

# The Binfield Beacon

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



December & January 2020/21



**Christmas is upon us**

**He is still the way the truth and the light**

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Picture taken at the wedding of James Haskell and Chloe Madeley

**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.*

We are hoping to be able to hold services from Sunday 6th December, however, all services will be dependent on the Covid restrictions that will be in place.

There will still be a need to use the booking system for all physical Services over the Christmas period.

## 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)  
6.00pm **Until We Meet Again (See details on page 3)**  
(THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL SERVICE link on [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) and Facebook)

### Monday 7th December

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

### Wednesday 9th December

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

### Sunday 13th December

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'  
(Common Worship)  
11am Whizz Kids at All Saints'

### Monday 14th December

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

### Wednesday 16th December

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

### Sunday 20th December

10am Informal Communion Service at All Saints'  
(More informal communion service like previous 11am)  
Online Virtual Carol Services  
(THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL SERVICE link on [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) and Facebook)

### Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve

5pm Virtual Christingle Service  
(THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL SERVICE link on [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) and Facebook)



### Friday 25th December - Christmas Day

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'



### Sunday 27th December

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

## JANUARY 2021

### Sunday 3rd January

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

### Monday 4th January

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

### Wednesday 6th January

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

### Sunday 10th January

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

### Monday 11th January

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

### Wednesday 13th January

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

### Sunday 17th January

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

### Monday 18th January

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

### Wednesday 20th January

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

### Sunday 24th January

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

### Monday 25th January

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

### Wednesday 27th January

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

### Sunday 31st January

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

## FEBRUARY 2021

### Monday 1st February

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

### Wednesday 3rd February

6pm Year 7 Oasis Group at All Saints'

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OR EMAIL [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)



# LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR



## The Housewife

Tony Campolo writes that his friend and prominent radio preacher Steve Brown eloquently described a housewife who was washing dishes in the kitchen sink one day after the children had left for school. She looked at one particular plate. She stared at it for a long time and asked over and over again, "How many times have I washed this plate? How many times have I dried it? How many times will I wash it and dry it again?" She then set down the plate, took off her apron, packed a few of her belongings, and left.

That night she called home to tell her husband that she was all right, but that she just could not come home again. From time to time, over the next several weeks, she would call just to see how her husband and children were doing. But she would never tell them where she was, nor accede to the pleas from her family to return.

The husband hired a detective to search for her, and after picking up a few leads, the detective tracked her down. She was in another state, living in a small apartment over a luncheonette where she had a job as a waitress. Her husband set out immediately to bring her home. When he found the place she was staying, he knocked on the door of her upstairs apartment. She opened the door, saw him, and did not say a word. She went into her bedroom, packed her belongings, and silently followed him out to the car. Then, in silence, he drove her back home.

Several hours later when the two of them were alone in their bedroom he finally spoke, and he asked her, "Why didn't you come home before? Over the phone I begged you to return. Why didn't you come?"

The wife answered, "I heard your words, but it wasn't until you came for me that I realized how much you cared and how important I was to you."

It can be said that though the prophets in the Old Testament section of the Bible may have tried to tell us about God's love, we never really got the message until God showed up among us. The Bible puts it like this, *The Word, (Jesus) became human and lived among us. We saw his glory – the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father – and he was full of grace and truth. John's gospel, chapter 1 verse 14.* He broke into history and became one of us, and as one of us, showed us His love.

*Story taken from, Let me tell you a story, by Tony Campolo. W Publishing Group.*

**Luke**

Over the years the first Sunday evening in December has become a special time to think about friends and family who are no longer with us, in a lovely Christmas service at All Saints Church.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we are unable to hold the service this year in our normal way in a packed church. However I am so pleased to be able to say that we are going put the 'Until We Meet Again' service on-line from 6th December 2020. This will be accessible to all from the church website and available throughout the Christmas season.

We are also planning to open All Saints on the evening of 6th December from 6.00pm until 7.30pm (subject to government guidelines at the time) so that you can come along to church, on your own or in your bubble, to light a candle and place a card on the prayer tree if you wish. Social distancing measures will be in place. We would be delighted to see you.

If you would like any more details please contact Jacqui Voller on [javoller@gmail.com](mailto:javoller@gmail.com) or telephone 07815-529156



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN  
6th December 2020

**The deadline for Beacon contributions  
for the February 2021 issue  
is Mon 11th January 2021**

**Please email: [Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)  
Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)**

## 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](mailto: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).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST STILL USE THE  
BOOKING SYSTEM FOR ALL SERVICES OVER THE  
CHRISTMAS PERIOD.**

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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 email [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:orinocco@hotmail.co.uk) /07850 799434



### Praying for and with you

We have weekly prayer sheets — please email [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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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### 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.**

# CHURCH NEWS

***Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy and Healthy  
New Year***



## Alternative Advent Be Good News

Once again we have the opportunity to bring good news and Christmas cheer to people through Alternative Advent.


Alternative Advent is where we purchase an extra present or two for single parents who won't otherwise receive a Christmas present this year. The parents go without to ensure their children don't. The presents should cost around £5-10. Possible ideas are, toiletries, PJs, slippers, chocolates, gloves, scarves and hats, scented candles, reed diffusers, or anything you think might make a nice gift for a single parent.

This will give you the opportunity to be creative with your present buying during lockdown!

