

The Binfield Beacon



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October 2020

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SERVICES

All services and groups are correct at the time of going to press, and will comply with social distance rules and government guidance, so may change depending on government advice. Any updates will be published on our website and facebook pages.

October 2020

Sunday 4th October

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
(Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer)

Monday 5th October

6pm Year 8-9 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Wednesday 7th October

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Sunday 11th October - HARVEST

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
11am Whizz Kids at All Saints'

Monday 12th October

6pm Year 8-9 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Wednesday 14th October

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Sunday 18th October

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
11am Whizz Kids at All Saints'

Monday 19th October

6pm Year 8-9 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Wednesday 21st October

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Sunday 25th October

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
11am No Whizz Kids (Half Term)

November 2020

Sunday 1st November

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
(Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer)
11.30am Baptism at All Saints' (No Whizz Kids)

Monday 2nd November

6pm Year 8-9 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Wednesday 3rd November

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

**TO BOOK A PLACE AT OUR SUNDAY 10AM SERVICE
PLEASE TEXT OR CALL 07719 545 292
OR EMAIL office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk**

Booking for Sunday Services

Unfortunately, due to the limited number of socially distanced seats available we have had to introduce a booking system which may mean that you won't get a place every week.

Please: email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk or call or text the **office mobile 07719 545 292** before 12pm Thursday in the week you would like to attend. Confirmation of attendance will be emailed later that day.

Unfortunately we are only able to accept bookings for the week the service is held and not future dates.

You are welcome to arrive and enquire if space is available on the day (however if the service is full, we would sadly have to ask you to remain outside).



Baptisms



We are now able to offer Baptism Services again.

These will be held at the **new** time of **11.30am on the first Sunday of the month.**

For full details on how to book and the measure that will be in place during the service please contact Hayley at the Church office- office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Harvest Service Sunday 11th October



This year we will be collecting :

- food and monetary donations for FoodBank and
- chocolates and nice boxes biscuits for the lonely and bereaved.

Please leave any donations at Church or The Rectory.



To find out more about Whizz Kids and Oasis or to book a place please email daisyridell@gmail.com

Oasis

SERVICES AND TALKS ONLINE



During this time Luke is posting online talks and Church services on his YouTube Channel: The Rev from the Shed
(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtq1gasp7Nchm6-QS4I7CYQ>)



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

LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



The Great Fire and The Little Water

Among the Aztec people of Mexico, it is said that a long time ago there was a great fire in the forests that covered our Earth. People and animals started to run, trying to escape from the fire. Our brother owl, Tecolotl, was running away also when he noticed a small bird hurrying back and forth between the nearest river and the fire. He headed towards this small bird. He noticed that it was our brother the Quetzal bird, running to the river, picking up small drops of water in his beak, then returning to the fire to throw that tiny bit of water on the flame.

Owl approached Quetzal bird and yelled at him: "What are you doing brother? Are you stupid? You are not going to achieve anything by doing this. What are you trying to do? You must run for your life!"

Quetzal bird stopped for a moment and looked at owl, and then answered: "I am doing the best I can with what I have."

It is remembered by our Grandparents that a long time ago the forests that covered our Earth were saved from a great fire by a small Quetzal bird, an owl, and many other animals and people who got together to put out the fire.

Isn't this how life should be, using what we've got, no matter how small, to help others? The Bible says, ***Do not be interested only in your own life, but in the lives of others. Philippians chapter 2: verse 4.*** It's what the Quetzal bird did, the owl did, and many other creatures did. Why not you?

Story taken from <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html>. Source: "Turning To One Another" by Margaret Wheatley
Luke



Photo by Zdeněk Macháček on Unsplash

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 10:00am. It will be a Said Communion Service with no singing and on the first Sunday of every month we will be using the liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer. Due to Covid 19, Communion will be the bread only.

The order of service will be placed in each available seat for you to use. 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. 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. As per Government guideline we are only allowed a max of 30 people in Church at any one time.

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.

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.
Luke

All Saints' Church Welcoming/Cleaning Team Can you help?

If you would like to be part of the new welcoming/cleaning team, please can you email Hayley at the Church office – office@binfieldcofechurch.org.uk.

Due to the government guidelines on Covid 19 we 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.

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HELPING EACH OTHER



Sadly, at present, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to run our normal regular giveaways. Many of our clients continue to have emergency requirements and we are in direct contact with the Agencies who distribute our vouchers and are regularly accommodating any emergency referrals as best we can.



As a result of these referrals we are in need of **baby boy and girl clothes (ages 0-24 months)** and any donations would be gratefully received. It is **very important that we only receive washed, nearly new quality donations please and that the bags are clearly labelled.** Please leave donations outside The Rectory, Terrace Road South (under the bench).

Please also keep on eye out on facebook (Binfield Gossip Girls and the Church site) for any other specific pleas we may have.

