

The Binfield Beacon



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

April 2022



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SERVICES & DIARY

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.

SERVICES

APRIL 2022

Sunday 3rd April	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 10th April	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
Thursday 14th April	7.30pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY
MAUNDY THURSDAY		(A reflective communion service)
Friday 15th April	2.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY
GOOD FRIDAY		(An hour at the Cross - A Meditative Service)
Sunday 17th April		EASTER SUNDAY
EASTER SUNDAY	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Celebration with Communion (Followed by a Children's Egg Hunt)
Sunday 24th April	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion

MAY 2022

Sunday 1st May	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service

DIARY

APRIL 2022

Saturday 2nd	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
Thursday 7th	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Thursday 14th	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Wednesday 20th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thursday 21st	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sunday 24th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tuesday 26th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wednesday 27th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thursday 28th	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church

MAY 2022

Sunday 1st	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thursday 5th	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church



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

For more information contact Michael Hawkins (01344 411681)



**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, GAMES AND
MUCH MORE!**

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



We are delighted to announce
that 3G, a baby and toddler
group, is restarting on

**Wednesday, 27th April at the usual time of 10.00 a.m. -
11.30 am**, during term time, at St Mark's Church,
Popeswood Road, Binfield.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Mums and
Dads, Carers and Grandparents over coffee and cake, also
with refreshments for the little ones. There will be the usual
toys, craft, story and singing plus our prayer song to
close. We assure you of a very warm welcome and a fun
time for the children.

Jan Watts and Team

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 2nd April and Saturday 7th May

The Men's Monthly Walk takes place on the 1st Saturday
of each month. We start at 7.45am from the car park at
Oakmede Shops. The walk lasts approximately 1 hour.

Be ready for all weathers!

For more information contact Kim Swain
on 07894 469633 or kim.swain1@gmail.com

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.

6th Apr - NO WALK

20th Apr - 9am meet Foxes' Den

4th May - 9am meet Foxes' Den

18th May - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information
contact either:
Gisele on 07724 889169
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 26th April at 12 noon

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

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



As the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues, it can be difficult to find a sense of hope amongst such heartbreak. These stories are putting the generosity of the human spirit in full display.

Strollers at the Station

Photojournalist Francesco Malavolta was at a train station in Poland, hoping to document the arrival of refugees in the station when he noticed something. Empty strollers, some of which contained blankets and clothes, were lined up on a platform at the Przemyśl station, which sits at the border crossing between Ukraine and Przemyśl, Poland. The strollers were left behind by Polish parents for Ukrainian mothers fleeing with babies. "I thought of them both, about the solidarity of those who brought the strollers and the dramatic stories of mothers fleeing the war," Malavolta told TODAY. He snapped a photo and uploaded it to social media. It wasn't long before the powerful image went viral. "There is a strong feeling of solidarity," he said. "There should always be and for everyone, regardless of the starting points of the most fragile."

Sheltering with Strangers

Thousands of German residents have offered housing, food, clothes and other necessities to Ukrainians who have fled their home country after the Russian military attacks began. With posters in hand, indicating the type of support they can provide, Germans stand at Berlin's central railway station, waiting to greet Ukrainians.

April, a Ukraine native who has been living in Germany for a year, is one of the many volunteers offering emotional and material support. "The least I can do is help people who were able to escape," she told NPR. "It's very important for me that my fellow Ukrainians feel welcome here, especially the children." Other volunteers are offering transportation, providing emergency accommodation, gifting mobile SIM cards and matching refugees with people who are offering rooms in their homes—a powerful example of the kindness of strangers.

A Web of Help

In 2019, Mercer Island High School student Avi Schiffmann developed ncov2019.live, one of the first and largest websites used to track the spread of the coronavirus around the world. This year, on February 27, Schiffman, now a Harvard student, had another idea. He decided to build another site that would help Ukrainian refugees find hosts in neighboring countries throughout Europe and all over the world. With the help of his classmate, Marco Burstein, an 18-year-old computer coder, Schiffman launched Ukraine Take Shelter, an independent platform in 12 languages that allows Ukrainians to find hosts offering spare rooms, childcare support, disability support and legal assistance.

"It's really cool to develop something like that all the way from home and actually have it help people across the entire world, in a country I didn't really ever think about a few

months ago," Schiffman told KIRO Newsradio. The website currently has over 4,000 listings in countries like Germany, Poland, Iceland and Australia. Within the first week of its launch, dozens of refugees were able to find shelter. Burstein, who feels grateful to have his family around and to live in a safe environment, told *The Washington Post*, "We felt it was our turn to give back."