If you would like to donate a gift, then please deliver any presents (**unwrapped**) to The Rectory, Terrace Road North, during the week beginning **Mon 30th November and by Sun 13th December**. If no one is in, please leave them on, or under, the seat by the front door.

*Thank you Luke*

## 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/>

## VIRTUAL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - CHRISTMAS EVE

This year, sadly, we are unable to hold our traditional and hugely popular Christingle service, we are hoping to broadcast a livestream Christingle service. Daisy will be posting a DIY Christingle video so you can make your own at home, then we can all join together for a short 'service' on Christmas Eve at 5pm from the comfort of your own homes! The links to these will be posted on our website [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) and facebook page.

### HOW TO MAKE A CHRISTINGLE

#### You will need:

- 1 orange
- 1 small candle (a birthday cake candle will be fine)
- enough red ribbon to go round an orange with a small overlap
- 4 cocktail sticks
- a few sweets or some dried fruit such as raisins or sultanas
- small piece of foil measuring about 4cm by 4cm
- Pencil to make a hole in the orange

#### What you do:

1. Carefully push the pencil into the top of the orange to make a small hole.
2. Put about 3 sweets or dried fruit onto the cocktail sticks.
3. Push the cocktail sticks into the orange in four different directions slightly above the fattest part of the orange and pointing slightly upwards.
4. Take the foil and gently wrap it around the candle at the bottom before firmly wedging the candle into the hole that you had made in the orange. Once in position mould the foil into a shallow cup shape to catch any drips of candle wax.
5. Tie the ribbon round the orange and fasten with a bow, or just overlap the two ends, and secure with a pin to keep it in place.

If you want to light the candle make sure a grown-up is there to help you as lighting candles can be dangerous.





# FUNDRAISING NEWS



## Looking forward with thanks...


Wow, what a **Scarecrow Trail** that was! Another amazing community event with over 75 houses on the map, including some last minute entries by builders who didn't want to miss out on the fun! Thanks to everyone who designed brilliant scarecrows and to all those who braved the weather to come out and see them. It all helped raise an incredible amount for the ARC Project, as well as being a highlight of village life when there have not been many of those this year. We are so grateful to the organisers and their helpers for that! Look out for the full report on page 10..

We have also now announced the winners of the **Binfield Photo Competition**! The judging was hard, but we have 13 fantastic images which have been incorporated into the **2021 Binfield Calendar**, and which is on sale now. Have a look on the Church website for full details of the winning images. The calendars have sold out in previous years, so buy a copy for yourself, friends or family before they all go! Profits will be split between the ARC Project and repairs to St. Mark's church, as detailed on the website.

Likewise, our Christmas cards are on sale again and proving as popular as ever, and why not also buy a fun tea towel (as designed by the children at Whizz Kids) too! Don't forget Luke's offer to paint a watercolour of your house as another lovely gift idea.

It just remains for us to say thank you for your continued support over this difficult time. We are looking forward to a more positive 2021, when we can look to the ceiling at St. Mark's being fixed and the building being re-opened and available for the community to use again, and for the next phase of the ARC Project to start so that we can continue the important work at All Saints! Stay safe and well until then.





### 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 Moor Cottage Veterinary hospital.

Alternatively email [fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) for local delivery.

All proceeds will go to repairing our churches. See our website for details: [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)



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We would really appreciate your donation; however big or small, it will all help!

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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](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)  
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# CHURCH NEWS

## Parish Profile: Your new Church Warden



*John Hargreaves is the new Church Warden for All Saints'. The aim of a Church Warden is to support the Parish Priest with the whole mission of the Church including pastoral, evangelistic and social elements. John has been attending All Saints' church for around 10 years and has been a regular member of the worship band at the 11am meeting. We caught up with John and asked him to comment on his new role.*

It is really great to have the backdrop of All Saints' for Sunday Services, a very picturesque setting, steeped in history. Major fund-raising activities have been on-going for several years and through this the church managed to complete a much-needed partial roof replacement. Dave Saunders, the previous Warden did a lot of work along with other members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and there is still much to do, with plans to further improve the facilities.

St Mark's is also an important building and is fundamental in supporting some of the on-going work the Church is doing, e.g. running a night shelter or providing a base for a wide range of community events. There is some urgent work needed on this building to secure the fabric and maintain the facility. Fortunately, we have another Warden Neil Harrison who is responsible for this and there are a number of other people who work behind the scenes to keep the Church operational (Matthew 6.6).

The Church of course is really the body of God's people, who are actively seeking to put Christ at the heart of everything they do. A key part of this is the development of relationships, delivering the mission of the Church and the Wardens have an important role to play. There appears to be no set formula for this work and freedom in how each individual approaches the role, so I will be trying to discover the best approach over the next few months.

There are many scriptures that speak directly to me, for instance Romans 1:20, talks about God's invisible qualities and divine nature being clearly seen, from what has been made. I occasionally try my hand at painting landscapes and have found that sitting and observing what is around us, really does heighten your awareness of a creative hand in the universe. There really is a strong argument for the concept of Intelligent design<sup>1</sup>.

I look forward to working with the Reverend Luke Taylor and the PCC as we emerge from the lock down and start to progress the mission of the Church.



Figure 1: John painting the All Saints' Bell Tower Window and Bluebells at the Pocket's Copse in Binfield.

