

The Binfield Beacon

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October 2019

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MONDAY 28 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

RAISING FUNDS FOR
All Saints' Repair & Care

£2 PER MAP, AVAILABLE FROM THE FOXES' DEN, CREMA OR BINFIELD VILLAGE STORES.

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Can you help with the winter Night Shelter for the homeless?—see page 11

Or the Autumn tidy up at All Saints Church ready for Remembrance Sunday?—see page 3

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

Wednesday 2nd October

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 5th October

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 6th October

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 7th October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 9th October

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

Thursday 10th October

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 13th October

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 14th October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 16th October

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 20th October

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 with Communion at All Saints'

Monday 21st October

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

Tuesday 22nd October

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 23rd October

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

Saturday 26th October

7.45am Men's Breakfast @ St Mark's

Sunday 27th October

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 28th October

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 30th October

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

Saturday 2nd November

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 3rd November

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
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From the Registers:

Baptisms

Teddy James Francis



Funerals

Peggy Elizabeth Cover

ClothesBank

The next ClothesBank Giveaway is on Wednesday 9th October.

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 Smart/Dressy clothes 2nd hand underwear or nightwear

Please drop off any donations for this giveaway, from Monday 30th September only, 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). Please ensure all donations are of the quality that you would be happy to wear yourself.

Anyone who would like to help in anyway, with the sorting on Monday 7th October or the actual giveaway on Wednesday 9th October please contact Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169 for more information.

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LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



The Parable of the Old Man, the Boy and the Donkey

There was an old man, a boy and a donkey. They were going to town and the boy was riding the donkey, with the old man walking alongside. As they rambled along, they passed some old women sitting in the shade. One of the women called out, "Shame on you, a great lump of a boy, riding while your old father is walking."

The man and boy decided that maybe the critics were right so they changed positions. Later they ambled by a group of mothers watching their young children play by the river. One cried out in protest, "How could you make your little boy walk in the hot sun while you ride!"

The two travellers decided that maybe they both should walk. Next they met some young men out for a stroll. "How stupid you are to walk when you have a perfectly good donkey to ride!" one yelled derisively.

So both father and son clambered onto the donkey, deciding they both should ride. They were soon settled and underway again. They next encountered some children who were on their way home from school. One girl shouted, "How mean to put such a load on a poor little animal." The old man and the boy saw no alternative. Maybe the critics were right.

They now struggled to carry the donkey. As they crossed a bridge, they lost their grip on the confused animal and he fell to his death in the river. And the moral, of course, is that if you try to please everyone you will never know what to do, it will be hard to get anywhere, you will please no-one, not even yourself, and you will probably lose everything.

<http://www.robertotorralbas.com/?p=150>

Luke



ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY UP For Remembrance Sunday

Many hands make light work

Please can you spare an hour or two to help with the autumn clearance at All Saints' Churchyard?

Saturday 2nd Nov from 9am

Please bring tools and some gardening gloves and thank you in advance!

**For more details contact: Tony Muller
07596 461160 tony.muller@btinternet.com**

OPEN DOOR



The Open Door team have, after much thought, prayer and heart searching, sadly decided to discontinue the monthly Open Door service.

We will be holding an evening Celebration service on Thursday 5th December @ 8pm at St Mark's Church and a Summer Special in July. Date TBA.

We hope that, by holding these services in the evening, we can serve those people who would like to attend, but haven't been able to due to their daytime commitments.

In the meantime, we would like to thank everyone for your amazing support, fellowship and friendship over the years - we will miss you all.

**Much love and God Bless
Jacqui, Liz and Annie**



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WELCOME —
THE DOOR IS
ALWAYS OPEN**



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Thank you.



All Saints' Repair & Care

Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £229,795

Plus Charitable Grants: £42,000

New Phase 2 Target: £455,000

Phase 2 Donations to Date: £109,260

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £89,479

Current Available Funds: £19,781

(plus PCC funds of £100,000)



*Photo courtesy of Liz Hall

Another bit done (just in time)!

So another summer is through; kids are back to their learning and leaves are starting to fall again. And as things cool down, we can rest a little easier knowing that another area of the roof where water was leaking into the building has been fixed and insulated. Not only this, but the work was carried out just before any major damage had been done to the beautiful old wooden beams, which would have been both difficult and costly to replace!

We're so grateful that we've been able to do this work, but there are still significant areas such as the drainage which need attention before we can say that no more damage can be caused by the Great British Weather! Our funds are now running low after finishing this latest phase, and so we continue to rely on everyone's generosity to continue the project to preserve this special and historic building.

Thanks

Thank you to those who entered the Binfield Photo Competition. We are looking forward to revealing the **2020 Binfield Calendar** which will be on sale at church and the Foxes' Den Café. Thank you to Carolyn Adams and Claire Murphy for organising and to Stephanie Cronin at Summers Photography for judging and offering the winner's prize!

Thank you also to Gisele Taylor for the fantastic items she made and sold at the Church Fete for the ARC Project too!

Upcoming Events

28th Oct-3rd Nov: Binfield Scarecrow Trail around the village.

