

The Binfield Beacon



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

December & January 2019/20

Christmas Services

at All Saints' Church

Carol Service

6.30pm - Sunday 22nd December

Christmas Eve

3pm and 5pm - Christingle Service

11.30pm - Midnight Service

Christmas Day

9.15am - Communion (BCP) Service

10.30am - All Age Christmas Celebration

EVERYONE WELCOME

Photograph by Ken Brunt

Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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

DECEMBER 2019

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

Thursday 5th December

7.30pm Open Door Christmas Special at St Mark's

Saturday 7th December

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 8th December

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

Monday 9th December

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 11th December

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

Thursday 12th December

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 15th December

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 16th December

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

Tuesday 17th December

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 18th December

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

Friday 20th December

6.00pm Whizz Kids Christmas Party at St Mark's



Sunday 22nd December

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'
6.30pm Carol Service at All Saints'

THERE IS NO 11.00AM SERVICE TODAY

Tuesday 24th December - CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm Christingle Service at All Saints'
5.00pm Christingle Service at All Saints'
11.30pm Midnight Service at All Saints'



Wednesday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

9.15am BCP Communion at All Saints'
10.30am All Age Christmas Celebration at All Saints'

Sunday 29th December

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

JANUARY 2020

Saturday 4th January

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 5th January

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

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8.00pm Practice the Presence of God—The Rectory

Wednesday 22nd January

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

Saturday 25th January

7.45am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 26th January

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 27th January

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 28th January

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 29th January

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

FEBRUARY 2020

Saturday 1st February

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 2nd February

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

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LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



New Years' Resolutions

Imagine that God decides that he is going to make New Years' resolutions. Word gets around and people gather at God's door to give him their suggestions.

Those who wanted to talk to God about giving up smoking, reducing their alcohol consumption or losing weight

found themselves at the back of the crowd. So did those who wanted to talk about Brexit! It was those who wanted to bend God's ear on certain matters of principle that found themselves at the front, as God opened His door.

First to speak was an economist. She said, "We know you want everyone to enjoy the abundance of this world. So you must back the economy. It is the best way of turning resources into wealth."

God looked at some recent UN statistics on poverty. "It's a good way of creating wealth" he said, "but left to itself, I'm not sure it is a very good way of helping the poor or sharing wealth."

Next to speak was a politician. He said, "We know how much you value human rights, therefore you should back democracy." God answered, "Democracy is very important but it doesn't safeguard moral values. The word of the people is not the word of God."

Hearing this, a church leader, pushed forward carrying a book. "Please can you sign this," he asked. "What is it?" God asked. "It's the Bible" the church leader answered. God smiled and said, "But if I sign your copy, people will think that I only approve of your favourite interpretation, and they'll think that's all I've got to say. It isn't, I'm still telling my story."

With that, God smiled, and gently closed the door on the old year.

One man, who'd had no chance to ask God to sign a petition about more new housing going up in Binfield, was angry. "I didn't come here to listen to God's sound bites," he shouted. "He should spend more time outside with us ordinary folk. Then he'd know what life is really like." A woman standing next to him looked at him in amazement and said, "You must have been on another planet last week when we were celebrating Christmas."

The Bible says, The Word (Jesus) became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish. John's gospel chapter 1 verse 14.

Story taken from, Thought for today, 13.12.96 by Paul Johns. And kindly given to me to use by someone in the village.

Luke

From the Registers:



Baptisms

Nori Grace Longley

Funerals

Dorothy Killick

Alternative Advent

How about doing something a little different for Advent this year? Instead of buying a calendar to open, how about buying a small gift for someone in need?

We are collecting Christmas gifts (between the value of £5-10) for single parents in and around Bracknell, who won't otherwise receive a Christmas present this year.



If you would like to donate a gift for either a single Mum or Dad, then please bring your donation (**unwrapped**) to St Mark's Church office, The Rectory or All Saints' Church at one of the Sunday services **before Sunday 8th December** to allow time for wrapping and distribution of the presents.



ClothesBank

JARMIE'S JANUARY



During January we are collecting:

BRAND NEW PYJAMAS

Donations can be left at All Saints' Church on Sundays, at the Church Office at St Mark's or The Rectory





All Saints' Repair & Care

Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £230,707

Plus Charitable Grants: £42,000

Phase 2 Donations: £110,172

plus PCC funds: £100,000

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £151,513

Current Available Funds: £58,659

Phase 2 finished!

We are now closing down Phase 2 and getting ready to pay the final bills which will take our remaining funds further down. However, we are hoping to qualify for a VAT refund under the government's Listed Places of Worship scheme and once this is confirmed, we will then be in a good position to review funds available against the next list of prioritised work in the new year!

Thank You

Firstly, huge thanks this month to all those who were involved in the 2019 Binfield Scarecrow Trail. It was incredibly successful this year, with 56 scarecrows created for hundreds of visitors during the half term week to come and enjoy! The event raised £3,700 from the sale of maps and donations, and an additional £500 generated by Amelia Everett and her amazing family who baked and served refreshments all week. Thank you especially to Chris and Vicky Lunn for organising the trail again. Can it get any bigger next year?!

