

The Binfield Beacon



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

November 2020



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Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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.

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 4th November

- 6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
NO PARADE THIS YEAR
11am Whizz Kids at All Saints'

Monday 9th November

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

Wednesday 11th November

- 6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Sunday 15th November

- 10am Informal Communion Service at All Saints'
(More informal communion service like previous 11am)
11am Whizz Kids at All Saints'

Monday 16th November

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

Wednesday 18th November

- 6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Sunday 22nd November

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

Monday 23rd November

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

Wednesday 25th November

- 6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Sunday 29th November

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

Monday 30th November

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

December 2020

Wednesday 2nd December

- 6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

Sunday 6th December

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
(Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer)
11.30am Baptism at All Saints' (No Whizz Kids)
6.30pm Until We Meet Again (FULL DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

Monday 7th December

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

Wednesday 9th December

- 6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

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




UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
A Service celebrating the Joy and Hope of Christmas remembering Loved Ones no longer with us

Sunday 6th December
We are hoping to be able to hold a service at All Saints' but with Covid restriction the details are yet to be confirmed.

Please keep an eye out on our website and facebook for more details about this service.

SERVICES AND TALKS ONLINE

 **YouTube** 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/>

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).

LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



I wanted to change the world

When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world.

I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation.

When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town.

I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family.



Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family.

My family and I could have made an impact on our town.

Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world.

This month we remember those who did change the world, to do so, they had to change who they were, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, aunties and uncles, grandfathers and grandmothers, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, and become soldiers, airmen and women and sailors.

Jesus said, ***Greater love has no one than this that they lay down their life for their friend.*** John's gospel chapter 15, vs 13.

Laying down your life, doesn't just mean dying for someone as many did during the world wars, it can mean doing so every day, for the rest of your life, for those you love. Putting aside your agenda and encouraging them in theirs. Giving rather than taking, building up, instead of tearing down.

If you want to change the world, then remember the words above from an unknown monk, and remember the only thing you can change is yourself.

Author: unknown monk around 1100 AD: Taken from, <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story67>

From the Registers:



Funerals

Elizabeth Bird

Photo by Lesley Davidson on Unsplash



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

REMEMBRANCE

Unfortunately as a result of both Government and Royal British Legion guidance, there will be no official Remembrance Service with parade, wreaths and presentation of standards this year.

Obviously we will all remember and commemorate in our own way but the British Legion suggests that a poppy (picture or actual) in the window can acknowledge our commemoration.



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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 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.

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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We are also on Facebook
facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks

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St Mark's Church
Popeswood Road
Binfield RG42 4AH

All Saints' Church

Church Hill
Binfield RG42 5NS

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,

It's great to be able to be together again at school, clubs and Church, and here's a glimpse of what we've been up to at Whizz Kids and Oasis...



Whizz Kids are meeting every Sunday at 11am at All Saints' Church for games, craft and fun. This term we've been learning about Old Testament heroes, like Abraham, Joseph and Moses, and how they trusted God in hard times and God was faithful to them!



Oasis has been split into smaller groups to ensure we are being as safe as possible, with year 7's meeting on a Wednesday and year 8 and 9's on a Monday, both from 6:00-7:30pm. We have been playing lots of (socially distant!) games, making crafts and chatting about life, faith and all the big questions that we have.



In upcoming news, we will be having a Christmas movie night to raise money for the repair of St. Mark's Church! Due to being restricted to 15 young people at a time, we will be having the Whizz Kids night on 11th December, and the Oasis night on both the 18th and 19th December, with exact timings to be finalised. If you'd be interested in your child coming along to this event or would like more information please feel free to email me.

It's wonderful to be meeting again in person, and hopefully it continues this way into the Christmas season!

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



Binfield Beacon Deadline

The deadline for Beacon contributions for the Dec/Jan double issue is Mon 9th November 2020

Please email:
Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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| <p>Whizz Kids at All Saints' Church</p> <p>Sunday 11am-12pm</p> <p>Nov 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th</p> | <p>Oasis at All Saints' Church</p> <p>Years 8 & 9 - Monday 6pm-7.30pm</p> <p>Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Dec 7th</p> <p>Year 7 - Wednesday's 6pm-7.30pm</p> <p>Nov 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Dec 2nd, 9th</p> |
| <p>To find out more about Whizz Kids and Oasis or to book a place please email</p> <p>daisyridell@gmail.com</p> | |

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Scarecrows and Photos!

