

The Binfield Beacon

May 2019

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



The two hospital patients.....



The **BINFIELD 10K**

*sign up now to
volunteer or run
—see page 8 for all the
details and join in the
village's big event*

*Consider being sponsored
for the ARC project and
help your local church and
community
this year!*



Binfield Calendar Photo Competition

Check out the details of how to
enter on page 11 and get out and
about around Binfield with your
smartphone or camera.....

HAPPY SNAPPING!



**Stubbs Hill Cemetery
Spring Tidy Up
Can you help?**

Details inside...page 18

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

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

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



Monday 6th May

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 8th May

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

Thursday 9th May

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 10th May

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's

Sunday 12th May

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

Monday 13th May

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 15th 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

Sunday 19th May

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
All other services cancelled as All Saints' Church is supporting the Binfield 10K race—join us and help man the water station outside All Saints' Church. Thanks

Monday 20th May

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

Wednesday 22nd May

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

Saturday 25th May

7.30am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 26th May

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

Monday 27th May

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 28th May

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 29th May

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

Saturday 1st June

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 2nd June

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



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter lilies in remembrance of a loved one and whose

name appeared on the Easter scrolls. We hope you were able to get along to All Saints' Church to see them. *Jan Vigar*

ClothesBank

Clothing for local families in need

The next Clothes Bank Giveaway is on Wednesday 26th June. 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 (bags can be left under the bench outside) from Monday 17th June.

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 could help with the sorting on Monday 24th June or the Giveaway on Wednesday 26th June please contact Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169 **Thank you.**

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LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



The two hospital patients

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next

to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on holiday.

And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch and, after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful

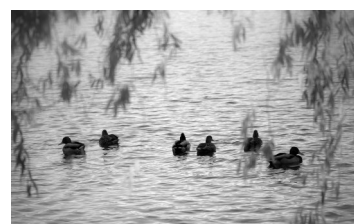
things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

The Bible says this, but you should meet together and encourage each other. *Hebrews chapter 10 verse 25.*

Imagine how you'd feel if every time you met someone they encouraged you? Why don't you become that person, like the man in the story, for your families, friends, neighbours, colleagues, and everyone you meet?

Story by <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html>

Luke



From the Registers:

Baptisms

Joanne White

Aiden Flanagan

Weddings

Marianne Hall & David Harvey

Samantha Sharman and Thomas Fletcher

Emilia Bellm and Sam Southwood

Jonathan Sebbage and Amy Davies

Funerals

Madan Kapur

Judith Collins

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Please do your part to help the environment by passing on your magazine to others or recycling it responsibly. **Thank you.**



All Saints' Repair & Care

Fundraising for essential repairs and updates to our historic Parish Church

All Saints' Church Needs Your Help!

It's all online!

We're trying to make it as easy as possible for you all to help us spread the word about our fundraising, and to help us raise any extra money you can, so this past month we have been working on setting up some additional online fundraising tools.

Sell on eBay

If you have anything you were thinking of listing on eBay, you can now choose to donate some or all of the profits to the ARC fund! Just chose to "Make a Donation" when you go through the listing process, and select our (long!) Binfield PCC charity name. See under "How to Help" on the ARC website for more info.

Donate and Fundraise through Facebook:

If you are a Facebook user, you may have seen people setting up a fundraiser on occasions, such as for their birthday, and asking their friends to donate to their chosen cause instead of giving a gift. You can now create a fundraiser benefitting the ARC Project, and anyone can also make a donation to the fund directly through Facebook. Any money raised will come directly to us, and with no fees! Again, see more details on the ARC website.

Bank Account Change

You will notice that we have changed the bank account details over to our main PCC bank account. Although we had set up a dedicated bank account for ARC funds, we are now being charged fees on this account which doesn't help us! For any donations paid directly to the bank, please add **ARC** and your name as a reference so our Treasurer can make sure it is set aside for the repair project.

Items for sale

Thank you to Amanda for organizing the plant sale last month. We hope you're enjoying your pots of pretty spring flowers! We still have our lovely new notelets for sale at church and other locations.

Events

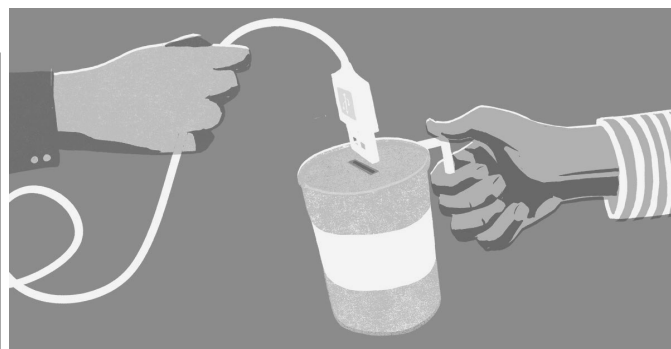
Tuesday 7th May: Please come along to St. Mark's Church for a coffee morning, hosted by the lovely Christine and Margareta. Tea and cake served (cake and biscuits donations would be appreciated).

Sunday 19th May: We will be supporting the Binfield 10k by running a water station up at All Saints' Church. Please come along to help cheer on the runners!

We are still also looking for helpers to run tea/refreshment tents at upcoming local summer events on **6th July** and **7th August** - please contact us if you would like to get involved.

Lastly, look out for details on how to enter the Photo competition for the 2020 Binfield Calendar! The 2019 Calendar sold out, so we are excited to see your entries and find out which ones will feature in the next edition!

