

The Binfield Beacon



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

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Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



The Mouse Trap

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning:

"There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said "Mr Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said "I am so very sorry, Mr Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said "Wow, Mr Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house - like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. While the farmer's wife was recovering, friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them all, the farmer had to butcher both the pig and the cow. While the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember: when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. A bit like the situation we are in at the moment with Covid 19. We are all involved in this journey. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. The Bible encourages us to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Romans chapter 13 verse 8) because each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry.

Story taken from
<http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story51>

Luke

All Saints' Church Opening Times

(Times correct at going to press. Please continue to watch our website or facebook page for updates)

All Saints' Church will be open at the following times for **private prayer only**.

Wednesday 11am - 1pm
Sunday 10am - 12pm

The first hour will be in silence and the second hour will have Church music playing quietly in the background.

Please note that the church is only open for private prayer, not any kind of Church Service.

To ensure social distancing, please only sit or kneel where there is a yellow cross marked on the pews or chairs. Please can you ensure that you use the antibacterial gel on entry and exit of the church. When you are finished, please clean the area you sat in, using the wipes provided.

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.



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/>

The Binfield Beacon



The deadline for Beacon contributions for the Aug/Sept 2020 double issue (online version only again) is Wed 22nd July 2020

Please email:

Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

CHURCH NEWS

From the Registers:

Funerals

Margaret Challis
Marian Atkinson



Photo by Lesley Davidson on Unsplash

ClothesBank

Sadly, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and restrictions, we 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 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. Also keep an eye out on facebook (Binfield Gossip Girls and the Church site) for any specific pleas we may have due to our ongoing emergency referrals.

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: £ 255,586

Plus Charitable Grants: £68,099

PCC Designated Funds Spent: £36,570

Current Available Funds:

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| PCC funds: | £63,430 |
| Donations: | £14,894 |
| Expenses: | £874 |
| Available Funds: | £77,405 |

Thank you...

To those who have continued to support our project during these times. Your donations are so gratefully received. Although we have no more plans for fundraising events just now, we still have the Barn Dance tentatively in our diaries for Saturday 10th October and will keep you updated as things change. Stay well and safe until then!

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
 - **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!
- 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
www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk 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!

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| 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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We are also on Facebook
facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks

The Church Office is sited in St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church

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All Saints' Church

Church Hill
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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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CHURCH NEWS

New Steps for All Saints' Church

There are many people who give their time and talents to our church without need or desire for recognition or reward. Some are in established positions such as the PCC, others work within groups such as Lighthouse, Pastoral care visiting team, 3G, Bereavement team, ClothesBank, Arc, church cleaning, church fete and oh so many more. Others just turn up and 'do stuff' when they see that it is needing to be done.

It is unusual to pick events out in particular, but on this occasion I will. Not for the people who perform these wonderful acts but to celebrate what they have done for us and to give everyone something to consider when next visiting our churches.

Firstly, St Marks. Have you ever wondered why it is you are able to enter and leave the drive, or turn right at the junction with Terrace road and have full visibility? All the work of one man who has, for years, made it his gift to maintain, plant/replant and care for the hedge around the boundary.

Another local parishioner has been performing renovation works at All Saints' and St Mark's. You may have noticed the wall to the church grounds at All Saints has been re-pointed. You may have noticed the new gate at the north entrance to All Saints' has been completely rebuilt. All the work of one man, with help from his son. The latest improvement, funded entirely by this benefactor, has been to completely renovate the steps leading to the church from the car park. You will see the amazing transformation in the before and after photos on this page. I assure you this is even better in real life.

We are blessed with talented and kind-hearted people in our community who are generous with their time and talents. Let us be grateful and give thanks that we live in such a wonderful community.

Tony Muller



Never miss an issue of the Beacon



Would you like to receive an electronic copy of the Binfield Beacon emailed to you every month?



Please email beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk with your name and email address to be added to the mailing list.



Have you had a clear out recently and looking to sell or giveaway items? Sign up to be part of our village Doorstep Sale Trail and sell from your garden or driveway.

£5 minimum donation to **All Saints' with St Mark's Churches** fund and we will put you on the route map of stalls for the day.

<http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/doorstep-sale-trail/>

COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office – July 2020 *(correct as at 24 June 2020)*

Firstly, the Parish Councillors and the parish office team hope that you and your families have been keeping well. The Parish Council thank many of you who have been adhering to the current COVID-19 government guidance and we encourage you to continue to do so for your own safety and the safety of others.