Thanks also to all those who came along to the Ladies Clothes Swap evening and to the Dads R Loud Christmas party, and to those involved in pulling them together (including all the lovely people who donated things for them!). Hopefully you all enjoyed a great night out, and we will update you on money raised in the next issue.

Upcoming Events

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

Ongoing: Foreign currency collection. Look out for buckets!

Christmas Buys:

All available at church, the Church Office and at The Foxes' Den:

The 2020 Binfield Calendar: is now on sale, featuring fantastic photos all taken around the village. Priced at £10, it's also available at Crema, Traynors Fine Arts, or the Binfield Club. These sold out last year so get yours while you can!

Homemade Christmas Decorations: Thanks to all the crafty people who have made and donated lovely decorations, these are available for you to buy now for a suggested donation of £1 each.

Christmas Cards: £5 for 10, featuring beautiful All Saints' in the Snow.

Whizz Kids Tea Towel: £5, designed by the children attending Daisy's Sunday group, this would make a great addition to your kitchen for Christmas!



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!

As we are drawing closer to Christmas, we've been very busy and have lots planned that you can get involved with...



Throughout the kids and youth groups, we have been collecting items to fill shoeboxes for 'Samaritan's Purse', a charity which helps distribute shoeboxes full of presents to kids around the world who are unlikely to receive any other gifts for Christmas. We have collected enough to fill 9 shoeboxes, which is amazing and means that 9 children will now receive a gift this Christmas! So thank you to everyone who helped contribute to this collection.



Whizz Kids also has a Christmas Party coming up on **20th December**, which is open to all children in school years 1-6 whether you have been to Whizz Kids or not. The party will involve dancing, food, games and a bouncy castle! Tickets are only £3 per child, and £2 for any additional siblings, so if you'd like to book a place please email me for details!

Oasis

At Oasis we've been talking about how we view ourselves, and the effect that social media has on these thoughts. We've had some great chats about the highlights of social media compared to the reality of the backstage view of our own lives, and how to navigate living in a world where everything is displayed online! We've also had our fair share of toasties, hot chocolate and games.



On 18th December, to celebrate the final week of Oasis before Christmas, we will be having a bonfire and sparklers night to go out with a bang, and obviously we'll be toasting marshmallows too! If you're a girl in school years 7-10 and would like to know more about what we get up to do get in contact, it would be great to see you.

We hope you have a fantastic Christmas celebrating with friends and family, and would love to see you at some of our events over the festive season!

Daisy - Children's and Youth Worker
(daisyridell@gmail.com)

Whizz Kids dates: Sunday 8th and 15th December and 12th, 19th and 26th January

Oasis dates: Wednesday 4th, 11th and 18th December and 15th, 22nd and 29th January



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

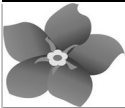
Yr7+ girls welcome to come along and chill,
chat and meet up with friends that have
moved to different schools. Term-time only.
email daisyridell@gmail.com for more info



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

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday
(except on the first of the month and term time only)
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

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

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Hayley Fourie, Administrator
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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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Bell Tower Captain:

Liz Harris
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P.C.C. Secretary:

Kate Hayes
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Sarah Muller
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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/dtqagr>

MEETINGS & GROUPS - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

OPEN DOOR



Christmas Evening Special

Thursday 5th December

7.30pm (revised time)

St Mark's Church

Please come and join us for Carols, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

ALL ARE WELCOME



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



MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAYS



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

Saturday 25th January

(No meeting in Dec)

Discussion topic :

"So what has Democracy ever done for us?"

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

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



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

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

18th Dec - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

1st Jan - No Walk

15th Jan - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

5th Feb - 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



Saturday 7th December, 4th January and 1st February

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



3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday (not 25th Dec or 1st Jan)

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



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 17th December @ 12 noon

Tuesday 28th January @ 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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Scarecrow Trail 2019

£3700 raised in map sales - that's 1850 maps

£500 raised by The Everett family with refreshments and baking

10,000 people saw the Facebook posts

6.41km



You may have noticed something a little different about Binfield when walking around during October half term. Super heroes hanging around in trees, giraffes in Knox Green, giants in Red Rose, tea parties on Terrace Road North. The Binfield Scarecrow Trail 2019 was truly 'epic' this year and set a whole new standard of quality scarecrow!

Testimony to the village spirit, Binfield welcomed hundreds of visitors each day to follow the map of 56 unique creations. From start to finish the trail was approximately 6.5km with many grateful parents praising the distance and sweets on offer in equal measure. The success of the trail is down to the efforts of each maker but this year the fundraising was given an extra boost by the Everett family. An incredible daily spread of cakes, biscuits, sweets and squash complimented the wonderful display of 'scarecrow yourself'. This generated an additional contribution of over £500 as a result.

