

# The Binfield Beacon



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October 2022

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# SERVICES & DIARY

## SERVICES

*(All Services are held at All Saints' Church unless specified)*

### OCTOBER 2022

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b> <b>HARVEST</b>	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Communion Service
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

### NOVEMBER 2022

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <b>REMEMBRANCE</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	10.15am	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE</b> <b>AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH</b>



## DIARY

### OCTOBER 2022

<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup></b>	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Sun 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
	6.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP - (Pre-booked social contact Daisy)
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church
	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b>	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church
	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church

### NOVEMBER 2022

<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	6.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church
	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk



3G, a group for babies and toddlers, meets every Wednesday during term time. From 10am to 11.30am at

St Mark's Church on Popeswood Road, Binfield.

**DATES: 5th, 12th, 19th October and 2nd, 9th 16th, 23rd, 30th November**

Come and join us for lots of fun, with toys, a story and singing plus refreshments for the little ones as well as the adults. It is an opportunity for everyone to make new friends.

You are assured of a warm welcome.

**Jan Watts and Team**

## MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

**DATES: Saturday 1st October and 6th November**

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](mailto: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 25th October at 12 noon**

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



## PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Our Practice the presence of God sessions take place on the 4th Monday of the month 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.

## 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.

**5th October - 9am meet Foxes' Den**

**19th October - 9am meet Foxes' Den**

**2nd November - 9am meet Foxes' Den**

For more information contact either:  
Gisele on 07724 889169  
Claire on 07912 746289



**Sunday Group for Children**  
**School Year 1-6**

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

**Every Sunday**

*(term time only except the 1st Sunday of the month)*

**ARTS & CRAFT, GAMES AND MUCH MORE!**

Email [daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com) for info

**7UP**

A café style chill space! With games, sports, tuck shop and creative zone!



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, ST. MARK'S CHURCH, 7:00-8:30PM**

**RELENTLESS**

A joint youth group with Warfield Church! Enjoy video games, sports and space to hang with friends



**FRIDAY EVENINGS, ST. MICHAEL'S WARFIELD, 8:00-9:30PM**

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



## EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT

During Mark's first month of college, the professor gave his students a pop quiz. He was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until he read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the

school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. He had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would he know her name? He handed in his paper, leaving the last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward the quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They each deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'". Mark never forgot that lesson. He also learned her name was Dorothy.

Would you have known Dorothy's name? The Bible encourages us by saying, **"Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand."** Philippians chapter 2 verses 3-4, The Message translation.

Story taken from <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story24>

Luke

## Why not give the 9.30. service a go?

Or come back and try it again if you've been away a long time...

For many years I have attended the 9.30.

communion service. During those years it has changed in style and timings, but has essentially kept those important qualities of warmth, friendship and the message of Jesus.

**We thank God for friendship in fellowship.**

**For breaking down barriers that keep us apart,**

**The support we are able to give and receive**

**That unite us in love.**

It is a communion service with hymns, both modern and traditional and prayers. The service is followed by tea, coffee and biscuits with time to chat with old friends and time to make new friends.

A few years ago, I met up with Kate Ellison-Bourne, who at least 20 years before had been a member of an ecumenical house group that I had attended. It was such a delight to meet up again, especially as Kate had been going through a difficult time after being made redundant. She is now an active church member and a special friend. She has said that coming to the 9.30. service renewed her confidence, friendships and faith in people again.

So why not come along again or give it a try if you never have.

Jill Hanson



## From the Registers:

### Baptisms

Edward Anthony William Winchcombe  
Isabella Lucy Henrietta Winchcombe

Heidi Rose Sweetman



### Funerals

Carol Diane Griffin, from 11 Beehive Lane



## Remembrance Day Services

### Saturday 12th November

Outdoor Remembrance Service at  
St Mark's Church Memorial  
(details to be confirmed)

### Sunday 13th November

10.15am Remembrance Service  
at All Saints' Church  
(Please note the slightly later time)



## HARVEST CELEBRATION SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

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

Please clearly label the envelope for monetary donations and place with the Harvest gifts.