A Noble Lesson

When war broke out in Ukraine and residents began to flee the country, Oleksiya Kayokhtin, a history teacher in the southeastern city of Mariupol, decided to stay. The 33-year-old teacher who has taught in Ukraine for the last decade, refused to leave helpless children behind. "I stay in town no matter what," Kayokhtin told ABC News. "I said I won't leave my children even if I'm killed." He helped evacuate an entire orphanage to Zaporizhia shortly after Putin declared war on Ukraine and took children, seniors and disabled people to a bomb shelter. He provides food and warm clothes for everyone in the bunker, which is currently sheltering 400 kids. While stepping out to find supplies, Kayokhtin put himself in danger and came in contact with military forces on the street. "We were driving past the so-called DPR (Donetsk People's Republic), bringing bread, and the troops started shooting for some reason, although there's a sign of humanitarian aid on our car," Kayokhtin said. "Somehow God helped us." With the help of two other people, a medical worker and a driver, he plans to continue helping children for as long as he needs to, with hopes that one day he'll continue teaching.

These stories of human kindness offer hope, inspiration and comfort. I guess the question is, will we do the same thing when we have the opportunity?



Jesus said this, *Do to others, what you want them to do to you. Matthew chapter 7 verse 12.*

Stories taken from <https://www.guideposts.org/inspiration/inspiring-stories/stories-of-hope/help-for-ukraine-how-the-human-spirit-shines-during-the-darkest-of-times>

Luke

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Chiara Grey Rosaria Gildersleeves-Pierce
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All Saints' Church

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PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

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

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

If you would like to sign up to receive emails from

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 01344 421079
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 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 01344 421079 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 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for more information or to make a booking.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hi Everyone,

The kids and youth groups have been busy over the last month, and have more excitement to come in April! Here's what we've been doing...



At Whizz Kids we've been continuing our series called 'God is...' where we find out about some of the characteristics of God. So far we've learned that He is wise, kind, merciful, faithful, good, loving, eternal and holy! Each week when we find out about a new characteristic, we do something to help us remember it, and our favourite week so far has been learning about holiness, because we all got a doughnut to remind us that God is 'hole-y'!



We have our Easter Egg-stravaganza on 5th April, which many of you have already signed up for. This will be a morning of fun and faith, exploring the Easter story through interactive activities, playing games and having fun! We're really looking forward to seeing lots of you there.



At Oasis we celebrated pancake day a day late with our own pancake decorating competition. Some of them definitely ended up with more toppings than pancake, but it was great to see what everyone came up with!

We also play a weekly round of 'Taskmaster', where we set the group an obscure task and see what they come up with in response. A personal favourite week has been to 'do an impression of a leader' which was very insightful!



In addition to our usual fun, games and toasties, we have been looking at mental wellbeing and some helpful coping strategies. Taking a short time to reflect and think about ourselves is really helpful when we get stressed or overwhelmed by life, and it's good to have others to talk with who are going through the same things.

The Oasis team also helped to decorate and serve at the Barn Dance fundraiser in March, where they sold cakes and desserts, and served the hotdogs too! A big thank you to the girls who gave up their evening to help make the night fun.

We've had a great month, and we're excited for April and all that Easter brings!



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

**WHIZZ KIDS
EASTER
EGG-STRAVAGANZA**



**JOIN US ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL
FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FAITH**

**INCLUDING GAMES, CRAFT,
INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORIES,
DRAMA, AND BISCUIT
DECORATING!**



**St. Mark's Church
9:30am-12pm
£3 per child, £2 per sibling**



Please email daisy for more info or to book
your child in! daisyridell@gmail.com



OASIS YOUTH GROUP

For girls in school years 7-10

**A SPACE TO HANG OUT, PLAY GAMES, AND TALK
ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH**

St. Mark's Church, Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm

CONTACT DAISYRIDELL@GMAIL.COM

COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

LOOKING TO FIND NEW THINGS TO DO IN YOUR LOCAL AREA:

Get more exercise?

Learn a new skill?

Meet new people?

Bracknell Forest Social Prescribers can give you a call and help you find a friendly group or club near you.

Call 01344 35 2000 and request a ring back.

Or request your GP to refer you.

Information available at:

www.health.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/social-prescription

BRANTS BRIDGE, BRACKNELL:

Brants Bridge is continuing to treat **MINOR INJURIES**.

Telephone direct: 01344 551100. Firstly, please telephone 111 to find out if this is the most appropriate service for your needs.

Call 999 for life-threatening conditions.

WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT BINFIELD SURGERY:

Please access the internet on www.binfieldsurgery.co.uk where you will find all available information. If you do not have access to the internet please contact surgery reception after 11.00am Monday through Friday on 01344 286264 with the relevant question/s that you wish to ask.

BOWEL CANCER:

If bowel cancer is found early enough, there's an excellent chance of successful treatment. If you are aged 60-74 years old and have not received your free screening test kit, please contact 0800 707 6060 or on the internet:

www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk/bowel

ANTIBIOTICS:

Antibiotics should only be used on your GP's advice and are not suitable for many conditions. If your GP prescribes antibiotics then they should work. In all cases please listen to your GP's advice and ALWAYS finish the course you have been prescribed.

TELEPHONE 111:

111 is the NHS non-emergency number. It 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE:

It is important to check your blood pressure regularly. If you can lower your blood pressure the risk of stroke, heart attack, heart failure are significantly reduced.

