

# The Binfield Beacon



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

June 2020

The dashboard lights that can appear when you are running on empty

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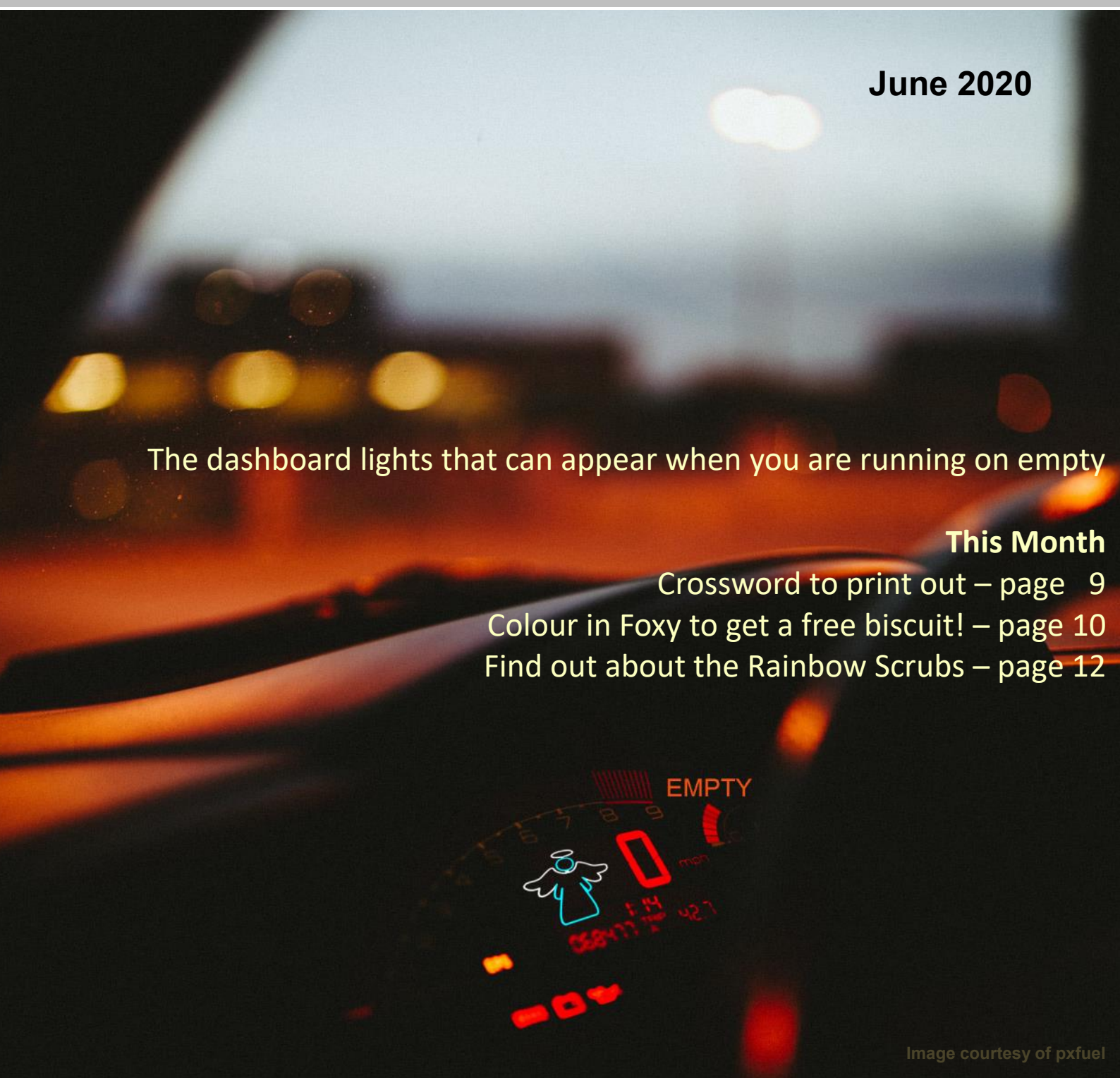


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**Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings**

# LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



## God's Intervention

This was written by a Doctor for a Hospice of Metro in Denver USA.

I just had one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and wanted to share it with my family and dearest friends:

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5,

stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die - I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a Gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay.

When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95.

I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. So I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car, who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent Jan 1, and finally in desperation had finally called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?"

This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.



Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings...

