

The Binfield Beacon



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

November 2019



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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

Saturday 2nd November

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops
9.00am All Saints' Churchyard Autumn Tidy Up

Sunday 3rd November

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

NO WHIZZ KIDS



Monday 4th November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 6th November

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 9th November

10.30am Remembrance Day Service at St Mark's Memorial

Sunday 10th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parade from Oakmede Shops to All Saints'
10.00am Remembrance Day Service at All Saints'
NO WHIZZ KIDS and NO 9.30AM or 11AM SERVICES

Monday 11th November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 13th November

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

Thursday 14th November

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 17th November

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 18th November

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

Wednesday 20th November

9.00am Women's Walk/Talk from Foxes' Den Café
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's

Saturday 23rd November

7.45am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 24th November

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 25th November

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 26th November

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 27th November

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

Sunday 1st December

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

6.30pm Until We Meet Again at All Saints'

Monday 2nd December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 4th December

9.00am Women's Walk/Talk meet Foxes' Den Café (with walk at Dinton Pastures)
10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's



Remembrance Day Services



Saturday 9th November

10.30am Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church Memorial

Sunday 10th November

Parade- 9.30am From Oakmede Shops to All Saints' Church

10.00am Service at All Saints' Church

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Matthew Perry & Olivia Mallach

Funerals

Winifred Robinson

Tim Wilcock

Christine Marriott

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LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



The Woodcutters wisdom.

This is probably my all time favourite story, and I thought I would use it this month incase people were worried about what is happening in politics, the state of the world, the environment, or just life in general. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Once there was an old man who lived in a tiny village. Although poor, he was envied by all, for he owned a beautiful white horse. Even the king coveted his treasure. A horse like this had never been seen before - such was its splendor, its majesty, its strength. People offered fabulous prices for the steed, but the old man always refused. "This horse is not a horse to me," he would tell them. "It is a person. How could you sell a person? He is a friend, not a possession. How could you sell a friend?" The man was poor and the temptation was great. But he never sold the horse.

One morning he found that the horse was not in the stable. All the village came to see him. "You old fool," they scoffed, "we told you that someone would steal your horse. We warned you that you would be robbed. You are so poor. How could you ever hope to protect such a valuable animal? It would have been better to have sold him. You could have gotten whatever price you wanted. No amount would have been too high. Now the horse is gone, and you've been cursed with misfortune."

The old man responded, "*Say only this, we shall see.* Don't speak too quickly. Say only that the horse is not in the stable. That is all we know; don't worry. If I've been cursed or not, how can you know? How can you judge?" The people contested, "Don't make us out to be fools! We may not be philosophers, but great philosophy is not needed. The simple fact that your horse is gone is a curse."

The old man spoke again. "All I know is that the stable is empty, and the horse is gone. The rest I don't know. Whether it be a curse or a blessing, I can't say. All we can see is a fragment. Who can say what will come next? *Say only this, we shall see.*" The people of the village laughed. They thought that the man was crazy. They had always thought he was a fool; if he wasn't, he would have sold the horse and lived off the money. But instead, he was a poor woodcutter, an old man still cutting firewood and dragging it out of the forest and selling it. He lived hand to mouth in the misery of poverty. Now he had proven that he was, indeed, a fool.

After fifteen days, the horse returned. He hadn't been stolen; he had run away into the forest. Not only had he returned, he had brought a dozen wild horses with him. Once again the village people gathered around the woodcutter and spoke. "Old man, you were right and we were wrong. What we thought was a curse was a blessing. Please forgive us."

The man responded, "Once again, you go too far. *Say only this, we shall see.* Say only that the horse is back. State only that a dozen horses returned with him, but don't worry.

How do you know if this is a blessing or not? You see only a fragment. Why do you worry so much when you don't know the whole story, how can you judge? You read only one page of a book. Can you judge the whole book? You read only one word of a phrase. Can you understand the entire phrase? "Life is so vast, yet you worry about all of life from one page or one word. All you have is a fragment! Don't say that this is a blessing. No one knows. I am content with what I know. I am not worried or anxious by what I don't. *Say only this, we shall see*"

"Maybe the old man is right," they said to one another. So they said little. But down deep, they knew he was wrong. They knew it was a blessing. Twelve wild horses had returned with one horse. With a little bit of work, the animals could be broken and trained and sold for much money. The old man had a son, an only son. The young man began to break the wild horses. After a few days, he fell from one of the horses and broke both legs. Once again the villagers gathered around the old man and shared their worries with him.

"You were right," they said. "You proved you were right. The dozen horses were not a blessing. They were a curse. Your only son has broken his legs, and now in your old age you have no one to help you. Now you are poorer than ever." The old man spoke again. "*Say only this, we shall see.* You people are obsessed all you do is worry. Don't go so far. Say only that my son broke his legs. Who knows if it is a blessing or a curse? No one knows. We only have a fragment. Life comes in fragments."

It so happened that a few weeks later the country engaged in war against a neighbouring country. All the young men of the village were required to join the army. Only the son of the old man was excluded, because he was injured. Once again the people gathered around the old man, crying and screaming because their sons had been taken. There was little chance that they would return. The enemy was strong, and the war would be a losing struggle. They would never see their sons again. "You were right, old man," they wept. "God knows you were right. This proves it. Your son's accident was a blessing. His legs may be broken, but at least he is with you. Our sons are gone forever."

