

# The Binfield Beacon



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

February 2020

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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

## 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



### Wednesday 3rd February

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

### Sunday 9th February

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 10th February

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Wednesday 12th February

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

### Thursday 13th February

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

### Sunday 16th February

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 17th February

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

### Wednesday 19th February

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 22nd February

7.45am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

### Sunday 23rd February

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

### Tuesday 25th February

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

### Wednesday 26th February

10.00am 3G Group at St Mark's  
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's  
7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at All Saints'

## MARCH 2020

### Sunday 1st March

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



### Wednesday 4th March

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

### Saturday 7th March

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

## From the Registers:

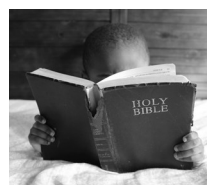


### Baptisms

Ava Antonia Woolford

### Funerals

Kathleen Williams



## Bible Overview

Please join us for our new Bible Overview course.

It will be held from 8pm in the Foxes' Den on:

February 12th

March 4th

March 18th

April 1st

Everyone welcome

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# LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



## The Pencil's Tale

An old pencil maker took his newest pencil aside, just before he was about to pack him into a box. Imagining the little fellow as a person he recalled a few things about the pencil.

"There are five things you need to know," he said to his pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember these five things - never forget them - and you will become the best pencil you can be!

"The first thing is to remember that you will be able to do many great things, but only if you put yourself in someone else's hands.

"From time to time you will experience a painful sharpening, but remember that this will make you a better pencil.

"Also, keep in mind that you will be able to correct any mistakes you might make along the way.

"And the most important part of you is what's on the inside.

"And remember this, as well, upon every surface that you are used, you must leave your mark. No matter what else happens, you must continue to write."

It seemed the pencil listened to him and promised he would remember these five things so that he could live his life with heart and purpose.

Why not go out and make your mark on the world, after all, the Bible says, **God made us to do good works....Ephesians 2:10, New Century Version.**

**Luke**

## The Pencil Parable

In the beginning, the Pencil Maker spoke to the pencil saying,

"There are five things you need to know before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and you will become the best pencil you can be."

## ClothesBank

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

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 for so generously providing us with a van which enabled us to transport all the clothes boxes.

**AVIS**

***Our next giveaway will be on Wednesday 29th April.***

*We will advise in the March Beacon the dates, times and venues for donations and arrangements for sorting clothes and volunteering at the Giveaway.*

*For more information contact  
Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169*

## Easter Lilies

***A time to remember  
loved ones***



Every year at Easter we have a beautiful display of lilies in All Saints' Church, and the names of loved ones no longer with us are displayed on a scroll with the flowers.

If you would like to commemorate someone please contact Jan who will arrange this for you. Please give your names in by 27th March.

A donation towards the cost of the lilies would be very much appreciated.

*Thank you*

*Jan Vigar 01344 411267*





## All Saints' Repair & Care

**Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £240,692**

**Plus Charitable Grants: £68,099**

Phase 2 Donations: £120,157

plus PCC funds: £100,000

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £172,947

**Current Available Funds: £73,309**

### Happy New Year!

The Fundraising Team hope you all had a wonderful time this Christmas and that like us, you've had chance to reflect on the successes of the past year. Thanks to you all, we achieved so much in 2019, and we are looking forward to moving on to the next part of the project this year. With your continued support, we will be carrying out some more repairs and even some updates to All Saints' Church...

### Thank You's...

We once again had plenty of fundraising activities to give thanks for and some updates to give on the events which took place over the festive period!

The Ladies Clothes Exchange Evening raised a fantastic £1,183, and the Dads R Loud Christmas Party was a big hit with those who came along. They raised a brilliant £474, so big thanks to the band and those who helped on the night.

We really appreciate the 1<sup>st</sup> Binfield Brownies and Rainbows taking the time to do some more carol singing at Warfield Tesco; they raised £392, and Trudy Inge and her friends ran a lovely wreath-making session and donated all of the £281 raised to the project.

Huge thanks also to our talented crafters who took the time to make more Christmas items for us to sell along-side our Christmas Cards.

Both of these proved popular again, as did Margareta Hawkins' Gingerbread Churches - sales of her creations raised £417!

The 2020 Binfield Calendar has been well received again, with most of the stock now sold. If you would like a copy, make sure you pick up one soon.

### Upcoming Events

**6<sup>th</sup> February:** Drop In Art Event 10:30-4pm @ The Foxes' Den.

Come along and take in a display of some wonderful artwork by this local group of artists while you drink your coffee.

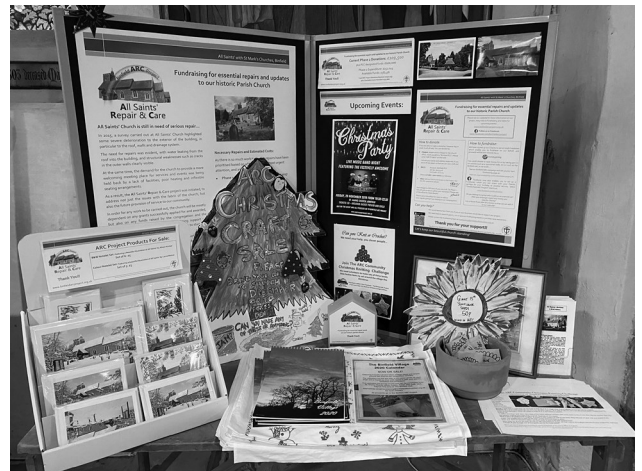
Artwork and cards on sale to benefit the ARC Project.