***Psalms 55:22 "Give your worries to the Lord, and He will take care of you. He will never let good people down." New Century Version of the Bible.***

*Luke*

## The Binfield Beacon



**The deadline for Beacon contributions for the July 2020 issue (this will be an online version only again) is Mon 22nd June 2020**


**Please email:**

**Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk**

*Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)*

## SERVICES

**Due to the current situation with COVID-19 the Church is closed and all our congregations' services and Church activities are suspended until further notice.**

 **YouTube** <sup>GB</sup> During this time Luke is posting online talks and Church services on his YouTube Channel:  
Luke the Vicar  
(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtq1gasp7Nchm6-QS4I7CYQ>)

 Or on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks/>

You can also keep up-to-date with any information on the Church website:  
<http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/>

# CHURCH NEWS

## From the Registers:

### Funerals

Richard Underwood  
James Taylor  
Robin Edgington



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## ClothesBank

Sadly, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and restrictions currently in place, we have had to cancel our July giveaway.



We do, however, understand that some clients may have an emergency need during this difficult time and we are trying to accommodate any emergency referrals as best we can through direct contact from the Agencies.

We really hope that we will be able to go ahead with the next planned giveaway in October. In the meantime, if you have or are having a good sort through of your wardrobes and are able to store the clothes ready for when we are able to collect them again we would be very grateful.

*If you are able to pre sort any clothes into age, size and gender where possible that would be amazing. Thank you*

## Fundraising for essential repairs and updates to our historic Parish Church



**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:	£14,519
Expenses:	£861
<b>Available Funds:</b>	<b>£77,088</b>

### Dates for the diary:

**Barn Dance** – Daisy has confirmed the date for this event will be Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, so add this to your diaries! (We will keep you update on this event and whether it will be able to go ahead)

*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.
  - **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)



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# HELPING EACH OTHER

## 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
- 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.



## 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 further notice, 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 /07850 799434

## Pastoral Care Visiting Team —



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

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### Rector:

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office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk  
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**Hayley will be working remotely on Wednesdays only.**  
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### Organist & Choirmaster:

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### ARC Fundraising Team

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### Church Website:

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We are also on Facebook  
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>

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



Dear supporters

It is with huge regret that we have had to finally concede defeat and say that Party by the Pitch, as we all know and love it, cannot go ahead this year. We delayed this decision as long as we could in the hope that we could still run it in some form, but in line with government guidance on the reopening of hospitality venues and social gatherings, it is not to be.

However, we would still like to have some sort of celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and involve as many of you as possible, in something we are calling

## “Party by the Patio”!

We encourage you to go out in your gardens on 4<sup>th</sup> July, maybe have a BBQ, raise a glass or two, and join in with us on our Facebook page and Twitter feed. We will be setting some fun challenges over the next few weeks for you to film or photograph yourself taking part in, and you can send us the results so we can post them throughout the evening. Keep an eye on our sites for more details:

 partybythepitch

 @PartyByThePitch

We are determined that Party Bye The Pitch will return next year in all its glory. Please keep safe and healthy.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

PBTP Organising Committee

## The BINFIELD 10K

Well, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May was what would have been our 5<sup>th</sup> Binfield 10K. I know its been a very strange time for all of us, but for those of us on the Binfield 10K Committee, it was really weird not to have organised the Binfield 10K this year. Normally May would have seen us putting up posters, bunting, banners, road closed signs and the community spirit would have been very high!

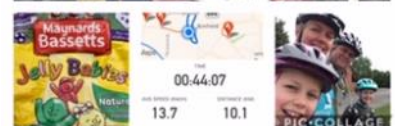
Our sponsors were on board, we had over 500 registrations at the end of February and we were all set for what we hoped was our biggest 10K yet! Marshals were all signing up, First Aid was booked, the Bouncy Castle was confirmed, the chip timing company, the road closures – we were all ready.

And then sadly, we had to postpone until 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you to everyone for your support, we are pleased to share that most people are still entered and very few have withdrawn, so hopefully and with every finger crossed we will back in October.

But... all was not lost!! Many of you still enjoyed Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, and some of you walked the route, people ran the route and some people even rode their bikes! As a committee we had a little toast at 4pm and shared our very different days, but we all thought about the 10K and we have some great ideas planned for October.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support, their continued commitment and thank you so much for sharing your photos with us.



We really hope that we can still go ahead in October, although this will very much be due to government guidelines, but we hope that all our sponsors, marshals and runners will be back!

Take care everyone and we hope to be in touch soon.

**The Binfield 10K Committee xx**

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## News from the Parish Office – JUNE 2020

### A Parks & Open Spaces Update (correct as at 21 May 2020)

Firstly, thanks to all of you who have complied with the current government guidelines thus far. As a community, Binfield always pulls together and offers help and support to those that need it the most.

At the time of writing this update, the government advice is that people can go out more than once for their daily exercise. This means you may sit and enjoy one of the open spaces around the village. The tennis courts and the multi-use games area, both located at Foxley Fields, are also now open (from Wednesday 13 May). However, the play equipment is still closed. This is in line with current government guidance and is for your own family's safety as well as others. We understand that this may be frustrating but the health and well-being of everyone is paramount. Any changes to this position will be posted on the parish Facebook page and website: [www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Please also be reminded that fly-tipping is against the law. This also includes the tipping of garden waste. We appreciate that whilst the refuse centre was closed, this made things difficult but please keep hold of any waste items until it is possible to dispose of them safely and in the correct manner.

