

The Binfield Beacon

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



March 2023

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We are thinking of you all and sending our love...

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Our Mission is to help people follow Jesus and his teachings

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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

MARCH 2023

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| Sunday 5th Mar | 8.15am 9.30am 11.00am | Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Baptism Service |
| Sunday 12th Mar | 8.15am 9.30am 11.00am | Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal Service |
| Sunday 19th Mar <i>Mothering Sunday</i> | 8.15am 9.30am 11.00am | Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Service |
| Sunday 26th Mar | 8.15am 9.30am 11.00am | Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal Service Communion Service |

APRIL 2023

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| Sunday 2nd Apr | 8.15am 9.30am 11.00am | Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Baptism Service |
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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: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March

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 28th March at 12 noon

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

DIARY

MARCH 2023

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| Wed 1st | 9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm | Wednesday Women's Walk 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church |
| Thurs 2nd | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| Fri 3rd | 8.00pm | Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield |
| Sat 4th | 7.45am | Men's Monthly Walk |
| Wed 8th | 10.00am 7.00pm | 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church |
| Thurs 9th | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| Fri 10th | 8.00pm | Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield |
| Sun 12th | 10.45am | Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church |
| Wed 15th | 9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm | Wednesday Women's Walk 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church |
| Thurs 16th | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| Fri 17th | 8.00pm | Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield |
| Sun 19th | 10.45am | NO WHIZZ KIDS |
| Wed 22nd | 10.00am 7.00pm | 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church |
| Thurs 23rd | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| Fri 24th | 8.00pm | Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield |
| Sun 26th | 10.45am | Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church |
| Tues 28th | 12 noon 7.30pm | Silver Service at St Mark's Church Practice the presence of God at The Rectory |
| Wed 29th | 10.00am 7.00pm | 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church |
| Thurs 30th | 7.30pm | Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church |
| Fri 31st | 8.00pm | Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield |

APRIL 2023

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| Sat 1st | 7.45am | Men's Monthly Walk |
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MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 4th March and 1st April

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

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 March - 9am meet Foxes' Den
15th March - 9am meet Foxes' Den
5th April - No Walk
19th April - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:
Gisele on 07724 889169



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 for info

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

Creative Table

(for Pre-school and Reception year children)

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday (except on the first of the month) for younger children to use during the service.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers on earth,

And to all of the mothers who look over their children from up above;

Thank you to the people who have become mothers and are guardians due to various circumstances

And to all of the mothers with babies and children in Heaven, All of the soon to be mothers

And the children who miss their mothers,

We are thinking of you all and sending you our love.

Thank you.

Taken from, @allontheboard.

@allontheboard

I am grateful for...

1. Early wakeups = children to love
2. House to clean = safe place to live
3. Laundry = clothes to wear
4. Dirty dishes = food to eat
5. Crumbs under the table = family meals
6. Shopping to do = Money to use
7. Toilets to clean = Indoor plumbing
8. Lots of noise = Kids having fun
9. Endless questions = Kids learning
10. Getting into bed sore and tired = I'm still alive.

By Chelsea Lee Smith. MomentsADay.com

Taken from, healthyholisticliving.

And be thankful people. Colossians Chapter 3 verse 15

Luke

COME AND SEE

Many people are asking deep questions of faith.

Come and See is a free online experience to explore spirituality and help you find out more about the Christian faith.

Come and See takes place over 40 days, during Lent 2023. Starting on Ash Wednesday the 22nd February.

Register below and we'll send you bite-sized daily emails to reflect on and a weekly short film from the Bishop of Oxford, Rt Revd Steven Croft.

Whether you're exploring faith for the first time or have been coming to church for many years, just five minutes a day using the Come and See materials promises to be life-giving, and life changing.

Come and See is free of charge. Find out more and register online at oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see



From the Registers:



Baptisms

Isaac George Woolford

Funerals

Bridget Holliman

Margaret Kennedy



BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

March

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

CONTRIBUTED BY MICHAEL HAWKINS

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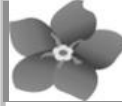


In All Saints' and St Mark's Churches we have a small pastoral care team who are happy to visit and befriend the people of Binfield. So, if you have recently moved to the area and don't know many people; if your family live far away; if you are a Mum at home with a baby and would like adult company; 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

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



St Mark's Church Hall Available for booking.