Registration is now open until 13th October to host or make a scarecrow for this year's **Binfield Scarecrow Trail** which we know will be every bit as great as in previous years!

15th November: Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening @ St. Mark's. Look out for more info online and in church for this popular event.

Tickets will be on sale soon!

2nd December: 1st Binfield Rainbows and Brownies Carol Singing @ Tesco Warfield.

Look out for coin buckets for any foreign currency you have as we are collecting this again, and if you have any more ideas for events or Christmas gift/items we can make and sell this year, please get in touch and let us know!

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team

How to donate or fundraise:

Please note new details!

We would really appreciate your 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.
- **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/binfieldarcproject

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone,

Oasis



We hope you've had a fantastic summer break with loads of fun and sunshine. As the new school year begins we've got lots coming up for the kids and youth in Binfield...



At Whizz Kids we ended the term with a huge water fight in the sun, which quickly turned into a kids vs. leaders battle and it's safe to say the kids definitely won!



We also had a fantastic summer club full of sports and games, crafts and prizes and of course a bouncy castle.

Now we're back on Sunday mornings for our weekly club, learning about God and having heaps of fun, and this term we are planning a trip to Gravity Force in November so keep your eyes out for more info on this!



Oasis finished the year by toasting marshmallows round a fire and saying goodbye to our long serving leaders Jess and Kirsten. We had a great year of building friendships, having discussions, and eating good food. September marked the start of our new house group for year 9+ which focuses on digging deeper into questions about faith, the bible and life. So far this term has been great and we can't wait for another year of fun!



We have lots going on throughout the year, so if you'd like to be kept in the loop with either kids or youth events please send me an email and we'll keep you updated. We hope to see you soon!

Daisy,

Children's and Youth Worker

daisyridell@gmail.com

Whizz Kids dates: Sunday 13th and 20th October; 17th and 24th November

Oasis dates: Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th October; 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November



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 22nd October @ 12 noon

Tuesday 26th November @ 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

2nd Oct - 9am meet at Foxes' Den
16th Oct - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

6th Nov - 9am meet at Foxes' Den
20th Nov - 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

5th October and 2nd November

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

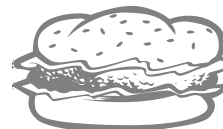


Men's Breakfast is usually held on the 4th Saturday of each month at **St Mark's Church**

Saturday 26th October

Discussion topic : "Imagine the world without oil"

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

3G 3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday

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



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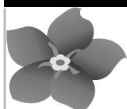
We hope to see you then!

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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

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Wednesday: 9.00am - 1.00pm
Thursday: 9.00am - 1.00pm

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Bell Tower Captain:

Liz Harris
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07809 736372

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Sarah Muller
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Treasurer@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Stewardship Secretary:

Andrea White
01344 421079

ARC Fundraising Team

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Church Website:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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



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>



Binfield Church Fete

Thank you for joining us for a wonderful day!

We'd love to thank everyone who came along to support our annual Church Fete and helped make it such a fantastic event. We were blessed with a gorgeously sunny day, a lovely atmosphere and a crowd of happy faces!

Thank you to everyone who bought along their waggy-tailed friends to take part in the dog show, and congratulations to the winners of their classes. Well done too to the winners of the silent auction, raffle, ARC photo competition (see next page) and the quiz.

Quiz answers are now posted on the fete website so you can check yours!

We will announce how much we raised in the next edition of the Beacon, but it will all go towards keeping the church running and supporting our community outreach projects.

We would like to thank the following people in particular for their support:

- All those who helped tidy the grounds of St. Mark's beforehand so that it was looking it's best for the day
- All those who helped to set up and clear down the fete, and especially to Steve Norris and his van!
- Vicki Hamble of Canine Solutions for judging the Dog Show and also providing the ponies for the rides which the kids enjoyed so much! Thanks to Luke for comparing too!
- We were lucky to enjoy some great entertainment this year. Thank you to The Barch Dance Academy for showcasing their very talented dancers, and to Kids 'R' Loud 2 and their crew for their fantastic performance
- Marcus Carpenter for providing the sound system, music and keeping the event flowing
- To Tony Muller and the Men's Breakfast guys for keeping the food flowing on the BBQ
- To Debbie Hare for coming along and photographing the event
- To the Whizz Kids, 1st Binfield Brownies, 1st Binfield Scouts and Cubs and Isobel Butler for running their stalls
- FOBS, Binfield CE Primary School and 1st Binfield Scout Group for the loan of tables and equipment
- To Newbold College for allowing our fete-goers to park in their grounds
- Everyone who donated silent auction, raffle and tombola prizes, and cake, toy stall and book donations
- To Sarah Muller for her Treasury help
- To the stall holders who came to sell their goodies and add to the atmosphere
- Thanks to those who volunteered their time to help run the stalls on the day
- Heli Braver & her mum for writing and organising the brilliant quiz. We can't wait for the next one!
- A huge thank you to the Fete committee members (Steve, Claire, Amanda, Jo, James, Bel and Kate) for giving their time to pull the Fete together.



Please email us at
binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com with
any feedback and suggestions for
next year's event.