Parks & Open Spaces Update

- Parks and Open Spaces remain open for your benefit and enjoyment.
- Play areas will re-open on Saturday 4 July but not before. The equipment will be cleaned ahead of re-opening, but it will not be possible to clean equipment between usage. Therefore, please observe sensible hygiene routines and if you do use disposable wipes – either on hands or equipment – please dispose of in the bins provided. Children should be supervised carefully to maintain good hygiene and should not use playgrounds if they have any signs or symptoms of coronavirus.

Litter, dog foul & fly tipping

- [Sponsor-a-Street](#) volunteer litter pickers have been doing a fantastic job in keeping the village clean and tidy!
- The Parish Council thanks all volunteers and asks that you please support their efforts by placing your litter in a bin or take home with you if you are not near a bin.
- If you would like to find out more about the Sponsor a Street initiative, please contact the Parish Office.
- Dog fouling is unpleasant and can be a health hazard. Dog owners have a legal duty to clean up every time their dog fouls in a public place. Go here to [Report Dog Fouling](#).
- Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of any waste or rubbish, including garden waste, anywhere other than at a licensed waste disposal site. You can now book a [Click & Tip](#) slot at the Bracknell recycling centre (Longshot Lane) to dispose of waste safely.

Results of car speed analysis in Binfield

- The Neighbourhood Action Working Group (NAWG) has produced a '[Vehicle Speeds and Volumes Report](#)'.
- The report highlights that many drivers still exceed speeds of up to 41mph in a 30mph zone along some of the key through routes in Binfield.
- The data was been collated from a Data Logger device, which had been moved for 24 hours at nine key locations around the village.
- There are now 18 volunteers for the [Speed Watch](#) mobile camera initiative, who will be out monitoring traffic speeds once Thames Valley Police allow as per COVID-19 government guidance. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer for Speed Watch and visit the [Get Involved](#) web page to find out more about NAWG who hope to next meeting in September 2020 if guidelines permit.
- Always drive considerably adhering to all road traffic signs and speed limits.

Parish Council & Committee meetings

- Parish Council and Committee meetings have resumed virtually.
- A full agenda and report pack, with a virtual meeting link, will be shared a week in advance so that members of the public may join. If you wish to speak during Public Participation, then please contact the Parish Office.
- Please visit our [Meetings](#) web page for upcoming meetings.
- The Parish Council building, including meeting rooms, remain closed – please check our website for updates.

Major Projects Update

- Parish Councillors have formed Working Groups to progress next steps regarding the [Pockets Copse allotment](#) site (Amen Corner North) and also the [York Road](#) re-vamp of car park and play area. Contact us to find out more.

Further information

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

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

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ADDITIONAL SERVICES



Now that the **The Foxes' Den Café, Binfield** is open for takeaways, Foodbank donations can be left at the parish office Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm AND on a Saturday 10am to 2pm! If the office is unmanned, speak to the cafe and they will let you know where to leave your donated goodies. Thanks so much for your support! You can check the **Bracknell Foodbank** page every week for the list of most needed items!

Garden Waste sacks can be purchased for £1 each, from the parish office. Please pop the right money for the number of bags in an envelope to minimise contact.

An queries please email us at office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or call us on 01344 454602



My youngest child is fascinated by the word 'jizz'. This word often forms part of the answer when a birder is asked how they know that a distant object is a particular bird. The word either comes from a deliberate misspelling of the acronym for 'general impression, size and shape', or a shortening of 'it just is'. Either way, jizz can be equally useful for helping to identify butterflies.

General impression is quite a good way of narrowing down what you are looking at, and in some cases is even captured in a butterfly's name. Fritillaries are amongst

our largest butterflies and have a floating flight that seems to match their name. I'm told that you can even tell the different types of fritillary by the way they fly. Skippers, a much smaller butterfly, bob along at plant height seemingly skipping from plant to plant. Gatekeepers venture out from their preferred resting-spot to chase off intruders irrespective of the intruder's size.



General impression also covers colour. In the butterfly world, we have the unimaginatively named whites, blues and browns. Slightly more helpful names include speckled woods (if you are in a woodland area and see a brown and white butterfly flitting around it's probably a speckled wood), orange tips and brimstones.

Our native butterflies range in size from the small blue and the skippers, which are not much bigger than a thumbnail, to the purple emperor, which is almost the size of your palm.

Although butterflies generally have a similar shape, there are a few variations that help identification. The admirals, emperor and painted lady have a concave edge to the forewing, whereas the comma has a raggedy edge to fore and rear wings. The swallowtail, a rare summer visitor to eastern England, has what looks like a tail, and the hairstreaks have something similar but smaller. The hairstreaks are named after a line on their under-wing.