Please contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for more information or to make a booking.

Praying for and with you



We have weekly prayer sheets — please email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk if you would like something to be included.

The Binfield Beacon



The deadline for Beacon Contributions for the April 2023 issue is Monday 13th March 2023

Please email:

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hi Everyone!

We've had a fantastic February with the kids and youth groups, and we're looking forward to all that Spring has to offer us.

At Whizz Kids we've been learning about being a new creation in Christ, and how people's lives change after meeting Jesus. We acted out, and learned about people in the Bible who's lives changed when they encountered God! We heard of Paul and Silas when God broke them out of jail, and Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to see Jesus.

Coming up in the next few months we'll be at the All Age service on Easter Sunday to join with our Church family for Easter celebrations, continuing with our tradition of an Easter egg hunt after the service of course! We also have our Easter Adventure on 3rd April available for anyone in primary school, which is a day of fun and faith. We will learn about the Easter story along with craft, games, activities, food and much more.

7UP youth group have been facing moral dilemmas this term! Each week a leader gives them a moral dilemma, any they then have to decide what they would do in their friend groups. It's been interesting and challenging imagining ourselves in some very tricky situations, but has been a great chance to explore consequences and our decision making.

We also had our first social event of the year and had an overnight stay at Jump-In trampoline park! We joined forces with Relentless youth group at Warfield Church, and had a sleepover with lots of bouncing, obstacle courses and inflatables, and it was an absolute blast - we will definitely be going again next year!

We have children's and youth groups available for all ages, so if you want to drop by and see if it's for you, the dates for this month are below!

Whizz Kids: Sunday 12th, 26th March

7UP: Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March

Relentless: Friday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March

We hope you have a wonderful March and hope to see you soon.

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



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EASTER ADVENTURE



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

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Fundraising for 2023

Our Fabric team (who take care of our church spaces, along with our Churchwardens) are on to the next stage of planning for this year after receiving the Quinquennial Report, so we should soon know exactly what we are aiming to fundraise for and a rough idea of the costs.

To support this, we have been having a think about the activities and events we can put on for you all to take part in and enjoy this year. We'd love to hear any ideas or from anyone who would like to get involved in anything!

Amazon unfortunately stopped their charitable donation scheme (Amazon Smile) at the end of February, but we are still signed up to easyfundraising which is a fab way for you to help us raise funds. There's a handy reminder tool to download, so you don't miss out on generating a donation while you're booking your annual holiday! Visit www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for info.



General Funds:

Supporting the ongoing costs of running our churches and services, including the Parish Share payment and Youth work



The Church Care Project:
Funding large building projects and ad-hoc maintenance work on our church spaces



Please remember to use **easyfundraising** every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE and funds go to our Church Care Project!

PLUS we will give our biggest fundraiser between now and June a prize!

You can get started at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/binfieldpcc/>



Events

We are currently putting our heads together to make a plan for this year's fundraising events.

We are aiming to run our Easter Plant Sale again this year over the Easter week and so would gratefully receive any plants or seedlings of flowers, fruits or vegetables to sell and help us raise funds. Look out for more info on our website. Perhaps some decorated pots to sell with them too if anyone is feeling creative?

We are also working on another Barn Dance after the success of the evening last year, and possibly another quiz night. What else would you like to see happening? Any new or repeat events? Let us know!

To our green fingered friends...

This April, we are hoping to once again run our popular

Easter Plant Sale

We'd therefore love any donations of plants or cuttings.

Please think of us as you plant out any new seeds or seedlings,

and email us for more info!

fundraising@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 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.



SCAN ME

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



Party 'Bye' The Pitch Saturday 1st July 2023 4pm - 10pm

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

Put the date in your diary now!

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



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HELPERS NEEDED

Spring is definitely in the air and thoughts may be turning to doing something different, meeting new people, having a change of focus..... but what?