It is a team effort and thanks go to Clare Bennett of Line and Stripe for great design skills, the teams at Crema, Foxes Den & Village Stores for selling the maps, Kate Hayes and Sarah Naxton for support throughout. Digity supplied the maps, posters and banner, not forgetting those special people who donated sweets via their work companies, including Chupa Chups with over 600 lollies! In 3rd place was the BFG, 2nd was Groot and first place was the scarecrow display at 57 Knox Green all-together raising £4,200.



That leaves one important note to end on...roll on the Easter eggs.



Victoria and Chris Lunn



3G

Third Birthday Celebrations

On Wednesday 13th November 3G had an exciting morning celebrating their third birthday.



We enjoyed lots of singing, dancing and musical statues together with yummy food and a beautiful bunny cake. Many of the children wore fancy dress or party clothes which made a very festive atmosphere.

48 children between the age of 3 weeks and 3+ participated and left with a balloon, a small book "Moses in the Bulrushes" and depending on age some "Bubbles".

A big thank you to all who made it such a success.

Jan Watts



COMMUNITY NEWS



I am going to take a break from telling you about the amazing creatures that make Binfield their home to tell you about the amazing people of Binfield and what they have done for those amazing creatures in 2019.

Binfield Environment Group exists to encourage the community of Binfield to take pride in their environment by involving groups, individuals and businesses in a variety of projects to enhance habitats for wildlife and to encourage conservation, recycling and the clearing of litter. During 2019, more than 30 people have contributed more than 500 hours of their time to our monthly work parties. In addition to this more than 30 more people have helped out with community litter-picks. We have engaged with groups from Newbold Church, Binfield Rainbows, and the local geocaching club.

In 2019, we: cleared holly in Farley Copse; removed brambles and pond plants in Popes Meadow; built bat and bird boxes; planted trees and flowers in Wicks Green; cleared round the specimen trees in Silver Jubilee Fields; and picked lots of litter. We have also started to survey Wicks Green, Blue Mountain and Foxley Fields to gather data on what creatures turn up in those sites and what impact our actions are having. In the Blue Mountain park alone, we have recorded 15 different species of butterflies and day-flying moths, and 52 different species of birds.

With our support, the parish council has just launched a sponsor a street campaign, where local residents will adopt a particular area and litter-pick it regularly. This will free up the parish warden to concentrate on some of the grottier parts of the parish. If you want to help, then please contact the parish council.

2020 will be Bracknell's Year of the Garden, and we will be doing various things to support the urban objectives set in Bracknell Forest Council's biodiversity action plan. This will range from working with schools and faith groups to encouraging hedgehog highways and installing a wide range of bird and bat boxes.

We couldn't do the things that we do without the support of Binfield Parish Council, Foxes' Den and many of you. One small example of this is the development of our logo (see above). Earlier in the year, children visiting Foxes' Den drew a number of possible logos, which then inspired a local graphic designer to produce a logo suitable for use in a number of forms.

We hope to see some of you for our final work-party of the year at Wicks Green on Saturday 21st December, starting at 10:00. There will be mince pies and mulled wine.

Binfield Environment Group can be contacted on Facebook or at binfieldeg@gmail.com

Mike Coker

BINFIELD RUNNERS



FIND OUT HOW TO BE PART OF THIS EXCITING NEW GROUP



We are a group of men and women, from the village, who enjoy running and jogging and are looking at setting up Binfield Runners - a RunTogether Group for anyone interested in running or jogging with other like minded people.

RunTogether groups are fun, friendly, inclusive organised group runs/jogs, led by qualified group leaders and all the leaders are trained and insured by England Athletics.

We are looking for people who are interested in volunteering or finding out more about being involved in the organisation and running of this exciting new venture. We are hoping to run it from the Victoria Arms so the social aspect of Binfield Runners will be an important part of the group.

To get the group started we need to have some more Run Leaders in place. To become a run leader you will need to either already have completed one of the following UK Athletics courses delivered by England Athletics: Leadership in Running Fitness (LiRF), Coach in Running Fitness (CiRF) or Qualified Athletics Coach (UKA Level 2 and above) or will need to do the LiRF which is a one day practical course.

If you are interested in becoming a run leader and are not already qualified this isn't a problem as we have secured a small amount of sponsorship to cover the cost of qualification for 2 or 3 individuals.

Please contact Gisele Taylor, by email lukeandgissy@gmail.com, for further information or to get involved in launching Binfield Runners.

For those of you wanting to be a member and just rock up and run with others, watch this space.... we are looking to launch in Spring 2020.



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)

December 2019

Tuesday 3 December	Extraordinary Parish Council – Local Plan	8pm
Monday 9 December	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 10 December	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 17 December	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

January 2020

Tuesday 14 January	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 21 January	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Binfield Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On at the Parish building Benetfeld Road, RG42 4EW	Monday 2 December at The Foxes' Den, arrive from 6pm for lights switch-on with carol singing around 6.30pm & a mulled wine/mice
Community Grants – Deadline for applications	Monday 16 December
Wicks Green Winter Work Party	Saturday 21 December

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Parish Councillors and office staff we would like to send you our very best Christmas and New Year wishes, and we hope that many of you can join us for the annual Christmas Lights Switch-On at the Parish Office on Monday 2 December.