We would love to hear from anyone who
would like to get involved.

www.binfieldchurchfete.co.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Photography Competition

Thank you to everyone who sent in entries for this competition. The standard was high and the judging took some time but we can announce the winners (whose images are being used in the 2020 Binfield Village Calendar) are: Rita Woolford, Martin Britton, Dave Adams, Alex & Teddy Bartlam, Keith Wilson, Ella Donathy (aged 12yrs), Simon Pass, Ken Brunt, David Cann, Gladys Perrier and John Fennell for the Binfield Badger Club.



Many congratulations to you all.

The calendars will be on sale shortly for £10 each and all funds raised will go to the Binfield ARC project. To pre-order your calendar(s) please email beacon@binfieldcofechhurches.org.uk.

The overall winner was Keith Wilson and a highly commended prize was awarded to Emily Barrett for her picture of Bella (her dog) in the corn fields.



Special thanks go to Stephanie Cronin from Summers Photography (www.summers-photography.co.uk) who kindly judged the entries and provided the prizes.

Binfield Environment Group



As the nights are drawing in and Halloween is approaching it feels fitting to write about owls. We are fortunate in Binfield to have three species of owls making the parish their home: tawny owls; little owls; and barn owls (pictured).

Tawny owls are the commonest and are the ones that you are most likely to hear, mainly in autumn and winter. The males are more vocal and their calls are variations on "tu-hu-hu-hu". The female responds with a shorter "twik". Hence, the "twit twoo" much loved by children's authors and film makers is actually a combination of the call of female and male birds. Tawny owl numbers are declining, possibly due to a loss of suitable nest sites. Occasionally, tawny owls can be found in Binfield's woods in daylight as their sleep is disturbed by small birds mobbing them.

Little owls are the smallest of our native owls and are the ones most likely to be seen in daylight sitting on tree stumps or fence posts. They were introduced to Britain in the late 1800s, as it was thought that they would enhance parkland estates. Their numbers have declined since the 1980s, reflecting the decline in their preferred prey, small mammals and large insects. I have yet to see one in Binfield but I am reliably informed that they do nest here, and I am fairly confident that I have heard

them. Their calls are a surprisingly loud "keeroo" noise sometimes accompanied by a "kip-kip-kip".

Barn owls are the species that tends to get the best press, and often feature in falconry displays like the bird in the picture above. Over the last 50 years their population has declined due to a loss of traditional nesting sites and declining numbers of small mammals. A campaign was launched to build nest boxes. This seems to have been successful as the UK barn owl population is now on the increase. Barn owl boxes can be found at Garth Meadow and Bracknell sewage works. This year seems to have been a good one for barn owls as it has been a good vole year and fairly dry. As I write this, some of the boxes around Binfield are being used for second broods. Barn owls are less vocal than the other two species but sometimes make a shrieking noise which can be disconcerting at night.

For more information on all of these owls have a look at <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/project-owl/learn-about-owls>

This article was written by Binfield Environment Group.

Our next events are Guerrilla Planting on October 19th, a Farley Copse work party on November 16th, and a Wicks Green work party on December 21st.

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

Mike Coker

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)

October 2019

Tuesday 1 October	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 8 October	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 22 October	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
15 th Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week www.arts-week.org	Sunday 27 October to Sunday 3 November (during Autumn half term school break)

In this update we focus news on the 15th Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week Sunday 27 October to Sunday 3 November

Fully funded and organised by your local Parish Councils of Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield there are over 50 free-to-book arts and crafts events for all the family as detailed on www.arts-week.org. Arts Week promotes and encourages active participation in and support for the wide range of arts and crafts activities offered in our local area. Our events are also linked to great hobbies to take up at home, local clubs to join, courses to attend, concerts to see, community workshops, school events and even college courses.

The Arts & Crafts Exhibition: Friday 1 to Sunday 3 November 11.00am-4.00pm at Brownlow Hall, Warfield RG42 6AB

Over 200 art and craft exhibits from local individuals and art groups. Meet the artists, find an Art Group to join, buy artworks direct from leading local artists. No tickets required, free entry with free off-road parking

The Local Crafts Fair: Sunday 27 October 1.00pm-4.00pm at Brownlow Hall, Warfield RG42 6AB

Free Entry to the public with circa.29 stalls from local craft producers offering jewellery to beer, cards to cosmetics. Our first Craft Fair as part of Arts Week!

How to book tickets!

All children's events are FREE to book with some adult events charging for materials. You can book online from 2.30pm on Sunday 6 October via www.arts-week.org or you can telephone 01344 885110 or drop into Winkfield Parish Council Offices in Fernbank Road during normal office hours.

In other News.....

York Road play area revamp At the time of writing planning permission is being sought to extend the existing car park to accommodate Red Rose allotment holder parking as well as visitors to the play area.

Sponsor a Street With Binfield Environment Group, the parish council are seeking litter heroes to sponsor a street in Binfield for ongoing litter picking. Litter picking kits will be provided upon registration. Please contact the Parish Office.

Save the Date! Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On Join us on Monday 2 December for the annual lights switch-on at the Parish Office tree with refreshments after at The Foxes' Den Café. There will be three Christmas trees for Binfield: Parish Office, Knox Green Corner (opposite The Binfield Club), and Roebuck Green (opposite the Daruchini restaurant). There will also be a contribution to the Christmas tree for The Farley Wood Centre.

