

The Binfield Beacon



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

August/September 2020

In whom or what do you trust?

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SERVICES

August 2020

(details are correct at the time of going to press any updates will be published on our website and facebook pages.)

Sunday 2nd August

10am - 12pm Private Prayer Only at All Saints'

Wednesday 5th August

11am - 1pm Private Prayer Only at All Saints'

Sunday 9th August

10am - 12pm Private Prayer Only at All Saints'

Wednesday 12th August

11am - 1pm Private Prayer Only at All Saints'

Sunday 16th August

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Wednesday 19th August

11am - 1pm Private Prayer Only at All Saints'

Sunday 23rd August

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Wednesday 26th August

11am - 1pm Private Prayer Only at All Saints'

Sunday 30th August

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

September 2020

Sunday 6th September

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Sunday 13th September

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Sunday 20th September

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Sunday 27th September

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Our first service back is on Sunday 16th August 2020. Due to Covid 19 things will be very different so please read the safety measures we will have in place which are detailed below.

*Until 16th Aug All Saints' Church will **ONLY** be open for private prayer Wed (11am-1pm) and Sun (10am-12pm) The first hour will be in silence and the second hour will have Church music playing quietly in the background.*

SERVICE DETAILS AND SAFETY MEASURES

The following safety measures will be in place:

- Social distancing
- Additional Cleaning
- Distanced seating
- Sanitising stations
- A one-way system
- The loo will be in use for one person at a time.
- Bread only for communion.
- Face masks to be worn inside the church.

There will be one service per weekend on Sunday at 10:00 am. It will be a Said Communion Service with no singing. Due to Covid 19, Communion will be the bread only. There will be anti-bacterial hand sanitiser out for people to sanitize their hands before receiving communion and after eating the bread.

The order of service will be on display on the screen at the front of church. It will also be sent out in an email prior to the service so that you can use your phone or tablet to follow the service as not all seating will be able to see the screen. Some of the seating will be in the Lady Chapel and the choir pews.

The seating will be socially distanced at 2m apart and **seating will be marked with a yellow cross**. Please sit only where the cross is located in the pew. Sitting elsewhere could mean you are too close to someone. There will be marked seating for 28 people in total for the service. If there are multiple attendees from the same household, then the household members may sit together. This will enable us to have more than 28 people in Church.

Unfortunately due to Covid 19 rules, none of the following will be allowed:

- Singing
- Talking/socialising in church (if you wish to catch up with family and friends, please can you do so outside in the church yard and away from the porch for social distancing reasons)
- Refreshments
- Creative table
- Wine with Communion.

While I am probably the worst culprit for telling children that it is ok to run around the Church and climb on the pews, I am afraid that due to Covid 19 rules, this will not be possible. Therefore, if families wish to attend the services, I must ask that all children remain in their pew for the duration of the service unless they need to use the bathroom or they are being taken outside.

Sadly, if too many people attend, we might have to limit attendance to every other week or every third week.

We are looking into the possibility of recording the service and posting it onto the website so that those who are not able to join us can watch it afterwards. It is unlikely that the Service will be broadcast live.

There will be anti-bacterial wipes available to clean the pews after the Service, but if you have some of your own, it would be very helpful if you could bring them along and clean your own area after the service. This will also avoid the possibility of a queue forming to obtain wipes.

Luke

LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



Believe what you feel

On this day, Morrie says that he has an exercise for us to try. We are to stand, facing away from our classmates, and fall backward, relying on another student to catch us. Most of us are uncomfortable with this, and we cannot let go for more than a few inches before stopping

ourselves. We laugh in embarrassment.

Finally, one student, a thin, quiet, dark-haired girl whom I notice almost always wears bulky, white fisherman sweaters, crosses her arms over her chest, closes her eyes, leans back, and does not flinch, like one of those Lipton tea commercials where the model splashes into the pool.

For a moment, I am sure she is going to thump on the floor. At the last instant, her assigned partner grabs her head and shoulders and yanks her up harshly.

"Whoa!!!" several students yell. Some clap. Morrie finally smiles. "You see", he says to the girl, 'you closed your eyes that was the difference. Sometimes you cannot believe what you see, you have to believe what you feel. And if you are ever going to have other people trust you, you must feel that you can trust them too - even when you're in the dark. Even when you're falling".