WHAT CAN BE DONE:

1. Improve nutrition and reduce salt consumption – please visit https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/files/docs/public/heart/dash_brief.pdf for information.
2. Improve calorie balance to reduce excess body weight.
3. Personal behaviour change on diet, physical activity, alcohol and smoking.
4. Regular monitoring of blood pressure for those aged over 40

If when checking your blood pressure the top number is above 145 (145/85 for example) please contact the surgery for further advice.

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



Party 'Bye' The Pitch Saturday 2nd July 2022 4pm – 10pm

1st Binfield Scouts and Binfield Cricket Club are very pleased to announce that "Party Bye the Pitch" will be back at the Cricket Club this year. Live Music, BBQ, Licensed Bar, Fete Stalls, Children's Entertainer and more!

Put the date in your diary now!

Tickets on Sale in June. More details to follow soon.

@PartyByThePitch
www.facebook.com/partybythepitch
partybythepitch@gmail.com



MESSAGE FROM DOCTOR VITALIY HERHEL:

I am a Ukrainian born doctor and I work as a GP at Binfield Surgery in Bracknell.

Devastating and sad developments in my country are happening. I have an opportunity to contribute with vital supplies of various medications and dressings.

I am trying to raise funds to be able to pay for medicines. I aim to do this on an ongoing basis and send them to Ukraine.

We, as a nation, will be grateful to you, who contributes anything! Every pound matters.

Please see the website:

**[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/vitaliy-herhel?](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/vitaliy-herhel?utm_term=QgWDXQdb5)
[utm_term=QgWDXQdb5](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/vitaliy-herhel?utm_term=QgWDXQdb5)**

FUNDRAISING NEWS



Cemetery Work Underway

Thank you so much to those who have given generously to our Cemetery GoFundMe campaign so far. We have been able to make a great start on work in the grounds, which has already made a huge difference. Accessibility has been improved, with the paths and steps being made easier to navigate.

We would love some more input on this space – watch out for more details on how soon – and the campaign remains open for donations to support further work!

We're also happy to now be able to put on more events to help raise funds for our projects. Thanks as always for your support, please get in touch if you'd like to get involved!

Events and Activities

Wow, what a fantastic night we had at the family **Barn Dance!** The Scamping Rogues were brilliant and we're very grateful that they came to lead us in such a fun evening of music and dancing to support our fundraising. A big thank you to Daisy and her Youth groups who were all stars decorating the venue and did such a great job helping to run the evening. Thanks to all who joined in!

Pop down to our **Easter Plant Sale** at the Foxes Den Café this month – we have always been lucky to have some fantastic plants and seedlings on offer to brighten up your garden. Thanks to all those who have donated.

This year's **Binfield Doorstep Sale Trail** is taking place on Saturday 23rd April (rain day 24th April). Please check our website for all the information including the link to sign up to host your own stall! It's another great community day!



Fundraising for the Binfield Cemetery

To find out more and to donate, please go to:
gofundme.com/f/binfield-cemetery-fundraising



SCAN ME



Easter Plant Sale

Saturday 9th April until
Sunday 17th April 2022

at The Foxes' Den Cafe, Binfield
during opening hours

We'd still appreciate any donations of plants or cuttings. Please get in touch!
fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

All proceeds to the Church Care Project



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 '**Church Care**', '**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 + a reference (as above)** 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:
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www.facebook.com/AllSaintsWithSt.Marks

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Binfield: Registered Charity No: 1149382



COMMUNITY NEWS



Registered Charity Number: 256408

Thames Voyces, a Bracknell based chamber choir, is recruiting!

Are you an experienced singer, good at sight reading (we tend to learn things quickly) and looking to commit to a new challenge? If so, Thames Voyces is in need of you. We currently have vacancies in all parts, but particularly sopranos and basses where the need is greatest (4), but also tenors (3) and we even could do with an extra alto!

The process to join is easy. Using the contact details below, you will be invited to attend two or three rehearsals followed by a simple audition and if all is well, that's it.

Our repertoire is varied (including 4 concerts a year) and importantly, we are a friendly group who enjoy singing together and when possible, socialising together too.

Contact: secretary@thamesvoyces.org.uk

www.thamesvoyces.org.uk



EASTER LILIES



Each year at Easter, we have had a display of lilies in All Saints' Church, and the names of family and friends that are no longer with us, displayed on a scroll with the flowers.

Inspired by the late Jan Vigar, this poignant way to honour our loved ones, will continue as Jan's legacy.

Easter is a time when we think about how the resurrection gives us hope.

God has promised us eternal life and He has prepared a place for each one of us in His kingdom where we will meet our loved ones again one day.

If you would like to include the name of a loved one who has died, please email the Church Office office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk by **Sunday 10th April.**

This year, we will be **starting a new list of names**, so even if you had people on the list before, please make sure you let us know, otherwise they will not be included.

(There will be a new list each year, so please make sure you tell us each year)

Voluntary donations would be very much appreciated and will be put directly into the flower arranging budget.

