

# The Binfield Beacon



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

April 2020

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**The 86,400 you never  
new you even had**

Photograph by John Hargreaves

Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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

## APRIL 2020

*(All services & groups correct at time of going to press but may change depending on Government advice - please keep an eye on church website and Facebook for updates)*

### Wednesday 1st April

9.00am Women's Walk/Talk meet Foxes' Den Café  
7.00pm Oasis Group at St Mark's


### Thursday 2nd April

6.30pm Choir Practice - Children at St Mark's  
7.30pm Choir Practice - Adult at St Mark's

### Saturday 4th April

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

### Sunday 5th April

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'   
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'  
NO WHIZZ KIDS

### Monday 6th April

9.30am Whizz Kids Holiday Club at St Mark's  
9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

### Tuesday 7th April

9.30am Whizz Kids Holiday Club at St Mark's

### Wednesday 8th April

9.30am Whizz Kids Holiday Club at St Mark's

### Thursday 9th April - Maundy Thursday

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'  
6.30pm Choir Practice at All Saints'  
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints'



### Friday 10th April - Good Friday

2.00pm An Hour at the Cross

### Sunday 12th April - Easter Sunday

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
11.00am All Age Service at All Saints' followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children  
NO WHIZZ KIDS  
6.30pm Easter Songs of Praise Service at St Mark's

### Sunday 19th April

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
11.00am Informal Service at All Saints'  
NO WHIZZ KIDS

### Monday 20th April

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

### Wednesday 22nd April

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

## Thursday 23rd April

6.30pm Choir Practice - Children at St Mark's  
7.30pm Choir Practice - Adult at St Mark's

## Saturday 25th April

7.45am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

## Sunday 26th April

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 April

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

## Tuesday 28th April

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

## Wednesday 29th April

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

## Thursday 30th April


6.30pm Choir Practice - Children at St Mark's  
7.30pm Choir Practice - Adult at St Mark's

## MAY 2020

### Saturday 2nd May

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

### Sunday 3rd May

8.15am Holy Communion at All Saints'   
9.30am Parish Communion at All Saints'  
11.00am All Age Service with Baptism at All Saints'  
NO WHIZZ KIDS

### Monday 4th May

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

## From the Registers:



### Baptisms

Brooks Adam Alan Paul  
Rafferty

### Funerals

Margaret Duvall

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# LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



## A Very Special Bank Account

Imagine there is a bank which credits your account each morning with £86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount

you had failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw out every pound, of course! Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". Therefore, there is never not enough time or too much time. Time management is decided by us alone and nobody else. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do it.

With that in mind maybe we should take heed of the Bible when it says, ***Be careful how you live....making the most of every opportunity... Ephesians 5:15-16***



**Easter Songs of Praise Service**  
12th April at 6.30pm  
St Mark's Church

**Come and enjoy singing Easter hymns and carols at the Easter Songs of Praise Service**

**If you have a favourite Easter song you would like us to sing please let Michael Hawkins know on 01344 411681.**

## ClothesBank

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

Yes ✓	No ✗
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Young adult clothing</b> (particularly jeans, leggings, hoodies, casual tops/T Shirts)</li> <li>• <b>Children &amp; teenage clothing</b> (ages 4-18)</li> <li>• <b>NEW underwear</b> (particularly men's jersey style boxers &amp; socks)</li> <li>• <b>Monetary Donations</b> (to enable us to buy new clothing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dirty Clothes</li> <li>• Ripped/worn clothes</li> <li>• Suits/Jackets/work shirts</li> <li>• Smart/Dressy clothes</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> hand underwear/nightwear</li> </ul>

Please drop off any donations for this giveaway, **from Monday 20th April 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 April, or the actual giveaway on Wednesday 29th April, please contact Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169 for more information.

Thank you.

