

The Binfield Beacon



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

March 2020

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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

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



Monday 2nd March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

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

Thursday 5th March

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

Saturday 7th March

7.45am Men's Walk from Oakmede Village Shops

Sunday 8th March

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

Monday 9th March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Wednesday 11th March

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

Thursday 12th March

10.15am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 15th March

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

Monday 16th March

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

Wednesday 18th March

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

Thursday 19th March

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

Sunday 22nd March - MOTHERING SUNDAY

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



Sunday 22nd March at 11am

Everyone's welcome to join us
at our All Age Mother's Day
service at All Saints' Church

Monday 23rd March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

Tuesday 24th March

12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's

Wednesday 25th March

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

Thursday 26th March

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

Saturday 28th March

7.45am Men's Breakfast at St Mark's

Sunday 29th March

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 30th March

9.30am Time of Prayer at St Mark's

APRIL 2020

Wednesday 1st April

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

Thursday 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



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LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



The Magical Mustard Seed

There is an old Chinese tale about a woman whose only son died. In her grief, she went to the holy man and asked, "What prayers, what magical incantations do you have to bring my son back to life?"

Instead of sending her away or reasoning with her, he said to her, "Fetch me a mustard seed from a home that has never known sorrow. We will use it to drive the sorrow out of your life." The woman went off at once in search of that magical mustard seed.

She came first to a splendid mansion, knocked at the door, and said, "I am looking for a home that has never known sorrow. Is this such a place? It is very important to me."

They told her, "You've certainly come to the wrong place," and began to describe all the tragic things that recently had befallen them.

The woman said to herself, "Who is better able to help these poor, unfortunate people than I, who have had misfortune of my own?"

She stayed to comfort them, then went on in search of a home that had never known sorrow. But wherever she turned, in hotels and in other places, she found one tale after another of sadness and misfortune.

The woman became so involved in helping others cope with their sorrows that she eventually let go of her own. She would later come to understand that it was the quest to find the magical mustard seed that drove away her suffering.

The Bible puts it like this,

God comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us. 2 Corinthians Chapter 1 verse 4. NCV

Story taken from

<http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story63>

Luke

From the Registers:



Baptisms

Lucy Carter

ClothesBank

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

We will be collecting donations for this giveaway from the 20th April, so if you are having a clear out between now and then don't forget to save anything that you think would be suitable.

We are also always desperately in need of any **NEW** underwear and pyjamas or money to be able to buy these and help fill any boxes that are low after the sort.

For more information
or if you would like to help in anyway 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

Bible Overview Course

Please join us for our Bible Overview course.

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

March 4th

March 18th

April 1st

Everyone welcome



FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Fundraising for essential repairs and updates to our historic Parish Church



Thank You's...

While we are waiting for the next phase of work to be arranged, we are grateful that fundraising continues and two fantastic events have taken place recently...

An exhibition of brilliant art by the Drop In Art Group took place at the Foxes Den Café, and £130 was raised through sales of some of their lovely work and cards.

This was followed by the sold-out ARC Quiz Night, which was enjoyed by a great crowd of guests. Well done to the winning team, and many thanks to those who put on the evening and helped. Big thanks also to local businesses who donated items for the raffle. See the website for more info!

Total Donations Received Since Project Launch: £ 243,767

Plus Charitable Grants: £68,099

Current Available Funds:

PCC funds: £63,430

Phase 2 Costs to Date: £12,947

Current Available Funds: £75,671

Upcoming Activities...

- Easter Plant Sale

Look out for plants and seeds available to buy at church and at the Foxes' Den, along with our other fundraising items for sale



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

- Barn Dance – we are excited for this event which Daisy is hoping to organize for October!

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 or if you'd like to help with any!

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.

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.
- **Virgin Money Giving:** Fundraising website for sponsorship
uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/binfieldarcproject_P2
- **Facebook:** Create a 'Fundraiser' or donate
- **Ebay:** Sell your items and donate to the Project. See the ARC website for details.
- **Easyfundraising:** 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!

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team: fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hey, Everyone!

We hope your 2020 is off to a great start, and with spring just around the corner there's lots of fun going on in Binfield.

At Whizz Kids we've been learning about generosity, and how we can be generous with our talents, our words, and our belongings. We've had challenges to give out compliments to others, to share what we have, and to give even when we think we don't have anything to offer.



Now that we are entering the spring months, Whizz Kids is starting their monthly bake sale up again to raise money for the ARC project and our sponsored child with Compassion. This will take place on the first Sunday of every month, and we would love donations of bakes, and mouths to eat them!



The 22nd March is Mother's Day, so we will be at All Saint's joining with the All Age service to celebrate the women in our lives, and on Easter Sunday we are holding our annual Easter egg hunt so do come and join us for these events.

