

The Binfield Beacon



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

April 2021



Are you running
out of marbles?



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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.

April 2021

Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

2pm An Hour at the Cross at All Saints'
(A quiet reflective service)

Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Sunday 11th April

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Sunday 18th April

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

Sunday 25th April

10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

May 2021

Sunday 1st May

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

Sunday 8th May

10am Said Communion Service 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

Booking for Sunday Services

From April 1st we are hoping to re-start our physical services, with our Easter Services, however, all services will be dependent on the Covid restrictions that will be in place.

Unfortunately, due to the limited number of socially distanced seats available we will continue to run 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.

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).

Easter Service Times

at All Saints' Church

Maundy Thursday

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(Said Communion)

Good Friday

Friday 2nd April, 2pm
An Hour at the Cross
(A quiet reflective service)

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4th April - 10am
(Said Communion)

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SERVICES



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/>

You can also keep up-to-date with any information on the Church website: <http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/>

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

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

The Binfield Beacon



The deadline for Beacon contributions
for the May 2021 issue

is Monday 12th April 2021

Please email:

Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



A Thousand Marbles

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it. I turned the dial up on my amateur two way radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning broadcast.

Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital." He continued, "Let me tell you something Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years. Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime." "No, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part." "It took me until I

was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail"; he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy." "So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here in the sack next to my gear. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away." "I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focus more on the really important things in life." There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time." "It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. 75 year Old Man, this is K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent Saturday together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles...."

The Bible says, *Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should. Psalm 90:12.*
- Author Unknown -

Story taken from <http://godslittleacre.net/inspirationalstories/>

Luke

SERVICE DETAILS AND SAFETY MEASURES

The following safety measures will be in place:

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

There will be one service per weekend on Sunday at 10:00am. Due to Covid 19, Communion will be the bread only.

The order of service will be placed in each available seat for you to use. Some of the seating will be in the Lady Chapel and the choir pews. The seating will be socially distanced at 2m apart and **seating will be marked with a yellow cross**. Please sit only where the cross is located in the pew. There will be

marked seating for 28 people in total for the service. If there are multiple attendees from the same household, then the household members may sit together.

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

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

If families wish to attend the services, I must ask that all children remain in their pew for the duration of the service unless they need to use the bathroom or they are being taken outside.

Luke

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facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks

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St Mark's Church

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All Saints' Church

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PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

We would like to improve our communication with everyone in the village and congregation. To do this we need to keep our contacts database up to date. We have a new privacy policy in line with the new GDPR rules on our website.

If you would like to sign up to receive emails from us regarding updates, news and events from the parish please go to this webpage:

<http://eepurl.com/dtqaqr>

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*

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.



How to donate or fundraise:

We really appreciate your donation; however big or small, it all helps!



- **Cheque:** send a cheque to the church office. Please make sure it's made payable to "Binfield PCC". Please write 'ARC', 'St Mark's', 'General Funds', 'Lighthouse' or where you would like your donation used 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 **your name + ARC (e.g. as above)** as a reference and if you would like to specify where your donation goes.

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!

Shop and raise funds at smile.amazon.co.uk and easyfundraising.org.uk: search for Binfield PCC

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Happy April, Everyone!

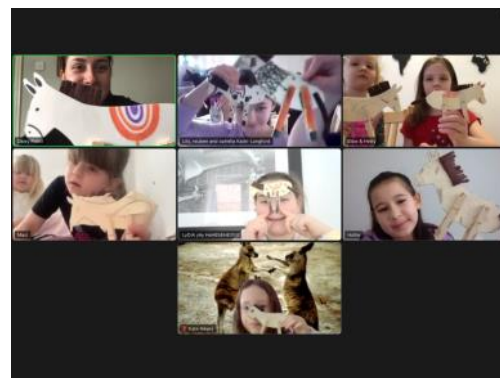
How wonderful that we're heading into spring with hope on the horizon for some form of normality this year. We hope you've been settling back into school and having loads of fun with your friends!

Meanwhile we've still been hosting Whizz Kids and Oasis online via zoom to keep everyone safe, but we hope to be back in person very soon. Here's what we've been up to...



