

The Binfield Beacon



Your Binfield Parish Community Magazine - there's lots going on!

August/September 2019



All the fun of the fete
see pages 8 and 9 for details

Help for Heroes and
Village 6-a-side Cricket – don't miss out
see page 23 for details

Binfield Calendar Photo Competition
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Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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

NB there are no 3G, Whizz Kids, Oasis, Women's Walk & Talk, Men's Breakfast groups or Open Door service in August.

Saturday 3rd August

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 4th August

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 5th August

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Sunday 11th August

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'

Monday 12th August

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Thursday 15th August

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 18th August

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service with Communion at All Saints'

Monday 19th August

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

Sunday 25th August

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'

Monday 26th August—BANK HOLIDAY

NO Time of Prayer

Tuesday 27th August

12 noon Silver Service at The Red House, Binfield

Sunday 1st September

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 2nd September

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 4th September

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 7th September

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 8th September

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 9th September

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 11th September

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

Thursday 12th September

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 13th September

10.00am Open Door at St Mark's



Sunday 15th September—CHURCH FETE @ St Mark's from 11am-3pm

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
11.00am Open Air Service at St Mark's then fete

Monday 16th September

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

Wednesday 18th September

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 22nd September

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 23rd September

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 24th September

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 25th September

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 28th September

7.45am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 29th September

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 30th September

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

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LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR

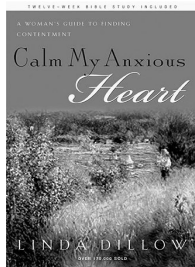


As the summer holidays are upon us, and this issue of the Beacon is for August and September, I thought I would give you two stories to hopefully help you relax and enjoy the summer, and your holiday if you are having one.

Contentment

It was spring but it was summer I wanted; the warm days and the great outdoors.
It was summer but it was autumn I wanted; the colourful leaves and the cool dry air.
It was autumn but it was winter I wanted; the beautiful snow and the joy of the holiday season.
It was winter but it was spring I wanted; the warmth and the blossoming of nature.
I was a child but it was adulthood I wanted; the freedom and the respect.
I was twenty but it was thirty I wanted; to be mature and sophisticated.
I was middle-aged but it was twenty I wanted; the youth and the free spirit.
I was retired but it was middle-age that I wanted; the presence of mind without limitations.
My life was over but I never got what I wanted.

Source: "Calm My Anxious Heart"
by Linda Dillow



The seven wonders of the world

A group of American school children were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders Of The World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. Great Wall of China

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The little girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there are so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the "Seven Wonders Of The World" are:

1. To see
2. To hear
3. To touch
4. To taste
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. To love

The room was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous. A gentle reminder - that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

Or to put it another way, as a wise man from many years ago wrote, *Enjoy what you have, rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless, like chasing after the wind. Ecclesiastes chapter 6 verse 9.*

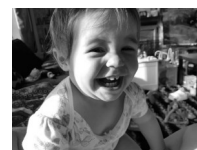
Stories taken from <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story79>

Luke

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Georgia Amy Eloise
Bunker-Thompson



George White and Avery White

Harriet Rose May Webb



Funerals

Lena Pither

Betty Beckett



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Thank you.



All Saints' Repair & Care



Fundraising for essential repairs and updates to our historic Parish Church

Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £228,737

Plus Charitable Grants: £42,000

New Phase 2 Target: £455,000

Phase 2 Donations to Date: £108,202

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £53,075

Current Available Funds: £55,176

plus PCC funds of £100,000

On to the next phase (with your help!)

Our plans to carry out as many of the repairs to the building as possible before the next winter are continuing, but we can only do this with your continued support.

Thanks

It is great to see original fundraising ideas still being generated, and it was fun to try something new at our ebay Social at The Foxes' Den; wine was definitely enjoyed, and we are keeping a watching brief on the items we have listed online to see how much money they raise for the ARC Project! If you'd like to list your own items, don't be shy to ask us how! Special thanks to Claire Murphy for her efforts with this. We'd love to thank the organisers of Party Bye the Pitch for putting on yet another fantastic afternoon of fun and entertainment. We appreciated being asked to run the tea tent this year, and would love to thank our helpers and cake bakers for your contributions! Another wonderful event was the afternoon put on by the Reading A440 Choir. The workshop, showcase of their beautiful singing and the delicious refreshments at their Summer Sing at St. Mark's were really enjoyed by everyone who attended. If you have any more ideas for fundraising events like these, please get in touch and let us know!

Upcoming Events

Now until 1st Sept: Binfield Calendar Photo Competition.

Look out for details on how to enter the Photo competition for the 2020 Binfield Calendar!

15th November: Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening. St. Mark's. Save the date and save your clothes for this popular event!

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team

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 and be appreciated! 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.
- **Virgin Money Giving:** Fundraising website for sponsorship
uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/binfieldarcproject_P2
- **Facebook:** Create a Fundraiser or Donate
- **Ebay:** Sell your items and donate to the Project. See the ARC website for details.

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/

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Let's keep our beautiful church standing!

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone,



We hope you've been having a fantastic break from school and are looking forward to starting your new classes in September! Here's what we've been getting up to...



At Whizz Kids we've had a blast at summer club, learning about God while exploring through space and planets! There was fun, crafts, sports, games, and of course a bouncy castle on the last day. We've also been at church on the first Sunday of every month selling cakes in aid of the ARC Project, and so far we've raised over £300 in total which is incredible, so thank you to everyone that baked and bought cakes for us!



The kids also hosted an amazing Father's Day BBQ for the community, where they set up the tables, prepared food, hung the bunting, and made the day feel really special for their guests. It was great to have everyone together to celebrate the men in our village and all they do for us.