JOIN THE  
**YOUTH CHOIR!**  
Ages 7 to 13  
Thursdays 6:30-7:15pm



At St. Mark's Church,  
starting 13th October

Please register interest with Michael  
[michaeljhawkins1@gmail.com](mailto:michaeljhawkins1@gmail.com)

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We are also on *Facebook*  
[facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks](https://facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks)

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## St Mark's Church

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Binfield RG42 4AH

## All Saints' Church

Church Hill  
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:orinocco@hotmail.co.uk) /07850 799434  
or Margareta Hawkins 01344 411681



## St Mark's Church Hall Available for booking.

Please contact the church office  
on 01344 421079 or email  
[office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)  
for more information or to make a booking.



## Praying for and with you

We have weekly prayer sheets — please email  
[office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)  
if you would like something to be included.

## The Binfield Beacon



**The deadline for Beacon Contributions  
for the November 2022 issue  
is Monday 10th October 2022**

Please email:

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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hi Everyone,

We hope you had a fantastic summer and are starting to get in the Autumn mood. I'm so excited to share what we've been up to, and what there is coming up in October and the rest of the term!

In August we went on our first trip away with our youth group to Satellites, a Christian festival for young people. It was an amazing time with 5 days of music, fun, food and camping with friends. We even had a skatepark, a silent disco, movie nights and loads more! We will definitely be heading back next year so pencil in the 4th-9th August 2023, and check out [youthscape.co.uk/satellites](https://youthscape.co.uk/satellites) for this year's highlights video!



We have kick started our Sunday morning sessions again with Whizz Kids, and are back to meeting every term time Sunday (except the first of the month) from 10:45am for games, sport, craft and faith activities. We also have our Christmas party to look forward to, as it is returning this year on December 19th, complete with bouncy castle, food and games! Booking info will be out in November so watch this space to join us.



We have some exciting news for our young people... Firstly we have a new youth group available for **ANYONE** in secondary school! 7UP runs on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Mark's Church, and has a café, tuck shop, xbox gaming, sports and a creative space available, plus lots of space to hang out with friends. And we have our first social event lined up, to go bowling and to McDonald's on 19th October, we would love to see you there! Feel free to drop in and join us on any of the dates below.

In addition, we have joined with Warfield Church to run Relentless, a youth group for those in secondary school which runs on Friday nights at St. Michael's Church in Warfield from 8:00-9:30pm. There is loads going on including tuck shop, games, sport, and a short talk about the Christian faith so it would be great to see you there!

We have lots going on for the kids and young people, and we hope you can make it to one of our events! Wishing you a fab October and see you soon.

**Daisy - Children's and Youth Worker** ([daisyriddell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyriddell@gmail.com))



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT BINFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL (V.A.)?

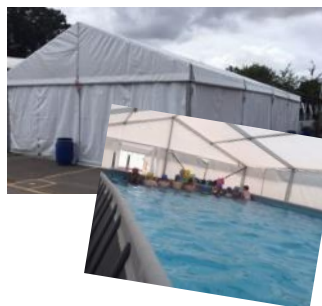
### Mr P visits Binfield!

On our Inset day, we hosted "Mr P" who shared lots of technology ideas and apps that we can use to enhance our lessons in all subjects. Year 6 have already used one of these apps this week. They used Blooket in their French lesson and gained lots of team points with their answers to the quiz!



### Swimming at Binfield

Binfield has its own heated swimming pool on site for the month of September. ALL children will be swimming with the aim of improving their water confidence and swimming ability.



### Sports News



The first sporting outing of this year was a real treat. A group of Year 6 children were invited to watch the BMW PGA Tour championship at Wentworth. We were invited by the Golf Foundation who gave the children the opportunity to play a variety of games

involving chipping and putting. We then ventured out to the course where we saw star names such as Rory McIlroy, John Rahm and Tyrell Hatton to name but a few. Despite the weather – the children were perfect role models whilst representing the school.



### Reflection on the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II

We have been reflecting on the gracious and inspiring life of Her Majesty the Queen. We vow to uphold her core values, such as honesty and dedication, to help her legacy live on. We also held a two minute silence as a mark of respect and we have been compiling our own book of condolence.

### Prospective Parent Open Mornings

If you have a child starting school in September 2023 we will be hosting open mornings at our school.

**These will be held at 9.30am on Tuesday 11th October, Tuesday 8th November, and Tuesday 10th January 2023.**

To book a tour on one of these mornings please complete the google form on our website using the link below.