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team



Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £223,907

Plus Charitable Grants: £42,000

New Phase 2 Target: £455,000

Phase 2 Donations to Date: £103,372

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £13,860

Current Phase 2 Funds: £89,512

(plus PCC funds of £100,000)

How to donate or fundraise:

Please note new details!

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".
Please write ARC on the back and include your name and address if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim Gift Aid.
- **BACS:** Name: Binfield PCC
A/C No.: 80175528
Sort Code: 20-11-74
Please add **ARC + your name** as a reference.

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.

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

Email: fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Online: www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject

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Let's keep our beautiful church standing!



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hi Everyone,

We hope you've had a fantastic Easter celebrating Jesus with friends and family, and eating lots of chocolate of course! We've been busy with the kids and youth work this month, here's what we've been up to...



At Whizz Kids we have finished learning about all 9 fruits of the spirit, and exploring how we can grow these gifts in our lives. We made a delicious fruit salad to represent the fruit we have learnt about, it went down pretty well! We allocated a real fruit to a spiritual fruit with alliteration to help us remember each quality, like the self-control strawberry and the patience pineapple. However, not all of them were effective, just ask the joyful cherry and the faithful melon! We also took part in the Mother's Day service, showing a dance at the front of Church, and reading prayers and poems. It was a lovely chance to celebrate all the incredible women in our community, and thank them for all they do for us!

Whizz Kids have also been hosting a bake sale on the first Sunday of each month, and so far have raised nearly £200 in aid of the ARC Project, which is absolutely fantastic! So if you are around on the first Sunday of the month, come along to All Saints' Church to support the kids and their baking, and to keep raising funds for the ARC project.



Oasis



This term at Oasis we've been hearing testimonies from strong women of faith, finding out about their journey and why they choose to follow Jesus. We've had amazing stories shared from women of all different aged and backgrounds, and have had the opportunity to ask them difficult questions about their faith. It's been a great insight into why people choose to live their lives following Jesus, and getting to know the women of Binfield a bit deeper has been wonderful.

For our last session of the term we also did an Oasis quiz night to end on a high, which included a round on questions on the leaders, and it's safe to say we found out a fair bit about some of them!

We hope you had a lovely break and are enjoying the warmer weather! If you would like to join in any of the kids or youth activities please don't hesitate to contact me and come along, it would be great to see you.



Daisy

Children's and Youth Worker

daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids dates: May 12th, 19th & 26th; June 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

Oasis dates: May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd; June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th



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 28th May @ 12 noon
Tuesday 25th June @ 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

1st May - 9am meet at Foxes' Den Café

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

5th June - 9am meet at The Foxes' Den

19th June - 9am meet at The Foxes' Den

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK SATURDAYS

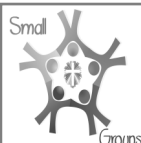


Saturdays
4th May and 1st June

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 email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS

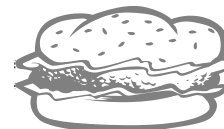


Men's Breakfast is usually held on the 4th Saturday of each month **at St Mark's Church**

Next: 25th May

Discussion topic : Diversity— what does this really mean?

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



3 Generations
playing together!

Every Wednesday

May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

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 10th May

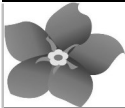
10am Friday 7th June

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, please!



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 9.30am 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

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

Churchwardens:

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

Church Office:

Hayley Fourie, Administrator
01344 421079
office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
All enquiries for weddings and baptisms

Office opening hours:

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

Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins
01344 411681

Bell Tower:

Liz Harris
01344 649628

P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes
07809 736372

Treasurer:

Sarah Muller
01344 428782
Treasurer@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White
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ARC Fundraising Team

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Church Website:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

We are also on Facebook
[facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks](https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks)

The 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

The logo is a circular emblem. At the top, the text 'BINFIELD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL' is written in a semi-circle. Inside the circle, there is a stylized sun with rays, a rainbow, and several fish swimming in water.

the history and different architecture of the castle and are now looking forward to applying their new knowledge to the rest of their royal topic.

In the last week of term we were treated to a fabulous production of 'The Last Rainbow' by Years 3 and 4. Well done to all of the children for putting on a fantastic show and for working so hard to ensure that it was a success. The singing was sensational and the lines were delivered with passion and excellent timing to ensure an outstanding reception by our engaged audiences. The children voted to split donations collected after the performances , which totalled £242, between the Rainforest Alliance and the Marine Conservation Society.



We were overwhelmed with red in support of Red Nose Day for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March! The children love the chance to dress up (or down) and we were very impressed with their understanding of the concept of Comic Relief and how well they embraced it. As a result of sales of red noses, our 'Wear Red' mufti day and a very well attended Cake Sake, we raised a fantastic £642 for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day!



Y2 children enjoyed a visit to Windsor Castle in March and were fortunate enough to visit the State Apartments. The children particularly enjoyed their session with a member of castle staff, who talked to

them about the fire at Windsor Castle, which happened long before they were born! They also enjoyed a guided tour around St. George's Chapel, where the Duke and Duchess of Sussex were married last year, and saw Meghan's wedding dress and Harry's suit! The children enjoyed being absorbed in

On the last day of the Spring Term, we celebrated Easter with services at St Mark's for the juniors and in school for the infants. Both were extremely reflective and thought provoking. There was some beautiful singing and the children led the services extremely apt way to finish the term.

