating (and enjoying!) the food that our youth group, had prepared, made, and served.



There are few things that I consider to be as beautiful as a smile on a stranger's face, especially so when you know it was caused by something that you had a hand in doing.

I was amazed at how something as simple as cooking, with such humble ingredients at such a low cost, could create so much joy and unity within a community.



It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience (so much so that I didn't mind helping with the cleaning up!) and I hope that many more people will be inspired to partake next time, whether they are cooking or eating.



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BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything. (Sonnet XC VII)
William Shakespeare

Hi everyone, I'm very pleased to say Open+ is proving to be very successful with lots of you giving us positive feedback and many of you using the library in extended opening times when we aren't around, should I be worried I'm asking myself?!!

Our first reminiscence group was held last month by Susan all about Binfield, it evoked an animated discussion and it seems to have gone down well so if you missed out on it check out the date for the next one as there is always room for more!

Now that the evenings are lighter and the weather is improving you'll be wanting to get out in your gardens so don't forget we have the brown sacks for garden waste at the library.

We also have free Wi-Fi, comfy chairs in a welcoming environment and friendly people to chat to. So if you're feeling in need of some company pop along to see us.

This year our Easter library closure will be Good Friday 19th, Saturday 20th, Easter Day Sunday 21st and Easter Monday 22nd. However for all of you who have now joined Open+ you can use our extended opening times so if you haven't got it yet come in and have your induction so you can visit the library over the break.

So here are the Children's Events for April:

We've decided to make the names of our groups more consistent across the libraries so that customers know what to expect if they go to a different branch so our Bounce & Rhyme sessions will now be called 'Tots Time' - it's still every Thursday at 9.30am followed by the Tots Times craft at 10.00am. The charge is £1.20 per child to include the singing, tea and craft however if you just want to sing it's 50p and if you just want to have tea and a biscuit it's 50p.

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.

Our Summer Reading Challenge Craft session will take place on Thursday April 4th at 3.30pm. The charge for this group is 50p for refreshments.

Lego is every Monday from 3.00pm until 4.30pm, it's still free!

Adult Events:

Reminiscence group run by Susan is on Friday April 12th at 2.15pm, refreshments 50p.

We have an afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be 6th April at 2.00pm, 50p for refreshments. This group is very small; we really need more of you to increase the competition. Don't forget parking on a Saturday is free!

Knit and Natter is on Monday 1st April at 2.00pm but due to the library closing for Easter there won't be a Saturday session this month. 50p for refreshments.

Brain Gym is on Thursday 11th April at 11.00am,

The Binfield Film Group is on Tuesday 16th April at 2.00pm. 50p for refreshments

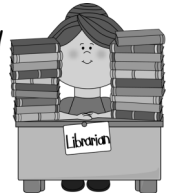
Our Coffee morning and Quiz, meets on the last Thursday of the month 25th April 11.00am and Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month which makes it 26th April at 2.00pm both have refreshments for 50p.

Drop in Book group is on Monday 29th April

A very Happy Easter to everyone, don't eat too many Easter eggs but if you do why not walk to the library for a bit of exercise?!

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

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



For more details of library events please go to www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries, find us on Facebook and twitter or call 01344 306663



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Thursday 04 April: Movie Night; 19.30 in the Church Centre

Friday 05 April: Classical Music Concert; 19.30 in Church Centre

Saturday 06 April: Exhibits open 13.00 to 17.00

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COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Foxes' Den...

community café

Yes! We are officially into British Summer time! The clocks have gone back, we've got our outside furniture out—we are loving the longer days.

This month we'll be donating 50p from every homemade cookie and Easter egg cake we sell to Binfield Pre-School during the 2 weeks of the Easter Egg trail. Make sure you mark our egg off the map!

Thank you to everyone who bought a 'Sorting House' cupcake on World Book Day. We managed to raise £40.00 for the library!

This month, from April 23rd – May 23rd, we will be donating 50p from every homemade cookie to the Binfield Lighthouse project. We can also act as a collection point if you would like to donate any items.

You can book any of our workshops online. Find our events and information on Facebook or www.foxesden.co.uk. Or come into the café to book.

****There is no rhyme time, toddler craft or crafternoon sessions during the school Easter holidays (Monday 8th – Tuesday 23rd April).** The café will be closed on Good Friday, Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

The Foxes' Den Team look forward to welcoming you soon!