We also have our new Easter Club coming up on the 6th, 7th and 8th of April, open to anyone in school years 1-6 which will involve games, craft, sport, activities, teaching and more. From 9:30-12:00 and only £10 for all 3 days you don't want to miss it! Please email Daisy for more info or to book your child on to guarantee a place.

Oasis

At Oasis we've been talking about faith, how we can trust in God and what He's got in store for us!

We spend our time hanging out, eating, and talking about life issues. It's great to have the support of a group when going through the ups and downs of secondary school, so we love building community and having fun together.

By the time you are reading this we will also have had our Oasis talent show, so have a look at next months article for the winners! We are also having an ice skating social very soon, and are planning our trip to a summer festival together, so there is lots planned for this year.

If you are interested in finding out any more information on what we do for Children's and Youth work in Binfield please feel free to email Daisy for more details.



Whizz Kids dates: Sunday 8th, 15th and 29th March

Oasis dates: Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th March

Daisy - Children's and Youth Worker
(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

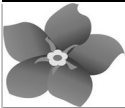
7pm-8.30pm @ St Mark's
Yr7+ girls welcome to come along and chill,
chat and meet up with friends that have
moved to different schools. Term-time only.
email daisyridell@gmail.com for more info



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

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday
(except on the first of the month and term time only)
for younger children to use while their parents are enjoying the service.
Some of the children's work is displayed in the Lady Chapel at All Saints' Church

HELPING EACH OTHER



Bereavement Support Team

We will all suffer loss, grief or bereavement at some time in our lives, mainly through death, but also in other ways such as relationship breakdown, loss of a job, or sudden disability.

The Bereavement Support Team are not counsellors, but can offer support and companionship if you are suffering a loss of any kind.

There is no charge for a visit. All support team members are DBS checked and have ID badges.

Bereavement, Friendship and Coffee Morning – Peer to Peer support open to anyone dealing with grief. Held in Foxes' Den Café on Fridays 10.30am – 11.30am (term time only).

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact Liz Hall for more information
orinocco@hotmail.co.uk /07850 799434

Pastoral Care Visiting Team — need a friend?



In All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we have a small pastoral care team, who are happy to visit and befriend the people of Binfield. So, if you have recently moved to the area and don't know many people; if your family live far away; if you are a Mum at home with a baby and would like adult company; if you find it difficult to get out or just fancy a friendly chat over a cup of tea, please get in touch with one of us. You don't need to be a member of the church; just enjoy some company occasionally!

And, if visiting others is something you would enjoy doing, please also let us know

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

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Volunteering — we'd love some help, please!



Meet people and get involved with the many projects and ministries that make up All Saints' and St Mark's Churches.

We are especially looking for help with:

- Cleaning at All Saints' and St Mark's churches
- Beacon Deliverers for the new housing developments
- Tea & coffee rotas for the 9.30am and 11am Sunday services
- Welcoming and reading for all Sunday services

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



Praying for and with you

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

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

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

Rector:

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

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Dave Saunders - 07834 459672
Neil Harrison - 01344 455174

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Hayley Fourie, Administrator
01344 421079
office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
All enquiries for weddings and baptisms

Office opening hours:

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

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01344 411681

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01344 649628

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ARC Fundraising Team

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Church Website:

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

We are also on Facebook

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



The Church Office is sited in St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church

Popeswood Road
Binfield RG42 4AH

All Saints' Church

Church Hill
Binfield RG42 5NS

PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

Here at All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we are looking to improve our communication with everyone in the village and congregation. To do this we need to keep our contacts database up to date. We have a new privacy policy in line with the new GDPR rules on our website and if you would like to sign up to receive emails from us regarding updates, news and events from the parish please go to this webpage:

<http://eepurl.com/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

4th Mar - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

18th Mar - 9am meet at Foxes' Den

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

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK



Saturday
7th March and 4th April

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 24th March @ 12 noon

Tuesday 28th April @ 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 4th Saturday of each month at **St Mark's Church**

Saturday 22nd February

Discussion topic :
"Twist and Shout"

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 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

The BINFIELD 10K

17th May 2020

WE NEED YOU!

Runners - places are filling up quickly so make sure you sign up today at www.binfield10k.co.uk

Sponsors - if you, your company or someone you know could be interested in being a sponsor please contact us at enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk

Marshals - if you don't fancy running yourself why not get involved and become a Marshal? It is a great way to support the run and be part of a truly wonderful community day. Please email volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk if you are interested or for more information

Whether you are part of a group, company or on your own, we need over 100 volunteers to make this amazing community event happen.



BINFIELD RUNNERS

Watch this space....



We are hoping to be able to launch Binfield Runners at the beginning of April with our first group runs, hopefully one of which will be a 5k to 10K group to help get people ready for the Binfield 10k.