<sup>1</sup>Stephen Meyer, Signature in the cell, DNA and the evidence for intelligent design (2009)



## CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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christmas tree	joseph	star
crackers	king	tinsel
decorations	mary	turkey
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family	rudolph	



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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hello Everyone,

What a year this has been! Some definite highs and some stressful lows, but we got through it together. We hope you're still managing to get in the Christmas spirit despite the uncertainty that lies ahead. Here's what we've been up to...



At Whizz Kids we've been learning about heroes of the Old Testament, hearing stories all about how people from thousands of years ago put their trust in God and won the victory. Before lockdown we were able to meet in person and learn dances, play games and do crafts together, but since lockdown we've moved all that online to zoom. Praise God for technology!



Oasis

At Oasis we've been talking about the pressures that coronavirus are having on us and how this can affect us. It's great to have a safe place to chat about important issues, but also to play games and enjoy ourselves and de-stress in these trying times.



Looking ahead to Christmas we are hoping to broadcast a livestream Christingle service as we won't be able to meet in person. I will be posting a DIY Christingle video so you can make your own at home, then we can all join together for a short 'service' on Christmas Eve at 5pm from the comfort of your own homes! We will be posting more details about where you can find this nearer the time but keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for details. We're really looking forward to Christmas this year, even though it's going to be very different than we're used to!

Lastly, a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed, supported and prayed for the children's and youth work this year! It's been hard at times but so worth it to keep activities going for the young people in our village, so many thanks to you guys as we couldn't run this without you!

God bless and Merry Christmas!

**Daisy - Children's and Youth Worker**([daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com))



**Whizz Kids at  
All Saints' Church**

**Sunday 11am-12pm**

**Dec 13th**

**Jan 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st**



**Oasis at  
All Saints' Church**

**Years 8 & 9 - Monday 6pm-7.30pm**

**Dec 7th, 14th, Jan 4th, 11th, 17th, 24th**

**Year 7 - Wednesday's 6pm-7.30pm**

**Dec 2nd, 9th, 16th, Jan 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th**

**To find out more about Whizz Kids and Oasis or to book a place please email**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

### Select and Collect your favourite books and virtual children's Christmas events.

With the new restrictions in force from the 5<sup>th</sup> November, Binfield Library is now temporarily closed. Whitegrove Library will now be offering "Select and Collect" and you can park there for free. Please check our website, <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries>, for updates or call Bracknell Library at 01344 423149.

While the lockdown restrictions are still in place, four libraries are open: Bracknell, Whitegrove, Crowthorne and Sandhurst for you to collect reserved items.

### Select and Collect your favourite books!

Select and Collect is one of the latest services introduced by your library during lockdown. Have you tried it already? It is super easy – and completely free!

1. Order a book from our library catalogue (<https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/bracknellforest/home>). Or call one of the open libraries above. You can reserve up to 10 books.
2. Wait for the notification (usually via email) that the book is ready.
3. Pick up your book during opening times: Bracknell and Whitegrove Library are open Monday to Saturday, 10am-4pm (but on Wednesday Bracknell is closed), Crowthorne (Monday to Wednesday, 10am-4pm) and Sandhurst (Thursday to Saturday, 10am-4pm). Things may change after restrictions are lifted, so please check our website or give us a call.
4. Enjoy reading!

### How to return or renew your books

If your books are going to be due during the lockdown period, don't worry! You can either return or renew them if you would like some more time.

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### Christmas events

We are very excited as Christmas is coming! As we aren't sure if it will be safe to meet physically to offer any activities or events in the library, we have arranged two virtual story times for young children with a Christmas theme, on Tuesday

15 December, starting at 11am, and on

Thursday, 17 December, 3.45pm. They are both free and will include a story and songs.

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*Giulia Gagliardi*



*All Saints' this Christmas*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Can you help our local Bobsleigh Sports Star?

Emily Barrett is a Binfield resident and has lived in the village for over 8 years. Emily was always interested in sport and athletics and at the age of 12 she joined Windsor, Slough, Eton & Hounslow Athletics Club and was a successful 400m hurdler. Emily went on to great success with her hurdling and at the age of 22, Emily was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the UK for the 400m hurdles.

She graduated from Birmingham University in 2016 with a 2:1 honours degree in Sports Science and then began a successful career at Charters school in the PE department.

However in October 2019 Emily was approached by the GB Bobsleigh Squad and invited to train with them as they prepared for the Beijing 2022 Olympics.

Two months later, Emily had given up her career, committed to full time training and she made her international debut for Great Britain at the European Cup in Winterberg in December 2019.

A fully established member of the GB Bobsleigh squad, Emily and her team mate Felicity Bee now form 'Bob Team Bee' and are currently in Winterberg, Germany training for the European Cup Series 2020. This training is vital for their ultimate goal of the Beijing 2022 Olympics and Emily and Felicity have high hopes for success!

However – there are plenty of challenges still to come and this is not just the international competition. Emily and Felicity are totally reliant on personal and team sponsorship to get them through each season, and there is no external support from any other funding.

Between them, they have to personally fund the cost of training, travel, nutrition, sports equipment and physiotherapy expenses with no external help.

