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SERVICES

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

AUGUST 2021

Sunday 1st August

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
(Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer)
- 11am NO WHIZZ KIDS

Sunday 8th August

- 10am Informal Communion Service at All Saints'
(More informal communion service like previous 11am)
- 11am NO WHIZZ KIDS

Sunday 15th August

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
- 11am NO WHIZZ KIDS

Sunday 22nd August

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
- 11am NO WHIZZ KIDS

Sunday 29th August

- 10am Informal Communion Service at All Saints'
(More informal communion service like previous 11am)
- 11am NO WHIZZ KIDS

SEPTEMBER 2021

Wednesday 1st September

- 9am Wednesday Women's Walk - from Foxes' Den

Sunday 5th September

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
(Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer)
- 11am Baptism at All Saints' (No Whizz Kids)

Wednesday 8th September

- 6pm Year 7-10 Oasis Group at St Mark's Church

Sunday 12th September

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
- 11am Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church

Wednesday 15th September

- 9am Wednesday Women's Walk - from Foxes' Den
- 6pm Year 7-10 Oasis Group at St Mark's Church

Sunday 19th September

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

Wednesday 22nd September

- 6pm Year 7-10 Oasis Group at St Mark's Church

Sunday 26th September

- 10am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
- 11am Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church

Wednesday 29th September

- 6pm Year 7-10 Oasis Group at St Mark's Church

OCTOBER 2021

(We are hoping that from October we will be able to offer 2 different services each Sunday morning - more information to follow in September via the church newsletter and on our website.)

Sunday 3rd October

- 9.30am Said Communion Service at All Saints'
- 11am Informal Service including Baptism at All Saints' (No Whizz Kids)

Wednesday 6th October

- 9am Wednesday Women's Walk - from Foxes' Den
- 6pm Year 7-10 Oasis Group at St Mark's Church

From the Registers:



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Funeral

Monica Gillham



Baptisms

We are now able to offer Baptism during Services again.



These will be held at
**11am 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

PLEASE NOTE: Advance booking for the Sunday Services is no longer required.

We kindly ask that you still wait by the front door to be seated, but please feel free to simply turn up on a Sunday morning.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



The Story of Kyle

One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd."

I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up, and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes.

My heart went out to him. So I jogged over to him, and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and said, "Hey thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude.

I helped him pick up his books and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to private school before now. I would have never hung out with a private school kid before, but we talked all the way home, and I carried his books.

He turned out to be a pretty cool kid. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. He said yes.

We hung out all weekend, and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him. And my friends thought the same of him. Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are gonna really build some serious muscles with this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed and handed me half the books.

Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors, we began to think about college. Kyle decided on Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. I knew that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem. He was going to be a doctor, and I was going for business on a football scholarship.

Kyle was valedictorian of our class. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak.

On graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than me and all the girls loved him! Boy, sometimes I was jealous. Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech, so I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said.

As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through those tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach -- but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story." I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mom wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable."

I heard the gasp go through the crowd as this handsome, popular boy told us all about his weakest moment. I saw his mom and dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize its depth.

Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture, you can change a person's life.

So let's never give up on doing good, the Bible encourages us with these words, *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,.....Galatians 6:10 NIV*. After all, you may never know the difference you have made, or are making in someone's life.

- Author Unknown -

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

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/>

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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 contact the church office on 07719 545292
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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.



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hey Everyone,

After a tough half year we hope you're looking forward to the summer break and spending time with friends and family! We've still got lots going on over the summer so stay tuned to see what's coming up.



Whizz kids have spent the term learning about Jesus' parables, and what they teach us about God and His Kingdom. We made booklets filled with all the parables we heard, and made some great crafts like these lighthouses!



At Oasis we've been making the most of the sunshine and spending lots of time outside, and even had a table tennis tournament! We've been chatting about all the different aspects of Church and what is most important for us, whether that be the building, community, or outreach work.



Over the summer holidays Whizz Kids will be meeting up at Foxley Fields on Fridays to have a picnic, play games and do some crafts! This will be on **30th July, and 6th, 13th, and 20th August from 11am-1pm**, so do come and join us for some free activities.

We are also hosting our first ever Oasis Fest this month, a mini festival experience for our Oasis group members! We will be camping overnight at the Church, and having loads of

fun with inflatables, campfires, and seminar sessions from Christian women to chat about faith. We are so excited for this event and can't wait for the fun to start!