We are really hoping that restrictions didn't spoil all the fun over half term, and that everyone got to get out and see some of the amazing scarecrows on the **Scarecrow Trail**. Over 75 scarecrows would have made for a fantastic trail! We are really grateful to the organisers and their helpers as ever for all their efforts to make this happen, to everyone who signed up to make the scarecrows and to those who paid for a map and raised funds! Look out for the report in the next issue...

We will definitely be able to also report back on the winners of the **Binfield Photo Competition** next issue too. At the time of writing we have already had some stunning photos submitted – we're guessing that it would have been a really tough job to judge them all! The winners will be featured in the **2021 Binfield Calendar**, which should now be on sale. Check on the church website or at The Foxes' Den for details, and buy your copy before they all sell out! They would make a great Christmas gift...

And speaking of Christmas, don't forget Luke's offer to paint a watercolour of your house for a minimum donation of £30, another great gift for a loved one – or yourself!

We also have a limited stock of Christmas cards available; please get in touch if you would like some.

Looking back at last year's events, it's a shame we're currently not able to do so many of the things we could then. We are still looking for any other suggestions of fundraising activities we can run in these strange times, so let us know if you have any ideas!

The Binfield Village 2021 Calendar

AVAILABLE NOW!

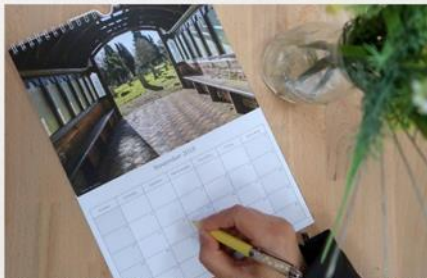
Featuring beautiful photos taken of local views and events around the area by this year's competition winners.

The calendars are A4 size with a full colour photo on each page and a month-to-view with space to add your events, birthdays and reminders!

The calendars are priced at £10 and can be purchased from The Foxes' Den Café, The Binfield Club and Crema.

Alternatively email fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for local delivery.

All proceeds will go to our church. See our website for details: www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



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- **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 – November 2020 (correct as of 12 October 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 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.

November 2020

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| Tuesday 10 November | Parish Council | 8pm |
| Tuesday 24 November | Planning and Transportation Committee | 8pm |

The Parish Council building remains partially open

At the time of writing the partial re-opening of the Parish Council building remains the same. **Parish Office** 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. **The Foxes' Den Café** continues its takeaway and table service with limited numbers to adhere to social distancing, face masks must be worn, and there is a one-way system in operation. However, the building remains closed for general use with meeting rooms currently closed to hirers. Garden waste bags at £1 each are available and donations for Foodbank can still be left.

Major Projects: York Road play area update

By the time you receive this Beacon the public consultation, soliciting your input for the new play area contractor, will be coming to a close. Tender submissions were brought to the Amenity Committee on 6 October with three contractors shortlisted for public consultation. You can view the outcome of the public consultation at the Parish Council website: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/get-involved>

Community Grants – deadline for applications 14 December 2020

The Council awards grants twice annually (within the Council's financial year) at its discretion to local organisations who can clearly demonstrate a clear need for financial support which directly benefits Binfield Parish and its residents by: Providing a service, Enhancing the quality of life, Improving the environment, and/or Promoting Binfield in a positive way. The next grant application deadline is 14 December 2020 with the Parish Council considering all applications in January 2021 and successful grant applicants receiving a grant in February 2021. If you would like to apply on behalf of your organisation or group please first read the **Binfield Parish Council's Grant Policy** and then submit your completed **Grant Application Form** via email or post. You can find all grant information on the Parish Council's website here: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants>.

Do you know an unsung hero of the Parish?