Thanks to the majority of dog walkers who keep to the rules within the open spaces. Dogs must be kept on a lead on Foxley Fields and Silver Jubilee but can be off their lead at Wicks Green. Please ensure that you clean up after your dog, which means disposing of dog waste bags in the litter bins too. Please do not leave any dog waste bags hanging in trees as this is not a pleasant sight particularly where a bin or a pocket can be used.

Finally, just a quick reminder that our 'Sponsor a Street' initiative is still ongoing. Thank you to all the volunteers who litter pick a street/area of their choice as part of their daily exercise. With the increased amount of footfall around our streets and open spaces, it has never been more important to keep the village clean and tidy. If you are interested in joining this scheme, please email [office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) and you will be sent details.

Enjoy the wonderful open spaces in Binfield, help us to keep them clean and tidy, please adhere to the social distancing guidelines, and stay safe.

*Councillor Hilary Doyle Chair of the Amenity Committee*

### Parish Council & Committee meetings

All Parish Council and Committee face to face meetings are suspended (since 20 March 2020).

If the Parish Council decide to run a virtual meeting a full agenda and report pack, with a virtual meeting link, will be shared in advance so that members of the public may join.

### The Summer of Fun event – 29 July

This annual event would have been due to take place next month. However, a decision has been made to cancel all the Summer of Fun events in Bracknell Forest this year. This decision has not been taken lightly but it was felt that it would be too challenging to adhere to the social distancing guidelines at what has proved to be an event that has grown in numbers year on year.

### Further information

To read the latest guidelines, please visit the following third-party websites:

Government Guidance – what you need to do	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</a>
NHS – Advice for Everyone	<a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>
Bracknell Forest Council Community Pack – Support for the Bracknell Forest Community	<a href="https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/coronavirus-info-pack-bracknell-forest-council.pdf">https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/coronavirus-info-pack-bracknell-forest-council.pdf</a>

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ADDITIONAL SERVICES



Foodbank donations can be left at the parish office 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday or as we know it maybe tricky to time your daily exercise with work, home schooling etc, if it helps we are doing our very own version of click and collect...if you contact us we can arrange collection from your doorstep between 1pm and 2pm Monday to Friday (contact free)

Garden Waste sacks can be purchased for £1 each, hours as above, or again, we can arrange delivery. Please pop the right money for the number of bags in an envelope to minimise contact.

**To arrange either of these email us at [office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call us on 01344 454602**



Over the last few months many of you have been enjoying the sights and sounds of spring across Binfield including nesting birds and their fledglings. I have seen pictures and videos from across the parish of robins, blue tits, great tits and starlings rearing their first broods of the year. Some of these birds are using the nest boxes that people have put up in their gardens or that have been put up in public places. In addition to the species mentioned above, I have had reports of boxes in public places being used by squirrels, tree-creepers and jackdaws.

Please feel free to go out and see if you can find some of these boxes. As long as you don't disturb anything that might be using them there is nothing to stop you watching from a safe distance and we would love to know what you see. Some of my favourite places around the village to watch bird boxes are Piglittle Copse (Amen Corner North), Farley Copse and Silver Jubilee Field (Wicks Green). There are also boxes in the new developments at Amen Corner North, Morshead Drive and Parkham Mead. Some species of birds will go on nesting up until August, so there's plenty of time to see who is using these boxes. This is also why it is recommended that we don't cut our hedges until September at the earliest.



There are also bat boxes around the parish. If you can't see a bird sized hole in the front of the box then it is most likely that you are looking at a bat box. As it is illegal to disturb roosting bats, we can only work out if a box is being used by watching it at dusk or by using a bat detector to see if there are any bat calls coming from within the box. My two favourite places for spotting bats are Murrell Hill Lane and Wicks Green. The bats flitting around these lanes at treetop height are almost always common or soprano pipistrelles. There are plenty of bat boxes in or close to both lanes.

Other things to do this June include getting involved in Bracknell Forest Council's Year of the Garden campaign, involving the whole family in 30 Days Wild, and improving your butterfly identification skills ahead of the 2020 Big Butterfly Count.

BFC have provided a great set of resources related to hedgehogs, swifts and bumblebees at <http://www.digforbracknell.org.uk/yog.html> along with information about the Year of the Garden scheme.

The wildlife trusts are running their annual 30 Days Wild campaign to encourage us all to do something different each day in June to experience and enjoy nature - <https://www.bbwt.org.uk/30-days-wild>.