We hope you have a wonderful summer break, and look forward to seeing you over the holidays, and joining back with us for our usual groups when school starts up again!

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

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S WALK

A gentle 2-3 mile walk, in and around Binfield village, for women of mixed ages and abilities. Usually on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The walks go ahead in all weathers and normally start at 9am from outside Foxes' Den Café and finish there around 10am for a coffee.

Dates:

4th & 18th Aug - No Walk

1st Sept - 9am meet Foxes' Den

15th Sept - 9am meet Foxes' Den



For more information contact:

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The Binfield Beacon



The deadline for Beacon contributions for the October 2021 issue is:

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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CHURCH NEWS

INTRODUCING SAM MORTIMER OUR NEW CURATE



Hi. I'm Sam Mortimer and I'm the new curate in Binfield. I come from Reading, and after spells living in France, Coventry and Darlington, moved back to Berkshire in 2002. I live in Bracknell with my wife Sarah, who is a curate in Sunninghill and South Ascot, our youngest son, Michael, who is a student and Jessie, our cat. Our eldest son Luke lives in Wokingham with his

fiancée and Jeremy, who is married, lives in Chiswick. During the week I work for 3M, whose head office is in Amen Corner. I have a science background but now look after a team that repairs personal protective equipment products for our European customers. As you can imagine, it has been a busy time, with respiratory protection being so important in the fight against COVID-19.

I came to believe in Jesus during my teens, through an 'Urban Saints' youth group, drawn in by a school friend who had an inner peace I couldn't explain. And my faith was greatly strengthened by my experience when I moved to France. I felt like Abraham stepping out into the unknown, but I quickly found a strong church community, in which the Lord began to form me as a disciple and gave me my first faltering experience at preaching. It was later, when we were in the North East of England, that I clearly heard God's call, initially to preach, and I began training as a licensed lay minister.

As I was completing my training, one of my closest friends tragically passed away, and his family asked me to take the funeral. Through the experience of being alongside people in their grief, I felt the Lord calling me to ordination – although it took me a long time to respond! From 2008 I became the congregational leader of All Saints, a church plant which met in Warfield primary school. Over the next seven years, drawing on the 'geek' in me, I developed a ministry bringing the gospel to people of all ages through science and this is a passion, alongside developing disciples, helping them identify and cultivate their own ministries, and promoting care for God's amazing creation.

To relax, our family spends a lot of time outdoors, walking and rambling. I also run, and I have a passion for road cycling. I enjoy cooking, reading and listening to a wide range of music, particularly on vinyl. Creatively, I'm keen on DIY, and like to tinker a bit with bikes and record decks. I also dabble in graphic art, my speciality being ink drawing.

I'm very much looking forward to getting to know everyone and joining in what Jesus is doing in Binfield to build his kingdom.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S CALL

In 2013, my wife Dianne and I walked into All Saints' Church, Binfield, for the first time, having experienced a challenging time in our lives. Little did we know the plan that God had for us.

Following baptism and confirmation at All Saints' Church, I started to feel God calling me to ministry. Guided by Luke and encouraged by those we met in the Parish, I was put forward for discernment within the Oxford Diocese and began my theological studies at Ripon College Cuddesdon in 2018.

Following three years on a part-time course whilst still working, I was ordained on 3rd July, 2021, I was ordained by Bishop Steven at Christ Church Oxford in a moving service.

Although I am now serving my curacy at All Saints', Ascot Heath, I will always hold a special place in my heart for Binfield and the Parish. I would like to thank everyone for their support on my journey. If anyone ever feels the calling to come closer to God, please take time to reflect and explore it.

Dave Saunders



St Mark's Church Hall is reopening

St Mark's church hall will be reopening in September for bookings.

Please contact the church office on 07719 545292 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for more information or to make a booking.



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Returning to a new normal

The ball is definitely rolling again to get the church fully back open and with it all the activities we have missed doing for a while now.

Dates are starting to go into our events calendar again, starting with a re-organised Barn Dance around October time, and a Dads R Loud gig penciled in for the first weekend in December!

We also are looking at making some changes to the fundraising project with this. The recent emergency repair work at St. Mark's has highlighted how much we need to be able to look after both of our church buildings and we will therefore be looking to relaunch with a new look which will enable us to fundraise for both venues. Watch this space!

We would love extra hands on board to help us work on this, so we would still love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved, particularly anyone with any marketing experience. Please get in touch with the fundraising team our email or the church office if you can help. In the meantime, we hope you all stay safe, enjoy the summer and finding your new normal.