Our vision: "To make learning utterly irresistible for all pupils and staff at Binfield C.E. Primary School"

☆☆

The BINFIELD 10K With less than three weeks to go, things are really hotting up for the 4th Binfield 10K and we are so excited!

- ☆ • 10 Key sponsors – special thanks to CVD Wellbeing, David Cliff, Spitfire, Lexus, Binfield Parish Office, Advantage Printroom, Thyme-In Catering, Orlando Attractions, Bloor Homes and Zuant
 - ☆ • First Aid all in place thanks to Berkshire Lowland Search and Rescue
 - ☆ • Insurance all sorted thanks to Association of Running Clubs
 - ☆ • 750 medals ordered, received and looking amazing!
 - ☆ • Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Beavers, Guides, Police Cadets, Air Cadets, Newbold Church & College all lined up to help you on the day
 - ☆ • Binfield Cricket Club opening their car park for the Marshals to park in
 - ☆ • All Saints Church closed for the day and ready to provide a water station and refreshments
 - ☆ • CTM Traffic Management ready to close the roads and AA Road signs good to go
 - ☆ • Bunting made and ready to decorate the village
 - ☆ • Prizes ordered and on their way
 - ☆ • Over 650 runners signed up so far
 - ☆ • Over 60 Marshals ready to cheer you on

If you haven't already entered, its not too late... sign up now at www.binfield10k.co.uk.
If running is not your thing, then please sign up to be a marshal – it's a really important part of the race,
cheering the runners on their way and its actually a lot of fun!

There will be extensive road closures in the village between 10am and 12noon, so check out our website for more details. We hope to see you on the day and don't forget there will be a BBQ, Tea Tent, Bar, Sweet Stall and live music at Foxley Fields so there really is ~something for everyone!

Thank you to everyone for all your support.
The Binfield 10K Committee



COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office

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)

May 2019

Tuesday 14 May	Annual Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 21 May	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Parish & Bracknell Forest Borough Councillor Drop-in	Saturday 11 May, 10am - 12pm
Community Litter Pick – Binfield Environment Group	Saturday 18 May, 10am - 2pm
4 th Annual Binfield 10k road race	Sunday 19 May at 10am
Save the Date! Binfield Summer of Fun event	Wednesday 7 August, 10am – 3pm

Annual Parish Council, 14 May

You are most welcome to attend the first meeting for our Parish Councillors who will have been elected on 2 May. We look to you meeting with them and getting involved with their work on the Council.

All welcome at the Community Litter Pick – Binfield Environment Group, Saturday 18 May at 10am

Please meet us at 10am at The Foxes' Den where you will be able to borrow a litter picker and rubbish bags to help us litter pick along the Binfield 10k route. Feel free to bring your own gloves and a drink. Please dress appropriately for the weather that day.

4th Annual Binfield 10k road race, Sunday 19 May at 10am

Good luck to all runners and a big thank you to the many volunteers who make this event possible! We are very much looking forward to a fantastic community event. Please be aware of the road closures which will be kept to a minimum and can be found at <http://binfield10k.co.uk>.



Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to all of you who attended the recent Annual Parish Meeting and congratulations once again to our Parish People Award winners featured in last month's Beacon – Ann Nesfield, Sue Carter, Adele Valentin, Lucy Islip, Marian Cope, Stan Bunker and Linda Willocks. The meeting took a 4-Year Review of the Parish Council's strategies, Community Cohesion, Community Facilities, Proactive Planning, Road Traffic Management - together with table discussions to gather input on what you would all like the new Council to continue with. Draft minutes will be published to our website after the Parish Council meet on 9 April.

York Road amenity area consultation

Many thanks to those residents and Red Rose allotment holders who shared their ideas and feedback on a revamp of the York Road amenity area. Feedback included a revamp of the play area, improving car parking, and enhancing the Red Rose allotments. Next step is to submit a plan to Bracknell Forest Council and formally seek funds. We will keep updates on our website and Facebook page.

Save the Dates for this year's Summer of Fun events!

The Summer of Fun is a Bracknell Forest borough-wide event series offering activities for all the family with free entry for all! Please see the eight dates taking place over this Summer for your diaries:

Friday 26 July Warfield, **Wednesday 31 July** Great Hollands Bracknell, **Wednesday 7 August** Farley Wood Binfield, **Friday 9 August** Sandhurst, **Wednesday 14 August** Winkfield, **Thursday 15 August** Braybrooke Bracknell, **Wednesday 21 August** Crowthorne, **Wednesday 28 August** Northlake Bracknell.

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If you are interested in selling your handmade crafts, then consider a stall at the new Craft Fair. The Fair takes place on Sunday 27 October 1pm to 4pm at Brownlow Hall, Warfield RG42 6AB with stalls available for booking now! A stallholder fee is £15.00 (Charity £5.00) and application forms containing further details are available at the Parish Council office or via email to events@artsweek.org, or visit www.arts-week.org/craftsfair.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



We hope you've all had a happy Easter from the Northern Parishes NHPT!