**8<sup>th</sup> February:** Quiz Night! 7:30pm @ 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 join us for a fun night!

**Ongoing:** Foreign currency collection. Look out for buckets or pass to any of the Fundraising Team.

*Please let us know if you have any more fundraising ideas!*



### 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](http://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](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

Online: [www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk](http://www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject](https://www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject)

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*Let's keep our beautiful church standing!*



# CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey Everyone!

We hope you had a fantastic break for Christmas and the New Year. We had lots to celebrate at our children's and youth groups, here's what we've been up to...

At Whizz Kids we ended the term with an amazing Christmas party, full of games, food and a bouncy castle. We also had our social at Gravity Force trampoline park, which was so much fun. The kids were truly bouncing off the walls!



This term on Sunday mornings we are learning about generosity, and how to be generous with what we have. God has given us so many wonderful things, so we should share them with other people!

New for this year is our Easter Club, which is open to anyone in school years 1-6 and will take place on the 6th, 7th and 8th April. We will be journeying through the Easter story in interactive ways, and will have plenty of fun doing it! There

will be craft, games, stories and more, so if you would like to book on or would like some more information just email me at the address below.



*Oasis*



At Oasis last term we were discussing the pros and cons of social media, and how to use it safely and in a positive way. One week we had a debate on whether social media was a good or bad thing, and we came to the conclusion it was definitely a bit of both! The girls also designed their own ideal social media platform, thinking about what could be improved in existing apps.

We also had a social to Gravity Force, which was made better by the fact that we practically had the park to ourselves! We are going to be having a social every term, next up... Ice skating! We ended the term by watching a Christmas film, having hot chocolate, and lighting sparklers.



We are always looking for adult helpers to join our teams so if you would be interested in joining us on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening, please do get in contact, we would love to have you on board! See you next month...

**Whizz Kids dates: Sunday 9th and 23rd February**

**Oasis dates: Wednesday 5th, 12th and 26th February**

**Daisy - Children's and Youth Worker**  
([daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com))



**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**

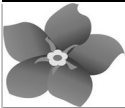
Yr7+ girls welcome to come along and chill, chat and meet up with friends that have moved to different schools. Term-time only.  
email [daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com) for more info



## **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*

<b>Jane Aylwin</b>	<b>tel. 481692</b>
<b>Jill Hanson</b>	<b>tel. 452694</b>
<b>Margareta Hawkins</b>	<b>tel. 411681</b>
<b>Sarah Muller</b>	<b>tel. 428782</b>
<b>Jan Vigar</b>	<b>tel. 411267</b>
<b>Gisele Taylor</b>	<b>tel. 07724 889169</b>
<b>Dave Dawson</b>	<b>tel. 360389</b>

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) to have your prayers included each week.

**CONTACT US:** 01344 421079 [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

### **Rector:**

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

### **Churchwardens:**

Dave Saunders - 07834 459672  
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

### **Church Office:**

Hayley Fourie, Administrator  
01344 421079  
[office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto: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

### **Organist & Choirmaster:**

Michael Hawkins  
01344 411681

### **Bell Tower Captain:**

Liz Harris  
01344 649628

### **P.C.C. Secretary:**

Kate Hayes  
07809 736372

### **Treasurer:**

Sarah Muller  
01344 428782  
[Treasurer@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:Treasurer@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

### **Stewardship Secretary:**

Andrea White  
01344 421079

### **ARC Fundraising Team**

[fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

### **Church Website:**

[www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

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

## WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY WALK (and talk)



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

**5th Feb** - 9am meet at Foxes' Den  
**19th Feb** - 9am meet at Foxes' Den  
**4th Mar** - 9am meet at Foxes' Den  
**18th Mar** - 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**  
**1st February and 7th March**

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

## 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 25th February @ 12 noon**  
**Tuesday 24th March @ 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



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at **St Mark's Church**

**Saturday 22nd February**

Discussion topic :  
**"Can the BBC win or should it go?"**

07.30 "Smell the Coffee"  
 07.45 "On the Soapbox"  
 08.45 "On your Bikes"



**Our Speciality: BACON & EGG BAPS**  
 for more information contact Tony on 07596 461160

## 3G 3 Generations playing together!

Every Wednesday  
 10am - 11.30am at St Mark's Church,  
 Popeswood Road

**Everyone is welcome: babies, toddlers, parents, carers and the older generation**

*Extra parking available at Newbold Church opposite*

**Come and join us for cake, coffee and a chat while the little ones play!**



For more info contact Jan Watts:  
 07445 000443



## Choir Practice

**Thursday evenings**  
**St Mark's Church**

Children's Choir Practice - 6.30-7.30pm  
 Adult Choir Practice - 7.30-8.30pm  
 (No practice on 20th February or 12th March)

We are looking for adults (all ages) and children (over 7 years) to join our youth or adult choirs. Come and meet new friends and enjoy singing at some of the services through the year

**For more information please**  
**contact our Choirmaster and Organist**  
**Michael Hawkins on 01344 411681**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Home Start Bracknell Forest seeks new volunteers

Are you already feeling bad about not sticking to your new year's resolutions? Why not do something this year that can make a real difference to the lives of local families and improve your own health at the same time. If you are a parent or grandparent and have two hours to spare a week, why not consider become a Home Start volunteer and visiting a family in their own home. Home Start recruits and trains volunteers to help families with young children.

Parenting can be a tough, relentless, challenging job. Sometimes just having the support of another person can make all the difference. Home Start Bracknell Forest is calling for new volunteers to sign up and help support families with young children. Every Home Start family is unique but the thing they all have in common is that Home Start support empowered them to give their children the best possible start in life.