<https://www.binfieldschool.co.uk/prospective-parents/>



All of our news and events are shared daily on our Twitter page. To follow us please search for @Binfieldschool.

# FUNDRAISING NEWS



Sadly, this year was not the one for the return of the Binfield Church Fete as we had hoped. In the light of the news of the Queen's passing, the church and the committee made the decision to cancel the event. However, we were so pleased that we were able to change plans at the last minute to hold a special Memorial Gathering instead. We are very grateful to all those who made that happen, and to those who worked so hard to put the Fete together. Please see a full update below.

It is also frustrating that we are still waiting on the report from the Quinquennial Survey which will highlight and help us prioritise the outstanding repair work needed at All Saints'. We hope that we will receive this very soon so we can get back to taking care of our church after the COVID delays!

## BINFIELD VILLAGE CALENDAR 2023 PHOTO COMPETITION



See the winning entries on the church website  
[www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

## Events and Activities

We have been lucky to yet again receive some beautiful photos for our **Binfield Calendar Photo Competition**. Have a look at the winning entries on our website and keep your eyes open for the **2023 calendar** which will be on sale soon.

It's time for **the Binfield Scarecrow Trail!** The trail just gets better every year. We are so fortunate to have the continued support of the organisers which enables us to continue looking after our church spaces for the community.

I'm sure you are all, like us, being spammed with Christmas emails and adverts already! We will hopefully be offering some festive based activities so watch this space too, and please get in touch with any of your ideas or thoughts.



Sadly, the Fete was not meant to be again this year.

Our planning was all coming together nicely, and we were looking forward to sharing a brilliant day with the community. The Swing Band was ready to swing, the dancers were ready to entertain and pets were ready to be judged.

However, it was the right thing to cancel our event in light of the Queen's passing just a few days beforehand. We were so glad that we could change things around last minute to offer a Memorial Gathering and still enable everyone to come together, albeit for a more solemn occasion.

We would like to offer a huge thanks to those who helped the service come together - Luke and the band, the Binfield Choir who sang their poignant songs beautifully, the team on sound and logistics and of course those running and helping with our lovely tea tent.

We also need to offer our thanks to all those who were ready to help if the Fete had gone ahead. We had a large number of amazing people who were ready to pitch in on the day, and some fantastic guest stalls ready to participate. We also had some great prizes donated for our Raffle which we were still required to draw, so we appreciate everyone who bought tickets and helped raise funds to cover our costs. We are also planning to run our Silent Auction at the time of writing, so many thanks go to our Auction Prize donors too.

And not least, huge thanks to our hard working committee. So, next year, in 2023, we *will* be back with the biggest and best Fete yet!

[WWW.BINFIELDCHURCHFETE.CO.UK](http://WWW.BINFIELDCHURCHFETE.CO.UK)  
[FACEBOOK.COM/BINFIELDCHURCHFETE](https://www.facebook.com/binfieldchurchfete)

## How to make a donation:

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

- **Online:** see our updated 'Giving' pages on the website, with easy links to make a one-off donation: [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/giving-page](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/giving-page) or click on the 'Donate' link on the Home Page.
- **Cheque:** send a cheque to the church office, made payable to "Binfield PCC". Please write 'Church Care', 'General Funds', or where you would like your donation used on the back
- **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.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BINFIELD PATIENT GROUP

### COVID and FLU vaccines for patients of Binfield surgery:

Patients will be contacted in due course.

### REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS:

Whenever possible please order your repeat prescriptions only via the internet on Patient Access or via the NHS app.

### NEW PATIENTS:

If you are not yet registered at any surgery and wish to be enrolled at Binfield surgery please visit [www.binfieldsurgery.co.uk](http://www.binfieldsurgery.co.uk) for further information.

If you do not have access to the internet the telephone number of the surgery is (01344) 286264.

### NEW SURGERY AT BLUE MOUNTAIN:

It is expected that the surgery will move from its present site to the new Blue Mountain site in the early part of next year.

### GP PATIENT SURVEY:

325 surveys were recently sent out of which 114 were completed.

EASY TO GET THROUGH TO BINFIELD PRACTICE BY PHONE RECORDED 70%. The national average was 53%.