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**Karen Williams**



### Binfield Scarecrow Trail 2020



The 2020 Scarecrow Trail was an absolutely incredible week which created so much positivity in the village. Feedback received reinforced the feeling that this is truly a community owned event, and the success is all down to the 76 makers, the hospitality venues and friendly faces. As you may know the money raised goes to the Binfield ARC Project and the total was just over £8,200. This is all purely from map sales.

Although the weather wasn't really on our side we did have some spectacular blue skies, in between the hail storms and torrential rain. People came out of their homes to get fresh air that hadn't been out for some time, children in need of some exercise through the week and plenty of parents who needed a good coffee and slice of cake too!



The standard was exceptional this year and the winner really stood out on the votes front - well done to Scott Chivers and ET who even had a glowing finger in addition to the light show, smoke and motion detector music. We look forward to seeing the creations next year - register now and you'll receive a reminder nearer the time: [www.binfieldevents.com/2021-entry](http://www.binfieldevents.com/2021-entry)





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Sanctuary Barn



Everyone receives a warm welcome from Val Marshall–Scott, owner of the Sanctuary Barn in Moor Lane, Amen Corner. Val has been instrumental in setting up Binfield's thriving Community Market and Café Project over a number of years – a project that gives arts and crafts businesses a chance to offer their wares and trade in a friendly supportive atmosphere. Val has helped in guiding many start-up businesses that have gone on to be very successful. Equally businesses have remained at The Sanctuary Barn and continued to welcome returning customers.

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Val says, *'my experience of working on markets stretches way back over 50 years. I was one of the first market stalls on Bracknell Market and have always loved the people involved and customers. We were all part of what was and remains, a great British tradition. Seeing small businesses start from an idea and providing the space for them to go-ahead brings such personal delight – it can be so rewarding. Here at The Sanctuary Barn we are like a family and it's lovely to welcome the community from Binfield and surrounding areas.'*

Val continues, *'People love the quirkiness and the relaxed surroundings.'*

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*Ian Welland*



### Operation Christmas Child Update

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**The National Collection Week in England has moved to 5th-14th December to coincide with the ending of the latest restrictions.**

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If you know someone, or are someone, who feels they are unable to join in and pack their own shoebox this year, but still wants to be part of putting a big smile on a child's face through a message of hope and love you can visit <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> and pack a shoebox online. Simply choose who you want it packed for, select from a range of gifts, and add a personal message and make your donation. Samaritan's Purse will then pack and send your shoebox on your behalf.



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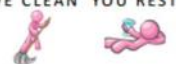
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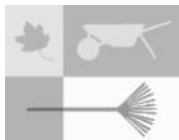


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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### The Binfield Belles

Welcome to Binfield WI 's catch up for the Beacon. Although everything is happening in the world it seems as if WI is in a time warp as I write this and we are in our second lockdown, although looking back over the last month I am proud to say our girls have come up trumps...oops wrong word!.... despite the difficulty in meeting up sometimes.

Keeping in touch has been the committee's aim and we know that all with internet access see that we still send out our messages, songs and binfield blooms every day. Birthdays are always recognised and Sue delivers birthday cards each month and we thank her for that. We can also let members know what is happening locally or new rules we need to adjust too. Other ladies are able to contact each other and us by phone or even calling at the door.

Having to curtail our coffee dates was difficult as we all want to chat socially but as the days drew in, meeting outside was a little chilly sometimes. Walks have still been taken and a social stroll is good for the soul and always a coffee at the end, Hurrah for the Foxes Den and Crema. November is Binfield's birthday month and we are 102 years old now and keep growing, with new members, even in lockdown.

Remembrance is always important to us as many WI ladies were involved in the war effort and particularly in our village and we salute not only our soldiers who gave their lives but those who kept it all going at home. Industrious members

knitted, crocheted and sewn poppies again this year some 200 in all, which we fixed to our net and a lovely display was again put in the church, only for a short time but Luke managed to use it to grace the fallen plaque in the Church for his talk.

Our scarecrow was Mary Poppins and thanks to our industrious ladies who

created her beautifully for the scarecrow trail.



Looking forward to Christmas our committee are trying to find a few surprises for members and hope we will be able to meet socially distanced. Caring is so important at this time and as a group of 60 members now we can all contact and encourage each other during these difficult times. The WI will keep going even if we can't sing Jerusalem together.

Happy Christmas from us all at the Binfield WI and we hope for a kinder 2021. Look out the the Spoonfield ladies in the Binfield Calendar.

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**HOME MEDICINE CABINET:** Many minor injuries and minor illnesses can be treated at home from a well stocked medicine cabinet. Some examples: Coughs, colds and sore throat. Bruises and strains. Minor burns, cuts and wounds. Your local pharmacy can help with advice on what to stock. Examples: Painkillers. Anti-diarrhoea medicine. Re-hydration mixture. Plasters. Antihistamine.

**EMERGENCIES:** Dial 999 and ask for an ambulance.

**COVID 19:** With the pandemic still very prevalent, remember:

1. Keep washing your hands with soap regularly.
2. Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces.
3. Stay at least 2 metres apart from other people and wear a face covering.
4. Strictly observe social distancing.
5. Meet others outside where possible.
6. Limit unnecessary journeys on public transport.
7. Work from home where possible.