The woodcutter said, "*Say only this, we shall see.* It is impossible to talk with you. You always worry. No one knows. Say only this: Your sons had to go to war, and mine did not. No one knows if it is a blessing or a curse. No one is wise enough to know. Only God knows."

The old man was right. We only have a fragment. Life's mishaps and horrors are only a page out of a grand book. We must be slow about drawing conclusions. I don't know where the woodcutter learned his patience. Perhaps from another woodcutter in Galilee. For it was this Carpenter who said it best:

"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Matthew Chapter 6 verse 34³ He should know. He is the author of our story. And he has already written the final chapter.

Story taken from www.maxlucado.com UpWords Ministries
Luke



All Saints' Repair & Care

Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £230,035

Plus Charitable Grants: £42,000

New Phase 2 Target: £455,000

Phase 2 Donations: £109,500

plus PCC funds: £100,000

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £151,044

Current Available Funds: £58,456



Looking good!

The scaffolding is now down both inside and outside of All Saints' Church, so we were able to take this photo of it looking great with all the front roof sections now redone and sitting water-tight. The project team are now looking to reprioritise the next bits of work which need to be carried out, based on urgency and funds available. The vestry roof in particular is still in need of re-tiling and reinforcing; the drainage still needs to be improved to make sure water is being taken away from the building and stonework, and we are hoping we can start looking to make some improvements inside of the building (such as installing running water for making tea and coffees!). We'd really, really appreciate your support as our fundraising continues..!

Buy and Make!

The **2020 Binfield Calendar** is now on sale, featuring our competition winners' fantastic photos, all taken around the village. Priced at £10, it's available from the church and Church Office, or from Crema, the Foxes' Den Café, Traynors Fine Arts, or the Binfield Club. Thank you to Carolyn Adams and Claire Murphy for putting it together!

We are also looking for keen crafters to make more Christmas items we can sell again this year please! Patterns are available for the knitted Christmas trees and crochet stars, although last year other lovely small items were also donated such as hand-sewn mini stockings. All would be appreciated!

We also have a small stock of our beautiful All Saints' in the Snow Christmas cards remaining so buy some while you can!

Upcoming Events

15th November: Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening @ St Mark's.

Tickets now on sale. Buy yours from the Church Office, the Foxes' Den or from the event organisers. Check out the ARC website for more info, and please drop off any clothes or accessories you'd like to donate to either the Church Office or leave on the Rectory bench from now until Monday 11th November (please label with your name if you'd like a token).

29th November: Dads R Loud Christmas Party @ St Mark's.

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

Ongoing: Foreign currency collection. Look out for buckets!

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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Let's keep our beautiful church standing!

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey, Everyone!

This season has been a busy one for us with Christmas getting closer and closer. Here's what we've been up to...



At Whizz Kids we've been learning all about the Shoebox Appeal, which involves sending a shoebox full of gifts to kids around the world who might not otherwise get a present! We've all been contributing toys, stationary and hygiene items and we are going to fill as many boxes as we can to send lots of presents to those who need it. It's been exciting thinking about who will receive these gifts, and making them as a group has been so fun as we're all contributing what we can.



We also have a trip to Gravity Force coming up and our **Christmas Party on Friday 20th December**, so we have loads to look forward to still! Everyone in school years 1-6 is welcome to join us so do email me for more details.

Oasis

For the girls at Oasis we've been having our usual fun including group games, hot chocolate, craft and sport. As the weather is getting colder and darker, we can't go outside much anymore so we compensated by ordering a ridiculous amount of Chinese food and demolished our way through it for a takeaway night instead! We also thought about if we could ask God one thing, what would it be? We then wrote these ideas down in secret and put them



to God to start a conversation with him.

In the new year, we are also planning an Oasis sleepover at the Church, which I'm sure won't involve much sleep at all!



With lots going on we have a busy couple of months ahead, if you'd like to be kept updated with all that's going on with the children's or youth work please email me (daisyridell@gmail.com) and you'll be kept in the loop! It would be great to see you at our events.

Daisy - Children's and Youth Worker

Whizz Kids dates: Sunday 17th and 24th November and 8th and 15th December

Oasis dates: Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November and 4th, 11th and 18th December



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

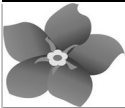


Creative Table (for pre-school and Reception year children)

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

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 Café 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 all Sunday services

To find out more and to offer your help, please call 01344 421079 or email the church office on: office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



Praying for and with you

Prayer ministry teams are available on Sundays at the 9.30am and 11am services at All Saints' Church so if you have anything that you need prayer for, please make use of this prayer ministry at a service or if you prefer, please contact Luke.

We also have weekly prayer sheets — please email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk to have your prayers included each week.

CONTACT US: 01344 421079 office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Rector:

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

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Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

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01344 421079
office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
All enquiries for weddings and baptisms

Office opening hours:

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

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01344 411681

Bell Tower Captain:

Liz Harris
01344 649628

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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>

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 date:

Tuesday 26th November @ 12 noon

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

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

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



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

6th Nov - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

20th Nov - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

4th Dec - Walk around Dinton Pastures - either meet at Foxes' Den at 9am or Dinton Pastures at 9.15am

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK



Saturday 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 23rd November

Discussion topic :

"Managed Economy or Free Market?"