## Easter Service Times at All Saints' Church

**Maundy Thursday**  
Thursday 9th April, 7.30pm

**Good Friday**  
Friday 10th April, 2pm  
*An Hour at the Cross*

**Easter Sunday**  
12th April - 8.15am, 9.30am, 11am\*

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

**Easter Sunday at St Mark's**  
6.30pm - *Easter Songs of Praise Service*



# FUNDRAISING UPDATE



## All Saints' Repair & Care

**Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £ 254,736**

Plus Charitable Grants: £68,099

PCC Designated Funds Spent: £36,570

### Current Available Funds:

PCC funds: £63,430

Donations: £13,254

Expenses: £770

**Available Funds: £75,905**

*Easter Plant Sale*  
*22nd March to 15th April*  
*at The Foxes' Den Cafe*  
*All proceeds to the ARC Project*



*With thanks to those who have donated plants to sell!*

### Upcoming Activities:



#### - Easter Plant Sale:

Look out for plants and seeds available to buy at the Foxes' Den, along with our other fundraising items for sale between 22<sup>nd</sup> March until 15<sup>th</sup> April. Donations of plants would still be appreciated!

#### - "Vietta", an evening of classical music with Spring Breeze, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7:30pm with donations for the ARC Project.

- **Barn Dance** – Daisy has confirmed the date for this event will be Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, so add this to your diaries!

**Ongoing:** Foreign currency collection. Look out for buckets or please pass to any you have on to the Fundraising Team.

*Please let us know if you have any more fundraising ideas or if you'd like to help with any!*

### And thanks goes to...

We'd like to thank the following local businesses who supported the recent Quiz Night with raffle prizes:

The Stag and Hounds, The Victoria Arms, The Amir, The Foxes' Den, Unique Hair Salon, Total Tyres, The Wild Barber, Crema Coffee Shop and The Co-operative.

Also thank you to parents at the Rhyme Time sessions run at the Foxes' Den who have given donations to the ARC Project.

We have just received £73.85 from this and the sale of our other ARC items in the shop which is brilliant!

### How to donate or fundraise:

We would really appreciate your donation; however big or small, it will all help!

- **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.
  - **Easyfundraising:** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)  
Raise money as you shop online! Search Binfield PCC to support.
  - **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>.  
Donations are made by Amazon for your purchases. Search for 'Binfield' and choose to support the PCC!
- 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.

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team: [fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

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

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





# CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey, Everyone!

We have lots coming up in April, so stay tuned to find out more...

At Whizz Kids we've practiced being GENEROUS in lots of different ways, with our belongings, our money, our time and our words! Now, we are learning about how to listen and hear from God in different ways. God loves to talk to us, so it's up to us to listen to him! We've also started our monthly bake sale again in aid of the ARC Project, so every first Sunday of the month We'll be at the 9:30am and 11:00am services selling cakes and biscuits.

We also have lots of Easter activities for anyone in school years 1-6 in the next month. On Easter Sunday, 12th April, we are having an Easter egg hunt after the 11am service at All Saints Church, so do come along and join us for family fun! We also have a brand new club this year running on the 6th, 7th and 8th April in the mornings, and when this Beacon gets to you, you should have a few days left to book on so email Daisy to secure your place!



*Oasis*

At Oasis we've been chatting about faith, providing a space to ask the big and confusing questions and to dig a bit deeper. We've also been ice skating and of



course our usual food, games and hanging out together! We will also be back at Party Bye the Pitch helping to run the refreshments stall like last year, so make sure you've got your tickets and come along for an evening of summer music and fun.

If you would like to come along to any of the children's or youth events please send me an email at [daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com), we'd love to see you!

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

**Whizz Kids dates: Sunday 5th, 26th April and 3rd May**

**Oasis dates: Wednesday 1st, 22nd, 29th April and 6th May**

WHIZZ KIDS PRESENTS

## Easter HOLIDAY CLUB

6th, 7th and 8th April  
9:30am-12pm

**£10** for 3 days!

St. Mark's Church, Binfield

Email [daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com) to book!



### 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 early)  
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

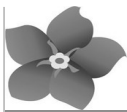
# HELPING EACH OTHER

## Binfield Coronavirus Community Support Group - Volunteers Wanted to help those affected by the Coronavirus Crisis

At the time of writing we do not know if this service will be needed, but if people do end up in isolation, we want to be ready. If you can offer help, please come forward to be a part of a 'community response' team. This will mainly be a delivery service to help those who need medication to be collected, delivery of urgent food/dietary items, toiletries or maybe charging keys for essential utilities.