At times like these it can sometimes feel like we are falling in the dark and not in control of anything. This is when we need to trust, trust God and trust each other. The Bible says, ***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not depend on your own understanding. Proverbs chapter 3:verse 5.***

Trust can be difficult because we often want things done in the way that they have always been done, or our way. Sometimes you just have to trust. I guess the question is; In whom or what do you trust?

Source: "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom
Taken from <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html>

Luke

All Saints' Church Opening Cleaning and Welcomers Needed

The church will need to be cleaned after the service and we will need a team to do this. Please can you let Hayley know by emailing her at the office email address

office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk if you are able and willing to be part of a cleaning team.

We will also need to train some welcomers to help direct the congregation as part of the safety measures. If you would like to be a welcomer then please can you let Hayley know.

Due to the government guidelines on Covid 19 I will ask that only those who are under the age of 70, those who do not have any health conditions that put them at risk, or those who are not taking medication (that put them in the vulnerable category), offer to help welcome or clean.

Luke

SERVICES AND TALKS ONLINE



YouTube^{GB} 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>)



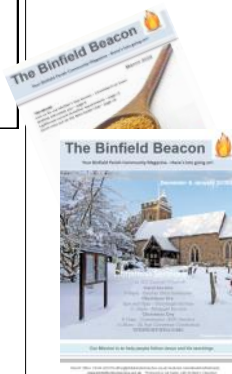
Or on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks/>

You can also keep up-to-date with any information on the Church website:

<http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/>

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Please email

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The Binfield Beacon



The deadline for Beacon contributions for the October 2020 issue is Mon 14th September 2020

Please email:

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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HELPING EACH OTHER

Pastoral Care Visiting Team - need a friend?



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

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

Praying for and with you



We have weekly prayer sheets — please email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk if you would like something to be included.



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.

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact Liz Hall for more information
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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>

ClothesBank

Sadly, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and restrictions, we had to cancel our April and July giveaways

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.

Our next planned giveaway is in October, and we are still hoping, but unsure whether this will be able to go ahead.

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 Gisele



CHURCH NEWS

Church Summer Quiz!



The current pandemic may have scuppered our plans for holding our annual church fete but it won't stop us having fun with the annual quiz! Heli Braver's mum has come up with another fab quiz on 'Countries, States and Cities'!

Quizzes will be available from The Foxes' Den cafe, or electronically by paying your donation via [Virgin Money Giving](#) and we will email you a copy.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 per quiz - all proceeds going to our wonderful churches.

1st Prize: £50 voucher kindly donated by The Daruchini

2nd Prize: Bottle of prosecco kindly donated by The Victoria Arms

The cutoff date for returning entries is Sunday 6th September. Winners will be contacted by Heli and winners names will be published in the October Beacon.

Check the church fete website for more details or contact Heli at helena_braver@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

So whether you are having a staycation or escaping lockdown and heading abroad, make sure you buy a quiz to enjoy!

Good luck and spread the word!

<http://www.binfieldchurchfete.co.uk/>



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:

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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CHURCH NEWS

Binfield Doorstep Sale Trail

First Binfield Doorstep Sale a hit!

The first Binfield Doorstep Sale Trail took place on Saturday, July 11th to raise money for the church, with nearly 40 households taking part. Residents took the opportunity to make some money from the sorting and tidying they had managed to do during the Lockdown.



There has been lots of positive feedback on how great it was to walk around the area and pick up some bargains but also to stop and have a chat to people too! Everyone enjoyed the gorgeous sunny day we were so lucky to have too.

So far the event has raised a fantastic £572 in registration and sale donations.

So thank you to all the wonderful people who ran a stall, and thank you to everyone who took the time to visit them and support the event!

A huge thank you to Bel McCarthy for following up on her idea to hold a trail in Binfield to help make up for the absence of the church fete this year. Big thanks also to Chris Lunn at www.digity.co.uk for his help with the registrations, and to William Bell for his website help.

If you would still like to make a donation from your sale or otherwise, please see the details on the [Binfield Doorstep Sale Trail](#) page on the church website.