We are now approaching peak butterfly season, so see which species you can spot. The annual Big Butterfly Count is running between 17th July and 9th August and free charts and apps are available to help you identify what you are looking at (<https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>). You could also take part in Butterfly Conservation's Garden Butterfly Survey (<https://gardenbutterflysurvey.org/>).

If you want something that covers a few more species than Butterfly Conservation's chart, then I recommend the Field Studies Council's 'Guide to the butterflies of Britain and Ireland'. If you want to know more about butterflies and the history of the people who named them, collected them and painted them then read 'Rainbow Dust' by Peter Marren.

Binfield Environment Group can be contacted by email at binfielddeg@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Mike Coker

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



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

Another month has passed and it is good to know that the number of Covid 19 cases have gradually reduced. We miss you all and are sad to miss out on the development of the children. Seeing them run in to find their favourite toys or choose to find a seat early in anticipation of the story gives us great pleasure.

However, much anxiety remains as the economic fall out begins to bite due to the pandemic. We know many people will be anxious about their jobs and what the future holds.

At this time it reminds me of one of the favourite stories of the children when "Jesus stilled the storm". The disciples were afraid the boat would capsize in the sudden squall on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was asleep! On hearing their cries for help and sensing their fear Jesus brought about peace. In the storms of life today Jesus can still give us peace, courage and the strength to press on if we only ask for His help.

Continuing to think of you all.

Jan and the 3G Team.



During lockdown some of our amazing Whizz Kids and team performed to one of our Church favourites, 'My Lighthouse' by the



Rend Collective.

Click on this link to see them in action

<https://www.facebook.com/199448070240483/posts/1443666402485304/?vh=e&d=n>

MATHS SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find 2 pencils and 1 blue crayon. How many items do you have now?
- Find 5 blocks and 2 pennies. How many items do you have now? Take away 3 blocks. How many items are left?
- Find 4 socks and 2 stuffed animals. How many items do you have all together?
- Find 8 crackers. Eat 4 of them. How many are left?
- Find 3 spoons, 4 books and 1 orange crayon. How many items do you have all together?



Contributed by: Gill Manning (Binfield Patient Group)

5 SENSES SCAVENGER HUNT



- Find something that makes a crunch sound.
- Find something that tastes sour.
- Find something that smells good.
- Find something smooth.
- Find 3 of the same thing.
- Find something that smells bad.
- Find something that tastes sweet.
- Find something loud.
- Find something long.
- Find something soft.
- Find something white.
- Find something quiet.
- Find something rough.

Contributed by: Gill Manning (Binfield Patient Group)

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



SILLY SQUAD

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

sillysquad.org.uk



The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. This year, the Summer Reading Challenge is taking on a new and exciting format. Instead of registering at your local Library, you can register online from absolutely anywhere.

This year the Challenge is back, online with Silly Squad! It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck into all different kinds of

funny books. This year, our challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like *Amelia Fang* and *Evil Emperor Penguin!*

Set a personal challenge

You can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer.

Our online platform will help you keep track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.

As always, we'll have loads of brilliant book suggestions to get you started, and tips on how you can keep reading even while schools and libraries are closed. We'll also have heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home!

Join the Summer Reading Challenge

You can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge now via the Reading Agency, ready to start the challenge on Friday 5 June. Use this link: www.summrreadingchallenge.org.uk

Library membership for summer

If you are not already a member of the library, you can join the library temporarily to borrow e-books, e-audio books and e-magazines for the challenge.

Just ask a parent or guardian to email Bracknell.Library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk with:

- your name
- your address
- your date of birth
- a parent or guardian contact number and email

Reading Lists

Why not try some of these books during the challenge?

For 4-7 years

Molly Mischief by Adam Hargreaves
Little Nelly's Big Book by Pippa Goodhart
The Trouble with Dragons by Debi Gliori
Rover by Michael Rosen
Marmaduke the Very Different Dragon by Rachel Valentine
Very Little Thing by Cedella Marley and Bob Marley
How Wet Can You Get? By Tish Rabe
Peas on Earth by Todd H. Doodler

For 8 to 11 years

Mission Impawsible by James Patterson
Amelia Fang and the Bookworm Gang by Lauren Ellen Anderson
Evie in the Jungle by Matt Haig
Gangsta Granny by David Walliams
The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd
Guinea Pig Superstar! By Ali Pye
Cookie and the Most Annoying Boy in the World by Konnie Huq
The Phantom Lollipop Man by Pamela Butchart
Harry the Poisonous Centipede's Big Adventure by Lynne Reid Banks
Matt Millz on Tour! By Harry Hill
My Joke Book by Amanda Li and David Roberts
Ed's Funny Feet by Eoin Colfer

Benefits

- Some of the benefits of taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge include:
- encouraging children to read throughout the summer holidays
- developing a lifelong love of reading for pleasure
- encouraging children to read a variety of genres
- encouraging the whole family to use resources in the library
- helps make sure that literacy levels do not drop over the summer
- most importantly – it's fun!

