

The Binfield Beacon



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

October 2021

**SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER -
SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER**



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Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

Initially from October we will be offering 2 different services each Sunday morning. They will all be at All Saints' Church. On the **1st and 3rd Sundays** will be Common Worship communion at 9.30am and an Informal service at 11.00am. The informal will be an all age with baptism on the 1st and informal with communion on the 3rd. The **2nd and 4th Sundays** will be a Book of Common Prayer communion service at 8.15am and Common Worship communion service at 9.30am

SERVICES

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday 3rd October	9.30am	Common Worship Communion	HARVEST FESTIVAL
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service	
Sunday 10th October	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Talk Series: Making positive changes in your life Talk: Change takes time
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion	
Sunday 17th October	9.30am	Common Worship Communion	Talk: Change requires help
	11.00am	Informal Communion Service	
Sunday 24th October	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion	Talk: Change means letting go of the past
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion	
Sunday 31st October	9.30am	Common Worship Communion	Talk: Change requires positive thinking

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday 7th November	9.30am	Common Worship Communion	Talk: Making a fresh start
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service	

DIARY

OCTOBER 2021

Wednesday 6th October	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk - from Foxes' Den
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thursday 7th October	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sunday 10th October	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wednesday 13th October	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thursday 14th October	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sunday 17th October	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wednesday 20th October	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk - from Foxes' Den
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thursday 21st October	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Thursday 28th October	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sunday 31st October	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church

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**Children's Sunday
Group at
St Mark's Church
10.45am - 12.15pm**

For children of school years 1-6
Every Sunday during term time
(except the 1st Sunday of the month)

**ARTS & CRAFT ACTIVITIES...
GAMES AND MUCH MORE!**

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

Email daisyridell@gmail.com for more
information



**Wednesday Girls'
Group at
St Mark's Church
7pm - 8.30pm**

Oasis is open to all girls in school
years 7-11
Every Wednesday during term time

***Come along for games, craft,
general socialising and lots of talks
and activities***

Email daisyridell@gmail.com for more
information

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

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



Credo

Each spring, for many years, I have set myself the task of writing a personal statement of belief: a Credo. When I was younger, the statement ran for many pages, trying to cover every base, with no loose ends. It sounded like a Supreme Court brief, as if words could resolve all

conflicts about the meaning of existence.

The Credo has grown shorter in recent years—sometimes cynical, sometimes comical, and sometimes bland—but I keep working at it. Recently I set out to get the statement of personal belief down to one page in simple terms, fully understanding the naïve idealism that implied.

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

Wonder.

Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup:

The roots go down and the plant goes up
and

nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and
even

the little seed in the Styrofoam cup—they all die.

So do we.

And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books
and the first word you learned
—the biggest word of all—

LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true

and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all—the whole world—had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are—when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together. As I write this I am sixty-five years old. Not so old, really, but I have been around awhile. Kindergarten is a long way back there. What do I know now? The Kindergarten Credo is not kid stuff. It is not simple. It is elemental. What if we all became like children again? (Notice I said like Children, not childish.....men!)

In Matthew's gospel we read this in Chapter 18 verses 1-4. *At that time the followers came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus called a little child to him and stood the child before his followers. Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you must change and become like little children. Otherwise, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. The greatest person in the kingdom of heaven is the one who makes himself humble like this child."*

What if we went back to living out what we learned in Kindergarten, Sunday school or nursery, became like a child again in our outlooks and beliefs, and lived them out? What changes would you need to make?

Taken from, All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten, Villard Books: New York, 1990, pages 6-7

Luke

From the Registers:



Baptisms

Kelly Louise Howes
Jack Luke Preston

Weddings

Harry Stevens & Jodie Holzman
David Pursley & Laura Liebenberg



Remembrance Day Services

Saturday 13th November
(details to be confirmed)

Outdoor Remembrance Service at
St Mark's Church Memorial

Sunday 14th November

10.00am Remembrance Service at All Saints' Church
(There will be NO Parade this year)

Further information and details to be confirmed



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Binfield RG42 4AH

All Saints' Church

Church Hill
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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

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!

