

The Binfield Beacon

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



June 2022

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Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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SERVICES

JUNE 2022

Sunday 5th June	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
<i>Talk: An antidote to fearfulness</i>	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 12th June	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
<i>Talk: An antidote to feeling helpless</i>	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
Sunday 19th June	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
<i>Talk: An antidote to hopelessness</i>	11.00am	Informal Communion Service
Sunday 26th June	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
<i>Talk: Freedom from fear</i>	9.30am	Common Worship Communion

JULY 2022

Sunday 3rd July	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
<i>Talk: Learning to trust God</i>	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service



3G, a group for babies and toddlers, meets every Wednesday during term time at St. Mark's Church, Popeswood Road, Binfield, from 10.00 am to 11.30 am.

DATES: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June

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 are lots of toys for the children to play with plus singing and a story.

We assure you of a very warm welcome and a fun time for all.
Jan Watts and Team

DIARY

JUNE 2022

Wed 1st	10.00am	NO 3G Toddler Group Half Term
Thurs 2nd	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Wed 8th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 9th	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sat 11th	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
Sun 12th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wed 15th	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
Thurs 16th	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sun 19th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
	12.30pm	Father's Day BBQ at Foxley Fields
Wed 22nd	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 23rd	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sun 26th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Mon 27th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Tues 28th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 29th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 30th	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church

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JULY 2022

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	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	Oasis Youth Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 7th	7.00pm	Choir practice at St Mark's Church

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 11th June* and Saturday 2nd July
*please note date change due to Jubilee weekend

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 kimswain@pm.me

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 28th June at 12 noon

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

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.

1st June - NO WALK

15th June - 9am meet Foxes' Den

6th July - 9am meet Foxes' Den

20th July - 9am meet Foxes' Den



For more information contact either:
Gisele on 07724 889169



Children's Sunday Group at St Mark's Church

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



Finding your balloon

A professor gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway. The professor then mixed all the balloons. The students were then given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon.

At that point, the professor told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes, everyone had their own balloon.

The professor said to the students: "These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness, we'll find ours too."

Have you discovered too, that chasing happiness for happiness sake doesn't work? Why not try putting others first instead. **The Bible says this, *Don't be selfish;⁴ Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and in what they are doing. Philippians Chapter 2 verses 3 and 4.*** Why not give it a go? What have you got to lose, being Miserable?

Luke



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Baptisms

Baptisms are taken within the
11am Service on the 1st Sunday of the month, at All Saints' Church
and everyone is welcome to attend.



Baptism is available to anyone who lives in the parish or is on the church electoral roll and a regular worshipper.

For full details on how to book please contact Hayley at the Church office- office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk or 01344 421079

From the Registers:



Baptisms

Oscar Elliot Peck
Olivia Darcey Peck

Teddy Felix Connolly

Funerals

Michael Nickless



Practice the presence of God

Our Practice the presence of God sessions restarted at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd May at The Rectory.

This is a time to be still and to practice listening to God and learning to recognise how he speaks to you.

The Binfield Beacon



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PLEASE LET US STAY IN TOUCH!

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

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

If you would like to sign up to receive emails from us regarding updates, news and events from the parish please go to this webpage:

<http://eepurl.com/dtqaqr>

Pastoral Care Visiting Team - need a friend?



In All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we have a small pastoral care team who are happy to visit and befriend the people of Binfield. So, if you have recently moved to the area and don't know many people; if your family live far away; if you are a Mum at home with a baby and would like adult company; if you find it difficult to get out or just fancy a friendly chat over a cup of tea, please get in touch with one of us. You don't need to be a member of the church, just enjoy some company occasionally!

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Bereavement Support Team

We will all suffer loss, grief or bereavement at some time in our lives, mainly through death, but also in other ways such as relationship breakdown, loss of a job, or sudden disability. The Bereavement Support Team are not counsellors, but can offer support and companionship if you are suffering a loss of any kind. There is no charge for a visit. All support team members 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

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hi Everyone,

We're nearly half way through the year, and with lots to show for it! Our young people have been busy as always, and we've been making the most of the great weather we've had.



At Whizz Kids we've been outside every chance we get playing sports and games, with a group favourite being hide and seek round the Church grounds. In addition, we also have our usual activities, crafts and indoor games, and of course our snack of popcorn. We've started our new series learning all about creation, and how God made the world and everything in it with joy and care.