### SURGERY APPOINTMENT DETAILS:

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, how you contact Binfield surgery will be different at the moment. This is to limit face-to-face contact whenever possible and help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Binfield GP practice is open and if you need to see your GP, please ring us on 01344 286264 or visit our website at [www.binfieldsurgery.co.uk](http://www.binfieldsurgery.co.uk)— our opening hours are 8am-6.30pm

You can also call NHS 111 outside of your GP surgery working hours (8-6.30pm). Please do not come to the surgery unless you have an appointment.

If you are waiting for a check-up, please be assured the surgery will be in touch

Appointments are being delivered face-to-face, online and over the telephone. Measures are in place to keep you safe from infection during your visit to the surgery.

All information detailed in the November Beacon is still valid. Any changes will be given in future editions of the Beacon.

### FLU VACCINATION:

If you are a patient of Binfield Surgery, over 65 or in an 'at risk' group and still have not received a flu vaccination, please contact Binfield surgery on 01344 286264 for advice.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED AT A GP SURGERY?

There are many people living in the Binfield and Bracknell area who are not registered with any doctors surgery, only registering when a doctor's services are required.

It is important to register with a surgery before a service is required. This is important so as to receive the many services offered more quickly but also to give the surgery the necessary finance for providing them.

Both Binfield surgery and East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group receive funding for REGISTERED patients only.

If you are one of those unregistered people please register as soon as possible at your local surgery.

### HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



**Duncan Johnston**  
**Binfield Patient Group**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## The Foxes' Den

COFFEE FOOD COMMUNITY



## Season's Greetings!

*Lockdown version 2 is happening as I am writing this piece. We've decided to try and remain open for takeaway so that we can serve those walking around our lovely village.*

*Although many wonderful seasonal events and activities have not been able to happen I know many community groups have been working hard to bring some cheer to the neighbourhood.*

It has been so lovely seeing everybody coming over to Foxley Fields. Through our takeaway window we are serving everything from our homemade soups to our new extensive range of hot chocolates. Thank you so much to everyone for your support.

There has also been some great local support for our Foxy Lunches scheme. If you haven't seen any info about this – we have a community fund for free lunches for those who are struggling. This started around the free school dinners in half-term but thanks to fantastic locals it has now been extended to an ongoing scheme where anyone can pop to the Den and ask to speak confidentially to me and we will sort you out with a free lunch – alternatively email [claire@foxesden.co.uk](mailto:claire@foxesden.co.uk)

*Thanks for reading! Stay well  
Claire*

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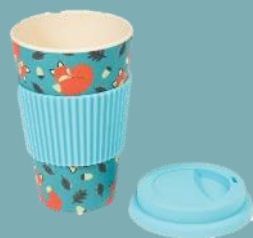
## The Official Binfield 2021 Calendar



It's back!! Don't forget to pop along to the Den to pick up a copy of the 2021 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- to help maintain our lovely village churches.

## Shop local...

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 Stoke's Farm eggs and local Berkshire honey. Please remember us if you need a little gift or two.



## The BINFIELD 10K

The Den is also still supporting the brilliant Binfield10k virtual run event. While the 'proper' run has had to be cancelled twice this year (May and October) the deadline for running your own 10k and claiming your fantastic 2020 Binfield10k medal has now been extended to the end of December. Anybody, any age can run/jog/walk 10km anywhere to earn their medal (£5 entry fee) – please pop to the Den to collect it. More info: [www.binfield10k.co.uk](http://www.binfield10k.co.uk). Happy running!

## FALLEN CHRISTMAS CAROLS PUZZLE

Complete the Carol title. The letters of the carol fell on the ground. You have to put the letters back in the board in the correct order

1	2
<p>A I T C O Y Y I O N V E D L D R C I A S N</p>	<p>O E I O Y I N G H D G N D M N R R I L H G</p>
3	4
<p>N C O S K I E G W E G O N D L A S</p>	<p>R I N S A R K E E G H O E O W I N T T R E F E</p>

Solutions on page 9

## Christmas is still on!

We always enjoy having a magical Christmas at Binfield CE Primary school, and we don't want anything to stop that this year!

Aside from that, the school needs us more than ever to raise funds for resources and projects to improve school-life for our pupils.

Please keep an eye on our website for updates on FOBS activities open to those both in and outside of school.

We thank you in advance for your support!

[www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs)



### Christmas Treat

Something special is happening... Save the date: Sunday 20th December  
Binfield Believes.

### Festive Raffle

This year our raffle comes to you online! Check out the great prizes and buy tickets through our website. Thank you to all our kind donors.

### Special Gifts

With a FOBS Christmas Cookbook for your family, or Reindeer Relish for the kids, we have gift ideas and more available online too!

### Seasonal Quiz

We wouldn't leave you without our fabulous annual quiz to test your festive knowledge! Adult and Kids Quizzes available. Buy your copy online!



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BINFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 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. There is also a helpful FAQ section on this page with an opportunity to ask any further questions after watching our tour.



### The Berkshire Virtual School Games

With the current restrictions in place we are unable to attend our usual competitions.

As a result we are competing in the Virtual Berkshire School Games. Each week KS1 and KS2 compete in a range of skill-based activities. The children learn the new skills, perform them and identify what they can do to improve their scores. All children have the opportunity to score as many points as possible in the given criteria.

KS2 have been working on "Tambourelli" which has seen them working on skills that involve throwing, that also link to movements of racket sports. KS1 have been working on Pirate adventures. This has had a fun focus and based around balance, speed and agility.