We have been getting requests to run another trail, so watch this space..!



Raise FREE funds
for us every time you
Shop online



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for the Binfield ARC Project with easyfundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/binfieldpcc/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Binfield PCC for the Binfield ARC Project at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Binfield PCC will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH



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

I am writing this on the 16th July. This time last year we were all looking forward to our summer holidays and a break from our usual routine, whether we went away or stayed at home. This year everything has changed. Should we plan a holiday away or would it be safer to stay at home? I am sure there will be many such discussions in many homes but for some there won't be an option due to financial pressures.

However, during these difficult months I have been greatly encouraged and very appreciative of the kindness of neighbours in helping us out with shopping and also the many Mums at 3G who have offered help. I am sure we have all heard of amazing acts of kindness which when things are tough gives us a sense of hope. The prayer song, to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, which we always closed with at 3G comes to mind.

We want to be kind and good,
Just as Jesus says we should.
Loving others every day.
Helping them in some small way.
We want to be kind and good,
Just as Jesus says we should.

We have no idea when 3G will be able to resume but we continue to pray for you all that you will receive the help and kindness you need during these tough times. Also we send our good wishes to all the little ones who may be starting nursery or school in September.

Jan and the 3G Team

INVENTOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find something that you can turn.
- Find something that is bumpy.
- Find something that is metal.
- Find something you put together.
- Find 3 things that are round.
- Find something you twist.
- Find something shiny.
- Find something you can roll.
- Find a tube.
- Find 3 things that are squishy.
- Find something clear.
- Find something that can bounce.



Contributed by: Gill Manning (Binfield Patient Group)

BOOK SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find an animal in a book.
- Find the word spring in a book.
- Find someone helping someone in a book.
- Find a picture of a sun in a book.
- Find a book that makes you laugh.
- Find a bug in a book.
- Find someone sleeping in a book.
- Find a character eating in a book.
- Find a pet in a book.
- Find a cat in a book.
- Find a superhero in a book.
- Find a bike in a book.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office – August/September 2020 (correct as at 22 July 2020)

Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

The Parish Council and Committee meetings are being held virtually using Microsoft Teams with a link, agenda and meeting report pack issued one week in advance. If you would like to speak at a meeting, then please contact the parish office for specific instructions. Please note: You do not need the Microsoft Teams application to join meetings as you can join via a web browser on a PC.

August & September 2020

Tuesday 4 August	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 11 August	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 25 August	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm
Tuesday 8 September	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 22 September	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

The Parish Council building & The Foxes' Den Café

The Parish Council building remains closed for general use. This includes the meeting room space and public toilets. However, [The Foxes' Den Café](#) (open 10am-4pm Monday to Friday, and weekends now too) is open for takeaways only and can supply garden waste bags at £1 each – cash or cheque (made payable to 'Binfield Parish Council') in an envelope accepted. You can also leave donations for [Bracknell Foodbank](#) with The Foxes' Den if the parish office reception is closed. Parish Council and Committee meetings are running virtually and you can see [Upcoming Meetings](#) on the home page of the Council website. Please check the Parish Council website and Facebook page for news on the building re-opening in line with government guidance.

Community grants & CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) awards – July 2020

The Parish Council considered and approved (14 July 2020) the following:

Community Grants: 10 organisations received grants ranging from £250 to £500 and totalling £4,100 which is 32% of the 2020/21 grant fund of £13,000. The remaining 68%/£8,900 will be allocated in January 2021. The deadline for January 2021 applications is 14 December 2020.

Grants are awarded to: *Age Concern Bracknell Forest (ACBF), Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (BMSTC), Bracknell Sensory Toy Library (BSTL), Citizens Advice Bracknell & District, Cruse Bereavement Care, Keep Mobile Community Transport CIO, Kerith Community Church, Revitalise Respite Holidays, Thames Hospice and Youthline Ltd.*

For more information please see the [Grants](#) page on the Council website.

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy): Five projects were awarded CIL totalling £282,300 – Bowmen of Warfield, Binfield Football Club, Latika Tennis all received funding for projects along with two parish council projects - Pockets Copse Allotments, York Road Redevelopment.