Donations via BACS please ref: **FLOWERS**
Cash donations can be dropped off at the office,
(Please add a note that it is for FLOWERS)

If you require any more information please contact Liz Hall 07850 799434



Little Helpers Have Big Impact on Environment

You're never too young to clean up after yourself.

Early Years students at Newbold School are learning about how to care for the environment as they explore the Binfield woodland during their weekly Forest School lessons.



"I collect litter on our walks," said Early Years Teacher Mrs. Mel Jennings. "The children notice that, as they observe beautiful natural items during activities, I am collecting plastic and other waste materials. We even find items with teeth marks made by local wildlife."

The teacher said that this experience has led to many environmental responsibility discussions and a deep desire in the children to take care of their environment.

On March 25, 2022, Newbold School will be participating in the Great Big School Clean, a nationwide effort to clean up communities. Participation in the event helps the school make progress towards their goal of earning an Eco School Award. Mrs. Vicky Stanborough, Newbold's Forest School Leader and

Eco School coordinator, has inspired the children to fully embrace this challenge.

Eco Schools are noted for involving their local community and leading change that results in more sustainable, environmentally responsible behaviour.

Collective responsibility for protecting nature is taught to all year groups at the Christian primary school. Newbold's family-like atmosphere, small class sizes and attentive teachers allows for children to learn respect for each other and the world around them in a nurturing, friendly and safe environment.

"We here at Newbold believe in the real, lasting impact that children can have on their communities and environment, and we aim to make sure that it is a good one," said Mrs. Jaki Crissey, Newbold School's head teacher. **Bjorn Karlman**



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Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The **BINFIELD 10K**

We are full!

**10am Sunday
22nd May 2022**



At the time of writing we have around 8 weeks until the Binfield 10K and we are so excited! All of our places are filled and we have 850 runners signed up to run on the day and we can't wait to welcome you all. Unfortunately, this means the entries are now closed and you will no longer be able to enter.

If you have a place and you no longer wish to run, then you will be able to transfer your place to a friend – but only up until 15th April. From this point onwards, we are unable to offer any transfers or swaps. If you would like to swap with someone then please do by visiting thebinfield10k.eventize.co.uk

We are very busy behind the scenes organising marshals, sponsors, volunteer groups and we know that this year our event will be better than ever! On the field we will have the wonderful Foxes' Den providing coffee and cakes, as well as our usual BBQ providing bacon rolls, hot dogs and burgers. We will also have a bouncy castle and a couple of other activities on the field.

We are still in need of some marshals though, so if you are able to help, please send an email to volunteers@binfield10k.co.uk. Our marshals are some of the best in the area, and they really do provide invaluable support to our runners, so if you would like to help, then please do get in touch.

If you are a local business, then there is still time for you to become a sponsor. Our sponsors are a key part of the Binfield 10K and we cannot run it without you. The race is expensive to organise and due to the kindness of our sponsors, we are able to donate ALL of our profits to local charities in and around the village. This year we are pleased to announce our partnership with Thames Valley Air Ambulance – a charity close to all of our hearts and they will be the charity of choice for the next two years.

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THE BINFIELD BELLES

March winds will blow and we shall have snow... so the rhyme goes. We have had plenty of wind but let's not hope for snow. Our WI like most groups are enjoying coming out of the cold to meet up again...it feels good, although with war raging in Ukraine celebrations seem out of order, but we must push on and help in the only way we can. Like many we have collected clothing and all manner of items to be sent. Pray for their safe passage to other countries and welcome from here. Our ladies of the WI helped in the war effort to support our men at war in the forties. WI members played a big part in the war effort to help feed a nation by growing vegetables everywhere they could and bottling and making jams etc. Some of our members still have allotments in the village or grow in their gardens.

Others knitted....socks, gloves, balaclavas etc to send to our troops and the tradition goes on with our knitters in their group, meeting every month to knit and chat! Currently the group project is for Pom Poms, red, white and blue to adorn the diamond in the village for the Platinum Jubilee and more in silver and purple to decorate at the crossroads. Other members bring craft that they are working on, it is a great social way to meet other members and for our new members.

I remember buying books for my kids....Where's Wally? They had a great time looking for him, I see he is still around, but **Where's Winnie?** that's the latest from the WI Federation.

The royal corgi has arrived on the scene. There is a pattern to knit corgis for the jubilee and there will be a special one to find somewhere in the UK with a special prize.



So our WI will be knitting corgis in all colours using old, new and recycled wool, so watch out for Winnie on your travels....more of that next month.

We have had 2 meetings since my last article, 3D Art in February with Jane Fletcher, who has created artwork with a difference which she is mainly displaying in hospitals and community areas using everyday items in the picture but with an apt slogan. The talk and slides were inspiring and she sent a message about creating our own picture boards and using it as a way to display memorabilia.

Our meeting in March was our AGM a time to bring in a new committee and officers to run the group, always a nostalgic night, old committee leaving and some of our new members being welcomed on board. They will be meeting to decide on a President, Secretary and Treasurer before our next get together in April. Socially the AGM is great to chat with old friends and draw in our new members so they meet the group.