We are pleased to announce that 6FW were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their efforts! Well done to all the pupils for taking part!

### Year 2 Florence Nightingale

Recently our Year 2 children learnt about Florence Nightingale by researching her work, making their own lanterns and practising their first aid skills. They have seen a virtual Florence to find out more about her life and thought about her impact on nursing today. This work will feature in their first virtual sharing assembly on our YouTube channel.



## Big bubble workshops at Newbold School

We've been sorry to miss our usual PTFA events at Newbold school this year.

Happily, last month we were able to have fun outside with some big bubble workshops.

All the children had a great time – and so did the grown-ups!



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## News from the Parish Office – December 2020 & January 2021 (correct as of 9 November 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.*

### December 2020

Tuesday 1 December	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 8 December	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 15 December	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

### January 2021

Saturday 9 January*	Councillor Drop-In Session (The Foxes' Den community cafe)	10am – 12pm
Tuesday 12 January	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 26 January	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

\*Subject to COVID-19 guidance.

### **The Parish Council building is closed from Thursday 5 November 2020**

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) National Restrictions, the Parish Council building will close to members of the public from 5 November 2020. All Parish Council office staff will work from home and you can contact us via email to [office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk), by calling 01344 454 602 (please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you), or online using the 'Contact Us' form on the Parish Council website. You can continue to buy garden waste bags at £1 each, and drop off Foodbank donations, via The Foxes' Den community café who will be offering a takeaway service.

### **Could you be a Parish Councillor?**

There is a current vacancy to be filled by co-option with a deadline of Friday 4 December for applications. Please visit the Parish Council website to check application criteria, find out how to apply, and more about the role of a Councillor: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/vacancy-for-a-binfield-parish-councillor>

### **Major Projects: York Road play area update**

Many thanks to all of you who took part in the Public Consultation which closed on 2 November. Contractor **Eibe Play Ltd (Design B)** have been selected by the Parish Council based on the following: **The highest public vote, good quality equipment, and a high number of interesting pieces of play equipment.** We will keep you posted on the timeframe for when work is due to commence and you can view their design plan at the Parish Council website: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces>

### **Community Grants – reminder of the deadline for applications - 14 December 2020**

A reminder to local community groups who directly benefit 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, of the upcoming grant application deadline. If you would like to apply, 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: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants>

### **Salt bin provision from the Parish Council for use on public roads**

If we do experience freezing conditions this winter, please note that salt bins are available for you to use on public roads. This provision is part of the Bracknell Forest Highways Winter Service Plan 2020-21, which can be viewed at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk> ('Roads, parking and transport strategies and policies' web page).

### **Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!**

On behalf of the Parish Councillors and office staff we would like to send you our very best Christmas and New Year wishes. We know that this year Christmas celebrations will not be the same but we do hope you find some cheer in this year's Christmas trees at the Parish Council building, Knox Green Corner roundabout (at the village centre) and the Travelodge (London Road). #staysafe and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

**Please note the Parish Council office will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and will re-open at 8.45am on Monday 4 January 2020**

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

[office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

[www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)





## A Short Walk round Pope's Meadow and Binfield Village Centre

Binfield Environment Group have been asked to contribute occasional walks to the Beacon. Here is our first

submission, a short walk round Pope's Meadow and Binfield village centre.

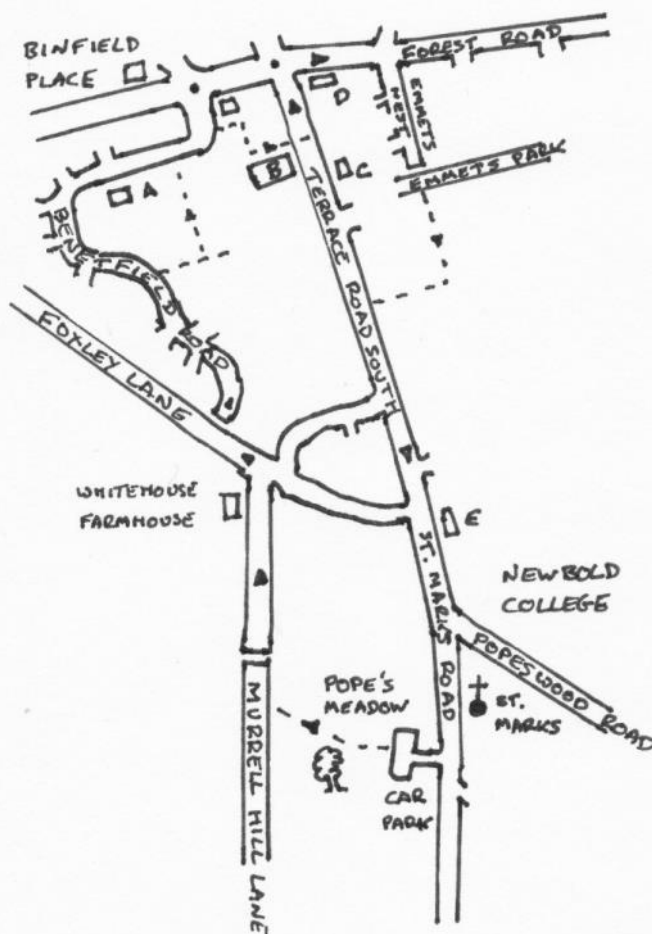
This walk includes two grassy paths which can be muddy after rain. For families with buggies it is recommended that you take the shorter route. The walk is approximately 2.5 kilometres long and will take about 30 minutes.