If you want to put your name down to support, please contact Binfield Parish Council on 01344 454602 or email to [office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**AND** if you know someone who **genuinely needs help**, ask them to contact BPC on 01344 454602 weekday mornings between 08:45am and 1:00pm and they will be connected with a volunteer. In the event of the office closing, voicemail can be picked up remotely so we are hopeful this can be an ongoing help if a significant period of social distancing occurs.



### 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 Mornings have been suspended until the end of April, in an attempt to minimise the Coronavirus risks to vulnerable members of our community. (Further updates will be posted on the Foxes Den Community Board.)***

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](mailto: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!

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](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

**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:

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[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

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Kate Hayes  
07809 736372

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Andrea White  
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#### 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/dtqaqr>

**We'd love to hear from you**—if you have any feedback on the Binfield Beacon, please send your comments, suggestions and compliments to The Editor.  
Thank you. **Beacon Editor: Claire Thomas [beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)**

# 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

**1st Apr** - Either meet 9am at Foxes' Den or at 9.15am at St Michael's Church in Warfield  
(we then walk from St Michael's to Fernygrove Farm Coffee Shop for a coffee and then walk back)

**15th Apr** - No Walk

**6th May** - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

**20th May** - 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**  
**4th April and 2nd May**

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 28th April @ 12 noon**

**Tuesday 26th May @ 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

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## 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 25th April**

Discussion topic :  
**"Freedom of the Press"**

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  
(There are no sessions on 1st, 8th & 15th April we hope to start back on 22nd April but will depend on the Government advice, please check church website)

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

**(9th April practice will be at 6.30pm at All Saints' before the Maundy Thursday Service)**

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



Binfield Runners is a new, relaxed and fun running group, without being overly structured or competitive. We are based in Binfield and will be offering a variety of runs over different distances and terrains. We welcome anyone interested in running, from complete beginners to experienced runners and anyone in between (over the age of 18).

Our aim is to support both physical and mental health and well-being through running together.

Each run will be led by an England Athletics (LiRF) accredited run leader, who will guide you around the chosen routes and the runs will be categorised as follows:

**Get Me Started** – These sessions are for beginner runners/joggers or if you've not run for a while and want a gentle introduction. There is no minimum standard or level of experience. It's fine to walk a bit, jog a bit, walk a bit more. As the name suggests it's about helping you to get started.

**Keep Me Going** – These runs are for you if you generally run at least twice per month and feel comfortable running/jogging around 5km without stopping.

**Challenge Me** – These run sessions are for those who typically run at least once every week and are looking to increase their pace and/or running distance.

We are launching on April 1<sup>st</sup> initially with 2 weekly runs:

## **Moving Up To 10k - starting Wed 1st April Every Wednesday 6pm meet at Foxes Den**

This is a **Keep Me Going/Challenge Me** group with the aim of helping runners currently comfortable with running 5k to move up to 10k, perhaps with a view to running the Binfield 10k in May

## **Couch to 5k - starting Tue 7th April Every Tuesday 9am meet at Foxes Den**

This is a **Get Me Started** group with the aim of helping anyone who would like to eventually be able to run 5k non stop

For more information on these free group runs and to book your place please visit

<https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/BinfieldRunners>

*(Please note, for insurance purposes, you **MUST** have registered online and booked onto the run of your choice **BEFORE** your run.)*

We are hoping to be able to offer more runs in the future, but we will need more run leaders. If you are interested in finding out about being a run leader please contact us by emailing [binfieldrunners@gmail.com](mailto:binfieldrunners@gmail.com)

<https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/BinfieldRunners>  
[binfieldrunners@gmail.com](mailto:binfieldrunners@gmail.com)

## **The BINFIELD 10K WE NEED YOU!!**

Come and get involved in the biggest event in the Binfield calendar.

Our wonderful 10K run is now in its 5th year, and will be taking place on 17th May 2020. We are proud of the success that we have created, both in terms of a well-established, popular run, and the large amount of money that we have raised for both Binfield school, and all the communities in the village.

But as always, we need your help, in order to keep the 10K the great event that it is.

If you are a runner, then please sign up! Places are going fast.... You can register at [www.binfield10k.co.uk](http://www.binfield10k.co.uk)

But if you are not a runner, we also need marshals and volunteers to help us on the day. Our marshals are fantastic, and they have great fun cheering the runners on their way and getting involved in the happy atmosphere! If you would like to join our team of marshals, please email [volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk) to let us know how you can help.

