

The Binfield Beacon



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

May 2021

Is God under your bed?

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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.

May 2021

Sunday 1st May

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
(Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer)
- 11.30am Baptism at All Saints'

Sunday 8th May

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Sunday 15th May

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

Sunday 22nd May

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'

Sunday 29th May

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

June 2021

Sunday 5th June

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
(Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer)
- 11.30am Baptism 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**

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.



Baptisms

We are now able to offer Baptism Services again.



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

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

Booking for Sunday Services

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 do enquire if you would like to attend as we do have more seats now available to use.

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).

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/>

From the Registers:



Funerals

Derrick Westbrooke

The Binfield Beacon



**The deadline for Beacon contributions
for the June 2021 issue**

is Monday 10th May 2021

Please email:

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



God's Under the Bed

My brother Kevin thinks God lives under his bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night. He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped outside his closed door to listen. "Are you there, God?" he

said. "Where are you? Oh, I see. Under the bed." I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room.

Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humour. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in. He was born 30 years ago, intellectually disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. Apart from his size (he's 6'2"), there are few ways in which he is an adult. He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7 year old, and he always will. He will probably always believe that God lives under his bed, that Santa Claus is the one who fills the space under our tree every Christmas, and that airplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them.

I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life? Up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our cocker spaniel, returning to eat his favorite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed. The only variation in the entire scheme are laundry days, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her newborn child.

He does not seem dissatisfied. He lopes out to the bus every morning at 7:05 eager for a day of simple work. He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores. And Saturdays -- oh, the bliss of Saturdays! That's the day my dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculate loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. "That one's goin' to Chi-car-go!" Kevin shouts as he claps his hands. His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights.

I don't think Kevin knows anything exists outside his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips. He doesn't know what it means to be discontent. His life is simple. He will never know the entanglements of wealth or power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. He recognizes no differences in people, treating each person as an equal and a friend. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be.

His hands are diligent. Kevin is never so happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax. He is not obsessed with his work or the work of others.

His heart is pure. He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue. Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere.

And he trusts God. Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to following Jesus, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God -- to really be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an "educated" person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion.

In my moments of doubt and frustrations with my Christianity, I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith. It is then that I am most willing to admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions. It is then I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the disability -- I am. My obligations, my fears, my pride, my circumstances -- they all become disabilities when I do not submit them to God.

Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn? After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of God. And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed.

Kevin won't be surprised at all.

Kevin is a lesson to us all, as Jesus said, *"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew chapter 18 verses 3 and 4.*

— Author Unknown —

Story taken from http://godslittleacre.net/inspirationalstories/gods_under_the_bed.html

Luke

Easter Lilies Thank you

Thank you everyone who contributed towards the Easter Lilies.
Also for the names given for the Remembrance Scroll.



We remember them with love.

*Thank you
Jan and Stephanie*

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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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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.
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hello Everyone!

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break enjoying the sunshine - and the unexpected snow! Here's what we've been up to in the last month...



At Whizz Kids we re-told the stories of the last week of Jesus' life, with donkeys from his triumphal entry, and a 3D Easter garden. We learned all about the importance of Jesus death and resurrection, and how we are forgiven through Him!



We also have a winner from our springtime creative competition, so congratulations Elsie for this wonderful piece of artwork!



And well done to everyone who entered, they were all brilliant.



All the young people in Whizz Kids and Oasis made paper flowers to contribute to the Easter flower cross at All Saints'.

We made them together over zoom, and walked down to the Church to add them to the cross. It looks absolutely amazing with a mix of crafted and real flowers, and is a wonderful reminder of the new life we have in Jesus.



And to end with some exciting news - we are back to meeting in person for Whizz Kids and Oasis! With social distancing and smaller groups we are able to meet again face to face, which is a welcome change from logging into zoom! Due to restrictions on numbers you must book on to our youth groups for the time being, so if you are interested or would like more information please drop me and email.