As the warmer weather approaches (hopefully) we often see a rise in rogue traders targeting the area and it is important to know what to look out for, and especially to keep an eye out for the more vulnerable members of our community who are more likely to fall victim to these scams. These often involve cold calling at addresses and telling occupants that certain work, such as roofing or gardening, needs doing on their homes (most of the time this is completely untrue). They will use high pressure sales techniques, or even start the work without permission and then pressure the occupant into paying. Even if work does need doing the work will often be of poor quality and vastly overpriced. They will often only accept cash and have been known to physically drive vulnerable victims to the bank to obtain the money. Our advice is always to seek out reputable tradesmen through trusted recommendations or through legitimate websites such as Checkatrade, and never say yes to the cold callers – reputable businesses do not need to drum up business in this manner.

If cold callers leave literature/leaflets with you then these are of interest to West Berkshire Trading Standards (who cover Bracknell Forest) who investigate these rogue companies. If you feel that you, or a neighbour or relative may have been scammed then please report to Police and/or Trading Standards as soon as possible and keep a record of any paperwork or vehicles indexes etc. If you believe the crime is in progress then please call on 999.

Also, a quick reminder that our lovely volunteer Stasia works from Binfield Parish Council offices on Monday and Friday mornings for any small Policing enquiries you may have, or as usual you can contact the team on BracknellNorthernParishesNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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Your Church in Binfield giving to Charities

Did you know, All Saints' and St Mark's Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) supports a number of charities each year through charitable donations?

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This year we are supporting: Bracknell Food Bank (local); Oasis Charitable Trust (national); Five Talents (overseas).

In the first of 3 articles, Rachael gives an overview on the work of the Oasis Charitable Trust.



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(The nearest hub to Binfield is in Waterloo).

Volunteers work side by side with professionals in providing these services. The range of support services provided by Oasis in the UK falls into seven practice areas: Education; Personal and spiritual development; Housing; Youth-work; Advice and support; Health (in partnership with healthcare providers); Community.

Oasis is also active outside the UK including: 'Stop the Traffik' (global coalition to end human trafficking) and have 15 community hubs in other countries. However, our support is focused on their initiatives in the UK.



If you'd like to know more about the work that Oasis does in the UK look online at <https://www.oasisuk.org/>

And if you'd like to donate to Oasis Charitable Trust directly, click on the 'Donate' button on their website.

Look out for other articles in future Beacons sharing information about the other two charities we are supporting in 2019.

Rachael Willmott and William Bell, All Saints' PCC

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Calendar Photo Competition

Have you taken great photos of Binfield through the seasons on your camera or smart phone or posted them on your social media?

Do you have photos of Binfield from the past?

If so, why not enter them into this year's competition and the best ones will feature in the 2020 Binfield Village Calendar

The details:

- you can enter up to 5 photos, ideally landscape format, though there will be a portrait front cover image too
- free entry
- you must have sole copyright to the photos and give us (the Binfield Beacon/ Church Office) the rights to use them
- winners be chosen at the Church Fete on Sat 7th Sept 2019 and will feature in the 2020 calendar, the Beacon and on the church website
- to enter, email your images to Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk by Sunday 1st Sept
- Entries must include your name, phone no., location of the photo and age if under 16yrs

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What are the current donation needs?

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For further information and to volunteer please contact amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk or call 07825 341559. Donations can be handed in to St. Mark's Church Office or the Foxes' Den Community Café at the Binfield Parish Office marked for Lighthouse.

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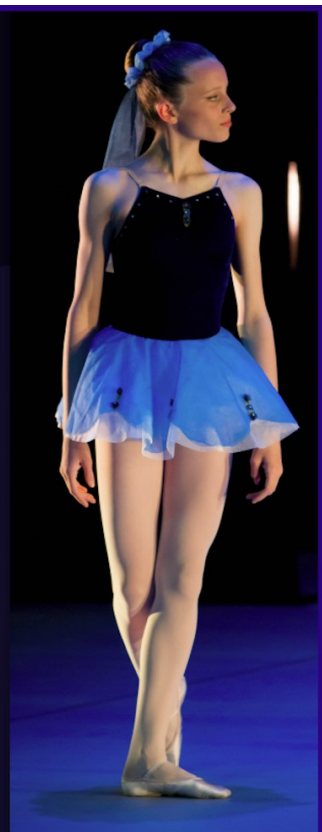


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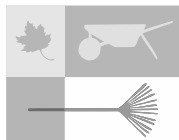
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Influential Binfield Victorians, 2 by John Harman

Powell and Caswall Ancestors

Alfred Caswall's ancestors were influential, affluent upper-class professionals, mainly politicians, bankers or churchmen, including Sir George Caswall M.P. a banker whose dealings with the South Sea Company caused him to spend some time in the Tower. Of the churchmen, John Caswall, Alfred's grandfather [1736-1808] was the first, serving for 40 years as rector of Swalcliffe. John's son, Alfred's father, Robert Clarke Caswall, [1769 – 1846], was Perpetual Curate of Yateley and Vicar of West Lavington, Wiltshire.

Alfred had two brothers, Henry [1810 – 1870] and Edward [1814 -1878], who were ordained - Henry in America, Edward in England. They each became prolific, influential authors on religious topics and neither escaped the notice of the press. But their themes were very different: Edward's devotional writings emphasised the spiritual – he published "Sermons on the Seen and Unseen", Henry favoured the administrative, as when he published a letter to Gladstone supporting the revival of Convocation; Henry was first ordained in the American church, and required an Act of Parliament before he could preach in England whereas after his conversion to Catholicism, Edward played a significant part in the development of the Oratory in Birmingham, composing "See amid the Winter Snow", still a very popular Christmas carol. Henry could be more confrontational, for example when in 1842 he visited the Mormons to beard Joseph Smith, their leader, in an attempt to show him, with the help of a Greek psalter, as a fraud. There are also examples of the earlier secular work of both.

