

# The Binfield Beacon

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



November 2022

'Let love and faithfulness  
never leave you'

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Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

# SERVICES & DIARY

## SERVICES

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### NOVEMBER 2022

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Baptism Service
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal Communion Service
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal Service

### DECEMBER 2022

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Baptism Service
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## DIARY

### NOVEMBER 2022

<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Wednesday Women's Walk 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church 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 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am 7.00pm	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Wednesday Women's Walk 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00am 7.00pm	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am 7.00pm	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church

### DECEMBER 2022

<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup></b>	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir practice at St Mark's Church Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</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: 2nd, 9th 16th, 23rd, 30th November and 7th, 14th December**

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**

## 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 22nd November at 12 noon**

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

## MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

**DATES: Saturday 6th November and 3rd December**

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)**

## 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.

**2nd November - 9am meet Foxes' Den**  
**16th November - 9am meet Foxes' Den**  
**7th December - 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**  
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**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**



## 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.



# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



As Sovereign, The Queen was Head of the Armed Forces, also known as the Commander in Chief of the British Armed Forces. She also had experience of being a wife, mother and grandmother to members of her family that served in the Armed Forces.

Her relationship with the Armed Forces began when, as Princess Elizabeth, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) in 1945, becoming the first female member of the Royal Family to join the Armed Services as a full-time active member. During her time in the ATS, the Princess learnt to drive and to maintain vehicles.

In addition to awarding various military honours at investitures, The Queen also introduced the Elizabeth Cross. The first medal to which The Queen put her name, this was instituted in 2009 to give special recognition to the families of those who have died on military operations, or as a result of terrorism, since 1948.

As we grieve the loss of the Queen, we have been reminded that she said these words to the world on her 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

*I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.*

I believe, like many others, that the Queen lived up to her promise, and this verse from the Bible aptly sums her up.

***Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs Chapter 3 verse 3.***

As we have reflected on her incredible life of service and sacrifice, this month, we also remember those who lived their lives in service and sacrifice to this country in all wars. Lest we forget, many of them gave their service and sacrifice fighting for our freedom and died miles from home and loved ones. Why don't we, like the Queen, resolve to devote ourselves to the service of others and to support each other as we do this, asking God to help us wear love and faithfulness around our necks and as tablets on our hearts? **Luke**

## From the Registers:

### Baptisms

Emma Kadri-Langford

### Weddings

Anthony Bellm & Olivia Hermione Underwood

## WHY NOT GIVE THE 11AM SERVICE A GO?

If you prefer something less formal and traditional then maybe the 11am service is the service for you.



It aims to be short, lively and relevant to everyday life. I like it because it uses new songs, the singing is often led by a band and from start to finish it is normally about 30 minutes long.

While the service runs at the same time as Whizz Kids, think Sunday School, children are very welcome and free to move, run, dance around and make a noise during the service.

It's great for those who prefer things a bit more relaxed and informal. The only downside are Luke's jokes!

## Remembrance Day Services

### Saturday 12th November

**2.30pm** Outdoor Remembrance Service at St Mark's Church Memorial

### Sunday 13th November

**10.15am** Remembrance Service at All Saints' Church



*(The Remembrance Day Parade will leave Oakmede shops car park at 9.30am and will arrive at All Saints' Church by 10am, the service will start at 10.15am. Following the completion of the service the parade will return to Oakmede car park.)*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

at All Saints' Church

Sun 4th Dec - 6.30pm - Until We Meet Again

Sun 18th Dec - 6.30pm - Carol Service

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

Fri 24th Dec - 11.30pm - Midnight Service

Christmas Day - 9.30am - Communion (BCP)

Christmas Day - 10.30 - All Age Christmas Celebration

## Until we meet again ✨

*A Service celebrating the Joy and Hope of Christmas remembering Loved Ones no longer with us.*

Beautiful Carols and Christmas Music with Occasions Singers

Sunday the 4th December at 6:30pm

at All Saints Church, Church Hill, Binfield RG42 5NS

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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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## Pastoral Care Visiting Team - need a friend?