Volunteering is flexible, the time you give can fit in with your other commitments. There are many health benefits to volunteering. Volunteering reduces the body's stress and releases endorphins (the brain's natural painkillers). Research shows that regular volunteers are ten times more likely to be in good health than people who don't volunteer. Making a difference to local people can be hugely rewarding.

Manager, Sharon Kearins said "Volunteers form the backbone of our charity. It is incredible what a difference just a couple of hours chatting with mum or playing with a toddler can make. With even more volunteers joining our team we can reach out and help more families."

Home Start offer a 6 week preparation course commencing on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020** to train volunteers for the role and covers expenses.

If you feel you could make a difference to families with young children and use your experience as a parent to help others the charity wants to hear from you. Find out more at [www.hsbf.org.uk](http://www.hsbf.org.uk) e mail [office@hsbf.org.uk](mailto:office@hsbf.org.uk) or call 01344 860025.

**Nicola Strudley**



**RECRUITING NOW**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer?**  
**We need people with your experience to volunteer**

- Make a difference to the lives of parents and children
- Enhance your well-being
- Access free, high quality training

Home-Start Bracknell Forest is a registered charity which offers practical and emotional support and friendship to families with young children. We have more than 25 years' experience of supporting local families with young children and recognise the increasing pressures they are under.

Families, who may be overwhelmed, exhausted or finding parenting a struggle, are matched with a trained volunteer to support them through situations as diverse as illness, isolation, bereavement, multiple births, depression or disability. Our support is free, confidential and tailored to each family's identified needs. 6 week training course starts Tuesday 25th February 2020, 9.30-2.30pm for 6 weeks.

**Find out more:**  
[www.hsbf.org.uk](http://www.hsbf.org.uk) 01344 860025  
Email: [office@hsbf.org.uk](mailto:office@hsbf.org.uk)

**HOME START**  
Bracknell Forest



## Party 'Bye' The Pitch Saturday 4th July 2020 4pm - 10pm

1st Binfield Scouts and Binfield Cricket Club  
are very pleased to announce  
"Party Bye the Pitch"

will be held at the Cricket Club again this year  
Live Music, BBQ, Licensed Bar, Fete Stalls,  
Children's Entertainer and more!

**Put the date in your diary now!**

Tickets on Sale in June. More details to follow soon.

 @PartyByThePitch

 [www.facebook.com/partybythepitch](http://www.facebook.com/partybythepitch)



## Fabric Sale hosted by Meadow Quilters

Lots of fabrics and notions available.

**Monday 17th February 10.30am-2.30pm**

Charvil Village Hall, Hawthorns, Charvil,  
Reading RG10 9TR.

Entrance £1.50.

Free parking and disabled access.

Tea, coffee and cakes for sale

All profits donated to Thames Valley Air  
Ambulance.

Enquiries Julie 0118 9793467



## COMMUNITY NEWS

# The BINFIELD 10K

17th May 2020

Register online today at [www.binfield10k.co.uk](http://www.binfield10k.co.uk)



Registrations are **NOW OPEN** for our 5th Binfield 10k which is taking place on 17th May at 10am at Foxley Fields in Binfield. Thank you to everyone for your patience, we know you have been waiting with anticipation for registrations to open!!

We are busily preparing for our biggest 10K yet! We have increased registrations to 900, but every year we have sold out.... so make sure you register soon!

Thank you so much already to four of our confirmed sponsors... David Cliff and Bloor Homes, Binfield Parish Council and Advantage Printroom. We really couldn't do the 10K without the support of these sponsors. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, then please email [enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk) and we will be happy to help.

We also need marshals – our lovely run wouldn't be the same without the support of our marshals, not only do they guide the runners on the route, but also cheer for them on the way. If you would like to find out more, then please email us at [volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk).

Finally, for now it leaves us to say hurry up and enter! Don't forget you can run, walk or jog the 10K – perhaps it's a first big 10k for you, or you can aim to beat your PB. You can also raise funds for your chosen charity by running the 10k – if you want us to help with sponsor forms, please let us know. You can register online at [www.binfield10k.co.uk](http://www.binfield10k.co.uk) or you can download a paper form and hand it in to the Foxes Den café.

We know that the Binfield 10K is one of the favourite events on the Binfield calendar, so don't miss out, we need marshals, sponsors and runners, so there really is something for everyone.

**Run / Jog / Walk**

**#runbinfield**



### 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**

### Would you like to be included in the Binfield Beacon?

We would love to hear about your group or event so we can help share it within our village.

If you have an event coming up or are a local group looking to encourage new members or share information about what you do, please email [Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

**The deadline for Beacon contributions for March 2020 issue is Mon 10th Feb 2020**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## News from the Parish Office - February 2020

### 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)

### February 2020

Tuesday 4 February	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 11 February	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 25 February	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

### Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
Annual Parish Meeting	Thursday 19 March 2020, at The Foxes' Den. 7.30pm arrival with light refreshments for an 8pm start

### Next steps from your survey feedback to us!

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 230 responses we received are being collated and discussed by the Councillors during January with a view to having a first draft to share with you all, of how we can take your survey responses into a plan for the Parish Council, at the Annual Parish Meeting this March.

### Binfield Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

In the next few months the Parish Council will be working on updating the Plan. If you would like to know more about this and/or get involved please do get in touch. You can view the current Plan at our website.

### Annual Parish Meeting with Parish Peoples Awards - Save the date! Thursday 19 March 2020 at The Foxes' Den.

You would be most welcome to join us for 7.30pm for light refreshments with the meeting start at 8pm.