Jane Aylwin	tel. 481692
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*Or contact the church office on 07719 545292
or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk*

Bereavement Support Team



We will all suffer loss, grief or bereavement at some time in our lives, mainly through death, but also in other ways such as relationship breakdown, loss of a job, or sudden disability. The Bereavement Support Team are not counsellors, but can offer support and companionship if you are suffering a loss of any kind.

There is no charge for a visit. All support team members are DBS checked and have ID badges.

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact Liz Hall for more information
orinocco@hotmail.co.uk / 07850 799434

**Praying for and with you**

We have weekly prayer sheets — please email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk if you would like something to be included.

FRIDAY MORNING BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Friday morning Bereavement group at the Parish Office has started up again.

Please come along at 10.30am every Friday morning, in term time only, if you would like to spend time chatting with others. Most people have suffered bereavement at some time and we can all be helped by sharing our stories.

It is not a counselling group, just a friendly get together over a drink, facilitated by members of All Saints' and St. Mark's churches.

On arrival everyone usually purchases a drink in the Foxes' Den cafe and if you say you have come for the bereavement group, the lovely staff will even bring your drink to the meeting room, which is through the door into the Parish Office itself.

There are cakes for sale in the cafe, but sometimes biscuits are provided for us in the meeting room!

Because of the Covid risk we have to ask you not to attend if you have any symptoms and we shall ask you to fill in your name and telephone number on a register. You may need to dress up warm, as we shall open some windows for ventilation. We hope to see you, but we shall understand if you do not want to take any risks at this time.

Margareta Hawkins 01344 411681

CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST CELEBRATION SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Our Harvest celebration will take place on 3rd October.

We will be collecting monetary, food and toiletry donations for Foodbank and chocolate and chocolate biscuits for the lonely and bereaved.



The items most needed for Foodbank include, tinned fruit, tinned soup, jam, shower gel, washing detergent and shampoo. Please clearly label the envelope for monetary donations and place with the Harvest gifts.



CHRISTMAS OPEN DOOR

Watch this space for details of a Christmas Open Door on the evening of **9th December**. Details to follow...



THE SILVER SERVICE

The Silver Service is a traditional short service designed and led by our retired congregation members followed by a delicious homemade lunch at St Mark's Church.

**We will be starting again next month on
Tuesday 23rd November**

Please come along, whether you are silver-haired or not, to St Mark's Church at 12 noon and join us for a short service followed by a hot lunch.

As you all know there is a Covid risk to meeting up physically, but we think the risk is outweighed by the importance of worshipping together and enjoying human contact. Because of the Covid risk we have to ask you not to attend if you have any symptoms and we shall ask you to fill in your name and telephone number on a register. You may need to dress up warm as we shall need to have some ventilation in place.

We really look forward to seeing you, but we shall understand if you do not want to take any risks at this time.

If you need a lift, please call Beverley on 077044 37207

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:

6th Oct - 9am meet Foxes' Den
20th Oct - 9am meet Foxes' Den
3rd Nov - 9am meet Foxes' Den
17th Nov - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:

Gisele on 07724 889169 or
Claire on 07912 746289



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

at All Saints' Church

Sun 5th Dec - 6.30pm - Until We Meet Again

Sun 19th Dec - 6.30pm - Carol Service

Fri 24th Dec - 3pm & 5pm - Christingle

Fri 24th Dec - 11.30pm - Midnight Service

Christmas Day - 9.30am - Communion (BCP)

Christmas Day - 10.30 - All Age Christmas Celebration

Boxing Day - 9.30am - Communion

Sun 2nd Jan 2022 - 9.30am - Communion



Do you enjoy singing?

For 18 months music has been absent from most of our worship and we hope to sing to the Lord a new song.

The Church Choir is planning to return to normal and we really need new members, both adults and children. You don't need to read music but it helps if you can read words!

We sing on Sundays at the 9.30am services in All Saints' Church and practise on Thursdays in the Baxter Room, St Marks from 7pm to 8.15pm.