Parents and guardians can find out more on the Summer Reading Challenge website

www.summrreadingchallenge.org.uk

Illustration credit to The Reading Agency and Laura Ellen Anderson (author/illustrator).



COMMUNITY NEWS



I have been volunteering with 1st Binfield Rainbows, guided by the wonderful Liz Hall (Sapphire), for just over a year. But what a difference a year makes from Spring 2019 to Spring 2020...

Although our last face-to-face meeting with our lovely girls at Rainbows was back in March, we have not been resting on our laurels. We are continuing to help our girls to discover more about themselves & the world around them & grow their interest through a wide range of challenges & activities. This is in addition to the programmatic activities set by Girlguiding.

Adventures at home With lockdown affecting us all, our Unit has been focussing on “Adventures at Home”, but this has supplied a comprehensive list of challenges for the girls to get involved with. It started with a group of activities that encouraged helping others during lockdown & recognising the tireless work of the NHS & Key workers. We then moved onto a Scavenger Hunt around Binfield over the VE Day Bank Holiday weekend – you may have seen various clue-cards at certain notable points around the village such as the allotments. With such lovely weather that weekend, there were plenty of Rainbows out & about completing the challenge, whilst being sure to socially distance.

Gardening & growing Sapphire then set the girls gardening & growing-up wild challenges outlining activities such as growing seeds & making a birdfeeder, & fantastic childhood past-times such as rolling down a grassy hill or skimming stones across a pond. It's been great fun for us to see photos of the girls' hard work & the fun they had shared by their parents.

Mindfulness & wellbeing Most recently, we shared the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust Wellbeing Challenge 2020 for the girls to have a go at. This further encourages connecting with people & nature by getting active, learning, giving & taking notice. There is something for every girl's interest in this excellent challenge pack.

Rainbows go Zoom! We have started to run meetings digitally, using the online video conferencing platform, Zoom. Whereas it will never be as good as seeing the Rainbows in our weekly meetings, it's given us a chance to get our uniforms on, ask our friends what they have been up to & play a few virtual games.

What's next? As we approach the summer, we are looking to run “Seaside at Home” challenge activities that can be done at home as we are yet unsure whether holidays will be able to go ahead this summer. Who wouldn't like to create their own postcard, play beach games in the back garden or enjoy a fish & chip supper?! We are also looking into a virtual sleepover, where the 1 compulsory activity will be to sleep somewhere that is not your bed – we look forward to seeing lots of den & tent building in lounges & gardens.

So, 1st Binfield Rainbows is thriving during lockdown, & finger-crossed we can all meet up again after the summer.

Kate Fowler (Ruby)



During lockdown 1st Binfield Brownies and leaders have been doing a range of activities (at home with their parents) to keep busy despite the lack of face-to-face meetings.

We started off with The Great Indoors Challenge which included various lockdown activities such as putting a rainbow in the window, doing a bit of cooking and making something creative using a toilet roll tube. We had great fun making the most of being inside and even earned a badge from it!

Most of our lovely Brownies participated in the VE Day celebrations, making bunting, decorating cakes and dressing up in red, white and blue for a socially distant street party. The girls all learnt what VE Day was and why it is so important to celebrate.

Once lockdown began to ease slightly it meant that girls could participate in The Growing Up Wild Outdoors Challenge. This involved cloud watching, picnics and lots of exploring. It was a great opportunity for the girls to venture into the natural world and connect with nature. We also set up a scavenger hunt for them to follow all around the village, carefully adding up points as they found each clue.

One of the highlights of lockdown was our Festival At Home run by Girlguiding. The day consisted of lots of online activities and talks from some amazing women, all delivered via YouTube.

In June we had our first online Zoom meeting which was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with the girls and we are looking at doing another online meeting in July. Hopefully in September things will become a little more regular but, in the meantime, we are staying safe, keeping busy and having plenty of fun!

Katie Hall (Dragonfly)

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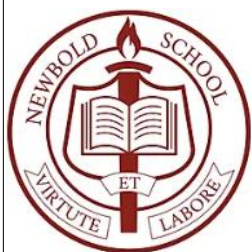
Like Rainbows and Brownies, the Guides have also been busy during lockdown. Some of the girls have been completing their Space badge and Inspirational Women challenge badge, learning all about our solar system and the women behind space travel. We took part in Girlguiding's Festival At Home as well as the Virtual Camp At Home in April, where we all slept in tents and dens. The Guides also completed the village scavenger hunt and we held our first Zoom meeting in June. We look forward to coming back together soon for some more regular meetings.