Kate Hayes

Notelets for sale: perfect for Summer!

£3 per pack of 5 A6 cards.

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Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

HAY FEVER: 5 tips NOT to be sniffed at:

While you are probably rejoicing about the warmer weather, summer can be the worst time for hay fever sufferers.

Pollen allergies are common and affect around one in five people at some point in their life. For sufferers, summer is the season of runny noses and itchy eyes.

Sadly, there is yet no cure for hay fever, but there are ways to relieve the symptoms. The first step is to talk to your pharmacist. Over the counter medications, such as antihistamines, are very effective, but if your symptoms are particularly bad you should book a telephone conversation or video chat with your GP who is able to provide tailored medication.

Here are five top tips for hay fever season:

1. CHECK THE POLLEN COUNT.

The root of your symptoms is your allergy to pollen, so avoiding coming into contact with pollen is your best bet. On days when the pollen count is particularly high, keep windows closed. You might choose to stay indoors if possible. The count is usually highest in the morning and evening. (A high count is over 50 grains per cubic metre of air). There are websites online that you can use to check the pollen count in your area.

2. GOOD SUNGLASSES.

Wearing a pair of wrap-around sunglasses will protect your eyes from pollen. This should stop your eyes from watering when you're outside.

3. CHANGE CLOTHES REGULARLY.

Every time you go outside, pollen collects on your clothes. After being outdoors, shower and wash your hair straight away to remove the pollen from your body, and change your clothing. Try and avoid drying clothes outside if you can.

4. USE EYE DROPS.

Anti-inflammatory eye drops, available from your local pharmacy, will help reduce symptoms of itchy, streaming eyes.

If you've tried everything and you're still suffering, speak to your GP.

5. GET A POLLEN FILTER FOR YOUR CAR.

If you don't have one in your car, you should consider buying a pollen filter and have it fitted. And don't forget it needs to be changed regularly, so it's a good idea to check when you have your car serviced.

WHEN THE SURGERY IS CLOSED:

If you require urgent medical assistance which cannot wait until the surgery reopens, please ring 111.

Calls to the NHS 111 service are free from both landlines and mobiles.

The NHS 111 service will triage your call offering advice. If they are of the opinion that you need further advice or treatment from a GP then they will put you in contact with the East Berkshire Out Of Hours (OOH) service.

If you have a life threatening emergency please ring 999.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



THE BINFIELD BELLES

Welcome to our monthly chat. I wish I could welcome you back this month, but we are still carefully waiting for that great day. Our group is too big and the Memorial Hall not open yet, so we are content with those coffees and tea afternoons with cake thrown in talking about our future ideas to go forward.

Our summer lunch has always happened in August but taking a big group out at the moment is on hold so we will be holding an afternoon tea in our marquee in St Mark's grounds and even with the restrictions we can accommodate most who want to come along. Good weather is always preferable but not always possible.

Several years ago, I wanted a posh picnic for our summer lunch and put in place the same as we intend this year. The weather was kind that summer, and we were well organised with a cold salmon lunch with all the trimmings with Pimm's and delicious puddings produced by our lovely ladies. Duly the day arrived, all hands-on deck to set up the marquee and everything else. However, the rain came and not for just an hour but all day, the worst we had had for weeks. Luckily, we took refuge in the church and a great time was had by all. Am I tempting fate! All in the lap of the gods! Perhaps not the best expression but fingers crossed it can be a real celebration after all these months.

A trip to Wisley is on the books and maybe a meeting in September if we are allowed. Looking forward we also have plans in place for Christmas lights and a Panto visit.

Still our friendship keeps everyone going and we are walking around the village weather permitting getting to know new members and keeping our older members connected.

Our bush telegraph is still going, I have never listened to so much music, I have to say it's still a great medium for our lives, plenty of blooms in our members gardens and lots of advice, useless information and fun goes out each day. Thanks to technology many of us can keep connected either on email or facetime although PJs don't look so good on camera, and those bad hair days!!

Enjoy the summer and look for the good times ahead. Until next time if you want to join our group, give me a call or email, and you are welcome to come along to one of our informal meet ups in the village or keep in touch via our bush telegraph.

Stay safe and healthy.

Linda Willcocks - 01344 454503/07708731294
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Garden Club

Hopefully by the time you read this summer will at last have arrived. At least the rain during early July should have helped swell vegetables and Ray Broughton offered members a wealth of advice and ideas for their vegetable growing during our Zoom meeting on July 1st.