At Whizz Kids we learnt about the full armour of God, and what it means to protect ourselves with God's gifts like truth and righteousness. We made helmets, shoes, swords and shields to remind us to always put on the armour of God!

Now, we are hearing the Easter story and the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Here are our donkeys we made from the story of Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem!



At Oasis we've been playing a LOT of among us, a virtual imposter game, and as expected the young people are much better at it than I am! We've been meeting weekly on zoom in age groups to blow off some steam, play games, and 'hang' out together. We have also been choosing a theme to dress up as each week which have brought out some very interesting

characters! This summer we are hoping to go away on a camping trip, assuming the government roadmap happens as expected, so please do pray that our young people will get to go somewhere for a fun summer trip together!

Thank you for continued prayer and support for our youth and children's activities, we hope to back person with a new normal as soon as possible. We hope you all have a lovely Easter!



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



Take part in our Easter display!

We are calling people of all ages to help us make a beautiful Easter display for 2021, where we will be filling a wire cross with real flowers and flowers made by the people of Binfield. We are giving out packs with the materials you will need to make a flower, and of course some Easter chocolate is included as we won't be able to do our Easter Egg Hunt like we have done in previous years.



There will be three options for ability; simple colouring for under 5's, cutting and sticking for primary school aged kids, and slightly more complex cutting and folding for those who are regular crafters and adults.

If you would like to collect your pack and be part of our Easter display, please message us on facebook or email Daisy at daisyridell@gmail.com with the number of packs you will require and we will get them to you!

The Cross will be on display, in the porch, outside All Saints' Church from after the Good Friday Service all over the Easter break. So do please come along to have a look and place a flower real or paper in our display during this period.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Springing back into action!

We are sure that it would be an understatement to say that we are all looking forward to lockdown easing and being able to catch up with friends and family more easily! The good news for us is that it also makes fundraising activities more possible, so we already have a couple of ideas lined up. This is great timing, as work will soon be starting on St. Mark's Church to repair the ceiling so that we can get it reopened for our community groups to use as soon as possible! The PCC have had to dig deep into funds held in reserve to complete this work, so any contributions will be gratefully received! As ever, it's not cheap making repairs to a listed building, but we know St. Mark's is another valuable addition to the village. ARC Project activity will also be restarting as we look to see what further work needs to be carried out next on All Saints'.

Binfield Doorstep Sale Trail

We're also sure that like us, you've all been sitting on top of piles of toys, books and household items that haven't been easy to pass on whilst restrictions have been in place. We're pleased that people seem to be keen for us to organise another Binfield Doorstep Sale Trail, so we'll be running this once non-essential shops are open again and after the fun of the Easter holidays and Egg Hunt! We're hoping to be running more fun things soon. If you have any ideas you think will work, let us know!



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

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

<http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/doorstep-sale-trail-2021/>

*backup date in case of bad weather Sunday 25th April

Notelets for sale: perfect for Spring!

£3 per pack of 5 A6 cards.

Featuring a beautiful illustration of All Saints' Church, reproduced by kind permission of the artist, Lorna Minton.

Available to buy from the Foxes' Den Café or email fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All proceeds to the ARC Project



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www.binfieldarcproject.org.uk www.facebook.com/binfieldarcproject

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COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office – April 2021 (correct as of 15 March 2021)

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 by 12 noon on the day of the meeting for specific instructions.

Please note: You do not need the Microsoft Teams application to join meetings as you can join via a web browser.

April 2021

Tuesday 6 April	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 13 April	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 27 April	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm
Thursday 29 April	Annual Parish Meeting	8pm

Please find an update from Binfield Parish Council on impact to Parish Council service provision due to Coronavirus (COVID-19):

Parks & Open Spaces

- ◇ Parks and Play areas remain open.
- ◇ The Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) 'basketball court' located at Foxley Fields will open from 29 March.
- ◇ The Red Rose Allotments remain open.
- ◇ The Parish Warden continues to check open spaces, play areas, and litter.
- ◇ The tennis courts (Binfield Tennis Association) located at Foxley Fields will open from 29 March.
- ◇ Organised groups of 15 are permitted to carry out organised activities for children's sport from 29 March upon completion of a Use of Parish Open Spaces form. For all other groups, the 'Rule of 6' applies.