Binfield runners will be a relaxed and fun running group, without being overly structured or competitive, based in Binfield and will be offering a variety of runs over different distances and terrains for runners of all ages and abilities from complete beginners to very experienced runners and anything in between.

Look out for more details in the April issue of the Binfield Beacon.

<https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/BinfieldRunners>
binfieldrunners@gmail.com



**BE A
THAMES VALLEY
AIR AMBULANCE
HERO**

Our goal is to run a combined total of 1000 miles from Jan 1st through to Saturday 30th May, where we will complete our challenge as we cross the finishing line of the Stockholm marathon. That equates to us running just over 45 miles a week for 22 weeks!

Why are we putting our bodies through this? Simply because of the amazing care our very good friend Matt Jones received after a horrendous bike traffic accident. Without which he would not be with us today. Simple as that. This is a charity that relies solely on donations with no government funding to operate their life saving services. So this is our chance to help contribute.

All donations are massively appreciated and welcome, whatever size, or you could give a donation per mile. It will all be very motivating and get us to dig deep when it gets tough. Please support and motivate us with donations and spare a thought for our poor feet. Thank you!

Stew and Rich
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Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Slough, Berkshire, UK, HP14 3XJ

**IN AID OF
THAMES VALLEY
AIR AMBULANCE**



Richard and Stewart's 1000 miles running challenge



Thames Valley Air Ambulance is a charity, whose sole purpose is to provide rapid and flexible medical attention to people in need of critical care. On an average day, seven people are in urgent need of their services. Within minutes, they bring the expertise, equipment and treatment of the hospital to the most critically ill and injured patients across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. On the afternoon of the 16th June, it well and truly met its objective, by saving Binfield man and our good friend Matt Jones.

The charity receives no funding from central government, and only manages to provide this invaluable resource through donations, so we wanted to set ourselves a challenge and raise much needed money for this lifesaving service.

Our goal is to run a combined total of 1000 miles from January 1st through to Saturday 30th May ending at the Stockholm Marathon. Look out for us running around the village over the next few months and if you would like to make a donation to this fantastic charity please visit our justgiving page:

justgiving.com/stewart-peters-richard-haines.

All donations to help us reach our target will be massively appreciated and motivating. Thank you

Stewart Peters and Richard Haines

Matt's story

Sunday 16th of June 2019, started like many other Sunday mornings for Matt & his wife Sarah, it involved a cycle with friends.

Whilst out cycling, Matt got in trouble and was struck by a car at 11:11am. A 999 call was made at 11:12am, the 999 dispatcher Ben Watts, aided by Dispatch Assistant Megan Fowler made the decision to send the Thames Valley Air Ambulance HeliMed24.

HeliMed24 lifted from RAF Benson at 11:16. The aircraft landed with Matt at 11:29, where critical care was provided by HEMS team, Dr Stewart McMorran & Critical Care Paramedic Katy Schofield. Matt was put into an induced Coma by the team. HeliMed24 lifted from Pangbourne at 12:49, and 8 minutes later arrived at the John Radcliffe Trauma Unit.

Matt was in the Neuro ITU unit from Sunday 16th ventilated and sedated in a critical state until Sunday 30th June 2019, when he spoke his first clear words "Hello Love" to Sarah. Matt has thankfully been released from hospital and is doing well back at home amongst family and friends, facing a long recovery road ahead with his customary grace and positivity. If it was not for the swift actions of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and the dedicated resources of the John Radcliffe, Matt would not be alive today.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Thank You!

Thanks to your support, Binfield Environment Group is going from strength to strength. More people are joining our monthly work parties. Our membership, and the support we get on social media, continues to

grow. We now know what we can do even more for Binfield's nature, and everyone that benefits from it, if even more people are prepared to help.

You can help in any of the following ways. Please contact us if you are prepared to get involved with one or more of these, or if you think that there is something else that we should add to the list:

- You can sponsor a street and litter-pick it regularly. This scheme is being administered by Binfield Parish Council.



We are still looking for sponsors for some parts of the parish. <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/help-to-keep-our-village-clean-tidy>

- Bracknell Less Plastic are looking for someone to run the monthly pop-up shop in Foxes Den, so that their core team can start to set-up similar pop-up shops in other parts of Bracknell Forest. (See their Facebook group for more information on who they are and what they are doing).

- There are now more than 50 bird and bat boxes around the parish, and we are looking for people to check that the boxes are still in place and whether they need maintenance. This would only need to be done once or twice a year and we could divide the parish up so that one person is not trying to visit all of them. If anyone is particularly keen we could also visit bird boxes in spring to see if any birds are using them and/or use bat detectors in the summer to see which bat boxes are in use.
- You could come and join one of our monthly work parties, or even help run one (<https://binfielddeg.wixsite.com/binfielddeg/upcoming> or visit our Facebook group). Our next work party is on Saturday 21st March at Wicks Green.
- You could conduct regular surveys of Wicks Green, Blue Mountain or another green-space of your choosing. Ideally this should be done once a month, taking about an hour of your time. You can choose whether you want to survey birds, butterflies, bees, plants, dragonflies or other insects.
- This summer we will be surveying the swifts in Priestwood to try and work out where the best place to put swift nest boxes might be.