You don't need to commit to coming every Thursday and Sunday and we welcome members who come just for the Christmas services.

We have found it uplifting singing together again. Pop in and join us on a Thursday and see whether you enjoy it.

This picture of an anonymous choir gives you an idea, but we will be exercising more social distancing than they are!



**If you have any questions or want any more information
please speak to Michael Hawkins (01344 411681)**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Hi Guys!

We hope you had an amazing summer, and are settling into your new classes and schools this term! We've been busy at Whizz Kids and Oasis the past two months, here's what we've been up to...



At Whizz Kids we had our annual summer water fight to end the summer term, which resulted in a bucket of water being chucked over Daisy! We also finished our term of learning about the parables Jesus told, and completed our homemade parable books to remind us of the great stories we learned. We also had some summer meet ups at the park, playing games and sports, and spending time together in the holidays!

This term we are back for our usual Sunday morning sessions at 10:45am, learning all about prayer, and how and why we talk to God!

Oasis

For our secondary school girls we ran our first ever overnight stay, Oasis Fest! We camped in the Church, played sports, partied, and ate great food together. There was a slip 'n' slide, bouncy castle, ice cream van and even a silent disco UV party all packed into a 3 day event. It was so much fun to hang out together, and blow off some steam after a stressful year.



We are also looking for a few more people to join our teams, so if you think you might be able to bring a smile to our groups, please get in contact and we'd love to have you on the team!

This term we are back on Wednesdays from 7pm to hang out, socialise, eat, and chat about faith. We are open to girls in school years 7-11 so feel free to join us!

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



St Mark's Church Hall

St Mark's Church Hall is available for booking.

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

The Binfield Beacon



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

Monday 11th October 2021

Please email:

Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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FUNDRAISING NEWS

Dates for your diaries...

As children are back to school and more people are returning to their offices to work, we are very happy that the time has come for us to be able to restart our fundraising activities again in earnest and actually give you some dates!

We are very grateful that the organisers of the ever-amazing **Binfield Scarecrow Trail** are running their much loved event again this **October Half Term**, with funds being raised for the ARC Project. We can't wait to see the village full of everyone's spectacular and imaginative creations.

Plans for the Barn Dance are on the back-burner for now, but instead we are happy to be arranging another **Quiz Night** for you on **Saturday 6th November**, subject of course to Covid-19 restrictions. Please check out the church website for more details on where to buy tickets and register a team!

We've had exciting news that our favourite local band, Dads R Loud, have begun rehearsing for a **Christmas Party** on **Saturday 4th December**, so another great reason to get your dancing shoes out ready!

We are also hoping to pull together another **photo competition** and **Binfield Village Calendar** for 2022, so look out for information for this on the church website too.

Finally (for now!), we are able to raise money for the church by auctioning items on **eBay**. If you have anything you would like us to list online for you, please get in touch.

The PCC have returned from the summer break and are starting to look again at priorities and fundraising needs, so we hope that we'll be able to introduce our updated fundraising material and information in the next issue.

We would still love extra hands on board to help our team, so if you would like to get involved please get in touch with the fundraising team via our email or the church office.

Many thanks for your continued support. **Kate Hayes**



Where should I be on Saturday 6th November 2021?
St. Mark's Church Binfield
19:30 - 22:30

Tickets: £8 each
 inc Poughman's Platter
 Cash bar available
 Teams 6-8 people
 Prizes for the winners!

Find more details on how to buy tickets and register your team on the church website:
www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions. Raising funds for our churches.

DADS R LOUD

Christmas Party!
 Save the Date: Saturday 4th December 2021



How to donate or fundraise:

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



- 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

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team: fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
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COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

BOWEL CANCER SCREENING:

Men and women between the ages of 60 and 74 are screened every 2 years. If you are in this age group and have NOT received a screening kit through the post please advise the Bowel Cancer Screening Helpline, (0800 7076060). People above the age of 74 can request a screening kit. Please telephone the Bowel Cancer Screening Helpline for details. The stool sample you give is analysed and followed up. It is extremely important that you take advantage of this screening.

FLU SEASON:

The flu season is now upon us.