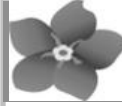


In All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we have a small pastoral care team who are happy to visit and befriend the people of Binfield. So, if you have recently moved to the area and don't know many people; if your family live far away; if you are a Mum at home with a baby and would like adult company; 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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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  
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[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 December 2022/January 2023 issue**  
(Please remember this will be a double issue)

**is Monday 14th November 2022**

**Please email:**

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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hey Everyone,

We hope you had a great half term going scarecrow hunting around the village, our contribution of 'Noah's Ark' at the Village Stores was made by our children and young people, we hope you enjoyed seeing our creation!

At Whizz Kids this half term our theme has been 'what does God think about me?!' and we've learned that God made us all unique and loved by Him! We also celebrated how we are all talented, by putting on a mini talent show to be proud of the talents God has given us. There were some amazing skills and hobbies to be shown!



Coming up on Sunday 20th November we are having a pyjama party, so grab your favourite PJs, onesies and dressing gowns and get ready for a fun and cosy morning complete with hot chocolates! We also have the return of our amazing Christmas party this year on 19th December for primary school kids, complete with bouncy castle and lots of festive fun, so make sure to book your place to join us.

We've had a blast with the launch of our new youth group 7UP, with sports, gaming, and our usual taskmaster challenges! Our creative space has also been great, with some very impressive clay models being made by the young people. We've also had an optional interactive prayer space available during the session, as an invitation to think outside the box with how we think about prayer and talk to God.

Our young people will be holding a stall at the Binfield Christmas Market on 5th December where we will be selling lots of Christmas goodies to raise money for our youth ministry, so do come along and check out what we've got to offer! We will also be having a silent disco as our Christmas party this year for anyone in secondary school, you don't want to miss it!



We also have our joint youth group with Warfield Church on Friday nights called Relentless. This is for year groups 7-13 and is a place to hang out, play games and meet with people in similar life stages. Here, we also split into two groups for a short talk/activity - year 7-9's and years 10+. It's been great teaming up another Church to bring even more opportunities for our young people!

If you'd like any more information on our groups, activities or socials please get in touch. We hope you have a great November and we'll check in next month!

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

## BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

### New tablet device loan scheme for library members

Just like library books, library members can now borrow tablets free of charge. Borrowing a tablet can help if you struggle to access digital equipment and computers and if you would like help getting online for social interaction, education, work, wellbeing and boosting your IT skills.

Library members can borrow a Galaxy Tab A7 tablet device for a period of up to six weeks with the option to extend for a further 6 weeks by agreement.

Contact staff at Binfield Library to express your interest or email [bracknell.library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:bracknell.library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk). Borrowers will need to agree to a loan agreement at the time of collecting - available to pick from all Bracknell Forest libraries.

We will supply you with an introductory guide and library staff can also talk you through the basics of the device, so even if you have never touched a computer before, you can feel confident enough to take your first steps online.

The tablets are pre-loaded with apps to help borrowers enjoy free library e-books or e-audio books, e-magazines and e-newspapers and digital music. Other apps include BBC iPlayer, BBC Sounds, Teams and Zoom for online meetings and YouTube.

If you don't have your own internet connection (broadband, WIFI) we ask you to connect to local WIFI. WIFI (and comfortable

seating) is available free of charge at all our library branches.

Check Bracknell Forest Libraries website <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/tablets-loan> for more information.

### Groups and activities at Binfield

Here's a reminder of Binfield Library's activities for adults and children:

**New! Reminiscence group** - first and third Thursdays of the month 11am (There is a small £1 charge which includes a cup of tea or coffee)

If anyone has any photographs or other items they would like to share with the group as part of the discussion they're very welcome to bring them along. Here's what we'll be talking about:  
Thursday 4th November - Places I've lived  
Thursday 18th November - Growing up (childhood memories)

**Knit & Natter** - 1st Monday of the month 2-4pm and 3rd Saturday of the month 1.30-3.30pm

**Quiz** - second and fourth Thursday of the month 11am (£1 charge)

**Bounce & Rhyme** - every Thursday 9.30am A fun singing and music session for babies and toddlers (50p or £1.50 if your child stays for the craft activity after the singing)

**After school craft club** - every Friday term time 3.30-4.30pm (£1.50 per child, bookable in advance). **Anne Hayward**



# FUNDRAISING NEWS



The colder weather is setting in, but we're betting that it didn't stop many of you taking a trip around the village to spot the wonderful creations on the **Binfield Scarecrow Trail!** A big thanks to all those who worked their creative magic to make one of the 60+ figures on show, to all those who bought maps and to the superstar organisers. We are extremely grateful for the donation to the Church Care project as it will make a big difference to us being able to look after our spaces this year!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Binfield Church Fete **Online Auction** - we hope our highest bidders are happy with their items! We will be able to give a total raised in the next issue.