Jubilee celebrations are moving on and our Platinum lunch will be on June 17th in St Mark's Church. Lunch, 50's dress and music, plenty of chat and after our lunch our speaker will be Lady Rosemary Muir (I missed her first name from the piece last month, sorry), who was an attendant to Her Majesty on that Coronation Day.

More trips and activities are planned for the future months, our **next meeting is on 14th April at the Binfield Memorial Hall at 7.15pm, our speaker is Ailsa Claybourne with something for the Twitchers our Berkshire Birds.** Visitors welcome, we still have a new members list but are welcoming some into our group in Aprils....Spring is on its way! Please contact me for more information.

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Berkshire Family History Society also has a two-part online course in early May on this very subject. As a registered charity, number 283010, most of our events are open to all to enjoy, whether you're a member of the society or not. Pre-booking is required as places are limited. **Sat 7th & 14th May - House Histories Course (Zoom) with Margaret Simons £20**

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COMMUNITY NEWS



BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Life came full circle on Thursday March 3rd. Nearly two years ago when everything was closed down, we had our very first club Zoom meeting – it was a steep learning curve for us all but Angela and Graham O’Connell helped guide us through that first session telling us all about the National Garden Scheme. This month they were able to join us in person at the Memorial Hall to tell us more of the Perils and Pleasures of opening your garden.

Prior to their talk, chairman Ralph opened our AGM with a round-up of how the club kept going last year with Zoom meetings and newsletters and a small Social gathering at Christmas. Members had been thanked for their support through all this by everyone receiving the gift of a garden voucher. Roland, our treasurer gave a summary of our accounts which remain healthy. An amazing amount had been raised by members selling their plants from their homes in lieu of our annual plant sale. **This year our plant sale will be on May 5th** and is not just for funds but to attract new people interested in gardening who hopefully may join us! Keep the date!

Ralph announced with regret that our secretary, Karen was stepping down from her post. She has helped guide us through all the problems of Covid and been a tremendous support and friend to all for many years. Karen was presented with a gift and bouquet with grateful thanks from the club. Members present voted their support for the committee to continue for the coming year.



Ralph then welcomed and introduced Angela and Graham. They gave us such an interesting talk, showing the derelict garden they began with and their amazing work to develop it into one which attracts hundreds of visitors a year and helps raise the fantastic amounts of money for several nursing charities. As Berkshire county

organisers of the NGS they described how the scheme had adapted to the pandemic challenge with virtual garden tours

online. These were free to watch but donations were requested and 3.3 million views took place. As restrictions loosened a little, pre-booked timed tickets were allowed with numbers strictly limited. Plant sales were still held and online talks. The Great British Garden Parties scheme was begun where anyone can hold a party in their own garden and raise funds.

Angela and Graham are delighted that life is all back to normal apart from

some small gardens which still have pre-booked timed tickets. They love opening their garden, Oakleigh in Frimley Green. It’s a lots of work preparing and Angela described all the cakes she bakes,

how much milk must be bought, road signs and posters displayed. Their visitors range in number from 40 in the rain to 300 on a good day. Everyone agrees that the importance of our gardens and open spaces is so important for well-being. Gardens open for charity will be in full swing this year, so visit ngs.org.uk for all details.

Our monthly competition is now resumed and the winners of the Pot of Flowering Bulbs were 1st Nancy Bowen, 2nd Trudy Inge, 3rd Carol Frazer, 4th Hazel White. Well Done!

Our next meeting will be on **7th April** and is all about dahlias. Richard Ramsey, of Withypitts Dahlias nurtures and sells all sorts of Dahlias and will bring many samples for sale. It promises to be a good evening so do come along and join us – guests and visitors very welcome. We always have a popular raffle and our competition is for a cactus or succulent so bring one along!

More information on binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com or email Roland at wal1@btinternet.com

Sue Jeffery



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COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office – April 2022

Community Governance Review

Residents are being encouraged to have their say on the Bracknell Forest Community Governance Review (CGR) to determine if the current parish and town council wards are meeting the needs of the local community.

Before the next local election in 2023, Bracknell Forest Council is required to carry out a review of all the parish and town council wards in the borough. This is to make sure residents have the right number of councillors, and the ward boundaries support the local communities they cover.

This is residents' first opportunity to have their say, with a further consultation to follow in the summer. The first stage of the consultation will run until Sunday 8 May 2022.

It has been nearly 20 years since parish and town council boundaries were last reviewed and there has been a lot of change in some areas. All residents will have the opportunity to give their ideas and suggestions to the process.

The goal of the review is to ensure parish and town councils are working as effectively as they should be. It also ensures that they reflect the identity and interests respective of their local communities.

How to get involved and further information

We would encourage as many residents as possible to take part in the consultation.

If you would like to know more about the review or would like to submit comments to Bracknell Forest Council, please visit <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/community-governance-review>

Alternatively, please pop into the Parish Office and have a chat with us.

Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

April 2022

Tuesday 05 April	Amenity Committee	8pm
Saturday 09 April	Councillor Drop-In Session (The Foxes' Den community cafe)	10am – 12pm
Tuesday 12 April	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 26 April	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

Future Events

Sunday 22 nd May	Binfield 10K – Sold out but still require volunteers/marshals	8am-12noon
Saturday 4 th June	1950's Platinum Jubilee Party -looking for community groups/stalls and Marshalls	3-9pm

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Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Tracey and Alisa

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Foxes' Den

COFFEE FOOD COMMUNITY



Happy Easter from the Den!

It's that time of year again! Daffodils are nodding in the sunshine (or drooping under heavy showers), the birds are tweeting away in the mornings and shop shelves are loaded up with pricy chocolate eggs... over here at the Den we are looking forward to supporting the Binfield Easter Egg Hunt that is running 9th-17th April. We will have our egg on display and will be open for the duration for maps and toilet stops! And, of course, our fabulous toasties and milkshakes!

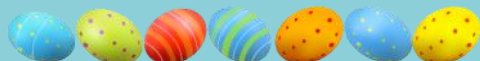
UPCOMING EVENT: We are very excited to be hosting our first charity fashion show! Save the date: Thursday May 12th. There will be local businesses, a catwalk, refreshments and proceeds go to BEAT an eating disorder charity.

FEATURED GROUP: Thursday afternoon 'Crafternooners'. This group is free to attend and is an adult crafting group where we bring in our own projects or offer a structured craft for us all to work on together. 1pm – 3pm.

If you have more ideas for community sessions please get in touch!

Claire x

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Who still hasn't been in to see us?

It does still happen, but not as often now: someone will come into the Den and say "Ooh, I didn't know this was here" or "I've been meaning to pop in and see what it's like in here". We always reply with a "Thank you for coming to see us – welcome to the Foxes' Den!".

And we really mean it; please feel free to pop in and see what we're all about – you don't need to buy a coffee; just come and say hello and help with the community jigsaw (if you want to!) or potter in the community mindfulness garden. We are a community café, which means that we are here for our Binfield Community (we are 65% charity with the sole purpose of supporting our community).

With that in mind if you have an idea of what we can do to support activities and folk around Binfield please do pop in for a chat.

Board Games Night is back!

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COMMUNITY NEWS



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

Sports news

On Thursday 24th February

we returned to Sporting events following the Half-term break. We competed in the Year 3 Indoor Athletics competition. The event was split across a morning and an afternoon heat. Every child in the squad of 12 was



required to compete in at least 1 run, 1 jump and 1 throw. The children performed brilliantly and gave their all in each discipline. Unfortunately we finished outside the medals but the children gained a lot from the experience.

The learning fun continues!

Enrichment Week

Last week we had our Enrichment Week - "Words, Words, Words." Post-lockdown, we have noticed that a lot of our children have found the technicalities of writing (handwriting, spelling and punctuation) more tricky. Our Enrichment Week focused on getting our hands warmed up before writing, spending quality time to ensure our writing was neat and joined correctly and also to practise our spellings.

Spellings have been a particular issue for us as a school recently, so we were so pleased with how hard the children worked to improve their spellings during the week. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our PTA (FOBS) for funding the week for us. Spelling was made so much more fun with the range of equipment we had - letter beads, scratch art paper, sand, playdoh, letter scrabble tiles and more. Please take a look at the pictures to see what we got up to.



World Book Day

Last week the children and staff joined in with World Book Day by dressing up as book characters and taking part in book themed activities during their lessons. We have captured some of the fun in the photos below. Please visit Twitter to see more videos of the fun the children had in the classroom.



Outdoor Learning

The children have been making the most of the recent sunshine and using our outside spaces to continue their learning. The Reception children used our parachute to practise their listening skills and follow instructions in their outside



space. They also made tens frames using sticks and then had an extra challenge of representing 9 using their frames. Maths is so much fun outside!

Community News

Last week our school community once again showed their kindness & generosity and came together to collect donations for the Ukrainian refugees. We collected almost half a tonne of much needed items which should arrive to those in need in the next week. Our children helped other volunteers to sort out all of the donations before they were collected by the charity.



And this week the show must go on!

Our Year 3 & 4 children have been busy learning their lines, practising their dance moves and putting on their face paint on in order to put on our production of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies to our parents and rest of the school.



COMMUNITY NEWS



The white-tailed eagle is the UK's largest bird of prey. These incredible birds were driven to persecution early in the twentieth century with the last one probably dying in Shetland in the 1920s.

There is strong evidence, both in terms of place names and archaeological finds, that the white-tailed eagle was native to the Thames Valley and probably gave its name to Earley, which is the Old English name for 'eagle wood'.



In the 1970s a reintroduction program was started in Scotland centred on the Isle of Rhum. A similar programme started on the Isle of Wight in 1999 with a small number of young birds being released every year for five years. Young white-tailed eagles range far and wide, before returning to where they were raised, when they are two to three years old, to try and establish a breeding territory. One of the Isle of Wight birds has travelled to the north of Scotland, probably meeting the eagles there; another has been to Denmark; while a third has travelled south through France and Spain. In 2020, one of the young birds joined the red kites in the Chilterns for a while and another has recently been seen in the Blackwater Valley.