Amongst his multitude of tips we heard that 'Raspberry Red' rhubarb is much sweeter than traditional rhubarb. For an early crop dig up the crowns in October and leave on the surface to weather until early Spring.

Other tips were....

- Clean secateurs with tomato ketchup – smear it on the blades, leave for a couple of days, then wash off.
- Block-plant lettuce much closer than usual for baby crops – these will be tender and productive.
- Plant potatoes only one inch deep and overlay with nine inches of barley straw for a clean pest-free crop.
- Don't use bone meal on alkaline soil.

He also showed us pictures of humming-wire to deter pigeons, and special perforated polythene mulch with holes that close overnight. Most interestingly, marigolds in the veggie plot really do deter pests, but it is their dead heads which are the 'active ingredient'.

Vegetable growers amongst our members vary from those with allotments to those with a vegetable patch in their garden and this year one or two have built their own raised beds for the first time. These photos show how well they are doing and we're hoping to see further results as summer turns to autumn and crops are harvested.



Our Zoom talk on August 5th will be about bulbs and corms with John Armand, multi gold medallist then on September 2nd we will welcome the return of Daniele Altieri, an Italian born professional gardener and designer, who will talk on Winter Gardening – the wonderful possibilities of winter design.

We so look forward to returning to open meetings with our usual refreshments, bric a brac, raffles and socialising but until then, members will still be receiving their monthly newsletters and everyone can check up latest news on our website binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com You are welcome to join us, become members and share in our Zoom sessions with such super speakers and interesting topics. Happy gardening!

Sue Jeffery



BINFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Although the weather has been rather unpredictable, the courts continue to be well used by both adults and juniors.

We now have in place a special court for young beginners who can play a short game using red balls. Due to continued Covid restrictions we have not been able to organise any club tournaments, but this could change in the autumn when hopefully restrictions will have been lifted.



The club box leagues have proved popular with those who want a competitive game. While the men's league team has not played any matches recently, the ladies team has played against Risely (lost 1-3), Caversham Park (drew 2-2) and Yattendon (lost 1-3). The mixed league matches start towards the end of July and carry on to the middle of September. We aim to try and involve as many members as possible in these matches. Let's hope that with some British success at Wimbledon this year, you are encouraged to come and use the courts.

Tim Usher

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SUNDAY

1 Choose to be kind to others (and yourself) all this month

8 Give unused items, clothes, food or money to help a local charity

15 Cook your favourite food for someone who will appreciate it

22 Today do something to make life easier for someone else

29 Plan a future project or gathering for your local community

MONDAY

2 Send a positive message to someone you can't be with

9 Water some flowers or plants in a public park or outdoor space

16 No plans day! Be kind to yourself so you can be kinder to others

23 Turn your phone off and give people your full attention

30 Today do something to be kind to nature and our planet

TUESDAY

3 Treat everyone you interact with as though they are a friend

10 Contact a friend to let them know you're thinking of them

17 Make a thoughtful gift as a surprise for someone

24 Take time to forgive someone who hurt you in the past

31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today

WEDNESDAY

4 Ask someone how they feel and really listen to their reply

11 Be thankful for your food and the people who made it possible

18 Give your time to help a project or charity you care about

25 Give your time and energy to help someone in difficulty

31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today

THURSDAY

5 Spend time wishing for other people to be free from suffering

12 Share an encouraging news story to inspire others

19 Check in with someone who may be lonely or feeling anxious

26 Find a way to 'pay it forward' or support a good cause

31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today

FRIDAY

6 Smile and be friendly, even when 'physical distancing'

13 If someone annoys you, be kind. Imagine how they are feeling

20 Look for the good side in everyone you meet today

27 Notice when someone is down and try to brighten their day

31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today

SATURDAY

7 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

14 Try to bring a smile to as many people as possible today

21 Tell someone about a book or article you found helpful

28 Start friendly conversations with people you don't know

31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today



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News from the Parish Office – August/September 2021 *(correct as of 12 July 2021)*

Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

Covid guidelines will be adhered to for all Binfield Parish Council and Committee meetings. Please check the Parish Council's website for any guidance that members of the public should follow when attending meetings.