Community Grants Deadline is 16 December 2019 for applications from community groups serving the interests of the parish of Binfield and its residents. Applications will be considered by the Parish Council in January 2020 with successful applicants receiving grant awards February 2020. Collect an application from the Parish Council office or go to:
<https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants>.

Ally, Amanda, Janet & Kirsty

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COMMUNITY NEWS



NIGHT SHELTER MANAGERS NEEDED—CAN YOU HELP??

Would you stay up all night to ensure that dozens of homeless people in the Bracknell area get a good sleep in a safe, warm bed and wake up to a good breakfast the next morning?

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For more details contact Elaine Chalmers-Brown, Director, Pilgrim Hearts Trust, 01344 307030 or email pilgrim.hearts@gmail.com .

Pilgrim Hearts Trust is a registered charity number 1085766

Binfield Lighthouse Programme



The Lighthouse Programme continues to support the homeless and those in need in our local community, providing home-cooked meals and shelter on Tuesday evenings at St Mark's Church. During the warmer months the doors are open from 6.30pm, the hall is set up with numerous games and a hot meal is served from 7.00pm. Typically we help 15 ~ 20 guests a week and they all leave with a packed lunch too!

Would you like to get involved?

Volunteers are welcome to help as often as they like; there is no pressure to attend regularly. Alternatively you could simply drop a prepared savoury dish or pudding (homemade or shop-bought) to site, or we can collect it from you and we will serve the food.

What are the current donation needs?

Currently the most useful donations are:

- Long life milk, cream and custard
- Washing up liquid, foil and cling film
- large shampoo and conditioner for hair dressing evenings - held every other week
- Deodorants for male and female guests

If you are able to provide any of these items, our guests would be most grateful. Thank you.

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 Café at the Binfield Parish Office marked for Lighthouse.

THANK YOU!



Binfield Badger Group

The next Binfield Badger Group meeting will be on Thursday 31st October 2019.

Our very own John Fennell is going to give his popular slide presentation on badgers.

His talks are always engaging, amusing and very informative for anyone from complete beginners to those that have been involved in badger protection for years. This is a talk not to be missed.

As always for Binfield Badger Group meetings there is no admission charge and the meeting is open to non-members. Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting will start at 7.30 pm.

This will be at Farley Wood Centre, Turnpike Road, Binfield RG42 1FW and everyone is welcome to attend.

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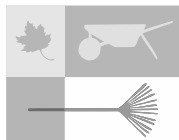
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Hello Binfield from the Foxes' Den Team!

We hope you have survived the summer in one piece. 😊

We have had a lovely few months and are looking forward to more new things in and around the cafe...

Two things to announce:

Firstly: we have just launched The Foxes' Den Cub Club Lunch Box. Bring your little ones in for lunch and we have a fun meal deal with an animal lunch box with sandwich, juice carton and 3 Cub Club items - come in and feed your little cubs!



Secondly: this month will see us break ground on a big new project - The Binfield Mindfulness Garden. For those of you who haven't popped in and seen our ideas; we are looking to create a little haven by the cafe where you can sit or potter about in a green space filled with colour, scent and textures. We want it to be fully accessible and a chilled area where you can pop by and grab some herbs for your tea or take a moment to escape... 🐾 🌿 🍵 🌸 🌻

One of the activities we would like to run in the Mindfulness Garden is Wellie Planters - if your kids have out grown their wellies or have managed to get a hole in them - please don't send them to landfill; bring them to the cafe! If you have any other ideas or contributions, please get in touch!

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

Thank you for reading and have a great October!

Claire

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



October's Featured Events in the Den:

For more info please like facebook.com/thefoxesdencafe

7pm Weds 2nd Bracknell LETS - Exchange/Trading Group

10.30am Thurs 3rd Free Drop In Art - bring your own project

10am Sat 12th Explore Sensory Toys

10am Sat 12th Chat with a Parish Councillor

10am Sun 13th Holistic Therapies Day

10am Sat 19th Bracknell Less Plastic ReFill Pop up Shop

7pm Fri 25th Stampin' Up Card Making

10am Sun 27th Modern Calligraphy

FREE Regular Events:

9.30am Mondays

2pm Wednesdays

1pm Thursdays

10.30am Fridays

Rhyme Time with Jenny

Cub Club Preschool Crafty Time

Adult Crafternooners

Bereavement Coffee Group

Half Term Activities & Events:

We have all sorts going on over half term as we are teaming up with the Arts Week folk and have a few of our own. From Cookie Decorating to Silvercraft! Please have a look at the ChalkBoard in the café or our facebook page for details

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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

We are the Champions!

We are delighted to announce that Binfield CE Primary School has achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. Having attained the Gold Award for the last four years, we are naturally delighted to move up the platinum.