On June 4th we are heading to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations at Farley Wood, and will be running some stalls to raise money for the youth funds, including the teddy tumble and guess the name of the teddy. We would love to see you there, it's going to be a day full of fun and celebration and everyone is welcome.



Oasis have also been enjoying the weather and lighter evenings by spending our time outside when we can. We have our weekly game of 'taskmaster', refreshments of toasties and milkshakes, and lots of space to hang out with friends. We have also been taking one piece of news each week, and discussing our thoughts on it during the session. Sometimes the news comes from celebrities, politicians, or just world news,

and it's great to hear different points of view from the group.

We are also heading on our first Oasis trip away to a youth festival in August! After many cancelled years due to the pandemic, we are finally able to go and spend 5 days at a fun youth festival with thousands of other young people from all over the country. We are so excited for this and can't wait to take our amazing Oasis group away.

See you next month for more updates from the children's and youth groups!

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



BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

It's been a busy time in Bracknell Forest Libraries celebrating the Platinum Jubilee and we enjoyed, as always, a special jubilee quiz by Binfield Library's quizmaster Derek. If the kids feel like they've missed out, a royal quiz for children is being held at Bracknell Library on Thursday 9th June at 4.30pm (£1 per child). Please book your place with Bracknell Library.

To coincide with the Platinum Jubilee, seventy book titles have been chosen by an expert panel as great reads from across the Commonwealth. You can discover the full list of the Big Jubilee Read at: <https://bbc.in/39BiQuK> with ten books for each decade of the Queen's reign. Come into the library to borrow books from the list or download them from BorrowBox.

Don't forget, we don't just have lots of books and events - we have magazines, DVDs, free wifi and computers as well as garden sacks! Also, if you've not yet tried our free e-books, e-

audio or e-magazines & e-newspapers, the Binfield Library team are happy to help you get started. Library members can even download or stream music for free with Freegal Music. You can still listen to a special 1950s Platinum Jubilee playlist featuring tracks from Elvis, Little Richard, Nat King Cole, Patsy Cline, Bobby Darrin, James Brown to bring back those memories.

For details of library events and services please go to www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries, find us on Facebook. Twitter and Instagram or call 01344 306663. **Anne Hayward**



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Thank you.

FUNDRAISING NEWS



Our Church Care fundraising is taking a little bit of a back seat just now. We are continuing to raise funds to maintain our spaces, including both of our churches and our cemetery, particularly in anticipation of the delayed Quinquennial report on All Saints' as we expect that this will underline some of the outstanding repair work still needed. The survey for this report should now be carried out this month.

However, there is currently a need to find funds for both the general running of the church and also for our youth ministry, so our focus is also being drawn to these areas.

The covid pandemic is still taking its toll in so many ways and therefore any contributions are always very much appreciated!

Events and Activities

Thank you again for your support of our recent **Easter Plant Sale** and the third **Binfield Doorstep Sale Trail**! Both events raised around £200 each!

Whilst it definitely wasn't as busy as the Doorstep Trails which took place during Lockdown, it was still great to run these activities again and to be able to enjoy the community feel (and nice weather) during both.

The fundraising team will be supporting the church stalls at both the Parish Council **Jubilee Celebrations** on 4th June and at **Party Bye the Pitch** event on 2nd July. If anyone is able to spare some time to help us at these, or our Church Fete in September, please let us know! We will be sharing a way to volunteer on our website and via our newsletter, so please look out for that!



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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COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

NEW SURGERY:

Construction work has now started to build a new Binfield Community and Health Hub at Blue Mountain.

Once complete, patients will have access to a modern healthcare facility.

Dr Koefman, Dr Platt and Dr Herhel, the GP Partners at Binfield surgery said:

"We are looking forward to seeing the building develop over the up-coming months and will keep our patients updated regarding the site move, currently proposed for early 2023"

NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED:

Now so much has changed with the way GP services have to be managed in the light of Covid-19, we would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to become a member of the Binfield Patient Group to share your views and learn and influence more about the way our healthcare is delivered.

If you wish to join this voluntary group, please telephone Marie Hobden, Binfield Practice Manager on 01344 286264.

ARE YOU LIVING WITH A TERMINAL ILLNESS:

If you are living with a terminal illness and looking for support, the MARIE CURIE ORGANISATION can help to support you and your family. Some questions you or your loved ones might have:

- * What benefits am I entitled to?
- * I'm tired all the time – what can I do to manage it?
- * How do I make choices about the future?
- * How can I find someone to talk to about how I'm feeling?

