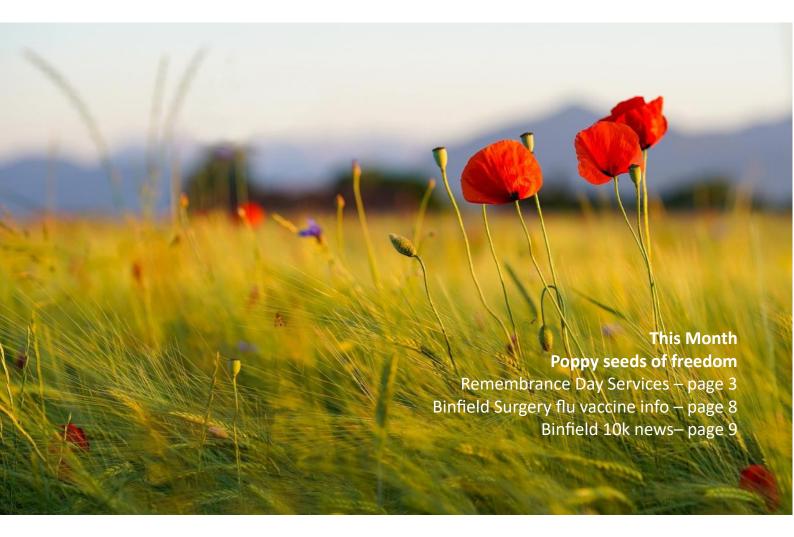
# The Binfield Beacon



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

## November 2021



Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

## **SERVICES & DIARY**

| SERVICES                         |                             |   |  |  |  |
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| NOVEMBER 2021                    |                             |   |  |  |  |
|                                  |                             |   | Talk Series:<br>Making positive changes in your life |  |  |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November  | 9.30am<br>11.00am           | Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Baptism Service                                   | Talk: Making a fresh start                           |  |  |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November | 8.15am<br>10.00am           | Book of Common Prayer Communion REMEMBRANCE SERVICE   | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY                                   |  |  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November | 9.30am<br>11.00am           | Common Worship Communion<br>Informal Communion Service                                      | Talk: Hope for the future                            |  |  |
|                                  |                             |   | Talk Series:<br>A Saviour in born                    |  |  |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November | 8.15am<br>9.30am            | Book of Common Prayer Communion<br>Common Worship Communion                                 | Talk: Surprised by hope                              |  |  |
| DECEMBER 2021                    |                             |   |  |  |  |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>6.30pm | Common Worship Communion<br>Informal All Age Baptism Service<br>Until We Meet Again Service | Talk: A heart for worship                            |  |  |

| DIARY                               |                  |   |  |  |
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| NOVEMBER 2021                       |                  |   |  |  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November  | 9.00am<br>7.00pm | Wednesday Women's Walk - from Foxes' Den<br>Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church |  |  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November   | 7.00pm           | Choir practice at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November   | 7.30pm           | QUIZ NIGHT at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November | 7.00pm           | Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church   |  |  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November  | 7.00pm           | Choir practice at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November    | 10.45am          | <b>No</b> Whizz Kids as Remembrance Sunday  |  |  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November | 9.00am<br>7.00pm | Wednesday Women's Walk - from Foxes' Den<br>Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church |  |  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November  | 7.00pm           | Choir practice at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> November    | 10.45am          | Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November   | 12 noon          | Silver Service at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November | 7.00pm           | Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church   |  |  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November  | 7.00pm           | Choir practice at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November    | 10.45am          | Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| DECEMBER 2021                       |                  |   |  |  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December  | 9.00am<br>7.00pm | Wednesday Women's Walk - from Foxes' Den<br>Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church |  |  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December   | 7.00pm           | Choir practice at St Mark's Church  |  |  |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December   | 7.30pm           | Dads R Loud Christmas Party at St Mark's Church                                   |  |  |



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 info* 



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 info



**Choir Practise** 

Thursdays 7pm to 8.15pm at St Mark's Church

We sing on Sundays at the 9.30 service at All Saints'. You do not need to commit to come every week and we welcome members who come just for the Christmas services For more information contact Michael Hawkins (01344 411681)

Please note we no longer request that you wear a face covering inside Church, we will leave it at your discretion.

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



When Lance Corporal Kylie
Watson was summoned to the
office of her commanding officer
for a 'fireside chat' she feared the
worst. 'Do you know why you are
here?' he asked the combat
medic. 'Am I in trouble, Sir?' she
enquired. 'No,' he told her.
'You've been awarded the
Military Cross.'

The 23-year-old, whose tour of Afghanistan's Helmand province was her first as a fully qualified battlefield medic, was stunned. 'Are you sure you've got the right soldier?' she asked. But there was no mistake. The extraordinary heroism she displayed by twice running into Taliban fire to treat wounded comrades had been recognised with one of the UK's highest honours.

And now Lance Corporal Watson of the Royal Army Medical Corps – who stands just 5ft 1in tall in her Army-issue boots – is one of only four women in history to bear the coveted initials MC after her name.

Her citation for the medal spoke of her 'immense courage, willingness to put her own life at risk and absolute bravery'. It revealed that she 'saved the life of one warrior and acted as an inspiration to her platoon and their Afghan National Army partners'.