The weather has been so good recently that at Oasis we've been spending lots of evenings outside, hanging out and de-stressing from school. We've been providing canvases for the girls to paint to make decor for the Church to make it their own space, while still having our usual activities of bracelet making, table tennis, hair and nail station, and dinner!



Come September, we are expecting more girls to join us, which is fantastic! But, it will mean we will need more helpers to be there to make sure everything is safe and that the girls can have fun. If you are an over 18 female and would be willing to join us for one Wednesday a month, please get in touch as we need your help!

Looking forward to seeing you after Summer..

Daisy,

Children's and Youth Worker

daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids dates: Not on in August. Restarting September 8th.

Oasis dates: Not on in August. Restarting September 4th.



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)



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 27th August @ 12 noon at The Red House (next to the Jack O' Newbury)

Tuesday 24th September @ 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

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Foxes' Den Café in Binfield

7th and 21st Aug— NO walks

4th Sept - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

18th Sept - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK



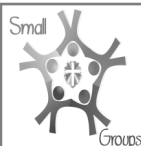
Saturdays

3rd August and 7th September

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**

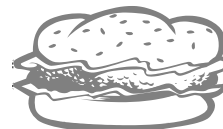
Next: No breakfast in August then Saturday 28th September

Discussion topic : "If I could change just one thing..."

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

Not on in August. Restarts from 4th September

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

NO Open Door in August

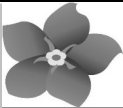
Friday 13th September

**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 loss, grief or bereavement at some time in our lives, mainly 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.

Bereavement, Friendship and Coffee Morning – Peer to Peer support open to anyone dealing with grief. Held in Foxes' Den on Fridays 10.30am – 11.30am (term time only).

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
- Welcoming and reading for 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)

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

Summer Opening hours:

9.30am - 1.30pm : Wednesdays only
23rd July - 4th Sep (exception 7th August office will be closed)

Organist & Choirmaster:

Michael Hawkins
01344 411681

Bell Tower:

Liz Harris
01344 649628

P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes
07809 736372

Treasurer:

Sarah Muller
01344 428782
Treasurer@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White
01344 421079

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>



COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Church Fete

Sunday 15th September from 11-3pm

The date for our big annual event is coming up fast, so there a few things we wanted to share with you...

On the day we will have our Dog Show, pony rides, music, BBQ, Pimms Tent and bar, our fantastic tea tent serving delicious homemade cakes, and lots of entertainment including favourites such as the Tug-of-War and a dance display.

We are looking forward to this traditional day out in the Binfield Calendar!

As ever, you are all a huge part of the success of this event, and we can't run it without the support and contributions from our village!

We would really appreciate it if you can help with the any of the following:

Guest Stalls:

We have already booked a great selection of guest stalls, but if you know of anyone interested, please get in touch!

Silent Auction:

We have some amazing prizes which have already kindly been donated this year for the Silent Auction, from a week in a holiday home in Malta, Golf vouchers, to babysitting. If you have anything you would like to offer, for the Auction or for our Raffle, please contact us! If you would like to read more details about the prizes on offer, please see our Fete website.

Have a clear out...

...we need books and pre-loved toys and teddies for our kids toys and teddy tumble stalls. We would love to receive anything you can donate for this, however, please note we cannot take any Bric-A-Brac.

Tombola Donations:

We would also be grateful to receive any quality donations for our Tombola stalls. Please could you help us by providing items such as bottles of wine, toiletries or chocolates for our Adult Tombola, and any new books, games or toys etc for our Children's Tombola.

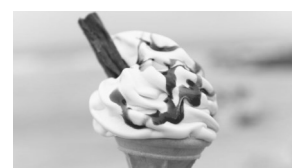
The church office will be open on Wednesdays only from 23rd July - 4th Sep (except 7th August when office will be closed), so please bring any donations to St. Mark's on these days, or to any church services.

Homemade Cakes and Preserves:

The offerings of our tea tent rely hugely on any donations from all of you. Please have a think about what you may be able to rustle up in the kitchen for us, including any jams, pickles and chutneys! There will be a sign up sheet at church or let the church office know, to help give us an idea of what you will be bringing.

Quiz Sheets and Raffle Tickets

This year's fantastic cryptic quiz offering is "Living Creatures" themed, and available to buy now so that you can work on it over the summer! First Prize is a £30 Victoria Arms voucher. Look out for these on sale at church, from the church office, or email us to get your copy.



COMMUNITY NEWS

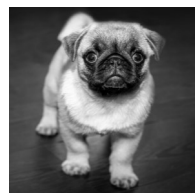
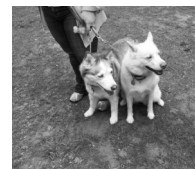
The Dog Show:

Start training your dog to take part in our popular Dog Show, to be judged by Victoria Hamble from Canine Solutions. Categories will include: Handsomest Dog, Beautiful Bitch, Waggiest Tail, Best Child Dog Handler, Dog with the Best Trick and Golden Oldie (7 years +)

Classes will cost £2.00 each (entry on the day).

Volunteers Needed

We would really appreciate having some lovely volunteers who could help us set up with setting up the Fete, clearing up afterwards and with manning the stalls on the day. A sign up sheet will be up at All Saints' church on Sundays, or you can email us to let us know what you can help with.