GOOD OVERALL EXPERIENCE OF BINFIELD PRACTICE RECORDED 78%. The national average was 72%.

### RESPIRATORY VIRUSES:

Even though restrictions have eased, COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses are still very much with us. We encourage everyone to keep doing all you can to protect yourself, your family and your friends. This includes preventing infection through some very basic hygiene routines and having vaccines and boosters when offered.

Simple steps to help reduce the risk of infection include: wearing a face covering in busy public spaces, washing your hands regularly, meeting friends and family outdoors if possible or keeping rooms well ventilated if meeting indoors, staying at home when you're feeling unwell and respecting other people's decisions.

*Duncan Johnston - Binfield Patient Group*

## THE GP PARTNERS AT BINFIELD SURGERY HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE CONVEYED:

### Binfield Surgery – the new normal.

We were encouraged to avoid face to face appointments where possible throughout the pandemic.

The lessons that we have learned have enabled us to provide you with a more efficient and more flexible service now we can be fully open for business.

We have discovered that around 80% of patient contacts with the doctors can be successfully resolved by remote consultations. This is probably higher than many practices, because of the experience and seniority of the doctors and because of the ability of our patients to communicate effectively over the telephone.

There is no doubt that technological solutions such as the ability to send and receive documents and photographs by text has helped this capability.

We feel that there is no going back to the old ways. We have discovered many advantages for our patients in this new normal way of working.

- Our capacity to manage the workload has increased, as an average phone conversation takes less time than an average

face to face consultation.

- The capacity of our building and infrastructure has increased. You cannot have failed to notice a difference in the ability to park your car at the surgery.
- Most patients appreciate the flexibility that the new system brings. No longer do you have to take time off work to seek our advice. When you do come to see us, you can, to some degree, come at a time of your choosing, as we can also be flexible when we call our patients.
- We can now offer follow up appointments by telephone without insisting that you call us back.
- Irrespective of coronavirus, there are many respiratory viruses that circulate in our population in winter. Was it ever a good idea to pack the waiting room with coughing children close to some frail elderly patients? **GP PARTNERS - Binfield Surgery**

## BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

### Libraries Week 3-9<sup>th</sup> October

Libraries Week is an annual celebration of the nation's libraries, this year highlighting the central role that libraries play with supporting life-learning, helping individuals at every stage of life through access to information, support and learning opportunities. As well as learning, we're also celebrating all the best that Bracknell Forest libraries have to offer throughout the year.

Pop into Binfield Library to show your support for your local library and discover more about the services and activities Bracknell Forest Libraries provide to bring reading, information, learning, computer and digital access to the community. Some of these you may find surprising! For example, did you know Binfield Library provides Open+ unstaffed hours for visiting the library when it's more convenient for you? Also, all our libraries have Reading Well collections of specially chosen books to help adults, young people and children manage their health and wellbeing.

Here's a few more things available from Bracknell Forest Libraries:

- Free ebooks and e-audiobooks from BorrowBox
  - Home Library Service for delivering and collecting books for housebound customers
  - Thousands of digital newspapers and magazines from Pressreader
  - Online resources such as the family history websites Ancestry and Find my Past and websites for studying and practising the Citizenship and Driving Theory tests
  - Free computers and internet access. Borrowing of tablets is coming soon!
  - Free streaming and downloading of music from Freegal
- Visit the Bracknell Forest Libraries' website for more information or follow us on social media to find out more.

### Groups and activities at Binfield Library

A new reminiscences group has started at Binfield Library on the first and third Thursday of the month at 11am. If you're interested in discussing your memories of the past please come along, everyone is welcome. There is a small charge of £1 and in the future there may be a small additional charge on some occasions - if for example we're discussing childhood Christmas memories and fancy a mince pie to help us along! If you're able to bring along a small item related to your memories, please feel free to bring them along too. We will be talking about first jobs during our next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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The route is an estimated distance of 10k from start to finish and the beauty is that it can be completed over a number of days. To take part you simply need to buy a map (£3 each of 2 for £5) from either the Foxes Den Community Cafe, Daphne's Coffee Shop (previously Crema) or the Village Stores. You can then tour round and take in the fascinating sights at your own pace, potentially stopping off for some incredible refreshments in one of our superb coffee shops and pubs.