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

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



The Open Door team have, after much thought, prayer and heart searching, sadly decided to discontinue the monthly 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 to see you then!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN**



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Church Fete Thank you for helping us raise...£5,240!

We are so grateful that you all helped us raise this fantastic amount of money which will go towards keeping the church running and supporting our community outreach projects. We were a smaller Committee team this year, with only just enough helpers on the day, so we really appreciated the time given by all those who got involved!

In the last update we forgot to thank Jo Foster for her baking (especially all those amazing scones), and Sarah Cox for lending her Polly's Vintage Tea Set china for the day. The tea tent wouldn't be the same without you ladies!

We would also like to thank again our photographer on the day, Debbie Hare. You can see some more of her great photos on the fete website, and you can also now download any you would like to keep.

With huge thanks from the Fete Committee: Steve, Claire, Amanda, Jo, James, Bel and Kate

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



ANTHONY NOLAN CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2019

On Sunday September 15th the 5th Anthony Nolan charity tennis tournament took place on the Binfield courts. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a full turn out of 24 players who were divided into two groups of 12. A delicious lunch was provided and at the end of the tournament a raffle was held with prizes

provided by local businesses. Altogether £655 was raised for this particular charity.

A big thank you to all those who supported this event:

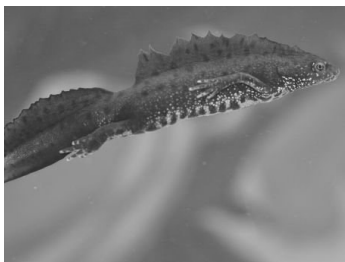
Daruchini Restaurant, The Stag & Hounds, The Victoria Arms, Ascot Racecourse, The Tasting Barn Ltd, Cliff Roe Sports, Unique Hair Salon, The Foxes Den, Crema Coffee, V&A Traynor Fine Arts and Stokes Farm.

Tim & Judith Usher

Binfield Environment Group

Did you know that we have a newt reserve in Bracknell? Bracknell Forest Council maintains a set of former clay pits in Whitegrove. This site is another of Bracknell's hidden gems with benches and an impressively large sculpture of a newt. As Binfield and Warfield were famous for their brick-works it seems fitting that the clay-pits are providing a home to one of our scarcest residents, the great crested newt. The great crested newt is another Bracknell Forest Council biodiversity action plan species.

Although we have at least one colony in Binfield, we are more likely to see smooth newts.



Newts breed and lay their eggs in still water. These eggs hatch into larvae which have gills and hence are able to breathe under water. When the larvae metamorphose into adults, they lose their gills and have to breathe air. Adult newts will travel some distance from the ponds where they were born, but will usually favour damp habitats such as log-piles and ditches.

Great crested newts are the largest native species growing up to 17cm in length. They have a distinct 'warty' skin. The underside is bright orange with irregular black blotches. In the spring, males grow a

jagged crest on their backs. Due to declining numbers over the last hundred years, the great crested newt is legally protected and it is an offence to kill, injure, capture or disturb them.

The smooth newt is the UK's most widespread newt species, and the most likely to be found in garden ponds. They can grow up to 10cm and are usually brown with a yellow or orange belly with small black spots, but no warts. Like great crested newts, male smooth newts grow a wavy crest along their backs in spring.

To find out more about newts, and other amphibians, visit the website of Amphibian and Reptile Conservation - <https://www.arc-trust.org/>

Bracknell Forest Council is encouraging community groups to build new ponds. In Binfield we might not need to do this as we have new, or improved, ponds in several of the new housing developments. With help from a friendly local ecologist we are hoping to survey some of these ponds next spring. We'd love to hear from you if you want to get involved.

This article was written by Binfield Environment Group. We can be contacted by email at binfieldeg@gmail.com or on Facebook. Our next events are a Farley Copse work party on November 16th and a Wicks Green work party on December 21st.

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).

Tuesday 12 November	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 26 November	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Local Plan to 2036 public consultation	25 October to 9 December; 12 November 4pm - 8pm at The Binfield Club; 16 November 10am - 12pm Parish Councillor drop
Remembrance Parade & Church Service	10 November, Parade start at 9.40am at Oakmede Shops car park to All Saints' Church for the Remembrance Service
Binfield Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On	Monday 2 December at The Foxes' Den
Community Grants – Deadline for applications	Monday 16 December

Local Plan to 2036

Bracknell Forest Council are consulting on a revised version of the Local Plan with additional growth options included. The consultation is open from **25 October to 9 December**. Binfield Parish Council will be making a comment and would welcome views from residents.