If you receive a text message or 'phone call from the Surgery advising you that the flu vaccine is now available, please arrange an appointment at the surgery.

If you believe you should receive a flu vaccination and have not received a text message or 'phone call or have never received a flu vaccine previously, please telephone the surgery to see if you are eligible on (01344) 286264.

AGEING: If you are now 65 or older it is crucial to be as physically active as possible. Walking can improve everything from blood pressure to mental health. Try to keep socially active too. Take the positive decision to join an evening class or club or become a volunteer.

TELEPHONE CALLING 111: 111 is the NHS non-emergency number. It is fast, easy and free and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call 111 for the following;

1. Fast medical help which is not a 999 emergency.
2. If you think you need to go to A&E or need another NHS urgent care service.
3. If you are unsure who to call.
4. You need health information or reassurance about what to do next.

For immediate, life threatening emergencies, call 999.

PHARMACIES:

Please use your local pharmacy for help and advice regarding minor illness, before seeking help from your GP.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):

The main symptoms are:

1. A high temperature over 37.8c.
2. A new continuous cough.
3. A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

If you have any of the above symptoms, even if they are mild, you should arrange a PCR test. This test can be completed at home or can be taken for you at one of the many testing sites. The test is sent to a lab for analysis. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result.

LATERAL FLOW TESTS should NOT be used if you have any symptoms of Covid. Only take a PCR test that is sent to a lab.

PCR tests can be obtained from the internet on

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or telephone 119.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group

THE BINFIELD BELLES



Welcome to Binfield WI. It was lovely to use those words at our first real members meeting in September at the Memorial Hall. We had waited so long to welcome members face to face and yet still be careful on the night. They filed in 2 by 2 as the rhyme goes, over 40 in total we were all spread out around the hall. Several members had never been to a proper meeting so it was a first for them.

We hadn't included a speaker for our first meeting so had a social night putting new things in place and discussing the way forward and included a quiz to get the grey cells going. Our committee supplied soft drinks and cake and look forward to coffee and cakes next month.

Our monthly groups are up and running with walks, coffee mornings, book club (reading Claudia Winkleman's book), Rummikub at the club, and keep fit still in Jane's garden, craft afternoon has also started and we are hoping to make Christmas goodies for a stall at Christmas.

We have also completed a charity 10k Sunflower walk for the Thames Hospice, our current charity of choice, on 11th September. A number of able bodied members enjoyed a walk in Virginia Water starting at the Saville Garde parading

Sunflowers made by Jean and Jill, It was great fun in lovely weather and we have raised some money, total to follow next month.

We are continuing to make poppies during October to adorn our church curtain and we hope to decorate the diamond in the village and the crossroads green space.

For our group meeting in October we meet up with 2 local WI's for tea, cake and a speaker. We also have have several trips planned including one to Wisley as I write, a music night with Stereophonics in November and the South Hill Park pantomime in December. We will also celebrate our 103rd birthday.

October's meeting will be on the 14th at 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall in Binfield we have Fit Steps ...think it's a physical evening! And hopefully singing Jerusalem again. All are welcome and we look forward to meeting new members. For more information give me a call.

Linda Willcocks
01344 454503/07708 731294 binfieldwi@berkshirewi.co.uk



COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Garden Club

How quickly the seasons come and go and here we are in Autumn – a beautiful time of year when leaves change from green to gold and vibrant colours. In fact autumn could be seen as a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Appropriately, our members have just enjoyed a really inspirational zoom talk by Daniele Altieri entitled *The Garden That Never Sleeps*. He reminded us that although from October most of our garden goes to sleep, we mustn't forget it for the four months of winter, just sitting inside by the fire looking through plant catalogues. Plan carefully and we can extend our garden's interest and beauty whatever the cold weather.



Daniele suggests taking a photo of our garden in the summer, filter it to black and white and you can see the structures already there. For example, roses will soon just turn to bare sticks for 5 or 6 months so surround them with something beautiful underneath and around - snowdrops and early daffs combined with the foliage of cyclamen hederifolium (their flowers come later) and then the roses will take over again. Hydrangeas, while they are bare, could also have snowdrops underneath with *Islas* red hellebores. Ground cover plants can be left as foliage for *Iris reticulata* to grow through. Combine spring daffs and grape hyacinths with the emerging leaves of peonies which will then take over.