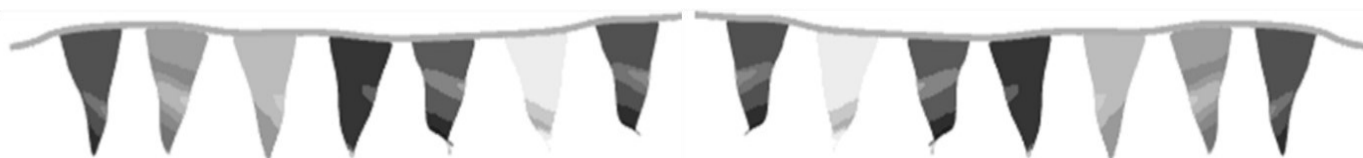
Please sign up and support us where you can. We truly rely on the support of our wonderful village to make the Fete the huge success it is! Thank you!

email us at binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com

www.binfieldchurchfete.co.uk



www.facebook.com/binfieldchurchfete



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. **Images must be recognisably from or about Binfield village.**
- free entry
- you must have sole copyright to the photos and give us (the Binfield Beacon/Church Office) the rights to use them
- to enter, email your images to Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk **by Sunday 1st Sept**
- winners be chosen at the Church Fete on Sat 15th Sept and will feature in the 2020 calendar, The Beacon and on the church website
- entries must include your name, phone no., location of the photo and age if under 16yrs

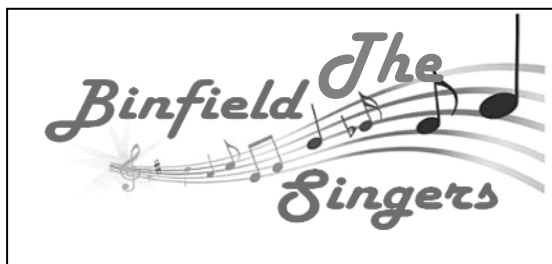
For full competition rules please go to www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/photo-comp-rules/

HAPPY SNAPPING!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Singing is good for you!

Enjoy singing with your local village choir



All welcome to join us for the autumn term, preparing for our concert on 15th December

COME TO OUR TASTER SESSION

on Tuesday 8th October 7.30pm

Murdoch Hall, Newbold College

binfieldsingers.org

binfieldsingers@gmail.com

and on facebook

telephone Jan Vigar 01344 411267

or Michael Hawkins 01344 411681

Binfield Tennis Association



In June, we held our annual summer tournament which is organised as a fun event for members. 23 people entered this year and enjoyed short rounds of mixed doubles, in between the rain showers! A barbecue was held in the evening to round off the occasion.



Our second tournament of the summer takes place on Sunday 15th September. See the ad below.

We are seeking new players to the club and are in particular need of men. New members can join through our website at binfieldtennis.co.uk/home/joining.

For all current information, please look at our web-site: binfieldtennis.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!



**THE ANTHONY NOLAN CHARITY
TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

BE A MATCH, SAVE A LIFE

Sunday September 15th,
10.00am - 3.00pm
limited to 24 players

Cost is £15 per entry which
includes lunch & tea, or £5 for lunch only.

Contact: Mr Tim Usher: tel 07519 774060
or email tim_usher@yahoo.co.uk

ClothesBank

The next ClothesBank Giveaway is on Wednesday 9th October

Yes ☒

No ☐

- **Young adult clothing** (particularly jeans, leggings, hoodies, casual tops/ T shirts)
- **Children & teenage clothing** (ages 4-18)
- **NEW underwear** (particularly men's jersey style boxers & socks)
- **Monetary Donations** (to enable us to buy new clothing)
- Dirty Clothes
- Ripped/worn clothes
- Suits/Jackets/work shirts
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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)

August and September 2019

Tuesday 6 August	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 13 August	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 27 August	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm
Tuesday 10 September	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 24 September	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Binfield Summer of Fun, Farley Wood, RG42 1FW <i>See all of the Summer of Fun dates/locations below</i>	Wednesday 7 August, 11am – 3pm
World Clean-Up Day – community litter pick	Saturday 21 September – 10am to 2pm start & finish at The Foxes' Den Community Cafe
Arts Week 2019 www.arts-week.org.uk	Events from Sunday 27 October to Sunday 3 November. Arts & Craft Exhibition 1-3 November; NEW! Craft Fair Sunday 27 October 1pm-4pm and Photography competition

See you at the Binfield Summer of Fun event! Wednesday 7 August, 11am – 3pm

You can expect to see the following activities at this year's family-friendly event at Farley Wood Community Centre (RG42 1FW): Bungee run, laser tag, crazy golf, climbing wall, soft play (toddlers), Strike-a-Light reaction test game, circus skills, balloon modelling, active storytelling, plus a police van and fire service engine presence.

Come along to the events taking place across Bracknell Forest – all events run from 11am to 3pm:

Wednesday 7 August Farley Wood Binfield, **Friday 9 August** Memorial Park Sandhurst, **Wednesday 14 August** Locks Ride Recreation Ground Winkfield, **Thursday 15 August** Braybrooke Recreation Ground Bracknell, **Wednesday 21 August** Morgan Recreation Ground Crowthorne, **Wednesday 28 August** Northlake South Hill Park Bracknell.

NEW FOR 2019 at the Summer of Fun events! Express Your Talent! A local youth talent competition hosted by BM-Active. So, come on Binfield, let's show what talent we have! Apply now – view link to the application form on the Parish Council Facebook page and the News section on our website.

Binfield Environment Group September activity & Clean up The World – Saturday 21 September

Join the Binfield Environment Group on Saturday 21 September for bird and bat boxes building in The Foxes' Den and some litter-picking in support of a global clean-up litter picking campaign, World Clean-up Day. Whichever you are interested in, meet the Group at 10am at The Foxes' Den. The Parish Council will also launch their new "Sponsor a Street" campaign on this date so you can make long term improvements to the area you live in.