Don't forget that 2020 is Bracknell Forest's Year of the Garden and Bracknell Forest Council will soon be announcing various ways that we can all improve our own gardens, and community gardens, for nature. It is likely that this will be launched at the Jocks Lane Spring Day on April 5th.

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

Mike Coker

Binfield Tennis Programme



Binfield Tennis Association provides both Junior and Adult programmes. Junior Sessions are every Friday at the times stated below. Adult sessions on a Sunday morning.

Programme Details

Level	Course	Age	Day	Time
Junior	Fun For Kids Tennis	5-8 yrs	Friday	15.30 - 16.15
Junior	Mini Tennis Junior	9-11yrs	Friday	15.45 - 16.45
Adult	Beginner/Rusty Beginners		Sunday	09.00 - 10.00

If you are new or returning to the sport then a few private sessions maybe good for you to get you going. These can be arranged by contacting Tony Williams at CTC-Tennis directly via email tony@ctc-tennis.co.uk should you prefer, please feel free to leave a message on mobile 07980 844487 and we will get back to you within 24 hrs. Please note we are unable to answer phones whilst we are on court coaching.

For general information about the Club:

The website can be found at binfieldtennis.co.uk

For correspondence, email: info@binfieldtennis.co.uk



Binfield Tennis Association: located in the centre of the village, our ethos is that tennis is for everyone and court time is fun and enjoyable. Including Adults and Juniors, beginners and regular competitive players.

We offer private/group lessons and courses for all ages and abilities, please get in touch to find out more.

COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office - March 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)

March 2020

Tuesday 10 March	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 19 March	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm
Tuesday 24 March	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
SAVE THE DATE! VE Day Celebrations	Early May Bank Holiday, Friday 8 May at 11am at Wicks Green open space

The Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Peoples Awards, 7.30pm arrival for an 8pm start at The Foxes' Den

On Thursday 19 March the Parish Council will host their Annual Parish Meeting which is for the electors of the parish to find out more about how the council operates and what we are focused on. This event will be held in The Foxes' Den Community Café. Parish Councillors are interested to hear from you all during this meeting on items you wish to raise, and any concerns or questions you may have. We will be delighted to share with you all the Parish Peoples Award winners to recognise those in our community who have contributed positively to people in the Parish of Binfield.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – electoral review consultation until 16 March 2020

The Commission is carrying out an electoral review of Bracknell Forest Borough Council. The aim of the electoral review is to recommend ward boundaries that mean each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters. Also, to ensure that the ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities, as well as promoting effective local government. To achieve these aims, Bracknell Forest Council need to re-draw ward boundaries across Bracknell Forest. The consultation on warding arrangements runs until 16 March 2020. Have Your Say by visiting:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/19640> .

5th Annual Binfield 10k road race, Sunday 17 May at 10am

Registration is now open! You can register online at www.binfield10k.co.uk or pick up a printed form at the Parish Office. Remember there are plenty of volunteering opportunities at the event if you are not a runner – please get in touch via email volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk.

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Thefts from vehicles – be vigilant!

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have advised that thefts from vehicles have been reported to them in the Bracknell area, including Binfield and Warfield. Windows have been smashed and some visible items have been taken. In some cases, people have forgotten to lock their car doors.

Most offences of theft from vehicles are opportunist. If valuable possessions (e.g. handbags, laptops, sat navs, iPods, mobile phones, cameras) are left on show inside a vehicle, it is much more likely to be targeted by thieves. Even items of little value, such as shopping bags and clothing, may tempt a potential thief to break into the vehicle to see whether they contain anything worth stealing and drivers are asked to stay vigilant.

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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?

- **Coffee jars**
- **Bags of sugar**
- **Small take away fruit juice cartons**
- **Small crisps ie individual bags for packed lunches**
- **Frozen veg**
- **Washing powder capsules** for all the laundry (We have over 30 sleeping bag sets)
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If you are able to provide any of these items, our guests would be most grateful. Thank you.

For further information and to volunteer please contact **amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk** or **call 07825 341559**. Donations can be handed in to St. Mark's Church Office or the Foxes' Den Café at the Binfield Parish Office marked for Lighthouse.

THANK YOU!