Please come along to meet your Parish Councillors, hear more about the priorities for the Parish Council, based on your survey feedback, and share your ideas and any concerns you have.

### Do you know a Binfield village hero? Someone who puts others and their community before themselves?

Consider nominating them for a Parish Peoples Award to give them recognition within their community. You can complete a nomination form at our website or call into the Parish Office to pick up a hard copy form.

### Supporting the Binfield community towards a "single use plastic free" future

The Parish Council are supporting the efforts of Bracknell Less Plastic with the following resolution: *"Binfield Parish Council supports the efforts of Bracknell Less Plastic to reduce the use of single-use plastics in our community"*. We would welcome your ideas about how to avoid single-use plastic usage in Binfield – please do get in touch!

### Binfield Sponsor A Street Initiative

This scheme, which supports local residents to litter pick a street to help make our village look clean and tidy, is progressing well. We now have 13 volunteers signed up - a huge thank you to them but we still need more! Residents are offered a litter picking kit with an ongoing supply of rubbish bags. There is no pressure to do a certain amount – this is your effort and we welcome it! If you would like some more information or would like to sign up, then please feel free to contact us.

### York Road Redevelopment Update

Quotes are currently being sourced from contractors to carry out the works to improve the access road and provide car parking at the York Road play area. When this is complete, works will start to redevelop the play area. The new play area will be aimed at younger, supervised children and provide space for informal play as well as some new play equipment. We will keep residents updated on the progress made at York Road on our website and Facebook page.

**Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty**

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## Binfield Patient Group

### The Following is an Analysis of the September 2019 Patient Survey

#### Executive Summary

This year's patient survey was carried out between 9th and 13th September. There were 483 respondents (~4% of the surgery's registered patients), approximately the same as 2018, with 30% choosing to take part using the on-line option (up 9% on the previous year).

Three quarters of the respondents were evenly distributed across the three age groups between 31-75 years (31-45, 46-60, 61-75), 11% of respondents being over 75 years of age, with 3.5% of these over 85 years (not separately reported in previous surveys). This is broadly representative of the demographics of Binfield surgery's population.

Areas that were identified for improvements from the given options were appointment access, 30%, appointment punctuality (waiting times poor), 23% and the surgery premises and facilities, 18%.

Even though appointment access is the area most noted for potential improvement, many comments are made about how good the system is to be seen on the same day, but that follow-up appointment booking seems to need improvement.

The waiting times are constantly being monitored by the surgery, and patients are regularly made aware when clinicians are running late. Lateness cannot always be avoided and therefore the surgery gives the patients the choice to rebook if preferred.

The surgery premises and facilities are a known issue. The practice has been trying to move, and will look to update the current premises if any move is unsuccessful, and if funding becomes available.

#### Booking appointments

Almost all patients (93%) are aware of the ability to book an appointment on the same day and to book over the phone and this is highly valued by both patients and within the practice. There were some comments about difficulties in booking follow-up or pre-booking longer-term appointments as well as requests to see a female doctor, which the practice have been made aware of.

Around 40% of patients now know how to access the extended hours service, which has improved, but this could still be better known, so the patient group will continue to support additional communication on the subject to help people's understanding of the choices that are available.

There are a small number of follow-up appointments available to book in advance, yet once these are gone, the on-the-day call is necessary. As we value the ability to be able to see a doctor on the day for emergencies, the patient group feel we

would like to keep this system, as it is the preferred option most of the time. The on the day appointments before 10am are of course not just for emergencies.

There are two systems for seeing a Healthcare professional outside the usual hours:

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#### Reception Staff

90% of people rated the reception staff as friendly and helpful which has now been maintained for the last four years with many positive comments including notable individual comments. As a reminder, if there are individual grievances, they need to be raised through the practice manager, so that appropriate action can be taken.

#### Mental Well-being

The question about mental well-being was asked for the first time in this survey and 90% of patients reported that the healthcare professional in the surgery recognised and/or understood their mental health needs.

However, one of the possible options for positive mental well-being are the activities provided by social prescribing and this level of awareness is very low (only 14% of patients knew about the scheme). The patient group will be doing much more to provide information on the various activities that are available. The practice is participating in the local network DES which will also be providing a social prescriber to the practice.

#### Blood pressure (BP) machine in surgery premises

There is still relatively low usage of the machine being used in the surgery (21%) which could partly be due to its proximity to the right of the entrance as it is out of sight. The patient group improved this with better signage after last year's survey. However, this does not seem to have changed the outcome usage. It may be that many people have BP machines at home or partly it is an appropriate uptake for the requirements of patients. This will be investigated with the practice in terms of expectations, then further questions asked next year, if appropriate.

***Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group***

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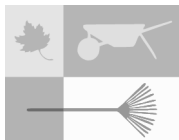


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### SENSORY TOY LIBRARY

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Although our funding focus is always on building an amazing collection of toys and getting them out to those most in need, our current social focus is on working with statutory services. One of my little boys was very poorly over Christmas and had to be in hospital. While the staff were all very compassionate, it was clear that some of them didn't understand how to deal with autistic patients. We have unfortunately had reports of professionals in health care, education, social care and the police service who do not 'get' the complex needs of disabled children. This year, we are working with local services to challenge and change this.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to help in any way, please contact me at [bracknellsensorytoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bracknellsensorytoylibrary@gmail.com). Here's to a great 2020!



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We then went straight on to celebrate our 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday of the café: we have now been open for a whole year! We couldn't do it without all of you – so if you didn't make it to share our cake

and a glass of bubbly, please accept our heartfelt thank you now

January has been a time to get organised and it would appear to book lots of parties. You can book the Den out-of-hours for meet-ups, Christenings and birthdays and lots of you have – thank you!