The Borough Council will be running three sessions where residents can learn more about the options included in the plans. This will include a session at The Binfield Club, on Tuesday 12 November between 4pm and 8pm. The following Saturday, 16 November, Parish Councillors will be available at The Foxes' Den to listen to residents' views and feedback. The topic will then be discussed at the November meeting of the Parish Planning Committee which is planned for Tuesday 26 November. If you have concerns, queries or comments about the Local Plan please do try to get to a drop-in session. And if you want to share your comments with the Parish Council, then please do get in touch. You will be able to find the consultation documents here:

https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/draft_bracknell_forest_local_plan_add_sites

Binfield Parish Council are seeking your input into future community plans

The Parish Council are working with a company called Locality to understand what improvements residents wish to see in community facilities over the next five to ten years. If you would like to share views you can find the Locality Survey on the Binfield Parish Council website at the "Get Involved" page: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/get-involved>

Binfield Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On

One of the favourite events of the year will see the switching on of the Christmas tree lights on Monday 2 December. Arrive from 6pm to start carol singing at approximately 6.30pm with the lights switch-on shortly after. All are invited to The Foxes' Den for a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine after the switch-on until 8pm. We hope many of you can join us!

Binfield Sponsor a Street initiative

Following the community litter pick held on World Clean Up day in September we have had 13 sign ups to our Sponsor a Street initiative. This provides residents with a litter picking kit with an ongoing supply of rubbish sacks. We will support residents who get involved with the scheme and are looking to provide signage for each area that is "looked after". If you and your family or neighbours would like to know more, please contact us at office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Community Grants – deadline approaching

The 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 in February 2020. Collect an application form from the Parish Council office or go to:

<https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants>.

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

Cancer Screening

Cancer screening is actively promoted by the surgery, and we would encourage you to attend any invitations you receive to participate in any of the current screening programmes.

Current screening programmes are for bowel, breast and cervical cancers.

Flu Season:

The flu season is now upon us.

If you receive a text message from the Surgery advising you that flu vaccines are available, please arrange an appointment at the surgery.

If you believe you should receive a flu vaccination, and have not received a text message by the 12th October, please telephone the surgery to see if you are eligible on (01344) 286264.

Repeat Prescriptions:

Repeat prescriptions are available by completing a repeat prescription request form at the surgery reception desk and putting it in the repeat prescription box. Alternatively you can apply for online access to request your prescriptions electronically. These systems integrate with the surgery EMIS system. If you do not yet have online access through one of the several providers, please attend the surgery with ID and speak with a receptionist. For safety, and speed of processing, we would encourage the use of online access. It would also be greatly appreciated by the surgery staff.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY UP For Remembrance Sunday

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

Saturday 2nd Nov from 9am

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**For more details contact: Tony Muller
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1st BINFIELD SCOUT GROUP Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme 2nd – 21st December 2019

The Scout Post delivery scheme will be taking place again this Christmas. The Scout Post is operated by the 1st Binfield Scout Group, providing a Christmas delivery service to any household with a **Binfield address**, and at the same time raising funds for the whole Scout Group.

The cost is only **30p per card**. Each envelope will be stamped with the Scout Post logo, before being delivered on Sunday 22nd December.

Please post your **carefully addressed** cards, and **30p** per card, in a CHRISTMAS POST box. These will be at the following places around Binfield, between Monday 2nd December and Saturday 21st December:

**The Doctor's Surgery, Lloyds Pharmacy,
Binfield Library, Crema Coffee Shop,
The Foxes' Den Café, and The Scout Hut.**

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Sensory Toy Library

At the time of writing, 62.5% of carers of disabled children we surveyed had a less than average total family income. A huge 87.5% believed their children would benefit from specialist sensory toys and the vast majority didn't feel their child's sensory needs were completely met by current services.



I am fundraising to start a local sensory/special needs toy library where families with disabled children can borrow specialist toys to help improve their quality of life.

Having two disabled children myself, I know just how important these types of toys are, but they are incredibly expensive! Often, many families find themselves buying costly toys only to find their child doesn't really like them.

Any local family with a child with additional needs can borrow specialist toys for free at pop up **events every second Saturday of the month at the Foxes' Den Café (9am-11am)** and see if their child benefits from them. Sometimes, children with special needs can become completely overwhelmed with daily life challenges and it is great for them to have the chance to relax and play in their own homes with toys specially catered to their needs.

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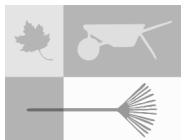
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COMMUNITY NEWS

ClothesBank

October saw our busiest giveaway so far where we helped clothe a total of 107 people.

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

We really could not do this without you all!

In particular we would like to thank Binfield Co-Op, Forest Road for so generously providing food for our clients at the Giveaway. They really did appreciate the snacks.

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

Many of our boxes are now empty so look out for details of what you can donate nearer to our next giveaway in February.



Thank you

To everyone who brought along food gifts and monetary donations for our Harvest Services which have been delivered to Bracknell Foodbank.

This year we also donated chocolates and biscuits to those alone or grieving and they were gratefully received

ClothesBank KNICKERS NOVEMBER

During November we are collecting **brand new**:



Mens and Boys jersey boxers/trunks

Ladies and Girls knickers

Donations can be left at All Saints' on Sundays or at the Church Office or The Rectory.



Bracknell Choral Society presents Autumn Gloria

Following a busy summer term, which included a successful tour to Venice and a sell-out cabaret-style summer concert featuring songs from Broadway shows, Bracknell Choral Society is looking forward to an exciting programme for our 59th season.