The Isle of Wight project team have been studying what the

birds eat. There is a fear amongst farmers that they will take lambs. The Isle of Wight birds do take a wide range of prey from rabbits to cuttlefish. They have been seen catching corvids, gulls and other similar sized birds. They will also eat carrion and ambush other birds to steal their prey. Their size and shape means that they are not the most manoeuvrable of raptors, so their two main methods of hunting are fishing in shallow water and dropping from a perch. It is likely that a white-tailed eagle will eat a dead lamb and it is possible that it will kill a sick lamb. However, it is unlikely that the eagle would be able to catch a fit lamb, especially one that was being guarded by its mother.

It is likely that these incredible birds will be increasingly common in our skies and I am looking forward to seeing one in our area. A recent attempt to see them near Poole Harbour was unsuccessful but gave us a great excuse to explore a surprisingly unspoilt part of Dorset.

Unfortunately, there are still people that persecute these and other birds of prey as evidenced by the recent finding of a dead eagle in Dorset, which is currently subject to a police investigation. All birds of prey are protected by law and if you think you have found evidence of persecution then please report it – see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-to-report-crimes/> for information on how to do this.

Binfield Environment Group can be contacted by email at binfielddeg@gmail.com, via our Facebook group, or via our website <https://binfielddeg.wixsite.com/binfielddeg>

Mike Coker



Royal Naval Association Bracknell Branch Update

The first Wednesday of each month is always about making the time to indulge in meeting up with friends and shipmates at the Bracknell RNA meetings, held in the Binfield Club. It means catching up on gossip, current events and of course all things Navy – after all, “Once Navy Always Navy”!

One of the first orders of business is always remembering our shipmates who have sadly passed away in recent times, or in naval terms, ‘Crossed the Bar’. A minute’s silence is always observed and used as a time of reflection. With events going on in the world currently, that time of reflection is never more poignant than now. It also reminds us of events of the past and April this year also marks the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War starting, in which the Royal Navy played a key role. There will many special events in June to commemorate the 40th Anniversary, which some of our members will be taking part in.

Committee members updated shipmates on all the Branch activities from the previous month. There was also news from our friends at the Maidenhead Sea Cadet Unit ‘TS Iron Duke’. It was reported on how they were very successful in the Berkshire District Drill & Piping competition in March, coming away with 7 out of the 8 trophies available - very impressive.

We await their next set of achievements as they progress to the Area Competition in Portsmouth and wish all the cadets luck, and hope they continue their winning ways.

The second half of this month’s session, as always, saw members enthralled by our after-meeting speaker. This month’s presentation by S/M Mike Daley was on “Enoch Powell”. Concentrating on the life of the Birmingham-born (but of Welsh descent) Enoch Powell before he entered Parliament, S/M Mike told of his early life, his intelligence, and his skill with languages. At the outbreak of war, he enlisted as an Australian (to avoid delay). He rose steadily through the ranks and was one of only two who rose from Private to the rank of Brigadier, being at one stage the youngest Brigadier in the Army.

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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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Forty Years Since the War that Never Was

By Paul Hammerstone and Terry Dilliway

One hundred and fifty years of dispute over the sovereignty of a group of South Atlantic Islands came to a head forty years ago this month when Argentina invaded The Falklands.

On April 2nd, 1982, General Leopoldo Galtieri, leader of the Argentine military government, ended a century of diplomatic negotiations and sent ten thousand troops to occupy the Islands which had been British Sovereign Territory since 1833.

Shock waves reached London eight thousand miles away prompting Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to despatch a Royal Naval task force to recapture the Islands and rescue Governor Rex Hunt and the Falklanders from their plight.

The fleet of warships under the command of Rear Admiral Sandy Woodward RN sailed south carrying Marines Commando and land forces commanded by Major General Jeremy Moore on a mission to retake the Islands of South Georgia and East and West Falkland in a potentially treacherous amphibious operation.

Cheers in Downing Street greeted the April 26th announcement by PM Thatcher and Defence Secretary John Nott that South Georgia and the Sandwich Islands had been recaptured with no loss of life in a special operation by Royal Marines and Special Boat Service. But the main task force met with determined opposition from Argentine fighter bombers on arrival at San Carlos Bay, in the inlet between West and East Falkland. Royal Navy warship crews faced often extraordinary courage by Argentine pilots flying often outdated warplanes through a gauntlet of anti-aircraft ordnance and Hawker Sea Harrier vertical take-off and landing jets of the Fleet Air Arm flying off carriers *Hermes* and *Invincible*.

Grim battle raged in the bay. An Exocet air to ship missile penetrated the defences of Type 42 Guided Missile Destroyer *HMS Sheffield*; 20 crew were lost, and the warship was abandoned, sinking the next day. The first RN loss in engagement since the Second World War.