Looking forward to February we have lots going on from *Making Your Own Gin* to our regular *FREE Family Games Night* – please see Facebook or our chalkboard for more activities. If you have any ideas or suggestions for new activities, please get in touch!

Thanks for reading! See you soon @ The Den  
**Claire**

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## What's New in The Den?

This month we are launching our extended menu with a couple of notable additions: fish finger sandwiches and jacket potatoes (with our famous veggie chilli, tuna mayo or beans & cheese). Our grilled goat's cheese salad has proved so popular that we are now also adding a halloumi salad too. Come and give them a go!

We would also like to highlight our fabulous teas; if you hit January with a promise of cleansing and being healthy then do try our Lemon & Ginger Rescue or Detox teas.



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## February Featured Events in the Den:

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Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All Day Local Artists Exhibition
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am Bracknell Sensory Toy Library
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Gin Making: Alternative Valentines
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am Bracknell Less Plastic Refill Pop-up
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4pm FREE Family Games Night
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Evening Well-Being Talk: <i>Ancient techniques for modern day living</i>

**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](mailto:claire@foxesden.co.uk) and [office@binfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto: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.



## A+ F.O.B.S. QUIZ NIGHT



**WHERE:** Binfield C of E Primary School

**WHEN:** Saturday 7th March  
7.15pm arrival for 8pm start

**HOW:** Tickets available soon:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs)



## Save the Date!

Min 6 in a team. Max 8

Licensed bar and snack shop on the night



## The Drop In Art Group "Love and Romance"

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February,  
10:30-4:00pm  
at The Foxes' Den Café, Binfield

The Drop In Art Group welcome you to a display of their recent art work.

The theme will be Love and Romance, with art work and cards for sale to support the Binfield ARC Project.

For more information please contact [kate.bourne@mac.com](mailto:kate.bourne@mac.com)





## Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

### New Outdoor Area for Reception



welcome her Worshipful the Mayor of the Borough of Bracknell Forest, Councillor Pauline McKenzie to their school to officially open their new Year R outside space. The space was old and tired and in need of rejuvenation.



The school have spent the last couple of years saving money for the project, raising much of the funds by selling their very popular in-house, home cooked meals to another local school.

Furthermore, the PTA (FOBS) have also raised funds to buy additional play equipment and resources.

The outside space has been transformed with AstroTurf and wet play resources and amongst the features are a water wall, a sandpit, a scooter track and a performance area. The Year R children said that they really liked their new learning space and "It was amazing!"

Head teacher, Mrs Suzie Featherstone-Wright said, "It has taken the collaboration of staff, governors and parents to make this project happen. We are delighted with the result and are thrilled to be able to provide this fabulous learning environment for the children."

The Mayor and her consort stayed for the morning and were given a guided tour of the school by Ryan and Rebecca (Year 6 children) and also met the School Council. They were very excited to be invited to visit the Mayor in her council chambers later in the year.

### Christmas Celebrations

Christmas really is a unique experience at Binfield

We enjoyed the Reception, KS1 & KS2 children's nativities and a fantastic Christmas Lunch! It is lovely to see the children having such fun and taking pride in their school and the children and staff have worked extremely hard.

We finished our festivities with our traditional Thank You Assembly for our parent helpers, who do so much for the school throughout the year. The singing was joyous, the teachers really got into the swing of the celebrations and we had a very special visitor too!



### Christmas Jumper Day

We participated in Christmas Jumper Day in support of two charities with a special resonance at this time of year, Thames Hospice and Alexander Devine. Just from this event alone raised a massive £396.00



This year all donations kindly given at the Christmas performances in school and at Newbold will be donated to Marie Curie. We raised a fantastic **£ 360.04**, from these performances. Therefore the total for this year's charitable donations is an incredible **£ 756.04**.

***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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## The Binfield Belles

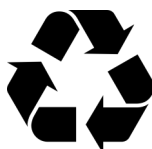
Tis the season to be jolly. Oh no that was December wasn't it. Well I hope it was a jolly time for all of you out there, I can only wish you a **Happy New Year** as January rolls in and so does the diet! All those enjoyable lunches and nibbles, tipples and coffee.

However, at our WI meeting in January, we still celebrate our group with coffee, tea and cake and bring in the New Year with friendship and lots of fun over the following months. Our Christmas celebrations began with our Christmas Party on Election Day no less with a local ukulele band with some members playing as well. Christmas coffee morning in Mavis's house raised funds and good cheer. A visit to South Hill Park adult Panto was excellent and showcases local talent.

**Bells Extraordinaire** the topic for our first meeting of 2020 with Carol who brought her hand bells and played some great pieces from show songs, some members tried their hand as well. Catching up after Christmas is always busy, and new members and visitors introduced, booking for future events and looking at the year ahead to see which way our members want our group to go.

Suggestions for trips out and afternoon teas, visits to Borough Market, Bourton on the Water and the theatre to see Tina the musical. In house craft afternoons, we have a hat workshop coming up.

Recycling is a topic on everybody's mind and we have an incentive for recycling with Heather collecting all those bits that the blue bin doesn't take. Hope she knows what she has taken on!! Perhaps a visit to the recycling facility aka The Dump may help or not.



Our bench will be opened and we plan the three oldest serving members to do this with a glass of fizz as well.

The WI belles have activities during the month with exercise morning, badminton, Scrabble, walks and craft and we are always looking for new things for members to do. Most of all it gives our Belles a sense of belonging, catches up with friends, help where needed, chat and a coffee or much more.