We're so looking forward to seeing you again soon, with more activities planned for the summer months and the simple pleasure of just being with each other again!

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



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Green Things and Sale Trails

We are very happy to share the news that the repairs to St. Mark's ceiling are now underway, which means that we will be able to reopen the building for use in the near future, in line with the latest regulations. We're really looking forward to welcoming our community groups back in when we're able to!

Easter Plant Sale

Thanks to Amanda Downs for organizing the Easter Plant Sale in aid of the ARC Project, and to Claire at the Foxes' Den for hosting it. We had some fantastic specimens kindly donated which helped make it a success (the stall was a fabulous sea of greenery!). Thanks to everyone who bought plants, we hope you enjoy growing them.

Doorstep Sale Trail

At the time of writing, we're also hoping that the weather played ball and that the Doorstep Trail was a big success! Thanks in advance to all those who signed up to have a stall and those who picked up (hopefully!) some great bargains. We'll report more in the next Beacon.

As things continue to open up more, and events become easier to run, we'll hopefully be getting back to running more soon so let us know if you have any ideas! In the meantime, don't forget our lovely notelets on sale at the Foxes' Den.



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.
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COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office – May 2021 *(correct as of 14 April 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.

May 2021

Tuesday 4 May	Annual Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 25 May	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

An update on Parish facilities & services

Major Projects update: The York Road play area and the new Pocket Copse allotment are both open, with all 24 allotment plots allocated!

Parks, Open Spaces & Allotments* - Parks and Play areas are open including the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) 'basketball court' and the tennis courts (managed by the Binfield tennis Association) at Foxley Fields. The Red Rose and new Pocket Copse allotments are open. The Parish Warden continues to check open spaces, play areas, and litter. Organised groups of 15 are permitted to carry out organised activities for children's sport/parent and child groups upon completion of a Use of Parish Open Spaces form which can be found at the Parish Council's website:

<https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance-policies-and-finance>. For all other groups, the 'Rule of 6' applies.

The Parish Council building - Remains closed, including the Foxley and Council meeting rooms. Parish Council and Committee meetings are running virtually until further notice. Please check the Parish Council website for joining details. The Foxes' Den community café is open for - a takeaway service only; buying garden waste sacks (doorstep delivery by Council staff if shielding/self-isolating with an online payment in advance) at the newly published cost of £1.10 each set by Bracknell Forest Council; and Foodbank donations. Please check for a list of the donations needed: <https://bracknell.foodbank.org.uk/>. You can contact the Parish Council via email, telephone (leave a message so we can contact you), post and the online contact form on our website.

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

Call for local green spaces sites

Binfield Parish Council are seeking green space sites for nature and amenity. This may be through outright acquisition, a long lease or other method. Suggested sites should be able to accommodate one or more of the following:

- Biodiversity projects including but not limited to community orchard, nature ponds, planting for wildlife, managing habitats for wildlife (minimum site size 0.5 ha).
- Linkages to other green spaces and/or byways, bridle-paths or other sustainable routes. We are especially interested in land that gives us the opportunity to join up existing rights of way to create circular walks or cycle and horse routes that avoid roads.
- Children's outdoor play.
- Sports facilities – such as, but not limited to, football or cricket.

Please note sites must be at least partly located within the parish of Binfield – please see a map <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/map-of-binfield-designated-neighbourhood-plan-area.pdf>. Where a site is not wholly located within Binfield, exploratory discussions will be held with neighbouring local Councils or Principal Authorities.

The identification of a site cannot be taken as representing either an intention to acquire or lease a site. Once a site has been identified it will be subject to assessment and undergo several stages of Council review and public consultation. If you own or know of a suitable site, please complete the submission form which you can find at: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/annual-parish-meeting>

Annual Parish Meeting – this meeting took place virtually on 29 April. All meeting presentation and additional resources can be found here: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/annual-parish-meeting>

Ally, Amanda, Janet, Purveen & Kirsty

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

HOW COULD YOUR PHARMACIST HELP YOU ?