August 2021

Tuesday 3 August	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 10 August	Parish Council	8pm
Saturday 14 August	Parish Councillor Drop-In Session	10am-12pm
Tuesday 24 August	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

September 2021

Saturday 11 September	Parish Councillor Drop-In Session	10am-12pm
Tuesday 14 September	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 21 September	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming dates for your diary

Sunday 24 October to Sunday 31 October 2021	Arts Week (Binfield, Warfield, Winkfield) promotes and encourages active participation in and support for the very wide range of arts and crafts available in our local area for all ages. Please see www.arts-week.org	Various dates & times. Check website for details.
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Parish Councillor Drop-In Session – Saturday 14 August & 11 September (10am-12pm)

Come along to The Foxes' Den café to meet Parish Councillors to discuss the Parish Council's strategy and plans, and/or ask any questions or raise any concerns you may have about matters concerning Binfield. The Parish Councillors look forward to meeting with you. Find upcoming drop-in sessions, meetings and events on our website:

<https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>.

Parish Council building re-opening 1 September

Over the Summer we have been welcoming back groups of up to 6 adults (or more, if an adult support group, or a supervised children's activity) who wish to take part in Covid-Secure activities using the Council and Foxley meeting rooms. Complete our online form if you would like to make a booking enquiry: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/contact>. Parish Council office staff have spent time working both remotely, and in the office, over the Summer with the building re-opening fully on 1 September, subject to Covid guidance at that time.

Looking after your parks and open spaces

It is great to see so many of you enjoying parks and open spaces, and we hope this continues even with restrictions easing into the Summer months. However, we were saddened, as we know many of you will also be, at the damage caused to a toddler swing at the newly opened York Road play area. Parks and open spaces are for the benefit of you all. Please remember the following – and we thank so many of you who do - so that these spaces can continue to provide enjoyment to us all: No damage to property/no graffiti (local policing will be contacted); adhere to the rules about dogs (e.g. dogs must be kept on a lead at Foxley Fields); always pick up after your dog and dispose of your litter; and no e-scooters. More information about parks and open spaces can be found at: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces> and for the rules on e-scooters: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/e-scooters-what-are-the-rules>

External works at the Parish Council

The Parish Council have agreed (Extraordinary Council meeting 12 July 2021) to undertake works at the Parish Council building to improve drainage issues, widen the path and extend the patio area at the rear of the building, which is expected to start in August. The car park and The Foxes' Den will be open, but you can expect some disruption to the building access. Parish Council staff continue to work remotely. Please check the next Beacon and/or our website/Facebook page for further updates.

Ally, Amanda, Purveen, & Kirsty

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Street Names – Who were they? Some Binfield History!

The June Beacon Wordsearch was about Binfield Street names, so do you know about the people some of the streets are named after? Local historian Robin Mosses wrote a booklet about this in 1989 so some of the following details are from that.



Binfield Place was once called Angel House and it is thought that the Angell family lived there though there is no explanation of the different spelling. They were significant landowners in Binfield and there are many entries for the family in the Binfield parish registers.



Timothy Fletcher was Rector of Binfield from 1967 to 1982.



Major-General Sir Alfred and Lady Knox lived at Binfield House from 1928. Lady Knox died in 1959 but Sir Alfred lived there until he died in March 1964 at the age of 93. He had served in the army in India and was an Aide to the Viceroy, Lord Curzon, then he served in Russia from 1911 to 1921 so saw the Russian revolution on the spot and wrote about this. He spoke Russian and was the British Military Attache in Petrograd then Chief of the British Military Mission in Siberia. From 1924 to 1945 he was MP for Wycombe in South Bucks



Robin Mosses says this was originally called Maxine Close. Minchin Bros. were successful businessmen and benefactors of Binfield and members of a local family. William Minchin built the 'Cottage Homes for Women' in Rose Hill in 1914 in memory of his daughter, and also gave the allotments to the parish in 1928.



Solomon Nash was Rector 1671 to 1706



In 1830 John Stevenson in his Will gave money to provide for the parish poor at Christmas. This is one of the village charities now represented by the current Binfield Welfare Charities.



The Wiggett family lived at Allanbay for about 100 years until 1946. Tragically Allan James Wiggett the son of Henry and Margueretta Wiggett was killed aged only 19 in March 1916 in France during WW I.

His parents funded the War Memorial in St Marks churchyard to commemorate all the village men who died. The names of those who died in WW II and the Falklands have also been added to the memorial.



Michael Wondesford who died in 1711 left money in his Will which was used to fund the apprenticing of poor children. This is another of the village charities now represented by the current local charity, the Binfield Welfare Charities.