Why not pay 3G a visit and join us for coffee and cake. Take a look at what happens at St. Mark's on a Wednesday morning from 10.00 to 11.30, during Term time, with Parents, Babies, Toddlers and some Grandparents too. It is surprisingly peaceful and enjoyable watching small children happily playing, listening to a story or singing together making a joyful noise with their musical instruments.

We are short of helpers. For the time being we have had to stop accepting new children. Perhaps you could change this.

More details available from **Jan Watts 07445 000443** or pay us a visit one Wednesday morning, during Term time, and see for yourself if this is something in which you would like to be involved.



EASTER LILIES



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

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

Easter is a time when we think about how the resurrection gives us hope. God has promised us eternal life and He has prepared a place for each one of us in His kingdom where we will meet our loved ones again one day.

If you would like to include the name of a loved one who has died, please email Hayley in the Church Office office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk by Tuesday 4th April.

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

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

Donations via BACS (see page 6 for acct details) please ref: **FLOWERS**

Cash donations can be dropped off at the office, (Please add a note that it is for FLOWERS)

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



Bracknell Choral Society Joint Concert Spring 2023

**Saturday 25th March
at 7.30pm**

Haydn's Creation with Reading Festival Chorus

Bracknell Choral Society has an exciting programme for the second part of the 2022-2023 season. Our Spring concert is a joint concert with Reading Festival Chorus and we will be singing Haydn's glorious oratorio *The Creation*. This is one of Haydn's supreme choral masterpieces, a celebration of the creation of the world as depicted in the Book of Genesis. The concert takes place on **Saturday 25th March in The Great Hall, University of Reading, London Road, RG1 5AG at 7.30pm.**

The concert will be conducted by our Musical Director **Greg Hallam** and soloists are **Emily Vine**, Soprano, **Graham Neal**, tenor and **Frederick Long**, bass. We will be welcoming the **British Sinfonietta**, one of Britain's leading independent professional orchestras.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ClothesBank

ClothesBank is now back in full swing post covid and we have a new venue at St Mark's Church in Binfield. The church lends itself very well for a Giveaway with more space to help clients choose suitable clothing and a much larger waiting area in the warm for the clients to enjoy some refreshments (kindly provided by Binfield Co op) whilst waiting during our more busy times of the Giveaway day.

We've had help from Newbold College with the loan of their minibus to enable us to transport clients from Bracknell town centre to Binfield as the bus service out to the village is not very frequent.

We have just had our Winter Giveaway and it was our busiest Giveaway post covid where we helped provide new and good quality secondhand clothing and footwear for nearly 70 peoplevery definitely an indication of the financial hardship that some individuals and families are facing during these difficult times.

As a result, many of our boxes of clothes are now in need of refilling ready for our Spring Giveaway in early May and this is where you as a community might be able to help.

For more information or if you have any questions contact Gisele Taylor on 07724 889169



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE: good quality, clean secondhand clothing/ footwear (suitable for British springtime weather)

Please note below the specific clothes we are in need of :

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| Ladies Sizes 14, 16, 18, 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tops T shirts, Jumpers, Hoodies, • Leggings, Jeans, Trackies Coats Trainers Shoes | Mens Sizes Small, Medium, Large, XL/XXL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T shirts, Casual shirts, Hoodies, Jumpers, • Jeans, Trackies Coats Trainers Shoes |
| Girls Ages 4-8yrs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T shirts, Tops, Jumpers • Skirts, Shorts, Leggings • Jeans Trackies, Dresses Generic uniform for all ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trousers, Shorts, Skirts, Dresses, Blouses, Polo shirts, Sweatshirts, Jumpers Blazers, PE kit Coats School shoes, Trainers | Boys All ages up to 18yrs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts, Casual shirts, Jumpers, Hoodies • Jeans, Shorts, Trackies Generic uniform for all ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trousers, Shorts, Shirts, Polo shirts, Sweatshirts, Jumpers, Blazers, PE kit Coats School shoes Trainers |

DONATE NEW underwear and pyjamas

(we are unable to use second hand for hygiene reasons)

- Girls socks, knickers, pyjamas
- Boys socks, boxers, pyjamas
- Ladies socks, knickers, bras, pyjamas
- Mens socks, pyjamas *(we don't need any men's boxers)*


DONATE money so that we can purchase clothes/footwear to fill the gaps we have in any of our clothing boxes

WHEN: any time between now and the end of April ready for our Spring Giveaway

WHERE: Any donations can be dropped at **The Rectory, Terrace Road North, Binfield** (they can be left on the bench by front door) or **St Marks Church Office during opening hours only** (Tuesday-Thursday 9am -1pm)

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated time, money and/or clothes to our January give away. We cannot do it without you.