WHAT'S ON IN THE DEN IN APRIL

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 ups craft session. Learn a new skill, make new friends, craft in company
Every Thursday 10.30am – 11.15am	MAD Academy – Fun music and dance class for toddlers and pre-schoolers. Prebook directly with MAD Academy.
Tuesday 2 nd (& 1st Tuesday each month)	Teddy Bear Clinic with Dr Brown Bear Free Consultation – small fee for surgery
Saturday 6 th 10am – 12pm	Daisy First Aid Course, paediatric emergency care for adults —A class suited to anyone who would like to have basic first aid and emergency life saver training.
Monday 8 th - Weds 10 th 9.30 am – 12.30pm	Creative Mind Easter Art Camp – For 6-11 year olds. 3 day workshop. Cost: £50 for all 3 days. Sibling discount of £10 available.
Friday 12 th 9.30am – 12.30pm	Kids Crime Scene Investigation Easter Workshop —STEM workshop letting kids be detectives for the morning. £15 per child
Saturday 13 th 10am – 12pm	Informal Parish Councillor drop in session—come a speak to your local Councillor
Saturday 13 th 10am – 12noon	Refresh Coaching – A Cuppa, A Conversation, A Chance for different ideas. £10 per session.
Tuesday 16 th 10am – 12.30pm	Kids watercolour workshop –come and paint something fabulous with watercolours. £18 per child.
Wednesday 17th	Mulberry House Vets – kids workshop £10 per child
Thursday 18 th 9.30am – 12.30pm	Easter Egg craft and bonnet making –drop-in activity with donation to Binfield Preschool
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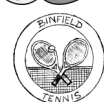
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Junior Coaching classes started on Friday 22nd March and continue after school for four weeks.

Adult Coaching for beginners and rusty racquets started Sunday 24th March for four weeks. You can still join!

We will also participate in the National Tennis for Kids programme for children aged 4-11 starting Friday 26th April.

For more information & to book, go to the Coaching page at www.binfieldtennis.co.uk

Clive Underhill

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR GP APPOINTMENT

A GP gets 10 mins per appointment to see one patient. Within this time a doctor would see the patient, attend to issues, request investigations and write notes up. Some issues take less time, but others need much longer than the allocated time. Your GPs will try and spend as much time as is needed to help you, however, multiple issues (list of problems) are difficult to deal with properly in such a short time frame. So please book "a double appointment" for a few needs to be addressed in one visit. Asking a doctor to consider many problems in a single visit causes delays for subsequent patients.

Please consider the advice below to help to run appointments and consultations to everyone's benefit:

Be on time: Even if you are just a few minutes late, the person after you may be seen before you.

Think about your story and tell it chronologically: If possible try to tell your story from the beginning of your symptoms. Try and paint a picture for your GP of your symptoms and the story that goes with it. When giving timings, try to be accurate.

Don't get too comfy!: Unless you need to show the GP an injury to your body, don't start peeling off scarves or coats. The time could be better spent discussing your problems.

If possible leave the kids at home: If at all possible try to have someone look after your children during the consultation. Inevitably parents get distracted trying to keep their children in order.

Don't bring a list: As mentioned earlier it is unrealistic to deal with a lot of issues within the time slot. Pick the most pressing problem and work through that, rather than leaping between troubles and not addressing any of them properly.

Don't be embarrassed: Your doctor will not be shocked by anything you tell them.

Be kind: Despite what you might read in the press, the vast majority of GPs are trying their best to help you. If you can muster up a smile or thank you, it will make their day!

Doctor running late: With increasing demand there is an increased work load. GPs at times have to deal with complex issues, contact hospitals and attend to urgent matters that might delay them seeing you at the time you were booked for. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated. Please speak to the receptionist if doctor is running late. I am sure they will be able to update and advise you on waiting time etc.

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Duncan Johnston

Binfield Patient Group

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Did you know?

This month I am going to take a break from telling you about some of the special creatures that make Binfield their home to share some other facts about the nature in our village.

Binfield has at least 170 veteran trees. These are trees that are of interest biologically, culturally or aesthetically because of their age, size or condition. In addition to ancient oak trees that often mark old parish boundaries, the village also contains old trees that were part of rich landowners' collections or part of the landscaping in the parkland surrounding their houses.

If you want to find out more about the woods and copses in the village, have a look at the "find a wood" option on the Woodland Trust's website (<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>).