We will be sharing more details of these projects on our website in the coming months.

Major Projects Update

York Road Development: Parish Councillors are deciding upon a contractor to begin the works for the York Road Development. It is anticipated that works will start in September 2020. There will be **parking restrictions** along York Road to enable heavy vehicles to access the site. York Road residents will receive a leaflet drop and all are advised to please keep an eye out for signage at York Road and notices on the [Parish Council website](#).

Pockets Copse Allotments (Amen Corner North): Talks are underway to finalise the handover of the site to the Parish Council. Plans are being discussed on the layout of the site with contractors able to make the ground ready for the new tenants. The Parish Council are hopeful the site will be ready by the end of the year. There are currently 40 residents signed up for a plot. If you are interested in joining the waiting list, please complete an [Allotment Waiting List Request](#) or, if you prefer, contact the parish office.

Arts Week – cancelled for 2020

After much consideration it has been decided that it is impossible to run Arts Week in October/November 2020 in any meaningful form due to the coronavirus pandemic. All Arts Week 2020 events including workshops, performances, the Brownlow Hall Art Exhibition and Craft Fair and school's art are cancelled. The Arts Week Committee are now planning for Arts Week 2021. Please check the [Arts Week website](#) next year for more details on the 2021 event programme.

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Toasties & Teas- Yes Please!

How is your summer going? We have been loving seeing so many of you coming over to Foxley Fields. The tennis courts have never been so busy and the field has been full of families and friends doing a fab job of meeting up and keeping their social distancing in place.

The café has been doing a great takeaway trade in ice creams, smoothies and milkshakes and from the end of July we have brought back our yummy cheesy toasties and also introduced some really delicious and refreshing iced teas.

Apologies to all our lovely customers, but for the time being we are staying as a takeaway service only as it is too tricky and expensive to put in place all the requirements for allowing folks to sit inside. We will revisit this decision at the end of August and if there are any new announcements made by the government in the meantime we will investigate our options.

We do have outside seating for you to use and we have opened up one of our toilets for use on request, but everyone over the age of 11 years needs to wear a mask if they wish to come inside to use it.

Thank you...

I really want to say a huge thank you again to everyone who has continued to support The Foxes' Den over the last few months. It has been massively appreciated by myself and my staff and each and every customer has contributed to keeping us going through these weird times.

*Thanks for reading! Stay well
Claire*

foxesden.co.uk

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FREE biscuit!

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



The Mindfulness Garden

Have you wandered passed the café community garden recently? It is now moving into the final phases and has been opened up to allow visitors. The benches and most of the planters are now in place and we even have some flowers. When the sun is shining and the butterflies flitting about it is such a lovely spot to sit and enjoy a book and a cuppa.

Spoonton, Parish of Binfield

The community garden would also like to welcome you to visit the development that is our new spoon village. If you would like to get involved, please just create your spoon person and move them into the new development when ready!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Finding our 'New Normal' at Binfield CE Primary School (VA) as we come out of Lockdown.



We have remained open at Binfield since Lockdown, including over the holidays.
Staff have worked tirelessly to support children in school and at home.



The new arrival system at Binfield C.E. Primary School complete with hand sanitiser station, 2 metre queuing and walking rope for the younger years!



Learning and exploring in our outdoor area (BOLE) has been aided by the good weather we have experienced this term.



Both within school and at home remotely, learning has continued.



We have run a holiday club for Key Worker and vulnerable children.



We have supported those at home by delivering hot meals and loaning laptops so children can access their learning remotely.

COMMUNITY NEWS



In my opinion, one of Bracknell's most beautiful residents is the silver-studded blue butterfly. The male of this heath-land specialist has iridescent blue upper-wings. Both the male and female have silvery-blue patches on their hind wings that give them their name, and a beautiful pattern on their under-wings that distinguishes them from other kinds of blue butterfly.