Katie Hall (Dragonfly)

Girlguiding offers opportunities for girls aged 5-18. Many of the units in Binfield are very full, with waiting lists, but there is current availability in 2nd Binfield Brownies and 1st Binfield Guides on a Friday, and 3rd Binfield Rainbows and Brownies on Tuesdays, as well as units in the wider Bracknell area. If you would like to register your daughter, please do so via www.girlguiding.org.uk

We are always looking for new adult volunteers too. If you would like to be involved, helping girls and young women to build their confidence, have adventures, learn new skills and have loads of fun, you can register your interest on the same website. You don't need any prior experience, and the amount of time you give is up to you. New volunteers can make enquires through www.girlguiding.org.uk

NEWBOLD SCHOOL SEESAWS THROUGH LOCKDOWN



What a rollercoaster ride 2020 has been thus far for all of us. Who could have predicted in January that by March we would be confined to our homes while a killer disease rampages across the world? It sounds like a 'B-rated' disaster movie, right? Nevertheless, living with the new enemy on the block, COVID-19, has become our reality. Lockdown emptied our streets and closed our schools overnight and yet, all the while, teachers continued teaching in this strange new parallel universe of online learning. They taught from their homes and many also did voluntary charity work, delivering food and medicine; some caught the virus and had to fight for their lives. It's an all-too familiar story for so many professions.

I will never forget that last day of school before lockdown. Our doors closed on Friday 20th March at 12.30 pm. At Newbold School, we always hold a Friday assembly to celebrate the children's achievements throughout the week. They are given awards, not just for academic achievement but for kindness, perseverance, sport, music - anything that has demonstrated the qualities we value in our Newbold boys and girls. For each achievement, a leaf is awarded and placed on a large tree painted on the wall at the front of the school hall. This assembly was painfully poignant. Even though we knew that assemblies would continue online, this would be the last time we would be together for a very long time.

The following week, like every other school in the country, Newbold had to adapt to online learning with only a few days' notice. New skills had to be acquired at top speed by everyone - staff, pupils and parents alike. That first week was frustrating and stressful but it wasn't long until a routine was established and learning continued, albeit in a very different form.

We had chosen Seesaw as the home-learning platform; we thought it would offer a personal approach for our children and would provide a better chance for them to progress in their learning. However, it took time to get used to it. New work was set each day and each child was given individual feedback for the work they returned, with continuous 'next steps' advice. Teachers had to be online every day from 8:30am until 3.30pm and, after that, spend their evenings preparing for the next day's lessons. Our teachers worked more than full-time hours, but no-one complained. Even the teachers who struggled to balance looking after their own young children, plus everything else that lockdown demanded of them, found a way. The many pairs of tired eyes on our Zoom staff meetings told the truth of their dedication.

It was inspiring to witness how everyone pulled together to make it work. I am always proud to be the headteacher of Newbold School, but during lockdown my pride grew to twice its size, in awe of what I was witnessing. The level of dedication shown by teachers, parents and pupils working together is something I will never forget.

There is now a sense of coming to the end of the ordeal, as shops open and restrictions relax, but Covid-19 is still among us and there is no guarantee that it will not threaten to overcome us again. Every day presents a challenge, from remembering to keep each other safe to holding onto the kindness that prompted us to say 'thank you' more often to nurses and cleaners and supermarket cashiers. One thing we can guarantee though is that our teachers will adapt to whatever situation is thrown at them and will do what is needed. We may change the methods we use to teach, but our dedicated teachers will ensure our nation's children continue to learn.

Jaki Crissey, Newbold School headteacher

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July is here and the Den is back!

It seems that almost daily we are receiving new updates and interpretations about what we can and can't do as a community and as businesses and just as we get organised to do one thing it changes!

Some of it is a bit confusing, but we are all trying our best to stay healthy and happy and to get back to living... Over here in the Den we have been open for a month for takeaways and it has been so lovely to see everyone coming to visit our window. I want to thank every single person who has been over to see me and it has been just me for all of June, but I am very excited to say that TeamFox will be back in July!

Plans

We are currently trying to plan for what the Den will look like from 4th July. While we do have space inside I am trying to look at costs for the measures that will be needed under current guidelines. I know many businesses are already out of pocket by spending out to comply with the 2m rule and then it changed within a week. It may be that we stay with our takeaway window and introduce outdoor seating for a little while until we understand more about the new trading requirements.

Activities and Bookings

We know lots of you are missing the events and activities that we hold at the Den and we really want to get back to them as soon as possible. If anyone has any suggestions about how we can make these happen, please do get in touch.