Deadline for 2021 Parish People's Award nominations is Monday 8 February 2021

It is a pleasure to celebrate people in the Parish who have served their community in a way that is above and beyond what is expected, particularly in these most recent of challenging times. Awards are typically presented at the Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place on 19 March 2021, subject to COVID-19 guidance at that time. Please nominate an individual, non-profit organisation/voluntary group, or a local business who deserve recognition for their efforts in the community. Please complete a **Parish People's Award Nomination Form** which you can find on the Parish Council website: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-peoples-award>

Open Planning Reform Consultations - Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government – October 2020

The Parish Council have submitted comments for the following open consultations: *Changes to the current planning system (deadline 11.45pm, 1 October 2020)*, *Planning for the future (deadline 11.45pm, 29 October 2020)*, *Transparency and competition: a call for evidence on data on land control (deadline 11.45pm, 30 October 2020)*.

You can find the Council's comment on the Parish Council's website: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/proactive-planning>

Sadly, there will be no 2020 Christmas Lights Switch-On Event

Due to the current COVID-19 situation there will be no event this year. We hope you enjoy the Christmas trees at the **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.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Foxes' Den

COFFEE FOOD COMMUNITY



Hello Binfield from the Den!

It is so tricky writing these articles when we don't know from one day to the next whether we will be back in different levels of lockdown. At the time of writing we are still open inside the Den and still smiling. A very British Autumn has definitely settled in and our homemade soups are in high demand!

We are currently also getting ready for the Scarecrow Trail – and hope that it will be even more fabulous than previous years. I know that there are even more scarecrows this year and the village is really 'upping its game'! I hope you have managed to see most of them and have joined in the spirit of Autumn in the village and helped to raise money for our village churches.



The BINFIELD 10K

This month the Den is also supporting the brilliant Binfield10k community event. While the 'proper' run has had to be cancelled twice this year (May and October) it has now been transformed into a virtual run. This means that anybody can run/jog/walk 10km anywhere and earn their weighty official Binfield10k medal (£5 entry fee). You can do your 10k anytime this month; so the closing date for picking up your medal from the Den is 30th November. More info: www.binfield10k.co.uk

Remembrance Day: Lest we forget

As the annual Remembrance Day parade through the village cannot go ahead this year, one suggestion is that we all put a poppy in our windows to show our support for all the souls who serve our country, past and present. We will be putting one in Den window.



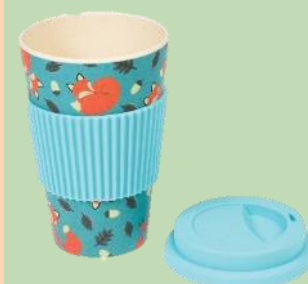
The Official Binfield 2021 Calendar



It's back!! Don't forget to pop along to the Den to pick up a copy of next year's a4 calendar. It is packed full of amazing photographs of the local area and has enough space to keep a track of your daily activities. All for only £10 and for a good cause.

Shop! Shop! Shop!

In the run up to Christmas we have been having a bit of a sort out and trying to come up with some new items for our little 'Shop in the Nook'. We will always have our selection of upcycled birthday and Christmas cards,



but now we also have some retail bags of our fabulous coffee that is roasted in Marlow to our range of Rusty the Fox stationery and fun items. Please remember us if you need a little gift or two...

Thanks for reading! Stay well
Claire

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1 GIVE GIVE
GIVE GIVE
GET GET
GET GET

2 RED SEA

3 JACOB JACOB
JACOB JACOB
JACOB JACOB
JACOB JACOB

4 GOD
FAITH

HAVE A GO AT THESE DINGBATS
AND FIND THE ANSWERS ON PAGE 15

5 EVER EVER EVER EVER
EVER

6 CHEEK KEECH

7 SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP
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SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP

8 LISTEN! WAIT! JUMP!
START! STAND!
Go! FETCH!
STOP! LOOK! SIT!

COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



The current restrictions have changed the way we usually celebrate the Harvest festival so our children have been filming virtual assemblies and donating to the food banks in local community.



New Virtual Tour Launched on our website!