This butterfly also has a rather incredible life-story. The female lays her eggs on heather, or other similar plants, in relatively sheltered areas. When they hatch, the caterpillars quickly fatten-up by eating these plants. Once they have grown, the caterpillars start to produce a milky secretion that is attractive to black ants (another heath-land specialist). The ants carry the caterpillar into their nests providing it with protection from birds, mammals and reptiles. In the nest, the caterpillar turns into a chrysalis. Peter Marren, in his lovely book 'Rainbow Dust', writes *"One of the most amazing sights of the butterfly world, one discovered only recently, is the emergence from the ant's nest of a Silver-studded Blue butterfly with anything up to eight ants frantically licking its body. The hour which every butterfly has to spend drying its wings is perhaps the most vulnerable of its whole life. But with a posse of fierce ants to stand guard, the chances of survival are much greater."*

So, silver-studded blues need sunny heath-land sites sheltered by scrub, the presence of black ants, and for the heather to be kept relatively short, for example by rabbits. They also tend to live their entire lives within about 20m of the ant-nest from which they emerged, so any damage to that area of heath could wipe out an entire colony.

The UK supports about a fifth of the lowland heath in Europe, but the UK had about 5 times as much lowland heath in the 1800s. Berkshire, which is one of the counties that still has lowland heath, and silver-studded blue butterflies, had about 50 times as much in the 1800s. Bracknell Forest has about a third of Berkshire's lowland heath. This rare habitat is currently given the highest possible level of protection. Although some heath-land restoration has happened in the last twenty years, the pressure on lowland heath in this area remains high.

The best time to see silver-studded blues is on a still warm day during June or July. In perfect conditions, clouds of hundreds of butterflies can be found over a relatively small patch of heather. If you are lucky enough to see one then take the time to inspect it closely.

If you want a simple guide to identifying butterflies, 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 binfieldeg@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Mike Coker

BRACKNELL SENSORY TOY LIBRARY

"The test of a civilization is the way that it cares for its helpless members" (Pearl Buck)."

While I would hesitate to label disabled people as "helpless", I think we all understand the sentiment: it is our collective moral duty to support those in need of it. During the Covid crisis, the inequalities of society have become more obvious, more entrenched. Disabled people have suffered disproportionately during lockdown and need additional support now more than ever.

Of course it is heartwarming to hear how the community has come together to help the isolated, the shielding, the key

workers during one of the most challenging periods our country has faced. Yet, there are untold stories of hardship, neglect and fear. Some families across the UK have reported being completely abandoned and left to care around the clock for disabled relatives with complex needs with no respite. At Bracknell Sensory Toy Library we will do everything in our power to help but the scope of this issue is much larger than our little not for profit. Be kind. If you see someone not wearing a mask, they may have a disability - be kind. If a person is having a hard time social distancing, they may have learning difficulties - be kind. Above all else, be kind; some people need your compassion more than they ever have.

Pip Catnach

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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Binfield Belles

Is it really July as I write this. The birds are singing, the sun shining, I have a cup of coffee and my courgettes look like Triffids in a wheelbarrow outside the window. However I have no idea what to write! The whole world seems to have changed we thought a few weeks in lockdown now we are verging on 4months.

WI life has changed for many of our members, not the usual chatter every month or trips and craft days. This month things have changed in a new way, we have kept our exercise group going, managed a walk in a small group around the village. We looked at nature on the way and commented on everybody's gardens enroute. Walking through Blue Mountain and seeing changes, there more birds and bees as wild areas are growing. Finishing off at the Foxes Den in Foxley Fields for a social distancing coffee was a pleasure.



This area has become the new WI meeting place, whether on our bench or one of the others or around Claire's Denpop down most days and you usually meet one of our lovely



crowd. We have managed two mini committee meetings, there was very little to discuss WI business but a great excuse for a natter with friends, especially for some of our ladies who live alone this has become a new norm.

Members are growing veggies and plants in gardens and pots and pans and on window sills. We still have a plot at Jealotts Hill and are hoping we may be able to start growing in the autumn.

Our Bush Telegraph is still going, such a great way of keeping in touch with everyone, and our lovely secretary Anita did a hundred days on the trotSong of the day, message of the day, and Binfield in Bloom. These little messages, songs and photos have kept all amused and made a good start to the day. I have joined ranks with her now to keep this going. It's been fun listening to old songs, finding past photo memories and sending out lots of funny messages. Techno members are zooming with friends and using online courses sent out from federation.