Whilst the NHS has been under enormous pressure over the last year, it's as important as ever that you seek help for any health worries, attend screenings and never put off getting help in a medical emergency. The NHS is still open to all patients, not just those with COVID-19.

For many health concerns, a pharmacy can be a one-stop shop to get the diagnosis, advice and treatment that you need, and a pharmacist can also advise you whether you'd be better off speaking to your GP or if you need to go to A&E.

But make sure to take note of the COVID-19 safety measures pharmacies have in place. Keep your distance, use hand sanitiser, wear a mask (unless exempt) and follow any instructions given to you by staff so we can all stay safe.

There are many complaints for which seeing a pharmacist first could benefit you. Some examples might be:

Aches and pains (eg: back pain, headache and migraine, period pain, teething and toothache).

Colds and flu (eg: cough, congestion, sore throat, fevers and/or temperature).

Stomach aches (eg: constipation, diarrhoea, haemorrhoids, indigestion, reflux, threadworm, vomiting).

Skin/mouth problems (eg: athlete's foot, chickenpox, cold sores, contact dermatitis, fungal infection, nappy rash, scabies, skin rash, vaginal thrush, warts and verrucae).

Your pharmacist can also offer you advice on healthy living, like diet, exercise and **quitting smoking**, as well as providing services like **emergency contraception, travel vaccinations** and **antimalarial tablets** for travellers.

SMEAR TESTING: Women aged 50 to 64 should have a smear test every 5 years. If you are over 64 and have never had a smear test, you are entitled to have one. Women aged 25 to 49 should have a smear test every 3 years.

TALKING THERAPIES: A friendly approachable service that helps people with anxiety, depression, stress and phobias. The benefits of this service are:

You will learn the skills you need to overcome your difficulties.

You will be able to cope with life's problems better.

You will feel understood and supported.

Your GP can refer you or you can contact Talking Therapies Berkshire yourself by telephoning 0300 365 2000.

BLOOD DONORS REQUIRED: Giving blood is quick, simple and safe. If you are in good health, between the ages of 17 and 65 and weigh at least 7st 12lbs (50kg), you could become a blood donor. Please telephone 0300 123 23 23 or on the internet visit www.blood.co.uk

Gill Manning and Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



THE BINFIELD BELLES

Welcome to the monthly chat page from your local WI, established in 1918. The years are rolling by and it will be interesting to see what we can add to our 102 year archive this year.

Normally we keep records of meetings, photographs and all types of relevant material that can be stored and looked up in future years.

I suspect in the future all these things will be stored electronically, but it won't have the same relevance as when we turn the pages of these first committee and members meeting books all handwritten at the time. Looking at the photos from 1964 or clippings from local newspapers about the antics of this group. Carnival floats and anniversaries, what fun to look at the clothes worn from hot pants to evening dresses for special events.

Binfield School have been doing a project looking at women's role in the past and we sent over some archive to show some of those interesting and un events that took place. How times have changed no telephones at all, no TV, no cars or few who could afford them. A Woman's job was so different, I remember my gran telling me about being the downstairs maid in a large house in Bracknell wearing a long black dress and pinny. During the war women did all manner of work, tending allotments, made tinned goods for the war effort to help feed the country sewed and baked. Our WI had a canning group in the memorial hall and of course jam was made, synonymous with the WI 'til this day. The WI supported local families and then all pulled together.

Campaigning started later and women had more freedom to enjoy a social life. Today we can look back at these changes and if this last year has taught us something it's ow to protect the life we now have. Recycling, reusing, growing, not wasting what we have. While we are out enjoying the countryside we need to make sure we pick up our litter and take it home. Some years ago there was a big litter campaign in the village so nothing changes. We now have food waste boxes so that our waste can be turned into energy or used as fertilizer for growing without pesticides. I remember when the pig man used to call to collect food waste for his animals, life has moved on a bit since then! It's like being on a rollercoaster, that is what life is and WI too are having to change things again - using technology to keep in touch if we can't meet.