Do you have experience of working with contractors and have a passion for open spaces?

The Parish Council are seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals for an Amenity Officer. Working 20 hours per week, based in the parish office, the role will be focused on managing all our open spaces (of which there are 7) and ensuring they are safe, well managed and well used. The closing date will be Tuesday 27 August with interviews planned for week commencing 2 September. For a job description and to learn more, please email office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk with "Amenity Office" in the subject heading.

Speeding vehicles on Forest Road

The Neighbourhood Policing Team recently undertook speed checks at Forest Road and issued 10 speeding tickets in 30 minutes. Some vehicles recorded at 60mph in a 30mph zone. Please be aware of the speed limits at all times.

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty
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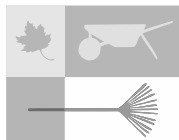
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Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

Friends of Binfield School Summer Fete

We sweltered on the hottest day of the year so far at the FOBS Summer Fete in June, but what a fantastic event it was! We are delighted to announce that the day raised a fantastic amount of money which will help the school to provide the tools required to ensure pupils achieve the very best education, using the most up-to-date resources to help them achieve to their maximum potential. Additionally, we want to encourage prospective pupils and their parents to see what opportunities our school can offer and encourage them to apply to us as their first choice of primary school.



Congratulations to Seb in Year 3 who is the delighted winner of the 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' competition at the Fete – enjoy your sweets Seb!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the day such a success, whether by volunteering, setting up, providing donations or just turning up to enjoy the day, but especially the FOBS committee, who worked so hard to make the day the fantastic success it was. We really do appreciate all your hard work and are very lucky to have you! The feedback we received is that it was a fantastic community event and we are all very proud of that.

Year 2 Visit to Henley

Y2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum on Thursday 4th July. The trip was a great way to consolidate their English topic based around The Wind in the Willows story. The children got so much out of the visit and particularly enjoyed seeing the characters in the Wind in the Willows exhibition – it brought their learning to life! We were lucky enough to explore the habitats along the river bank too. As it was a beautiful day in Henley, the children ate their lunch by the river whilst the regatta boats gave the children a cheerful wave as they cruised by in the sunshine! What a super day!



School Council organise mufti day for Dementia UK

Well done to our fantastic School Council, who organised a mufti day in June in support of Dementia UK, a charity which provides specialist dementia support for families through their Admiral Nurses service. When things get challenging or difficult, these

nurses work alongside people with dementia and their families, giving them the one-to-one support, expert guidance and practical solutions they need. Pupils were asked to bring in coppers and small change, which they used to fill up a drawing of the Dementia UK logo in the FOBS Hall. The response was fantastic and as you can see, the logo was completely filled with coins by the end of the day!

Thank you as always for your support and we will let you know the total amount raised when we have counted it all!



School Admissions

The School's Admissions Policy for September 2020 is now available on the School website.

Binfield C of E Primary School welcomes all children from the neighbourhood whatever their beliefs - there is no requirement for families to be church attendees.

The School promotes attitudes of mutual respect and responsibility and is committed to the children developing their full potential academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. It strives to provide a caring Christian environment and to lay the foundations for its children to take part in adult life. We value the uniqueness of everyone in our community, fostering pride in ourselves and respect for each other.

The school sets its own catchment (designated) area and this has remained the same for a number of years. A copy of the map showing the designated area can be found on our website or from the school office.

School tours for prospective parents

Will your child be starting school in **September 2020**? Are you considering Binfield C.E. Primary School? If you are interested in visiting our school, the following tour dates have been arranged for prospective parents:

Tuesday 15th October 2019;
Tuesday 12th November 2019;
Tuesday 26th November 2019;
Wednesday 8th January 2020.

The morning starts at 9.30am and will consist of a welcome meeting with the Headteacher, a tour of the school by the children and an informal question/answer session with key members of staff. If you would like to attend one of these events, please call the school office on 01344 860106 to book a place.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Hello Binfield from the Foxes' Den Team!

Thank you to our fantastic community for all the love and support that you have given us in our first 6 months. The 2 sides of the community café couldn't have worked without you being there: the events and the food and drink.

Events have gone from strength to strength: toddler crafts, wine tasting, paediatric first aid courses, pop-up shops, bereavement friendship coffee mornings, and lots more. From our profits, we are thrilled to have supported the ARC project, Binfield Library, Binfield PreSchool and the Light-house project. We also have funded the Creative Minds art therapy café. We promote these activities within the café, on Facebook and here in the Beacon and from September please look at the parish noticeboards too.

Our food and drink offering continues to evolve. Initially, we focused on our coffee and tea and homemade bakes. We have now added iced coffees, frappes, smoothies, milkshakes and ice creams. We've established a range of light lunches too; with our bagels and poached eggs on avocado and sourdough being new favourites.

Looking forward to the next 6 months: we want to know what you think has worked (and what hasn't) and what you would like to see happening in the café... We have space for daytime and evening activities and while we can think up new things, if they come from you then we know they are wanted/needed! Please email your ideas any time to claire@foxesden.co.uk

If you haven't yet been in to see us, please do pop in – we are in the extended Parish Office building next to Binfield CE Primary School. We'd love to welcome you!

Thank you for reading!

Claire

www.foxesden.co.uk facebook.com/thefoxesdencafe

The Foxes' Den Café, Binfield Parish Office, Benetfeld Road

What's happening over the summer:

Many of our regular activities pause during the school summer holidays. If unsure, please do check before attending.