Binfield Patient Group

Follow-up Appointments:

The surgery has looked at the system for follow-up appointments on many occasions and if they were to offer this type of appointment they would no longer be able to offer the *book on the day* system they currently run. In all past patient surveys, it is evident that this system is the preferred option by most patients. If a GP at the surgery wants you to be seen in a follow - up appointment, they will notify reception to book you one. If a doctor at the hospital, or at the out of hours service, want you to be followed up at the practice, a surgery GP will decide whether you need to be seen, when you need to be seen, or if a telephone consultation will serve. The surgery offers a limited number of book in advance appointments for the same reasons.

Screening:

The surgery would like to thank patients who attend for their screening appointments when invited, and try to persuade those not attending to consider the importance of the programmes. The surgery has been telephoning patients to explain the reasons for screening and to give patients an opportunity to ask questions. The screening figures have increased over recent months:

Cervical screening: 76.1% as at June 2018. 77% by March 2019.

Bowel screening: 61.3% aged between 60 and 69 as at June, 2018. Increased to 66% by March 2019.

Flu vaccinations: Well done to the over 65's. 77% of you have had your flu vaccination. The national target is 75%.

Flu vaccinations for the under 65's with long term conditions. Only 49% of this group have been vaccinated. The national target is 75%. If you are in this group and still have not had your flu vaccination, it is not too late. Please come to the surgery reception in the morning or afternoon (Monday - Friday) when a clinician will vaccinate you.

Care Quality Commission:

Binfield surgery was inspected by the Care Quality Commission on 08 January 2020.

The surgery was rated as GOOD.

Dispensary Services:

From January this year the surgery resumed offering dispensary services to patients who live more than one mile from a pharmacy.

Patient Access:

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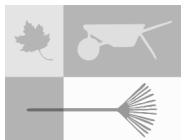
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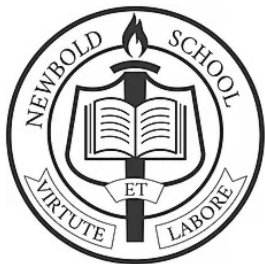
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Newbold School's Monday assembly began on 3rd February with proud congratulations to their recorder ensemble, who brought back gold medals from the LVS Music Festival.

The group achieved an 'outstanding' award for the two pieces they played - a medieval dance, *Davertanz*, and *Brahms Lullaby*. The children were delighted with the results, as was their recorder teacher, Mrs Bay.

"The children worked very diligently on learning these pieces and really enjoyed practising them, even in the playground at breaktime," Mrs Bay commented.

Music and drama are very much a part of the culture of Newbold School. For example, the choir and recorder ensemble take part in Princess Alexandra's annual charity concert for the Newbridge Foundation and this summer they will stage an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* in the summer.



Newbold's headteacher commented: "we are most grateful to LVS for running this marvellous festival. Any opportunity for our children to perform is also an opportunity for them to grow in confidence. We will treasure these medals"



Binfield Memorial Hall AGM 19th March 2020 at 6.30pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of the Binfield Memorial Hall will be held on **19th March, 2020** at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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Denise Fuller



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Greetings from The Foxes' Den!

Is it Spring yet? At the time of writing Storm Ciara is causing chaos around the country – including tearing down our new fencing by the site for the Binfield Mindfulness Garden.

Nevermind, we will rebuild and continue with our plans – we are a little behind, but thanks to the kindness of Jewson, Reading and Grant from ColourFence, Wokingham for collection we have made a start on obtaining the wood that we need. We will keep you posted on further developments...

One lovely event that we have coming up:

People's Kitchen Community Meal

Join us for a colourful vegetarian dinner prepared for you by the Newbold Church youth. We will be collecting surplus and imperfect food from local businesses to cook and create a dinner-by-donation feast.

Date: Sunday, 15th March 2020

Time: 6pm (to help with cooking, come along at 3pm)

Venue: Foxes' Den Community Café, Binfield

All donations will go towards the Binfield ARC Project.

For more info contact Miriam mstoykov@newbold.ac.uk

Thanks for reading! See you soon @ The Den

Claire

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Bookings: The café and parish function room are available to hire for birthday parties, business meetings, wakes, christenings, etc. For enquiries for the café please email: claire@foxesden.co.uk and office@binfieldparishcouncil.org.uk for the parish rooms. Please note both rooms have furniture that can't be removed, so may not be suitable for some uses.



What's New in The Den?

Laptops & Lattes



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9.30am Mondays Rhyme Time with Jenny
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10.30am Fridays Bereavement Coffee Group

March Featured Events in the Den:

For more info please see: fb.com/thefoxesdencafe/events

Wednesday 4th 7pm LETS Local Exchange Trading System
Saturday 14th 9am Bracknell Sensory Toy Library
Sunday 15th Community Kitchen Meal – join us!
Wednesday 18th 10am Baby Photography (please book)
Saturday 21st 10am Bracknell Less Plastic Refill Pop-up
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Unfortunately, while the voluntary input of time, skills and experience we have received has been absolutely astounding, what we need right now is money. Although we have no staff costs (we're all volunteers), to put our costs into perspective, a single toy can cost in the region of £400 and beyond, an essential repair could be into the £100s, and a set of deliveries to our most vulnerable families is around £10 per evening.