Butterfly Conservation will be encouraging us to count butterflies in July and August, so now is the perfect time to get to know the species that make Binfield home - <https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>. I will write more about butterflies next time.

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

**Mike Coker**



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH



### Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers of our special 3G little ones

We hope you are all keeping well and are able to enjoy the wonderful weather and this amazing spring. The birds have never sounded quite so vocal!

It is good to know that the number of coronavirus cases are reducing. However, we are unable to give any indication whatsoever as to when 3G will restart. As you will appreciate we have to consider the health and safety of everyone not least our team where the majority are over 70.

Meanwhile stay safe. I appreciate that at this time there will be some who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jan and the 3G Team

### RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find something red
- Find something yellow
- Find something orange
- Find something green
- Find something blue
- Find something purple
- Name a fruit that is red
- Name an animal that is yellow
- Name a vegetable that is orange
- Name a plant that is green
- Name a flower that is purple
- Name something outside that is blue



*Contributed by: Gill Manning (Binfield Patient Group)*



Hey Everyone,

With lockdown going on longer than many had expected, we've had to get creative with things to keep us entertained!

The Whizz Kids had a treasure hunt round Binfield, which lead them all over the village until they discovered the treasure that had been hidden at a certain Vicar's house! It was great to be out in the sunshine and enjoying the village.

We are also in the middle of creating a music video to 'My Lighthouse' by Rend Collective, where we are performing the actions to the song separately and putting it together in one big video! If you would like to take part in this we would love to have as many people as possible, so send me an email for a copy of the actions and you can feature in our video too.

I've included a crossword puzzle this month which you can print off and have a go at, I'd love to see how many of you manage to complete it so let me know when you finish it!

We'll hopefully see you very soon, but until then I hope you have a creative and fun time in lockdown doing lots of things you may never have had the chance to do!

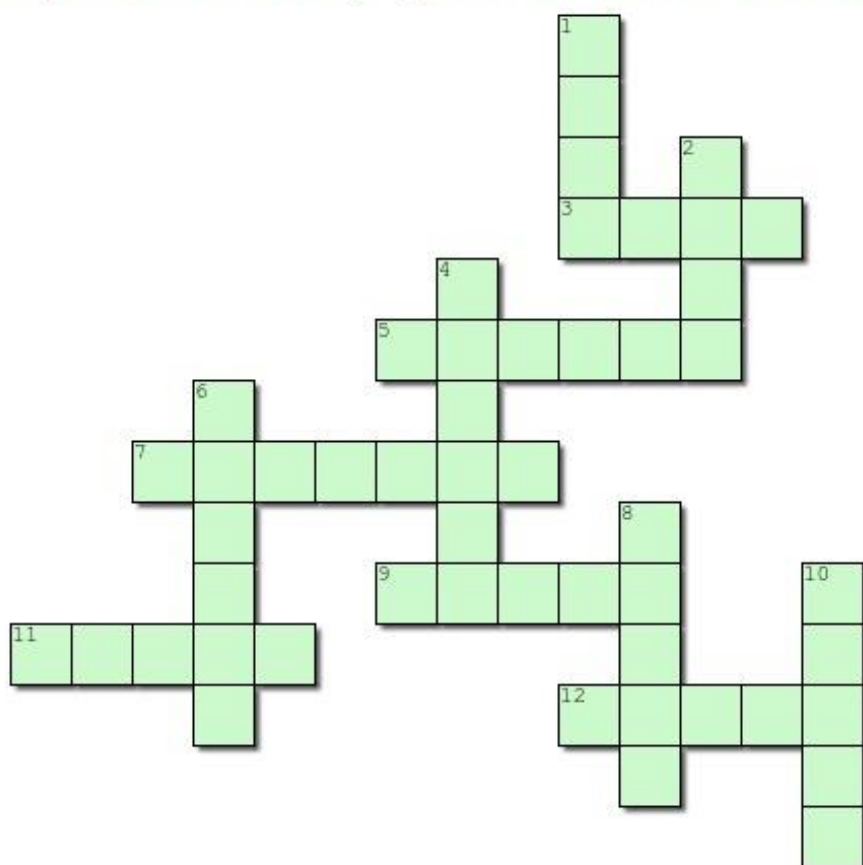
Daisy ([daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com))



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### People and animals in the Bible!

Can you work out all the people and animals from the clues?



#### **Across**

3. Who built an arc for all the animals?
5. What animal did Mary ride on to Bethlehem?
7. Who is the angel from the Nativity story?
9. What animal did Jonah get stuck in the belly of?
11. Who is the king who wanted to kill baby Jesus?
12. Which disciple betrayed Jesus?

#### **Down**

1. What animal was Daniel thrown in the den of? (HINT: look in Daniel Chapter 6!)
2. Who was Jesus' Mum?
4. Who was Jesus' Dad on Earth?
6. Who had long hair which held all his power?
8. Who is the Son of God who died on a cross?
10. Who split the sea for the Israelites to walk through?