Thank you Gisele

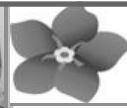
Pastoral Care Visiting Team - need a friend?



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 07719 545292 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



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
orinocco@hotmail.co.uk /07850 799434



Praying for and with you

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

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PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

We would like 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.

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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Thank you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hey Everyone!

Life seems to be slowly getting back to normal, with kids going back to school and many of us back at work, however life looks very different from how it was before! We've been lucky to be able to meet up as the weather has been pretty good over the last few weeks so here's what we've been up to...

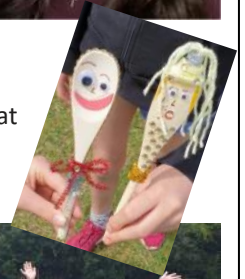


Whizz Kids have been meeting up for socially distant crafts and games during the holidays. We decorated spoons to go in the Foxes Den community garden of Spoonfield, and made our own marshmallow catapults for the story of David and Goliath!



What's next for Whizz Kids?

We will be meeting again weekly but with a change of location! After the service on Sundays we will meet at All Saints' Church until St. Mark's is safe to use again. This will be the same time of 11am and will be for children in school years 1-6. Numbers will unfortunately have to be limited so if you'd like to come please email me to guarantee your place, and if necessary we can run more than one session a week so everybody gets a chance to come!



Oasis has been meeting up weekly to hang out and chat with each other throughout the summer. We've played loads of games, had mini picnics, and played a big game of rounders, but most importantly got to spend time with each other and chat about the highs and lows of life.



What's next for Oasis?

We will also be meeting again with a change of location, to All Saints' instead of St. Mark's Church. The existing members in school years 8-9 will be meeting on Monday evenings at 6pm, and the new members joining us in year 7 will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6pm. Again, as numbers will have to be limited you will need to email me to ensure there is room for you to come along, we would hate to have to turn you away but safety comes first!

We are taking all the necessary precautions for the children's and youth work to keep everyone safe and the environment sanitary, if you would like to know our Covid procedure please email me and I would be happy to show you what we are doing to reduce risk as much as possible.



We are so excited to have the youth groups back, even if not in the same way we are used to, and we intend to make the most of this new normal together!

Daisy - Children's and Youth Worker
(daisyridell@gmail.com)



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

When we closed our 3G sessions because of COVID-19 I had hoped that we would be able to resume our Wednesday morning in September. This has proved to be totally unrealistic due to the need for social distancing which is impossible with a group such as ours.

No one knows how long this situation will last but until there is a proven vaccine 3G is unlikely to resume. This is a sad situation for all of us but we are certainly not alone with our disappointment.

Waiting is very much part of life. Remember how long it took to get to Christmas when you were little? Or your children asking "will we soon be there?" when you had started out on your annual holiday. Later waiting for exam results, the outcome of job interviews, the completion of a house sale and so the list could go on. Waiting is inevitable. How we wait is important. Luke, our rector, gave a very timely talk on Sunday morning. "Learning to be content with what we have." A life long lesson. Not on the syllabus just for a year! When we stop to think about it impatience doesn't help.

I won't communicate again until we have good news about re-opening. However, we will continue to think about you all and to remember you in our prayers.

Jan and the 3G Team

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We're back!

We are really pleased that despite the latest changes to the rules in relation to Covid-19, we are all able to run some exciting fundraising activities just now, both to continue to support the ARC Project, but also to help with general church maintenance.

Everyone's favourite **Scarecrow Trail** is back this year raising funds for the ARC Project, and we're sure it will be just as fun as ever. Check out www.BinfieldEvents.com to register and keep up to date with details on there or on Facebook.

We are also running the **Binfield Photo Competition** again, so that we can still produce a 2021 Binfield Calendar! There's not long to get your entries in so flick through your photo albums and send them to us soon!

We were glad to keep those of you who enjoy having a go at the annual Church Fete quiz happy, thanks to Heli Braver's mum. Congrats to Jennie Always' team who took first prize and Sarah Farley who was the runner up. Full details and answers are on the Fete website: www.binfieldchurchfete.co.uk

We are sad that unfortunately the planned Barn Dance will not be able to go ahead this year, but we are hoping to reschedule this for the new year so look out for a new date.

Finally, if you're already thinking of Christmas gifts, look out for details of Luke's offer to paint a watercolour of your house. As ever, thanks for your ongoing support, and enjoy a Spooktacular October!

2021 Binfield Calendar Photo Competition

Our sell-out calendar will be back again!
Would you love to see your photos in it?

Have you taken great photos of Binfield, maybe over Lockdown?
Or do you have photos of Binfield from the past?

If so, why not enter them into this year's competition and the best ones will feature in the 2021 Binfield Village Calendar!

The details...