So if you're looking to do a good deed with your cash, please do consider us! Our current, live crowdfunding site is <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bstl> but if you email us at bracknellsensorytoylibrary@gmail.com we can also take cheque, cash and bank transfer.

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Pip Catnach

COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield CE Primary School (VA)

Tree Sapling Planting in the BOLE



On Friday 7th February with help from FOBS volunteers and visitors from the Binfield Environment Group the children planted tree saplings and wild flowers.

We had a fun morning planting 50 tree saplings and wild flower seedlings kindly donated by Earth Restoration Service which is sponsored by 3M. We are immensely grateful for this exciting donation!

Binfield has been chosen as one of the schools across the country, due to its proximity to 3M, to become a tree nursery.

The children will help to raise the little saplings for 2 years and then some will be planted in places around the local community but many will stay within the school grounds.

This relates really well to an idea put forward from the school council to support a charity called One Tree Planted. As they grow, our new trees and wild flowers will provide habitats and food to many creatures whilst also playing a valuable role in preserving green, wild spaces for the children of Binfield Primary to enjoy and inspire their learning.



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Last month we had 12 teachers visiting us to see how well we are developing our Mastery Maths teaching in KS2. Class 4RN hosted all of the teachers for a lesson on Area. The children were really challenged in their thinking and were a real credit to the school in their Maths learning, attitude and behaviour.

The visiting teachers then worked with our staff to develop their own learning.

Well done to Class 4RN, Mrs Norman, Mr Sutton and Miss Ridnell.



All junior children are becoming experts at recalling their times tables and they are using TT Rockstars (a computer program) to help them. They are able to challenge each other and even compete with their teachers.



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More details coming soon!

We'd love to see you there!

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The Binfield Belles

2020 is well and truly here, we have had our first meeting and look forward to another just before Valentine's Day. Lots of red hearts around, but the WI has a heart of their own to display. Theirs are green and show our support for climate change and what we can do to help that. Binfield hasn't taken on that challenge yet but watch this space as change is coming here soon.

Meanwhile our month has stretched out starting with a new year lunch at Mill Ride enjoyed by a number of the members.

Our keep fit ladies are in full swing and Badminton starts again every week at Binfield School. Every month our walkers meet for a walk and talk around the village or further afield and usually catch up with coffee at the end.

On a rather wet Friday morning our ladies met at Foxley Fields to open the new WI bench with our three longest members Marjorie Webber, Mavis Ackling and Margaret Cardrick, who cut the ribbon on the bench, together with myself holding the old banner made in 1918 when Binfield WI started now after nearly 102 years we have a bench of our own to commemorate those years.



Our committee try to plan a timetable of interesting speakers for our monthly meeting and during the month visits or walks may be planned or smaller groups meet like the book club or craft groups.

Next time I write we will have visited the Sikh temple in Slough, but in March we are also on a theatre visit and a local music night in Jennets Park. Some girls are going on a Beeswax workshop and we have a glass fusing workshop planned so plenty for the crafters. Not forgetting 12 girls will be making Fascinator Hats at our workshop at the end of February. So I will have a photo of those for you to see in the next Beacon.

Want to keep busy like our Belles call in at our next meeting which will be an AGM but we have a social evening as well meet some new friends or reunite with old ones enjoy tea and cake and see what we are up to over the next year.

Our next meeting is **March is 12th March at 7.15** at Binfield Memorial Hall or give me a call Linda on 01344 454503/07708 731294 for further info or see our website.

binfieldwi.wixsite.com/binfieldwi.

Linda Willcocks



Binfield Garden Club

2020 started with a bang with an extremely lively and interesting talk at January's meeting from our speakers Louise Allen and Piers Newth. Louise and Piers both gave up senior jobs in horticulture to set up a successful antique garden tool business, Garden and Wood, from their Oxfordshire Cottage and brought along with them a selection of beautifully reconditioned tools, ranging from trowels, spades and forks to more unusual items such as a mistletoe hook and the amazing glass cucumber straighteners. The winners of the January competition for "Bowl of Hyacinths" were 1st Jenny Baxter, 2nd Christine Leonard, 3rd Belinda Thornhill and 4th Caroline Matthews.

Our meeting on 6th February was a busy night with both the AGM and a talk from David Putt on the Jealott's Hill Community Landshare (JHCL) project. Richard, our outgoing Chair, kicked off the proceedings with his report for 2019, our 25th Anniversary year. The whole year had been truly memorable with members enjoying a fantastic line up of speakers and visits. Richard took the opportunity to thank the Committee and other Club members for all their help during the year and without whom the Club would cease to function. Annual awards for achieving the most points in the monthly competitions were awarded to 1st Belinda Thornhill, 2nd Christine Leonard, 3rd Jenny Baxter and joint 4th Trudy Inge and Liz Ferris.