Structure is of vital importance - leave your obelisks and supports to stand empty for interest and plant the lovely bright colours of *Cornus*, especially *Cornus midwinter fire*.

Grasses come into their own in the winter, evergreen *ceanothus* and evergreen ferns look stunning and do leave the seed heads of hydrangeas and sedum to look beautiful with frost on them.



Throughout the cold months, take advantage of lovely scented plants, *Daphne Odora*, *hamamelis*, *sarcococca*, *viburnum bodnantense* Dawn and winter honeysuckle. Daniele reminded us not to plant them down the end of a muddy path, but by our doors, windows and gates! He showed us many lovely examples of all his suggestions and also recommended visiting Hilliers Arboretum, Hampshire for the very best of winter gardens and also Great Dixter in February.

We were all certainly inspired by Daniele's ideas and photos and hope to make more of our winter gardens from now on.

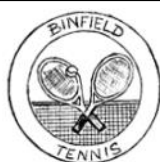
Our programme of speakers has been updated on our website and although the next few will still be on Zoom, new members are always welcome to join us. Sadly no tea and cakes, raffle or bric a brac but lots of interest on your screen especially with a glass of wine in hand! We have a full programme for 2022 and will hopefully be back to normal by then.

October 7th will be a talk *Learning to look after and love your soil* and November 4th will be *Planting containers for winter colour and spring joy*.

Unfortunately potato and tomato blight seem to have been particularly widespread this year. If you want to know more, the RHS have a link - [potato and tomato blight](#) or see our website, binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com

Happy autumn gardening everyone.

Sue Jeffery



BINFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS

The courts continue to be actively used by both old and young. The new short tennis court is proving popular. We are now looking at buying a hitting board which would be positioned in the far corner to the right of court 3. This would benefit those who want to practise on their own or as a place to warm up before a match.

After many years as treasurer, Clive Underhill is leaving the club as he is relocating to Wiltshire. Clive will be sorely missed as he has been the mainstay of the committee. It is only when someone like Clive leaves, that you realise there is a big void to be filled. The picture below is of Clive

receiving a plaque from David Harper, club chairman, in recognition of his many years of service.

Tim Usher



Binfield Library News

If you've had a hectic summer, autumn can give you a chance to slow down by cosying up with a good book. If you haven't visited in a while, there's lots of

new books to catch up on at Binfield Library. You can also download e-books and e-audio books using our BorrowBox service – new novels by bestselling authors Sally Rooney, Ann Cleeves and Liane Moriarty have just arrived.

If you're wanting to get out and about more and possibly looking to meet new people, why not join our Thursday afternoon quiz. Our sociable and not too serious events are back at Binfield Library at 11am on the first and third Thursday of each month (£1). There's no need to book.

Bracknell Forest Libraries' online book group next meets on 21st October at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to our friendly group. We'll be talking about the novel *'The Phone Box at the Edge of the World'* by Laura Imai Messina – a powerful and moving novel based on an incredible true story. The ebook and e-audio book are free to borrow from BorrowBox with unlimited access, so no queues. Download the ebook using the BorrowBox app on a tablet or phone or you can also borrow using a computer and transfer to an MP3 player or e-reader such as a Kobo or Nook. Book your place on Eventbrite (search Bracknell Library) and we'll send you the Zoom meeting details.

We're hoping to start more events in Binfield Library in the coming month. Please check our library website or social media pages for updates.

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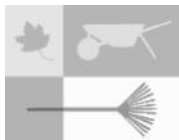
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News from the Parish Office – October 2021 *(correct as of 13 September 2021)*

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.