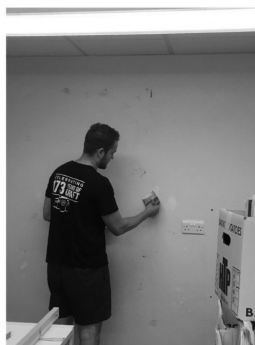
The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include: • Silver in the Bracknell Schools Tennis Competition (Y5 and Y6) • Gold and County Title in the Berkshire School Games (Y1) • Participation in Orienteering Festival at South Hill Park (Y5 and Y6) • Winners of Dance Routine and Quiz in the 13th Annual Kick Start Dance Competition at Garth Hill College (Y5) • Silver and Bronze medals at a Boccia competition at Easthampstead Park School (Y4).

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to the parents and family members that have supported us in terms of transport to and from sporting events this year as, without you, this award would not have been possible.

Refurbishing Reception classes



For those that don't know, our Reception classes are having a transformation over the next few months. Lots of work was done over the summer holiday to re-decorate it and bring it to life. We are also planning extensive remodelling of the outside areas this term, which we are sure the children will absolutely love!

Farewell Year 6

In July we said goodbye to our 2018-19 Year 6 children. As always, we were very sad to see them go, but at the same time, they were prepared and ready for the next stage of their lives at secondary school. We wish them all the very best of luck for the future. Their last day at Binfield ended with our school tradition - a conga around the school and each child ringing the school bell! Farewell Year 6 - you've been wonderful!



Green-fingered children!



Shortly before Easter, the Binfield Garden Club kindly came into school and helped all of the children plant flower seeds. Just before the end of term, the children were

invited to bring in their resulting plants and these were judged by the club.

A fantastic 81 plants came into school, making a very colourful display. Every class from Reception to Year 6 had a winner, with Lawrence from Y1 voted the overall winner. As always, our thanks go to Mrs Lusby, Mr Skinner and the Binfield Garden Club members for giving the children this opportunity.

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.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS



It's been a busy summer for the Neighbourhood Team as always. The summer months often bring an increase in abstractions to the team to cover big events such as Royal Ascot and Reading Festival, and sadly this year also assisting with scene watches following the tragic murder of PC Andrew Harper near Sulhamstead. That being said the team have continued to work tirelessly on a wide range of Policing issues in Binfield and the wider Northern Parishes area.

The local Community Speed Watch initiative has been so successful that we have commissioned a volunteer to assist PCSO Magda with the admin. We would like to pass on our thanks to those at the Binfield Neighbourhood Action Group, the Parish Council and the local residents who give up their spare time to make this initiative work.

PC Lucia and PCSO Magda have been working on a number of problem solving issues relating to anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the area, particularly around the new SANG at Blue Mountain. Unfortunately we do always see an increase in ASB during the school holidays and we do work closely with the schools to try and educate the younger members of our community around how their behaviour impacts on others. We are very aware that these issues can arise again as we approach Halloween and we will be putting extra resources in place during this time.

As always, if you have a concern to raise with the team you can contact us at

BracknellNorthernParishesNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or you can pass a message to us via the Parish Council team or our volunteer Staria who is often on hand down at the Foxes Den Cafe.

Cass and the Northern Parishes Team



Bishop of Oxford's Berkshire Pilgrimage

Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford undertook a pilgrimage around the deaneries of Berkshire during the first week of September. He visited 38 churches (**including All Saints, Binfield**) and the chaplaincy of Reading University, travelling by boat and bike as well as walking 50 miles. He left a blessing on every church, written in chalk, the letters C + M + B (Christus mansionem benedicat) which translates as 'Christ bless this house'.

At every church on the pilgrimage he prayed for our government and parliament, for the communities and churches as well as for Olivia Graham—pictured right— as she prepares for her consecration as Bishop of Reading.

He took a picture of the font in every church (see his Facebook page) and prayed for the renewal of all the ministry which flows into and out of the font:

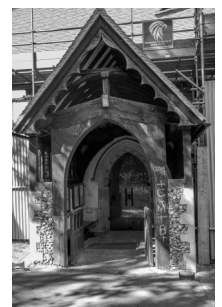


- * Our welcome to the youngest members of the community whose parents have just enough faith to bring them to baptism
- * Our nurture and care for children and young people in parishes and schools
- * Walking with adult enquirers as they come to faith as disciples of Jesus and come to baptism and confirmation
- * The ongoing formation of every Christian as we live out our baptism every day of our lives and seek to be a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world.

He was moved by the welcome and those who came to pray in every place. He met hundreds of people across the week and heard some wonderful stories of hope and grace in the life of the local churches as well as stories of difficulty. "It was very good to spend time in our churches: these beautiful places of prayer and stillness often hallowed by hundreds of years of prayer."

The journey transformed his view of Berkshire. Normally traveling by car often on motorways and major roads and to the large, urban centres, he was able to see the beauty of the county in new ways by boat, on foot and by cycling and to build a clearer picture of ordinary church life. He enjoyed meeting so many people and thanked all who came, prayed and served tea (and cake!).

He ended the week with sore feet, aching legs, hardly able to sit down from the bike ride but with a very full and glad heart. Thanks be to God.