There are many more questions Marie Curie can help with. Contact them on 0800 090 2309, Mon to Fri 8.00am to 6.00pm. Saturday 11.00am to 5.00pm.

LEAFLETS:

Many leaflets on various subjects and illnesses are available free of charge at Binfield Surgery. They are displayed on open cabinets around the waiting area. Please help yourself to any displayed leaflets on your next visit.

REMINDER ABOUT THE EXTENDED HOURS SERVICE:

This service is run by local GP's and Practice nurses. It is run through a combination of practices, including Binfield, throughout the Bracknell and Ascot area. Please note that the GP or nurse you see may not be from the Binfield practice. However, your computerised medical records will be available at your appointment. These appointments are for PLANNED care and NOT urgent care. They are bookable appointments ONLY for patients who cannot see a GP or nurse at normal Binfield Surgery times. You should, as usual practice, book an appointment through Binfield Surgery, telephone 01344 286264. The appointment times on offer are: 18.30 – 20.00hrs Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 14.00hrs on Saturdays. This service is being hosted at the Boundary House Surgery in Bracknell. There is plenty of parking and is close to public transport.

TELEPHONE 111:

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

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

FOR IMMEDIATE, LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCIES, CALL 999

Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group



Bracknell Branch Update

The months are flying by and, as you read this article, we will nearly be halfway through the year already. The Bracknell RNA has been active again this month. We celebrated St George's Day in style this year with a dinner at Mill Ride Golf Club. It didn't disappoint and provided Shipmates yet again with a great opportunity to be social and celebrate together.

We also saw two of our Shipmates representing the Branch at "National" level with a visit to HMY Britannia in Leith and also in Edinburgh at the Canongate Kirk, which is the Kirk (Church) of

Holyroodhouse & Edinburgh Castle. The Branch Standard was paraded "in style" with 10 other standards.



The next Branch outing will see Shipmates visiting Chatham Historic Dockyard. This will also be repeated later in the year for those who missed it the first time around. The Branch members are looking forward to joining in with the tributes to Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at the two events being organised by Binfield Parish Council at the beginning of June.

The Branch meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Binfield Club and we are always looking for more ex-service personnel or likeminded people with an interest in the senior service to join us. As usual, the first part of this month's meeting included the "business" reports before the "main event". Shipmates were treated to another excellent after-meeting speaker - a very informative presentation by Colin van Geffen on "Lawrence Before & After Arabia".

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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As the optimism of an early summer hopefully bears fruit, the month of June is another busy one at the cricket club. Our All Stars Programme will have started, nearly 70 five-to-eight year olds getting their first taste of playing and enjoying cricket. The fact that we *sold out* this year in a matter of days is testament to the enthusiasm shown by the youngsters (and their parents).

Aside from great Senior and Junior matches that are scheduled, we will be hosting a Softball Festival, as well as the Berkshire Stags - our wonderful Visually Impaired Cricket team

Please do feel free to pop down at any time, and to enjoy the sunshine in welcoming surroundings!

Andy Bryant
Chairman Binfield Cricket Club

Wed 01 Jun 2022	Under 9's	Crowthorne & Crown Wood CC Under 9	6.00pm	League
Thu 02 Jun 2022	Girls U15	Slough CC Girls U15 Tiger	6.00pm	League
Sat 04 Jun 2022	1st XI	Wokingham CC 2nd XI	1.00pm	League
Sun 05 Jun 2022	Friendly XI	Valley End CC	1.30pm	Friendly
Mon 06 Jun 2022	Women's Softball	TBC	6.00pm	Friendly
Wed 08 Jun 2022	Girls U11	Emmbrook and Bearwood CC Under 11 Girls	6.00pm	League
Thu 09 Jun 2022	Girls U15	Kidmore End CC Girls Under 15	6.00pm	League
Sat 11 Jun 2022	2nd XI	Finchampstead CC 4th XI	1.00pm	League
Sun 12 Jun 2022	Girls U13	Kidmore End CC Girls Under 13	10:00	League
Sun 12 Jun 2022	Berkshire Stags VICC	Surrey VICC	1.00pm	League
Mon 13 Jun 2022	Under 11's	Shinfield CC Under 11	6.00pm	League
Wed 15 Jun 2022	Under 9's	Sandhurst CC, Berks Under 9	6.00pm	League
Sat 18 Jun 2022	1st XI	Hurst CC 1st XI	1.00pm	League
Sun 19 Jun 2022	Women's Softball	Binfield Festival	10.00am	League
Sun 19 Jun 2022	Women's XI	St Albans CC	1.00pm	League
Mon 20 Jun 2022	Under 15's	Reading CC Under 15 - Lions	6.00pm	League
Tue 21 Jun 2022	Under 17's	Wokingham CC U17 Oaks	6.00pm	League
Wed 22 Jun 2022	Under 13's	Crown Taverners CC Under 13	6.00pm	League
Thu 23 Jun 2022	Under 15's	Crown Taverners CC Under 15	6.00pm	League
Sat 25 Jun 2022	1st XI	Finchampstead CC 2nd XI	1.00pm	League
Sat 25 Jun 2022	3rd XI	Aldershot CC 3rd XI	1.00pm	League
Sun 26 Jun 2022	Friendly XI	TBC	1.00pm	Friendly
Tue 28 Jun 2022	Midweek XI	Reading CC	6.00pm	League
Wed 29 Jun 2022	Girls U15	Crowthorne & Crown Wood CC U15 Crowfinch	6.00pm	League
Thu 30 Jun 2022	Girls U17	Wargrave CC Girls Under 17	6.00pm	League