October 2021

Tuesday 5 October	Amenity Committee	8pm
Saturday 9 October	Parish Councillor Drop-In Session	10am-12pm
Tuesday 12 October	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 26 October	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Events

Saturday 16 October	Guerilla Planting with the Binfield Environment Group – find out more at https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/event-info/guerilla-planting-2	10am-2pm
Sunday 24 to Sunday 31 October	Attend, enjoy, be inspired. Then take up a new creative activity! 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 http://arts-week.org/	Various events. Please check website for details.

In this update we focus news on the Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week – Sunday 24 October to Sunday 31 October

Fully funded and organised by your local Parish Councils of Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield there are over 40 arts and crafts events for all the family (all children's events are free!) as detailed at <http://arts-week.org/>. Arts Week promotes and encourages active participation in and support for the wide range of arts and crafts activities offered in our local area that you can take up after if you wish.

The Arts & Crafts Exhibition: Friday 29-31 October, 11.00am-4.00pm at Brownlow Hall, Warfield RG42 6AB

Enjoy some of the best paintings, craft items, sculptures, photographs, and fabric work by leading local artists who enter individually or as part of a local Art Group. The closing date for entries is 20 October with all details at this web page: <http://arts-week.org/exhibition>

Online tickets open on Sunday 10 October at 12.00 midday!

The 2021 programme can be found on the Arts Week website, and it may be further revised, with the full comprehensive programme available soon: <http://arts-week.org/>

In other News

- **Could you be a Parish Councillor?** Becoming a Parish Councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. The deadline for applications is 8 October 2021. You can find out more about being a Parish Councillor, if you are qualified to apply and an Application Form at our website here: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/councillors-and-staff#Councillors>
- **Parish Council office opening hours** Due to reduced staffing numbers the office may not be open every day for face-to-face queries. If you want to pop in, please check when we are open by continuing to use our online submission form, email, and voicemail.
- **Parish Councillor Drop-In Session: Saturday 9 October (10am-12pm)** Come along to The Foxes' Den café to meet with Parish Councillors to discuss the Council's strategy and plans, and/or ask any questions or raise any concerns you may have about matters concerning Binfield. Find upcoming drop-in sessions, meetings, and events on our website: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk>.
- **Save the Date! Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On: Monday 29 November** Join us for the annual lights switch-on at the Parish Council (Foxley Fields) Christmas tree with refreshments after at The Foxes' Den Café. Details to follow in next month's Beacon including the Christmas tree locations.
- **Community Grants** The deadline is 14 December 2021 for applications from community groups serving the interests of the parish of Binfield and its residents. Collect an application from the Parish Council office or go to: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants>

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"In Celebration"
St John's Church, Crowthorne on
Saturday 13th November at 7:30pm

Thames Voyces are delighted to be returning to live concerts and are marking it with a concert at St John's Church, Crowthorne on Saturday 13th November at 7:30pm. This performance of glorious music includes a selection of anthems by Vaughan Williams, Ireland, Bainton, Parsons and Wood preceding a performance of Haydn's uplifting *Maria Theresa Mass*. The concert will be conducted by Nick Austin and Thames Voyces will be accompanied by Ben Giddens.

The Mass was one of a set of six masses written to celebrate the Saint's Day of Princess Maria, the wife of Prince Nikolaus Esterhazy II, and was first performed at a church near his family seat in Eisenstadt, Austria. The title "*Maria Theresa*" is an informal title for the piece and is thought to refer to Princess Maria Theresa, the Empress Consort of the Holy Roman Emperor, Francis II. She was a skilled soprano soloist and performed some of the solos in Haydn's works when they were performed at the Viennese Court.

Thames Voyces are a Bracknell-based chamber choir attracting choral singers and audiences from many miles around the area. They pursue a love of singing through a wide repertoire of choral works



from early music through to the present day, whilst aspiring to reach the highest possible standards. They are currently looking to recruit new singers, especially basses, if you would like more information on the concert or singing with the choir, please visit their website: www.thamesvoyces.org.uk.