Featured events for August/September (for more info see our FaceBook page facebook.com/thefoxesdencafe):

4 th August	Afternoon Tea with Mary Wharphshire in aid of Thames Hospice
23 rd August	Card Making with Fiona Stanton
24 th August	Bracknell Less Plastic Refill Pop Up Shop
19 th September	Calligraphy Workshop with Lou Paper
21 st September	Bracknell Less Plastic Refill Pop Up Shop
26 th September	Intro to crochet course starts

Bookings: The café and parish function room are available to hire for birthday parties, business meetings, wakes, christenings, etc. For enquiries for the café please email: claire@foxesden.co.uk and admin@binfieldparishcouncil.org.uk for the parish rooms. Please note both rooms have furniture that can't be removed, so may not be suitable for some uses.



JUMP IN! CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY WORKSHOPS

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Your Church in Binfield giving to Charities

In the final article in our series on the charities we support, Michael explains how Five Talents, our overseas charity, helps and supports those in need on an international scale. In the previous two articles, Rachael introduced us to the Oasis Trust, our national charity, and William to Bracknell Foodbank, our local charity. If you would like to know more about our charity giving, please contact the church office or speak to Luke.

For several years we have supported the Salaman family who were working in Tanzania with the Church Missionary Society. Following their return to the UK we decided we wanted to be involved with microfinancing - providing help for disadvantaged people to run their own businesses. After some research we found Five Talents and they have asked us to support their work in Karamoja, a part of Uganda that has been affected by fighting but is now calmer.

Five Talents UK provides **savings schemes, small loans, and business training** for those in need in rural East Africa. They make use of a modern, hybrid form of savings-based microfinance that relies on local partners, enterprising clients, and an innovative use of technology. They are the Anglican Church's microfinance charity, founded as a Christian response to global poverty.



We have recently received this report from Five Talents following our grant to them in February this year:

"Your grant has been used to help families in Karamoja, Uganda, learn how to read and write, how to save and how to grow their small businesses and incomes, to improve their standard of living. Karamoja is the poorest region in Uganda, with the poverty rate being more than three times the national average. Food shortages, drought and insecurity continue to be a challenge for the region. It is a region left behind by the rest of Uganda, and this is manifested in particular in low levels of literacy; two-thirds of the population of Karamoja are illiterate. Illiteracy is both a cause and effect of poverty, preventing people from realising their financial capabilities to earn and save.

When we began working in Karamoja, we quickly realised we needed to introduce literacy and numeracy training so that members of the programme could benefit fully from the financial literacy and business skills training we also offer.

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- "I can read the Bible by myself."
- "Now I can help my children with their homework, and when they are sick, I can read the instructions on their medicine."

We now have over 1,000 members in all four regions of Karamoja learning how to read, write, count and save together so that they can invest in small businesses to boost their income and meet their family needs.

Our local community trainers travel around the region on motorbikes purchased with your support, delivering the training (in the local languages, of course).

They have shared these testimonies with us."

Rachel Lindley, Five Talents

We are delighted to announce that Rachel Lindley, CEO of Five Talents, will talk at the church services at All Saints on Sunday 29 September and there will be a 'bring and share' lunch at 12:30pm that day at St Mark's Church.

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"One benefit of Summer was that each day we had more light to read by."
Jeannette Walls, The Glass Castle

Our Summer Reading Challenge 'Space Chase' is well under-way now; we've had a good response but we need more of you young people to take the challenge, so come on, membership is really easy and we can join you straight away. As well as the challenge we have a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' competition, a life size Spaceman to have your photo taken with and a treasure hunt around the library, all entries will go into a raffle!

So, what are we offering at Binfield Library for our Children in August/September?

We know that the summer is a very busy time for you all but during the times you have got free remember that 'Tots Time' is still every Thursday at 9.30am followed by the Tots Times craft at 10.00am throughout August and September. 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. Lego also continues throughout August and September so come along and fill up our display cabinets with lots of summery designs. And for the rainy days when other plans have been cancelled:

Binfield - Tuesday 6th August 2.00pm we are lucky to have Creative Eye hosting a Wooden Rockets event. Again, this is a ticket event so please book your place, cost £2.50.

Tuesday 13th August 2.00pm - 3.30pm Space related crafts cost £1.50

Tuesday 20th August 2.00pm - 3.30pm Space related crafts cost £1.50

Tuesday 27th August 2.00pm - 3.30pm Space related crafts cost £1.50

Whitegrove - Wednesday 21st August 1.00pm - 3.30pm event hosted by young members of the National Citizen Service cost £2.50

Monday 29th 2.00pm - 3.30pm £1.50

Monday 5th August 2.00pm - 3.30pm £1.50

Monday 12th August 2.00pm - 3.30pm £1.50

Monday 19th August 2.00pm - 3.00pm £1.50

Now for the Adult Events in August/September:

Monday 5th August at 2.00pm, Saturday 17th August at 2.00pm, Monday 2nd September 2.00pm and Saturday 21st September 2.00pm Knit and Natter

Thursday 8th August and Thursday 12th September at 11.00am Brain Gym

Friday 9th August and Friday 13th September at 2.15pm Reminiscence

Tuesday 20th August and Tuesday 17th September at 2.00pm Film Group

Thursday 29th August and Thursday 26th September at 11.00am Coffee Morning and Quiz

Friday 30th August and Friday 27th September at 2.00pm Rummikub

Monday 26th August and Monday 30th September at 5.45pm Drop in Book Group

Many of you have already signed up for Open+ but what is it I hear you ask? It's when our library is open and there aren't any staff around. You do need to have an induction so that all health and safety aspects are covered but it's very quick and such an awesome service. Pop into the library and we will organise it for you; it's such a great option for busy people you don't need to be tied to staff hours, it provides much more flexibility and we do have free WiFi.