And finally, we need sponsors!!! The Binfield 10K is special because all our profits go to charity. So, the more sponsors we get, means more visibility for you or your business, and more monies raised that we can give back to the community! If you would like to become a sponsor, or to find out more, please email [enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk) and we can talk you through the sponsorship opportunities.

The Binfield 10K is a great event, in which everyone can get involved in one way or another.

Please contact us if you would like to help.

**The Binfield 10K Committee**



## **Would you like to be part of our Spring Concert?**

The Binfield Singers are busy practising for their Spring Concert which is on 31st May at 7.30pm in St Marks.

There is still time to join them if you enjoy singing in a friendly group.

Practice is every Tuesday evening at  
7.30pm in Newbold College.  
For more information please contact  
Michael Hawkins on 01344 411681



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Year of the Garden

2020 has been nominated as Year of the Garden by Bracknell Forest Council. They are encouraging Bracknell residents and community groups to garden in a way that is good for nature.

In recent months, Binfield Environment Group have been planting wild-flowers and native trees in Wicks Green and, with the help of FoBS, in the grounds of Binfield Primary School. There will be some planting of native spring flowering plants on the boundary of Foxley Field in memory of a former village resident. With the help of Binfield Parish Council, we will also be repeating our popular guerrilla planting event and providing residents with bulbs to plant in particular areas around the village.

The Year of the Garden initiative is also intended to encourage us to take action for the three priority species in Bracknell Forest Council's Biodiversity Action Plan: swifts, hedgehogs, and cowslips.

As far as we know, swifts don't currently nest in Binfield but they do nest in Priestwood, so we will be surveying the known colonies to determine where in Binfield we can site swift nest boxes to encourage these incredible summer visitors to nest here.

Hedgehogs should be emerging from hibernation by now. Bracknell Horticulture Association are hosting a website linked to the Year of the Garden that gives you more information on what you can do to help hedgehogs. One of the best things you can do is cut holes in your fence to create hedgehog

highways. Have a look at the website to see what else you can do - <http://www.digforbracknell.org.uk/helpahog.html>.

By the time you read this cowslips should be in bloom. This pretty yellow flower was once common in hay meadows, woods and hedgerows.

As the picture shows, each stem holds a number of down-facing flowers, which distinguishes it from the earlier flowering upward-facing primrose. The cowslip's name is supposed to derive from cow-slop or cowpat because it was often found in the meadows into which cattle were moved in spring. As meadows, woods and hedges succumb to development, or even our penchant for "tidying" so cowslip numbers have declined. Unfortunately, this appears to have happened along Harvest Ride where the north verge, which used to host a spectacular number of cowslips, has been turned into a manicured lawn fronting the new development. We can do our bit for cowslips by asking landowners not to cut the areas where they are known to grow until later in the year, when they have flowered and set seed. You can also plant your own in your garden or grass using plug plants.



Bracknell Forest Council will be announcing various ways that we can all improve our own gardens, and community gardens, for nature. The Year of the Garden will be launched at the Jocks Lane Spring Day on April 5th.

We can be contacted by email at [binfieldeg@gmail.com](mailto:binfieldeg@gmail.com) or on Facebook.

**Mike Coker**



## Binfield Garden Club

A cold, very wet day in March ended with a warm, friendly evening in the Memorial Hall when the Garden Club welcomed a return visit from Troy Scott Smith.

Troy, one of Britain's best-known Head gardeners is now in charge of a 7 year renovation at the award-winning and internationally renowned, Grade 1 registered Iford Manor Gardens and he gave us a wonderful insight into the history of Iford and the life of Harold Peto. The Tudor/Georgian house nestles in the valley of the River Frome. The garden belonged to the Arts and Crafts designer Harold Peto, from 1899 to 1933, and due to his love of Italy it includes a cloister garden of Pompeian scale and many terraces with his vast collection of statues, urns, sarcophagi and terracotta placed amongst magnificent plants and trees. The photos looked so lovely that we would love a club trip there but as it is reached by very narrow roads and the garden contains many steep, narrow and uneven paths, as well as long flights of steps without handrails, maybe not by coach!



Our new chairman, Ralph, thanked Troy for his excellent talk and we were able to buy from the healthy selection of plants Troy had brought.