Peter Anderson



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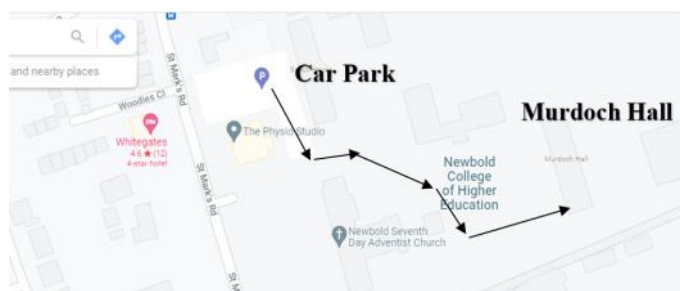
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Autumn is here!

Lots of things have been happening over here at the Den during the summer months. We have rearranged our outdoor seating and given the tables numbers, so that we should be able to find you with your order! You may also have seen the builders sorting out our lovely building so that it doesn't keep getting a moat around half of it every time it rains. Like many businesses we have had our struggles with staff absences due to COVID so there have been a few instances where we struggled to offer our full menu or even had to close – thank you for bearing with us during these times.

Looking to now and the future, we have been working hard to bring back the community activities. Rhyme Time has been back for a while using the outdoor space and they will be coming back inside when they need to. The Bereavement friendship group has started back in the Council room and we are bringing back the adult and toddler craft sessions, laptops and lattes, family games night and the teddy bear clinic...please keep an eye on our community boards to join in and please shout if you can think of other activities we can offer!

Thanks for reading. We hope to see you soon!
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Collaborative puzzling



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SCARECROWS & HALLOWEEN

It is all happening in the last week of October: we will be joining in with our usual sales of the Scarecrow Maps and refreshments on the trail, but also watch out for the Halloween goings-on on Sunday 31st ...be afraid...



What's Happening in Binfield?

As we all escape lockdown and maybe feel ready to try something new, Bracknell LETS and the Foxes' Den are putting together a free event for all our local clubs and groups to promote themselves and get new members. Saturday 16th October 12noon-5pm If you would like more information or to add your club/group please email g.hudson163@gmail.com

LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE



The Binfield Lighthouse Program continues to support the needy with food parcels. Our numbers have reduced over the summer months as other places have begun to operate and get back to normal. FoodBank is now fully open and this has made a significant difference to people that can go direct for supplies and provisions.

The lighthouse Team deliver a minimum of 4 homecooked meals per week and Newbold Church deliver 3, so all of our client base have a meal for every day of the week.

We will not be operating an overnight shelter this year, as Bracknell Council and the Rough Sleeper Team will work directly with clients to ensure there are no homeless in the immediate area. This does mean that people will be temporarily housed in B&Bs whilst waiting for a more permanent solutions. We will help these people as access to kitchens can be very limited.

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- Tinned meat and fish
- Fresh fruit vegetables (in date for Tuesday delivery)
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Thanks for your continued support
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THE BINFIELD SCARECROW TRAIL IS ON FOR 2021!

The Binfield Scarecrow Trail of 2020 is going to be a tough event to beat. Given the circumstances of the pandemic, it was a very difficult decision whether to hold the event but with over 70 scarecrows registered by Binfield residents, it was an outstanding success. How do we describe the trail to potential visitors? Well that's easy - outdoor fun in a beautiful village, endless offerings of hospitality and creativity!

This year the trail will take place Saturday, October 23 to Sunday, October 31st, 2021, whether you cover the whole trail in one day or spread it out over the week in bite-sized chunks, walk, cycle, scoot or sprint, Binfield is ready to give a warm welcome to visitors. With the challenges of 2020 behind us and looking forward to more positive times, the Binfield Scarecrow Trail is a fantastic family event and the emphasis is on getting out and about in the fresh air.

Homes and businesses keen to display a Scarecrow can register online www.binfieldevents.com/scarecrows. If you are looking for some inspiration, check out the facebook page www.facebook.com/binfieldscarecrowtrail to view examples from previous years.

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There will not be a parade this year, but there will be a Remembrance service at All Saints' on Sunday 14th November and an outdoor service on the Saturday 13th November (Covid dependant). Further information will be available in the November Beacon when we have a better idea of how things are moving forward.