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### June greetings from The Furloughed Fox!

**How is everyone?** I don't know about you but I am well and truly confused about what day of the week it is. I know many of you are still working very hard; whether it is from home or valiantly getting out there as key workers or increasingly trying to return to 'normal'

work. We are all trying to adapt to social distancing and navigating new measures to make working 'work'.

There are also still some folks who cannot go out and about as they need to protect themselves or loved ones. If you are in this situation, please don't feel shy about reaching out for a chat or help where you need it. There are several groups in our area that have been set up to help with the physical needs of those shielding/self-isolating (e.g. Bracknell Healthwatch) but if you feel that you just want to talk to someone other than the cat please drop me a line: [claire@foxesden.co.uk](mailto:claire@foxesden.co.uk). Just like when the café is open; we all love to have a natter!



#### Jigsaws

Don't forget we also have 1000 piece jigsaws at the café that we are happy to drop to your doorstep. They haven't been touched for weeks and any that are returned will be quarantined.

#### The Mindfulness Garden

We have finally broken ground! It is looking great – we are adding height to the area with a wooden pergola-type structure initially – more groundworks to follow soon...

There are also plans afoot for other visitors to our kitchen garden – you'll have to pop by on your walks to see what is going on!

#### WE ARE OPEN FOR TAKEAWAYS!

We are open 10am-4pm weekdays (currently) and with limited menus, but we are open! Please come around to our little servery window on the field side of the building. We hope to see you soon!

*Thanks for reading! Stay well  
Claire*

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fb.com/thefoxesdencafe  
07919 448254*



#### FREE biscuit!

For everyone who prints out and colours in FOXY and brings to the Den when we are open again...

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Dear Binfield.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team hope that you are all keeping safe and well during these difficult times. I am happy to report that the team are all in good health (albeit tired from lots of shift changes over the last 8 weeks!).

As you can no doubt imagine this has been a challenging time for Policing as a whole. We have had to rapidly adapt our working practices in order to maintain resilience and resource levels across TVP, along with minimising the risk of spreading the virus amongst colleagues and members of the public. Ours is a job that is not particularly suited to social distancing and so hopefully you will join me in thanking the team, and all of the officers and staff at Bracknell and Wokingham, for putting themselves at risk on a daily basis. It goes without saying that we are extremely proud of, and grateful for, the work of all key workers and in particular our NHS heroes.

The processes for us have changed many times and despite this uncertainty the team have maintained their commitment to serve their communities with great enthusiasm and motivation. For some time myself and the PC's were seconded to the core response teams but our amazing PCSO's remained on the Neighbourhood Team and picked up the bulk of our usual work. Of course some things have had to wait for us to return and our work is, as always, prioritised around risk and harm. The officers and I are now back on the department but remain on differing shift patterns, so we are not quite yet 'business as usual'. The team will still play a vital role in ensuring that legislation and government guidelines in relation to social distancing are adhered to. The guidelines have changed slightly mid May but we will continue to Engage, Explain, Encourage, and if necessary Enforce. Stay Safe –

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



### Richard and Stewart's 1000 miles running challenge - update

As we approach the end of May, two Binfield residents, Richard Haines and Stewart Peters are closing in to the end of a 22 week running challenge that has seen them try to run 1000 miles for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance (TVAA) between January 1st and May 30th. Effectively running the equivalent of a marathon, each, a week.

The aim was to finish the challenge at the Stockholm Marathon, but like every other major public event, the marathon has fallen foul to the Covid-19 epidemic and has been moved back to September. At the time of writing the pair are through 850 miles and closing in on the 1000 miles.



The challenge has not been without it's own challenges. The early year storms imposed challenging training conditions and weren't conducive with the thought of putting on running shoes and heading outside, but this was nothing compared to the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 crisis. Instead of being able to run together, the challenge became a solo one as no social interaction with other households became the mantra. Identifying more local routes to run so as not to stray too far from home and ensuring all due appropriate social distancing etiquette was strictly observed whilst out running whenever approaching or passing other people.

Despite all these challenges, the central focus of supporting TVAA remained ever strong, fundamentally because of the care they provided their good friend and Binfield resident Matt Jones. Without TVAA Matt would not be here today.

Thames Valley Air Ambulance are an amazing charity, who only last week responded to a Road Traffic Accident in the centre of Binfield, touching down in Newbold College. This is a charity that relies solely on public donations to operate their life saving services. They receive no Government funding., therefore any support you can provide this challenge would be gratefully received on behalf of TVAA as they literally will value every pound. Particularly now as TVAA has put out an emergency appeal predicting a £1m hole in its finances due to the Corona virus. The majority of lost revenue will be the result of cancelled community and business fundraising events. Also the charity has paid for its doctors and paramedics to do shifts at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford since the pandemic began, with them mainly being deployed in the emergency department and Covid-19 wards. The thought of this critical care service not having the funds to operate doesn't bear thinking about. Its absence would be truly felt in Berkshire.