We are also still watching to see what other existing bookings will be able to go ahead.

So again a huge heartfelt thank you from me to all of the lovely Foxes' Den customers that have kept the Den going over recent weeks and we look forward to serving you even more fabulous coffee, homemade milkshakes, ice creams and yummy bakes and hopefully more as we get back to 'normal'.

The Mindfulness Garden

Have you been to have a look at the space between the Den and Wythemede? Our new community garden is coming along at a great pace now – with many thanks to Greg Morelli for all his hard work and Sandie Harvey and Amanda Downs for many of the plants. We hope that it will be open for use as soon as possible.

Jigsaw Swap

Don't forget we also have a jigsaw swap at the café. Returned jigsaws are quarantined for a week.



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The Binfield Belles in Lockdown

Welcome to Binfield WI in Lockdown, Sadly we have been unable to resume normal meetings or go on Trips over the last few months. Our members have kept in touch with each other via phone, e mail, zoom or seeing and catching up on a daily walk. Our bush telegraph has been running for another month and keeps members in touch every day with a song, and a message and now we have Binfield in bloom where the girls have sent in garden photos of flowers, birds and any other wildlife they have spotted. Besides sending out federation articles, quizzes recipes and other topical bits of info that keeps everybody's spirits up. We had decided once we reached a 100 days that we would allow Anita to have a rest from this, however due to a response from the members to carry on, we will be continuing with help from myself every other week.

Last week heralded a new start to our weekly Keep fit group which was suspended earlier due to the virus, five of us met in Jane's garden on a lovely sunny day and amid a few creaking bones and joints managed an hour's aerobic moves to the strains of Abba and the like, Alexa does come in very handy for this although Jane's lovely dog was unimpressed and slept through the whole event. All at social distancing a coffee was enjoyed at the end, life felt almost normal. We know have 2 groups running back to back and providing this lovely weather

keeps up the garden is the place to be. All Jane's flowers were lovely and Andrew has excelled with his lawn.

It has been suggested we can resume our walks with 6 members getting together and this is being organised for the future months ahead. As we are able to meet in small groups Anita and I are setting up small groups at Foxley Fields, weather permitting to chat have a coffee and cake and get back to a new normal. Some of our members are still shielding and we will try and keep in touch as much as possible. Meanwhile I know some of the members are crafting on Christmas gifts, we are hoping a Christmas stall may be possible, also more poppies for our Remembrance curtain started last years. Books have been read and passed around I have plenty of Jam jars for Jam making to begin, and we can make masks for anybody needing them. Meanwhile take care and stay safe and remember every cloud has a silver lining and once those clouds move away, you'll see those silver linings. Kindness has prevailed over the last few months, especially in our village, let's pray it continues.



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They did it!!



In just under 25 weeks, under much tougher circumstances than they could have ever anticipated, Stewart and Richard completed their combined 1000 miles challenge on Sunday 21st June. This was the week after the one year anniversary of Matt's accident.

If you would like to contribute to this fantastic charity's much needed funds then any donation would be gratefully received at:
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Singing Towards Our Sixtieth Season

Like many other music ensembles, Bracknell Choral Society has been hit by the Covid-19 restrictions and has turned to online rehearsals, where we can enjoy meeting and singing together in a totally different and sometimes challenging way. Greg Hallam, our musical director and Nick Austin, our accompanist have quickly and ably mastered the technical and logistical challenges of organising and running rehearsals with up to a hundred choir members online. They have sent out audio tracks for each voice part, recorded accompaniments and set up breakout rooms so each section of the choir can rehearse separately before joining together to sing a variety of pieces, ranging from choruses from the Messiah to an arrangement of the Beatles song 'Yesterday'.

We want to celebrate the end of this season musically and socially, so we are planning an end-of-term evening by working towards a recorded online performance by and for members of the choir singing a beautiful arrangement of a Welsh folk song 'Suo Gan'. We will also have a short quiz, a guest soloist and perhaps raise a glass for a virtual toast to the ongoing fellowship we share in our successful society.

Our 2020 - 2021 season is the choir's sixtieth season and we are determined to make our diamond anniversary a time of

celebration. We are keeping positive and hoping to be able to rehearse together as soon as we can. A major concert requires many weeks of preparation and we hope rehearsals will be able to resume for **Haydn's Creation** on Saturday 27th March 2021 at 7.30pm in the University of Reading Great Hall. This will be a joint concert with the Reading Festival Chorus. There will be other events throughout the season although they may take a different form than originally planned.