Our first concert of the new season is **Autumn Gloria**, which features a wide range of choral music with brass and organ accompaniment including John Rutter's popular *Gloria*, described as 'exalted, devotional and jubilant by turns'. We will also be singing Hubert Parry's magnificent anthem *I was glad* and well-known anthems by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Charles Wood, along with two more pieces by Rutter. Some music for brass and favourite English *a cappella* pieces from the 16th and 17th centuries by Byrd, Tallis and Gibbons make up a varied and entertaining programme.

The concert will be conducted by our Musical Director **Greg Hallam** with the **Braccan Brass Ensemble** and **Ben Giddens** as organist. The concert takes place on **Saturday 23rd November at St Joseph's Church, Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1HA at 7.30pm**. Tickets will cost £18 (accompanied under -18's free) to include a programme with refreshments available. Tickets can be bought via our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk or from choir members.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Hello Binfield from the Foxes' Den Team!

Since our last article went to print we have had so much going on! We hosted a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning: thank you so much to everyone who came and supported Charlotte – a total of £400 was sent off to help this wonderful charity. There have also been activities like a calligraphy, wine tasting, sensory toy library and all the wonderful things going on in half-term. To find out what is happening please follow us on Facebook or pop in and look at our chalkboard.

The 'Shop in the Nook' and our first Eco Christmas

Market: In the run up to Christmas we are looking to expand our little shop. We already have some great local produce in the shape of local honey, Stokes' Farm eggs, hand-made candles and our own upcycled greeting cards, but we will also be selling more gifts and fundraising items. Alongside this please come along on Saturday November 23rd to enjoy mulled wine and get in the mood for Christmas with our first Eco Christmas Market - co-hosted with Bracknell Less Plastic - providing sustainable gifts and eco refills.

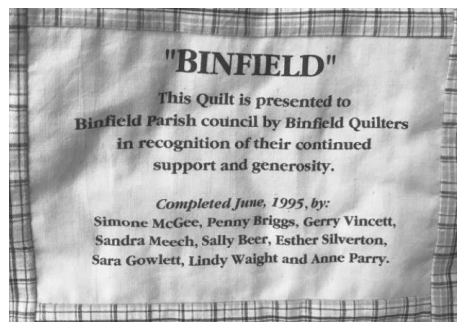
If you haven't yet been in to see us, please do pop in – we are in the extended Parish Office building, past Binfield CE Primary School on Benetfeld Road. We'd love to welcome you!

Thank you for reading and have a great November!

Claire

www.foxesden.co.uk facebook.com/thefoxesdencafe
The Foxes' Den Café, Binfield Parish Office, Benetfeld Road

What's new in the Den: We are the latest custodians of a stunning 25 year old hand-sewn quilt. It is hung on our wall and depicts a map of Binfield with beautiful detail. It was presented to Binfield Parish in 1995. The creators are listed on the back and we would love them to know that their handiwork is once again being appreciated - if you know them please pass this on!



November's Featured Events in the Den:

For more info please like facebook.com/thefoxesdencafe

Sunday 3rd	We are OPEN! Last day of Scarecrow Trail
10am Tues 5th	Teddy Bear Clinic – free consultations
7pm Weds 6th	Bracknell LETS – Exchange/Trading Group
10.30am Thu 7th	Free Drop In Art – bring your own project
10am Sat 9th	NEW Sensory Toy Library – monthly
1.30pm Sat 16th	Daisy First Aid Class (book online)
4-7pm Sun 17th	NEW Family Games – lego, table tennis, scrabble and other family favourites
10-3pm Sat 23rd	Eco Christmas Market

FREE Regular Drop-in Events:

9.30am Mondays	Rhyme Time with Jenny
2pm Wednesdays	Cub Club Preschool Crafty Time
1pm Thursdays	Adult Crafternooners
10.30am Fridays	Bereavement Coffee Group

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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

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 12th November 2019	Tuesday 26th November 2019	Wednesday 8th January 2020
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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 Year 6 children were presented with their Red Responsibility Ties in assembly at the end of September. The children applied for jobs at the beginning of the term and these have now all been successfully allocated. We wish all the children good luck in their roles and thank them for their contribution to the school. We hope they will wear their red tie with pride this year as they carry out their responsibilities.



Our vision: "To make learning utterly irresistible for *all* pupils and staff at Binfield C.E. Primary School"
 Outstanding School (SIAMS Inspection March 2017) / Good School (Ofsted Inspection March 2018)

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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Neighbourhood Team have been busy working on a number of local issues which are quite often generated by the information given to us by you the local community. Please keep providing us with information so we can continue to address crime and ASB issues as they arrive. Information can be passed via 101 and online (TVP website). Please do make sure any crimes are reported to us, even if there are no lines of investigation, as it all helps to build a picture and helps us direct our resources. If a crime is in progress, or you suspect a crime is in progress, or has just happened please report on the 999 emergency line. Thank you to everyone who came to our recent fraud/scam and door step crime awareness event at Newbold Church. We had a really good turn out and lots of valuable advice was passed on to residents. Please do follow us on our TVP Bracknell & Wokingham Facebook page for lots of crime prevention advice and updates on what the team are working on. Finally, we are running a Rural Crime Event on the 9th November which will hopefully take place at Jealotts Hill Land Share. Further updates on this event will be posted on our Social Media. It will be an opportunity to meet the team and get some advice around protecting your belongings in the more rural areas. We will hopefully have some displays/presentations from partners such as DataTag and NFU. We hope to see you there. Thanks.