Please note the Parish Office will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and re-open at 8.45am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

Wicks Green Winter Work Party with the Binfield Environment Group

Come and join the group for some coppicing and other calorie-burning conservation activities in Wicks Green on Saturday 21 December between 10am to 2pm. You can see all planned work and register to attend events at: <https://binfielddeg.wixsite.com/binfielddeg/upcoming>

Binfield Sponsor A Street Initiative

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A thank you for your survey feedback!

Many thanks to those of you who took part in the Locality survey to help the Parish Councillors better understand what improvements you wish to see in community facilities over the next five to ten years. The survey closed on 30 November and we will share collated feedback with you in the new year.

Salt bins available for use on public roads

If we do experience freezing conditions this winter, please note that salt bins are available for you to use on public roads as part of the Winter Transport Plan that Bracknell Forest Council have in place.

Join us in welcoming a new member to the Parish Office team

Welcome to Purveen, our new Amenity Officer, who will be looking after the parish-maintained parks and open spaces! Please do pop by to meet and get to know Purveen.

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SENSORY TOY LIBRARY

What a whirlwind first two months we've had at Bracknell Sensory Toy Library! We now have a good selection of toys following generous donations from members of the public as well as other charities. It's difficult to get across to people not in the special needs



"bubble" how important these toys are. In fact, they're not really just toys at all, for many disabled children they are pieces of specialist equipment vital for therapeutic activities, communication games and emotional regulation.

We normally hold borrowing events every second Saturday of the month at the Foxes' Den Café and will be holding our next event **on Saturday 14th of December (9am-11am)**. This pop up will be particularly important for families looking for toys to help their children over the Christmas period (when sensory overload and change of routine can be particularly challenging).

We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the support from the community. Myself and my husband have only lived in the area a year, but starting this not for profit has been enlightening. If it takes a village to raise a child, we are very lucky to have settled in Binfield with our boys who have complex additional needs. Thank you for your support.

Pip Catnach

bracknellsensorytoylibrary@gmail.com

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From this month there will be a national rollout of prescriptions being issued electronically to your requested pharmacy. If you use a computer and have not yet applied for **online ACCESS** to enable repeat prescriptions, amongst other things, please attend the surgery with ID and speak with a receptionist. Requests will be dealt with within two working days. Prescriptions are NOT available by telephone request.

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Nationally the number of people eligible has topped 25 million this year. Those now eligible include all primary school children, all 2 and 3 year olds, those with underlying health conditions, pregnant women and older adults aged 65 years and older. If you are in one of the groups detailed above, and have not yet received your vaccination this year, please contact the surgery on (01344) 286264.

COUGHS AND COLD

Colds can last for up to 2 weeks. Most common winter ailments, such as colds, sore throats, coughs, a blocked nose or a painful earache are not commonly treated with antibiotics. Adults: Rest, drink plenty of fluids, take pain relievers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen. Visit your local PHARMACIST if you feel you need ADVICE. They can also help with what medicines you can purchase to help you and your family through the winter season. CHILDREN: Do NOT give ASPIRIN to children under 13 years of age.

LET'S PREVENT BOWEL CANCER:

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SEPTEMBER PATIENT SURVEY:

The recently completed Patient Survey will be analysed in the February, 2020 edition.

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND HAVE A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

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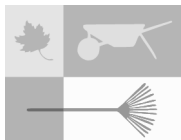
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COMMUNITY NEWS



BRACKNELL LESS PLASTIC

Who are we?

You may have heard of us, or seen us hosting pop ups in the village, but who are Bracknell Less Plastic?

Bracknell Less Plastic (BLP) was born in Sept 2018 through the passion of two ladies - Hannah and Sue – to address the now very high profile concerns around the proliferation of SINGLE USE Plastic. Hannah and Sue created a Facebook group called Bracknell Less Plastic, which now numbers 1000+ members.

In November 2018 Paul joined the group and introduced the Surfers Against Sewage (<https://www.sas.org.uk/>) framework for Plastic Free Communities which aligns perfectly with the aims of Bracknell Less Plastic. Today we have eight 'activists' within the core BLP team who use their personal networks to progress the aim of reducing/eliminating single use plastics from our lives.

Since tackling the whole of Bracknell Forest Borough is such a daunting task, we have opted to take a Parish by Parish, or Community by Community approach: Warfield, Winkfield, Binfield etc. We already have connections to, and are working with, other Communities in Windsor and Crowthorne who are also working within the SAS Framework.

In our first year we have concentrated our efforts in Binfield and the positive response has been phenomenal. We have a total of five Binfield business who have eliminated three or more items of single use plastic from their operations. We have a meeting with Binfield Council (November 13th) to establish a joint Steering Team and to secure formal support for our and other Community Groups efforts in this programme. We have held a number of successful refillable 'pop-up' refill stalls, kindly hosted at Foxes Den Café who have been extremely supportive of our efforts so far. An Eco Christmas Fayre took place on November 23rd, also at Foxes Den.