If you would like to make a donations to this fantastic charity please click on the link to visit Stewart and Richard's justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stewart-peters-richard-haines>. Thank you.



## Welcome to Rainbow scrubs

At a time when we are struggling to come to terms with all that is going on in the world at this time, dealing with the new challenges that come with being locked in your home, not being able to see friends and family or just popping to the shops for some retail therapy or doing your weekly activities, I found myself thinking what can I do to make a difference. I'd cleaned out every kitchen drawer, twice, painted the garden shed, cleaned the grout in the shower and was now looking for an excuse to avoid all those other mundane jobs on that never ending list!



Watching the news I saw the appeal for scrubs, sewing has always been a hobby I love, but I never find the time to do, my grandmother was a seamstress and along with my textiles teacher at school, taught me all I know, but over the last 30 years I've only used this skill to make blinds and curtains (for personal use I must add).

So I set myself a challenge to make a set of scrubs and enlisted a few close friends who didn't all know each other, but whom I know shared my passion.

On the 14th April, I contacted Garth who were working in partnership with Frimley Park Hospital and three days later I collected 6 patterns and delivered to the other ladies. We are all amateur sewists and were all excited, but nervous of taking on this challenge. I created a group chat to use, so we could support each other and keep each other motivated, we were now the "Amateur Scrubbers"!!!

On the 17th April, We dug our sewing machines out from the back of our cupboards, watched a tutorial and were all itching to get stitching! There were tears and tantrums, followed by smiles and hi fives (on zoom of course, due to social distancing ) We all achieved our first set! Yay!



We had got our mojos back and there was nothing stopping us. I hosted a zoom call on Sunday evening and we toasted our efforts and got to meet each other! By the end of the first week we had produced 25 sets of scrubs and wash bags. It was an emotional day delivering them to Garth, it was like handing over your first child's, first ever babygro! We had put our heart and soul into producing the scrubs and now knew they were going off to be worn by these amazing people in the NHS working in the toughest conditions, putting their own lives then In turn their families lives at risk to care for those affected by this awful virus.



Word was getting out about what we were doing, I had put out appeals for fabric donations on local Facebook sites and worked with Sian Gilbert from the People help, the people Facebook page to request donations and created an Amazon wish list for the resources we were running out of to produce the scrubs. Within an hour we had raised £250 and our wish list was empty. I was overwhelmed by the response from our local community. By midday my home had turned into Widow Twanky's laundry! Messages of support for what we were flooding in, I had a local Mum turn up on my doorstep with a sewing machine, bouquets of flowers for all the ladies and a massive collection of cakes and cookies to share among us - I stood on my doorstep and wept!

The group started to expand, ladies like myself, wanting to avoid home Schooling and zoom calls with great Aunty Enid, were contacting me to offer help, and support. I am proud to say I now have an army of lovely ladies across Berkshire working with me to produce the scrubs and other needed resources. It was time we introduced ourselves to the community and let them see the amazing creations we were sending to the hospitals. it was at this stage I figured we couldn't publicly be identified as "Amateur scrubbers" and although the quality of our work meant we were now "professional scrubbers" we felt we would

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attract the wrong audience to join our Facebook page - this was when Rainbow scrubs was born! The name reflected the bright colours we are using to create our scrubs, but also depicts the symbol we all now recognise that symbolises the NHS. (Please check out, join and share our Facebook page Rainbow Scrubs - Bracknell and Wokingham)

Each day we wait with anticipation to see what we've each managed to create from an unwanted bed set and this team of ladies never cease to amaze me - the thought that goes into making these scrubs is unbelievable as you can see in the pictures.

I am also working with local business Estrellas Boutique who is selling these adorable t-shirts with all profits going to the NHS. Lauren has kindly donated T-shirts to the children at Alder Hey children's hospital And is now in touch with a local hospice to do the same.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been involved and helped in some way to make Rainbow Scrubs so successful. Special thanks go to Mr Grainger, Mr Mandeville, Mr Crouch, Mrs Jarvis, Mr Turnham, at Garth College and my original scrubbers Hannah, Carley, Sian, Kerry, Sandra and Mandy! And a massive thank you to everyone in the community that has given us fabric, donated money and bought items from our wish list as well as all the messages of support and encouragement! I am proud to be part of this project.



Tracy Devlin

### A Time in History.

Not one unaffected by the virus.  
Our choices, our freedom, it has denied us.  
Replaced by a longing for friends and family.  
To hug, to hold, to kiss and to see.