As an undergraduate, Edward wrote some satiric pieces in "The Oxonian" and published two small but successful books, again satirical – "The Art of Pluck" i.e. of failing examinations, and, as Author Quiz, with Phiz as illustrator, "Sketches of Young Ladies". There is extant a letter [held at Kenyon] that Henry wrote on Sunday 5th October 1828 to his father, Robert Clarke Caswall. It shows that Henry was a competent artist. The week before he had visited Niagara Falls, and he sketched them for his father in the letter. Mary Elizabeth Powell, Alfred's wife's ancestors enjoyed successful experience in commerce, manufacturing, medicine and the arts, as well as the church where, it seems from obituaries, they served their parishes well.

Catherine Cotton, Mary Elizabeth's mother, was the granddaughter of Nathaniel Cotton, doctor [sometime counsellor and psychiatrist] and poet. James Powell, Mary's father, was an affluent wine merchant who at 60 had purchased for his three sons, the Whitefriars Glass factory, a small company then making mainly coloured and stained glass, which the sons and a grandson expanded through the 19th century. Mary's three brothers were "Hands-on" directors at Whitefriars, each contributing to the development of new manufacturing processes, not just for coloured glass – much in demand given the increase during the period of church building and extension. Their close involvement with William Morris and the Arts and Craft movement led to the production of decorative glass for the home and when in 1873, Harry James Powell, a grandson, joined the Whitefriars company his deep interest in chemistry led to the production of strengthened glass for industry.

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Our 1st and 2nd XI have both moved up a Division in their respective Leagues following their promotions last year, our 3rd XI start life in TVCL, using the ground of our friends – Waltham St Lawrence. And finally our 4th XI begin their league journey in the BCL, being based out of Sol Joel in nearby Earley.

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Sun 05 May 2019	Widmer End & St Margarets	Binfield Friendly XI	1.00pm	Friendly
Sat 11 May 2019	Farnham Royal CC	Binfield 1 st XI	1.00pm Win/Lose	League
Sun 12 May 2019	Reading Uni Alumni & Staff	Binfield Friendly XI	2.00pm	Friendly
Tue 14 May 2019	Wokingham CC	Midweek XI	6.00pm	League
Sat 18 May 2019	Slough CC 4th XI	Binfield 2 nd XI	1.00pm Win/Lose	League
Tue 21 May 2019	Reading CC	Midweek XI	6.00pm	Cup
Sat 25 May 2019	Boyne Hill CC 2nd XI	Binfield 1 st XI	1.00pm Win/Lose	League
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Copy deadlines are printed in each month's Beacon at the bottom of page 2 so keep an eye out for the deadline and we look forward to hearing from you.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

*"The month of May was come, when
every lust heart beginneth to blossom,
and to bring forth fruit"*

— Sir Thomas Malory, Le Morte d'Arthur

Hi everyone, I hope you are all enjoying the light evenings and taking full advantage of Binfield Open+ extended library times; there really is nothing like a glorious walk in the evening sun to the library, picking a good book and spending a relaxing time in the garden reading it, bliss.

So what can I tell you this month?! Well firstly a great big thank you to Foxs' Den for donating the proceeds of their book sale event last month, a truly awesome gesture which was very much appreciated.

Open+ is going from strength to strength with many of our customers now finding the flexibility appealing to their hectic lifestyles so if you don't want FOMO come in and have a chat with us.

So what are we offering here for the Children in May?

Lego is every Monday from 3.00pm until 4.30pm, it's still free! If you need some encouragement take a look at the beautiful and imaginative models designed by our creative young readers!

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.

'Tots Time' is 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 Summer Reading Challenge Craft session is every Thursday at 3.30pm. The charge for this group is 50p for refreshments.

We are thinking about introducing crafts on a Saturday and another tots time during the week in the afternoon, if you are interested please can you tell staff so we can see if this would be popular?

Now for the Adult Events in May :

Reminiscence group run by Susan is on Friday 10th May at 2.15pm, refreshments 50p.

We have an afternoon quiz for adults once a month on the first Saturday which will be 4th May at 2.00pm, 50p for refreshments. At the moment this group is quite small but we really would like more of you to keep us busy.

Due to the Monday bank holiday there won't be Knit and Natter on 6th May at 2.00pm but there will be a Saturday session this month on May 18th at 2.00pm. 50p for refreshments.

Brain Gym is on Thursday May 9th at 11.00am and I'm pleased to say that it is expanding but we always have room for more. It's a really fun and friendly group with lots of laughter.

The Binfield Film Group I'm pleased to say is still going strong and is on Tuesday May 21st at 2.00pm. 50p for refreshments

Our Coffee morning and Quiz, meets on the last Thursday of the month 30th May 11.00am and Rummikub is on the last Friday of the month which makes it 31st May at 2.00pm both have refreshments for 50p.

Drop in Book group falls on another bank holiday so will not be on unless other arrangements have been made.

Please feel free to provide us with comments and feedback on how to improve our library, we are always happy to chat to you and want to make Binfield as awesome as possible. Don't forget we do have free WiFi, computers and garden sacks as well as lots of lovely books.