Cass and the Northern Parishes Neighbourhood Team

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE: There has been an increase in fraud, particularly online, but also letters and calls. Some vulnerable people have fallen victim to some quite sophisticated scams, particularly using the Amazon brand. If anyone is concerned they have received a suspicious email or call asking for payment or bank details please do not respond and instead contact 101.



Binfield Garden Club

With Autumn well on its way it was a good time to have a very interesting and informative evening with Claire Brown on flowers and colour in the garden and in vases all year round. Claire has her own business; Plant Passion in East Clandon, Surrey, selling a year round variety of seasonal flowers to florists, DIY brides and local flower lovers.

Claire's top tip for our gardens is to take photos all year round so we can remember where we have patches of colour and where we need to add extra plants. She advised not to plant just one of anything if we want to make a splash and that we can never "over-do" it with bulbs. Yes, bulb foliage takes a while to die down but careful planting of perennials or annual seeds will come pushing through. Richard, our chairman, has frequently mentioned we should test our soil and Claire endorsed this as it's no good trying to grow plants on soil they dislike. Another tip was to empty our compost bins in the autumn and spread it all on the borders to settle in. We should also do some tidying up to get rid of diseases like black spot so they don't sit in the soil. Claire has her own battles with slugs and snails and said now is a good time to get rid of them before winter, and then another purge in February!

Foliage is very important for providing colour so include some evergreens and grasses and variegated. Pittosporum provides a lovely purple.

Claire told us to "live head" as well as "dead head". If we cut a flower in bud to enjoy in our vase inside, the plants will create new shoots within a couple of weeks to enjoy in the garden.

Some of Claire's suggestions were Cyclamen Coum for January, Hellebores for February, Daffodils for March, Choisya Aztec Pearl for April, Alliums for May, Geraniums for June, Daisies for July, Rudbeckia for August, Sedums for Sept, Asters for October, Hesperantha for Nov and Sarcococca for Dec.

So, thanks to Claire, we are now all inspired to fill Binfield gardens full of colour all year round and to cut and enjoy our flowers indoors as well!

During the evening we also heard the lovely ideas for our visits for 2020 and signed up for our Christmas lunch at St Anne's Manor. The winners of the competition - Vases of grasses and foliage were 1st Belinda Thornhill, 2nd Doug Ferris, 3rd Jenny Baxter and 4th Christine Leonard – well done. The many prizes of the raffle were distributed and we look forward to our meeting on Nov 7th with a talk by Jan Haseler on Gardening for Butterflies and Moths. 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall. Please remember visitors and guests are always welcome.

binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com, Facebook or ring 01344 286752



by Sue Jeffery

COMMUNITY NEWS

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?

- **Dog food**
- **Good quality large zipped storage bags, that fit a single duvet and pillow**
- **Jeans**
- **Trainers**

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!

DADS R LOUD

Friday 29th November 2019
7:30pm St. Mark's Church
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

Can you Knit or Crochet?
 We need your help, you clever people...



Join The ARC Community Christmas Knitting Challenge
 We need volunteers to make lots of these lovely little festive items to sell around the village this Christmas



Download a pattern from the website, Facebook – The Binfield ARC Project or pick up a copy at church or from the Church Office and get knitting... Look out for information of where to drop off finished creations www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk



Help Keep the Binfield Bells Ringing



We are looking for new ringers, people with experience or those who would like to learn to ring church bells.

You don't need to be a church member or attend any services.

We ring every Monday 7.30pm - 9pm and once a month on a Sunday morning.

Come along and meet a friendly, fun group of people.

If you are interested or want to find out more contact

Liz Harris 07842 165456

Christmas Wreath/ Decoration Workshop

(For your door or table)



Tuesday, 3rd December
10am -12pm

Foxes' Den Cafe

£25.00 (Materials included)

With funds going to the ARC Project

Limited spaces

Contact Trudy on 07919 335574 or tpinge@btinternet.com



BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS – November 2019



A great big thank you to all you lovely people who supported our very first literary festival.

Sarah Kennedy did a fantastic job organising it and you were all awesome attending the various events being held. It was certainly a hectic and fun month so let's now see if we can make you forget the cold and wet of November with some more events taking place in our libraries.

Special Event – everyone welcome

Saturday 2nd November 9.30 – 3.30 Find our Scarecrow!



You know it's going to be cold and/or wet during the Scarecrow Hunt around the village so drop in to our Library for a break. Adults, we have hot drinks and children, we have our own Scarecrow treasure hunt and craft session as well as our very popular toilet!!

Here are our regular events at Binfield Library for our lovely children in November:

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. Remember if you can't make Binfield Rhyme time **Whitegrove Library** has a very lively session every Wednesday at 10.00 – 10.30am.

Special Event - suitable for adults, tickets £5

Friday 1st November at 3.30pm Alan Gallop, Heathrow Airport Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Alan Gallop is the author of 10 popular history books and is a freelance journalist specialising in aviation and maritime subjects. Alan's latest book is the basis for his talk, *Heathrow Airport – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, which tells the story of Britain's premier airport from the building of its first runways and the first operational day on 1st January 1946 right up to today's plans to build a controversial new runway for the future.