Just this week we arranged coffee mornings up at the Foxes Den, socially distancing, it felt almost normal. Books were swapped, recipes talked about and hair discussed. We are making masks again ready for the coming weeks when we can perhaps mix a bit more.

Still being cautious and careful, but aren't we lucky in our village we have such a great community and the new hub in our village is at Foxley Fields, just watching the world go by sometimes.

Helping each other at this time has proved so important, our WI ladies are all there to support each other, we are so lucky to be part of this group, looking forward to better times.

Take care and stay safe everyone, enjoy the summer .

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We have been experiencing a lot of boiler thefts around the Bracknell Forest area. This has been occurring primarily at building sites

across the Binfield area. The boiler thefts are happening in the evening/early hours of the morning.

Boiler thefts can be reduced by small changes being made within the site. Sensor lights and CCTV can be fitted in order to deter crime from occurring. Another good way to deter this from occurring at building sites is to ensure that all buildings and gates are locked of an evening. This will create a barrier between the site and the public.

Moving onto a more positive note we have a new member within the Northern Parishes. PCSO James Leggett started with us back in March 2020. James has been working as a PCSO in another station prior to this. James is very keen to be a part of the Bracknell Forest area. Although he does not cover Binfield directly, I'm sure that you will see his patrolling around the area.

Chloe May Keeping
and the Northern Parishes Neighbourhood Team



RunTogether



As you know we were hoping to launch Binfield Runners at the beginning of April but unfortunately that wasn't possible.

Since then we have been busy behind the scenes applying for grants to help train up new Run Leaders and get all our current Run Leaders first aid qualified.

Sadly, due to Covid 19 rulings that limit us to running and socialising in groups of just 6 people, we still don't feel able to launch Binfield Runners as an all inclusive running group at this stage with the current restrictions in place.

But we will keep you posted on our launch date as and when the group restrictions ease.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWS FROM

BRACKNELL FOREST LIBRARY SERVICE

Binfield Library Re-opens!

Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm

It is with great pleasure that Bracknell Forest Libraries have started to re-open libraries. So far, the doors are open, and customers have been welcomed at Bracknell, Crowthorne, Great Hollands and Binfield Libraries.

Opening hours are slightly reduced so that staff can do essential tasks in the public areas while they are empty. Binfield however, has extra hours as it is also now open 10am to 4pm on Wednesdays! Services are limited in places, to make sure safety precautions are followed.

The libraries will offer public PCs, Select and Collect and browsing of shelves. If you touch a book you decide not to borrow please place it in the quarantine box.

"Select and Collect" free service

To make book borrowing quicker and easier, we are introducing a new 'Select and Collect' service. Simply browse our library catalogue, select the items you wish to borrow and place your free requests as normal. Alternatively, you can phone the library and reserve your items that way: **Binfield Library – 01344 306663**

Collection from Crowthorne, Binfield and Great Hollands Libraries

You will receive notification by email or by phone when your reservations are available. You have 10 days to come to the library and collect them. Your reserved items will be ready for you to take away, the books are already issued to your library card and will be securely bagged.

Public computers

A small number of public computers will be available, together with printing and scanning services. You will need to book a session (30-minute session per day) in advance by contacting the relevant library. For a booking on the same or following day, please phone: Binfield Library – 01344 306663. For bookings in 2 days or more, please email the library you wish to attend to use a pc.

Silly Squad

The Summer Reading Challenge from the Reading Agency takes place every year during the summer holidays. This year the Summer Reading Challenge is back and online with the Silly Squad! It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! Instead of registering at your local library, you can register online from absolutely anywhere via the Reading Agency <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>. The challenge is aimed at 4 to 11 year olds and will run from June to September. The website is a great place for book suggestions and activities too.

6 Packs for the Summer Reading Challenge

Bracknell Library supply Silly Squad book packs for loan. All packs of 6 books will be pre-selected and available on a click and collect basis only. If you would like a pack, please email: Bracknell.library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Please provide the following information:

Child's name

Child's age

e+ card number

A member of staff will contact you with possible date/s for collection.