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

*Chris, Elaine, Julie, Liz, Maxine, Pinky and
our amazing volunteers Susan, Lesley,
Derek, Jan, Linda 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



Royal British Legion - Binfield Branch

75th Anniversary Commemoration of D Day

You are invited to join us at a Tea Dance
to commemorate this anniversary
in the Binfield Memorial Hall
on Sunday 2nd June from 3.30pm - 6.30pm

There will be entertainment to enjoy with your tea

Tickets £5.00 available from Karen Hatt on 01344 482158;

Denise Fuller on 01344 426885 or from the Binfield Club



Binfield Singers Spring Concert

**Sunday 12th May starting 7.30pm
at St Mark's Church, Popeswood Road**

Tickets £5 on the door

The Binfield Singers present a selection of
well known songs, with solos, choir pieces
and audience participation.

Refreshments will be served.

There will be a retiring collection for charity.

For more info please contact Jan: 01344 411267

COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Foxes' Den...

This month sees the return of the Binfield 10K!

Make sure cake and coffee is part of your training ritual – it's good to have a reward after a long run!

There is a small Communion group who meet the 2nd Thursday of every month.

If you would like to find out more about this lovely group, please pop in and see us. They have tea and coffee and share in each other's kinship; they'd love to welcome new faces.

This month, we'll be donating funds to the Binfield

Lighthouse project which continues during the summer months on a Tuesday evening providing a meal and help to their guests. Donations are welcome (see page 11).

Our ticketed events can now be booked online.

Find them under the events tab on our Facebook page.

Whatever you do, we hope you stay safe and happy this fine May month.

The Foxes' Den Team x

WHAT'S ON IN THE DEN THIS MONTH.....

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 10.30am – 11.15am	MAD Academy – Fun music and dance class for toddlers and pre-schoolers. Prebook directly with MAD Academy
Every Thursday 1pm – 2.45pm	Crafternoon – grown ups craft session. Learn a new skill, make new friends, craft in company
Every Friday 10.30am – 11.30am	Bereavement, friendship and coffee morning. Peer to peer support open to anyone coping and dealing with grief
Wednesday 1st: 9.30am – 10.30am	10 week healthy eating club with Dr. Valeriya Simonova £5 per session
Saturday 4th 10am – 12pm	Positive growth mind set counselling workshop with the team from ReFresh Coaching. £10
Tuesday 7th 10am – 11am	Teddy Bear Clinic with Dr Brown Bear Free Consultation – small fee for surgery
Wednesday 8th 9.30am – 10.30am	Free nutritional talk with Dr Valeriya Simonova
Friday 10th 9am – 2pm	Free 20 minute nutritional health check with Minna Wood from Metawell
Friday 10th 10.30am – 12.30pm	Free community talk: Abuse and controlling behaviour – with special guest speaker Psychotherapist, Carlos Daniels
Friday 10th 7pm – 9.30pm	Honey and Olive Greek supper night: £16.50 per adult, £6.50 per child or £42 for a family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children)
Saturday 11th 10am – 12pm	Informal Binfield Parish Councillor drop in clinic
Tuesday 14th 9.30am – 4.30pm	Creating an Authentic Value Proposition Workshop with Amanda Downs from Sales Growth Expert – see website for pricing
Friday 24th 9.30am – 12pm	Tropic Skincare pop-up shop
Tuesday 28th 10am – 12pm	Creative Mind therapy session. Art session for any adult with impaired movement, speech or other difficulty. Booking essential. Only 16 places for people who wish to take part in the art
Wednesday 29th 10am – 1pm	Summers Photography kids half term workshop
Thursday 30th 10am – 12pm	Half term kids mixed media art workshop – create a fabulous lion! Age 6-12, £18 per child.



Baptisms at All Saints' Church

Did you know that we offer a baptism service on the first Sunday of each month?

Baptisms are taken within the 11am All Age Service at All Saints' Church and everyone is welcome to attend.

Baptism is available to anyone who lives in the parish or is on the church electoral roll and a regular worshipper.

Parents and godparents of the baptism candidate must be baptised themselves.

We baptise adults as well as children.

To find out more please ask Luke or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

Your surgery needs you !!!!

So as the views of the younger generation are properly represented, we are on the lookout for volunteer members aged 18-45 to join our Patient Group. Please ask at Binfield Surgery Reception to speak to the Practice Manager.

DEMENTIA.

The Alzheimer's Society is a dementia charity who provide information, training and support services to those who need help. The helpline is open seven days a week providing information, advice and emotional support to people affected by dementia. The telephone number is 0300 222 11 22. The internet address: alzheimers.org.uk/get-support

SURGERY EXTENDED HOURS.

A reminder that Binfield patients who find it difficult to take time off work or have other commitments during daytime hours can access an appointment at the following times at Boundary House Surgery, Bracknell:

Monday to Friday: 18.30hrs - 20.30hrs.

Saturday: 08.00hrs - 14.00hrs.

Sunday/Bank Holidays: Morning appointments only.

The appointments MUST be booked through Binfield Surgery, telephone 01344 286264.

To CANCEL a booked appointment: 01344 637808.

HAY FEVER.

For many people across the UK, the arrival of Spring is a mixed blessing. No sooner have you shaken off the winter gloom than you're hit with the onset of the hay fever season. Characterised by a streaming nose and itchy eyes, the condition can range in severity from annoying to debilitating.