Services

- ◇ The Parish Council building remains closed, including the Foxley and Council meeting rooms, and this will be reviewed at the next Parish Council virtual meeting on 13 April.
- ◇ Parish Council and Committee meetings are running virtually. Check the Parish Council website for details.
- ◇ The Foxes' Den community café is open for a takeaway service only.
- ◇ Foodbank donations should be taken directly to the <https://www.kerith.church/>. Please check their opening times.
- ◇ Garden waste bags can be supplied by doorstep delivery by contacting the Parish Council office.
- ◇ You can contact the Parish Council via email, telephone (leave a message so we can contact you), post and our online contact form on our website.

**Social distancing rules must be adhered to and all of the above are subject to the current government guidance which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/>*

Join us in welcoming our new Parish Councillors!

Please welcome new Parish Councillors, Bryan Couch and Katherine Giles, who joined on 9 March. You can find out more about Bryan and Katherine, and all your Councillors, on our Councillor web page: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/councillors-and-staff#Councillors>.

Annual Parish Meeting (virtual) – Thursday 29 April

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place virtually (via Microsoft Teams) on Thursday 29 April 2021. Please check the Parish Council website and Facebook page for more details!

Bracknell Forest Council Local Plan

The Draft Bracknell Forest Local Plan will set the long-term spatial vision and development strategy for the borough up to 2036. The Plan will include a vision, objectives, and strategy for the level and distribution of development in the borough. This includes housing, economic and retail development, new infrastructure and also key policies. The pre-submission consultation will take place in Spring 2021 and please check the Bracknell Forest Council website for more details about the Local Plan including key submission dates: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/development-plan/draft-bracknell-forest-local-plan/background>

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

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Parish Office working hours (all staff are working remotely): 8.45am-1pm Monday to Friday

office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

Symptoms you shouldn't ignore in lockdown

The following symptoms are common and are most often due to reasons other than cancer, but it is best to have them checked out to be sure.

Breast cancer

It is important for women to examine their breasts regularly. There are videos on-line on how to do it properly and please contact the surgery if you notice one of these symptoms:

- A breast lump
- Changes in breast size or shape
- A lump or swelling in the armpit
- Dimpling of the skin on the breast
- Rashes on or around the nipple
- Nipple discharge
- Changes to the appearance of the nipple

Bowel cancer

The symptoms of bowel cancer can be subtle, but over 90% of people have one or more of the following:

- A persistent change in bowel habit e.g. pooing more often, looser runnier poos and sometimes tummy pain
- Blood in your poo
- Tummy pain, discomfort or bloating, brought on by eating, sometimes resulting in weight loss

If these symptoms continue for 3 weeks or more, or you're worried – please ring the surgery.

Skin cancer

Melanoma is a serious form of skin cancer. It can occur as a new mole or in an existing one that is changing. When looking at a mole, ask yourself:

- Does it have an irregular ragged border?
- Does it have a variety of colours within it?
- Is the diameter larger than 6mm?
- Is it enlarging?
- Is it itchy or bleeding?

If the answer is yes, ring the surgery and have it checked out – **you can take a photo and send it to your doctor ahead of your appointment** if you'd like to, as it helps.

This list isn't exhaustive, so if you are worried about a mole for a different reason, it is still a good idea to speak to a doctor.

Gill Manning and Duncan Johnston
Binfield Patient Group



Binfield Garden Club

Today is a beautiful Spring day and, looking back to April 2020, it is exactly a year since the first Beacon article was written without any meeting to report on. We have made it this far and let's hope that with continued care and the protection of vaccines, this sunshine heralds our gradual return to a more normal life. Nature never lets us down and after a dismal winter we are surrounded with new blossom, spring flowers and the first greening of the trees. We will get there!!

Business first, and at the Garden Club Zoom AGM on 4th March the present Committee was re-elected. The Chairman said that we would engage monthly speakers for members on Zoom until normal meetings could be resumed, hopefully this summer. Links for our speakers will be sent to members and, fingers crossed, they will be successful. Our annual plant sale is still a work in progress. None of us can say for certain what the government regulations will be by May so definite plans are difficult. It may be that a list of available plants and prices will be circulated and collected from committee members' driveways but nothing can be firmly decided at the moment.