Lucky Dip Book bags

Short of time or want a surprise - Lucky Dip bags of pre-selected children's picture books and board books are now available for children and parents to collect. What will be in your bag? No need to pre-book – just pop down to Bracknell, Crowthorne, Binfield or Great Hollands libraries and ask to take part in the Lucky Dip!

In order to limit the handling of stock, we are temporarily unable to process requests for children's picture book and board books, so please assist us by not placing reservations on these books at the moment. Instead we are introducing Lucky Dip picture book bags for younger children to enjoy.

Online materials

Our growing selection of online reading materials, including e-books, e-audio books, the new e-comics collection, e-newspapers and e-magazines.

Our digital library offer, from virtual storytimes to Summer Reading Challenge inspiration and challenges for children; from book recommendations to news and resources for adults.

Home Library Service still available

The Home Library Service for Bracknell Forest residents is still available. This service includes collection and delivery of books at your door, free of charge. We continue to offer free Home Library Service deliveries to anyone who is aged over 70, in a vulnerable category, or self-isolating for medical reasons. To register for this service, please contact [Bracknell](#) or [Crowthorne](#) libraries.

Services that are not available at the moment:

- There are no events, clubs and social activities.
- Newspapers and magazines are not available for browsing.
- Seating, study areas and meeting rooms are all closed.
- The Open+ service is still disabled.

Test and Trace

Following government guidance, we are recording the presence of members of the public inside the library at any given time. We will ask for the name and phone number of anyone accessing the building. We may need to share these details with the NHS in case someone is tested positive for COVID-19. All details will be stored safely and destroyed after 21 days.

How to contact us

If you have any queries, please contact us by phone or you can also email us at Binfield.library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Find our latest news on social media: [Bracknell libraries on Facebook](#) [Bracknell libraries on Twitter](#)



Binfield Garden Club

Summer is rolling on now, the bees are working furiously, butterflies are decorating our gardens and a few days ago we had the annual flying ant day. This year apparently it was so dense it showed

up as a raincloud on the weather satellite!

What a relief and joy it was when garden centres were allowed to open again and we could fill the gaps in our borders.



Here's a little anecdote to amuse:

The manager of the garden centre overhears one of his nurserymen talking to a customer. "No, we haven't had any of that in ages," says the nurseryman. "And I don't know when we'll be getting any more."

The customer leaves and the manager walks over to give him a telling off. "Never tell a customer we can't get them something," he says. "Whatever they want we can always get it on order and deliver it. D'you understand?" The nurseryman nods. "So what did he want?" asks the manager. "Rain," replies the nurseryman.

Yet more months have come and gone without meetings, but we must be optimistic and hope that normal service can be resumed by 2021. Hopefully members will feel happy to return and more visitors and guests will come to join us on our first Thursday of the month meetings in the Memorial Hall. We already have some inspiring subjects to look forward to. Watch our website, www.binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com

All being well, January 7th will be Lois Philpps from Berks Agricultural College with the title 'Learning to look after and love your soil' which sounds really useful. For February we have Richard Ramsay with 'All about dahlias'. In March, Jo and Nigel Eddon from Honeys of Henley are booked. Nigel has been a professional gardener but he and his wife diverted to beekeeping and now sell honey and other products from their bees. The talk will be about planting FOR bees but they will also tell us about beekeeping.

In April Angela and Graham O'Connel will come to talk about the National Gardens Scheme and open gardens. Their talk is called 'Beyond the garden gate'. We would like to encourage

you to put these dates in your next year's diary and hope to see you! It's always a good social evening with refreshments, raffle, gardening bric a brac and lovely photo cards for sale. The club has always enjoyed outings to some beautiful places so we hope these may be able to resume when it is safe to do so.

Despite the horror affecting our world this year nature has carried on and the seasons still roll over. Many people who have never gardened before have realised the solace and joy that nurturing plants can bring so it's true every cloud has a silver lining. Hopefully you may enjoy this extract from Kipling's poem "The Glory of the Garden" written after he had visited a stately home and noticed the gardeners toiling away.

*Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing:-"Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade,
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-*

*knives
There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick.
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.*

*Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,*

You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.



Best wishes to everyone from the Garden Club. We are still alive, but of necessity just figuratively sleeping.