And for those glorious days in the garden when you're reading and drinking Chardonnay but should be gardening we sell the sacks for all those nasty weeds and grass cuttings so don't run out.

Have a great summer everyone, but please don't forget us and our air conditioning!

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

Chris, Elaine, Julie, Liz, Maxine, Pinky and our amazing volunteers Susan, Derek, Jan, Linda and me (Sar).

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.



Binfield Concert Band & Music School

Binfield Concert Band and Music School is taking applications for Autumn Term places from students wishing to learn to play a musical instrument in Binfield. Taster lessons lasting 5 weeks cost £70 and include the provision of a musical instrument for free for the duration of the lessons. Lessons are available on trumpet, cornet, euphonium, flute, clarinet, trombone and saxophone. Binfield Concert Band and Music School was formed in 2003 and has an enviable record of ABRSM exam successes. email information@binfieldconcertband.org.uk for more details of these lessons and full term lessons and we will get back to you asap. Listen to the band on Youtube Search Binfield Concert Band

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BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

SCARLET FEVER:

Scarlet fever is a seasonal bacterial illness that is common at this time of year, mainly affects children, and is easily treated with antibiotics.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness but it is highly infectious. Parents are advised to be on the lookout for symptoms, which include a sore throat, headache and fever with a characteristic fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. If signs of scarlet fever are suspected, it is important to contact your local GP or NHS 111.

Early treatment with antibiotics is important as it helps reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia and the spread of infection to others. Children or adults diagnosed with scarlet fever are advised to stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

REDUCING THE ISOLATION OF MEN OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE.

In collaboration with Age UK, the Older Men at the Margins project identified ways of alleviating loneliness and reducing isolation for men over 65 years of age across hard to reach and seldom-heard groups. This included older men who are single or living alone in urban or rural

areas; older gay men who are single or living alone; older men with hearing loss; and older men who are carers for significant others (family members, partners).

Age UK has information and advice webpages on loneliness, with information and support for people who are feeling lonely, advice for carers, as well as how to volunteer to help others who are lonely.



Contact Age UK : www.ageuk.org.uk/loneliness

YOUR SURGERY NEEDS YOU:

We are recruiting volunteers to Binfield Patient Group. The meetings are approximately every two months.

If you are a patient of Binfield surgery and interested in it's workings we would love to hear from you. The age criteria is that you must be aged 18 or over. There is NO barrier to retired or infirm patients. However, meetings are held on the 1st floor which is reached by stairway. In the first instance please telephone Monday to Friday, Liz Kerr, Practice Manager, on 01344 286264. Liz will explain the workings of the Patient Group and any questions you may have. If the stairway may prove a problem to you, please also advise Liz of this when telephoning when other arrangements can possibly be made.

Duncan Johnston. Binfield Patient Group.

Binfield Environment Group

Now summer is here, I want you to get out and enjoy the flowers. There are summer flowers a-plenty in and around our parish, and the bees and butterflies are making the most of them. The insects are spoilt for



choice as we have new flower meadows in Blue Mountain and Amen Corner North as well as existing ones in Popes Meadow, Peacock Meadow and Garth Meadow. Some of our local

farmers are planting pollinator strips alongside their crops (one of my favourites is just outside the parish between Billingbear Park and the M4). Bracknell Forest Council have also left some roundabouts and verges uncut to encourage the growth of plants that our insects love. One example is the underpasses near The Old Manor where orchids grow.

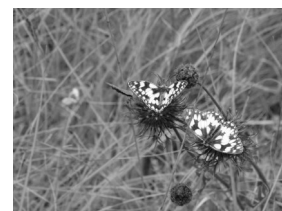
As I write this, we have poppies, ox-eye daisies, cornflowers and ragged robin (one of the Bracknell Forest biodiversity action plan species) in flower. In all of the time that I have lived in the village I can't remember seeing as many wildflowers. Unfortunately, this is a limited local highlight in a sad story of decline. According to the National Trust we have lost 97% of our meadows since the 1930s. The National Trust are currently looking for ways to increase the biodiversity on their land including planting new meadows. Greys Court (near Henley), The Vyne (near Basingstoke) and Cliveden (near Maidenhead) are all worth visiting to see their meadows.

Compared to this, our efforts to make a wildflower area in Wicks Green seem a bit pathetic, but hopefully every little helps. All of these new "meadows" face a similar challenge. The flora that is characteristic of a traditional English meadow thrives in unimproved soil.

Unfortunately a lot of the land that is being turned back into meadows has previously been farmland (or a golf course) and hence has residues of fertilizer, pesticide and in some cases herbicide. This means that some plants (e.g. grasses and nettles) tend to do better than others. At Wicks Green and Blue Mountain, a native plant, called yellow rattle, has been planted to remove some of the fertility from the soil and to out-compete the grasses. At Wicks Green we are going to let the yellow rattle do its stuff this year and monitor what else grows before deciding what else to plant.

One final recommendation for a summer day out is a trip to BBOWT's College Lake near Tring. This former chalk pit has extensive areas where wildflowers are being encouraged as well as lots of information, things for kids to do, and a cafe with a view.

Binfield Environment Group's next event is on Saturday 21st September at 10:00 when we will be bird and bat box building at Foxes' Den and doing some litter-picking around the village.



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

Mike Coker



Binfield Garden Club

by Sue Jeffery

We were pleased to welcome 12 visitors to our July meeting and do hope they will return! The subject was Gardening for Wildlife and Thomas Stone gave an interesting talk on how to encourage creatures into our gardens. Birds, small mammals, all insects etc are part of our eco system and need to be part of our gardens and part of our lives.