Last April's article quoted tips for gardeners and here's another one. Don't just recycle your cardboard toilet roll tubes, but make snips in one end, fold them in, fill with compost and use to plant seeds or bring on tiny seedlings. When you plant your seedlings out, the rotting tubes can just go on the compost.



Looking ahead to summer, one of the jewels in the flower crown is the dahlia. They were very fashionable in the 1950s and I well remember being sent to school with a bunch for my teacher. Then they went out of favour for years but are now loved again and the catalogues are full of their beauty. Ralph, our chairman, has written a marvellous article about his experience of growing them. His writing can be found in full on our website binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com. Do have a look and here is a photo for a taster!



Our programme of speakers can be found on the website too, April is "Beyond the Garden Gate", and June will be "What do I do with this space"?

Finally, as it's April Fools' Day, Roland gives us a couple of riddles!
What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?

Answers on Facebook and the website on April 1st.

Take care and we all look forward to meeting in person again.

Sue Jeffery

binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and Facebook

COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Tennis Association



The sun is shining and spring is upon us.

Time to dust off your tennis racquet?

We are pleased to announce that the tennis courts have reopened in accordance with the latest LTA Covid guidance. We are actively recruiting and encouraging new members to join our club! All playing abilities are welcome.

Membership is open to all living or working in Binfield and the surrounding area. Our very reasonable subscription costs for 2021/22 are as follows:

Membership Category	Annual Subscription
Family (Two adults and up to	£75
Adult (over 18)	£47
Student (over 18 in full time education)	£31
Junior (aged 11 - 17)	£26
Child (aged 4 – 10)	£10

New members can join through our website binfieldtennis.co.uk and click on Membership.

Playing sessions for adult members

(all sessions taking place subject to LTA Covid guidance)

- Every Sunday 10-12 noon (mixed)
- Wednesdays 9-10.30am (mixed) and Club night (throughout the summer) from 6pm
- First and Third Saturdays in the month 9-10.30am (Ladies Doubles)

Members have free access to use the courts as well as joining club sessions. Many members also play in Club and County League organised tennis.

Coaching

Tony Williams our LTA accredited coach runs sessions for children, juniors and adults. For further information, contact Tony on email tony@ctc-tennis.co.uk, or leave a message on 07980 844487.

For all up to date information, please look at our website: binfieldtennis.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you soon!

PARTY BYE THE PITCH

Dear supporters

Like lots of people, the Party Bye The Pitch team have been cautiously looking forward to the summer, and were hoping that we might be able to go ahead with PBTP 2021 on 3rd July.

However, with the government announcement that restrictions on social gatherings will not be lifted until late June (at the earliest), we have had to take the decision that there will be no Party Bye The Pitch again this year. We cannot make the financial commitments needed

now to put on an event like this with no guarantee that it can actually take place. We are, after all, just a couple of local charities, and must keep our losses to a minimum.

The team are totally committed to running PBTP 2022 and hope we will be able to all get together then: We intend to make it the best one yet!

We wish you all a great summer.

The PBTP Team



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2 Choose one song each and arrange a family dance off

3 Send someone a message to show you really appreciate them

4 Take turns to notice 3 things around you that are beautiful

5 Be kind to yourself and others

6 Together, make a list of things you are grateful for

7 Think of a goal to work towards and do one thing to get started

8 Take a mindful walk together and notice what you see hear and smell

9 Play Musical Statues

10 Create a bedtime routine together to help with sleep

11 Bake cupcakes and decorate them as gifts for each other

12 Cross your arms and give yourself a hug

13 Take turns to share a happy memory

14 Find out about the values and traditions of another culture

15 Do something together to support a local charity

16 Create a collage of things that make you feel happy

17 Before bedtime, share what has gone well during the day

18 Introduce a family 'Daily Pause' to be calm together

19 Create a family wishes jar and take steps to make them happen

20 Learn a new skill together as a family

21 Create a kindness box to keep a record of kind actions

22 'Surpriserise' yourself. Find unexpected ways to move your body

23 Make a rainbow salad

24 Smile and say something positive every time you walk into a room

25 Create a poster highlighting everybody's strengths

26 Notice the shapes, colours and smells of a new family meal

27 Make a list of things that have helped you cope with difficult times

28 Tell someone you love how much they mean to you and why

29 Do something good for the environment

30 Hold an awards ceremony to celebrate acts of kindness



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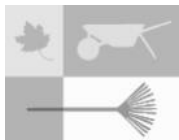
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The next step will (hopefully) be on 12th April when we can put out our new outside seating. Although some resourceful customers have been bringing their own camping chairs – especially when the sun is shining.