- You can enter up to 5 photos, ideally landscape format, though there will be a portrait front cover image too.
- Entry is free.
- Images must be recognisably from or about Binfield village.
- You must have sole copyright to the photos and give us (the Binfield Beacon/ Church Office) the rights to use them.
- To enter, email your high-quality images to fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk by **Saturday 17th October**.
- Entries must include your name, phone no, location of the photo and age if under 16yrs.
- The images will be judged by our sponsor, Stephanie Cronin of Summers Photography, and the overall winner will be awarded a prize, kindly donated by Stephanie.
- Winning images will feature in the Beacon, on the church website and in the 2021 calendar, which will be sold in aid of the church.

For full competition info and rules please go to
www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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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' or 'General Funds' 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, Account Number: 80175528, Sort Code: 20-11-74
- Please add **ARC or 'General Funds' + your name** as a reference.

Don't forget to Gift Aid it if you are a UK Tax Payer - this will add an extra 25% to your donation! Contact the church office for more details, or see the church website more information and other ways to raise money!



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

www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk

www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject

COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office – October 2020 *(correct as of 14 September 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 on the [Parish Council's website](#). 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.

October 2020

Tuesday 6 October	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 13 October	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 27 October	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

The Parish Council building – partial re-opening as of Monday 7 September

The partial re-opening of the building includes the **Parish Office** where staff are working on a rota basis in the office, supplemented by working from home time, to ensure adherence to COVID-19 Safe working practices. Also, **The Foxes' Den Café** continues its takeaway service with table service now available. There are limited numbers to adhere to social distancing, face masks must be worn, and there is a one-way system in operation in the building.

However, the building remains closed for general use with meeting rooms currently closed to hirers. Garden waste bags at £1 each – cash or cheque (made payable to 'Binfield Parish Council') in an envelope please – can be supplied at The Foxes' Den takeaway window and donations for Foodbank can be left. Parish Council and Committee meetings are running virtually and please check the Parish Council website for a meeting link, agenda, and meeting report packs. Please check the Parish Council website and Facebook page for news on the building re-opening in line with government guidance and you can contact us by email or phone for any queries you may have.

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) awards – an update

Binfield Parish Council has been considering applications from local community organisations who are planning infrastructure improvements. We are pleased to update that, at the July 2020 meeting of the Parish Council, Binfield Football Club, The Bowmen of Warfield and Latika Junior Tennis Club were all successful in applying for funding to improve both community and sporting facilities around the parish. The funding – totalling £147,300 – is from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund held by Binfield Parish Council. The Parish Council will consider applications from Binfield-based organisations who are looking to improve facilities in a way that offers long term and lasting benefit to residents of the parish. You can find out more details about CIL funding, including an Application Form, on the Parish Council's website on the '[Governance, Policies & Finance](#)' page.

Major Projects Update – York Road Development

At the time of writing, 'Phase 1 – Car Park Improvements' of the York Road Development is near completion. ESC Contractors have widened the entrance to the area, built 12 car parking spaces, plus 2 disabled bays for the use of both allotment holders and visitors to the play area. A pedestrian access has also been installed to allow access for allotment holders to the Red Rose allotments. The Parish Council are now in the process of working on 'Phase 2 of– Redesigning the Play Area'. Discussions are currently undergoing with various play suppliers, as part of the tender process, and a further update will be issued in the next edition of the Beacon.

Christmas Lights Switch-On Event: Plans currently on hold

The Parish Council have agreed that there will be 3 Christmas trees placed in the following locations this year: **Parish Council building, Knox Green Corner roundabout** at the village centre and the **Travelodge (London Road)**. Roebuck Green will not be one of the tree sites for 2020 and the tree sites will be rotated each year. The date of Monday 30 November is currently a placeholder for the switch-on of the tree lights at the Parish Council building. However, due to the current COVID-19 health crisis, a further update will be shared on whether an event will take place this year.

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello Binfield from the Den!

How was your summer? Probably not quite as you would have planned it... but we hope you have all been keeping well and safe. 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 distances.

In case you haven't been over to see us, we are now open inside as well as offering our lovely coffee and yummys through the takeaway window. We will keep the takeaway window and the outside seating available into the colder weather as we realise not everyone wants to come inside.

Inside, we have changed how we work completely. This new setup is to keep all of us safe:

- masks must be worn unless seated (11yrs+)
- you need to wait at the entrance to be seated
- first-come-first-served – no table reservations
- table service only – please stay in your seats and let us come to you
- one toilet is available on request (mask required)

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

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Events: Binfield Scarecrow Hunt

Don't miss out on this year's fun! Sign up for your spot on the map fb.com/binfieldscarecrowtrail We will be selling maps and providing a pit stop on your travels around Binfield: 24th Oct – 1st November. See you then!



Events: Halloween!



How do we all do a covid-safe Halloween? We don't want to miss out on all the spooky goings on... While we obviously can't have our free Halloween party this year, we will keep our takeaway window open until late and will have some covid-safe free treats for the children... plus one toilet for pit stops en-route.