Start at the Pope's Meadow Car Park on St Mark's Road. Pass to the right of the copse that you see down the slope and leave the meadow through the gate at the far right (north-west) corner. Turn right into Murrell Hill Lane. At the top you will pass Whitehouse Farmhouse (a Grade II listed building originally built in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century). Turn left here along Foxley Lane.

After 100 metres turn right at a bollard along a tarmac path that leads to Benetfield Road. Follow Benetfield Road until you read a tarmac path on the right by a post-box. Take this path, turning left at the next path junction to pass to the left of the tennis courts. The building to your left is the Binfield Parish Council Office and Foxes' Den cafe (A). There is a car park here which you could use as an alternative start.

The path brings you to Benetfield Road again. Turn right and pass Binfield Primary School. Before the road reaches the roundabout turn right along a path to pass to the right of the village library. On the far side of the roundabout you will catch a glimpse of Binfield Place (a Grade II\* listed building, parts of which date to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century). Just after the library turn right and follow the path round the front of the Oakmede Place shops (B) to cross Terrace Road South at the pedestrian crossing. Our route turns left here, but if you want to shorten the walk by 300m or fancy a coffee and cake at Crema (C) turn right and follow the road south (Crema is on the left about 100m further on).

If you are following the main route and have turned left after the crossing, you will come to the roundabout in the village centre. Turn right and follow the road downhill past the Coop (D). This building used to be the Royal Standard public house and some evidence of its former use is still visible. Turn right into Emmets Nest. When this road bends right continue straight ahead down the tarmac lane. Where the lane ends at a wooden gate, cross Emmets Park to join the footpath opposite. At the top of the hill stop and admire the view on your left over to Buckinghamshire, before turning right to



follow the path between wooden fences to eventually come out on Terrace Road South. Turn left. People following the shorter route re-join us here.

Pass Daruchini (E), formerly the Roebuck public house, and Newbold College, the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Before the junction with Popeswood Road cross what is now St Marks Road and continue along it, passing St Marks Church on your left. Your starting point, Pope's Meadow is a little further along the road.

This walk is taken from the Binfield Walk Pack available from <https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/binfield-walkers-pack>

**Mike Coker**



*Popes Meadow from the Car Park*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Binfield Garden Club

All of us at Garden Club wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas. Very best wishes that 2021 will bring us a gradual return to some normality.

This time of year usually means a quieter period for gardeners with most plants dormant and no grass cutting! As we watch through our windows to spot the first bulbs emerging we also keep a "weather eye" out for the frosts, winter gales and possible snow. Weather lore is such an interesting subject and probably everyone knows at least one saying. Many have been around for hundreds of years based on observation and recollection and here are three of the best known.

Red sky at night, shepherd's delight. This is true as high pressure tends to bring good weather and high pressure traps dust and dirt in the air, scattering blue light, leaving only the red light remaining.

Rain before seven is often correct as four hours is often enough for a wet system to move through but this is not always the case if there is a lack of wind!

Cows lie down when rain is due has no scientific proof. Apparently they lie down for many reasons.

Relevant for this season is.... If the sun shines through the apple trees upon a Christmas Day, when autumn comes they will a load of fruit display.

If New Year's Eve night wind blows south, it betokeneth warmth and growth,  
If west, much milk, and fish in the sea.  
If north, cold and storms there will be.  
If east, the trees will bear much fruit.  
If north-east, flee it, man and brute!



Saints' Days and prophecies used to form the calendar of rural life and traditional weather lore can still be a reliable guide. And, after all, in Britain our most common topic of conversation is always the weather and its vagaries!

The competition for our December meeting was to design a Christmas card for a gardener and it's great that some of our members have joined in and had a go. Here are a few of them and they will all be on our website. Well done, everyone and thank you for keeping our club as active as we can whilst no meetings can take place.

Please raise a glass at Christmas and New Year to the return of our meetings once more. Happy gardening!

Sue Jeffery

[binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com)



### Binfield Lighthouse Programme How can you help?



As Christmas approaches we are asked how people can help provide for the local vulnerable and needy. Below are a number of suggestions.

We are now feeding approx. 60 people a week, with numbers forecasted to increase. We aim to deliver 6 meals per person each week and a generous tuck bag.

- Foil containers and lids (size 6A) – we use 300 a week. £22.50 will get you 250, £41.50 will buy 500.
- A pudding per head - £35 a week
- A single main meal per head - £45
- Deodorant – a pack of 6 for £16

Useful donations include: biscuits/long life milk/fruit squash/shower gel and shampoos and any washing powder or capsule.

Greggs vouchers @ £5 per head are very well received for anyone that wants to provide a small Christmas token. It's a meal out! And a reason to go out.

We are fully stocked with sleeping bags and are unable to take any further donations of clothing.



For further information contact [Amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk)





## Challenges, Achievements, Centenary Hopes

As the Royal British Legion looks forward to celebrating 2021 as its centenary year there is much to remember from 2020, the year countless millions might prefer to forget.