Let's hope we can all meet up again soon and enjoy that social contact that keeps us all going.

It maybe snowing today (as I write this), but tomorrow will be sunny again, so enjoy every moment.

Look forward to meeting some of you over the next month. Until then take care and be kind.

Linda Willcocks - 01344 454503/07708731294
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Garden Club



April 1st was a memorable day for us – no, not because of a joke or a prank but because it was the first meeting with a speaker for our club over a year. Yes, it was on Zoom but many of us were able to log in and see and listen to

Graham and Angela O’Connell give a very interesting and enjoyable talk called Beyond the Garden Gate. The National Garden Scheme, Covid permitting, will have 3601 gardens open to the public this summer which includes 657 new ones. This wonderful scheme had its roots in Liverpool in 1859, when a Quaker business man, William Rathbone employed a nurse for his terminally ill wife. After she died he decided to help relieve suffering amongst the poor who couldn’t afford help and he divided Liverpool into districts with a nurse for each – hence the term *DISTRICT* nurse. Florence Nightingale helped set up a training school for these nurses in Liverpool Infirmary and the first nurses were ready for 1864. With the outbreak of cholera and the patronage of Queen Victoria, the scheme went nationwide.

Obviously a good deal of fundraising was essential and in 1926, Elsie Wagg suggested her group of wealthy friends opened their gardens and charged an entrance fee. The Queen and King opened Sandringham and in 1927, 609 gardens were opened, they decided to continue this annually and the National Garden Scheme was set up. The first guide appeared in 1932 and this all continued even through the war when people were educated to “grow their own”. The booklet gained its distinctive yellow cover in 1949 when for a while it was funded by the AA. All the money raised has always been for nursing causes and beneficiaries include Marie Curie and Macmillan nurses, Mind and also smaller charities. With money raised from entrance fees, teas and plant sales, 83p in every pound goes direct to the charity. All the information for open gardens can be found on the website or in the yellow booklets in libraries or National Trust places and apparently there are 120 gardens to visit within striking distance of Binfield!!

Graham said tickets will most likely have to be pre-booked with time slots but hopefully things will begin to get easier. His recommendations included Heckfield Place on 19th May,

Swallowfield Village gardens on 27th June, St Timothee, Pinkneys Green on 4th July and many others. Do look them up and one can also do Virtual Tours on the National Gardens Scheme website which are completely free but donations are welcome, of course! They also have a shop selling tea towels and other goods. Look at ngs.org.uk/shop.

Time ran out too quickly so Ralph, our chairman, thanked Graham and Angela for hosting our first zoom talk and we all look forward to visiting some of these lovely gardens and raising money for such a valuable cause.

At this time of writing, there are no firm arrangements for our annual plant sale but please look out for posters, notices on our website and Facebook. Our future speakers are also listed and June 3rd should be Darren Lerigo’s talk on What do I do with this space? Darren has been widely seen on Channel 4 and I Country Living with his topiary work. This talk will probably be on Zoom again, but all members will be notified in good time.

FOR SALE : Two healthy growing rhubarb crowns delivered to your door. Great but unknown variety I’ve grown for over 50 years. Cost £5 either direct to the Club or cheque made out to the Binfield Garden Club. Ralph 0118-9781480

Take care everyone, our gardens are beginning to look beautiful and the bluebells will be gorgeous this year. We are all moving forward and looking to the future.



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Sue Jeffery
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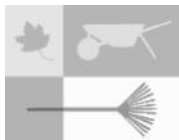
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THANK YOU!

Hello Binfield! All of us over here at the Den want to thank each and every one of you that has been over to our takeaway window throughout the last year or so. We wouldn't still be here if it wasn't for you.