And our resident witch will be stirring up trouble again... don't make her grumpy or she might turn you into a frog or worse...

The Mindfulness Garden

Have you wandered passed the café community garden recently? All Greg and Phil's hard work has paid off and the structure has been completed. We have had plant donations from Sandie Harvey and Amanda Downs and some amazing plants and structures from local businesses: H is For Horticulture and MAW Landscapes, plus soil from Jubilee Building Supplies. 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.

Spoonfield, 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!



Thanks to Heli Braver's mum, we were still able to test our brains over the summer with her quiz on 'Countries, States and Cities', and we can now announce the winners..!

1st Prize: £50 voucher kindly donated by The Daruchini – won by Jennie Alway, with 65/65 correct answers!

2nd Prize: Bottle of prosecco kindly donated by The Victoria Arms – won by Sarah Farley

Sarah was one of 6 runners up who scored 64/65 and whose names were put into a hat for the 2nd prize. The other runners up were: Purveen Hira, Sharron Mellor, Chi Gee, Ann Cunningham and Ann Nesfield.

Well done to everyone, and if you would like to check the answers you can find them on the church website at www.binfieldchurchfete.co.uk

A big thanks to Heli Braver for organising the quiz, to Claire Murphy for selling copies at The Foxes' Den Café and to our prize givers. Thanks to everyone who purchased a copy too – all proceeds going to support and maintain our churches and our outreach projects.

Binfield Beacon Deadline



The deadline for Beacon contributions for the November 2020 issue is
Mon 12th October 2020

Please email:
Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS



WELCOME (AND WELCOME BACK!) TO BINFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday 2nd September we were delighted to welcome all our pupils back into school. It is wonderful to have the children back in class and we are very impressed by how quickly they have adapted to 'the new normal'. The school has implemented a huge amount of social distancing and hygiene steps, which the children have taken in their stride.

Thanks must also go to our parents and carers for helping their children prepare for the return to school and making the transition back to school life as easy as possible for them (and the staff!).

The new Reception cohort have been a joy to welcome to Binfield and we are delighted to report that they are settling in well.

School Admissions

The School's Admissions Policy for September 2021 is now available on the School website. It can be found under Key Information/Policies.

Binfield C of E Primary School welcomes all children from the neighbourhood whatever their beliefs - there is no requirement for families to be church attendees.

The School promotes attitudes of mutual respect and responsibility and is committed to the children developing their full potential academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. It strives to provide a caring Christian environment and to lay the foundations for its children to take part in adult life. We value the uniqueness of everyone in our community, fostering pride in ourselves and respect for each other.

The school sets its own catchment (designated) area and this has remained the same for a number of years. A copy of the map showing the designated area can be found within the Admissions Policy document.

Due to current government guidelines, we are unable to offer Open Mornings or individual school tours until further notice. However, we are in the process of producing a school tour video for our website, which will be uploaded in due course. In the meantime, please check out our new website (www.binfieldschool.co.uk), which contains lots of useful information to help you get a feel for our school and meet our Reception staff!



DUST OFF YOUR TRAINERS – THE SCARECROW TRAIL IS BACK!

"There is no situation, there is no age and no condition where exercise is not a good thing." These are the words spoken by Chris Whitty, England's Chief Medical Advisor earlier this year.

So, why not pop on your trainers and enjoy a socially distanced walk around the village on the 2020 Scarecrow Trail!

The trail will take place Saturday, October 24 to Sunday, November 1, 2020 so there is plenty of time to walk, jog or sprint the trail, in one go or in bite-sized segments. It doesn't matter how you complete it – the emphasis is on family fun and getting in those all important daily steps.

Homes and businesses keen to display a Scarecrow can register online

www.binfieldevents.com/scarecrows from Friday, September 18 until Monday, October 12. If you are looking for some inspiration, check out the facebook page www.facebook.com/binfieldscarecrowtrail to view examples from previous years.

Maps will be available in advance this year, from the usual event partners - Foxes Den, Crema Coffee and Village stores - from Monday, October 19. Each map is £3. All proceeds will be donated to the Binfield ARC Project. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no tasty reward for a completed Trail this year, but feel free to give yourself a pat on the back!

The Scarecrow Trail is one of Binfield's most loved community events and we are counting on your support again this year. The total trail distance is estimated to be around six kilometres, depending on the route taken, a great opportunity to clock up your recommended daily 10,000 step count!

The organising committee, says: "This year, Covid-19 has robbed us of so many lovely community events but we are determined to run the Scarecrow Trail. As long as everyone respects the government's Covid-19 safety guidelines (available at www.gov.uk) the Trail will provide a lovely, safe, opportunity to enjoy some outdoor time with family and friends.