'Ah, but it doesn't mention the bit where I fell over,' she grins, sounding more Private Benjamin than a thoroughly modern war hero. And then she retells her story which, like many footnotes of military history, contains as much chaos and grim comedy as it does courage and compassion.

'We were patrolling by a compound on the outskirts of a village when the shooting began. A man went down about 70 metres in front of me. He was with British and Afghan soldiers in a ditch at the bottom of a hillock. I could just about see them but I couldn't speak to them other than by shouting because we'd lost communications.

I had on my body armour and my helmet, and I was carrying my SA80 rifle as well as my medical battlefield trauma kit. It's heavy, it contains IV fluids and water, rations, drugs, tourniquets and airway equipment, not to mention the collapsible stretcher strapped to one side and the mine detector strapped to the other.

'I'd run no more than a couple of metres away from the compound where I had taken cover when I fell over something — uneven terrain, my own feet, I don't know. I went down. I was very, very embarrassed but I reckoned that in the heat of the battle with bullets flying in both directions my platoon was too busy to notice. So I got back up and kept on running.' The wounded man was an Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier whose pelvis had been shattered by bullets. He was deep in shock and drifting in and out of consciousness.

'The soldier tending to him was doing a brilliant job but he was

a sniper and he was needed for the fight. I couldn't let him do my job,' says Kylie.

Beneath an exchange of fire between her platoon and Taliban fighters, she stemmed the casualty's bleeding with field dressings and splinted his pelvis before a Chinook helicopter arrived to fly him to hospital at Camp Bastion, the British Army HQ.

The entire 'contact' took, she estimates, no more than 40 minutes, after which she and the rest of the patrol returned to their base at Checkpoint Azadie in Helmand's 'Green Zone', an area of lush vegetation irrigated by the waterways of the Helmand River. 'I didn't dwell on it. It was just another day in Afghanistan,' she reflects.

'It still seems extraordinary to me,' she says, speaking from Invicta Park Barracks in Maidstone, Kent. 'I believe anyone with a human heart beating inside them would try to help another who'd been hurt. Coalition soldier, Afghan army fighter, civilian – it makes no difference. When you hear someone shout, "Medic, Medic, Medic," it only means one thing: trouble. So you go.'

Kylie lived out the words that we hear so often around Armistice day and Remembrance Sunday, *Greater love has no one than this, that they lay down their life for their friends.*John chapter 15 verse 13. Laying down your life for someone else doesn't just mean on the battle field in times of combat, it also means laying aside your agenda at that moment in time and helping someone in need. When someone needs to talk, you listen or when a friend is in need, you step in and help them. Will you do likewise?

Luke

Story taken from: <a href="https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-1375233/Mother-told-Military-Cross-hero-daughter-Kylie-Watson-Oh-Kylie-What-did-Next-time-don-t-.html">https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-1375233/Mother-told-Military-Cross-hero-daughter-Kylie-Watson-Oh-Kylie-What-did-Next-time-don-t-.html</a>

#### From the Registers:

#### **Baptisms**

Lucia Holly Vine Carla Louise Smith

#### **Funeral**

Jim Edgington Terry Waldron



#### Remembrance Day Services

Saturday 13th November 10.30am Outdoor Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church Memorial (There will be no parking at the church or on Popeswood Road)



#### Sunday 14th November

#### 10.00am Remembrance Service at All Saints' Church

(There will be NO Parade this year. However we may still have a large number of people attend church and expect every pew to be occupied. Please bear this in mind if you are planning to attend.) (See page 17)

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All Saints' Church

Church Hill Binfield RG42 5NS

#### PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

We would like to improve our communication with everyone in the village and congregation. To do this we need to keep our contacts database up to date.

We have a new privacy policy in line with the new GDPR rules on our website.

If you would like to sign up to receive emails from

## **Pastoral Care Visiting Team** need a friend?





## **Bereavement Support Team**

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 Jill Hanson tel 452694 tel. 411681 **Margareta Hawkins** Sarah Muller tel. 428782 Jan Vigar tel. 411267 **Gisele Taylor** tel. 07724 889169 **Dave Dawson** tel. 360389

Or contact the church office on 07719 545292 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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 have ID badges.

#### **Friday Morning Bereavement Group Coffee Morning**

Foxes' Den Café on Fridays 10.30am - 11.30am (term time only)

Peer to Peer support open to anyone dealing with grief. It is not a counselling group, just a friendly get together over a drink.

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 or Margareta Hawkins 01344 411681

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

## All Saints' Church **Sunday Service Rotas**

We are looking for help on a Sunday morning with:

Welcoming Reading Prayers

Refreshments after the services

To find out more or be added to one of these rotas please contact Hayley at the Church office on 07719 545292 or email office@binfieldcofechurch.org.uk.



#### Praying for and with you

We have weekly prayer sheets — please email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

if you would like something to be included.



#### St Mark's Church Hall

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.

### **CHURCH NEWS**

#### **THANK YOU**



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Collection. We raised an outstanding £335 in cash and 76kg of food for Foodbank and a

number of boxes of chocolates, which have been delivered to those alone or grieving and were very gratefully received.