The 12th of April has seen us able to put our tables and chairs again outside – even if the weather has been a bit crazy! We really hope that we can all get to sit down and catch up with our friends as the weather gets better.

The beginning of April also saw us welcoming lots of hungry and thirsty Easter Egg Hunters to the village. It was so lovely to see everyone out and about and the amazing effort and talent that went into the 50+ egg displays around the village. We supported the event as best we could with hundreds of pounds of map sales and an extra £120 from the sales of our Easter cupcakes also went towards the fundraising for Binfield Pre-school and Binfield CE Primary – F.O.B.S.

Thanks for reading. We hope to see you soon!
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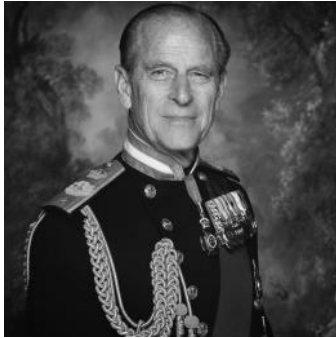
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During the last year we have had zoom meetings to keep in touch and even had an evening talk about new ways with traditional methods, followed by a zoom workshop which inspired some lovely articles to be made.

We have various talks and demonstrations as well as pop-up shops and run a fabric sale every year in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance which is open to the public.

If interested in coming along, we are hoping to start meetings again sometime after 17th May when restrictions allow, we will be delighted to meet you.



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

Virtual School Games

All children have been taking part in the Berkshire Virtual Games during their P.E lessons and we are pleased to announce that Year 1 came 1st in the county this time! We were also awarded two further awards, The Spirit of the Games for the whole school for their participation in the school games events and Martial Arts. Well done to all for their hard efforts in these events!



Red Nose Day

On Friday 19th March we joined in the fun for Red Nose Day by asking the children to dress up as a Super Hero. They could be a traditional Super Hero or their own super hero - someone who inspires them/has helped them. The children had a great time dressing up as NHS doctors, nurses, scientists, Suffragettes, Sir Captain Tom Moore, Joe Wicks, vets, teachers, and police officers to name a few.



We raised a fantastic total of £900.



B.O.L.E

Last week Tall Oaks very kindly donated bark chippings for us to spread in our outdoor learning space (BOLE), they even had some very special helpers to assist them!



New Trim Trail coming soon!

We are looking forward to a new "Trim Trail" which is being put in over the Easter holidays. It will help us keep fit and healthy.



COMMUNITY NEWS



BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

We are now open and looking forward to welcoming you back

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<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/find-library>

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Tuesday - 2pm to 5pm

Wednesday - closed

Thursday - 9:30am to 5pm

Friday - 2pm to 5pm

Saturday - 9:30am to 4pm

Sunday - closed

Giulia Gagliardi



Whisper it quietly, but with things starting to get nearer to normality, cricket is back ! This year sees us have more junior teams than ever before, and, following the success of our Ladies Hardball XI, our Ladies Softball XI are competing in the new Berkshire Softball League –which is a great introduction to cricket for those of you who may wish to try something new or not have to worry about running in cumbersome pads ! It's inclusive to all ages and abilities, if interested please drop our Softball Captain Alison Wade a message on 07916 889764. We will be running 4 league sides on a Saturday (and most likely a friendly side) and 2 sides

on a Sunday in addition to the Ladies league sides. Oh, and some midweek action too ! Whatever your favourite format of the game –we have something that should appeal to everyone

We currently have over 220 fixtures arranged for the season – and although we cannot welcome spectators until at least the 17th May per existing restrictions, if you are interested in social membership (please see our website) we can welcome you beforehand.