Robin Mosses writes that the Woods sisters, Violet and Freida, were much involved with the Church and charity work in the village. They lived in a house called Woodies on the site of

Haddenhurst Court.

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WE LOVE BINFIELD!

Are we back to 'normal'? Do we know what normal is? Here at the Den things have changed so much in the 2 ½ years we have been open and since the pandemic has forced so many new things upon us we are embracing change!

We will be keeping many things going, like our takeaway window and extended range of bakes, but there are some things that we would love to do without. The biggest one from my perspective is the vast quantity of single use cups that we have gone through over the past 18 months. We hope that those of you that have purchased our takeaway drinks have spotted that all our disposables are 'Vegware'. These are all made from plant-based materials and will break down – even the 'plastic' milkshake cups. However, they are still single use and need disposing of somewhere first.

So the big change over the next months will be to try and shift back to proper crockery and cutlery. So if you are sitting with us, using our outside tables but still ordering from the takeaway window, we will be asking if you would like a takeaway cup or not. We hope this will be a smooth transition!

Thanks for reading. We hope to see you soon!

Claire

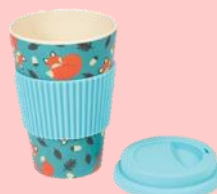
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KEEP IT UP...

Following on from trying to minimise single use cups we want to remind you that you get **20p off your drink** if you bring your own 'keep cup'.

WATERING HOLE

If your child is coming over to the park near us to play, please can you make sure that they bring a water bottle with them? **We are very happy to refill any water bottles.** We have stopped giving away free takeaway cups of water as these not only cost us money, but the children aren't always disposing of the cups properly, littering the field.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We are still desperate to get going with community activities but **Rhyme Time is back!** Monday mornings at 9.30am – the dates may change over the summer and it's weather permitting, so please follow @RhymeTimeBinfield on Facebook to keep up-to-date.

Do you have any suggestions for things we can make happen over here at the Den? Please get in touch:
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BINFIELD CRICKET CLUB NEWS

It seems strange to be writing about the forthcoming end of the season already - but even with a wettish late spring and early summer, time has flown. We've been fortunate enough to still get a lot of cricket in, playing a 5th XI for several weeks -which has enabled more youngsters (and some seasoned veterans) to have a chance to enjoy competitive cricket.

August will see our All Stars start their cricketing journey as the regular Colts season winds down. After another nail-biting match with the MCC, which went to the last ball, highlights in the coming weeks include the visit of the incredible Help 4 Heroes team, as well as once again hosting the U19 T20 County Finals day.

Please feel free to pop down and watch - you'll always be sure of a warm welcome.

Andy Bryant - Chairman
www.binfieldcricketclub.co.uk

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER HOME FIXTURES

Date	Start	Team	Opposition
01-Aug-21 1.00pm		Friendly XI	Help 4 Heroes CC
07-Aug-21 1.00pm	Traditional	2nd XI	Bracknell CC
08-Aug-21 1.00pm		Friendly XI	Sonning CC Sunday 1st XI
14-Aug-21 12.30pm	50/50 Win Lose	1st XI	Wokingham CC 2nd XI
15-Aug-21 1.00pm		Women's XI	Wargrave CC
21-Aug-21 12.30pm	45/45 Win Lose	2nd XI	Royal Ascot CC 2nd XI
22-Aug-21 1.00pm		Friendly XI	Kidmore End CC
28-Aug-21 12.30pm	50/50 Win Lose	1st XI	Fleet CC
29-Aug-21 TBC		BCC Social	TBC
29-Aug-21 1.00pm		Friendly XI	TBC
30-Aug-21 11.00am		Binfield Broncos (U19)	County Finals Day
04-Sep-21 12.30pm	45/45 Win Lose	2nd XI	Bradfield CC
05-Sep-21 1.00pm		Friendly XI	Nepotists CC
11-Sep-21 12.30pm		Friendly XI	Windsor CC 1st XI
12-Sep-21 12.30pm		Friendly XI	Twyford & Ruscombe CC
18-Sep-21 12.30pm		Friendly XI	Sandhurst CC
19-Sep-21 12.30pm		Friendly XI	Privateers CC
25-Sep-21 12.30pm		Friendly XI	Peppard & Stoke Row CC
26-Sep-21 12.30pm		Friendly XI	TBC