And here are our regular adult events to put on your calendar or in your phone:

Saturday 2nd November at 2.00pm Adult Quiz – refreshments 50p

Monday 4th November 2.00pm Knit and Natter – refreshments 50p

Friday 8th November 2.15pm Reminiscence – refreshments 50p

Monday 11th November at 2.00pm Binfield Library Carers' Social – refreshments 50p

Thursday 14th November 11.00am Brain Gym – refreshments 50p

Saturday 16th November 1.30pm Knit and Natter – refreshments 50p

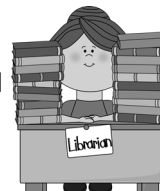
Tuesday 19th November 2.30pm Film Group – refreshments 50p

Monday 25th November 5.45pm Drop in Book Club – refreshments 50p

Thursday 28th November 11.00am Coffee morning and Quiz – refreshments 50p

Friday 29th November 2.00pm Rummikub – refreshments 50p

Don't forget we have Open+ available to all our readers who have had a short health and safety induction. So if it's raining you don't have to go out in it but pick a time when it's good for you minus your umbrella.



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.

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.

Do you have something to say?

Would you like to share your stories?

Would you like to get creative and send in some puzzles?

Tell us what you would like in YOUR parish magazine

beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
*A Service celebrating the Joy and Hope of Christmas
 remembering Loved Ones no longer with us*

**Beautiful Carols and Christmas Music
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SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER at 6.30pm
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 Church Hill, Binfield RG42 5NS

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 07815-529156

A BEAUTIFUL SERVICE - WHAT TO EXPECT.....

Although Christmas is a happy time of year, I always feel a little nostalgic when it comes to putting my Christmas tree up at the beginning of the season and remember the lovely Christmases our family used to share. Although I lost my Mum and Dad quite a few years ago now, when I saw 'Until We Meet Again' advertised I felt it was a perfect opportunity to attend and think about them and other friends and family who had once been part of my life but had now passed away.

On the first Sunday in December I went to the Until We Meet Again Service at 6.30pm. To be honest I was expecting something a little sad - however as soon as I walked down the candle lit path to All Saints', my immediate impression as I walked into the church was of warmth, the smell of mulled wine and the beautiful decorations.

I soon realised that everyone in the packed church was like me, and had come to sit and think for a while of loved ones now departed. I felt too that, though I could still celebrate Christmas as a happy time of year, I could also, while lighting a candle during the service and placing a little card on the prayer tree, remember my Mum and Dad with sort of sadness, but also with warmth. The Readings, the talks and the beautiful singing from Occasions Singers, created a wonderfully enveloping atmosphere.

At the end of the service, over a glass of mulled wine, and a mince pie, there was a real buzz - yes people felt nostalgic but like me, everyone understood this mix of emotions.

I would recommend coming to this lovely annual service to anyone who wants to remember departed family friends at this time of the year.

A Bridge

Newbold Celebrates Christmas!

Join us for a festive concert and mince pies

7th December, 7pm (doors at 6.40pm)

Newbold Church Centre - St. Marks Road, RG42 4AN, Binfield - Bracknell

'Newbold Celebrates Christmas' is a carol concert with a difference! With a blend of both traditional and contemporary musical styles, you will find all the tradition you'd expect from the festive season - candles, choirs and carols - together with various artists including the church band, jazz group and children from the church and school joining us.

Please book your FREE tickets at:
bit.ly/newbold-celebrates
 or call 01344 401792

Please book early to avoid disappointment as we sell out quickly.
 We hope to see you there!

The concert is free but please be prepared for a collection to support our Christmas charity.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON

2nd December 6.30pm

by Foxes' Den Café



Arrive from 6pm to start carol singing at approximately 6.30pm with the lights switch-on shortly after.

All are invited to The Foxes' Den for a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine after the switch-on until 8pm.

We hope many of you can join us!

Binfield Concert Band & Music School Trust

Binfield Concert Band and Music School Trust was formed in 2003 to provide music lessons, put on concerts locally and to donate its profits to local charities. It is a village Community Project. Lessons are available on trumpet, cornet, euphonium, flute, clarinet, trombone and saxophone and are given in Binfield. Our tutors have a track record of successful ABRSM exam results. The band has an enviable record of ABRSM exam successes achieving a 98% pass rate. Musical instruments and music books are provided by the band free for the duration of students membership of the band. Lessons can start at any time during term time.

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.



Mr President and a Recruiting Drive

A new year for Binfield Royal British Legion began at the branch Annual General Meeting with the presentation of the ribbon of office to new President Charles Boorman. Charles formerly served for five years as branch chairman and was awarded the Certificate of Long Service.

Except Anthony Boddrell, who retires as Membership Secretary, all branch officers were re-elected unopposed and form the committee, together with former Secretary Paul Hammerstone and former Treasurer Michael Graves.