We have budding directors and presenters in our school! The children and teachers have been working hard recently to capture life at Binfield C.E Primary School ready for prospective parents.

If you are considering Binfield C.E Primary for your child next September, please visit <https://www.binfieldschool.co.uk/admissions/> to view our new video.



Parent Comments

In our new Covid world, we have had to adjust how our school usually runs. We've been so pleased to receive such lovely positive feedback from our parents over the past few months and weeks.

The measures you have put together in such a short time have been extremely impressive and I can only imagine the hard work and stress that you will have faced in order to get the school in a position where it can re-open.

I have been so impressed with how well organised the pick up and drop off times have been. The children have had fun getting to know their new teacher, TA and their new 'bubble'

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone currently working both in school and behind the scenes. It must have been a huge task to get children back to school and I have been really impressed with how you have tackled the task and the enthusiasm that I have seen.

I've just picked my daughter up, she is grinning from ear to ear and has had an amazing day, much more like herself. She has not stopped talking, which is lovely to hear.

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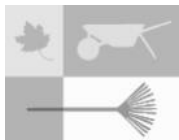


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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Binfield Belles

Where has the last year gone, Autumn is calling at the door and we are still in a state of lockdown for our WI. Our members are keeping in touch with each other for coffee mornings and various activities. A lot of walking has happened both on our monthly walks in the village a chance of a social chat and coffee after or individually around the area. I have noticed on some of our walks you bump into friends and neighbours and catch up, our bench on the green is fully occupied on a lot of occasions.

Our committee manage to keep in touch, zoom meetings have not been a part of our way forward for our group, we can still telephone members who are alone or email those online. The bush telegraph is still thriving and all Binfield in bloom can be seen around the village, music is varied and ranges from Memphis to Mozart there are only so many times we can play Jerusalem. Anita and I look for interesting posts in all categories for the message of the day, I throw in a few recipes and members send in other bits and pieces but Anita is still the Quiz queen.

The book club has been managing to meet up outside and creates interest in books both old and new. We are currently reading a booker prize book, Girl Woman Other by Bernadine Evaristo, its interesting as its black awareness month as well.

Our next meet up is on 2nd November so pray for good weather as we are still meeting up outside. Will we have to resort to

zoom all depends on the measures that are introduced over the next few weeks.

Jane is still keeping some of us fit by having our classes in her garden which is working well and lots of fresh air with plenty of great music Abba always popular we have seen Beans, blackberries and Crabapples aplenty in her garden. All the fruit has been in abundance, so preserving pans have been out for jam making.

Craft still prevails and some ladies have been knitting more poppies for our hanging that we displayed last year in the church. they now have to be added to the net as we are putting in the church again this year in November, I think we have over a hundred to add, Anita has kept very busy with making a lot of these. Masks are still required and we can supply many fabrics and styles, new fashion item.



The WI scarecrow is on its way with the girls busy on a theme and will be on display in Angel Place. New members are still coming along we welcome them into the fold if only online at the moment but we will all meet again.

Stay safe and keep healthy and I look forward to our chat next month, just remember tomorrow will be a better day.

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BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

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Due to the ongoing threat of Covid-19, Binfield Surgery has factored in Social Distancing and for this reason have hired the Hall at King's Academy school, Binfield for the flu vaccinations this season. Binfield Surgery wishes to ensure that their patients are as safe as possible.

If you are 65 or over, or aged between 2 and 64 and are in a clinical 'at risk' group which is eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will have already been invited to call and make an appointment. If this is not the case, please call the surgery to book an appointment.

Flu vaccinations are by appointment only, booked in advance by calling the surgery on 01344 286264. You will be given an appointment time on your call. Please ensure that you have notified the surgery of any changes to your contact details. Please do not call the surgery if you have already had a flu vaccination in October.

The full address of the venue is King's Academy, St Georges Park, Binfield Bracknell. RG42 4FS. (Blue Mountain).

Clinic appointments are on the following days from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Saturday 31st October: Over 65 and under 65's who are 'at risk'.

Saturday 07 November: Over 65 and under 65's who are 'at risk'.

Saturday 21 November: Over 65 and under 65's who are 'at risk' & Fluenz for 2 & 3 year olds.