Although we still don't have a full report, we have now received an outline of some of the items which need our attention at All Saints', so it's time for us to get planning. Watch this space...!

## FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS CARDS

On sale now - £5 for 10 quality cards featuring beautiful local scenes!



on Sale at The Foxes' Den, the church office and at Church

### What the Church Care Project has funded so far...

- Refurbishing old and laying new wheelchair-friendly paths at the Cemetery.
- Final payment of St Mark's ceiling repair.
- Sorting out tree storm damage at both churches and paying for a tree survey on other unsafe trees.
- Final payment towards costs of fixing Organ at All Saints'.
- Work in All Saints' churchyard to stop brambles taking over.

THANK YOU!

### Events and Activities

Thanks to those who sent in beautiful photos for our photo competition, the **Binfield Village 2023 calendar** should be on sale now (if not very soon!) at the Foxes' Den and at Church, or email the fundraising team to get yours!

We are looking forward to attending the first **Binfield Christmas Market** on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December on our Fundraising/Youth Stall, and, on another festive note, we are excited for our now annual **Dads R Loud Christmas Party**. Look out for a date on our website/Facebook page and come and celebrate the season with us!

Our lovely fundraising Christmas cards are also available to buy now from church or the Foxes' Den.

## BINFIELD VILLAGE CALENDAR 2023



On Sale at the Foxes' Den and Church  
See the church website for information  
[www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

### 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
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



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

### The "P" Factor comes to Binfield!

With the 6th of October being the National Poetry Day, our pupils have been exploring poetry in their lessons. Year 5 created their own Calligrams, by writing shape poems based on their buddies' favourite food. Year 4 enjoyed looking at a style of Poetry called Kennings. This style of poetry dates back to Viking times. They then worked together in groups to write a poem based around this style of poetry. Year 3 had lots of fun creating freeze frames for the poem 'strict' by Michael Rosen.

For more videos and photos of the other year groups work, please visit our Twitter page searching for @Binfieldschool We're looking forward to our 'P Factor' competition on Monday, when children from each class will be performing a poem to the school.



### School Council 2022-23

Introducing our new school council! Their mission is to continue supporting the teachers and governors to make Binfield CE Primary School the very best it can be! They want to help the new eco committee keep our school clean and free of litter. They can't wait to hold meetings with teachers about new sports equipment and nominating new monitors.



### Launching our new vision statement

We've launched our new vision statement. Check out what it is and see how we have created it by visiting our website. <https://www.binfieldschool.co.uk/school-vision-and-values/>

### Summer Reading Challenge

Sarah from Binfield library came along to assembly last week to present certificates to our pupils who had completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done to those children!



### Our new reception children explore their new learning environment

Our Reception class have had a very busy first few weeks in school. We've visited the BOLE, met Jigsaw Jennie, learnt new skills in PE and have enjoyed exploring everything in our learning environments.



### Projective Parent Open Mornings

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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 8<sup>th</sup> November, and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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/>



### Twitter

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



## ALTERNATIVE ADVENT - BE GOOD NEWS

Once again we have the opportunity to bring good news and Christmas cheer to people through Alternative Advent.

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

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

If you would like to be involved in Alternative Advent we will be collecting the presents from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The presents can either be given to Luke in church, dropped off at the church office or left on the bench outside the front door of the Rectory. They will then be taken to the Family Intervention Team who then distribute them to the single parents.

*Thank you Luke*





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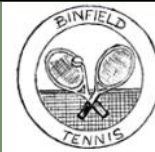
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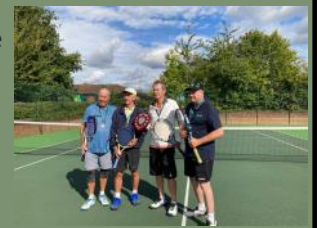


## CHARITY DAY

Binfield Tennis Association's charity day on September 18, raised over £1,250 for Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

(CLDF), a charity particularly close to the heart of one of its members. John Pascoe, and his wife Claire have received information and support from CLDF ever since their daughter, Isabella, now 15, was diagnosed with the rare and incurable disease, biliary atresia and received a life-saving liver transplant when she was still a baby.