We look forward to seeing many of you shortly, stay safe and here's to a successful and enjoyable cricket season

Andy Bryant - Chairman

www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk

May HOME fixtures

Sat 01 May 2021	2nd XI	White Waltham CC	1.00pm	Friendly
Sun 02 May 2021	Friendly XI	Gentlemen Of West London CC	1.00pm	Friendly
Sat 08 May 2021	2nd XI	Henley CC 3rd XI	1.00pm 45/45 Win Lose	League
Sun 09 May 2021	Berkshire Stags VICC	Gloucestershire Growlers	11.00am	Cup
Mon 10 May 2021	Under 13 Bears	Royal Ascot CC	6pm	League
Wed 12 May 2021	Under 13 Bison	Reading CC	6pm	League
Thu 13 May 2021	Under 15's	Littlewick Green CC	6pm	Cup
Sat 15 May 2021	1st XI	Thatcham Town CC	1.00pm 50/50 Win Lose	League
Sun 16 May 2021	Friendly XI	Wokingham CC	1.00pm	Friendly
Mon 17 May 2021	Women's Softball	Crowthorne & Crown Wood CC	6pm	Friendly
Tue 18 May 2021	Midweek XI	Finchampstead CC	6pm	League
Sat 22 May 2021	2nd XI	Slough CC 4th XI	1.00pm 45/45 Win Lose	League
Sun 23 May 2021	Women's Super 8s	TBC	11.00am	League
Sun 23 May 2021	1st XI	National Village Cup R3 TBC	1.00pm	Cup
Tue 25 May 2021	Midweek XI	Twyford & Ruscombe CC	6pm	Cup
Thu 27 May 2021	Girls U11	Softball Festival	6pm	League
Fri 28 May 2021	Under 13 Bison	Wokingham CC	6pm	League
Sat 29 May 2021	2nd XI	Farnham Common CC 2nd XI	1.00pm 45/45 Win Lose	League
Sun 30 May 2021	Women's Super 8s	TBC	11.00am	League
Mon 31 May 2021	Women's Softball	Festival	11.00am	League

COMMUNITY NEWS



Connecting islands of green

This time last year I wrote a couple of pieces about gardening for nature. In those I touched on the wider landscapes of which our gardens are a part. In this piece I want to encourage you to think

about how your garden, or your local green-space, fit into a wider picture.

Our gardens can be a haven for fauna and flora and a source of animals, insects, bird and plants that then spread out from the garden. One simple thing that many of us have already done is put up bird boxes. As I write this, many boxes in the parish are occupied and their residents will go on to increase the population of those birds in our area.

Native plants can also grow safely in our gardens and then their seeds spread outside the garden with, or without, assistance. This spring, I have been surprised to see how far cowslip plants can spread as long as they are given the chance to flower and set seed. For example, the cowslip population on Harvest Ride seems to be recovering where the grass is left or the mower blades can't reach.

Binfield Environment Group is working with Binfield Parish Council's contractors to reduce the regularity of cuts to certain small areas around the parish where we know there are rare wildflowers. If you live somewhere where contractors maintain the green-spaces around you, then perhaps you can talk to them about leaving areas uncut until the autumn. You may be surprised by what then grows – some wildflowers can survive for several years in the soil waiting for the right conditions.

If our gardens and green-spaces are completely surrounded by tarmac and concrete, then the flora and fauna that finds a

haven there will struggle to spread. Hence, creating better connections between these green-spaces is an important part of making our parish richer in nature. Have a look at an aerial photograph of where you live. Are there green areas that can be connected to your garden or local green-space?

If you zoom out on the aerial map you can see green (and blue – rivers and ponds) corridors radiating out from the centre of Bracknell and connecting our parks and gardens to the wider countryside. All of the local councils and environment groups are working on projects to make these corridors even better for nature.

Perhaps you could talk to your neighbours about having hedgehog holes between gardens or planting groups of trees, and other native plants that feed our pollinating insects, either side of your boundaries. If you want to get more involved with our projects to join up green-spaces around Binfield then please join our mail-list or Facebook group.

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Bracknell Branch Update

Chairman S/M Nigel Carpenter opened formal proceedings with 23 members and 2 guests present. As I once again look around the zoom screen and with the meeting fully under way, a ray of light shines in the distance as we talk about the possibility of a live meeting in July.