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It has been Jazz at Jennett's Park recently for Thames Voyces and you can hear the results of their rehearsals as they present "America in Song" at **St Mark's Church, Popeswood Road, Binfield on Saturday 2nd July**. Pieces from some of America's best-known composers including Gershwin and Cole Porter will be included in the concert with some items performed by the whole choir and others sung by members of the choir as solos. The concert will be conducted by Music Director, Nick Austin and accompanied by Ben Giddens.

Thames Voyces is a chamber choir based in **Jennett's Park** in **Bracknell, Berkshire**, attracting choral singers and audiences from many miles. They pursue a love of singing through a wide repertoire of choral works from early music through to the present day, whilst aspiring to reach the highest possible standards. If you are a singer and would like to join them, please go to their website: - <http://thamesvoyces.org.uk/>

Peter Anderson



A team of fearless teachers, staff and friends of Newbold School are climbing three British peaks (Ben Nevis, Snowdon and Scafell Pike) back-to-back in 24 hours starting May 30, 2022.

The adventure (officially known as the National Three Peaks Challenge) covers a total ascent of 3,064m over 23 miles and everyone involved has been training hard to get ready.

The team is raising funds for the Forest School program at Newbold School and its goal of earning the Eco-School Green Flag Award. Wish them luck but no broken legs.



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

Spring preparation in our outdoor learning space begins

Volunteers kindly came into school over the holidays to tidy the BOLE and prepare the flower beds – so thank you to all who helped.



Thank you also to Ashridge Manor Garden Centre and PHI Home & gardens who donated compost and gravel to the school.



We are trying to encourage new flowers to grow by planting wild flowers and have created a wetland for frogs and dragon flies.

Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle.

Year 2 had a wonderfully royal day at Windsor Castle! The children had been eagerly anticipating the trip for several weeks as they learnt about the Queen and her Coronation.



Having driven to Windsor on the coach, the excitement built as everyone noticed the Royal Standard proudly waving above the castle so we knew that the Queen was at home! Once at the castle, Year 2 were treated to an incredibly fascinating guided tour of St George's chapel where they learnt about former monarchs, legends of past centuries and brave knights!

The staff at the education centre treated us to drama workshops full of pomp and ceremony and all things British as we re-enacted the Coronation itself! At the end of the day, we waved goodbye to Her Majesty and set off back to Binfield a little tired but full of new experiences and learning. Thank you to the volunteers who came along with us!

There are a couple of videos of their trip on our Twitter page <https://twitter.com/Binfieldschool>

Mindfulness Monday

Our Year 2 children have regular sessions with their teacher to teach and expand their knowledge of mindfulness to prepare them all for a week of learning.



Whole school assemblies are back!

During the first week of term we had our first whole school assembly in a very long time! The children's assembly was complete with a visit from our minister from the Free Church, Mr Taylor who spoke to the children about our current Christian season of Easter. They all enjoyed coming together to also sing some of their favourite hymns.

Art Lessons

Year 3 have been learning about different watercolour techniques this half-term. They have looked at impressionist and expressionist art. Using these new skills and knowledge, they created pictures of different landscapes. Some of the children have used this skill to create beautiful landscape pictures of Binfield taking inspiration from their geography walk of the village this week.