Plans are also afoot to hold back some of the mud and fix the drainage around our patio area. Please bear with us if the groundworks cause a bit of disruption but it will be worth it once it's done.

We are also back to our normal opening hours:

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Thanks for reading. We hope to see you soon!

Claire

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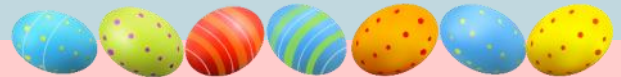


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Find those eggs!

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WHAT'S IN STORE...?

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The Binfield Belles

Welcome all to the Binfield WI monthly chat. Now what to chat about could be a problem, although some may say that I am rarely lost for words.

As the months pass by, little things seem to mean a lot.. a phone call from a friend; a facetime with family or a little thank you card in the post. Our WI members are keeping each other going by connecting with each other. Sending little messages in email brightens the day, Anita and I are still managing three messages every day to our members.

It starts with message 1 - Song of the Day. It's always a revelation. I for one have enjoyed sourcing those, some are personal favourites, we danced to and others that bring back memorable times or evoke memories. We would normally meet every month as a group and still sing Jerusalem so typically we try to play that instead, there are many renditions of this song including the latest by the Barmy Army at a cricket match. Jerusalem a song that has crossed the years used by suffragettes and then adopted by the WI as their signature tune in 1918.

Interesting also that we recognised International Women's Day on March 8th founded in 1911 when women still didn't have the vote. Its message still makes a resonance today for many women supporting other women not only here but across the globe. When the WI was founded about the same time if was formed to support women in country areas to meet socially, exchange skills, make friendship and help the local community.

I am proud to say that these groups of women are still doing that today and across the world there are many branches in other countries. Interestingly the ladies who formed the International association chose the green, white and purple of the ribbon of the suffragettes as their own. Later the WI also adopted these colours.

Skills are still exchanged in our groups and new ideas especially more recently recycling old clothes in to other articles along with the revival of old skills, quilting for one and even hat making.

Social time is valuable and women of all ages like doing just that whether it's over coffee setting the world to rights or out on a theatre trip or visiting the gin factory, or just plain having fun together.

Our 2nd message every day is Binfield in Bloom or a scene from the village or just plain nature going about its work.

Filling in with message 3 it may be a craft we like, a recipe to share or a little chuckle with a joke and pictureall brightens the day.

I hope when we meet up again as a whole group we will appreciate so much more how important all those things are and above all the friendship between us.

Take care all, till we talk again.

Want to join our crowd ...give me a call or email I would love to hear from you and you too could enjoy those messages and songs every day .

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- RESILIENCE** Find ways to bounce back
- EMOTIONS** Look for what's good
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- MEANING** Be part of something bigger

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COMMUNITY NEWS



What's been happening at Binfield CE Primary School (V.A.)?

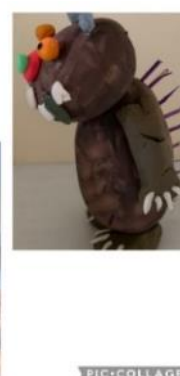
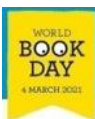
Welcome Back to School Children!

On the 8th March we were delighted to welcome all children back to school. Everyone was excited to be back and to see their friends and teachers!



World Book Day

This year was slightly different! We asked the children to be creative and dress up as a potato as a book character. We had some amazing creativity!