Singing together has been shown to boost people's well-being and lower their stress levels, as well as improve their sense of empathy and social connection. Our choir members have embraced the new world of online rehearsals, with comments such as 'It is wonderful to be back together again and see that everyone is looking well.', 'Zoom rehearsals are becoming the highlight of the week especially if you're shielding' and 'Very much enjoyed the opportunity to sing parts of Messiah again especially as it's so familiar.' Members have also said they enjoy using breakout rooms for social chats during the rehearsal break, getting to know new people they might not have met in weekly rehearsals.

While the virtual world cannot match the joy of singing with others each week, we are confident that the society will continue to flourish during our sixtieth anniversary season and into the future.

Judy McLaren



Binfield Church supports the work of Five Talents in Karamoja, Uganda.

Five Talents UK provides savings schemes, small loans, and business training for those in need in rural East Africa. They make use of a modern, hybrid form of savings-based microfinance that relies on local partners, enterprising clients, and an innovative use of technology.

They are the Anglican Church's microfinance charity, founded as a Christian response to global poverty - but people of all faiths (and none) join their programmes and they never evangelise. All of these programmes operate through experienced local partners. These are the people who understand the needs and aspirations of their members and are trusted intimately within their local communities. To find out more you can visit www.fivetalents.org.uk

Here are some pictures and information we have received showing the work they are doing there.



The photo shows Group members of St Stephen TG selling their cereals to the community members as income generating activity for savings as well as for household income. They testified that the group loan enabled them to increase the quantity of their cereals/expand their business. They are now able to save regularly and meet household basic needs.



Lochap Robert of Glorias Church TG deals in livestock trade and through the group loan he is able to sell more than one animal in a week and his income has increased because of group loans. While the lady with 2 cows is Ilukol Rebecca who now owns cattle bought from her business profits.

In Uganda, like here, they are being effected by Covid 19 and the programmer leader in Karamoja said "They are doing a great job continuing the work despite lockdown restrictions."



Photos of envisioning meeting at St. Philips community centre during Lockdown. (For Matheniko zone trust group representatives). See the members observing social distancing during the meeting in line with Government guidelines





Binfield Garden Club

Greetings and good wishes from Garden Club to everyone as the weeks tick over and the time must surely come nearer to meeting again.

How does your garden grow? Probably no silver bells and cockle shells but hopefully your vegetables are surviving the roller coaster of weather conditions this past month. Some of our committee members have shared a tale or two from the vegetable patch and allotment.

David's early potatoes suffered from frost in March despite 2 layers of fleece. With garden centres closed, he used up old packets of seeds in the allotment – nothing from 3 packets of carrot seed but literally thousands of lettuce appeared.



Rosemary also sowed old seeds which have resulted in some successful salad crops including beetroot and she managed a neighbourly swap of fennel and bay for some French bean plants. Rosemary has lots of tomatoes in the greenhouse, and she has noticed plants growing in her flower tubs which may be butternut squash – the result of using old compost! As Rosemary wisely remarks, "Growing these plants has been a source of interest during the lockdown weeks."

Then for Hilary's tale you actually only need a windowsill. After watching a YouTube idea of growing vegetables from shop bought ones, she started off some not very good spring onions in a little water for root growth, planted on into a tall jar, crocks first then some soil and now has a regular supply of cut and come again shoots for salads and sandwiches.

Ralph learned a lesson during that very dry period that one can be over generous with manure and is relieved the recent deluges have restored his rhubarb to health. He says his homily to aspiring gardeners is "Don't overdo the kindness!" Richard left us to move to west Wales in March where he took on a back garden of just grass. His soil is heavy clay-loam over limestone but he has begun the transformation and on the vegetable side, courgettes (see photo) and potatoes are doing well.



Walking around Binfield, it is noticeable flowers are having a magnificent year so hopefully many people will have discovered a new joy in gardening however small their space. We hope you will come and join us when our club begins again as we always enjoy very entertaining talks and social evenings and one day will have more lovely visits to beautiful places. It may not be for many months yet, but we will let you know! *Take care everyone,*

Sue Jeffery
binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com

A Gardener's Dream

Rain every night, a good steady fall, warm sun all day, no wind at all.

Earth light and soft, easy to seed, no couch at all, not even a weed.

All seed germinates, the carrots no gaps, just simple thinning, we're happy chaps.

Broad beans grew well, no sign of blackfly, runners went mad reaching for the sky.

Pigeons found other brassicas to munch, Sparrows did not want my peas for lunch.

No slugs were seen, there was not a snail, across the ground no silvery trail.

Molluscs and birds left strawberries alone, red and ripe but firm they had grown.

With currants and gooseberries the bushes were bowed, the size of raspas made me really proud.