As the meeting proceeds, I cannot help wondering about how joyous it will be, to be amongst my fellow shipmates once more. The comradeship and friendship, the procedure, ceremony and traditions observed, all tinged with personal stories, fun and laughter of these good friends being together - making for an uplifting experience every time we meet. So, 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 have not served, you will be made most welcome as an associate member.

As the formal meeting closes, we then settle down with maybe a small drink (tot) in hand and we enjoy this month's presentation that is arranged by our social team to inform and inspire the members. This month we were thoroughly entertained by David Ottley on the subject - **"HM Sub. Alliance and the Submarine Museum at Gosport"**. David's talk, with slides, gave a comprehensive tour of both the outside and inside of HMS Alliance, the "jewel in the crown" at the Submarine Museum at Gosport, where David was on the Committee and acted as a Guide for many years. A wonderful insight into all the attraction has to offer.

Alliance was completed in 1947 and is the only surviving WW2-era submarine. She carried a crew of 61 men (within 6 compartments in the pressured hull) who spent their time on

3 "watches" with 2 hours on duty and 4 hours off (which they spent either eating or catnapping). She now sits in front on the Museum on the quay, so visitors can walk around, through and under her. A perfect place to transport you to a different world and give an insight into what life would be like under the waves in a HM sub. The Museum itself is a permanent memorial to all those 5,300 submariners who lost their lives in the World Wars, conflict and peacetime. It's certainly a place the Bracknell RNA will be visiting on one of our future Branch outings.

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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Newbold Primary School

Last year we had an Easter egg hunt planned but, sadly, schools shut just a few days before it was supposed to take place.

We are so happy to have our children back on site again – and we were thrilled to be able to treat them to our annual Easter egg hunt on the last day of Spring term.

Our PTFA team were very stealthy with their hiding places, but the children were even better at finding the chocolate eggs! We were also blessed to have good weather for our special day.





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**Thursday, 20th May 2021
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ACTION CALENDAR: MEANINGFUL MAY



TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>"Start Where You Are. Use What You Have. Do What You Can" ~ Arthur Ashe</p>				<p>1 Take a minute to remember what really matters to you and why</p>	<p>2 Do something meaningful for someone you really care about</p>	<p>3 Reconnect with nature today, even if you're stuck indoors</p>
<p>4 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do</p>	<p>5 Send friends a photo of a time you all enjoyed together</p>	<p>6 Take a step towards one of your life goals, however small</p>	<p>7 Let someone you love know how much they mean to you</p>	<p>8 Set yourself a kindness mission. Give your time to help others</p>	<p>9 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today</p>	<p>10 Tell someone about why your favourite music means a lot to you</p>
<p>11 What are your most important values? Use them today</p>	<p>12 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times</p>	<p>13 Today do something to care for the natural world</p>	<p>14 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better</p>	<p>15 Find out about the values and traditions of another culture</p>	<p>16 Look around you and notice five things you find meaningful</p>	<p>17 Take a positive action to help in your local community</p>
<p>18 Hand-write a note to someone you love and send them a photo of it</p>	<p>19 Find a way to craft what you are doing to give it more meaning</p>	<p>20 Reflect on what makes you feel really valued and appreciated</p>	<p>21 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable</p>	<p>22 Ask a loved one or colleague what matters most to them and why</p>	<p>23 Share an inspiring quote with others to give them a boost</p>	<p>24 Do something special today and revisit it in your memory tonight</p>
<p>25 Give your time to help a project or charity you care about</p>	<p>26 Recall three things you've done that you are really proud of</p>	<p>27 Today link your decisions and choices to your purpose in life</p>	<p>28 Tell someone about an event in your life that was really meaningful</p>	<p>29 Think about how your actions make a difference for others</p>	<p>30 Find three good reasons to be hopeful about the future</p>	<p>31 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger</p>

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