The loss, the grief, the pain, immense.  
For some a loneliness, so intense.  
For others, anxiety and fear.  
For most the shedding of many a tear.

And yet a time for the world to heal.  
For nature to breath, for mankind to be still.  
To gaze upon unpolluted starlit skies.  
Vibrant color of flower, fauna and butterflies.

Birds flying freely, wildlife growing bolder.  
A time to ponder nature in all its splendor.  
A quieter time, a slower pace of life.  
A freedom from the normal stresses and strife.

Furloughed, home schooling, working, multi-tasking.  
Time spent quizzing, reading and crafting.  
Out in the fresh air, cycling, running, walking.  
Or more time with loved ones just talking.

Modern tech has come into its own.  
Zoom, House Party, Face Time and still  
the good old fashioned phone.  
Give thanks Thursdays and rainbows for key workers.  
Community dancing Saturday mornings with neighbors.

What of this time will stay, I wonder?  
A world at peace, at one with nature.  
Less busyness, with time to spare.  
More time to love, more time to care.

Anon



### Binfield Church Fete

The Church Fete Committee must sadly confirm that the Church Fete will not be going ahead this year.

Due to the current circumstances and lack of certainty around this type of large event being able to take place in the near future, we have had to make the tough decision that it would not be realistic to start the ball rolling on all the hard work that it takes to put on the event. This was not an easy task, especially given the loss of a special village event in our diaries.

We really hope that we will see you all at St. Mark's for an even bigger and better Fete in 2021. We would love to talk to anyone who would like to join the team or help in any way!

With best wishes from the Fete Committee: Steve, Claire, Amanda, Jo, James, Bel and Kate

[www.binfieldchurchfete.co.uk](http://www.binfieldchurchfete.co.uk)



## Binfield Garden Club



June is almost here. Sadly we can have no meetings or outings for the foreseeable future but with the weather being kind we can, not only enjoy our own gardens but also other people's as we walk round the village.

This month, of course, is the time of beautiful roses. So....  
"Take time to smell the roses!"

Roses have been celebrated for centuries for their beauty, fragrance and what they represent. Each colour offers a meaning: red, the lover's rose; white humility and innocence; yellow friendship and joy; pink gratitude and admiration; orange enthusiasm; while lilac and purple roses are said to represent enchantment and love at first sight. Most of us just love them all and the question has been asked whether nice people grow roses or growing roses makes people nice?



Here are six simple must-haves and you'll be on your way to growing the perfect rose.

1. Site. Roses crave sun, at least 6 hours a day
2. Soil. Plant roses in rich, well-draining soil
3. Mulch. Add a 2-3 inch layer of coarse, organic mulch
4. Water – do not let them dry out
5. Inspect regularly
6. Prune as advised by the label

Instructions for pruning and feeding can be found anywhere but here are a couple of lesser known tips. Coffee grounds are good for rose bushes because of their high nitrogen content. In addition, bugs and pests are repelled by coffee grounds. If you (or rather your roses!) do suffer from diseases and pests and you don't wish to buy bottled chemicals, here is the recipe for a home-made fungicide.

Mix baking soda with water, about 4 teaspoons to a gallon (4L) of water. You can use potassium bicarbonate instead. Put in a washed out old spray or squeeze bottle.

So we all love and enjoy our roses, but maybe NOT the thorns! There is no gathering the rose without being pricked by the thorns. You can complain because roses have thorns or you can rejoice because thorns have roses and in these difficult times we must look for the beauty and remain optimistic.

We are all looking forward to the day when we can meet up again as a club and may you all stay well and safe until that time. I will let the roses have this final say which I feel is appropriate to where we are in life now.

Do not watch the petals fall from the rose with sadness, know that, like life, things sometimes must fade before they can bloom again.

*Sue Jeffery*

*(binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com)*



## The Binfield Belles

Welcome to our WI lockdown article, I have had a slap on the wrist for not writing last month! I hope this finds everyone well and

staying safe. It all seems quite bizarre and unreal as the days tick by. A long time ago since February when we all came together in the memorial hall for a meeting. Since then all our world has turned upside down and so I write this knowing I am shielded from this horrible virus due to age, as some of our members are, although we can walk every day, travel a bit and shop. Other members who are younger are at work, mostly from home or on furlough and some vulnerable ladies can't leave home.

So in true WI spirit our secretary Anita has set up a bush telegraph for all those online, sending out messages, jokes, videos and quizzes every day plus a song to brighten the days. It has proved to be popular and many are sending in new additions. Everyone seems occupied at home, plenty of sorting out, cleaning, gardening and catching up with friends, whether on email, phone or some on zoom.