The competition for a pot of flowering bulbs was won by Trudy Inge with Jenny Baxter 2<sup>nd</sup>, Elaine McTaggart 3<sup>rd</sup> and David Ireland 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done!



Our next meeting on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be a talk by Richard Ramsey of Withypitts Dahlias Ltd- He will bring tubers/plants to buy and his talk is full of fun tips and techniques to get the very best from your dahlias!

April's competition is for a vase/bowl or pot of spring flowers. Remember we always have a superb raffle, a gardening bric a brac stall and beautiful photo cards on sale and refreshments are provided. **Meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7.15pm, Binfield Memorial Hall.** We are a very friendly club so do come and visit us. Look us up for our year's programme of events and more details on [binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com) and watch out for posts on facebook and We Love Binfield.

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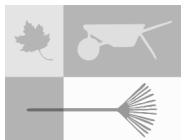


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## Happy Easter from The Foxes' Den!

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ready to unveil our creation! We can't wait to see yours!

For the Easter break we have put together a few fun and interesting activities:

**6<sup>th</sup> Apr – 9am** Binfield Easter Egg Hunt Starts – come and get your maps

**8<sup>th</sup> Apr – 10am** Explore Learning workshops FREE Creative Writing 7-9yrs Maths Wizardry 5-6yrs

**9<sup>th</sup> Apr – 10.30 - 12noon** Kid's First Aid Course [£10] we want to help get the youngsters up to speed on their first aid skills. 7-11year olds.

**9<sup>th</sup> Apr – 2-4pm** Binfield Easter Egg Hunt Craft Session

**10<sup>th</sup> Apr – 13<sup>th</sup> Apr** – The Den is OPEN all Easter weekend so that you can have a pit stop on your egg hunt.

**10<sup>th</sup> Apr – 11am - 12.30pm** Alice in Wonderland Easter Tea Party [£15]

**13<sup>th</sup> Apr 10am** Binfield Easter Egg Hunt Craft Session

**14<sup>th</sup> Apr 10am** Explore Learning Drop in session

**15<sup>th</sup> Apr** Easter Egg Hunt closes (get your maps in before 5pm if you want a reward!)

*Pre-booking maybe required for some activities – please ask.*

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

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## April Featured Events in the Den:

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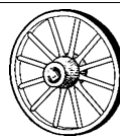
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We would like to say a big thank you to Louise and Keir Lusby, Pauline Watts, Nonnie Bates, Liz Lewis, David Ireland, Roland Thomas and Hilary Johns for giving up their time.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we all got into the spirit and celebrated World Book Day with a fabulous array of costumes including Violet Beauregarde from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Horrid Henry, The BFG and Fing!

Congratulations to the winners of the best costume awards judged by Sarah and Jan from Binfield Library.



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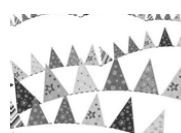
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### April 2020

Tuesday 7 April	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 14 April	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 21 April	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

### Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Dates	Details
VE Day Celebrations	Early May Bank Holiday, Friday 8 May at 11am at Wicks Green open space
Binfield 10K – Registrations Open!	Sunday 17 May at 10am
SAVE THE DATE! Summer of Fun	Summer of Fun - Wednesday 29 July, 11am – 3pm, Farley Wood Community Centre, Turnpike Road, RG42 1FW

### Announcing the 2020 Parish Peoples Award Winners!

The Parish Council are delighted to announce the 2020 Parish Peoples Awards Winners: **Amanda Thrower, Chris & Vicky Lunn, Liz Hall, and Tish Holland**. These awards are for those who deserve recognition for community activity, environmental achievements or in some other way contribute to the life of the parish. Find out more about their community work at: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-peoples-award>

### Community Engagement Survey – report findings

This survey was commissioned by the Parish Council, and delivered by Locality, and ran from September to November 2019. Its aim was to solicit feedback from the community on services/facilities you would like to see to help inform the Councils strategy and priorities. We are keen to share the report findings with you via: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/get-involved>. Hard copies can be provided upon request.

### Sponsor a Street Update

We now have 19 wonderful volunteers enrolled in our Sponsor a Street scheme which is great news. The areas covered are Temple Park, Farley Copse, Wicks Green, Murrell Hill Lane, centre of Binfield village and Cabbage Hill Lane. Over the past 6 weeks, a total of 21 bags of rubbish have been collected – 10 of them were recycled rubbish. Thank you very much for the sterling efforts from our volunteers! You are really making a difference to the appearance of the village and the Council thanks you.