If you are interested in our exclusive ladies club, we welcome ladies from the village and all around, young and old to come along and enjoy a night with us away from the sink, husband, kids, dogs etc. The WI never stops growing.

Our next meeting **on February 13<sup>th</sup> 7.15 at the Binfield Memorial Hall** we have a talk on Corsets, Crinolines and Mangles with Jane Stubbs, lots of chat with coffee and cake.



Pop in for a couple of visits or give me a call for more info  
Linda 01344 454503 /07708 731294.  
[binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi](http://binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi)

*Linda Hill*



## Binfield Garden Club

With this, the first Beacon edition of 2020, we would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. At the time of writing there has been no snow or heavy frosts. Our gardens have endured much rain but January has seen Viburnums, Daphnes, Witch Hazels and Winter Jasmine in full glory and bulbs poking through quite happily, so we look forward to a pretty Spring ahead.

2019 was a memorable year for our club as we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an unforgettable March evening with Chris Beardshaw. The whole year was most successful with other excellent speakers at meetings and enjoyable outings which were all in good weather! We visited Kew Gardens for the Orchid Festival, had a memorable day at Highgrove and a super time at Wisley Flower Show. Our year ended with a very sociable Christmas lunch at St Anne's Manor.



January's meeting has come and gone and our February meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> is also our AGM. Once business is completed we will welcome David Putt to tell us about the Landshare community project at Jealotts Hill, Moss End. This year our Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are both stepping down and many thanks are due to them and all our committee members who together keep our club successful and solvent. To continue to thrive we do need some more help in various ways so if anyone feels they can assist in any way, even only temporarily or briefly through the year, please come forward!

Our new programme is already fully booked with some exciting speakers including Head gardeners, multi-award winning gardeners and designers, and media gardening gurus. Visits are booked to Standen House, Hyde Hall and Leonardslee and the summer will include a social afternoon in a committee member's beautiful garden. Do look out for posts on Facebook and We Love Binfield and the full programme is always on our website [binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com).

Many people enjoy bringing exhibits for our monthly competitions and early in the year members are provided with a plug plant or seeds to grow on and hopefully bring the resulting success to challenge for the Annual Cup! No pressure there! Our treasurer has won the last 2 years, so see what you can do to stop his hat-trick!

With a super monthly raffle, gardening bric a brac stall and beautiful photo cards on sale, what's not to like, you even get refreshments included too. Come along and see for yourself. Usually on the first Thursday of the month at Binfield Memorial Hall at 7.15pm – just a small amount for a single visit, £16 to become a member for a year with nothing more to pay for meetings, you are most welcome!

*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.

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

### 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?

- **Bacon**
- **Sausages**
- **Toilet Roll**

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!**



## THAMES VALLEY POLICE

We continue to see an increase in keyless car thefts across Bracknell Forest. This is where offenders use scanning equipment from outside the home to hijack the signal between the car and the key which allows them to gain entry and start the car (in models with a stop/start button rather than a traditional key). The cars targeted tend to be high value vehicles (which are then shipped abroad) or high powered vehicles (to be used in other crime). We do also see thefts from cars where the same technology is used to unlock the car in order to steal from within. This can be done with the stop start fobs as well as keys. The best way to prevent these types of crime is to block the signal by placing keys/fobs inside a Faraday pouch (very inexpensive to buy) or failing that wrapping them in tin foil or placing in a metal box. Keys should also always be kept away from view of doors/windows so that they can't be stolen through the letterbox.

In more positive news we have a couple of new team members in the Northern Parishes team. PCSO Olivia Harrison and PCSO Chloe Keeping started with us last week, and although they do not have direct responsibility for Binfield you will no doubt see them on patrol in the area at some point with Magda.

We have also recently had our first conviction at court for speeding following from the implementation of the new Speed Watch equipment that was funded by Binfield Parish Council (jointly with Warfield and Winkfield). This was very much a test case for the team and was a great relief that the court accepted the evidence obtained through this new technology and the hard work of the community volunteers. From the team and I, have a lovely February!

**Cass Oswald**  
*and the Northern Parishes Neighbourhood Team*



Although rain and gales currently prevail, at the cricket club we are already looking forward to the advent of Spring and the long warm days of Summer ( eternal optimists that we are!) The new drainage put in over the winter is getting an early test.

Our fixture list is looking strong , the majority of which are already on our website - as we will again field 4 league teams on a Saturday, a Midweek XI, Sunday XI (s) and Women's Hardball and Softball teams ( plus all our junior matches) this coming season.

February sees the beginning of our Winter nets (practice) sessions for Seniors, Colts and our ever expanding Women's section.

After their incredible success over the last 2 seasons – both in softball and hardball formats – we are looking for more Ladies to join. Training is on Sundays at Luckley House School for the softball version (maybe the best way to get a taste of cricket) and on Mondays at the new state-of-the-art facility at Wellington College for the hardball version . If you would like more information please feel free to contact our Women's Co-ordinator – Claire Ackerman -Claire\_ackerman@outlook.com - why not try something new for 2020 ?! We'd love for all and everyone to get involved.

**Andy Bryant - Chairman (Binfield Cricket Club)**





## BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS – February 2020

### Children's Events:

Muggles, witches and wizards come together to celebrate **Harry Potter Night**. Expect several wizard trials such as creating your own potions, completing the mysterious treasure hunt and experience the screaming Mandrake roots. Enter the photo booth if you dare – with Dobby and the Portraits! Make your own Ollivanders' wand followed by who can keep their balloon up the longest using magical powers, using spells such as; the Wingardium Leviosa. If you get through all that then face the ultimate challenge of the paddling pool filled with slime; do you dare to put your hand in and feel what's in there?