Please note that if you are aged between 50 and 64 and not in a clinical risk group, the earliest you will be offered a flu vaccination is November, assuming there is sufficient vaccine.

The above is information for patients who did not receive their flu vaccination prior to 31st October.

Dependant on uptake at the above clinics the surgery will look at adding later dates.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE CLINICS

Appointments will be made two minutes apart to enable social distancing.

The slots will be timed, but only as an estimate. Please expect to wait should it be necessary to achieve social distancing.

Please do not arrive at the venue any earlier or later as a strict number of patients per period has been allocated to ensure you are queuing for a minimum amount of time and social distancing is maintained.

Please wear a face covering. **YOU WILL NOT BE VACCINATED IF YOU ARE NOT, OR ARE EXEMPT, FROM WEARING A FACE**

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DO NOT ATTEND if you have COVID symptoms or are ISOLATING.

Please remember to cancel your appointment if you are no longer able to attend.

NASAL FLU FOR CHILDREN:

Binfield surgery will vaccinate all 2 and 3 year olds and children in the 'at risk' groups aged 4 to 17.

The Surgery has contacted all parents of patients they believe to be eligible. If this is not the case, please call the surgery to book an appointment.

The vaccinations will be given in special childhood flu clinics at the surgery, as well as on the 21st November at King's Academy. These are available by appointment only.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

All information detailed in October Beacon is still valid.

Any changes will be given in future editions of the Beacon.

COVID-19 TESTING:

Due to lab testing hitting capacity it is currently very difficult to get a Covid-19 test. You have to persevere with the booking system as appointment slots open up and change on a regular basis.

Tests are booked by telephoning 119 or via the NHS/ Government website. There is no other way to book a test. Your GP or hospital do not carry these out for general testing.

119 are currently experiencing an extremely high number of calls so only use this if you do not have access to book a test online. The 119 service use the same system as online and do not have access to other tests that are not shown to you. Therefore if the website says nothing is available to you online it will be no different if you called 119. The best thing to do is wait an hour and try again.

PLEASE ONLY TRY TO BOOK A TEST IF YOU OR THE PERSON YOU CARE FOR HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19.

Covid-19 symptoms are:

A high temperature

A new continuous cough

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

If you think you or the person you care for has symptoms and you cannot get a test you still need to self-isolate, usually either for 10 days for the person with symptoms or 14 days for anyone else in the household.

Duncan Johnston
Binfield Patient Group

COMMUNITY NEWS



Thank you to everyone who has taken part in various activities over the spring and summer to survey Binfield's wildlife. Local residents conduct regular butterfly surveys in Wicks Green, Blue Mountain and along the paths to the north and west of the

village centre. 19 different species of butterflies were recorded along the paths to the north and west of the village and 15 different species were recorded in our monthly survey of Blue Mountain park. In both cases the numbers of both butterflies and species peaked in July. If you'd like to help us survey other parts of the parish next year then please contact me on the email address below.

Our surveyors observed butterfly species emerging earlier than usual this year and predicted a butterfly summer that then failed to emerge. This finding is consistent with the summary of the 2020 Big Butterfly Count.

More than 110,000 people took part in the 2020 Big Butterfly Survey, organised by Butterfly Conservation (<https://butterfly-conservation.org/>), and conducted between the 17th July and the 9th August. The participants submitted almost 150,000 counts which was a record. However, the average number of butterflies per count was down by almost a third. Butterfly Conservation suggested a number of possible reasons for this: the unusually warm spring may have led to the early emergence of many species; this year's new participants may have been less confident in butterfly identification; and there was not an influx of painted lady butterflies (see picture) this year.

Butterfly Conservation have been running the survey for 11 years and are most interested in the long term trends that it shows. They say *"Butterflies and moths are incredibly valuable indicators of the health of our environment. Their declines show not only the effects of human behaviour on the world around us but also the changing patterns of our weather. As well as being important and beautiful creatures in themselves, they play key roles in the ecosystems of birds, mammals, invertebrates and plants as food, population controllers and pollinators. Their conservation is vitally important."*

Butterfly Conservation say that the best things that we can do for butterflies in our gardens and green-spaces are: garden chemical-free; use peat-free composts; and plant pollinator-friendly plants.