## CHRISTMAS OPEN DOOR

Keep an eye out for details of a Christmas Open Door Special on the evening of **9th December**. More details to follow...





## Alternative Advent Be Good News

Once again we have the opportunity to

bring good news and Christmas cheer to people through Alternative Advent.

Alternative Advent is where we purchase an extra present or two for single parents who won't otherwise receive a Christmas present this year. The parents go without to ensure their children don't.

The presents should cost around £5-10. Possible ideas are, toiletries, PJs, slippers, chocolates, gloves, scarves and hats, scented candles, reed diffusers, or anything you think might make a nice gift for a single parent.

We will be collecting the gifts at the beginning of December keep an eye out for more information on how to donate online and in next month's Beacon.

Thank you Luke



#### **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

#### WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S WALK

A gentle 2-3 mile walk (which takes about an hour) 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:

3rd Nov - 9am meet Foxes' Den 17th Nov - 9am meet Foxes' Den 1st Dec - 9am meet Foxes' Den 15th Dec - 9am meet Foxes' Den For more information contact:
Gisele on 07724 889169 or
Claire on 07912 746289

#### THE SILVER SERVICE

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

Tuesday 23rd November at 12 noon

If you need a lift, please call Beverley on 07704 437207



#### The Binfield Beacon

The deadline for Beacon contributions for the December 2021/January 2022 issue (please remember this will be a double issue)

is Monday 15th November 2021

Please email:

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

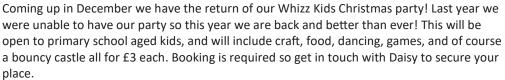
Hi Everyone!

It's been so great being back together again this term, and we've loved seeing you all again for all our groups.



On Sundays at Whizz Kids we've been working through the Lord's prayer, looking at why each line is important, and we've even been learning it in sign language to help us remember it! Last week we learned the line 'give us today our daily bread', so we tried lots of different types of bread, and talked about other things we can ask

God for.







On Wednesdays at Oasis we've been looking at the different ways we can pray and worship, and how we can express ourselves to God in loads of ways. We've started a new game series of TaskMaster, where the groups receive an obscure task and are judged on the best interpretation! Also, we are now able to begin serving food and drinks again, so we offer toasties, cake and hot chocolate in our 'cafe'.

For December we have lots of Christmassy activities coming up, including a secret Santa gift

exchange, and a Christmas party on December 8th! If you'd like any more information about our girls group, Oasis, please send Daisy an email.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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







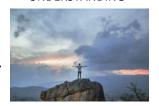
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### **FUNDRAISING NEWS**

## The Binfield ARC Project is changing...!



### Expanding our remit...

We have been mentioning that an update on our fundraising project would be coming and we are excited to be able to share what we have been working on.

With the situation we faced at St. Mark's over this summer, we've seen that we need to be ensuring that there are funds for us to be able to look after both of our church buildings. All Saints' is our beautiful and historical church, but St. Mark's is also vital for our ability to operate outreach projects and as a community venue. We also have other spaces, such as our Parish Cemetery, to keep fit for purpose and all while, especially now, funds are hard to come by.

The aims of the Binfield ARC Project are still valid and money raised under this banner to date will be used to complete the critical repairs and updates COVID-19 and finances have delayed. New funds will be used across projects as needed and we will share more information via the church website and Facebook page.

So many of you have showed such amazing support for our work so far, we really hope you will continue to do so to aid the upkeep of our community spaces. Thank you as always!

#### **Events and Activities**

We hope everyone had a fun time during October Half Term week checking out the creations on the everamazing **Binfield Scarecrow Trail**. There were over 80 entries to check out this year! We are so grateful to the organisers for putting it all on again, and for all the support everyone gives to it.

Our **Quiz Night** is taking place in just a few days on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Teams are booking in fast at the time of writing, so check out the church website to see if there is still space for your team to enter!

Please also check out the church website to see the results of the **Binfield Village Calendar photo competition**. We should have a fantastic **2022 Calendar** on sale now (or very soon!), so look out for it, and new design **Christmas cards**, at the Foxes' Den Café or via the Church office.

We're excited for our **Christmas Party** on **Saturday** 4<sup>th</sup> **December**, featuring music from great local band Dads R Loud - grab your tickets soon and join us!







#### How to donate or fundraise:

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



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

#### **BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP**

#### **SURGERY NEWS**

#### **COVID Booster and Seasonal Flu Vaccines**

Following the recent news from the JCVI and the government, we are now able to let you know of our plans for the COVID booster and the flu vaccinations for this winter. Due to the success of the COVID vaccination programme carried out by Berkshire Primary Care Ltd (BPC) on our behalf, we have decided they should continue to administer the vaccines and will therefore carry out the booster vaccine programme as per guidelines recently agreed. The COVID booster can be given 6 months after the previous 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID vaccine. The government has requested the vaccines (COVID and flu) to be coadministered where possible, and therefore we have agreed with BPC that they should do this for our patients. To make the process of calling patients for their vaccines more streamlined, we have agreed BPC should administer all our flu vaccines whether a booster COVID is due or not. This will mean you will attend Waitrose sports centre whether you are due one or both vaccines this year. We would normally prefer to administer the flu vaccines as a practice, as this generates much needed income for the surgery, but this year we feel things need to be done differently. We hope you can understand the decision made and will go for your vaccines to the Waitrose site when called. Thank you for helping to protect the population by doing this.