John said: "Children's Liver Disease Foundation have always been there for us and continue to support Isabella. Like many small charities, things have been very tough since the pandemic and the cost of living crisis.



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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September was National Federation of the W.I. day, 107 years since the first W.I. was established in the UK. Our late Queen

Elizabeth was as member for 80 years, the longest serving member of the W.I. Out of respect for the Queen, it was decided not to celebrate the day this year. Instead, we placed some flowers outside Windsor Castle from Binfield W.I.

All our monthly activities returned in September: rummikub, badminton, walks, craft, scrabble, book club and keep fit. Members also met up for afternoon tea at Oaktree and morning coffee at Fletchers Garden centre. Our supper club this month was a visit to the Giggling Squid in Wokingham.

Next month we will report on our visit to Milestones Living Museum in Basingstoke and an evening spooky Ghost walk in Windsor. We will also join other local W.I. groups for a get ready for Christmas craft taster day and an amble around Mortimer with a soup lunch.

The poppy display knitted and crocheted by the W.I. will be put up in All Saints Church for Remembrance Sunday on 13<sup>th</sup> November, and the ladies are busy crafting and making jams and chutneys for their stall at the Binfield Christmas Market on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Our next meeting will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm at Binfield School when our speaker's topic is: Around the World Christmas Sleigh Books and Poems.

Mary Wharphshire  
President Binfield W.I. Phone - 07804 189322

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BINFIELD ENVIRONMENT GROUP SURVEY

Earlier this year we carried out a survey of our members. Thank you to everyone who took part. All the responses were positive about the work that Binfield Environment Group currently do. The key findings from the survey were:

- Respondents want BEG to run more led walks. Since the survey closed, we have run bat walks and led walks round all of our survey sites. We will continue to do this, particularly over the summer months.
- To run work parties at different times and on different days. Our main work parties are on the third Saturday of each month, but we will look at changing the timings depending on the nature of the events. We will also run occasional Thursday work parties when we have specific tasks to do.
- To do more to communicate about Binfield's nature both to local residents in general and to young people in particular. We have started contacting local schools and have a couple of ideas for specific projects that we will be pitching to some of these schools. We have also been invited to talk to the Women's Institute, the Binfield Garden Club and a local company about our work and will be using these talks to encourage local people to do more for nature.

Survey responses also made specific recommendations related to taking on land to manage for nature, getting more people involved in litter-picking and doing something to have both more dog-friendly and more dog-free areas.

- Bracknell Forest and Binfield Parish councils are exploring ideas related to managing land for nature. However, we would love to hear from anyone that owns land in the parish which would be suitable for a nature reserve or similar green-space.
- More and more people are getting involved in litter-picking in the parish and beyond. If you would like to join them then please consider signing up to Binfield Parish Council's sponsor-a-street initiative (<https://binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/get-involved/>).
- As dog-related issues are not in the scope of BEG's work, we have passed the suggestions about dogs on to both councils.

Our next few events will be:

- Saturday November 19th - Farley Copse work party. We will be pushing back brambles, holly and ivy to allow more light into the copse and to encourage other plants to grow, and we will be working in the pond.
- Saturday December 17th – Wicks Green (Christmas) work party. We will be carrying out a number of tasks across Wicks Green and Silver Jubilee Field to increase the attractiveness of the areas for nature. There might be mulled wine and mince pies.
- Saturday January 21st – Wicks Green work party. We will be finishing off tasks in Wicks Green.

- Saturday February 18th – Popes Meadow work party. We will be clearing round some of the important trees, planting more trees, and clearing out the ditch.

In addition to our regular events, we are planning to: launch a tree trail; start to attract swifts to nest in the parish; and to do some surveying in the River Cut. We hope to have activities suitable for everyone, so please get in touch if you would like to get involved. 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*



## ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION BRACKNELL BRANCH UPDATE

In S/M Marcus's absence I'm afraid it's going to be a shorter report than the usual. It's been a strange month as we come to terms with the sad loss of our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Branch held its usual meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at the Binfield Club. Twenty-nine Shipmates were present and heard reports on various matters, both local and national. As usual there were some great "Dits" from S/Ms – some amusing, some informative with the odd quite "painful" joke!! October is a quieter month for the Branch with only an outing to Chatham Historic Dockyard on the 14<sup>th</sup> and our annual Trafalgar Dinner on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – both of which will be reported on in the next edition.