**Interested in signing up?** You would be supplied with a litter picking kit and can litter pick as and when you like, there is no pressure. All we ask is that you inform us about what has been collected so that we can keep a log. Please contact us if you would like further information.

### York Road redevelopment

As you may be aware, we are currently in the process of redeveloping the York Road Car Park and Play Area. We are currently at the stage of appointing a contractor to commence work on the car park first. The car park will consist of 12 parking bays with an additional 2 bays for disabled parking. It is important to stress that once the contractor has been assigned to this project, access will be limited. We will notify York Road residents and those who have garages on site of when the works are expected to commence. All we ask is for your support and patience whilst the works takes place. We will keep including updates in the Beacon and on our website.

### VE Day Commemorations – Friday 8 May 2020

The council have organised an event to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. A small service of commemoration will take place at Wicks Green Open Space and we will be inviting representatives from the RBL (Royal British Legion), local churches and the Binfield WI, amongst others. The service will commence at 11am. All residents are welcome to join us as well. An order of service will be available to view on the Parish Council website.

### Binfield 10K, Sunday 17 May – REGISTER TODAY!

Registrations are open! Organised by volunteers, it brings the community together whilst raising money for local charities.

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

01344 454602/Binfield Parish Council at the Parish Office, Benetfeld Road, Binfield, RG42 4EW

Parish Office opening hours: 8.45am-1pm Monday to Friday

## Binfield Patient Group

### SOCIAL PRESCRIBING:

Social Prescribing - sometimes known as Community Referral - is a means of enabling nurses and other health and care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services.

Social Prescribing can meet many different types of non-clinical need, ranging from support and advice for individuals experiencing debt, unemployment, housing or mobility issues, or tackling loneliness by building social connections through joining local community groups.

For an appointment with the Binfield Surgery Social Prescriber, patients can ask at reception or ask a GP or nurse. Please be aware that this is NOT an appropriate service for under 18's or anyone actively under the Community Mental Health Team.

Binfield Surgery patients can also self refer.

The facilities closest to Binfield Surgery are:

Foxes Den Community Cafe: <http://foxesden.co.uk/>

Jealotts Hill Community Landshare:  
<http://www.jealottshilllandshare.org.uk/>

FURTHER INFORMATION on Social Prescribing and other facility places in the Bracknell Forest area for activities including Games Clubs, Walking Group, Social Meetups, Arts and Crafts, Coffee Mornings, Music and Choirs, Gardening Clubs, Book Clubs, please telephone 01344 352000 and request a call-back.

GET ACTIVE. GET CONNECTED. MEET NEW PEOPLE.

The following is a quote from a Bracknell Forest resident:

*"I didn't think there was anything local for me and it makes a huge difference to how you feel. When you feel a little bit lost it helps to know there is something to start with"*

### REMINDERS:

If your health need is urgent please telephone Binfield surgery Monday to Friday before 10.00am. (01344 286264). You will generally be offered an appointment that day. After 10.00am you may be triaged by a GP telephone call.

The Bracknell Urgent Care Centre is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 8.00am to 8.00pm for minor injuries and 6.30-8.00pm for minor illnesses. Telephone 01344 551100. Firstly, please telephone 111 to find out if this is the most appropriate service for your needs.

Call 999 for life-threatening conditions.

Blood tests are ONLY carried out at Binfield surgery for the frail and/or elderly patients, and those patients whose medicines mean that they are monitored in Primary Care (shared care agreements), Warfarin monitoring (international normalised ratio (INR)). All other patients, after referral for a blood test by their GP, should visit the extended hours service at Boundary house (pre bookable in advance through Binfield surgery) or Heatherwood or Wexham Park Hospital where 'walk-in clinics' are held.

**Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group**

## The Binfield Belles



Corsets, Crinolines and mangles, Binfield were in for a treat when Jane Stubbs introduced that at our last meeting, aiding her was the housekeeper Mrs Fairfax from Jane Eyre set in the 1800's.