On successful completion of the trials participants will receive a Potter certificate and badge, plus get to take home a goody bag! All that for just £2! Are you a Ravenclaw, a Gryffindor, a Hufflepuff or a Slytherin? Find out at the Ministry of Magic; **Bracknell Library on Wednesday 5th February 5:30-6:30pm**. Ideal for Potter fans aged 7-11 years. Book in advance at any Bracknell Forest Library.

**Bounce & Rhyme** every Thursday at 9.30am followed by a craft at 10.00am. Sessions include singing nursery rhymes and children's songs, refreshments and a craft activity. Suitable for babies and toddlers.

Singing to young children has many benefit including:

- developing pre-school skills in readiness for starting school
- language development - through repetition of rhymes
- developing listening skills and concentration
- early literacy, language and speech skills
- encouraging participation
- early story telling
- social development - meeting other families

£1.50 charge per child this includes the singing, tea and craft, or just 50p for the first part of the session. No booking required.

**Tuesday Craft Sessions** Drop in any time after 3pm so straight from school to some quality craft time! Ideal for children aged 5-10 years. Chris plans something different to make every week. No need to book. £1.50 per child.

**Lego Club** every on Monday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm and is completely free. We'll supply the bricks and your child can bring the ideas and imagination. Relax while your child has fun, borrow a book or read a newspaper.

### Adult Events:

**Afternoon Quiz** on the first Saturday every month, next one on Saturday 1st February at 2pm. Note the new earlier time – well let's face it it's still light at 2pm! Everyone loves a quiz come and join the fun it's free. Just pay 50p for any refreshments.

**Knit and Natter** meet on the first Monday of every month and third Saturday every month. The next two chances for some knitting and crocheting with this friendly and chatty group are on Monday 3rd February at 2.00pm and Saturday 15th February at 1.30pm, 50p for refreshments.

**Brain Gym** meets monthly the next chance to exercise your mind is on Thursday 13th February at 11am and organiser, Derek would love to see some new faces. It's a competitive group and there's always plenty of laughs.

**The Binfield Film Group** meets on Tuesday 18th February at 2.00pm and continues to meet on the third Tuesday every month. If you like films why not get to know some other film buffs and bring some popcorn? New members are welcome.

**Coffee Morning and Quiz**, lively, fun and a great way to meet new people; on the last Thursday of the month - 27th February at 11.00am, 50p for refreshments. Say goodbye to the Winter blues with cake, coffee and chat.

**Rummikub** meets monthly – next session is on Friday 28th February 2.00pm. If you fancy giving it a go but don't understand the rules meet the lovely ladies who will help you learn. 50p for refreshments.

**Wellbeing at the Library** - The Library service has a lot of established and affordable wellbeing events such as Yoga, Tai Chi, Meditation, and some new Mindfulness, Relaxation for Children. Some coming soon such as Seated Exercise and Pilates. Check our website or ask at the Library for further information and dates and times and venues. Some free taster sessions are available.

### The Binfield Library team

#### Our amazing staff:

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

*Here to help you and always with a big smile!*

For more details of all our library events please go to [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries), find us on facebook and twitter or call 01344 306663.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



Bracknell Forest Council are promoting 2020 as The Year of the Garden, and they are keen to encourage us to do more for nature within gardens, including green space associated with schools and places of worship.

During 2020 we will use these Beacon articles to give you ideas about how to encourage wildlife into your gardens. We will highlight national campaigns, point you towards helpful websites, and provide timely tips. In return, we would love to hear about what is in your garden.

The third week of February is National Nest Box Week. This campaign has been run since 1997 to encourage us all to put up nest boxes in our local area. There are lots of websites that show you how to make your own nest box (e.g. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/nestboxes/>). If you don't fancy building your own, you can buy boxes from the RSPB or from garden centres. The RSPB also provides helpful advice on where to put your box (follow the links on the website above).

If you already have nest boxes in your garden, the British Trust for Ornithology are asking people to monitor their nest boxes regularly (<https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/nbc>). There are already more than 50 bird and bat boxes around Binfield in public places and in new housing developments. By the time you read this, BEG will have put up more than 10 new boxes. Many of these have been sponsored by Binfield residents.

Different types of boxes attract different types of birds. The most common boxes in Binfield, with a single small hole, attract blue tits, great tits, and other small birds. We also have open fronted boxes for robins, and larger boxes with holes for starlings and greater spotted woodpeckers. In Binfield there are also a few communal nest boxes for house sparrows and specialist boxes for tree-creepers, kestrels, tawny owls and barn owls.



We are currently investigating whether there is a suitable location for swift nest boxes. There are two colonies of these summer migrants in Priestwood and they are often seen flying and feeding over Binfield but as far as we know they don't currently nest in Binfield.

If you have nest boxes, then please let us know what is using them and consider putting out food and water to make it easier for the adult birds to support their young.

Binfield Environment Group's next work party is on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. For more details please look at our website (<https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/upcoming>) or Facebook group. We can be contacted by email at [binfieldeg@gmail.com](mailto:binfieldeg@gmail.com) or on Facebook.

**Mike Coker**



**Dixit Dominus 1.1**  
**Saturday 7:30 pm, 4th April**  
**at St Mark's Church**

Psalms and Schubert will be sung by Thames Voyces as they make the first of two visits to St Marks Binfield this season on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm

The concert includes Handel's *Dixit Dominus*, Telemann's *Laudate Jehovam*, Monteverdi's *Beatus Vir* and Schubert's *Mass in G*. The choir will be conducted by Nick Austin and will be accompanied by organist Ben Giddens, and the Keats Ensemble who specialise in early music.