The northern part of the parish is also part of a Biodiversity Opportunity Area. This is an initiative to improve the biodiversity of our wider countryside rather than just focusing on nature reserves. It is intended that there will be projects in our area to extend, and improve the management of, existing woodlands.

The way that land is designated is an important tool in protecting and improving those areas that are special for nature. One of the highest levels of protection in the UK is given to Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), which are considered important because of their fauna, flora, or geology. Various laws protect SSSIs from development, from other damage, and from neglect. We have one SSSI in the village, Wykery Copse, protected for its rare flora. Wykery Copse is an amazing haven of tranquillity surrounded by houses and close to an industrial area.

Another designation that is important in Binfield is the Suitable Alternative Natural Green-space (SANG).

At least three quarters of the species identified as priorities in the Bracknell Forest Council biodiversity action plan can be seen in Binfield, but not all of these make their homes here. Binfield Environment Group have a notice board in the entrance to the new parish office / Foxes' Den and there is a sheet for you to tell us which of the species have been seen in the village.

Since February, I have noticed two more sets of bat boxes in the village. We are also talking to the borough council about what we might do for bats in Popes Meadow.

The village is home to a number of larger mammals including roe deer, muntjacs, foxes and badgers. Binfield Badger Group (<http://www.binfieldbadgers.org.uk/>) have been monitoring and protecting the village's badgers for several decades.

More than 30 people have joined BEG tasks in the last year. Some of the village's younger residents have given us some ideas for a BEG logo. We have not yet found a logo that works on social media and in print, but one possibility is the logo at the top of this piece, designed by James. Thank you for all your support!

If you have any comments on this piece, or any ideas for our logo, we can be contacted by email at binfielddeg@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Mike Coker



Binfield Garden Club

by Sue Jeffery

March has been a memorable month for our members. Our first visit of the year was on 5th March to Kew Gardens and the Orchid Festival. We were lucky with the weather and so enjoyed the spectacular Colombian orchids in the Princess of Wales Conservatory and all that Kew in early Spring had to offer. Thank you, Sarah for arranging it all.

The meeting on 7th was an important milestone – the 25th anniversary of the club. Alan Foster called an inaugural meeting in February 1974 with the aim of starting a club, 85 people attended, and the very first meeting was held in the Memorial Hall the following month. Ever since then the club has remained a thriving and popular part of village life. Through the years there have been numerous talks, visits, competitions, gardening with school children, medals won at RHS Flower Shows AND MORE!



We must thank Rosemary for booking Chris Beardshaw for our celebration and arranging a very successful evening. Chris has such garden expertise, humanity and humour.

He kept us so entertained with the wonderful tales of his Chelsea medal-winning garden for Great Ormond Street Hospital in 2016 and its subsequent removal to the hospital roof top with the help of Nick Knowles and the BBC. Truly inspiring!

Chris has won many Gold Medals and also Best in Show but hearing how his design evolved from meeting clinicians, parents and child patients at the hospital with key words transferring into shapes and forms was just overwhelming.

Chris eventually cut our cake, which around 80 of us enjoyed with drinks. It was wonderful to have many Founder members still at our meetings, and 3 of these who have worked continuously to keep the club growing were presented with Awards of Appreciation. These were Ruth Fawcett, Deanna Lee and, of course, Alan Foster – the one who started it all and is now our Life President and running the monthly bric a brac stall! Richard, Chairman, gave a toast to the future of the club and thanks to all the committee who had helped make the evening a success. If you missed Chris Beardshaw, whether you have a large or small garden, window box, indoor plants or just enjoy nature and the countryside, you will always be welcome at our meetings.

For more information visit binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com, or Facebook, or call Richard on 01344 286752. The secret's out of the bag – we will be visiting Highgrove in May!!!



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INSPIRING WOMEN

As I write this in March the weather is more spring-like. At our February meeting we welcomed Jeff Rozelaar as our speaker. Brought up in the east end of London in Shoreditch, Jeff described his life there as a young boy. It became apparent why his talk was called 'Bagels and Bacon' as the Jewish bakers next door to his home provided delicious bagels but he couldn't resist the smell of bacon in the cafe up the road! He was a great speaker with much humour and a bit of singing thrown in!



We continued our evening with coffee and news on coming events for our group. The Berkshire Federation of the WI celebrate 100 years this year and WIs are doing things in 100s so we are starting off with 100 cupcakes this month, and probably several hundred steps after to burn them off!