All proceeds are going to support the Binfield Church Care Project, so help us spread the word and encourage little legs, long legs, old ones, short ones and even furry ones, out to support the cause, raise valuable funds and enjoy another great week.

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Gardner were invited to Binfield Primary School where they met some of the children who took part in the 5-week coaching programme, coordinated by Binfield Tennis Association and run by CTC Tennis in the summer term.

Children in years 2 to 6 enjoyed having tennis coaching at their local courts. David Harper, BTA Chair, said "It was great to see all the lovely messages from the children on how much they enjoyed the 5 week coaching sessions. This is absolutely in keeping with the aim of a mutually beneficial relationship between the school & BTA.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BINFIELD'S NATURE AND THE SUMMER OF 2022

Over the summer, members of Binfield Environment Group have continued surveying birds and butterflies across the parish. We have also discovered other like-minded individuals surveying bats, reptiles and insects. In addition, we ran a series of walks to see and hear bats and to learn more about the four green-spaces that we survey.

During the latter, we saw some special birds, butterflies and dragonflies, and learnt about badgers, specimen trees, aquatic plants, surveying apps and some of the best places to sit and have a quiet moment. One of the surveyors also promised us a future session on the sex-life of the dunnock! This secretive brown bird that visits many of our gardens leads an intriguing polygamous lifestyle.



The hot summer seems to have been good for dunnocks and many of the other birds that breed around Binfield. Generally, the breeding success of many bird species increases in dry summers as long as there is plenty of food around. As many of us have carried on putting out food and water for the birds, the species that visit our garden bird feeders, such as starlings and sparrows, seem to have done well. You may also have seen blue tits and great tits bringing their youngsters to your garden feeders throughout the summer. It is likely that many species, including these two, will have produced multiple broods during the spring and summer.

As long as they have been able to find shelter, food and water, the local hedgehogs seem to have had a good summer too with more people than ever telling us that they have seen them in their gardens or wandering around the village at dusk.

The story may not have been so good for other species. Although the bats that we see most often around the village, common and soprano pipistrelles, are doing ok, there seems to be a decline in observations of some of the rarer species that feed over our ponds and rivers. Warfield Environment Group are working with a couple of other organisations to find out if this is due to an increase in the level of pollution in these water-bodies.

Our surveyors have also seen fewer butterflies this year. We don't yet know if this is a local anomaly or a regional trend. The populations of particular species of butterflies do fluctuate significantly each year depending on the weather at key points in their lifecycle and the availability of the plants that they depend on. What we do know is that some of the wildflower areas in Binfield's green-spaces have not been as floriferous this year. However, butterfly success depends on more than the number of flowers. The caterpillars of particular species are surprisingly dependent on certain native plants and even the adult butterflies are adapted to feed on particular flowers.

By the time you read this, BEG will have started running autumn and winter work parties. These are held on the third Saturday of every month and are generally spent improving green-spaces in the parish for nature.

Binfield Environment Group can be contacted by email at [binfieldeg@gmail.com](mailto:binfieldeg@gmail.com), via our Facebook group, or via our website <https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg> **Mike Coker**



## BINFIELD W.I.

As members began arriving for our September meeting news had just broken of the sad death of our beloved Queen, Elizabeth II at the age of 96.

The Queen joined the Sandringham branch of the WI in 1943 when she was still Princess Elizabeth and had remained a paid-up member ever since. She had regularly attended their January meeting as part of her winter stay in Norfolk. She was a loyal and dedicated member and never failed to show her support for the WI.

An evening of quiet reflection took place over tea and cake and members took the opportunity to share anecdotes and memories of the Queen over many years.

There might not have been a formal meeting in August but it was certainly not quiet with regular meet ups for tea and chats. At the end of July Lady Rosemary Muir invited us to visit her beautiful gardens. The weather was kind and we enjoyed a lovely cream tea and tour of the gardens. This included picking and tasting some large tomatoes. There is nothing better than picking tomatoes fresh and eating them immediately. A big thank you to our wonderful host, we really enjoyed listening to her stories.

Summer lunch followed in August at Mill Ride golf club. A beautifully cooked meal was enjoyed and it was a pleasure for the ladies to just turn up with no cooking or washing up to be done. Thank you, Mill Ride.