After the formal meeting and a brief break for refreshments, Shipmates were greatly entertained with a quiz, prepared and led by S/M Alan. Our "leetle grey calls" were put through their paces as we tried to answer questions on general knowledge, a range of Navy-ish topics and a variety of True or False statements. Needless to say there was much merriment and "banter" for the Question Master, whose final decision is, of course, unquestionable ..... No winners were identified but we all learnt something new.

If you want to learn more about the Bracknell RNA, please contact me, 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 June*

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**Thank you Ma'am**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

(correct as of 10 October 2022)



### Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

#### November 2021

Tuesday 8 November	Parish Council	8pm
Saturday 12 November	Parish Councillor Drop-In Session at the Foxes' Den	10am-12pm
Tuesday 22 November	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

#### Upcoming Events

Sunday 13 November	Remembrance parade and church service. Parade will leave Oakmede shops car park at 9.30am and will arrive at All Saints Church by 10am, the Church service starts at 10.15am. Following the completion of the service the parade will returning to Oakmede car park.	9.30am
Thursday 1 December	<b>Switch On of the Binfield Christmas Tree lights</b> – Come and join your community at the traditional lighting of the Christmas Tree with Carol singing and a festive treat.	6pm assemble 6:30pm Switch On followed by refreshments
Monday 5 December	<b>Binfield Christmas Market</b> – Join us for our first ever Christmas market showcasing local businesses and community groups. There will be carol singers, mulled wine and Festive music plus much	5-8pm

#### In other News

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- **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 our [Community Grants](#) page on our website.
- **Silver Sunday** On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the parish held an afternoon tea for the National event Silver Sunday. The aim for the day is for older people to meet new people, visit new places, try new activities and connect with their local community. Just over 40 people attended the event held at the Foxes Den. The afternoon started off with a welcome from the Parish Clerk and a brief explanation of the activities. People were then invited to help themselves to the tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes. A picture quiz was provided and helped to initiate conversation between people who had never meet before. Answers to the quiz were provided throughout the tea, it all got quite competitive! Following the completion of the tea and quiz, everyone took place in a beetle drive game, with the winner taking home a box of biscuits. As this event was for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Silver Sunday, we ran a raffle. We received donated prizes from Early Bird Florist, The Victoria Arms, Women's Institute and Tropic Skincare.
- **Silver Club** Following the success of Silver Sunday for the older members of our community we are pleased to offer more dates: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February. All events will be 4-6pm at the Foxes Den café, Binfield. There will be light refreshments, quiz and games. To reserve your free place please contact the Parish office.
- **Christmas clothing** The parish office are collecting all Christmas clothing donations for adults, children and pets. Donations will then be sold at the Binfield Christmas Market, with all proceeds going back into the community. There will be a box for donations in the foyer of the Parish office/Foxes Den.
- **Ukraine Appeal** Collections for Ukraine have resumed, there are donations points at Princess Square in Bracknell and the Foxes Den in Binfield.

**Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa & Tracey**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Community!

We want to bring some cheer to these Autumn days and are endeavouring to come up with some more ways to keep the community entertained and warm!

New this month is our seated pilates class. If we aren't already fully booked please pop in and book your space - £4 a session.

We have a couple of crafting events coming up – another needle felting evening and a craft jumble/destash – pop into the Den to see the posters for more details.

Then there's Rhyme Time and Toddler crafts on Mondays, Lattes and laptops on Wednesdays, the adult Crafternooners on Thursdays and the Bereavement friendship group on Fridays and hopefully more to come.

Don't forget if you are feeling cold and alone at home – pop in to see us. We have the community jigsaw and board games to keep you out of mischief!

*See you soon and thanks for reading - Claire  
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### SCARECROWS & HALLOWEEN

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



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

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB

A Our meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October was well-attended and began with Ralph, chairman, thanking Sarah for all the work she did organising our most successful outing to

Wisley. He also reminded us that our Christmas lunch will be at Mill Ride Golf Club on December 8<sup>th</sup> and that there will therefore be no meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Places had to be reserved by 18<sup>th</sup> October but if anyone has any queries please email [rosemaryellis1@hotmail.com](mailto:rosemaryellis1@hotmail.com).