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LIBRARY NEWS



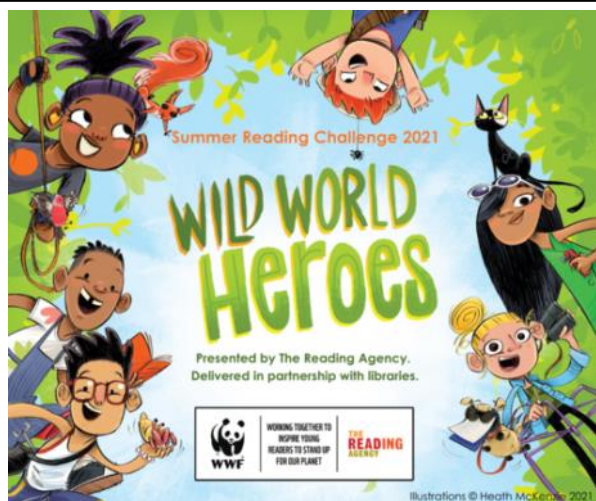
If your child hasn't yet signed up to the Summer Reading Challenge 'Wild World Heroes' there's still time! The

Summer Reading Challenge from The Reading Agency runs every year to encourage children to continue reading during the summer holidays, develop a love of reading and have most importantly have fun! Visit your local library to sign up for free. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Children need to read six or more library books of their choice and they'll receive incentives along the way to encourage them. There's a certificate and medal for everyone who finishes the challenge (ends 11th September). Check out our events page to find out what is happening in our libraries this summer for children. <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/library-events-children>

Also, our website <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries> has the latest information on access to library services with the easing of restrictions and other news such as celebration plans for Bracknell Library's 50th birthday in September.

Anne Hayward



LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE



The Lighthouse Team are now back in St Mark's. A huge thanks to Newbold Church for housing us temporarily.

We continue to supply 7 home cooked meals, per head, per week, to our client base. We are glad to see that the need and dependency has reduced as other establishments start to open again. We are now supporting circa 25-30 people weekly. We anticipate that we will operate on a "deliver to" basis for a further year yet.

Many of our long standing client base have been taken from B and B accommodation to their permanent housing solution, this has been down to incredible effort by the Rough Sleeper Team. We have only 3 people left to be offered a fixed position.

The people we support on an ongoing basis are finally transitioning to a normal home surrounding, but they still need our help. Many battle with mental illness, long term disabilities and lack of employment. A balanced diet can really help their mind set and general attitude when faced with challenges.

danetti, a local furniture company, has played a huge role in partnering with us. At our peak we were sending 500 meals out a week, all food containers were supplied by danetti and a cash injection also which really helped us with the purchasing of meats and other food items. Thank you.

Warfield Park and FoodBank have also supported our cause every week in the last year. Waitrose also provided us with a one off voucher that covered foods for 3 weeks. We are very grateful.

Current donation needs include:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shower gel
- Washing powder
- Fruit (edible on a Wednesday/Thursday)
- Long life half baked bread and rolls
- Washing up liquid
- Dog food

Any donations can be left in St Mark's porch on a Tuesday

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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

Welcoming the new Reception Class of 2021

Our current Reception teachers and children have made a video, welcoming the new Reception class of 2021 to Binfield. Due to the restrictions, the children joining our school in September have not been able to visit us so we have made a virtual Hello instead, to show them how much fun learning is at Binfield! We are looking forward to meeting them all on the first day of term!

Follow this link to see their video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sz7eqsW3w2o>

Alternatively please visit our website <https://www.binfieldschool.co.uk/new-parents-reception-2021/>

Yr1 Butterflies

Our Year children 1 have been very excited this month to welcome some visitors into the classroom - some very hungry caterpillars! They have more than doubled in size in just a couple of days and enjoy wiggling around exploring their container. It won't be long before they start building their chrysalis.



Sports Enrichment Week

We haven't let the weather or Covid stop us from enjoying Sports Week.

We had individual Sports Mornings where the children have completed in a variety of races within their Year groups.

We also enjoyed a live talk with Tommy Ramdhan - a Team GB 100m Sprinter and European 200m Champion.

Other activities included, The Young Leaders Award, Personal Best challenges, Travel to Tokyo, Cosmic Kids Yoga as well as allowing the children some choice in different sports and trying new ones.

We've also enjoyed a Virtual Healthy minds talk.



Binfield gets behind the England Team for Euro's 2020

To mark the historic moment of England getting through the final of the Euros, our school dressed in their finest England colours and recorded a message of Good Luck for the team.