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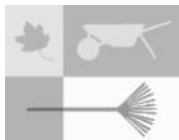


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COMMUNITY NEWS



BINFIELD'S PATHS

In recent months many of us have discovered how lucky we are to live in this corner of Berkshire. We are fortunate to have access to a network of paths, bridleways and byways that allow us to visit the countryside around the parish.

I have just spent a sunny afternoon walking the lanes and paths around the north of the parish. I met very few people and saw plenty of nature, including birds, butterflies, dragonflies and lots of hedgerow fruit.

One of the members of Binfield Environment Group has recently put together a list of the names of the 27 footpaths, bridleways, and byways on the definitive map (the official map and list of rights of way).



Although many of the rights of way in the parish have existed for a long time, even on the first ordnance survey maps (produced in the late 19th century) they are only referred to by a number. It is likely that most of them will have had local names, some of which were recorded in a list put together by the parish council in 1970. In the intervening 50 years some lanes have been restricted so that they are not used by

motorised vehicles and the names of the lanes have become the names of the paths.

We were concerned that these historic names would be lost as a new definitive list of paths is being produced. I don't think I am alone in preferring Goldridge Path to FP6 – this is the path that runs from Wicks Green to Carters Hill. We have been reassured by both the borough and parish councils that they will keep the record of path names.

New developments around the parish have opened up additional areas of countryside for our enjoyment, and have provided new paths. I'm sure that some of these paths have already been named by their regular users.

There are also a couple of permissive paths where the landowners currently allow the public to walk across their land. For example, Mosses Path is a permissive path that runs between Binfield Football Club and Stubbs Hill road. As this is on land that is owned by Bracknell Forest Council and leased to the football club, we have asked if this can be turned into a formal right of way.

I am tempted to do an occasional feature on little known paths around the village. My first entry is Sweet Well Path - this runs from London Road to Beehive Road along the western side of Springfield Road. The path is still there but you may struggle to find it, particularly when it gets choked by spring growth. This path used to pass a well for use by the Amen Corner houses, which was called "Sweet Well" in the 1817 map.

Mike Coker



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<https://binfielddeg.wixsite.com/binfielddeg/upcoming>.

Most of their planned activities can be conducted in accordance with the latest Covid-19 guidelines. Largely this means maintaining your distance from other work party members, not sharing tools, frequent hand-cleaning etc.

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS ABOUT GP APPOINTMENTS

As you will be aware COVID-19, caused by a coronavirus is an illness that is still spreading across the UK. Since the middle of March Binfield surgery has taken action to protect patients, staff and the community by introducing a new telephone triage system for GP appointments. The aim is to reduce the footfall through the surgery significantly, in order to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. This is in line with national guidance.

All GP appointments are currently held as a remote consultation (telephone, video etc). The GP will contact you at some point during the day you called, or for e-consultation before the end of the next working day. The GP will do all they can to help you using these methods - however, should they feel the need to see you face to face for an examination, you will be invited to the surgery for review.

Nursing appointments are continuing, but with some restrictions around what we can do. Childhood immunisation appointments and cytology (smear) appointments are some of the appointments we are trying to prioritise. You are asked to consider the national guidance before visiting the surgery where you are told to do so.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Do NOT attend the surgery for a face to face appointment if you have had any symptoms of COVID-19. Please call the surgery for further advice.

All patients with a nursing or doctor appointment are requested to wait in the car park. Please arrive as close as possible to your appointment time. The surgery doors are locked. When you arrive, please notify the reception via intercom. You should then wait in your car, or just outside the surgery, to be called in once a nurse or a doctor is available to see you. Please ensure to distance yourself from others whilst waiting. .

The surgery is arranging a canopy for those patients who don't come by car, however this is yet to be installed.

Stay at home for 10 days if you have either:

1. A high temperature.
2. A new, continuous cough.
3. Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital, but arrange to be tested by visiting the following website - <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> or by calling 119

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you are staying at home.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

1. You feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home.
2. Your condition gets worse.
3. Your symptoms do not get better after 7 days.

www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19

Only telephone 111 if you cannot get help online.

If you are isolating due to a household members symptoms, you will be required to isolate for 14 days.

As you will be aware, the situation is evolving daily and could last for some time yet. A further update will be given in this column in the November edition of The Beacon.

If you wish to help your community during this COVID-19 situation, please consider the following:

1. Check-in on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours. Just helping them with their shopping and checking they have everything they need can make a huge difference. Always wear a mask. Know someone self-isolating? Call or text them to check that they are OK.

2. Volunteer with the Community Response Scheme:

To volunteer, visit: www.healthwatchbracknellforest.co.uk or telephone 01344 266911.

Why is handwashing with soap preferable to using a hand sanitiser?

Soap works well on the coronavirus (and indeed most viruses) because it is a self-assembled small particle in which the weakest link is the lipid (fatty) bilayer on the outside. The soap dissolves the fat membrane and the virus falls apart like a house of cards and "dies", or rather, it becomes inactive.