Our final event of the Summer took place on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The BBC had reminded us that meteorologically it was the first day of Autumn but the weather was again kind as members joined a

French Brothers boat for a return trip to Hampton Court. Departing at 9 30 am from Runnymede home to King John's Magna Carta. it was a four hour trip meandering along the river, passing through six locks. Views from the river are certainly different, we saw numerous lavish properties, no doubt some home to the rich and famous, and some not so lavish shacks. As we approached Hampton Court we saw some lovely house boats. On the way we also saw a pair of kingfishers close up, diving in and out of the reeds on the river bank. As we arrived there were some superb views of Hampton Court Palace, home to Henry VIII. We had an hour or so to stretch our legs and find some refreshments before the return journey which involved a lot more chat and views of the river from a different aspect.



Autumn will see the return of all our regular events and activities: Keep fit, walks, badminton, book club, scrabble, craft, rummikub and supper club.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday **13<sup>th</sup> October. Doors open 6.45 meeting starts at 7.15** at Binfield School Hall, Benetfield Road.

The topic for the evening is 'Let's Swap' the local trading and exchange in Binfield and Bracknell.

New members and visitors are always welcome. If you need more information, please contact me by phone 07804189322 or email [binfieldwi@berkshirewi.co.uk](mailto:binfieldwi@berkshirewi.co.uk)

**Mary Wharphire**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



### Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

#### October 2022

Tuesday 4 October	Amenity Committee	8pm
Saturday 8 October	Parish Councillor Drop-In Session	10am-12pm
Tuesday 11 October	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 25 October	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

#### Upcoming Events

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Silver Sunday	Silver Sunday was started as a response to social isolation and loneliness among our older population. A day where older people can meet new people, visit new places, try new activities and connect with their local communities and generations around them.  Come along for afternoon tea at the Foxes Den with games and fun. Please contact the office to book your free space, due to capacity at the Foxes den we will be limiting numbers so if you want to come along, please get in touch.	4pm-6pm Foxes Den
Sunday 23 to Sunday 30 October Arts Week	<b>Attend, enjoy, be inspired. Then take up a new creative activity!</b> Arts Week (Binfield, Warfield, Winkfield) promotes and encourages active participation in and support for the very wide range of arts and crafts available in our local area for all ages. Please see the <a href="http://arts-week.org/">Arts Week website http://arts-week.org/</a> .	Various events. Please check <a href="#">website</a> for details.

#### **Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week - Sunday 23 October to Sunday 30 October**

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The 2022 programme can be found on the [Arts Week website](#), and it may be further revised, with the full comprehensive programme available soon.

Online tickets open on Sunday 9 October at 12.00 midday from the Arts Week Website!

#### In other News

- **Could you be a Parish Councillor?** Becoming a Parish Councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. You can find out more about being a Parish Councillor, if you are qualified to apply and an Application Form at the [Councillor page of our website \(https://binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/members-of-binfield-parish-council/\)](https://binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/members-of-binfield-parish-council/).
- **Parish Councillor Drop-In Session: Saturday 11 October (10am-12pm)** Come along to The Foxes' Den café to meet with Parish Councillors to discuss the Council's strategy and plans, and/or ask any questions or raise any concerns you may have about matters concerning Binfield. Find upcoming drop-in sessions, meetings, and events on <https://binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/>
- **Save the Date! Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6pm-8.15pm** Join us for the annual lights switch-on at the Parish Council (Foxley Fields) Christmas tree with refreshments after at The Foxes' Den Café. Details to follow in next month's Beacon including the Christmas tree locations.
- **Save the Date! Binfield Christmas Market: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5pm-8pm.** Come along to Foxes Den for a festive celebration with community stalls, mince pies, mulled wine and more.
- **Community Grants** The deadline is 12 December 2022 for applications from community groups serving the interests of the parish of Binfield and its residents. Collect an application from the Parish Council office or go to the [Community Grants page on our website](#).

*Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa & Tracey*

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Autumn is here!

I love Autumn; from the snuggly jumpers to the hug-in-a-mug hot chocolates. We don't love all the mud over here at the Den but we do love the kids and dogs that are out and about in the fresh air!