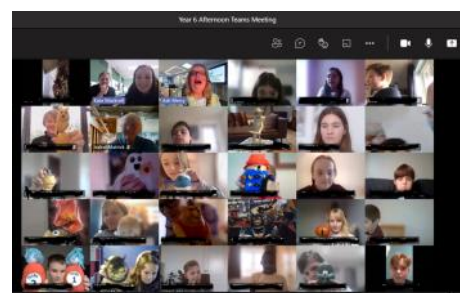
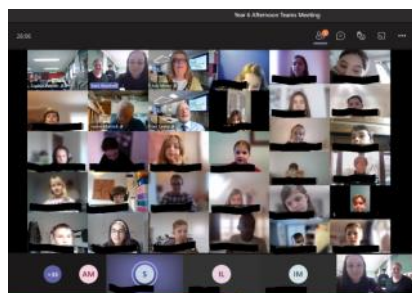


Bracknell Mayor visit to Year 6 Teams call

The pandemic hasn't stopped us meeting up-virtually!

Year 6 had some very special visitors on our Teams call this week. We were joined (virtually) by the Mayor of Bracknell, Councillor Ash Merry, the mayoress, Isabel Mattick, and our local councillor, Ian Leake. Year 6 shared our World Book Day potatoes and talked about our favourite books. Our visitors told us about their favourite reads, too. We then spent some time asking our visitors about their jobs and what was different about their roles during the pandemic. Year 6 also quizzed our local councillor, Mr Leake, about the Covid rates in our local area!

It was exciting to have visitors to our school - even if it was virtually! As usual, year 6 represented our school very well and were polite and articulate.



BINFIELD LIGHTHOUSE NEWS



Binfield Lighthouse Programme News

I'm happy to say that it feels as if we are over a peak and gradually coming back down to a form of normality. At our peak the Lighthouse Team were catering for approx. 120 people in the neighbouring areas. Over the last five weeks we have seen a positive shift and just yesterday (17th March) our food parcels were sent to a reduced number of 70 people. We have experienced individuals returning to paid employment, mental health recovery, movement from B&B accommodation to a "home" and people who are starting afresh in a new location. The need is still significant, but the trend is reassuring. Given the level of vulnerability with our client base the majority have had both their vaccinations too.

Whilst the Lighthouse Program continued and grew throughout the last year other organisations were closed. Drop in centres, cafes and multiple other organization are now planning and starting to open. With more accessibility to food and support we will naturally wind down our program and revert to our normal operating model over the coming months.

Our partnership with St Josephs and Newbold Church has been a real success, ensuring that all our clients received a food parcel mid week and at the weekends. Over the last year we have demonstrated just how local communities coming together can form a strong union and solve a problem statement.

We have been very fortunate to have incredible continued support from a local business, danetti. The provision of equipment, funding for major food purchases and ongoing supplies of catering essentials has made it all possible. The Lighthouse Program is not funded, we are reliant on generous donations and contributions. Note that in any one month we distribute in excess of 2000 meals.

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Amanda

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The primary role will be to coordinate menu plans and meals and to be present whilst the meal is served (once we are back on site and our doors are open – June). Typically this will be
5.30pm – 9pm.

The role can be shared and split across the month, i.e. 2 people coordinate every other week.

For more information contact Amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk



Biodiversity Action Plan mid-term review

I have previously written a series of pieces for the Beacon about some of the special species that make their home in Binfield and Bracknell. In these I mentioned Bracknell Forest Council's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). This plan sets out the ambitious actions that BFC and its partners will strive to achieve over a 5-year period. We have just passed the halfway point of the latest plan period and the mid-term review contains a lot of good news.

"Of the 83 targets set for action between 2018 and 2023, 22 targets have been achieved and a further 46 targets have made some progress ... This is testament to the hard work of all involved organisations to support biodiversity in the borough." – BFC's Biodiversity Officer

Please give yourself a pat on the back if you have played a part, whether you have made your garden more hedgehog friendly, planted trees, or kept your dogs under control during bird nesting season while walking on the sandy heath to the south of Bracknell.

I have been involved in plans like this for many years and there can be a tendency for mid-term reviews to look good because action targets (e.g. putting up bird boxes) are achieved but the end of term review don't look so good because outcome targets (e.g. increased bird numbers) are not achieved. In the case of the BFC BAP, I am more optimistic as some outcome targets have already been achieved (e.g. increasing numbers of nesting pairs of heath-land birds) or are on track (e.g. quality of wildlife sites).