With Binfield setting such a fantastic standard, we are extremely close to our community award, aiming to obtain

SAS Plastic Free Community Status for Binfield early in 2020. This is just the beginning of the longer journey towards Plastic Free Status for Bracknell Forest and we would love to tell you all about it. Please join us for an informative evening on **Thursday 16th January, 7.30pm at Foxes Den.** We will be sharing our ongoing plans, explaining our efforts so far and bringing our pop up stall. Everyone is welcome.

For more information on BLP, please contact us on our Facebook page:

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2nd December 6.30pm
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Arrive from 6pm to start carol singing at approximately 6.30pm with the lights switch-on shortly after.

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Happy Christmas Binfield from the Foxes' Den Team!

Now we are into December the Scarecrow Trail seems a long time ago, but at the time of writing we are still recovering! This was our first October Half Term and while we knew it would be busy, it was amazing to see all the Scarecrow hunters from far and wide out and about in our lovely village. Well done to the organisers – over £4000 to help save our village church is an amazing achievement and so is the fantastic bringing together of the whole community in such a fab, fun activity.

Binfield Christmas lights switch on - We look forward to welcoming all of you at 6pm on 2nd Dec for the annual village light switch on. Please stay for carol singing and we will be offering mince pies and mulled wine. For those of you who came last year you will remember that it was also the opening ceremony of the newly extended parish office and our lovely café. We may have a few birthday celebrations planned for the first week of December!

Thank you for reading and have a great Christmas and New Year!

Claire

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Christmas Opening times:

Monday 23rd December – Open
Tuesday 24th December – Closed until...
Thursday 2nd January – Open as usual

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 office@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.

What's New in the Den – Seasonal Spice! We love our Gingerbread Lattes; but don't forget to try our Gingerbread Milkshake and our extra special Spiced Apple Cider Tea and our Gingerbread Chai Tea!



In case you hadn't spotted it we are now also selling Stoke's Farm large free range eggs - £1.50 for 6.

December & January Featured Events in the Den:

For more info please see facebook.com/thefoxesdencafe

December:

Monday 2 nd	6pm Binfield Christmas Light Switch on
Thurs 5 th	7pm Christmas Cake Decoration Workshop
Friday 6 th	7pm Paint & Prosecco night
Wed 11 th	10am Free Baby Photoshoot Session
Friday 13 th	7.30pm Wreath Making Workshop
Saturday 21 st	Bracknell Less Plastic Eco Refill Pop-up shop

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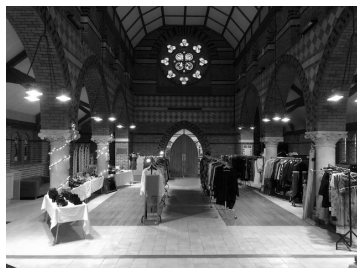
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Thursday 9 th	7pm Modern Calligraphy Workshop
Thursday 16 th	Bracknell Less Plastic Evening Session

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1pm Thursdays	Adult Crafternooners
10.30am Fridays	Bereavement Coffee Group

LADIES CLOTHES EXCHANGE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all those ladies who came along on Friday 15th November to our Ladies Clothes Exchange. It



was a fantastic social evening with lots of people leaving very happy with the items they had chosen. We have had lots of positive feedback. Thank you to everyone who donated any

clothes, scarves, bags or shoes. The evening would not be the success it is without your wonderful donations. Watch out for the amount raised in the next issue of the Beacon.



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





Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

New Outdoor Area for Reception



After many months of planning and preparation, during half term, the new outdoor area in Reception was finally installed. Reception were very excited to come back and investigate, play and learn

in this new space, which includes playturf and wetpour flooring throughout, an interactive water wall, a separate water table and of course everyone's favourite.... a sandpit!



Remembrance Service at St. Mark 's Church

On Saturday 10th November 6 children represented our school at the Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church. Elen and Estelle read beautifully, while Emily, Lydia, Nathan and Milo all laid a wreath. They were all a real credit to the school.



Remembrance in School

The children and staff came together on Monday 11th November to observe a 2 minute silence in commemoration of our fallen heroes. Everyone sang beautifully and the silence was impeccable!



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, a tour date of **Wednesday 8th January 2020** has been arranged for prospective parents. 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.

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Thank you.



The Binfield Belles

Wet and windy October has disappeared and we are now in busy November. Hilary and Heather put together a great scarecrow in the form of Wilhelmina, our very own calendar girl with buns. Other members, under the beady eye of Anita, managed to knit, crochet and sew hundreds of poppies to display on a net for remembrance in the church. We assembled it around the pulpit, it looked stunning, we do hope the congregation enjoyed our efforts. It will be continued next year to increase the display.