Alcohol (over 60%, as in hand sanitisers) does 'dissolve' the lipid membrane of the virus, but not as effectively as soap.

Duncan Johnston
Binfield Patient Group

COMMUNITY NEWS



LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE - LOCKDOWN CHANGES, EXPANSION AND SUCCESS

Despite obvious difficult circumstances the Binfield Lighthouse Programme has continued to serve the Homeless, Needy and Vulnerable. On a weekly basis we have provided homecooked foods and essentials ie bread, juices, toiletries etc. Many of our usual clients have been temporarily housed in B&Bs in Bracknell, Crowthorne and Sandhurst, so instead of offering meals and shelter at St Marks we have effectively become a "Meals on Wheels" service.

We have expanded greatly over the last 30 weeks or so. Initially catering for around 15 regulars we are now cooking for over 40 people. Our client base includes single parents, ex-military, young families, individuals with mental health issues and a

number of other vulnerabilities. Not only has our client basis tripled and continues to rise, so has the number of volunteers. We are now a team of approx. 40 people including chefs, drivers, packers, shoppers, laundry support and much more.



Distancing measures have not deterred our efforts. We meet outside in the car park of St Marks to collate our foods, parcel up and prepare for the driver to come and distribute foods. So far, the weather has been kind to us!

Our efforts have attracted positive attention; in July we received a sizable grant to support the purchase of foods for our chefs. Significant thanks go to the FoodBank for their support and other significant village donations. The monies has enabled the team to provide not just a single meal on a Tuesday, but 5 hot meals per person per week. It has been an incredible journey, in March we prepared 45 meals a week and now it's 250 at a minimum.



Worthy of note – a couple of case studies.

Our longest serving client, an older retired gentleman, has finally been housed in a bungalow. This is the first time he has not been in shared housing or living in a damp caravan with very limited means. We have helped him weekly with foods to ensure a well-balanced diet to support his recovery from recent operations. He is suffering from an aggressive cancer.

A new client who slept overnight in St Marks for the entire winter was suffering from anxiety and depression, following a marriage break up. He had nowhere to go and was desperate to keep hold of his job. We provided the shelter and the food he needed, whilst his earnings went to the family home. He has now recovered and set up his own business to speak up about mental health issues. He has successfully launched a T shirt and Hoody business called "what mood are you in?", with orders from Australia and US to name but a few locations. We are proud that we helped him through his difficult times and have been able to witness his growth as a person and now business.

It's been a real success and we can all be proud of our achievements and the support that is genuinely changing lives.

CAN YOU HELP?

- * **DRIVERS (Tuesday evenings 6.45pm to 7.30pm)** - As our numbers grow, we really do need more drivers to help distribute foods on a Tuesday evenings.
- * **LONG LIFE JUICES** are always useful – individual or large cartoons
- * **FOOD PACKAGING (Foil containers with Lids)** – as you can imagine we are using 250+ containers a week. Foil containers with lids would be very gratefully received.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

Hi everyone, it's so nice to be back in paper format again after so long. We at Binfield library hope you are all keeping well during such tough times.

At the moment we have four libraries open; Binfield, Bracknell Central, Crowthorne and Great Hollands, the opening hours are slightly reduced so that we can do essential tasks in the public areas while the library is closed but Binfield is now open all week 10am to 4pm on Monday to Saturday so we are actually open more which is fantastic. We appreciate that many of you are still wary about visiting the library but please rest assure that we have put in place stringent measures to keep everyone safe and well.

So, what are we offering at the moment?

You can use the public PCs, but they do need to be booked in advance and the session is for 30 minutes. If you want to print, we ask that you have the correct money to limit contact.

Select and Collect is available if you would sooner not come into the library; you can reserve your books online or phone the library and speak to one of our friendly staff who will reserve the books for you. The books will have been issued already and you have 10 days to come in and collect them; you literally just pick them up! Super-fast and super safe!

Browsing of stock is available in the adult and children's area (not picture books) but if you touch a book you decide not to borrow it needs to be placed in our honesty boxes so we can quarantine the it for 72 hours.

Lucky Dip bags of preselected children's picture books and board books are now available for children and parents to

collect. What will be in your bag? You won't find out until you get home! A quirky idea to make it more fun now the younger children can't browse the picture books. Because all the picture books have been bagged, we are temporarily unable to process requests for them so if you could please help us by not placing reservations on these at the moment that would be great. Thank you!

We have a growing selection of **online reading materials**, including eBooks, e-audio books, the new e-comics collection, e-newspapers and e-magazines.

Our digital library continues to expand, we have virtual story times and book recommendations, news and resources for adults.

On **Monday 26th October at 11am** we have Online family workshops with Dogs Trust.

The workshops are delivered via a secure online platform (e.g. Zoom, Teams) by

qualified Education Officers and you can watch from the comfort of your own home. Binfield library will be offering dog themed- craft packs for £1.50 to tie in with this.