The model she brought along was merely a dummy, dressed in the uniform she would have worn in the day. Plenty of petticoats, corset and bodice plus her black dress and white apron, a different one for every job. Alas there were no drawers as evidently they weren't worn by the servants at that time!! Jane gave a glimpse into Victorian life which was fascinating.

A bumper crowd of ladies attended the meeting some new members and a group of visitors always welcome to join us for several visits.

We are still putting events and outings in place for this year, March sees our AGM when a committee is voted in for the year, some leave and others join, we hope this gives a diversity to our group and spreads the load for our busy committee. An afternoon spent at Jealotts Hill community landshare, where we have acquired a plot, an allotment for all the girls to enjoy, it's been slow in starting due to the weather. However tea and cake were enjoyed and a look at the plot and thoughts on what to grow, don't think it will feed our 50+ group as they probably did in the War. We also had a Fascinator workshop which went well with creations to take home.

A visit was made to the Sikh Temple in Slough, where we enjoyed learning about their faith, spent time listening to a service and saw ladies preparing the lunches that are served free everyday for those in need or want to pop in for a community chat. The experience is so calming and the interest from our crowd was evident and uplifting.

A trip to Pretty Woman is in place for this week and another group going to big band sound Supertronics in the weeks to come.



Recycling is now flourishing in our group and we are looking for places to send various items. Heather, our recycling ambassador, got very enthusiastic when modelling a bra outside her clothes. Amid the laughter she informed we are collecting them for a group that sends them to Africa where they are much needed. Who knows what she will model at the next meeting.

We meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month at the Memorial hall at 7.15.** April 9<sup>th</sup> our speaker will be **Tom Way with ~Wildlife on your Doorstep.**

Pop in to a meeting and see the alternative Women's club in our village in action. Need more info contact me - Linda on **01344 454503/07708 731294** or email [hindaskitchen@aol.com](mailto:hindaskitchen@aol.com).  
[binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi](http://binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi).

**Linda Willcocks**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS – April 2020

### Children's Events:

**World Book Day Costumes** Why waste money buying new World Book Day costumes every year? Donate your costumes in a good clean condition to Bracknell Library, we will store them and give them a new lease of life ready for free hire next year. This way you can change characters and pay nothing more and save the planet at the same time! Open to library members (don't worry if you're not a member yet it's easy to join). Help create a community resource that is free for everyone.

### Zoolab Presents Morpho the Munching Milipede

**Thursday 23 April 2020 11am-12noon**

Hands-on workshop based on the classic children's picture book, "Morpho the Munching Millipede", the workshop uses imagination and creativity to follow Morpho (a giant African millipede) as he travels through a week-long adventure, meeting a variety of exciting and awe-inspiring ZooLab animals. Through repetition, actions and participation, this workshop introduces concepts of literacy, numeracy and sharing. As an active learning experience it engages and challenges children's thinking using real-life and imaginary situations, as well as, reinforcing the message of healthy eating."

Fun, safe and educational!

Best suited to 2-8 year olds.

Ticket: £4 per child (+ one adult free).

Booking is essential. Go to Eventbrite and look for "Zoolab workshop at Binfield 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 benefits 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 very week so expect some special Easter crafts on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April.

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 4<sup>th</sup> April 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 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm and on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm, 50p for refreshments.

**Book Group** Love to talk about books? Meet monthly and make friends. Just turn up to join at 5:45pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Brain Gym** meets monthly the next chance to exercise your mind is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 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 21<sup>st</sup> April 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 - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am, 50p for refreshments. Discuss everyday life with cake, coffee and happy people.

**Rummikub** meets monthly – the next session is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm. If you fancy giving it a go but don't understand the rules meet the lovely ladies who will be happy to help you learn. 50p for refreshments.

**Reminiscence Group** – This usually takes place on the second Friday of the month, but please note as it is Easter Friday there will be no meeting in April. The group be back on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The **Binfield Library team** here to help you and always with a big welcoming 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.

## 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.

### Would you like to get involved?

Volunteers are welcome to help as often as they like; there is no pressure to attend regularly. Alternatively **we also need willing cooks to drop a meal or side dish to St Mark's on a Tuesday** (homemade or shop-bought) or we can collect it and we will serve

### What are the current donation needs?

- *Small juice cartons for packed lunches*
- *Crisps for packed lunches*
- *Washing powder or capsules for sleeping bag laundry*
- *Long life puddings for fridge stock*
- *Sport socks - new*
- *Salt and pepper mills - full*
- *Bacon and sausages for breakfast*

the food.