All plants need healthy soil and water. Water is also vital for wildlife, this we can provide with a small pond or a bird-bath. Thomas reminded us ponds must include a sloping side so a creature such as a hedgehog may crawl out if it falls in! Ponds quickly attract such visitors as damselflies, dragonflies, pond skaters and birds so plants round the edge of the pond will be useful for them to hide in away from predators such as herons.

We were shown a variety of bird houses and feeders from the simple to the luxurious, all will be spotted and well used. Compost heaps are perfect for slow worms, which will then eat the slugs! Hedges are more wildlife friendly than fences at providing a channel for creatures to move through without being seen. If you do have a fence, please cut a small hole for hedgehogs to get through as they can cover 5 miles at night and also clear your garden of slugs. Wildflowers will help encourage butterflies, lacewings and hover flies which will help to eat up the greenfly so the message is not only is wildlife wonderful to watch, it can also certainly benefit our plants.

Due to the cold, wet start to summer not many people had ripe tomatoes ready so Ralph Hardy was a deserved winner of the competition with his plate of 6 red tomatoes and Nancy Bowen was 2nd with her 6 green ones – well done.

If you read this before our August 1st meeting on The Ornamental Gardens through the Seasons it will be at BINFIELD SCHOOL. September 3rd is our visit to Wisley Flower Show which has booked up quickly and our meeting on September 5th will be Stephanie Hafferty on "No Dig Gardening". Members can bring in their fuchsia plants for this year's Annual Challenge Cup competition.



The year is racing by so do have a look at our website for information and we love to welcome visitors and hopefully, new members. Our talks are very varied and we have lovely outings!

We meet 7.15pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Memorial Hall and we include refreshments, a raffle, bric a brac and photo cards.

binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and on Facebook and We love Binfield or phone 01344 286752 or 01344 459902

The Binfield Belles



Summer is officially here and the WI had a busy June meeting with new members and visitors filling the Memorial Hall. We were lucky to have such a good speaker that night Tracey Blaney talking about her millinery business and the history of the craft. Samples of her work proved popular with the girls trying on hats after her talk. It was a fun night and we hope to welcome Tracey back later in the year to do a workshop for us. A fascinator will be made by the members participating and we plan this for later in the calendar.

Bracknell Fun Day, where we manned a stall, proved to be much fun as Val and I battled the winds in the Lexicon Shopping Centre trying to keep everything on our table while the music began and a display from Morris dancers and other groups took place. The girls who took over from us were also blown around and then rained on to top the day off!

We now officially have an allotment plot in Jealotts Hill community project, having visited in June with interested members. We can now put together a plan for the plot, to grow some crops and enjoy the beautiful area that has been set up there, let the fun begin or should I say digging?! A visit to the V and A Dior exhibition was much enjoyed by some of the belles, and then our annual seaside visit was made to Swanage last week.



Not only was the weather beautiful but the fish and chips followed by a glass of wine went down well, and a paddle in the sea and an ice cream finished the day off.

We are hopeful to be at the family fun day at Farley Wood in August, an afternoon tea at Riseley and then our summer lunch at Cantley Hotel follows instead of a meeting. Some of our members have just joined up for the Moon Walk in London next year for Breast Cancer charity so plenty of walking on the horizon for this WI. A stall at the Binfield Church Fete on 15th September will be our usual Jam and Jerusalem so we hope to chat with many of you there.

Our next meeting will be September 12th at the Memorial Hall 7.15pm with a talk by Fiona Barker on the wonderful world of Picture books. Competition your favourite picture book, pop in and pay a visit on the night.

More details from myself, Linda 01344 454503 /07708 731294.



National Awareness and a Young People's Link

by Terry Dilliway

The Royal British Legion has expressed concern at the result of a YouGov study which shows a large majority of the population know "little or very little" of the work of the UK Armed Forces.

Awareness of what British Armed Services do on a day-to-day basis is lowest among the younger generation of under-35s. Many thought Service personnel spent much of their time in training camps, although 80% of people agreed that the military make a valuable contribution to the safety of society.

Alexander Owen, Head of Armed Forces Engagement at the RBL says of the survey: "Whilst it's fantastic that people think our Forces make a valuable contribution to our safety, the lack of understanding of what they actually do is worrying".

In response to the findings, the Legion is campaigning to raise awareness of the Forces' contribution to everyday life, highlighting personnel who are mobilised during natural disasters, terrorist attacks, humanitarian and environmental crises and peacekeeping around the world. Nearly 3,000 serving regular and reserve medical personnel are currently working and training in the National Health Service.

During the past three years, 236 civilians have been rescued from situations by the RAF Mountain Rescue Service, and 4,100 defence personnel were deployed to tackle flooding across Southern England.

Binfield Legion branch met in June and congratulated new President Charles Boorman, who was elected for the ensuing year. A rise in the branch annual subscription was recommended by the committee and members agreed to raise the subs from £2 to £3.

Response to a fund-raising tea dance had been disappointing, but a tombola event planned at the Cricket Club was postponed until October and will take place at another venue.

Poppy Appeal Organiser John Anderson reported the current total stood at £22,167 with several 'all-year' boxes not yet counted; and Meadowvale School had been nominated as the organisation which most helped the 2019 Appeal. Branch Chairperson Ms

Karen Hatt took pleasure in announcing that Meadowvale School and 3rd Binfield Brownies are to become affiliated members of Binfield's RBL, importantly cementing the young people's link with the veteran Servicemen's and women's charity.

Following business, guest speaker and Fraud Victims' Support Officer Malcolm Phillips gave members an illuminating talk on all types of fraud and modern technology scams. Next meeting of the Binfield Branch will be Wednesday September 25th.