Many relevant actions have taken place in Binfield, including improving the pond at Popes Meadow, planting trees and

native plants at Binfield Primary School, and putting up bird and bat boxes. On the subject of boxes, as I write this in early May I have learnt that at least one of the boxes that BEG put up last year is in use. I have also just learnt that two of the new developments in the parish will have swift boxes which should help bring these amazing birds to the village.

We are now surveying four sites around Binfield every month and it is already clear that the parks at Blue Mountain and Amen Corner North are attracting an exciting range of birds, insects, mammals and other species. As these, and other green-spaces, pass from the developers to BFC there are opportunities to further enhance the habitats and biodiversity on these sites. We are currently considering activities related to hedgerows, tree-planting and reed-beds. If you would like to help, or have any ideas for habitat related activities then please get in touch.

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Bracknell Branch Update

Chairman S/M Nigel Carpenter opened formal proceedings with 22 members and 2 guests present. The gathering of members, around the Zoom screen commenced, with everyone in a positive mood that in the not-too-distant future this could be replaced with a physical meeting.

A meeting where stories and dits can flow, with a drink in hand, a smile shared (no masks), and with laughter echoing around the room without fear of talking over someone or having to say 'you are on mute'. Days we all long for I am sure.

Meeting procedures commenced with the usual reports from the Committee, Standard Bearer's report, Branch Treasurer's report, Welfare Officer's report and the Branch Secretary's plethora of Branch and wider RNA information with many updates on local interest information, to support our members' interests during these unusual times.

When it came to the report from our affiliated Sea Cadet Branch, the Maidenhead Sea Cadets, the floor was taken by a new face. Commanding Officer S/M Chris had sent his apologies. In his stead the Shipmates were pleased to welcome Sgt (SCC) Serena Wheeler, the Unit Training Officer, who would be starting up the Royal Marine Cadet Detachment at the Unit towards the end of the year. As a former Marine Cadet in my youth, I know this is something young adults will benefit from and it certainly sparked my love for all things services (as if I needed the spark being the son of a



sailor and two ex-serving Marines in the family). They will be looking for adult helpers soon so maybe a reprise of my uniform may be called upon?

This month's formal meeting was rounded off with the traditional sharing of dits (humorous yarns, jokes and anecdotes). This was followed by an excellent talk by Ollie Butler entitled **Once a WREN, Always a WREN**. Regaling stories of recruitment at 17½ and joining the Communications Branch, polishing floors and playing practical jokes on new recruits even the training of, wearing and using a gas mask. Her service included many postings in the UK from Northern Scotland to Cornwall and also included more exotic postings like Singapore. During her time in Singapore, she even met the Duchess of Kent and started a Folk club. Ollie finally left the Wrens after 12 years' service and has since become involved in the RNCCA (Royal Naval Communications Chiefs Association) and is a Trustee of the Wrens Benevolent Trust.

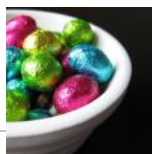
Next month we are being treated to presentation by David Ottley about "HM Sub. Alliance and the Submarine Museum at Gosport".

Without our membership growing as we move forward these fantastic stories will be shared less and less. I invite anyone who has any links to the Navy, Royal Marines or any of our armed forces who wants to meet and simply chat and swap stories with like-minded folks, to reach out and join us. Even if you haven't served you will be made most welcome as an associate member. For further information, please contact our Branch Secretary, S/M June Boddrell at secretary.bracknellrna@gmail.com or by telephone on 01344 311869.

*Yours aye,
S/M Marcus Carpenter*

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EASTER WORDSEARCH



april	easter	hunt
basket	eggs	judas
bonnet	family	lamb
bunny	flowers	last supper
chick	good friday	maundy thursday
chocolate	hatch	palm sunday
cross	hop	risen
died	hot cross buns	spring



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Maundy Thursday

Thursday 1st April, 7.30pm

(Said Communion)

Good Friday

Friday 2nd April, 2pm

An Hour at the Cross

(A quiet reflective service)

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4th April - 10am

(Said Communion)

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