#### **Surgery Opening**

We are planning to open the surgery doors from October  $1^{st}$ . The decision has been made as we are in a very different position currently than this time last year. This year, with most people vaccinated, we do not feel we need to keep everyone waiting outside. To help keep the numbers down in the

waiting room, we would ask that anyone with a car in the car park register their arrival with reception either via the intercom or at the reception desk and then wait in their car. Where you do not have a car, please wait in the waiting room where there are seats available. Some seats will be blocked to maintain distancing and we would ask that they remain this way.

Please always wear a mask unless exempt, use the hand gel provided, keep your distance, queue where notified by the signs and keep to the right within the building as much as possible. All these measures will hopefully mean staff and patients following the same rules and everyone staying safer.

We will not be turning on the check in screen currently as this is seen as an unnecessary multiple person touch point. Please always check in via the intercom or at the reception desk.

We are not currently planning any changes to the appointment system. We have found the appointment demand has increased significantly over the last 18 months, and by offering a telephone in the first instance, it has enabled us to increase our appointment capacity to help manage this. Please be assured a GP will ask you to come in for a face-toface appointment where they feel this is required.

#### **Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS)**

There is a new national service being implemented currently called the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service. This is being rolled out and we intend to start this at the beginning of October. This should also help alleviate the pressure on the appointment system. If you are calling reception, please mention if you feel you could be referred to this service. If reception offer this service, please be assured the pharmacists are very well trained to carry out these appointments.

**Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group** 



#### THE BINFIELD BELLES

The Autumn leaves begin to fall once again and INSPIRING WOMEN as I write this our Binfield Belles will be meeting again for a fun and fit steps night.

Since we last chatted our ladies have all been busy filling their diaries, whether it was playing Rummikub or talking about their favourite books at our book club meeting. It takes me so long to read the books they are streets ahead with remarks and points whilst savouring tea and coffee at the Foxes Den We are now on another book Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell, a different read each month is always fun.

We are continuing to have a couple of walks every month, some around the village and others in Crowthorne and surrounding areas ending with a coffee etc.

After our Sunflower effort we were very happy to present Thames Hospice with over £1200. Our lovely ladies were so pleased to help our local Hospice. Although we can't compete with the Sahara walk that our



members Ali and Mary took on before lockdown, walking in some very WARM temperatures to say the least. They will be talking about their expedition at our January meeting and showing some slides. That will be a good evening.

Talking of monthly meetings every month we plan a speaker or other entertainment which makes a talking point as well as talking about new trips or events, we have a book stall and members bring in blooms from their gardens or maybe there neighbours. We sometimes have competitions to raise funds for our overseas charity ACWW, supporting women's projects in many countries and there is always of social chat, friendly discussions and tea and cake.

Gaining new members is always good with new friendships forming. We have a Christmas party to look forward to, Christmas lights in the Windsor Forest and new year lunch. Requests for cookery demonstrations and more crafts are also on the agenda. Want to join our gang ... why not pop along for a visit.

Next meeting November 11th at the Memorial Hall start 7.15pm it is a Christmas Tasting Evening, with some bubbles thrown in. We would love to see you. Contact me if you have Linda Willcocks any queries.

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#### **BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB**

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, NOVEMBER!! Thomas Hood wrote his wellknown poem in the late 1880s when London suffered badly with smogs and many years

before the Clean Air Act. Thankfully life has improved since then and although the brilliant beauty of summer and colourful autumn are over, walking round Binfield in winter we'll still see winter evergreens and berries and our resident robins and blackbirds amongst others.

November is your last chance to prepare your soil before winter sets in. Soil can easily be damaged so make sure you dig up any unwanted plants and turn over your soil while it still contains some summer heat. Protect any bare patches of soil with mulch, compost, leaf mould or even plastic sheeting. This will make the soil easy to plant or sow into next spring. Perennials should be divided and pruned to soil level now to ensure they return next spring as healthy as ever.

Work from the middle outwards, pruning back quite harshly, especially if the plants are looking over-crowded. All annuals should have been removed, as they have nothing else to offer, replace these with winter bedding plants to keep the colour in your garden this winter.

At this moment, Carol Klein has a tv series which shows autumn progressing in her garden. She knows some people find tending their gardens challenging and thinks the main problems is lack of confidence. She says it's always a question of doing it and finding out for yourself.

The main basic rule is the right plant in the right place if you want plants to succeed. Plants will only grow well in soil that suits them so, to be able to choose and plant with success, we should check the acidity and alkalinity with a soil test. This fact was confirmed during our extremely interesting October Zoom meeting with Lois Philipps of the Soil Association.

WHAT IS SOIL? Well, it is 25% water 25% air 45% minerals and 5% organic matter.

Lois said, here in Binfield our soil is mainly clayey and the upside of that is a rich supply of nutrients but the downside is that it holds on to water. Such soil often gets



compacted lower down and the roots cannot grow on so it is important to add compost to make good soil – crumbly, an even brown colour, sweet smelling, lots of worms and with good drainage. If you can make your own compost remember these rules!