Eloise De Sousa is also running Scat the Cat sessions outside Bracknell Central library on **Thursday 29th October** in time for Halloween, please phone Bracknell library to book a place.

We still have lots going on within our libraries and continue to develop what we can offer you so please come in and see us. The way we offer our service may have changed but we are still here to help you and give you the best library experience we can.

Sarah Henty

How to contact us:

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We have been experiencing a lot of theft from vehicles within the Thames Valley Area. This is including tool thefts and catalytic converter thefts. This is primarily being targeted within the hotel car parks across the Northern Parishes. This can be prevented by various different methods. One being that, all your tools are marked. This isn't very costly and can be done very quickly. This method is great to help distinguish your tools if needed.

When parking up outside properties/hotels ensure you are locking and securing your vehicles. We recommend adding in extra alarm systems and bolts, this also helps deter individuals from carrying out the criminal activity.

When parking vans, it is best to reverse park (onto a wall/

building). This makes it harder to access. However when looking at catalytic thefts it is best to park cars forward into the bay to also reduce access.

Keyless Car thefts are also on the rise within the Northern Parishes. To help reduce this we recommend that you key your keys away from the doors and hidden away securely.

Over the past few years we have created statistics on various different things that occur within the Northern Parishes. During September, we have seen that this is the prime time for Burglaries to occur. To help prevent this, we encourage people to ensure that when leaving their property they're securing and locking all windows and doors. We do not encourage people to put when they are going away on social media platforms.

*Chloe May Keeping
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Binfield Garden Club

So here we are in autumn and still no plans for our Garden Club to resume meetings but we must all try to stay connected and remain positive for the future.

If things had gone to plan this would now be a report of our September meeting and a fabulous evening with Daniele Altieri, professional gardener and garden designer, who always inspires us with a wonderful talk.



It should also have been the night of our Annual Challenge when members may bring in the results from the bulbs, seeds or plug plants

given out in March. As this now cannot happen, people have been kind enough to send in photos of their flowering Acidenthera, (Abyssinian gladiolus), though one or two report that they still only have leaves so far! The flowers are certainly very pretty and also have a lovely scent. Here are a selection of photos and there are more on our website so do have a look.



Hopefully everyone has enjoyed a successful summer in their gardens and lots of good vegetables despite the various swings

of weather! Please keep an eye on our Facebook posts and website for any news. We have some excellent speakers booked for the future whenever normal life is cleared to begin again and hope to see you all, and with many new faces to join us. Remember it will be the first Thursday of each month 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall and everyone is most welcome.

Until then stay safe, take care and enjoy the beauty of the "Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness..." We've already had an abundance of blackberries all around the village, sloes are fattening up and after the first frost they will be ready to make wonderful sloe gin, conkers are ripening to be collected and the acorns look quite large this year so the squirrels will be burying them like mad. How fortunate we all are to live in Binfield!!

Sue Jeffery

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Come said the leaves to the
wind one day,
Come o'er the meadows and
we will play.
Put on your dresses
Scarlet and *Gold*
For summer is gone and
the days grow cold.
George Eliot

The Binfield Belles



Good morning Binfield and a beautiful September it is. I cannot believe that all these months have gone, and our WI has not been able to meet as a whole group.

Our bush telegraph is still flourishing and everyday Anita or myself post out our favorite songs, messages and Binfield blooms. needless to say, we get some feedback from our online members. However, it keeps us all together and in touch some members not on email we call or send greetings by post or through friends.

The highlight recently has been a competition online "you must have been a beautiful baby ", the members raked out baby photos for us all to guess. I am useless but some of our ladies did very well and one managed all the right answers, it's all in the eyes!

Our keep fit group is still flourishing in Janes garden subject to the weather which has been great so far split into 2 groups it's great to be in the open air surrounded by Janes flowers, Dogs and occasionally grandchildren. Andrew's expert cutting of the grass and music supplied by Alexa complete the show.

Meet ups at Foxley fields are popular and we have managed to split into groups and keep distanced away from each other although this isn't easy when everyone wants to catch up, I am the worst culprit as I want to chat with all our girls to see they are keeping ok.

Our walking group meets once a month and a trip round the

village just blows the cobwebs away although most members have been walking much more in these difficult times. A trip up to Frosts folly was a change and our countryside is so beautiful whatever time of the year although the car park was closed on the day and few a few moments sorting ourselves was a dilemma as they wanted to close the road Warfield church is close by so we decamped to their carpark.

Book club still meeting as we are only a small group that works in Foxley fields and coffee and tea readily available from Claire always welcome. I am the slowest reader imaginable, but manage to catch up eventually. the exchanging of books is also popular and keeps our ladies in touch we donate to the Thames hospice if you pick up some books. Also fundraising for the hospice by making fabric masks the pleated type that can be washed has proved popular, these are so much nicer and reusable, and we have acquired some quirky fabrics from members.