Our fabulous hot chocs and pumpkins spice lattes will be flying out. Please check out our boards for the full hot chocolate menu and if you can think of a new flavour, challenge us!

After the summer break, Rhyme Time is back under new supervision by Fiona. The Bereavement friendship group has started back with Margaretta in the Council room and all our other regular groups are back...please keep an eye on our community boards to join in and please shout if you can think of other activities we can offer!

We have been thinking about the Shop in the Nook again over the summer and hope to have some new lines ready for Christmas and those last minute gifts. Our greetings cards are all only £2 and are upcycled from donations. Don't forget as a CIC (community interest company) 65% of our profits go back to the community.

Please do pop in and have a look at our chalkboard as we have some new pop up shops and events coming up, including a Silver Sunday community event and a fab Menofit evening with loads of info and support for those wanting to find out more about the menopause. *Thanks for reading. We hope to see you soon!* **Claire xx**  
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## KEEP WARM & FOXY LUNCHES

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## Jigsaw Time!

Please feel free to pop in and have a seat with your cuppa and/or a friend and see how quickly we can complete the next community puzzle!

## SCARECROWS & HALLOWEEN

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



The Lighthouse Team continue to support clients in need of food, we expect the number to increase over the coming winter months as pinch of the cost of living rises continue. We are currently delivering parcels monthly, with a mix of frozen and fresh meals.

We are delighted to announce that we applied and recently won the community grant from Tesco, this will allow for meals and essential household items for approx. 4 months. Huge Thank You to TESCO and all of you who voted for us with those little blue coins in store.

**Amanda Thrower**

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Crisps  
Wet dog food  
Washing gel (laundry)  
Shower Gel



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Right now we are looking for volunteers to help with the coordination of our activities. Activities can be broken down into:

- Coordination of volunteer Cooks and menu planning/ shopping lists – 2 hours a week
- Coordination of our drivers who deliver the food parcels to our client base – 2 hours max, once a month
- On site coordination (St Mark's) – once a month on a Tuesday evening, approx. 3 hours
- Coordination of the DoE (Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award) volunteers – Typically teenagers who support the Lighthouse for 12 weeks at a time. Will involve a touch point every other week – maybe 1 hour help a week max.

*For more information or if you think you can help please Contact@ [Amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk)*

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB

A very happy coach full of members set off on September 6<sup>th</sup> to Wisley



Flower Show. It had been a long wait since pre Covid to enjoy an excursion and what a fitting way to draw summer to a close! We all had an excellent day amongst the beautiful stalls and exhibitions with just a downpour after lunch when most of us took shelter in the huge marquees amazed at the spectacular flowers. The rain did not last long and we had time for a welcome tea and cakes before setting back home. A huge thank you to Sarah for booking the trip for us.



Looking back to August and the heatwave, we had a very appropriate Zoom talk on the life of Beth Chatto by Dr Catherine Horwood. Beth spent her life devoted to plants and, living in what she described as possibly the driest and most

windswept piece of soil in England, she devised her famous gravel

garden which can still be visited. See Beth Chatto's Plants and gardens in Elmstead, Essex.

She wrote at length about her experiments and if her instructions for good preparation are followed, gravel gardens should never need watering. This may be very helpful if hosepipe bans come more often!

On September 1<sup>st</sup> we were delighted to meet Darren Lerigo in person after enjoying his Zoom talk last year. Darren is one of the top topiarists in the UK and is also a great entertainer! He enthralled us with stories and pictures of the amazing creations he has made and gave numerous tips on pruning and shaping – there will be no more boring hedges in Binfield! As well as showing us his techniques, he advised how to prune roses, wisteria and fruit trees and answered many questions. We all enjoyed the evening very much.

Do come along to our October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting when Mona Abboud will talk on Gardening with a difference, showing us rare and unusual plants from around the world. The competition is for Chrysanthemums in a vase. There is always a raffle, refreshments and often a few plants for sale and certainly a warm welcome for guests and visitors. 7.15pm at the Memorial Hall. Any enquiries, please ring Ralph on 01189 781480 and check the website [binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com)

*Sue Jeffery*



## ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION BRACKNELL BRANCH UPDATE

As I can't believe we are already at autumn - before you know it, the clocks will be going back and the dark nights and dark mornings will be with us again - so as we cling onto the last

remnants of summer, we once again met for our monthly meeting of the Bracknell Royal Naval Association.