Ms Karen Hatt remains Chairman; Hon. Secretary is Ms Denise Fuller, who will also act as Membership Secretary; Hon. Treasurer is Ms Kerry Sutton; Alex Lloyd is Welfare Officer and Nigel Carpenter remains Standard Bearer with RMP Staff Sergeant Geraint Davies continuing as Parade Marshal. John Anderson is Poppy Appeal Organiser.

Branch accounts showed a small loss for the year. Fundraising is planned to benefit branch coffers, including a fun poker night to take place at the Jack O' Newbury on Saturday, November 30th. A drive for new members will include recruitment evenings at the Binfield Club and the Jack O' Newbury. Branch membership currently stands at 53, and supporters of the Legion's work are invited to join for a fee which amounts to less than 65 pence a week.

A Forest Borough charity discount scheme for the hiring of minibuses was reported to members by Anthony Boddrell; and concerns were expressed for the health of Michael Graves and Mrs Cis Allwright, who were absent from the meeting. Wishes for full recovery would be conveyed by Welfare Officer Alex Lloyd.



Branch Poppy Appeal organiser John Anderson circulated rotas for volunteer poppy sellers to take forthcoming duty at The Meadows retail park. Binfield's 2018 appeal raised more than £23,000, a

generous contribution to the extraordinary national total of £51million.

The parish Remembrance Season commences this year with the annual Meadow Vale School Remembrance Assembly at 9am on Friday, November 8th, organised by the children who are now associate members of the Legion. Saturday, November 9th is Armistice Day from 10.15am at St Mark's Church, where wreaths will be laid at the village War Memorial.

Remembrance Day Parade will muster in Oakmede shops car park at 9.20am on Sunday, November 10th, and Parade Marshal Staff Sergeant Geraint Davies will march off at 9.40am to the Remembrance Service conducted by Rev Luke Taylor at All Saints' Church.

Next meeting of Binfield RBL branch is December 7th in Binfield Club at 7.30pm.

Terry Dillway

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



"It's a Great Place to Be"

"We are a global Navy supporting a global Britain. We are not withdrawing from the world stage – quite the opposite."

So said First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Tony Radakin, when addressing the September Defence and Security Equipment International Conference in London.

The Admiral stressed how the Royal Navy is benefiting from its largest recapitalisation programme in 70 years. The two new futuristic aircraft carriers *HMS Queen Elizabeth* and *HMS Prince of Wales* will enter service soon, flying off the fifth-generation version of the F-35 joint strike fighter. And radical new systems are being employed on replacement nuclear submarines, two new types of frigate and new support ships.

"The upshot is the Royal Navy is growing for the first time in 70 years, and that's a great place to be," said Admiral Radakin.

Another great place to be is the successful Bracknell Branch of the Royal Naval Association. Meeting in October at the Binfield Club, shipmates heard from S/M Standard Bearer Anthony Boddrell that the Bracknell Standard joined approximately 50 RNA Standards from the UK and around the world in the Biennial Parade at London's Cenotaph. Shipmate Secretary June Boddrell marched in the parade, which was reviewed by the First Sea Lord.

Shipmate Secretary June announced that the regular year-end collections for branch funds were arranged for Warfield Tesco on Thursday and Friday December 5th and 6th, and Martins Heron Tesco on December 10th.

Branch funds were reported to be in a healthy state by S/M Treasurer Martin Powell.

A visit to the Army Air Museum had been enjoyed by 11 shipmates, and Maidenhead Sea Scouts sent a report of a 'transitional month' with events and training set to fill the remainder of the year.

With the planned guest speaker unable to attend, the October meeting concluded with a well-received talk by S/M Branch Chairman Mike Daley on his 'Naval Life and Experiences'. S/M Mike's 15-year Naval career began when, at 17-years-old, he entered the RN training establishment *HMS Raleigh* at Torpoint, Cornwall. Trained as a Navy cook, the S/M Chairman went on to meet Lord Louis Mountbatten aboard ocean survey vessel *HMS Hecate*, after serving in warships including the famous Commando carrier *HMS Hermes*.

Ex-Servicemen and women and supporters of the Senior Service would be welcomed to meetings of Bracknell RNA at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month in Binfield Club.

Terry Dillway

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The calendars are A4 size with a full colour photo on each page and a month-to-view with space to add your events, birthdays and reminders!

The calendars are priced at £10 and can be purchased from St. Mark's Church office, Crema, Foxes' Den Café, V&A Traynor Fine Arts or The Binfield Club.

Alternatively email fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for local delivery.

All proceeds go to the Binfield ARC Project.



Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening

Friday 15th November
from 7:30pm
St. Mark's Church, Binfield

Tickets £5 including drink
Bar, Stalls & Raffle



Donate good quality clothing, shoes or accessories to exchange for something different, or just come along with your friends for a fun evening!

Find our more info or buy tickets online at:

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk/clothes-swap-2019



CHRISTMAS SERVICES at All Saints' Church

Sun 1st Dec - 6.30pm - Until We Meet Again

Sun 22nd Dec - 6.30pm - Carol Service

Tues 24th Dec - 3pm & 5pm - Christingle

Tues 24th Dec - 11.30pm - Midnight Service

Christmas Day - 9.15am - Communion (BCP)

Christmas Day - 10.30am - All Age Christmas Celebration

Sun 29th Dec - 10am only - Communion

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