Following the AGM, Ralph Hardy, our new Chair, introduced our speaker David Putt, project manager at JHCL, a thriving, multi award winning community garden which occupies a 6 acre site on Wellers Lane, Warfield. The JHCL is a partnership between Syngenta, Silva Homes, Warfield Parish Council and Bracknell Town Council. With a mission statement "To use the power of gardening to positively change the lives of people, sharing produce and the joy of practical horticulture" the garden welcomes volunteers of all ages and backgrounds, in particular those with a disability or disadvantaged background, as well as groups to enjoy activities such as growing food, maintaining flower beds and supporting local wildlife. It also builds environmental awareness and helps support our local wildlife habitats. In 2019 volunteers clocked up 25,138 hours. Created on a small budget and with the help of donations of both plants and hard landscaping materials, the garden features amongst other things a circular community hub, a vineyard, an orchard and a sensory garden.

The February winners for "Display of foliage and/or stems" were 1st Trudy Inge, 2nd Hazel White, 3rd Elaine McTaggart and 4th Belinda Thornhill.

At our next meeting on **5th March** we are looking forward to the welcome return of Troy Scott Smith, now Head Gardener at Iford Manor Gardens, with a talk on "Harold Peto – Designer and Plantsman". *Further details can be found on our website - binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com or find us on Facebook. New members, visitors and guests are very welcome.*

Karen Rance

COMMUNITY NEWS



BINFIELD EASTER EGG HUNT 6th April to 15th April 2020

Dust off your walking boots, the Binfield Easter Egg Hunt will be back this year, bigger and better than ever! This year the hunt will run Monday 6th April to Wednesday 15th April, incorporating Easter weekend.

If you are a home or business and would like to display an egg you can register online at www.binfieldevents.com now. Registration will be open until Friday, March 20, 2020.

Anybody keen to enjoy a walk around the village to admire the many creative Easter displays are invited to collect a map (available from the 6th April from either Café Crème, Village Stores or Foxes Den. Maps will be £2 with all funds being donated to our two charities between Binfield Pre-School and FOBS (Friends of Binfield School) to support the education and development needs of youngsters living in and around the village.

When you have finished The Hunt, returned maps will be rewarded with a tasty treat at any of these outlets. Don't worry – no need to complete the whole hunt it's quite a challenge for little legs and it's all just a bit of fun.

In association with The Hunt, there are already several other fundraising activities planned from egg making craft sessions to story time with the Easter Bunny. Look out for information on these and other activities on the Easter Egg Hunt facebook page facebook.com/binfieldeasteregghunt.

For more information on how to get involved visit: binfieldevents.com/easteregghunt

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Locate the following words (*all from within this issue of the Beacon*) in the wordsearch:

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BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS –

March 2020

Children's Events:

Reading Well for children The Reading Agency have introduced the all new Reading Well for Children.

Reading Well for children will support the mental health and wellbeing of children, providing children and their families and carers with information, advice and support for coping with feelings and worries, daily life and getting through a tough time. The books have been chosen and endorsed by leading health professionals and co-produced with children and families. Reading Well books can be found in all 9 Bracknell Forest Libraries.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March Treasure trails, awesome booklists, book sales, dressing up competitions, quizzes, book-related crafts and not just on World Book Day as we like to start early libraries have events from Saturday 29th February through to Saturday 7th March. Check our website for dates, times and venues.

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. 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 7th March 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 2nd March at 2.00pm and on Saturday 21st March 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 30th March.

Brain Gym meets monthly the next chance to exercise your mind is on Thursday 12th March 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 17th March 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 26th March at 11.00am, 50p for refreshments. Say goodbye to the Winter blues with cake, coffee and chat.

Rummikub meets monthly – the next session is on Friday 27th March at 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 new events include Seated Exercise and Pilates. Check our website or ask at the Library for further information and dates and times and venues.

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, or find us on: [Facebook.com/Bracknell.library](https://www.facebook.com/Bracknell.library) twitter.com/Bracknell_lib

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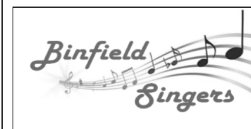
AN EVENING WITH SPRING BREEZE

Program: Dohnányi, Bruch, Saint Saens,
Rachmaninoff, Borodin, Piazzolla

Guest: Igor Woods

3rd April 7pm
St Mark's Church Popeswood
Road, Binfield RG42 4AH

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BE WELCOME



**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

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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.**

Thames Voyces

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 4th April at 7:30pm

The concert includes Handel's *Dixit Dominus*, Telemann's
Laudate Jehovah, 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 4th July, please go to the website
www.thamesvoyces.org.uk

Peter Anderson

COMMUNITY NEWS



An Enjoyable Year – Make it So!