As the formal meeting took place the Branch Secretary S/M June regaled the 26 shipmates present with all the Branch's goings-on since last time we met. This included an update on the twelve Shipmates' excellent visit to Central Office in the Naval Dockyard at Portsmouth. It was nice to also be

on the visit with two S/Ms from the Lee-on-Solent Branch - it was VIP treatment all the way. As usual for Branch outings, the

weather had been perfect and S/Ms all enjoyed the sea air during the boat trip. With another trip to Chatham Dockyard planned in October it doesn't look like we will be slowing down the activities very soon. S/M Lynne, our Social Secretary, also confirmed the



arrangements for the Branch Trafalgar Dinner in October, so more dates in the diary for us all.

After the formal meeting and a brief break for refreshments, Shipmates settled down to this month's speaker. An excellent presentation by S/M Martin followed, with the story of the naval arms race among Argentina, Brazil and Chile and a very unusual battleship that never even made it to South America.

Launched in 1913 she was originally called "Rio de Janeiro" by the Brazilians. However, she was affectionately known as the "Big Ship" or the "Giant" by the workers at Armstrong Shipbuilders in Newcastle upon Tyne. She was designed with no less than fourteen 12-inch guns and 20 6-inch guns and was the biggest ship of its kind ever built. However, she was to never join the Brazilian Naval fleet as they eventually couldn't pay for her before she was finished. The shipyard then agreed a deal with the Turkish government, and she was renamed "Sultan Osman 1" by the Ottoman Turks and many changes were made to her internally in readiness to join her new Navy. Sadly, war broke out finding the Turks on the opposite side to the British. So, she was seized by Britain and finally joined the Royal Navy and renamed HMS Agincourt. After some more changes to her internals, she set sail and played a pivotal role in the First World War. Eventually, she was sold for scrap in 1922 but was not broken up until 1924.

It always amazes me the wealth of subject matter knowledge our Speakers have, and Shipmates always come away with a little something extra from the evening. If you want to learn more about the Bracknell RNA, please contact the Secretary, June Boddrell, either by email on ([secretary.bracknellrna@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.bracknellrna@gmail.com)) or by telephone on 01344 311869. We look forward to meeting you soon

*Yours aye S/M Marcus Carpenter*

**ONCE NAVY, ALWAYS NAVY**



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# Youth Groups @ BINFIELD

## 7UP

For anyone in  
school years 7-13

A café style chill space! With games,  
sports, tuck shop and creative zone!



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, ST. MARK'S  
CHURCH, 7:00-8:30PM**

## RELENTLESS

A joint youth group with Warfield  
Church! Enjoy video games, sports  
and space to hang with friends



**FRIDAY EVENINGS, ST. MICHAEL'S  
WARFIELD, 8:00-9:30PM**

for more info please email:  
daisyridell@gmail.com

# Binfield Christmas Market

## Binfield Christmas Market

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 5-8pm

In and around The Foxes Den.

Please join us for our first ever Christmas Market  
showcasing local businesses and community groups  
who will be selling their products, fundraising  
and providing entertainment for you.

Carol Singers, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Festive Music,

Christmas Jumpers, Jams, Chutneys, Crafts, Cakes,

(and more to be confirmed in the coming weeks!)

Nordmann Christmas Trees will also be on sale

*"I bought one from this company last year, a fabulous tree, lasted until January"*

*"We were very happy with our tree last year, virtually no needle drop at all"*

*"It was the best real tree we have ever had!"*



For more information,  
please contact  
Lizzie Hall 07850 799434

# JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR!

Ages 7 to 13  
Thursdays 6:30-7:15pm



At St. Mark's Church,  
starting 13th October

Please register interest with Michael  
michaeljhawkins1@gmail.com



**F.O.B.S.**  
Friends of Binfield School



## Bag2School Collection

in aid of Binfield CE Primary School

**Friday, 7th October 2022**

**Parish Council Office Car Park,  
Benetfeld Road**

Please note that we are accepting donations  
on Thursday, 6th October 2022 from 1-4pm or  
on Friday, 7th October 2022 from 8-10am