The best organic fertilisers are derived from plant or animal sources and may contain seaweed, hoof and horn, dried blood, bone meal, poultry manure pellets, liquid comfrey or

nettle feeds. We learnt so many interesting facts from Lois and she ended with a sobering quote

The former President of the United States of America, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, said "The nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself".

We look forward to our

November 4<sup>th</sup> talk on Planting Containers for Winter Colour and Spring Joy by Harriet Rycroft and members will be sent an easy link to watch on Zoom. We already have a full and interesting programme of speakers for the whole 2022 and it will soon be posted on our website,

binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com Do join in whenever you can. All very welcome. Happy gardening!!

Sue Jeffery

## BINFIELD3410K

#### 22nd May 2022 at 10am

We are back! We are so excited to let you know that the planning has begun for the Binfield 10K in 2022. After all the uncertainty of the last 18 months we can't wait to organise the 10K and have you all running round our village again. The run will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 and will begin as normal on Foxley Fields at 10am.

Thank you so much to all of you for your patience and support over the last 18 months. We are looking forward to starting organising again and we hope that our 5<sup>th</sup> run will be our best one ever. There are many ways for all of us to get involved, either by running the race or walking it, or by being a marshal on the day and supporting the runners as they navigate the course.

We are really hoping that all of our sponsors will join us again and welcome any new sponsors. Don't forget that the Binfield 10K committee are a team of volunteers and every single penny raised at the run is given back to local communities within the village and surrounding areas.

If you had already entered for our 2019 event then your place will be carried over automatically and you don't need to do anything. For those of you that are interested in participating next year, then **registrations will open on** 1st January 2022.

We really can't wait to get planning what we hope will be our biggest and best 10K yet. Keep in touch by visiting us on facebook or our website at www.binfield10k.co.uk.

If you would like to find out more about how you can help or are interested in being a sponsor or marshal or have any questions then please email <a href="mailto:enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk">enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk</a> and we will be glad to hear from you.

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The Binfield 10K Committee

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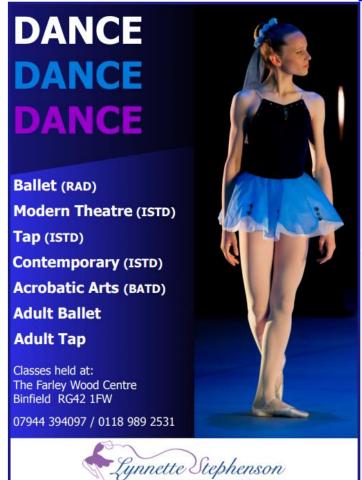


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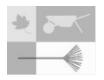
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News from the Parish Office - November 2021 (correct as of 13 October 2021)

#### **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.

#### November 2021

| Tuesday 9 November   | Parish Council                                      | 8pm       |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| Saturday 13 November | Parish Councillor Drop-In Session at the Foxes' Den | 10am-12pm |
| Tuesday 23 November  | Planning & Transportation Committee                 | 8pm       |

#### **Upcoming Events**

| Saturday 20 November | November Work Party with the Binfield Environment Group – find out more at: <a href="https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/event-info/november-work-party">https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/event-info/november-work-party</a> | 10am-2pm  |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Monday 29 November   | Switch On of the Binfield Christmas Tree lights – Come and join your community at the traditional lighting of the Christmas Tree with Carol singing and a festive treat.  | 6pm assemble<br>6:30pm Switch<br>On followed by<br>refreshments |

#### Parish Council Job Vacancies and farewell to Kirsty Sizeland

Many of our regular visitors to the parish office will be familiar with Kirsty, who has manned the window and the phone here at the Parish Office since 2017! Sadly, Kirsty is now off pursuing other activities aside from work and whilst we will all miss her, we wish her the very best of luck! In addition, the current Clerk, Ally, will be leaving her role at Christmas.

These changes mean a number of vacancies have arisen at the Parish Office. These are for the Parish Clerk (30 hours per week, Senior Role) and two Administrative Officers (15 hours per week). You can find out more about these roles here: <a href="https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-job-vacancies">https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-job-vacancies</a>. Application will be by CV with a covering letter and the deadline for applications is Monday 8 November, 2021 for the Administrative Roles and Friday 12 November, 2021 for the role of Parish Clerk. Please do get in touch if you would like to chat about either role.

#### In other News

- <u>Could you be a Parish Councillor?</u> 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. 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
- <u>Parish Council office opening hours</u> 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 13 November (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:
  <a href="https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk">https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>.
- <u>Community Grants</u> 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: <a href="https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants">https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants</a>
- Platinum Jubilee 2022 2022 marks the Platinum Anniversary for HM The Queen, commemorating 70 years on the throne. This is a landmark milestone and, as a nation, there will be lots of celebration. A Working Group has been established by the Parish Council and we are seeking views from lots of community groups and individuals who may wish to mark the occasion. If you would like to be involved, please contact the office using the contact details below.

#### Ally, Amanda, & Purveen

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#### Binfield Street Names Again - Some More Binfield History!

Some of these details are once more from local historian Robin Mosses' 1989 booklet.