Our last outings together included a visit to the Sikh temple in slough, rather an inspirational day for everyone, an insight into

their beliefs, services and how they provide meals everyday for anyone who needs one. Contingents of ladies prepare the food every morning, volunteers of all ages, and it is cooked and served by 12.00. Such team spirit and coming together unselfishly shows a lesson for us all. Proven now at this time food always seemed to be at the heart of feeling better, however the waistline can suffer and with no keep fit with Jane I fear mine expanding. The WI have always provided food in bad times during the war with growing vegetables etc and jam and preserve making. Not quite as easy with this virus. Other members have been helping with sewing NHS scrubs, bags and masks. My sewing machine of 50 years had a dust off and Anita and I produced some for our lovely nurses at Frimley Park. We are currently making masks and are able to make some for members who want them.

On a happier note the girls had a lovely theatre visit before lockdown to see Pretty Woman in London which was very enjoyable and memorable. Stay safe and keep healthy everyone, enjoy where you can the slowing down of this busy world and look at nature's blossoming.

Till next month ..... **Linda 01344 454503 /07708731294**



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### Virtual Shipmates in Viral Times

General Secretary Bill Oliphant has lavished praise on Royal Naval Association Branch Secretaries for their valued service to Shipmates in keeping the fabric of the RNA together during the difficult Covid-19 crisis.

Bracknell Branch Secretary S/M June Boddrell has continued to maintain contact through emails, texts and phone calls, monitoring the welfare of Bracknell Shipmates. And a successful May meeting of the Branch was held by 'Zoom' video with the help of S/M IT guru and Standard Bearer Anthony Boddrell, with S/M Nigel Carpenter in the virtual chair.

The 'Zoom' meeting included S/M Treasurer Martin Powell's report of healthy funds, and a decision was taken to donate to the RNA NHS and Ventilator Appeal. Bracknell Shipmates enjoyed joining the field of new communication methods being recommended and supported by Central Office and, although several members were absent, enthusiasm exists for further meetings.

National Chairman S/M Keith Ridley has expressed regret at the loss of members who have crossed the bar, and whose passing has not been marked by a traditional RNA funeral because of government social distancing guidance. However, Chaplain of the Fleet the Venerable Martyn Gough QHC may consider a service of commemoration for these Shipmates. And, if more evidence were needed of these extraordinary times, RN supercarrier *HMS Queen Elizabeth* quietly slipped her Portsmouth moorings and put to sea, in stark contrast to previous fanfares and crowds of onlookers.

News of the ongoing transformation of the fleet is meanwhile stirring excitement among serving and veteran RN Shipmates. Latest 'Astute' class submarines will be supported by Poseidon P8 maritime patrol aircraft and new Type 26 frigates in the North Atlantic; carrier strike group capability is being brought to full fruition with the operational exercises of *Queen Elizabeth* and *Prince of Wales*; and new 'River' class patrol vessels will be deployed out of Gibraltar.

Five Type 31 frigates will enter service after completion at Rosyth, and three Type 23s will also join the Fleet soon. Unmanned systems are to exploit the potential for future safer and more cost-effective Mine Countermeasures.

*Terry Dilliway*

### *Once Navy, Always Navy*



### Etched in Memory, and Ground Control to Colonel Tom

The priority of the Royal British Legion throughout the Coronavirus emergency remains the safety and well-being of elderly and vulnerable veteran Servicemen and women.

"Stand ready to support" is the motto, and Head Office extends encouragement to communities across the UK to join forces to combat the effects of loneliness and hardship resulting from isolation. Amid the crisis, the Legion has been calling on nurses, catering staff, maintenance staff, administrators and assistants to form a temporary army to man RBL care homes in Ripon, Bexhill, Taunton, Cromer, Southam and Broadstairs.

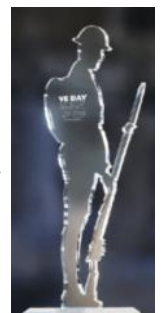
Consistently the message is that regional welfare and support continues to be available. Binfield RBL Branch Secretary Denise Fuller can be contacted on 01344 426885 for local advice. Nationally, financial and employment advice and support with physical and mental well-being can be accessed on 0800 802 8080.

Victory in Europe Day May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945, will be etched in the memory of those who witnessed it; and, for completely different reasons, today's generation and veterans will surely remember how they celebrated this year's VE 75 anniversary while confined within Covid-19 restrictions. It was even possible to purchase a British Legion 'Tommy' to place in a window at home to mark the day!

Meanwhile, it's always been difficult to explain exactly what it means to 'be British' – and Captain (Hon. Colonel) Tom Moore hasn't made it any easier.

The 99-year-old retired 8<sup>th</sup> battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment officer set off on a project to walk round his garden a hundred times before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to raise £1,000 for the NHS fight against Coronavirus. But things didn't quite work out like that. Honourable Colonel Tom instead raised a total of £30 million!

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*Terry Dilliway*

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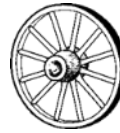
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