From veterans and their families finding themselves in debt and facing emergency situations, to breaks and relief from mental and physical stress, RBL initiatives have provided vital support for the Armed Services community.

Centred around adaptive sport and adventurous training activities, the Battle Back Centre in Lilleshall continued to aid the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, injured and sick serving and ex-Service personnel, whilst support also remained available for those experiencing the challenges of unemployment or problems with mental health, alcohol or substance abuse.



Providing help to live independently has proven invaluable to families preparing for the transition from Service to civilian life. Across 21 counties a Legion team has carried out minor home adaptations and basic maintenance, including the installation of care phones – a telephone-based unit that can be used to summon assistance in an emergency.

Last year £4.7m was spent on providing 5,741 people with a much-needed short-term break at one of the award-winning RBL Break Centres. And 793 residents across the Legion's six national care homes received high-quality personal nursing

and dementia care. One in six people over 80 suffers from dementia in the UK today, and it is estimated that by 2025

the figure could reach more than a million. Specialist Admiral Nurses, developed in partnership between the Legion and Dementia UK, are offering information and advice to family carers living with dementia sufferers within the Armed Forces community.



A dedicated website called Moneyforce was set up to improve understanding of financial matters like interest charges and the purchase of property, issues which can prove confusing to personnel leaving the Armed Services. Despite their being closed since March as a result of Covid-19 measures, more than 90,000 people received expert guidance when visiting the 16 British Legion Pop-in Centres across the UK last year.

Binfield RBL Secretary Denise Fuller (01344 426885) would welcome all applications -- not necessary to have any ex-Service connection -- to join the parish's 95-year-old Legion Branch and support the world-renowned charity's work among the Armed Forces community.

***Merry Christmas and a More Hopeful and Healthy New Year***

***Terry Dilliway***

## LIVE ON – To the Memory of the Fallen and the Future of the Living



## Membership Benefits and Reflexions

The approach of a Festive Season unlike any other in peacetime prompts the Royal Naval Association to ask its member Shipmates to pay special attention to those who are the most isolated and at risk of loneliness and diminishing mental health.

Bracknell RNA Chairman S/M Mike Daley welcomed 21 members to the November meeting conducted by the 'Zoom' virtual system which has proven a successful means of keeping Branch Shipmates in contact with each other.

Branch Secretary S/M June Boddrell reported that the latest issue of the *Semaphore Circular* included an article by retired RN Commander Tom Sharpe, OBE on the complexities of bringing a QE Class aircraft carrier into harbour and another on the involvement of the Fleet Air Arm in the 1940 Battle of Britain. Shipmates were reminded how the 2020 Cenotaph Remembrance Parade had been drastically downsized by the Government due to the Covid-19 regulations, resulting in 30 veterans replacing the 10,000 plus who normally took part in the parade.

It was announced that the National Council had approved a raft of membership benefits for WWII veterans in recognition of their service to the country and S/M Secretary June will be applying on behalf of Bracknell S/Ms Sid Negus and Alexander Lloyd for a free and Life Membership, respectively, now available to them. Branch Treasurer S/M Martin Powell

told the meeting of a slight increase in the continuing healthy funds since last month; S/M Social Secretary Lynne Daley had nothing to report owing to Coronavirus restrictions affecting visits and events.

Any other business included concern that reports of the Binfield Memorial Hall VJ Day commemoration had attributed the event to the RNA instead of Binfield Royal British Legion Branch. Several Shipmates belong to both organisations and it was noted that efforts would be made to avoid future confusion. An entertaining 'Dits' Corner included an item on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the decisive Royal Navy victory at the WWII Battle of Taranto, poems from S/M Nigel Carpenter and anecdotes from S/Ms June and Martin.

When Branch business was concluded, Shipmates were enthralled by personal reflexions by Vice-Chairman S/M Nigel Carpenter on his Royal Naval career which culminated in achieving the rank of Lieutenant in the Regulating Branch (RN Police) and serving as Naval Provost Marshal for Scotland and Northern Ireland and then Provost Marshall, Gibraltar, where he was in charge of all three Services' police forces.

***A Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year from the shipmates of the Royal Naval Association***

***Terry Dilliway***

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## 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 Moor Cottage Veterinary hospital.

Alternatively email [fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk) for local delivery.

All proceeds will go to repairing our churches. See our website for details: [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)



The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Binfield:  
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### VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sun 6th Dec - 6pm - Until We Meet Again *(for more details see page 3)*

Sun 20th Dec - 6pm - Carol Service

Thurs 24th Dec - 5pm - Christingle *(LIVESTREAM see page 5)*

*These services will be online for all to watch.  
Links to view will be on [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)*

### SERVICES IN DECEMBER at All Saints' Church

Sun 6th Dec - 10am - BCP Said Communion

Sun 13th Dec - 10am - Common Worship Said Communion

Sun 20th Dec - 10am - Informal Communion

Christmas Day - 10am - Christmas Day Said Communion

Sun 27th Dec - 10am - Common Worship Said Communion

TO BOOK A PLACE AT ANY OF OUR PHYSICAL SERVICES BEING HELD AT ALL SAINTS'

PLEASE TEXT OR CALL 07719 545 292

OR EMAIL [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

We are hoping to be able to hold services from Sunday 6th December, however, all services will be dependent on the Covid restrictions that will be in place. There will still be a need to book for all the physical Services over the Christmas period.