C+M+B chalked on the porch at All Saints, Binfield
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Edited from Bishop of Oxford's Facebook post 11th Sept 2019

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- Raising awareness of key public health messages
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Improve communications by:

- Building two-way relationships between patients and the practice
- Monthly Patient Information, published in the Binfield Beacon (distributed to all houses in the Binfield area)
- Information posters on community noticeboards/social media (if you are aware of a noticeboard without this health information, please contact the patient group)
- Improving the practice leaflets and website

Influence the development of services by:

- Advising on the development of new or existing practice premises
- Representing patient views on the purchase of health services
- Co-ordinating with other patient groups to improve wider healthcare delivery
- Collaborating with the practice to provide new services
- Representing local views on the services provided by the wider NHS organisations

To summarise all of the above we exist to make the relationship between patients and our practice stronger, which is critical to the provision of modern, high-quality general practice.

Established Patient Group Members

Karen was the original chair of the current patient group in 2010, has championed a plethora of health and well-being topics and as a result of this was the Lay Member for Patient and Public Engagement for Bracknell Forest & Ascot, taking her skills further afield than just Binfield. She now represents public and patient views as a Lay Member on several NHS England committees across Berkshire and the Thames Valley. She is the founder of HealthMakers which encourages patients to lead healthier lives.

Duncan has been an active member of the group since 2012, been instrumental in the conducting of patient surveys, assisting patients with internet access to their records, writing monthly articles for the Binfield Beacon. He is a fantastic pair of ears for local patient opinions, many of which he challenges the surgery to provide appropriate responses.

Sue is the current secretary of the group, joining in 2016, bringing scientific process and talent into our midst. She is an experienced youth leader, especially with families with extreme social deprivation. She is instrumental in the publication of each patient survey, patient group minutes and a very willing pair of hands.

Gill joined the Patient Group in 2013 and was 'voluntold' into the position of chair in 2016. She injects humour into serious conversations and is passionate about educating people so they understand how to use the NHS appropriately. This led to her taking on the role of Lay Member for Patient and Public Engagement in 2018 for Bracknell Forest & Ascot.

Derrick joined the group in 2012. He has recently been on a sabbatical, due to health issues. Having now recovered he has re-joined the "hard working little team". He regularly assists with the distribution of posters and other information at appropriate places around Binfield. He is always willing to take on extra tasks.

We each have our own contacts and try to represent as many different views as possible. We would love to welcome additional new members to broaden the views of the group.

Duncan Johnston.

Binfield Patient Group.



BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

Hi everyone, I hope you had an awesome Summer. Congratulations to all our young readers who took part in the Reading Challenge, we had a great time talking to our readers and we were kept lovely and busy.

The certificates for children who completed the challenge may have been handed out in school assembly already but if not expect them very soon. Well done everyone!

So October is a very exciting month for our Libraries, for the first time ever we are hosting a Literary Festival. There is a massive amount going on and here is just a snippet of what you can expect.

Bracknell Forest Library Service's First Literary Festival

Saturday 26th October to Saturday 2nd November

Bracknell Forest's nine libraries will be playing host to a seriously busy schedule of author presentations, workshops, creative writing sessions, stories, and more - events for all ages, encapsulating different genres and diverse cultures. Listen to thriller writers or find out the history of the dictionary, crossword solving anyone, perhaps take part in a dance session that involves getting to know the library, or try a Taste of India, watch talented performance poet Joseph Coelho? Watch out for further information on our website or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Tickets £2.50 for children, £5 for adults, Festival pass £15

Definitely a week to put in your diaries people!

So here are our regular events at Binfield Library for our lovely Children in October.

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

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.

Rhyme time Thursday at 9.30am followed by the Tots Time 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. We are very lucky to have Anne our energetic volunteer leading the singing. But if you can't make Binfield Rhyme time Whitegrove Library has a very lively session every Wednesday at 10.00 - 10.30 hosted by our wonderful volunteer Judy.

Special event: Igniting Writing - Workshop

Binfield Library 2pm - 3pm

Igniting Writing founder Alex Baker, has a long history of promoting and improving literary skills of teenagers, bringing people together, building friendships and sharing ideas. This workshop will help with coming of age writing (Bildungsroman), why not find out how to develop the life-long writing skills of a biographer?

Suitable for 11-18-year olds

Tickets £2.50 Book online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/>

**Spooky Spectacular Thursday 31st October
6.00 - 7.00pm tickets £1.20**

Join us for crafts and stories with prizes for the best fancy dress, children of all ages welcome but must be accompanied by an adult

Now for the Adult Events in October:

New to Binfield Library is our Carers' Social +; a time for carers to take a break, meet other carers and have a chat over tea and coffee. Caring for others is extremely rewarding but is often difficult and isolating so come along to our group and have some you time. This group is the second Monday of the month (14th October) at 2.00pm.

And here are our regular event dates to put on your calendar:

Saturday 5th October at 2.00pm Adult Quiz - refreshments 50p

Monday 7th October 2.00pm Knit and natter - refreshments 50p

Thursday 10th October 11.00am Brain Gym - refreshments 50p

Friday 11th October 2.15pm Reminiscence - refreshments 50p

Tuesday 15th October 2.30pm Film Group - refreshments 50p

Saturday 19th October 1.30pm Knit and natter - refreshments 50p

Saturday 25th October 2.00pm Rummikub - refreshments 50p

Monday 28th October 5.45pm Drop in Book Club - refreshments 50p

Thursday 31st October 11.00am Coffee morning and Quiz - refreshments 50p

There is so much going on in October don't miss out on a truly exciting month!