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

SAVED! – By an Order Disobeyed

by Terry Dilliway



The lights were dimmed and impending disaster on the high seas was portrayed through live big-screen footage – then came the order to "Abandon Ship".

Murmurs of disbelief washed over Binfield Club function room when shipmates of Bracknell Royal Naval Association listened and watched drama unfold at their July meeting as guest speaker, retired RN Commander Tom Sharpe, OBE, related his worst experience while captain of a beleaguered ship threatened with sinking in the South Seas.

A riveting tale of recovery from a sailor's worst nightmare gripped the RN veterans' attention as Cmdr Tom described and illustrated the moment in December 2008 when his command, the Royal Navy Ice Patrol Vessel HMS Endurance, suffered the failure of a crucial hull valve, allowing the South Atlantic to pour in to her engine room.

The Commander's decision to disobey an Admiralty order and lead his crew in their eventually successful efforts to save the ship, enthralled Bracknell shipmates during another successful monthly meeting. Shipmate Vice-chairman Norman Webber thanked the Commander and welcomed two additional guests, Bracknell Councillors Alvin Finch and Michael Titheridge, who were visiting and observing proceedings in preparation for the Borough's Merchant Navy Day event to take place on September 3rd.

Branch Secretary S/M June Boddrell reported that the branch standard had been among 27 standards paraded in June at the Portsmouth D-Day Stone. Standard bearer S/M Anthony Boddrell had also paraded at the RNA Annual Conference Drumhead Service, and at the Falklands Memorial Chapel, Pangbourne.

Treasurer S/M Martin Powell brought news that branch funds were in a healthy state. The popular treasurer went on to suggest that it was time members spent some money on themselves and their chosen charities. In this respect, branch social secretary S/M Lynne Daley continues to plan a programme of trips and entertainment. Shipmates were, however, concerned to hear that the Jubilee Sailing Trust, a disability charity to which the branch had previously contributed, was facing serious financial difficulties. A donation of £150 to the Trust was voted by the meeting.

Following recent sad news of a fire aboard a Russian Navy research submarine, resulting in the loss of 14 officers and crew, Bracknell shipmates passed a motion to send a message of condolence to the Russian Ambassador. A respectful relationship has long existed between Federation Navy and Royal Navy ex-servicemen, leading to the award of Ushakov decorations to surviving RN Arctic convoy veterans for their part in the escort of WWII supplies to Murmansk and Archangelsk.

Once Navy, Always Navy

COMMUNITY SPORT



Help for Heroes and Village 6-a-side cricket matches—join us this summer at the Cricket Club

I write this shortly after Party Bye the Pitch – another fabulous community event that we run with Binfield Scouts. Over 850 of you came and enjoyed the bands, weather, stalls, games, food, and the odd tippie (or two J). Thank you for all your support and trust it gives you a little picture of what the club has to offer (please see the fixtures for the rest of the summer – where you are more than welcome to come down and watch). A BIG thank you to all the helpers – we couldn't do any of this without you.

One the cricket side of things. The 1st and 2nd XI are going great guns –just need to carry on that momentum, and the 3rd and 4th XI's are doing very well in their new Leagues. Highlights this month include the Help for Heroes team on August 4th, the Village 6-a-side day on the Sunday of the Bank holiday weekend (come down and see how all the various village "personalities" get on with a bat in their hand...) and the following day, see the very fast paced U19 T20 Berkshire County Finals with accompanying music... Watch out especially for the Benny Hill (showing my age) theme music..

Andy Bryant Chairman, Binfield Cricket Club

www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk

August and September home fixtures

Date	Team	Club	Time	League/Cup/Friendly
Sat 03 August	1st XI	Cove CC 2nd XI	1.00pm	League
Sun 04 August	Friendly XI	Help 4 Heroes CC	12 noon	Friendly
Sat 10 Aug	2nd XI	Thatcham Town CC 2nd XI	1.00pm	League
Sun 11 Aug	Friendly XI	Sonning CC Sunday 1st XI	1.30pm	Friendly
Sat 17 Aug	1st XI	Finchampstead CC 3rd XI	12.30pm	League
Sun 18 Aug	Friendly XI	Kidmore End CC	1.00pm	Friendly
Sat 24 Aug	2nd XI	Maidenhead & Bray CC 2nd XI	12.30pm	League
Sun 25 Aug	Friendly XI	Village Cricket Day	12 noon	Friendly
Mon 26 Aug	Binfield Broncos (U19)	County Finals Day	11.00am	Cup
Wed 28 Aug	Berkshire Stags VICC	Syngenta	6.00pm	Friendly
Sat 31 Aug	2nd XI	Eversley CC 2nd XI	12.30pm	League
Sun 01 Sep	Friendly XI	Nepotists CC	1.30pm	Friendly
Sat 07 Sep	1st XI	Purley on Thames CC	12.30pm	League
Sun 08 Sep	Friendly XI	Hillingdon Manor CC	1.00pm	Friendly
Sun 15 Sep	Friendly XI	Twyford & Ruscombe CC	1.00pm	Friendly
Sat 21 Sep	Friendly XI	Wraybury CC	1.00pm	Friendly
Sun 22 Sep	Friendly XI	Brentham CC	12.30pm	Friendly

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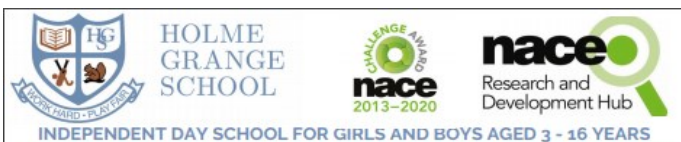
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