Robin Mosses writes that the road was named after Alfred King, a saddler, and Benjamin Green, a painter, who built houses and the road in around 1895.



From about 1845 the Caswall family lived at a house, Elm Grove, in what is now Monks Alley, then at Binfield Place probably until 1926. An old postcard calls the Wick's Green and Forest Road junction Caswall Corner.



CHAPEL LANE | There was a small brickworks here and until 1817 this lane continued across what was then Binfield Common to the Stag & Hounds. The Chapel was built in 1877.

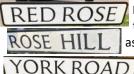


Foxley Lane was Biddles Lane in 1871 when there was a Foxley Home Farm there. Robin Mosses wrote that long ago the de Foxle family owned Ashridge Manor.

Said to have been called after a Scottish 'squatter' there in the early 1800's.

Pitt's Bridge and Pitt's Close. The bridge was built by William Pitt who lived in Binfield from the 1730s until he died in 1773. He was not one of the Prime Ministers of that name but a relation. He

lived at Binfield Lodge then bought the Manor in 1754 and rebuilt it, apparently at a cost of £36,000, a huge sum then. He also had Dorset and London houses.



Red Rose, Rose Hill, and York Road. A 1707 property was called Red Rose perhaps after the red rose token (peppercorn) rent or maybe the Duke of York's red rose as he was entitled to land here. In 1812 as Lord Warden of Windsor Forest he allowed a new Binfield Poor House to be built on Red Rose to replace the 1766 one nearby which had replaced an even older one in All Saints churchyard.

WILMOT CLOSE Sir Robert Wilmot was a racehorse trainer who lived and had his stables at Binfield Grove. After he died in 1931 his daughter Miss Norah Wilmot continued this and trained horses for the Queen

Mother. The Jockey Club refused women training licences so the Head Lad held this until a 1966 legal decision when Miss Wilmot was one of the first two women to be licenced.

Carolyn Bell



#### **Binfield Library News**

Well done to all the children who completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Certificates are on their way to your schools

so you can celebrate your success with friends and teachers. Keep an eye out for information on the Winter Mini Challenge.

You will be pleased to hear that children's events are starting again in Bracknell Libraries. Our regular Bounce and Rhyme Times are already popular. Here's details of the events now being held in Binfield Library. We look forward to seeing you at our library soon! Check the library website for the latest details

http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries

#### Children's events:

Bounce & Rhyme sessions for preschool children every Thursday at 9.30am. 50p.

#### **Adult events:**

Afternoon quiz on the first and third Thursday of the month, (4th November and 18th November), at 11am. 50p.

Knit and natter on the first Monday of the month at 2pm and third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm (1st November 2pm and 20th November 1.30pm).

Book group (drop-in) on the last Monday of the month at 5:45pm.

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**Anne Hayward** 



## **Community!**

We have missed you! And from the sounds of it lots of you have missed our fab community activities too. We are coming back – with even more to keep you getting out there...

For November we have a new treat – the Binfield Community Choir is starting on Monday evenings: sign up for your taster session here - bit.ly/choir\_taster\_session. There will be a fee for these sessions. First session 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The Crafternooners are back. We will be meeting every Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm for a FREE chat and craft. The current plan is to alternate a provided activity and a BYO project so that we can all have a nosey at what we are all crafting – don't craft alone!

We are also bringing back the FREE Board Games Night – this will always be the last Sunday of the month (it didn't work for Oct as that was Halloween and Dec won't be happening either!) So, for Nov 28<sup>th</sup> please bring along your favourite games and favourite people and let's get our game on!

Then there's Rhyme Time and Toddler crafts on Mondays, Lattes and laptops on Wednesdays, the Bereavement friendship group on Fridays and hopefully more to come – see you soon! *Thanks for reading - Claire* 

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#### SCARECROWS & HALLOWEEN

Thank you so much for all your support and patience while the village Scarecrow Hunt event was on during half-term. How many did you see? There was some amazing creativity yet again this year – well done to everyone who participated, created and organised it!





The Den was also visited by our resident scary witch again on the 31<sup>st</sup> October – we hope she didn't frighten you too much! We think we'll invite her again next year, but who knows if she'll behave herself or not...







## 1st BINFIELD SCOUT GROUP Charity CHRISTMAS POST scheme December 2021

The Scout Post is operated by the 1st Binfield Scout Group, providing a Christmas delivery service to any household with a <u>Binfield address</u>, and at the same time raising funds for the whole Scout Group.

We were sadly unable to run the Scout Post delivery scheme last year due to the pandemic. However, we very much hope that full service will be restored this Christmas.

Our special CHRISTMAS POST boxes will be out at various locations around Binfield during December. More details of these and final collection dates will be advertised in the December issue of the Binfield Beacon. Please keep a look out!

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## Celebrating our return with 'A Celebration of Mozart'

After eighteen months of virtual rehearsals, Bracknell Choral Society is delighted to be

meeting again in person and is celebrating a return to singing together with a concert of Mozart masterpieces. On Sunday November 21st in the Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, Binfield RG42 4AN, the society will be presenting two of Mozart's choral works, the beautiful and powerful Solemn Vespers and his final choral masterpiece, the well-loved Requiem. The concert will also include Mozart's majestic and celebratory Thirty-ninth Symphony, performed by the professional orchestra which will be joining the choir, the British Sinfonietta.