Our last meetings have had some very different speakers, in September we were introduced to the wonderful world of picture books with Fiona Barker who talked about children's books and the changes over the years. She is a local lady who has had her own book published. October saw another local lady, Jacky Hayler, showing us the delights of Italy. It was a pasta making demonstration where some members had a go! She also brought along some lovely Italian foods to sell. It was a great social evening.

We had a soup and roll lunch in November which is always a good social get together with delicious soups made by Anita and Jill. A skittles night also proved popular at the club followed by a delicious supper.

Mary and Ali are fresh back from the Sahara Trek for the hospice appeal and we look forward to their tales.

November, our birthday month, saw 101 years of this vibrant WI in our village. We have our new bench in place on the green at Foxley Fields. Thanks to our Parish Council who agreed on the site. We hope you sit and enjoy sometime there. We celebrated with birthday cake at the meeting.



Events planned before Christmas include our Christmas market visit and Panto. We celebrate Christmas with a party at the meeting and we have a local Ukulele band playing, which includes some of our members.

Next year's events are being planned; theatre visits, a fascinator workshop in February and our Sikh temple visit.

Our coffee mornings and other monthly groups are all popular, especially keep fit after Christmas, badminton every week, plus games, scrabble and walks (which includes our moonwalkers who are currently in training).

Our next meeting on **January 9th** will be Hands Bells Extraordinaire with Carol Wheeler, at the Memorial Hall, at 7.15pm for more information please call me on 01344 454503/07708 731294, or come along to the meeting.

Linda Hill



Binfield Garden Club

Our November speaker was Jan Haseler from the Bucks, Berks and Oxon Wildlife Trust who gave us a very informative talk on gardening for butterflies and moths, accompanied by some beautiful photos of the many different varieties we might expect to see in our gardens throughout the year.

There are around 60 species of butterfly and over 2,500 species of moths in the UK. Having hibernated through the winter, the first butterflies start to appear around March and



the lifecycle begins. There are 4 stages in the metamorphosis of butterflies and moths – (1) eggs are laid on plants by the female; (2) caterpillar (the feeding machine); (3) pupa and (4) adult. Throughout the Spring and Summer months many more species appear and some, such as the Peacock butterfly, Red Admiral and Painted Lady, can be seen well into late Autumn. Spring flowers are vital for butterflies coming out of hibernation and Autumn flowers help butterflies build up their reserves for winter. Buddleia, verbenas, bonariensis, lavender and perennial wallflowers are all a great source of nectar for the butterfly but Jan's top tip plant for attracting butterflies to the garden is marjoram.

Moths are particularly attracted to plants with an evening fragrance such as night scented stocks, lilies and evening primrose. Although mainly night fliers, some will fly during the day. They come in a wide variety of structure and colours and some are masters of disguise.

If anyone is interested in finding out more, Jan suggested the following websites - www.butterfly-conservation.org and www.upperthames-butterflies.org.uk as being a great source of information.

The winners of the November competition for "An arrangement of fruit berries and seed heads" were 1st Trudy Inge, 2nd Belinda Thornhill, 3rd Liz Ferris and 4th Christine Leonard – well done everyone.

We are looking forward to an early start to the festive celebrations with our Christmas lunch on 5th December at St. Anne's Manor. This event is for members only and is now fully booked. Please note that there will be no evening meeting on 5th December.

As the Memorial Hall will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period, our first Club meeting in 2020 will be on **Thursday 16th January** when our speakers will be Louise Allen and Piers Newth with a talk entitled "Garden and Wood – Developing a passion for antique garden tools".

We have an excellent programme of talks and trips lined up for next year with some expert and distinguished speakers. Visitors and guests are very welcome. Further details can be found on our website - binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com, Facebook or ring 01344 286752.

Karen Rance

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.

This year we will once again be opening St Mark's Church overnight on Tuesdays to give shelter to the homeless in the area. This starts in December and will go on throughout the winter until the end of March.

Would you like to get involved?

As we move into overnights there's a **need for breakfast cooks from 6.45am to 8.30am on Wednesday mornings**. 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?

- **Bacon and Sausages**
- **Bicycle lights and batteries**
- **Torches with batteries**
- **Medicate mouth wash in carryable size**
- **Cereal bars**
- **Small fruit juice cartons**
- **Men's trainers all sizes**

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!

Art Group Event

The drop in Art Group welcome you to a display of their new art work on Thursday 6th February 2020 at the Foxes' Den Café from 10.30am – 12.30pm. The theme will be Love & Romance with work and cards for sale to support the ARC Project.

For more information please contact

kate.bourne@mac.com

ClothesBank

The next ClothesBank Giveaway is on **Wednesday 29th January**

Yes ✓	No ✗
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty Clothes • Ripped/worn clothes • Suits/Jackets/work shirts • Smart/Dressy clothes • 2nd hand underwear/nightwear

Please drop off any donations for this giveaway, **from Monday 20th January only**, to St Mark's Church office (Tues, Wed or Thurs 9am-1pm) or alternatively to The Rectory, Terrace Road South (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 27th January, or the actual giveaway on Wednesday 29th January, please contact Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169 for more information. Thank you.