Reports of a very successful year were enthusiastically received by shipmates of Bracknell Branch of the Royal Naval Association at their monthly branch and Annual General Meeting in February.

Details of healthy funds, enjoyable trips and visits, talks and entertainment throughout 2019 were marred only by the sad news of the passing of a dear Shipmate and Oppo who had 'crossed the bar' five days earlier.

Significant national news brought to the meeting by S/M Branch Secretary June Boddrell was the announcement that Central Office HQ of the RNA is moving from Semaphore Tower, Portsmouth Dockyard, to Building 1/087 Portsmouth Royal Naval Base, a facility just hundreds of yards from their previous 12-year home, to be shared with the Association of Wrens.

Additional news from RNA HQ was that WO1 Nick Sharland, Warrant Officer First Class of the Naval Service, was awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours List.

Branch Standard Bearer S/M Anthony Boddrell reported that the standard had been paraded at the funeral of ex-Royal Marine Norman Fox at West Berkshire Crematorium; and S/M June's welfare report included best wishes to branch shipmates absent through illness.

A new poster is being prepared to be included in a recruitment campaign aimed at encouraging members of the ex-RN community to join as full members of the Bracknell RNA.

Acting Branch Chairman S/M Nigel Carpenter opened the Annual General Meeting with a vote of thanks on behalf of the membership for S/M June Boddrell's "outstanding work" as branch secretary and S/M Martin Powell's "much appreciated" responsibility in the role of branch treasurer. Thanks were accorded to volunteer collectors of funds contributing to a healthy state of branch finances, and the meeting was reminded of much enjoyment derived from commemorative dinners, four outings, entertaining talks, quizzes and skittles evenings.

Charities designated for donations from the branch included Not Forgotten; WRNS Benevolent Trust; RN & RM Children's Fund; Maidenhead Sea Cadets and the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Trust. Other charitable donations will be considered throughout this year.

Election of Branch Officers resulted in the nomination and re-election unopposed of S/Ms President Shelagh Pile; Chairman Mike Daley; Interim Vice-Chairman Nigel Carpenter; Secretary June Boddrell; Treasurer Martin Powell; Social Secretary Lynne Daley; Standard Bearer Anthony Boddrell and PRO Terry Dilliway.

Next meeting of Bracknell RNA branch will take place on Wednesday, March 4th at 7.30pm in Binfield Club and all ex-Mariners are very welcome. Please contact Secretary June on either 01344 311869 or by e-mail at secretary.bracknellrna@gmail.com for further information.

Terry Dilliway

Once Navy, Always Navy



Huge Anniversaries and Stories in Ink

Powerful images of identity, comradeship, bravery and sacrifice are often depicted in tattoos worn by ex-Servicemen and members of the Armed Forces.

The Royal British Legion and the National Memorial Arboretum this year combine with renowned photographer Charlie Cliff to feature tattoos and their stories in an exhibition touring the country.

TributeInk opened its doors at the National Army Museum, adjacent to the Royal Hospital Chelsea, on January 31st and runs until April 17th.

This year the UK and Commonwealth will commemorate the 75th anniversaries of the ceasing of military conflict in May and August 1945 in both Europe and the Pacific, which signalled the end of the Second World War. In all its theatres around the globe, the bloodiest conflict in human history split nations into two opposing military alliances.

Overseas campaign tours planned by the RBL in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League will provide the opportunity for descendants and veterans of unimaginably intense conflict in Burma (now Myanmar) and the Asia and Pacific regions. Applications for these worldwide visits, with travel and accommodation funded by the RBL, are now being invited.

At home, the Legion will play a major role in commemorative events nationwide. Young families are encouraged to attend locally organised services and parties to share remembrance with veterans of Armed Service and add the thanks of today's generation to the reminiscences of those who served. Future issues of the *Beacon* will include full details of Binfield Parish Council's Victory in Europe Day 75 planned for Wicks Green on Friday May 8th and Binfield Club's 1940s party on Saturday May 9th.

Meanwhile, some decisions taken by the RBL Trustees can prove controversial. In January, a new policy was adopted which means the closure of the Legion's four break centres and the end of the Handy Van service. The break centres provided affordable short-term respite for ex-Service personnel and families and angry response has been received from some members; the estimated £5.8m saving achieved by these changes will be redirected to fund other services, according to a statement.

British Legion Annual Conference 2020 will take place at Southport Theatre and Convention Centre on May 16th and 17th. And the next meeting of Binfield Branch RBL is set for 7.30pm on Wednesday March 18th at Binfield Club.

Terry Dilliway

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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
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*

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For more information or to book your child
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