We are also making bunting to represent our group and may be using recyclable and other materials to be creative!!

We have a coffee morning planned at the Foxes' Den, the 'in place' in Binfield, and plan an open day on the 9th June to promote our WI in the village.

April 29th sees a visit to Runnymede to the memorials with a short walk to raise money for the WIs' charity, ACWW, that supports women's projects in third world countries.



Summer lunch plans are in place as are the seaside trip, cookery demonstration and village litter pick—not exactly a visit but a trip round the village and coffee and cake to finish in WI tradition!

A 'chilly' meeting is planned on 11th April as our speaker is Neil Stewart who's talking about the Polar Arctic—brrrr!

Visitors are always welcome to join us for friendship, fun, craft, visits, chatter and cakes, of course.

More details from Linda 01344 454503 /07708 731294

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Sunday 12th May 2019 7.30pm
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For more info please contact Jan: 01344 411267



Another Year of Service and Support ---- by Terry Dillway

The 2019 annual conference of the Royal British Legion takes place next month when a cocktail of ceremonies, competitions and parades is set to mix with entertainment for delegates and members who meet to vote on the charity's policy for the coming year.

Guest speakers include Directors and National Officers who will contribute to Conference proceedings in the main hall of the Bournemouth International Centre on May 17th – 19th where delegates from Branches and Counties around the UK will deliberate on the shape of the Legion's future work. An awards ceremony will reward achievements from throughout the previous year, with cups and shields presented in recognition of outstanding work in the provision of every kind of support for serving and ex-Servicemen and women and their families. A special forum will also focus on issues and developments involving the Overseas Branch of the Legion.

Evening entertainment will provide the opportunity for delegates and visitors to meet and socialise with old and new friends, and an ongoing exhibition will provide a chance to ask questions of RBL staff and collect informative literature.

A full parade to conclude the Conference will march through the streets of Bournemouth, finishing with a commemorative service at the town's War Memorial.

A traditional process of registration of County and Branch Delegates takes place every year to determine the allocation of sought-after seats at Conference, but any member may attend as a non-voting visitor.

The first 2019 meeting of Binfield Branch of the RBL took place on Wednesday, March 13th at Binfield Club, after the deadline for inclusion in April Beacon had passed. A report on the Branch will appear in May issue.

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



Queen Elizabeth's Flyers and the Navy's Newsreader by Terry Dillway

Skills gained while serving in the Royal Navy are "perfect to inspire the next generation of engineers, scientists and technicians".

This is the view behind the creation of the Further Forces Programme, which has been designed to bring ex-Service technical knowledge and skills into the classroom to benefit post-16-year-old students entering further education.

The Department of Education and Ministry of Defence are supporting the Education and Training Foundation in their effort to address a technical skills gap in the UK economy by bringing real-world experiences of ex-Navy and military personnel into further education. Teaching qualifications will be available for ex-Servicemen and women while working in a college or training environment.

The Royal Navy's latest aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth avoided the worst of hurricane 'Florence' as she visited Mayport, Florida and Norfolk, Virginia during her successful programme of fast-jet trials on the far side of the Atlantic. Training and planning turned into reality when F-35 Lightning fighters flew on and off the 65,000-ton warship in eight weeks of intensive trials conducted in co-operation with the US Navy.

Commanding Officer Capt Jerry Kyd said he was "quite emotional" at seeing the return of Royal Naval fixed wing aviation. During his command, the skipper supervised milestone night-time landings, with and without night-vision technology, plus the operation of heavyweight American military aircraft from the new carrier's 4.5-acre flight deck.

A reward awaited the ship's company when the next port of call was New York, where QE dropped anchor within sight of the Statue of Liberty, giving crew members a chance to explore the 'Big Apple' while their ship played host to national and international guests and events. The Royal Naval Association joined in welcoming the carrier home to Princess Royal Jetty, Portsmouth; a huge 'Welcome Home' banner was hung from the railings atop Semaphore Tower by Deputy General Secretary Sarah Clewes and Central Office staff.

The RN and millions of BBC Television viewers and listeners have suffered a loss at the passing of popular newsreader and host Richard Baker who has 'crossed the bar' at the age of 93.

Richard served as an officer in the Royal Navy from 1943-1946, later becoming a lieutenant commander in the RN Reserve. Born in Willesden, London, he was the first announcer to introduce a news bulletin on BBC TV in 1954.

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