We cannot meet as a full group for some time to come but optimism is always good, we are sharing friendship and I am so proud to be part of our lovely group. Better times will come, and we will be able to share our experiences together. Till then take care and above all keep smiling it's amazing what a smile can do and have a sing every day like our members do. It was super Trouper today, although my dancing not so good.

Till next time stay safe all.

Linda Willcocks

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Veterans, Schoolchildren and Buddies

Legion fund-raising managers are having their work cut out to find alternative ways to finance the charity's work in these times of Covid-19 precautions.

Poppy Appeal 2020 is likely to become a casualty of Coronavirus as large numbers of Remembrance Poppy sellers fall within the virus age risk bracket.

Forced to cut back on their traditional army of volunteers, following national advice, the RBL will be focusing on methods of contactless donations. A spokesman said: "We advise collectors who fall into the 70-plus vulnerability category not to take part in Poppy Appeal activity which would expose them to any additional risk while the virus is still present."

The 2020 National Service of Remembrance remains planned for Sunday, November 8th at London's Whitehall Cenotaph, where up to 10,000 veterans and supporters annually gather and parade to ensure that ultimate sacrifice in the protection of our freedom is never forgotten. As custodians of Remembrance, the Legion brings the whole nation together on November 11th every year and is now also making available a programme of teaching materials for schools, youth clubs and individuals as a key to understanding how modern diverse Britain was created.

The heritage of Service and sacrifice is explained for the benefit of children and teenagers through the teaching of Remembrance Education available in lesson plans suitable for school and home learning created by the British Legion in partnership with the National Literacy Trust. All teaching elements contained in the programme have been created in line with the National Education Curriculum.



TEACHING REMEMBRANCE

The 'Telephone Buddy' system for comrades who have not been out a lot during the Coronavirus period is recommended by HQ for the use of members maybe unable to access virtual computerised communications. The number is 0808 802 8080, and the same number is available for advice to any Legionnaires experiencing difficulties caused by virus period restrictions.

Binfield's event originally planned for August to mark the 75th anniversary of VJ Day in 1945 was cancelled because of social restrictions, but a memorial plaque is now being produced for viewing on a plinth in Wicks Green, among the trees planted for the occasion by the Parish Council.

Terry Dillway

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More 'Zooming' in the Branch!

Bracknell Royal Naval Association's September Branch meeting was conducted virtually by 'Zoom' system, Shipmate Chairman Mike Daley opening proceedings with warm wishes for the well-being of S/M members.

Standard Bearer S/M Anthony Boddrell reported that the Branch Standard had been paraded twice since August's meeting. A small service took place outside Binfield Village Memorial Hall on August 15th when the RNA Standard joined in commemorating the 75th anniversary of VJ Day in 1945. S/M Karen Hatt officiated at the event in her role as Chair of Binfield Royal British Legion Branch, and wreaths were laid by S/M Charles Boorman (President of Binfield RBL), S/M RNA Branch Secretary June Boddrell and two Meadow Vale School pupils. The Binfield British Legion Branch Standard was paraded by RNA Shipmate (and RBL Poppy Organiser) John Anderson.



Brownie, Guide, RNA and RBL Standards commemorating 75th Anniversary of VJ Day

Shipmate Anthony also paraded the RNA Standard at the August funeral of much-missed S/M Ron Miller, and family members expressed thanks for the attendance of the Standard and traditional ceremonial use of the White Ensign.

Branch Secretary S/M June reported that the latest RNA *Semaphore Circular* was available on-line and told Shipmates of the departure from Central Office of much-respected staff member Chrissie Hughes who will be greatly missed by all who have previously visited Semaphore Tower. Bracknell members heard that the 2020 Annual RNA Conference had been conducted on-line in August, chaired by Vice-Admiral John McAnally, and S/M General Secretary Bill Oliphant had read an excellent letter from HM The Queen, Patron of the Association.

Shipmates heard a comprehensive report of the successful activities of Maidenhead Sea Cadets and S/M Branch Treasurer Martin Powell reported on healthy funds. Social Secretary S/M Lynne Daley announced that S/M Martin would be talking on 'Ship's Names' at the October meeting; S/M Branch Vice-Chairman Nigel Carpenter would speak on his Royal Naval career in November and, in December, 'Pickle Night' was the title of the talk planned by S/M Derek Renn.

September's 'Dits Corner' included humorous items from S/Ms Nigel and Terry, together with the reading by S/M Martin of a letter written by Queen Victoria to her granddaughter expressing the famous Queen's anxiety about 'women's rights'.

The meeting concluded with thanks to S/Ms June and Anthony for hosting the 5th 'Zoom' Branch.

Terry Dillway

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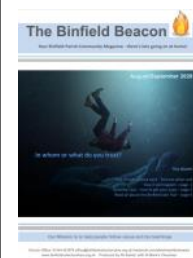
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