Sue Jeffery

binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com



Beautiful Binfield.....





Virtual Drones, Disasters and Dits

Trials are soon to begin for unmanned aircraft to be flown from the flight decks of RN supercarriers *HMS Queen Elizabeth* and *HMS Prince of Wales*.

The RAF has announced that work to evaluate the use of swarming drones and 'Loyal Wingmen' aircraft had already started.

Meanwhile ashore, clubs, pubs, restaurants and hairdressers are reopening, but Royal Naval Association Shipmates still need to be content with meeting via computer screen.

Bracknell RNA Branch Shipmates met virtually again for July when S/M Chairman Mike Daley expressed the wish that all members were well and keeping busy.

Shipmate Branch Secretary June Boddrell announced that through the generosity of Shipmates nationwide the Central Office NHS & Ventilator Fund had already reached its target of £15,000 and discussions were taking place with Rear Admiral Jim Higham to decide how the sum can be used to maximum effect. S/M June went on to recommend the virtual 'Zoom fireside chats' and regular 'tot night slots' on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

Maidenhead Sea Cadet Unit presented a comprehensive report of their activities, and S/M Social Secretary Lynne Daley said she was looking forward to the August Branch meeting to hear a presentation planned by a couple of the Maidenhead Cadets. S/M Lynne also reported the talk by Gosport Museum speaker David Otley had been rescheduled for 2021.

Shipmates were reminded that their meeting was taking place at the time of the 78th anniversary of the WW2 PQ17 convoy disaster when so many merchant ships and lives were lost following the order from Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound to "scatter the convoy" in mid-Atlantic. Lack of intelligence concerning the possible threat of attack by enemy capital raiders *Tirpitz* and *Scharnhorst* caused the First Sea Lord to make his mistaken decision to leave the Arctic Russia supply ships without escort and at the mercy of U-boat packs.

July 'Dits Corner' included entertaining contributions from S/Ms Vice-Chairman Nigel Carpenter, Branch Treasurer Martin Powell, Standard Bearer Anthony Boddrell and Social Secretary Lynne Daley. S/Ms Mike Daley and Martin Powell agreed to give talks to the September and October meetings respectively, and S/Ms June and Anthony Boddrell were accorded thanks for arranging and hosting this third successful Branch meeting by 'Zoom'.

Branch quizmaster S/M Alan Buckingham followed the meeting with another of his entertaining tests for the twenty attending Shipmates.

Terry Dilliway

Once Navy, Always Navy



Cancellation Needs Compensation

The situation which features most in this year is the difficulty faced by the Legion in fundraising for its nationwide programme of support services for ex-Servicemen and their families. Countless numbers of events have had to be cancelled due to Coronavirus conditions.

Poppy Day racing at Newmarket was set for August and 25,000 cyclists were to take part in the 2020 Prudential RideLondon. RBL fundraising organisers will be burning the midnight oil in efforts to reschedule cancelled events for next year.

The Castaway Survival Challenge remained planned for September 12th and 16th at the time of this *Beacon* going online; but if the fun event



involving driving motorboats, building natural shelters and learning survival bush-craft skills cannot go ahead, it will be postponed until 2021. The Great Northern Run is postponed, but the one-night London performance of 'Posting Letters to the Moon' is still set for September 23rd.

Poppy Runs around the country planned for various dates between October and November will be subject to guidance which may still be in place. Every effort will be made to compensate for the loss of funds due to event cancellations this year. However, finding opportunities for postponed activities may not be easy during the year of the Legion's centenary.

Already, international commemorative events are at an advanced stage to celebrate the major charity's hundredth birthday, including a Westminster Abbey service, a themed Annual Conference and a Legion 100 Poppy Appeal.

A book written by social historian Julie Summers is due to be published in 2021 containing a century of stories and images; and members will be encouraged to delve into their own Branch histories to find anecdotes from the past. Binfield's Royal British Legion Branch, formed only four years after the foundation of the charity by first National Chairman Tom Lister and first National President the Earl Haig, celebrates its 96th anniversary next year.

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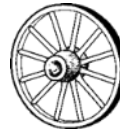
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