Music Week

Music has also been another focus during International Music Week last month. The Year 5 classes used Glockenspiels to learn about pitch and used an electronic drum kit to create their own sounds! The children in Year 1 used their creativity and had a go at writing their own music.



Holi Festival

The Reception children have been learning about the Hindu festival of Holi in the BOLE. They created some wonderful splatters of paint using tea bags and explored the paint by mixing the colours. The children then recorded their findings.



Pizza Time!

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June is here already...

Well, May was an interesting month – lots of lovely regulars in the Den and a few new things to try too. We had the fab Hair Braiding class (twice – it sold out too fast the first time!), then there was our first Charity fashion show – it was lovely seeing the Den used in a different way and then there was the enormous Binfield 10k road race starting and finishing on our doorstep. Each year they are getting more runners and the village gets more involved with this brilliant event. We were very proud to be involved and to sponsor the champagne prizes.

What's next?

Did someone say Jubilee? There are some great jubilee activities planned around our area – we are hosting the official Beacon lighting on the evening of the 2nd June here on Foxley Fields. The Parish is organising a big '50's party at Farley Wood on Saturday 4th June and our plan for Sunday 5th June is to invite anyone that hasn't got a street party planned but who wants a bit of community activity to pop over to Foxley Fields with a picnic. We are hoping to have a bouncy castle, Pimms and prosecco and a few other bits and pieces...see you there!

If you have more ideas for community activities please get in touch! Claire x foxesden.co.uk [fb.com/thefoxesdencafe](https://www.facebook.com/thefoxesdencafe)
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BINFELD GARDEN CLUB

At last we were able to hold our "Annual" Plant Sale for the first time since 2019 and on May 5th the hall was full of bargain plants grown and donated by members. This has always been a social evening, delicious home-made cakes were served and a large tombola was there to enjoy as well. It was good to meet and welcome many people from the village to stock up their gardens and even take home a garden tool or two.



The committee and very kind volunteers worked hard to make the evening a success and hopefully we will have raised a good sum for our funds. Thank you everyone.

It has also been three years since we were able to arrange an excursion and we are delighted to say that on September 6th a visit has been booked to the RHS Wisley Flower Show. Visits have always been a most enjoyable part of our club and have been much missed. This will be a wonderful day out and really

something to look forward to. The coach will leave Benetfeld Road at 9.30am and leave Wisley for home at 4pm. At this time of writing there are still places available so if members would like more information and details of cost, please look on our website or phone our visits officer using the number on the back of your club programme. You can also reserve your place and/or bring your £10 deposit to the June 2nd meeting. Wisley really is a show not to be missed and not a long journey!



The meeting on June 2nd is titled Growing for Well Being. Professional gardener and radio personality Annabelle Padwick aims to tell us how gardening can change lives both physically and mentally. The competition is an arrangement in a recycled container. There will be a raffle and tea and biscuits and guests and visitors are most welcome. The evening will finish in good time to move to the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon at Foxes Den!!



For more details look on [binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](https://www.binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com) and keep an eye on our Facebook page.

Sue Jeffery

COMMUNITY NEWS



News from the Parish Office

Community Grant Application

27 June 2022

Each year, Binfield Parish Council, considers requests for Grants to support the work of its local community groups and organisations.

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If you wish your organisation to be considered for a Grant in July 2022 please complete a Grant Application Form and submit to us by 27 June 2022.

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Join us to Celebrate

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June 2022

Lighting of the Beacon

With the lighting of the Beacon at 9.45pm at Binfield Parish Office. The Foxes' Den will open from 8.30pm serving outdoor refreshments. There will be a piper leading a procession and the choir will sing 'A song for the Commonwealth' as the Beacon is lit. All are welcome.

Saturday 4th June 2022

1950's Jubilee Party at Farley Wood 3-9pm

1950's dress, red, white and blue, Live Band, Disco, Licensed Bar, Tea Tent, Ice Cream, Face Painting, Tombola's, Bouncy Castle, Community Fete Stalls, Balloon Modelling, Activities for everyone!

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Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings: June 2022

Tuesday 7 th June	Amenity Committee	8pm
Saturday 11 th June	Councillor Drop-in Session - Foxes Den	10am-12pm
Tuesday 14 th June	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
Tuesday 21 st June	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Events

Thursday 2 nd June	Beacon Lighting – Foxley Fields & Parish Office	8.30pm
Saturday 4 th June	1950's Platinum Jubilee Party – Farley Wood	3-9pm

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

There is currently one vacancy to be filled by co-option and we would welcome applications from any interested parties. Please visit the Parish Council website to check application criteria, find out how to apply, and more about the role of a Councillor: <https://www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-councillor-vacancies>

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Tracey and Alisa

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COMMUNITY NEWS



I am woken by bird-song. A blackbird tentatively tries a few notes to see if anyone responds. After a few moments a second bird joins in. I am treated to a beautiful duet. I like the author Simon Barnes' depiction of a blackbird as being like a man

in a black and white movie leaning on a lamppost in the dark whistling slightly off-key.