By the way, one of our surveyors has spotted a couple of box tree moths in the parish. These pretty moths are becoming more common in our area, but their caterpillars can make a mess of our box hedges. If you want to know more about the box tree moth and what you can do about your box plants then have a look at the RHS website -

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Mike Coker

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To collect your medal pop in to the Foxes' Den Cafe (Benetfeld Road, RG42 4EW) and either pay £5 cash or prepay online (binfield10k.co.uk/the-virtual-run-2020/) and show the receipt of your purchase to collect your medal. You could even plan your route so that you finish at the cafe! It is open 8am-5pm weekdays and 10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday.

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New! Virtual book group

We had a successful virtual discussion about books and reading at the beginning of October, using Zoom. It was a way to celebrate Libraries week, and the contributions of libraries and reading to our lives. The discussion was well attended and lively, so we are planning to start a new virtual book group that will not be confined to one library, but which can cover all the borough (and more!). Would you like to be part of it? Just send an email to bracknell.library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or call 01344 423149 to register your interest.



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Giulia Gagliardi



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Binfield Garden Club



Another month has passed and we seem no nearer to holding our meetings again so let's begin with a little joke.

*Q: What do you call a grumpy and short-tempered gardener?
A: A Snap Dragon.*

In October we should have visited Leonardslee to see the autumn colours. Sadly that could not be, but late autumn will provide us with some spectacular displays to enjoy around Binfield. With climate warming, November can often have short sunny days even if chilly! Our resident winter birds are still eating the many colourful berries on the bushes. The ploughed fields, bare trees and trimmed hedges have their own beauty. So things are not as grim as the well-known poem which ended "No butterflies, no bees, no fruits, no flowers, no birds, November!"



This is a perfect month to keep up garden maintenance and prepare for future frosts. Here are some tips from garden club members.

1. Clear up fallen leaves, especially from lawns and ponds.

2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent plants getting waterlogged or frozen and insulate with bubble wrap if heavy frost expected.
3. Most bulbs should have been planted by now but November is a good time for adding tulips. If the weather is mild you can still plant autumn bedding such as pansies, violas and wallflowers.
4. Dig up any unwanted plants and dying annuals. Then turn soil over and mulch.
5. Prune roses and any over-crowded plants. Divide and prune perennials. NB some people now prefer to leave perennials to die back over winter and prune in early spring.
6. All root vegetables should have been dug up by now. Fill your bare patch with hardy broad beans, onions, garlic and shallots.
7. Continue to harvest the last of your apples and pears and store in a cool, dry place.
8. Cut back berry canes to soil level to grow back healthy next year.



Finally, and most importantly, on cold miserable days sit in the warm and cheer yourselves up perusing brightly-coloured catalogues to plan your pretty 2021 garden when we hope our club meetings will resume and we can all meet up once again.

Meanwhile, take care, stay safe and well and remember to check our website for any future news and information.
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Sue Jeffery

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The Poppy Appeal

Like so many things this year, the Poppy Appeal has had to adapt to the threat of Covid-19.

With so many of the normal army of volunteers unable to collect out on the streets the Royal British Legion are calling on the public to support us like never before, because every poppy counts.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the British Legion have worked hard with their members, staff, volunteers and partners to create a range of ways for people to get involved in this year's Poppy Appeal. From buying a poppy in your local supermarket or making an online donation, to doing your own fundraising with family and friends.

The British Legion has also developed an A4 poster of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that you can download, print, and display at home, perhaps in your front window. You can even print one to colour in.

To download a copy of the poster or make a donation to this appeal visit:
<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

Also as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, it will be necessary for individuals and communities to consider new ways of performing Remembrance activities this year and you can see some ideas the British Legion have put together by visiting:
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Disappointment, Compromise – But Still the Spirit

The Festival of Remembrance 2020 will be a brave casualty of the limits placed on public gatherings in this extraordinary year.