Ralph also reminded people that we would be delighted for some more members to join our friendly committee. It would be really good to have some extra new faces. You don't need to have a specific job but maybe just help with some fresh ideas. Please come forward or email Ralph, you will be so welcome. [randrhardy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:randrhardy@hotmail.co.uk)



We then thoroughly enjoyed an entertaining talk by speaker, Mona Abboud. Mona has an amazing garden in North London, it is very long and gets flooded from the underground rivers rising. She overcame

these problems by bringing in tons of gravel, raising beds and began growing unusual plants from New Zealand and Australia. Over the years this has developed into a prize winning garden and home for the National Collection of Corokias. I believe many of us hadn't heard of Corokias but they have become a

wonderful, disease free alternative to Box with its caterpillar problems. Wisley has been trialling them, they are evergreen, frost hardy and certainly worth growing. There are several varieties, all hybrids from just three parents. Mona showed us one which has yellow flowers in spring, one which turns bronze in winter, another with silver leaves and many more. She held us all in thrall with her tales of how she built up the National Collection and about the people who brought the plants from New Zealand. Mona has written a book and does open her garden. That would certainly be worth a visit. See [monasgarden.co.uk](http://monasgarden.co.uk)



After Mona answered several questions, we had refreshments and a raffle. Also there were some plants on sale and very popular Bramley apples from Roland's garden.

For our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we will welcome Michael Holland, Head of Education at Chelsea Physic Garden. This garden is home to over 5000 species of plants but Michael's talk is titled "Five plants that changed the world". This will be a most interesting evening so do come along, all guests and visitors are most welcome. 7.15pm Memorial Hall. The competition for November is Mosaic on a plate. Until then, enjoy the autumn colours.

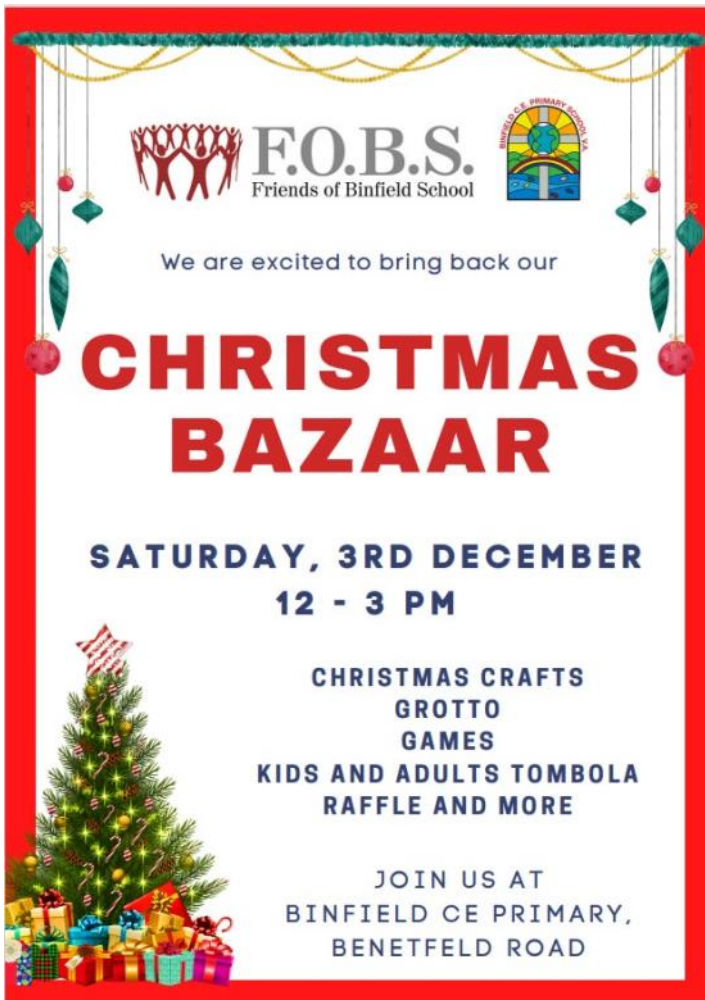
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Sue Jeffery



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