A robin joins in. Its song is higher pitched and the more precise intonation seems to fit well with the blackbird. To my ear it almost sounds like the robin and the first blackbird are singing together. Now a wren starts to trill, showing off like the soprano soloist in a choir. The wren's rapid-fire notes are amazing in themselves but don't seem so well suited to the chorus going on around it.



I doze off and wake some time later to find that the wren is still at it, but the blackbirds and robins have found other things to get on with. The wren has now been joined by a charm of goldfinches providing a jangle of notes that seem to fit better with the wren's song. It reminds me of those bits of human music that starts out discordant and then resolve into something beautiful.

Twenty-four hours earlier I was standing in a piece of woodland on the edge of a heath. The noise was very different but all four of today's musicians were present. However, the blackbird was being out-played by a song thrush, the wrens were competing with willow warblers and chiffchaffs, and the

jangling goldfinches were joined by linnets who added their own special trills.

This orchestra also had a percussion section, with jackdaws calling their own names, and great tits and coal tits operating their own odd squeaky two note instruments. There were also greenfinches that finish their songs with a wheezy sound that reminds me of the ridged wooden instruments that we were given as children and were played by pulling a wooden stick across them.

As we walk from the wood onto the heath we are treated to the song of the woodlark. This close relative of the skylark usually sings from a perch and although their repertoire is similar the woodlark's song is shorter and more subtle.

Contrasting my backyard dawn chorus with my early morning walk makes me wonder whether the latter is a luxury for those lucky people who can get to such a place first thing in the morning. However, two other recent walks made me realise that the important thing is simply to be able to experience bird song in different place at different times. I urge you to get out and try. You could contrast the early morning sounds of your local park with the sounds of a piece of woodland on a damp day, or you could compare the natural sounds of your garden with those of an open-space in a nearby town. I'd love to know what you think.

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



THE BINFIELD BELLES

It's always a sunny night when our lovely ladies meet up and a bumper crowd arrived in April to our meeting. We welcomed Ailsa Claybourne to talk about our local Berkshire birds. It turned out to be a fascinating evening learning about local birds and their song. Garden birds Blackbirds, Robins, Blue Tits all visit our gardens and others we haven't seen locally. We see lots of Red Kites these days and were warned not to feed them. This was the first evening with our new President Mary at the helm and she was welcomed by a great crowd of ladies.

Sadly this was our last meeting at the Memorial Hall as we have grown too big, it has been used by the WI for many years, previously they met in another building in the village and before that in members houses. We are moving to the Binfield School Hall.

During the month our ladies had a supper night at the Real Greek Restaurant in town, where a good night took place ...not dancing or throwing plates but good fun. In May there is a visit to Riseley Tea Rooms for the quintessential afternoon tea and I am told after that a visit to Don Beni one of our local Italian Restaurants. Food always plays a part in WI activities I wonder why?

All our monthly groups are busy as usual and still on Pom Poms amongst other craft. Talking of craft, a group of our girls visited

the Faberge Exhibition at the V and A in London. It was a great day and the articles on show were opulent to say the least. Faberge famous for the beautiful gold and other gems, jewellery and artifacts supplied to the Russian Royal family and indeed our Royal family during the early 1900's. A wonderful sight and a great day out.



We will look forward to meeting some of you at the **Platinum Jubilee event on June 4th at Farley Wood at our Refreshment Tent** we are there from 3-9pm with tea, coffee and a host of delicious home made savouries, cakes and scones, take the weight off your feet and be served with our goodies at our own tables. Children can have a **lucky dip or visit our colouring and biscuit icing table** to keep them occupied. You can have a go on our special **Tombola in a Bag** which will be next door. SEE YOU THERE....it will be a great day with all the fun of a fete for all the family.

Our next meeting will be on **June 9th "Everyone loves a Sax" with Jonathan Woodhouse at the Binfield School Hall at 7.15.** **We can now welcome any new members or visitors to come and join in the fun.**

Take care and see you soon .

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