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.



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Binfield Garden Club

by Sue Jeffery

Autumn is now well underway and we have enjoyed 2 meetings and an outing since the last Beacon article.

Ben Cross, the 3rd generation to grow Alstroemerias at Crossland Flower Nursery, Walburton, gave us a splendid talk about how his grandfather started the nursery. There are so few cut flower growers in England now as supermarkets import 90% but his English flowers have not travelled the world, use no chemicals or plastic sachets and so have a lower carbon footprint. Crosslands do no wholesale but sell their millions of stems, all year round to florists for weddings etc. Ben brought several buckets of his beautiful, fresh flowers for us to buy and most of us will now try to look for "Grown in UK" labels! At this meeting members brought in the potatoes they had grown in a 7 inch pot. They were all weighed and the winner was Derrick Quantrill with 550g, 2nd was Belinda Thomas, 3rd Karen Rance and 4th Alex Lloyd. Amazing! On Tuesday 3rd September a full coach of members went to Wisley Flower Show. The weather was kind and we all had a super day and many plants were bought. Our September meeting had a fascinating talk on No Dig Gardening by Stephanie Hafferty. Stephanie lives in Bruton, Somerset and is an award winning author, blogger, speaker, no dig gardener and plant-based cook. She showed us how she runs a kitchen garden for an international art gallery and writes about growing veg, fruit and herbs in her garden and allotment. Stephanie has written "The Creative Kitchen" and is co-author of "No Dig Organic Home and Garden" with Charles Dowding. We were all spell bound by her excitement and enthusiasm for her vegetables, and the amazing results she achieves by purely mulching with deep compost once a year in winter. If you dig, you bury the good stuff and bring the poorer soil to the surface. It all made such sense!



Stephanie then had the task of judging the Annual Challenge entries. This year members were given a tiny Coralle Fuchsia plant and many beautiful plants were brought in for the competition. The cup was won, for the 2nd year running, by our Treasurer, Roland Thomas. 2nd was Karen Rance, 3rd Ralph Hardy and 4th Erryl D'Aubyn, many congratulations!

Our next meeting is Thursday October 3rd with a talk by Claire Brown on "Flowers, colour in the garden and in the vase all year round" so come along to the Memorial Hall for 7.15pm. All are very welcome, guests and visitors just £3 which includes refreshments. The competition is a vase of grasses and foliage. Names are being taken for our Christmas lunch at St Anne's Manor. All information can be found on binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com, our Facebook page or phone Richard on 01344286752.



The Binfield Belles

Summer is disappearing around the corner and autumn sits in the wings, the Binfield belles are rejuvenated after the summer break and look forward to a fun filled autumn and Christmas.

Meanwhile the WI has been busy during the summer a trip to Riseley Tea rooms with afternoon or cream tea came with plenty of chat with other members, lovely afternoon. A walk in Frosts Folly was enjoyed on a summer day and ended up at Moss End for a social coffee!



Our July speaker Margaret Thomas from the Thames Hospice was so inspiring informing us about the new hospice being built near Henley. It has cost a great deal of money and still they are

fundraising for that last few million!

Mary Wharphshire, one of our members, well known to many in the village arranged a vintage afternoon tea to raise funds and is doing a Sahara Walk in October for the same cause. See her Just Giving page if you would like to sponsor her, it's 25K in high temps and Mary is training so hard, we wish her well.

Summer Lunch at Cantley replaced our Members meeting and was delightful with a delicious lunch and wine for some. Although we celebrated last year our 100th centenary we wanted a remembrance in the village and we are having a bench near the Tennis courts with a commemorative plaque, thanks to permission from the Parish Council. We hope to cut the ribbon and celebrate that once it is installed.

Lots of events on the horizon for the autumn — a theatre trip to Mamma Mia, a visit to the Sikh temple with lunch, Glass Fusing afternoon, Christmas Market, soup and roll lunch, a Fascinator craft morning and Christmas Panto.

Want to join us for some of these, then come along to our next meeting at Binfield Memorial Hall on Thursday 10th October at 7.15pm.

We have the 'Delights of Italy' with Jacky Hayler. We welcome guests at any meetings to enjoy our social group, make new friends, escape from the family and be in a girl's only gang.

Interested in joining our gang, give me a call for more details Linda 01344 454503 or 07708 731294 or see our website- binfield.wixsite.com/binfieldwi or SWING ALONG TO A MEETING!!



Online Tributes to Personal Memories

by Terry Dilliway

When the Second World War was declared 80 years ago last month, the Royal British Legion was already 18 years old. The enormous responsibility for care and support of ex-Servicemen and their families was to increase beyond imagining following the Great War which had ended only 21 years earlier.

An average of 21,000 people, Armed Forces and civilian men, women and children on every side of the conflict died each day around the world between September 1st, 1939 and September 2nd, 1945, the date of the surrender of Imperial Japan. The daily cost of the RBL's programme of care for veterans of every theatre of conflict has today risen to more than £1.7m.