Sadly, England didn't quite win but it proved a good learning opportunity of what perseverance, resilience and learning to lose graciously is all about!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Being mindful in nature

It's early on a summer Sunday. Occasional spots of sunshine illuminate the woodland floor. I can't hear a human sound, but I can hear the birds. I am sitting quietly in a piece of woodland on Anglesey. I can hear the cascade of notes ending in a trill that means somewhere near me a tiny wren is belting out its powerful song. A chiff chaff is calling out its name and a blackbird is singing from the top of the tree just up the slope. This is the perfect spot to be at peace away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and the sound-scape is completed by the bubbling of the water in the stream below.

A scrabbling noise in the trees high to my right rewards my patience as three red squirrels chase each other down out of the canopy. I watch them as they spiral back up the tree and vanish into the lush foliage. A short while later two appear at the feeding stations on the other side of the stream. One of them climbs inside the feeder allowing the transparent lid to close on it. Every now and then the lid pops up and an orange head with distinctive fluffy ears surveys the wood before returning to the hidden feast. I struggle to suppress a laugh, but it doesn't matter as there's no-one here to hear me.

Suddenly, I am aware that the blackbird is making an alarm call. I look up as a beautiful chocolate brown buzzard glides between the trees alighting near to the squirrel feeding station. The squirrels don't seem to be worried and after a moment the buzzard glides away.

I notice that my breathing has slowed and my hearing seems to be more attuned to the changing sounds around me. I can hear people in the valley below me, but their gentle chatter does not seem intrusive or out of place. The first butterflies of the day, speckled woods, have appeared in a patch of sunshine. These brown and white butterflies flit around each other seeming to reflect the pattern of light and shade in the wood.

I start to try and tune the rest of my senses into the nature around me. I can smell the last of this season's wild garlic as well as the faintly mushroomy smell of woodland after rain. I can feel the uneven ground under my feet. There are trees to hug and other things to touch. Licking my lips I try and pick up some of the tastes of the wood or even the nearby sea.

There are plenty of great places around Binfield where you can just sit and tune all of your senses into what nature is doing around you. Go on, give it a go. You might not see and hear a red squirrel but we have plenty of greys.

Binfield Environment Group can be contacted by email at binfieldeg@gmail.com or on Facebook.



Mike Coker



Bracknell Branch Update

As we move into the summer months and beyond, the Bracknell Royal Naval Association looks forward to the second half of the year being as fun-packed and entertaining as the last six months. However, we can now look forward to those meetings being in person at our community home of the Binfield Club which is also the home of the Royal British Legion as well.

In person meetings will mean formal proceeding and ceremony will commence the evening as always but, the entertainment and Dit performances will be live and I'm sure the heckling and laughter even more rowdy. If this wasn't enough on the night there is now an RNA Podcast called 'Dit On' which is full of many amazing topics and guest speakers ready for you to enjoy when out for your walk, or just relaxing in your armchair.

At the recent meeting, Chairman S/M Nigel Carpenter opened the formalities with 15 members present. All proceedings went without a hitch and hopefully this will be the last Zoom event for this merry band of Shipmates. Up and coming

events were discussed including the forthcoming presentations by Beefeater Tony Trafford on "Unusual Prisoners in the Tower" in September and Colin van Geffen on "Trafalgar" at the October meeting, prior to the Trafalgar Dinner on Saturday 23rd October. We also heard how preparations were being made on how, with the British Legion, the Bracknell RNA can support our Remembrance Day Parade here in the village this year.

If you want to learn more about events like this or have some of your own stories or interests you would like to share with our members, then the Bracknell RNA is the place for you. Come along and help support the future of the Bracknell RNA and be part of our little community.

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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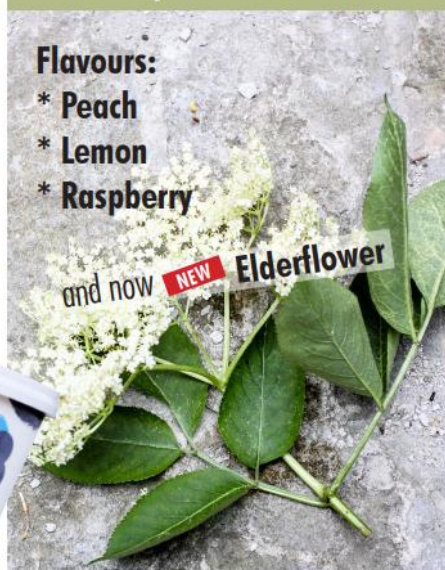


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