Salad crops in abundance grew, parsnips and carrots were long straight and true.

Potatoes were large, the best I have seen, no scabs or holes, the earth fell away clean.

Harvesting produce, the weather just right. Not one insect wanted to bite.....

Suddenly the sound of wind and rain, I had fallen asleep in the shed again!!

Anon



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Thank you
Vince and Ann



Charlie Mackesy



'Zooming' Vegetables and Dynamos

Following the success of 'Zoom' virtual Branch meetings, Shipmates of Bracknell RNA are now informed by Branch Secretary S/M June Boddrell that other talks and chats are available for computer-literate members to join and enjoy online.

The virtual June Branch was opened by Shipmate Chairman Mike Daley with wishes for the health and safety of all members and their families during the ongoing virus conditions. And S/M Mike went on to express praise for his wife, S/M Lynne, whose recent success with vegetable gardening has productively occupied her time while Covid-19 guidance precludes the organising of visits and events in S/M Lynne's normal role as Branch Social Secretary.

Standard Bearer S/M Anthony Boddrell reported parading the Standard on the May 8th VE Day 80th Anniversary when neighbours watched in support as S/M Anthony marched along Ketcher Green, Binfield, and 'dipped' at 1100hrs, synchronising with the rest of the nation's Victory in Europe commemorations.

Though previously arranged dates for later in the summer may be in doubt because of virus guidance, S/M June's Branch Secretary's report included definite dates for the regular annual Christmas fund collecting at Tesco Warfield which are set for December 3rd and 4th, and possibly 10th.



Maidenhead Sea Cadets reported that the Unit is providing 'independent learning' opportunities for Cadets with lesson plans and handouts to choose from. Bracknell Shipmates heard the Unit is running adventure training modules and regular weekly 'Zoom' virtual sessions.

The Welfare Officer's report included best wishes and special thoughts for members and families currently suffering illness. Branch Treasurer S/M Martin Powell told of healthy funds; insurance premiums would soon be paid for the Branch and its Standard. S/M Lynne Daley told Shipmates efforts were being made to rebook for next year speakers who had been cancelled for 2020.

Members were encouraged to raise a glass in memory of the 'Little Ships' who bravely joined Royal Navy warships in the rescue of the soldiers of the British Expeditionary Force from the beaches of Dunkirk in June 1940. The Bracknell Shipmates' June meeting shared the 80th anniversary of the completion of Operation Dynamo, when Suffolk, Essex and Kent fishing boats, pleasure steamers and ferries formed a fleet of more than 900 vessels to bring the beleaguered troops home.

A traditional RN-style 'Dits Corner' was later followed by a Shipmate's entertaining reminiscences of his 'Day I Joined Up'.

Terry Dilliway

Once Navy, Always Navy



A Family Manifesto and a Departed Sweetheart

National Chairman Una Cleminson and Director General Charles Byrne have penned a joint letter to "clarify" the position of the Royal British Legion at a time of protests

about "inequality in our society".

The Legion's leaders urge members not to confuse politics with the proud record of total equality achieved by the nation's largest ex-Service charity throughout its 99-year history.

Support for staff, members and volunteers continues during the Coronavirus emergency and the Freephone contact number for advice is 0808 802 8080, where financial, employment, physical and mental wellbeing help is available.

'A Plan for London', the Legion's manifesto for the next London Mayoral election, highlights key issues for the attention of the next Greater London Assembly. The election has been postponed until 2021 and the RBL makes it clear that the newly elected Mayor should not fail to support members of the Armed Forces Community facing homelessness or unsuitable housing.

Regular contact between Binfield Branch Legionnaires will be recalled as an example of comradeship and fortitude when looking back upon these times of extraordinary difficulty.

And the element of fortitude will certainly be remembered by Armed Service veterans who listened from around a wartime world to the voice of Vera Lynn singing songs which maintained contact with home. The pretty 'Forces' Sweetheart', still in her early twenties, gave outdoor concerts for Allied troops in some of the most dangerous theatres of WWII conflict, including Egypt, India and Burma.

Remaining popular in the USA and Britain for decades after the war, Dame Vera topped the UK record charts with "My Son, My Son" and her albums sold in millions. At the age of 92 in 2009 she became the oldest living artist to have topped the UK albums chart. Dame Vera devoted vast amounts of her time and energy to charity work with ex-Servicemen, disabled children and breast cancer victims. Held in great affection by WWII veterans, their 'Sweetheart' was named in 2000 as the Briton who best exemplified the spirit of the 20th century.



Bless You and Thank You, Dame Vera Lynn CH, DBE, OStJ.

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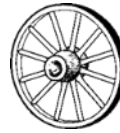
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