In actuality, 'hay fever season' is a bit of a misnomer - it all depends what kind of pollen you're allergic to. According to the Met Office, tree pollen season classically runs from late March to mid May, grass pollen season from mid May to July, and weed pollen season from June until September.

Hay fever is also called allergic rhinitis or seasonal rhinitis. The majority of hay fever sufferers are affected by grass pollen.

Hay fever commonly affects the nasal passages and the eyes, and has symptoms not dissimilar to the common cold. But hay fever is more persistent and has an element of itchiness you may not get with a cold.

If you believe you have hay fever you should talk to your local PHARMACIST. The first line of defence is antihistamine pills. Some antihistamine pills can cause drowsiness, so ask your pharmacist for a NON DROWSY pill.

GP prescriptions are not normally issued for Hay Fever. They are sold as over the counter medications at your local pharmacy.

If you are allergic to pollen, it's important to have a shower or wash your face when you come in from outside, so as not to transfer pollen on to bedding. Other sensible measures include closing windows and doors and fitting a pollen filter in your car. It's also wise to avoid alcohol (as many drinks contain histamine) and cover up your eyes and hair - for instance, by wearing a hat and wraparound sunglasses.

Duncan Johnston

Binfield Environment Group



With spring in full swing, it is hard to pick a special species to write about, so I am going to give you a whistle-stop tour of some of the special species that make Binfield their home at this time of year.

In the village, we have stag beetles and wild service trees, overhead we can see swifts and buzzards. Within half a mile of the village centre is a river with kingfishers. Walking round the village you will hear skylarks and bullfinches. As I write this, the early butterflies are beginning to appear, but as spring turns to summer, we may see purple hairstreaks and silver-washed fritillaries in the village.

Lots of people care about the nature of Binfield Parish. The village has at least one badger sett, monitored by an active badger group. There are people in the village who care about butterflies, hedgehogs and trees. I know that my neighbours feed the birds, and many join in the RSPB's annual garden bird-watch.

I have written before about how new housing estates may benefit nature. If you walk around an estate like Peacock Farm, there seems to be more bird-life than there was when it was farm fields. In part this may be down to the high proportion of households feeding the birds, the protection of the copses, and the creation of wildflower meadows. There also seems to be a thriving colony of house martins, despite the absence of built-in nest-boxes.

As summer moves on, we will be able to visit a number of different wild-flower meadows, on what were farm fields, each of which will be a riot of colour with flowers, moths, butterflies and beetles.

The population of some species continues to decline around here. A local author, writing in the 1970s, talks about hearing nightingales and turtle doves in a local copse. The copse is still there, but you won't hear turtle doves and you'll be extremely lucky to hear a nightingale. However, you will hear red kites calling overhead and see little egrets on a nearby pond, neither of which were there in the 1970s.

If you are reading this, I hope that you share my love for Binfield's nature, and will take the opportunity as spring turns into summer to get out and enjoy it. Look out for opportunities to find out a bit more through some of walks and talks that a range of different organisations offer. I want to learn more about the local butterflies and bats. What about you?

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

Mike Coker



Binfield Garden Club

by Sue Jeffery

Our April meeting was a talk by award winning Rosy Hardy of Hardy's specialist plant nursery in Hampshire. Rosy brought many beautiful Spring herbaceous plants to show us, describing the conditions they need and giving us so many tips for looking after them, dividing and propagating. These plants ranged from those suitable for either shade or full sun, and dry or damp areas. Her plants looked so healthy and strong that it was no surprise members were queuing up to buy some during the tea break! Rosy and her husband began their business in 1988 by growing plants in their back garden and selling them at car-boot sales, quickly moving on to entering flower shows such as Hampton Court and then scooping awards wherever they exhibited.



Since those early days Rosy has won 23 Gold Medals at Chelsea and their nursery supplies plants to professional gardeners, designers and RHS show gardens. Rosy showed her book on her experiences of

25 years at Chelsea Flower Show and one member was lucky enough to win her donated copy in the raffle! After such an inspiring talk, many members will be planning a visit to Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants.

We had a very busy evening with the raffle, card sales and a bulging bric a brac stall which appeared to have everything from a large strimmer to small packets of mistletoe seeds! Members were able to book their places for our visit to Highgrove on Tuesday 21st May, then get their fuchsia plant for this year's annual challenge (September). See the website for growing hints.

We were also able to pick up a free seed potato and a 7 inch pot. This is for August's competition. Grow it in the pot and it will be tipped out and the contents weighed to find the winner. Disturbed and re-packed pots will not be accepted!

Our competition table looked lovely with arrangements of spring flowers and the winner was Belinda Thornhill, 2nd Christine Leonard, 3rd Elaine McTaggart and 4th Nancy Bowen. Well done, everyone.

Next month is our **PLANT SALE**. NB This is not our usual 'first Thursday of the month'. This will be on THURSDAY 16th MAY, main doors open at 7.15 pm. If you have any spare plants we can sell, they will be gratefully received. We also have amazing home-made cakes to enjoy with your tea or coffee and **EVERYONE is welcome, members or not.**

Details are all on the website along with the rest of the year's programme, so do have a look at binfield-gardenclub.wordpress.com or phone Richard on 01344 286752 or Rosemary on 01344 459902.

The Binfield Belles



Spring has arrived as we have our AGM meeting, a time to select new committee members and thank and say goodbye to some who have been working on committee for the last 4 years. We are keeping main committee members for another year but hoping for some changes then to breathe new blood in to the group. We welcome new members every month and are pleased at how well they integrate into our crowd.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to social time and discussing and booking forthcoming trips and events. A trip to Calendar Girls was enjoyed by a group of members, close to WI hearts as those famous WI ladies have raised thousands of pounds for Leukaemia and blood cancer research.