**THAMES VALLEY
POLICE**

Dear Binfield residents.
It is that time of year when unfortunately we see a national rise in

burglaries due to the dark evenings. It is important to think about home security at this time. We tend to see burglaries committed early evening when houses are unoccupied. You can take some simple steps to make sure your property is protected as best as possible – these include ensuring lights are on inside with curtains and blinds closed, leaving TV's and radios on and also shouting 'goodbye' as you go out to make it appear that your house is occupied. Quite often entry is gained from the rear, so ensure that access to the rear can be prevented (locks on gates, not leaving bins next to fences/gates to be used to climb) and not having anything heavy and moveable in the garden that could be used to smash a window/patio door. It is definitely worth thinking about investing in

a door bell camera (there are lots available in different price ranges). These can alert you to movement outside your property and the video quality is very good when it comes to gathering evidence should the worst happen. And finally, look out for each other as a community - if you see something/someone suspicious then call it in – a suspected crime in progress can be reported on 999.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team and I would like to wish you all a very happy, and safe, Christmas and New Year.

Cass and the Northern Parishes Neighbourhood Team

COMMUNITY NEWS



BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS –

**December 2019
January 2020**

Wow I can't believe another year is almost at an end. It seems that time really does go quicker as you get older, something I never thought I'd hear myself saying. It's been a rollercoaster ride for our libraries this year with Open+ being introduced but I'm pleased that all our valued customers have come along for the ride and have embraced our new technology with enthusiasm. A great big thank you to everyone.

Winter Reading Challenge

The Challenge starts on **Monday 2 December 2019** and finishes on **Monday 13 January 2020**, so there's plenty of time to get involved! It is a lot simpler than the SRC but it's still FREE! Children need to sign in on www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk then read just 3 books. They can download their own incentives and certificate and review their books on the website- eBooks and audiobooks count too! The website will also feature printable activities, recommendations for great winter reads, and a pug-themed competition.

Special Events – all ages welcome

Friday 6th December at 3.00pm

Author Fiona Barker will be promoting the Winter Reading Challenge at Whitegrove library with an interactive story telling of Danny the Dog. £1.20 per child. This is a ticket event so please book your place.

Monday 23rd December 3pm – 4pm

Come and meet Mrs Christmas for crafts and stories. Please book your place tickets are £1.20 per child. All ages are very welcome.

Friday 27th December

Robin Hood Craft activity at Whitegrove library 11.00 – 11.30am with Creative Eye £1.20 per child.

Monday 30th December

Sleeping Beauty craft activity at Binfield library 11.00 – 11.30am with Creative Eye £1.20 per child

Competition time - Our competition this month is guess how many books make a Christmas tree 🎄 so look out for that when you come in to the library actually you won't be able to miss it!!



Here are our regular events at Binfield Library for our lovely Children in December & January:

The following sessions continue throughout the holidays so if you want a break from the festivities we'd love to see you.

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

Tuesday festive 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.



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

Saturday 7th December and January 4th at 2.00pm Adult Quiz – refreshments 50p

Monday 2nd December & January 6th 2.00pm Knit and natter – refreshments 50p

Friday 13th December & January 10th 2.15pm Reminiscence – refreshments 50p

Monday 9th December & January 13th at 2.00pm Binfield Library Carers' Social – refreshments 50p

Thursday 12th December & 9th January 11.00am Brain Gym – refreshments 50p

Saturday 21st December and 18th January 1.30pm Knit and natter – refreshments 50p

Tuesday 17th December & January 21st 2.30pm Film Group – refreshments 50p

Monday 30th December & 27th 5.45pm Drop in Book Club – refreshments 50p

Thursday 30th January 11.00am Coffee morning and Quiz – refreshments 50p (there won't be a December coffee morning)

Friday 27th December & January 31st 2.00pm Rummikub – refreshments 50p

Did you make joining the library one of your New Year Resolutions? Have you broken your resolution already? Well if you have here's a gentle nudge to get you through our front door. All you need is photo ID, two other documents with your address on and we can join you immediately and it's free! and don't forget we have Open+ available over the Christmas and New Year break, you just need to be signed up to it so you have access. I know January is often a difficult month after all the festivities so if you're feeling a bit yuck come into the library for a chat; it's warm and comfy, you'll be surrounded by books and people so don't let those January blues get to you. Immerse yourself in a good read and before you know it Spring will be here

Have a very Happy Christmas 🎄 and New Year Binfield 🎆
from all of us at the library.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Concert Band & Music School Trust

Binfield Concert Band is calling for ex-student members who would be interested in forming a separate musical group to the main band. It would involve ad hoc group sessions aimed at playing modern/popular music to a wider audience base. For further details contact the band via the email below.

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, saxophone, violin and piano and are given in Binfield. The music school 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 a student's 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 we will get back to you asap.