There followed Type 21 Frigate *Ardent*, taking hits from nine bombs; Type 21 Frigate *Antelope* blew up when an unexploded 1000lb bomb was being diffused below decks; Type 42 Destroyer *Coventry* sank after hits from three bombs. Container ship *SS Atlantic Conveyor*, carrying vital supplies, was sunk by two missiles. On May 2nd Argentine cruiser *ARA Belgrano* was controversially sunk by HM Submarine *Conqueror* with the loss of 323 lives. This engagement entered history as the first sinking by a nuclear submarine during military operations.

The night of May 19th saw the SAS preparing for an ambitious raid in the area of Darwin/Goose Green to tie down the Argentine garrison and enable the vulnerable landing force to get ashore unscathed a few miles to the north. Two hours after dark the raiding party clambered aboard a Sea King helicopter for a routine transfer from the carrier group to assault ship *HMS Intrepid*. Among those on board for the half-mile flight over open water was Binfield's RAF Flight-Lieutenant Garth Hawkins, an expert in directing air strikes to support special operations and regarded by the Special Air Service as one of their own.

But disaster was to strike halfway across when survivors heard a double report from the engine and the helicopter plunged into the sea. Twenty men lost their lives, including Flt-Lt Hawkins, in this single greatest blow suffered by the SAS since World War 2.

Garth Hawkins was brought up in Binfield Village and much loved by everyone who knew him. He went to the village junior school and became an outstanding sportsman, particularly as a goalkeeper with Bracknell Minors, before joining the RAF at age twenty-two.

Today, deep in the crypt of Wren's wonderful St Paul's Cathedral,

between the tombs of England's greatest warriors the Duke of Wellington and Lord Nelson, lays the monument to those who gave their lives in the South Atlantic forty years ago.

Starting with those of the Senior Service – the Royal Navy – more than two hundred and fifty names are listed. And, towards the end, under the Royal Air Force, appears the one solitary name of Flight-Lieutenant Garth Hawkins from Binfield.

During Special Forces diversions and bombardment by RN gunnery, landings went ahead with 45 Commando going ashore at Ajax Bay and 3 Para, suffering some casualties, securing Port San Carlos to complete an encirclement of the anchorage. Thus began the land campaign. Iconic photographs depicted Commandos and Paras 'yomping' across Falkland moors towards Goose Green where superior numbers of entrenched Argentine infantry were attacked at night. Victory went to the highly trained British troops, but at the tragic cost of 2 Para commanding officer Lt Colonel Herbert ('H') Jones who fell under fire when typically leading from the front. Colonel 'H' was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. The enemy lost two hundred killed and nine hundred were taken prisoner.

British Special Forces squadrons, operating under cover by helicopter from Puntarenas, Costa Rica, continued carrying out clandestine missions rounding up Argentine observers' positions while the steady advance towards the prize of the Falklands capitol continued; RAF Vulcan V-Bombers, flying with US support from the Ascension Islands, had already 'softened up' Stanley Airport's runway.

But a dreadful price was waiting. Relentless aerial bombing of Royal Fleet Auxiliary *Sir Galahad*, attempting to land the Welsh Guards at Bluff Cove, caused an intense blaze which cost the loss of forty-eight British lives. The remarkable courage of the soldiers who made it ashore was later beheld in Guardsman Simon Weston, whose skilfully cosmetically repaired features became the recognised face of Falklands bravery.

The night of June 13th saw 2 Para, supported by the light armour of The Blues and Royals, capture Wireless Ridge and the Scots Guards retook Mount Tumbledown, the last remaining natural defences of Port Stanley. At this late stage of the advance, Sergeant Ian McKay of B Company, 3 Para, lost his life in a grenade attack on an Argentine bunker. Sgt McKay was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions.

Six weeks of defeats by Task Force troops, caused Argentine commander General Mario Menendez to surrender to Major General Jeremy Moore as British Commandos marched into Stanley on June 14th. Ten weeks of intense land, sea and air conflict ended -- without war ever being officially declared.

Argentina announced the loss of six hundred and fifty servicemen; a figure since believed to have been higher. British losses were recorded as two hundred and fifty-five. Eleven thousand four hundred Argentinians were taken prisoner and later released.

Ecstatic crowds welcomed troop ships *Canberra* and *QE 2* at Southampton in July and the Royal Navy returned into Portsmouth. October 12th, 1982, saw tens of cheering thousands line London streets to see the Task Force saluted in a triumphant march through London. Special Air Service and Special Boat Service had already returned quietly to Hereford and Poole.

*Let your thoughts dwell today
On your country's greatness;
And when you realise her grandeur
Remember it is a heritage
Won for you by dauntless men
Who knew their duty, and did it.
Periclese (431 BC)*

Easter Service Times

at All Saints' Church

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 14th April, 7.30pm

(A reflective Communion Service)

Good Friday

Friday 15th April, 2pm

An Hour at the Cross

(A meditative service)

Easter Sunday

Sunday 17th April

9.30am and 11am*

(Celebration with Communion)

*Children's Egg Hunt
after the 11am service



Saturday
23rd April*
10am – 3pm

Saturday 23rd April 10am – 3pm
(*24th if rain on 23rd)

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