The musical director is **Greg Hallam** and the soloists are **Alexandra Stevenson**, soprano, **Sarah Anne Champion**, mezzo, **Will Wright**, tenor and **Jamie Wright**, bass.

For the safety of audience and performers, Newbold College has comprehensive Covid protocols in place, including mask wearing in some areas. In addition, we require all audience members to be double-vaccinated and we would recommend taking a lateral flow test on the day of the concert. Ticket numbers will be limited to maintain social distancing wherever possible.

The concert starts at 6pm. Tickets cost £15 (accompanied under - 18's free) and can be bought via our website

**www.bracknellchoral.org.uk** or from choir members. No refreshments will be available.

We will be rounding off our first term back together with our everpopular traditional **Carol Concert** in **Newbold College Church** on **Wednesday 15th December**. Further details will be on our website.

FIVE TALENTS AND ALL SAINTS, BINFIELD: SUPPORT - All Saints, Binfield has been championing Five Talents' work in Karamoja, Uganda, since 2019; we are so thankful for their continued support. What a year it's been! Their 2020 gift came at a time when COVID-19 had not long been declared as a 'global pandemic' and cases were beginning to emerge in Uganda; their 2021 gift sadly found the Delta variant causing another lockdown in Uganda too. But because of their support, our trainers were able to respond quickly to support Savings Groups to raise awareness, preparedness and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We're now seeing huge increased demand for our Savings Groups as more people see the value of having savings for a crisis, access to small loans to kickstart businesses again after lockdowns, and perhaps most of all, a supportive community group to help in the tough times.

#### **KEY IMPACTS**

We know that Savings Groups are a mechanism of resilience; enabling members to weather the storms of poverty, climate change and disease. 2020-2021 has been testament to this. COVID-19 collided with prolonged droughts and flash floods brought on by climate change, locust plagues and inter-communal conflicts (cattle rustling in Karamoja). It has been a challenging time for our partners and members, but there have been glimmers of hope through Savings Groups:

Karamoja, Uganda (programme established 2018; data as at 30 June 2021)

| Building capacity & community through Financial Literacy, Business Skills and COVID-19 Awareness, Preparedness & Prevention Training   | 2,138 members across 53 Savings Groups in Karamoja have received training. In addition, many have attended literacy and numeracy lessons.  |
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| Resilience through savings - Savings provide a safety net in emergencies and times of need. The discipline of saving also promotes planning for the future for themselves and across                               | £46,036 is currently held in savings across the programme - an average of £21.53 per member. This represents a significant 'safety net' for families in this region.   |
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Abe, Karamoja Savings Group Member

#### BINFIELD BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - REMEMBRANCE 2021

This year we will be having our usual short service at St Mark's Church at 10.30 am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The Russian Church will also be at St Mark's on that Saturday so please walk to the Church if possible, as there will be no parking at the Church or on Popeswood Road.

Due to trying to be sensible around Covid the 10 am Sunday service for Remembrance, will be slightly different this year. With regards to the youth organisations, we will only be having the colour parties at the church. Please be aware these arrangements could change, if Government guidelines change.

Poppies will be available around the village and your support is greatly appreciated. Due to covid last year, the Poppy appeal was heavily curtailed. In this, the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Royal British Legion, let's make it a good year. Please give generously. **Karen Hatt** 

#### **WANTED - BRIDGE PLAYERS**

Did you know that Binfield has it's own friendly social Bridge Club?



We meet every Monday afternoon at the Binfield Club, and enjoy duplicate bridge in safe, comfortable and relaxed surroundings with mid-afternoon refreshments.

If you are on your own we will find you a partner and, although we don't cater for complete beginners, please feel free to come along and dip your toe in the water even if your bridge is a bit rusty! You will be most welcome. For more details and to book-in ring Steve Webb on 01189 629069

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

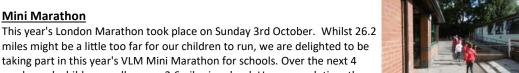
#### Y6 awarded their Red Tie

Our Y6 children were presented with their Red Responsibility Ties. The children applied for jobs at the beginning of the term and these have now all been successfully allocated. We wish all the children good luck in

their roles and thank them for their contribution to the school. We hope they will wear their red ties with pride this year as they carry out their responsibilities.







weeks each child can walk or run 2.6miles in school. Upon completion, the children will receive a commemorative pin to celebrate their achievement!





#### **Nurture Space**

Work on our new sensory room and nurture space is now completed. Both children and staff have really enjoyed the calming, wellbeing area. Sessions are either planned or ad-hoc depending on the need. The children have been really wowed by the environment and we are proud that our school now offers this amazing sensory space for them to benefit from.







#### The Learning Continues.....

Our children have had a busy few weeks. The highlights include our Reception children having a visitor, "Harry the hedgehog". The Year 6 children learnt about using texture in painting while Year 1 investigated shadows and how they move in our playground. Our Y4 children enjoyed repeating patterns using paint.