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](mailto: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.



## A Sad Loss and a Story of Freedom

A toast in fine rum to departed Shipmate Vice-Chairman and former Chairman Norman Webber followed S/M Chairman

Mike Daley's opening of the March meeting of Bracknell Royal Naval Association Branch at Binfield Club. The well-attended meeting was reminded of S/M Norman's years of loyal service to his RNA comrades and thanks were expressed for the numbers of Shipmates who turned out to form a Guard of Honour at the funeral which included the White Ensign and Branch Standard.

New member Marcus Carpenter was warmly welcomed, having applied to become a Shipmate at the Branch meeting.

Branch Secretary S/M June Boddrell announced a recruitment campaign with newly produced posters bearing the White Ensign ready to circulate around the Borough, seeking to encourage additional membership from among ex-Senior Service shipmates. And RNA Central Office reported slow but steady progress in their move to a new HQ in Portsmouth RN Dockyard.

An invitation had been received from Bracknell Town Council to take part in VE Day 75 celebrations Bank Holiday Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Garth Hill College; the Victory in Japan (VJ) Day celebrations in Bracknell on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>; and Shipmates were also invited to the Town's Merchant Navy Day on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A visit to Portsmouth's Semaphore Tower features among plans for Branch social events during 2020. Arrangements for the St George's Day dinner were reported well in hand by S/M Social Secretary Lynne Daley.

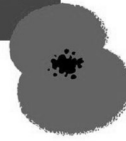
Maidenhead Sea Cadet Unit's report from CO S/M Chris Edge featured news of great success for the Cadets who had won five out of nine trophies competed for in recent County competitions. RNA members heard that additional qualifications, recent promotions and the advantage of more adult trainers had all added to the continuing health of the Unit.

RNA Area 6 Branch Delegate S/M Anthony Boddrell reported that Bracknell was among ten branches attending the Area's Annual General Meeting in February. A traditional 'Dits Corner' concluded the business of the Branch meeting with popular contributions from S/Ms Nigel Carpenter, Martin Powell and Anthony Boddrell.

There followed a very well-researched talk on *The Story of English Freedom* by guest speaker Andy Thomas whose entertaining slide show was accompanied by a commentary thoroughly appreciated by Shipmates.

**Terry Dilliway**

## Once Navy, Always Navy



## Loud Cheers and Music with a Swing

Mile after mile of sponsorships will swell the funds of the Royal British Legion as runners line up to join Team Legion in this season of marathons.

Hard on the heels of the Landmarks Half Marathon in March, 39,000 competitors will set off from Greenwich to cover the 26 miles of the 40<sup>th</sup> London Marathon on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Personal trainer days and RBL Team Legion running tops have prepared sporting Teamsters for the loud cheers they will receive along the City streets; and every pound collected in runners' sponsorships assists in funding the Legion's Battle Back Centre course for wounded, injured and sick Service personnel.



Binfield RBL branch met on March 18<sup>th</sup> to hear suggestions for 2020 social trips to destinations including RAF Hendon, the Victory at Portsmouth, REME Museum at Royal Wootton Bassett or the Milestone Museum at Basingstoke. There had previously been disappointing response to plans for visits to Southwick House D-Day Map Room and museum and a social evening in December, but, undaunted, the branch committee hopes for more interest from members for social events during the summer.

Legionnaires heard of a successful day's County Conference in January; six further members are required to sit on the County Committee, and interested members are asked to contact the County Secretary.

Binfield Club will set the scene for an evening of swing on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, 1945. The Club has hired a singer to perform '40s-style music, and the Legion branch will be conducting a raffle and a tombola competition. A fun evening is promised, starting between 7pm and 7.30 pm, and all attending are encouraged to wear 1940s outfits to add to the atmosphere of the occasion.

More and more RBL communications are being conducted online by computer, generally to the regret of members of the older age group. The latest version of the Royal Charter of Incorporation and the Legion's Rules plus the new Membership Management Handbook are available online. However, Binfield's branch secretary Denise Fuller will endeavour to obtain hard copies of Legion material for members who contact her.

**Terry Dilliway**

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