No reminder is needed of the approach of the UK's annual Remembrance Season which includes the Albert Hall service and the Remembrance Sunday ceremony and march past at London's Whitehall Cenotaph. Perhaps less well-known are the six Fields of Remembrance and many local Remembrance Gardens in towns and villages around the country which afford the opportunity for members of the public to create and plant Tributes containing their own personal messages to lost loved ones.

Volunteers annually plant more than 120,000 Tributes in fields across the UK, and modern technology allows these personal dedications to be ordered online and planted on a contributor's behalf.



The Fields of Remembrance in Belfast, Cardiff, Gateshead, Swindon, Westminster Abbey and the National Memorial Arboretum are officially opened in early

November with special services which include a Two Minute Silence at 11 am when a bugler plays the Last Post and the Exhortation is read. It should be noted that on Armistice Day, November 11th, every location can become crowded. The Legion maintains a special Remembrance Garden in the cemetery at Royal Wootton Bassett, the Wiltshire town which was granted Royal Title in October 2011, following residents' public tributes at military repatriation funeral processions at the time of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 94-year-old Binfield Branch of the Royal British Legion meets four times a year at the Binfield Club and supporters of the largest and oldest ex-Service charity are invited to come along and join in.

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

Red Dusters and a Book of Horrors



by Terry Dilliway

The past month began with ghosts running amok at the Royal Naval Association, when Bracknell branch shipmates listened to tales of hauntings in Hampton Court Palace.

Guest speaker in August was Sarah Slater, for 11 years a guide and lecturer at the former Royal palace. Dressed in a 'mourning gown' which dated from 1888, Sarah kept breaths held tight with some of her own experiences together with reports of the sightings of the 'Grey Lady' and the beheaded Catherine Howard.

A less sinister September meeting heard of a visit the next day to the Army Air Corps Museum, Middle Wallop, and arrangements for the forthcoming annual Trafalgar Dinner on October 25th.



The day before the meeting was Merchant Navy Day, recognised every September 3rd since the UK government separated the date from National Remembrance season.

RNA shipmates accompanied the Branch Standard at Bracknell Town Council's MN Day event; Borough Mayor Cllr Pauline McKenzie, her husband Roy and several Borough and Town Councillors witnessed the raising of the Red Ensign on Brooke House. Binfield Parish Council also raised the 'Red Duster' at the Parish Office.

Treasurer S/M Martin Powell told of thanks from the Jubilee Sailing Trust for the branch's recent donation which has helped the Trust deal with urgent financial difficulties; and a donation to the RNA branch in memory of S/M President Shelagh Pile's late husband Alan was acknowledged with warm thanks.



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News of highly regarded author Hugh Sebag-Montefiore's plans to write a definitive book on the WWII Arctic convoys to North Russia has been received with great interest; Bracknell branch has been proud to assist with the author's early research, including personal reminiscences from 'White Beret' and Ushakov decorated S/M Ron Miller, who clearly recalls the horrors of RN and MN seamen from his days fighting the enemy and the ice from beneath a gun turret in HM Light Cruiser Diadem.

Light entertainment in the form of a 'Name the Faces' quiz concluded another enjoyable evening for the successful branch which meets at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month at Binfield Club.

Once Navy, Always Navy

COMMUNITY NEWS



Great successes this season and more to come next year— at the village Cricket Club

The shorter days of September signalled the end of another cricket season with friendlies replacing the League Fixtures. Another amazing year for the club, with our 1st XI completing back-to-back League titles and continue to move up the League structure. Our Women's 1st XI, in their first ever season (at hardball cricket) won their League at a canter, and now move up a division as well. A fabulous achievement and shows the appetite for women's cricket here.

Our remaining 3 Senior teams were competitive and introduced many more colts (boys and girls) to Senior Cricket. It was incredible that on one weekend in August, we put out 8 teams in total - a staggering number, given it is not that long in the past that we could only put out 3 teams.

August saw the ever popular Village 6-a-side over the Bank Holiday weekend. We were blessed with fabulous weather, a great turn out from local people - who definitely seemed to enjoy the facilities! Kudos to the Shout Club from the Jack of Newbury who retain bragging rights for another year.

Winter net information will be coming out in the New Year, and October will see a flurry of ground work up at the club to get the pitch refreshed and ready for next season. An amazing 101 games were played there this year - a new record, and why the ground needs a little TLC!

Thank you to everyone in the village who have supported us this year- as always - it is very much appreciated

Andy Bryant Chairman, Binfield Cricket Club

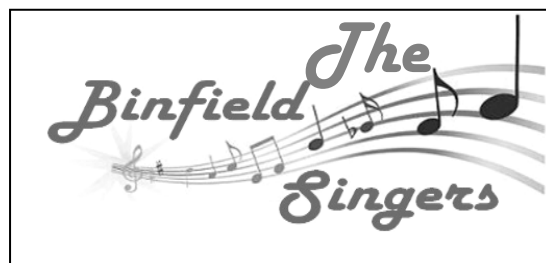
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