#### Are you looking for a school place in September 2022?

Please come along to Binfield to see what our fantastic school can offer

We have 3 Prospective Parents Open Morning planned for 09.30am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Please visit our website to request your place on one of these mornings.

www.binfieldschool.co.uk/prospective-parents

If you are unable to make an Open Morning, please take a look at our virtual tour also found on our website using the link above.



In the absence of a large Christmas Bazaar again this year, FOBS are looking forward to still bringing all the magic and sparkle of the festive season to you.

Look out on our website for more details of events and activities open to all in Binfield to enjoy!



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#### **Green (and Blue) Corridors**

2022 will be Bracknell Forest Council's Year of the Green Corridor. Local environment groups will be supporting this and celebrating all the different things that make Bracknell Forest one of the greenest council areas in England.

Bracknell Forest Council has already been hard at work improving the sign-posting of a series of walks that explore tree-lined and river-side routes around the borough. In Binfield you can explore The Cut Countryside Corridor which stretches from Larks Hill to Blue Mountain visiting Garth Meadows, Piggy Wood and the copses to the north of Jocks Lane. Nearby you can try The Bullbrook Countryside Corridor



which links Longhill Park to Westmorland Park via Lily Hill Park and Clinton's Hill.

As well as being interesting walks in themselves, they connect up some of the borough's lesser known green-spaces. The Bull Brook is a tributary of the River Cut, which is itself a tributary of the Thames. The Bull Brook emerges in a Bullbrook housing estate and runs north to pass behind Tescos to reach Westmorland Pond. There is easy walking along the brook and this section is tree-lined and passes by some attractive, nature-rich green-spaces. There are fish in the river here and a range of wildlife uses the corridor from bats to beetles. Watch out for a heron using the roof of a nearby house as a vantage point.

At the time of writing, the maps on sign-boards at both sites are more up-to-date than the maps available on Bracknell Forest Council's website. I recommend that you find one of these sign-boards (e.g. there is one at the eastern end of Jock's Copse) and take a photograph of the map before exploring.

You can find out more about the green-spaces that make up the two countryside corridors here - <a href="https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/suitable-alternative-natural-greenspaces">https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/suitable-alternative-natural-greenspaces</a>.

Bracknell Forest Council and Binfield Parish Council are also discussing the possibility of developing another countryside corridor linking up some of the green-spaces in the west and south of Binfield.

Binfield Environment Group will be running a series of events next summer to show off some of these green corridors and the nature that uses them. Between now and then we will be running our monthly work-parties on the third Saturday of each month. The next few are listed below and will all start at 10am.

- November 20th Farley Copse work party trimming holly and tidying fence-line near entrance.
- December 18th Wicks Green work party. Tasks include: tidying round rhododendrons, tidying wild-flower area, selective cutting back of black-thorn and coppicing.
- January 15th Amen Corner North box hanging and possibly tree planting.
- February 19th Wicks Green work party. Tasks left over from December and possibly tree-planting.

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



#### **Bracknell Branch Update**

October has arrived and so has the autumn weather, but the call to muster of the Bracknell Branch of the RNA still sounds loud and clear.

23 Members and our guests were welcomed to the Binfield Club, for the monthly mix of formal RNA

business and then, as always, we are treated to moving and thought-provoking insight into many different topics. This month was no exception, as guest speaker Colin van Geffen guided us through the life and history of both Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson and his famous ship HMS Victory.

On top of a fun-filled Branch meeting it's been a busy few weeks for us. Four Shipmates were allowed on to the roof of Bracknell Town Council building to hoist the "Red Duster" in preparation for Merchant Navy Day. On the 3rd September, S/Ms Anthony & June Boddrell, travelled up to Nottingham



for the National Conference. At the Conference Vice Admiral John McAnally stood down as the National President after 21 years and Vice Admiral Duncan Potts was welcomed to the position. On Sunday 12th September, the Branch was represented at the Naval Associations Biennial Parade in Whitehall forming part of the colour party and ceremony.







However, it's not all about the pomp and circumstance with the RNA Bracknell. Also, in the last few weeks some members were lucky enough to visit the Submarine Museum at Gosport. 12 Shipmates explored the galleries at the

Museum, HMS Alliance and Holland 1 (or HM Submarine Torpedo Boat No 1) - a jolly good day out for all.

It's also been a busy month for our Associated Sea Cadet Unit in Maidenhead with S/Ms Nigel Carpenter and Martin Powell attended the Annual Awards Evening at the Unit. It had been a splendid event and a credit to the Unit and the supporting parents. Along with all the usual training and messing about on the water the cadets have attended 3 different community events. First was the Annual Duck Derby arranged by the Lions Club where the cadets gather 3000+ plastic ducks used in a duck race. They also attended a new event which is run by a charity in Maidenhead which is committed to restoring the old waterways that run through Maidenhead - their Waterways Fun Day seemed to be a hit with cadets and adults in attendance, both on and off the water! They also attended the Boundary Walk where they provided a ferry service to those completing the Walk to cross back over the river.

For further information, please contact our Branch Secretary, S/M June Boddrell at <a href="mailto:secretary.bracknellrna@gmail.com">secretary.bracknellrna@gmail.com</a> or by telephone on 01344 311869. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours aye S/M Marcus Carpenter

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