All three psalms were written in the baroque style, *Dixit Dominus* was written at the beginning of the eighteenth century, when Handel was in his early twenties and living in Italy. It was likely to have been first performed at the Church of Sante Maria in Montesanto, whilst he was working under the patronage of the Colonna family.

Schubert's *Mass in G* was written just over a century after *Dixit Dominus* in 1815. It is the second mass he wrote, and the writing focusses on the devotional mood of a religious composition rather than the romantic style of his contemporaries.

For further information on the concert, and details of the second concert on 4<sup>th</sup> July, please go to the website [www.thamesvoyces.org.uk](http://www.thamesvoyces.org.uk).

**Peter Anderson**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## ***Super Funds, Supercarriers, Super Ambulance***

News of extraordinarily successful fundraising, and an enthralling guest speaker, launched Bracknell Royal Naval Association branch into 2020 at their January meeting.

Shipmate Nigel Carpenter in the chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the year. Branch President S/M Shelagh Pile was especially welcomed. Best wishes were extended to shipmates unable to attend due to illness.

Standard Bearer S/M Anthony Boddrell reported that the branch standard was paraded at the funeral of S/M Eric Angell, ex-Fleet Air Arm (including two Arctic convoys), where a rank of young family members walked ahead of the cortege and stood with the standard throughout the service at Easthampstead.

Maidenhead Sea Cadets sent a report of a successful conclusion to 2019; S/Ms Branch Secretary June Boddrell and Standard Bearer Anthony attended as guests at the Cadets' presentation ceremony where S/M Anthony presented the Unit's awards.

Included in S/M Secretary June's report was a planned visit to RNA Central Office Semaphore Tower on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and an announcement that *HMS Prince of Wales*, second of the Royal Navy's new 65,000 tonne supercarriers, has arrived for the first time in Portsmouth and been commissioned. *Prince of Wales* is due to join operations with her sister *HMS Queen Elizabeth*, flying off 36 F35B fighter jets and four

helicopters, dramatically enhancing RN capability worldwide.

Branch Treasurer S/M Martin Powell informed the meeting that record sums had been donated by generous Tesco shoppers during the annual December collections; shipmates will decide in February what charities and future activities may benefit from the healthy branch funds.

Previously an officer with St John Ambulance, guest speaker and fire safety consultant Graham Forster held the attention of the meeting with stories and statistics from the work of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service. Funded by private and corporate donations, the helicopter emergency medical services of the late 1990s has grown to become the recognised Air Ambulance with nationwide stations answering on average 35,000 emergency calls annually.

The Thames Valley service, with its training facility at RAF Benson, flies an H135 helicopter supported by four critical response vehicles equipped with state-of-the art medical capability and expert doctors and staff who can attend an emergency mission within eleven minutes of a prioritised 999 call. An average of seven missions per day are attended by Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

**Terry Dilliway**

Members enjoying skittles and Christmas buffet



ONCE NAVY, ALWAYS NAVY



## ***New Year Events and New Legionnaires***

From marathons to dinners, abseils to concerts, Team Legion looks ahead to continue supporting the Royal British Legion's vital service to the Armed Forces Community in 2020.

March 29<sup>th</sup> sees the third London Landmarks Half Marathon, when Legion members are invited to join their Team taking part among an expected field of more than 13,000 runners. Both novice and experienced contestants are welcome.



Favourite City centre landmarks line the closed route with enthusiastic spectators cheering entrants on towards the finish, loudest support usually coming from Legion events team volunteers. And families and friends can enjoy a special post-race reception.

Special guest readers and the talented choir of St George's, Hannover Square, will accompany the Royal British Legion Central Band in an evening of words and music on St George's Day, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Proceeds from ticket sales, which are available on line, will contribute to funds underpinning the work of the Battle Back Centre, the specialist recovery facility for wounded, injured and sick Service personnel.

Binfield RBL Branch members concluded another successful year at their December meeting at the Village Club. President

Charles Boorman welcomed Tony McClement, guest visitor from the County Committee, and expressed thanks of the membership to Branch Chairperson, Mrs Karen Hatt, for her work throughout 2019, particularly the Remembrance Season events at the St Mark's War Memorial and the Remembrance Sunday parade. Mrs Hatt reported that an emergency had been averted on parade day when last minute substitutes were found to replace the drummer and parade marshal who were unable to attend.

Branch Secretary Denise Fuller informed the meeting that three members had been lost during the year; but with the addition of four new members, Binfield Legionnaires now totalled 54. Poppy Appeal Organiser John Anderson was congratulated when announcing £18,305 had been collected so far for 2019 with some additional monies still to be added.

Unanimous support was expressed for Binfield Parish Council's VE 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event planned for Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> at Wickes Green. Hornbeam and maple trees have been planted as an avenue to commemorate Binfield's fallen Servicemen's contribution to the 1944-45 Victory in Europe campaign, and the project will be officially opened at this year's special May Bank Holiday.

The meeting concluded with an enjoyable buffet prepared by the Binfield Club; next branch is set for Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Terry Dilliway**

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Alternatively email [fundraising@binfieldcofecurches.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofecurches.org.uk)  
for local delivery.

All proceeds go to the Binfield ARC Project.



## Easter Service Times

at All Saints' Church

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 26th February, 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 9th April, 7.30pm

Good Friday

Friday 10th April, 2pm

*An Hour at the Cross*

Easter Sunday

Sunday 12th April

8.15am, 9.30am, 11am\*

\*Children's Egg Hunt  
after the 11am service