The Albert Hall event has been pre-recorded as a programme to be broadcast on BBC One on Saturday, November 7th. And limited numbers of serving Armed Forces and Veterans will take part in the Cenotaph parade and traditional march past the following morning of Remembrance Sunday November 8th.

Royal British Legion leaders recognise the disappointment these measures will cause to members and supporters, but the steps have been necessary to comply with government social distancing guidelines aimed at protecting those who would be travelling to attend the ceremonies whilst Coronavirus remains present.

The 99th anniversary year of the Armed Forces charity has seen unavoidable compromises in the organisation of events of every description in face of the Covid-19 pandemic, and a particularly serious consequence is the effect on fund-raising needed to finance the work of the RBL among the ex-Service community. The traditional annual Poppy Appeal went ahead despite a noticeable absence of large numbers of the normal army of volunteers unable to play their part in selling poppies and Remembrance trinkets in public places because their age group was advised to avoid the risk of infection through close contact.

But fund-raising packs have been issued, promoting ideas like baking cupcakes for friends and neighbours, selling poppies among one's family and colleagues while asking kindly for donations to aid this year's virus-affected Appeal. It is normal for more than 40 million poppies to be distributed annually to help fund the Legion's vital work. This year supporters were encouraged to use computer technology to make online donations or look out for poppies for sale in supermarkets or offices and businesses which were open.

A British Legion spokesman said: "Whilst the pandemic has had an impact on the ways in which we can deliver the Poppy Appeal this year, our community of staff, volunteers, partners and suppliers have been working together to ensure that the 2020 Appeal is able to go ahead and the nation can take part in Remembrance activity." Such is the Legionnaire spirit.

As a result of both Government and Royal British Legion guidance, there will be no official Remembrance Service with parade, wreaths and presentation of standards this year. Obviously we will all remember and commemorate in our own way but the RBL suggests that a poppy (picture or actual) in the window can acknowledge our commemoration.

Terry Dilliway

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Historical Names and Fireside Chats

What's in a name? The answer to this question can mean centuries of tradition in the Senior Service.

The history behind the names of some of the Royal Navy's most famous warships was explained in an enthralling talk by Shipmate Treasurer Martin Powell when Bracknell Royal Naval Association Branch enjoyed another virtual 'Zoom' monthly meeting in October.

Opening proceedings with a minute's silence in memory of Shipmates who had most recently 'crossed the bar', S/M Chairman Mike Daley expressed his hopes that members were continuing to cope well during the Coronavirus situation.

Standard Bearer S/M Anthony Boddrell reported the Standard was paraded at the September funeral of S/M George Read, and S/M Branch Secretary June Boddrell reminded the meeting that RNA virtual 'Fireside Chats' were gaining in popularity with 'Zoom' presentations commencing at 1800hrs every Monday evening. At their September meeting Bracknell Branch had supported a petition to *Save the BBC Red Button Service* and S/M June was happy to report that the petition had been successful in saving the popular service.

Maidenhead Sea Cadets Commanding Officer Chris Edge was unable to attend the RNA meeting but Shipmates heard the text of comments (sent by the Branch to Chiltern and South

Bucks Council) in support of the Cadet Unit's application for planning permission to erect a new HQ building to provide better future facilities for the successful Cadets.

S/M Anthony, Branch Delegate to RNA Area 6, reported that the September 19th meeting of the Area had been held 'virtually' with 8 of the 19 Branches represented. Bracknell was one of 6 Branches which had provided reports to the Area meeting; hopes were expressed that the Annual General Meeting of Area 6 could be held 'live' in Peterborough next February.

Restrictions on numbers attending Binfield Remembrance events were advised by S/M Karen Hatt. As a result of Government guidance, there will be no official Remembrance Service with parade, wreaths and presentation of standards this year. It will also mean only a maximum of 30 people can attend any services that may take place.

October 'Dits' Corner included poems read by S/M Nigel Carpenter and, from S/M June, an amusing 'Jack Tar' story and some anecdotes from S/M George's life. Next 'Zoom' meeting of the Branch will take place on Wednesday, November 4th at 1730hrs.

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