An tea afternoon at the Foxes' Den always proves popular and a chance to catch up with old and new members. Our next coffee morning will be at Fernygrove Farm on 17th May at 10.30am. Our community project will be litter picking around the village on 1st July and a recycling craft morning will be on the agenda along with cookery demonstrations and lunch on the 11th and 14th June respectively. A trip to the seaside is planned for 3rd July—I fancied the Isle of Wight but I think are now going to Swanage.

Recently we hosted a group meeting of our local WI at Warfield Park community centre where the speaker was David Putt who manages the Jealotts Hill Community Project. It proved a really interesting talk and we would like to have a community event up there if possible. Meanwhile we hope to have a plot for the girls to visit and manage and grow veg or flowers etc. Food for thought or thought for food.

Afternoon tea followed and Binfield excelled themselves with the spread, time to look at flower displays from the WIs including Binfield's display in a bra, obviously Calendar Girls had some effect !!

We have visits to our spring federation meeting in Reading this week and afternoon tea and a visit to Denman, our centre for craft events, social afternoons with speakers and residential courses.

Next meeting will be on 9th May at Binfield Memorial Hall 7.15pm start—we have Kate Bettison talking on My Life as a Film Extra.

Pop along and see us on the night or for more details contact Linda on

*01344 454503 or 07708 731294
www.binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi*



A Gearchange and a Treasure

by Terry Dilliway

Is it a fraud? Is it a scam?
How is it we can possibly tell?

The best way is to come along to the June 12th meeting of the Binfield Royal British Legion at 7.30pm in Binfield Club where a speaker will explain how to recognise some of the technological threats which come with this digital age.

All members are welcome and invited to bring a guest. Binfield RBL is changing gear to meet the future with social events and items of interest at branch meetings as part of a recruitment drive to encourage membership to the branch, one of the UK's oldest, which will celebrate its 95th anniversary next year.



To mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day, 1944, a tea dance is arranged for the afternoon of Sunday, June 2nd in Binfield Club when the children of Meadow Vale School will be providing some 1940s - themed entertainment.
(see advert on page 19)

And the Legion will man a tombola stall at Binfield village's much-enjoyed Party Bye the Pitch, which is on Saturday, July 6th at the cricket ground.

A Christmas social evening is suggested for the December branch meeting; meanwhile, a late September meeting will be announced to allow time for the organisation of Poppy Appeal collections ahead of the 2019 Season of Remembrance.

Change has taken place on the top table of the branch this year. Much-respected President John Patey remains, with the Chair still in the capable hands of Karen Hatt. Branch Secretary is now Mrs Denise Fuller. Anthony Boddrell becomes Membership Secretary and the role of Treasurer passes, with members' thanks, to Mrs Kerry Sutton, upon the retirement of branch stalwart Michael Graves, who held the post for thirteen years. To lose a treasurer is always difficult. But the loss of a treasure is quite another matter.

The most sincere and heartfelt gratitude and appreciation are due to Michael for the unwaveringly dependable enthusiasm he brought to the task of regularly preparing and presenting the branch's accounts, whilst also performing the job of Membership Secretary, sometimes personally visiting and offering his unique and infectious style of encouragement.

Warm wishes and thanks to you, Michael.

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

A New Branch and a Relentless Patrol

by Terry Dilliway



News of healthy funds and plenty of plans for the year ahead greeted shipmates of Bracknell Royal Naval Association meeting at Binfield Club in April. History played a leading part in latest talks enjoyed by members. The History of the Household Cavalry was the subject chosen by guest speaker Peter Storer, curator of the Household Cavalry Museum; the Cavalry's Combermere Barracks in Windsor is the destination for a visit organised by Bracknell RNA Shipmate Secretary June Boddrell.

Binfield plays its tiny part in the history of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which was the subject of a well-researched talk given to the April branch meeting by Shipmate Denise Fuller. The CWGC manages and maintains 1.7 million graves worldwide, five of which sit in Stubbs Hill Cemetery.



Able Seaman Reginald Arthur Sumner's plot is kept tidy by the RNA branch, and the Royal Navy seaman, who crossed the bar in service in 1942, is remembered with poppies every Remembrance Season.

The newest branch of the Royal Naval Association is the Bikers' Branch (motorcycle enthusiasts) who are planning to obtain their own Standard. The new branch has received a grant from the General Secretary's Fund and welcomes any further assistance from established branches and shipmates. Following the recently reported atrocities at a New Zealand mosque, Royal Navy connections across the globe were remembered with a letter of condolence from RNA Central Office to RNA Christchurch, NZ.

A relentless patrol under the world's seas by the nuclear submarine service of the RN reaches an unbroken half-century this year, a commitment unequalled by any other mission of the Senior Service. Events across the UK will celebrate 50 years of dedication by submariners on the longest operation ever carried out by British armed forces. Services of thanksgiving and parades will take place in London and Edinburgh, including a May 3rd noon commemoration at Westminster Abbey, in recognition of Operation Relentless which, since 1969, has ensured a 24-hour non-stop deterrent reaching out from Clyde Naval Base. First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Philip Jones will be presenting new 'badges of honour' to Trident submarine veterans.

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