Listen to the band on YouTube Search Binfield Concert Band



Christmas Concert Handel's Messiah

Bracknell Choral Society's Christmas concert this year will be a performance of the ever-popular seasonal favourite, **Handel's Messiah**. The concert takes place on **Wednesday 18th December** in the magnificent surroundings of **Wellington College Chapel, Duke's Ride, Crowthorne RG45 7PU** at **7pm**. The choir will be joined by the orchestra British Sinfonietta and professional soloists Alexandra Stevenson (soprano), Sarah Champion (mezzo-soprano), Will Wright (tenor) and Will Harmer (bass). The concert will be conducted by our professional Musical Director **Greg Hallam**.

Tickets cost **£18 (accompanied under -18's free)** to include a programme and mince pie with wine and soft drinks available. Tickets can be bought via our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk or from choir members. As usual at our Christmas concert, we will have a retiring collection for a local charity and this year we are supporting the Thames Hospice 'Raise the Roof' appeal.

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presents

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 Alexandra Stevenson
Soprano


 Sarah Anne Champion
Mezzo Soprano


 Will Wright
Tenor


 Will Harmer
Bass

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Conductor: Greg Hallam


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Poignant End to Successful Year

Another successful year is celebrated by Bracknell Royal Naval Association branch, in anticipation of more to come in 2020.

Shipmate Chairman Mike Daley opened the November meeting with unanimous agreement that October's Trafalgar Day Dinner was thoroughly enjoyable, due in no small way to Mandy King's high standard of catering at Binfield Club.

The December branch meeting at the Club on Wednesday 4th will celebrate the forthcoming Festive Season with skittles and a buffet commencing at the earlier time of 7pm. Hopes were expressed that many shipmates absent through illness in November would be fit to enjoy the last meeting of the year.

Branch Treasurer S/M Martin Powell reported healthy funds, and the meeting was reminded that volunteer shipmates were sought to man the traditional annual charity collections at Tesco, Warfield, on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th of December and Tesco, Martins Heron on Tuesday December 10th.

Standard Bearer S/M Anthony Boddrell informed shipmates that the branch standard had been paraded at the recent funeral of former RNA Area 6 Chairman Tony Toms. Correspondence received from Maidenhead Sea Cadet Unit reported a busy period of drill training and awards to qualifying cadets.

Guest speaker Jim Parker of Sebastian's Action Trust followed the business of the meeting with a well-received and applauded talk which moved shipmates with its poignancy.

Founded fifteen years ago in 2004, by the family of childhood cancer victim Sebastian Gates, the Trust has built a support service for parents and children affected by life limiting illness. Based in Basingstoke, the Gates family has established a centre for residential care and support which has now been extended to include one of the original buildings of Broadmoor Hospital, Crowthorne.

The first meeting of 2020 will be the Branch AGM on January 8th at 7.30pm in Binfield Club.

Terry Dillaway

ONCE NAVY, ALWAYS NAVY



The Parish Remembers Again

The national champion of Remembrance prepares for another year of care and support for Commonwealth families of the fallen and survivors of more than a century of conflict.

As always, Binfield Royal British Legion branch played its part in the traditional Season of Remembrance when ex-servicemen, parents and children gathered at the village War Memorial to commemorate the 101st anniversary of Great War Armistice Day.



A parade of Service Standards and Scout Movement flags opened the proceedings, before Rector Rev Luke Taylor and RBL Chair Ms Karen Hatt thanked the substantial number of parishioners for their attendance.

As autumn sunshine filtered through the trees surrounding the Memorial at St Mark's, rapt silence greeted perfectly rehearsed readings by young members of Scouts, Guides and Brownies whose contribution earned appreciative applause.

Remembrance Sunday's Parade was piped though the village to another successful service led by Rev Luke in a packed All Saints' Church. The Rector's theme was forgiveness, and hymns and prayers resonated among stunning displays of seasonal poppy decorations. Ian Freeman, deputy head teacher of Meadow Vale School, read a modernised Lord's

Prayer addressing today's lifestyle of borrowing and debt.

Children from Meadow Vale and 3rd Binfield Brownies were dressed in Allied Forces uniforms as they read reminiscences of World War I and II soldiers, including a precis of the Service life of Binfield's centenarian 'Desert Rat' Len Burritt, and the entire content of General Dwight David Eisenhower's order to the 'Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force' who were waiting to embark on the 'Operation Overlord' invasion of the Normandy beaches.



A captivating performance by 3rd Brownies and the choir of Meadow Vale School singing 'Remember Them', a memorial hymn written by Ms Karen Hatt, drew an enthusiastic reaction from the congregation. The Meadow Vale children have become affiliated members of the village branch of the Royal British Legion.

The traditional laying of wreaths and casting of poppies beneath the Parish Roll of Honour was followed by The Exhortation, The Last Post, two minutes silence and the Kohima Epitaph. The parade marched back to the village shops in continuing sunshine to conclude the 2019 Remembrance events in Binfield.

Terry Dillaway

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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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Scouts
1st Binfield Air Scouts



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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