If you are Interested in becoming a member to support your local Branch please contact either:-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Welcoming the new academic year of 2021

We were delighted to see everyone back in school and keen to learn. A special welcome to all of our new starters in Reception. They have made a great start and are beginning to settle in well.

Our Year 1 children have also been able to spend time meeting and reading with their Year 6 "buddies". This is their first face to face meeting which they've been waiting a whole year to enjoy.



During the Inset day our teachers enjoyed their afternoon of team building activities, using their learning muscles and discovering new skills ready for the year ahead! It's the first time in 18 months they've all been together too!



We are slowly getting back to more normal and this week the children were able to come together in assembly in their key stages. Everyone really enjoyed being together again.

Our Year 6 children have started the new school year by creating positive affirmations posters for their classrooms. These will hopefully and inspire them all year!



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Binfield's butterflies 2021

I am stood transfixed by a buddleia bush in the September sunshine. It is alive with butterflies. Every flowering branch has at least two. I try to take some pictures, but I fail to capture the colours or the contrast that comes from the butterflies jostling for position and opening and closing their wings. Most of the butterflies are tortoiseshells or peacocks but there are a few red admirals and large whites on the bush as well.

For butterflies, this year has been almost the opposite of last year. The warm spell at the start of 2020 led to large numbers of early butterflies and predictions of a butterfly summer that never materialised. This year a cold wet start resulted in smaller numbers of early butterflies, but a generally settled July and August has seen more late season butterflies than the last couple of years. Initial results from the UK Butterfly Monitoring Service (www.ukbms.org) say that numbers of gatekeepers and graylings, both late season species, are at levels that haven't been recorded for years. My buddleia bush suggests that the same may be true for other species.

The grayling is one of my favourite butterflies. Look closely at the picture and see if you can spot the butterfly. These heath-land specialists have the most amazing camouflage on their underwings. When they alight on stony ground or tree trunks they are almost impossible to see. On a warm sunny day in August or early September, the open parts of Bracknell Forest, such as Hut Hill, are good places to see them. They can also be found on the south facing slope at Amen Corner South. I have been told, by someone who managed to keep a straight face, that they also align themselves with the sun to cast the smallest possible shadow. I'm not sure about that, but I do now check every time I see one land.



Butterflies are a good indicator of the health of our countryside because they tend to specialise in particular habitats and particular food-plants. The grayling needs coastal or heath-land habitat and its caterpillars feed on a small number of grasses found in these open habitats. They seem to thrive where there is some level of disturbance such as from cattle or ponies.

I might write another piece about butterflies when the results from the Big Butterfly Count are published. Until then, let's all enjoy the last butterflies of the year when the sun brings them out.

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

Mike Coker



Bracknell Branch Update

September is always a good month for fresh starts. It's the month that the summer holidays end, the fresh autumn weather arrives and a new year begins for all those school children starting a new school or year group. From this

September the Bracknell Branch of the Royal Naval Association is also looking to kick the new sessions off with a bang and, as usual, our Social Secretary didn't disappoint.

Seated in the comfort of the Binfield Club our Chairman Shipmate Nigel Carpenter welcomed 21 members back to the second live session after 18 months of Zoom meetings. The formal part of the evening discussed everything from fundraising ideas, to how our affiliated sea cadets are getting on, with a report from their Commanding Officer. However, as the gavel went down and the "formal" meeting was closed, everyone refreshed their drinks and settled down to a talk from retired Beefeater Tony Strafford with the focus being on **"Unusual Prisoners in the Tower of London"**.



He described the exotic animals kept at the Tower including an

elephant; the difference between 'open' or 'closed' confinement and the shocking revelation that the longest prisoner stretch was only 37 years, but in the early days of it actively being used as a prison, they did often get a real stretch on the rack and lose their heads too.



Tony finished his talk with some personal reminiscences of his time, living in the Tower as a Yeoman Warder. He then outlined the Ceremony of the Keys, an ancient ritual, held every evening at the Tower, when the main gates are locked for the night. It is said to be the oldest extant military ceremony in the world, and is the best-known ceremonial tradition of the Tower.

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. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours aye S/M Marcus Carpenter

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