 In particular we would like to thank Binfield Co-Op for so generously providing food for our clients at the Giveaway.

Also a big thank you to Newbold College for the loan of their minibus which enabled us to transport clients without transport from Bracknell.

COMMUNITY NEWS



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

March 2023

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| Tuesday 14 March | Parish Council | 8pm |
| Thursday 23 March | Annual Parish Meeting (The Foxes' Den community café) | 8pm |
| Tuesday 28 March | Planning and Transportation Committee | 8pm |

Silver club

We would like to thank everyone who attended our events over the winter months. Now the spring days are approaching our next event will be Silver Sunday on 1st October. We would like to offer a special thank you to Liz Hall, Karen Hatt, Linda Willcocks, Hilary Doyle and the Foxes' Den for giving up their time to support the event and making their delicious soups and cakes.

Annual Parish Meeting – 23 March 2023

The meeting this year will be at the Foxes' Den café 7.30pm for refreshments and a chat with your councillors, with the meeting starting at 8.00pm. Councillors will be there to present on the year and to answer any of your questions and finishing with the Parish People Awards.

The Coronation of His Majesty the King 2023 – Sunday 7th May 2023

The Kings coronation will be on the 6th May 2023 and will be celebrated over the long weekend. We will be joining in with the 'Coronation Big Lunch' event by holding a Coronation celebration on **Sunday 7th May at Farley Wood 12.30-5pm**. We will have a variety of community groups with stalls, music, entertainment, inflatables and fairground rides. You can bring along your own picnic or there will be food available to buy on the day. If you would like to be involved with a stall or as a volunteer on the day, then please do get in touch using the information below. Please do come along and join us with the celebrations.



Dogs

The dog waste bag dispenser has been removed near the Victoria Arms and we ask all dog owners to dispose of their bags in their bins at home if there is no waste bin nearby. We have seen a vast increase in bags being left near the Victoria Arms on the path and the Red Rose allotment hedges.

Salt bin provision from the Parish Council for use on public roads

If we do experience freezing conditions this winter, please note that salt bins are available for you to use on public roads. This provision is part of the Bracknell Forest Highways Winter Service Plan 2022-23, which can be viewed at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/strategies-plans-and-policies/roads-strategies-and-policies>.

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

The Foxes' Den

COFFEE FOOD COMMUNITY



Spring is on the way!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready to embrace all the joys of spring. Here at the Den, we're gearing up for a season filled with tasty drinks & snacks, fun events, and of course, plenty of caffeine.

Did you know that our fab coffee is not just a generic bean from a nationwide retailer but roasted in small batches weekly at a lovely roastery in Marlow: Coopers Trading Company. Wherever possible we try to support local businesses (or as close as we can get). Our eggs are all from Stokes Farm and the honey that we sell is from bees that live on Terrace Road North. If you know of other local companies that we can work with, please get in touch

Please follow us on facebook to find out about all our fresh bakes, latest news and up-to-date events and activities. See you soon.

Claire x
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FOXY LUNCHES



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Keep Cups!

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The BINFIELD 10K

10am Sunday 21st May 2023

Hello Binfield! We have had an amazing response to opening up the race entries at the beginning of the year – we filled over half the spaces in just January. That is over 425 runners, joggers and walkers already signed up!

Now we are concentrating on keeping that momentum going but also looking to fill up our marshal and volunteer lists too. We are complimented on the fabulous volunteer marshals every year; we couldn't do it without you! So, if you are thinking of signing up please get in touch with Kirsty on volunteer@binfield10k.co.uk and she can answer your questions and get you involved.

We also couldn't put on this great event without our brilliant sponsors. We are very blessed with several great businesses and entities in our area that have shown us significant support over the years and many come back time and time again. This year we already have the fabulous:

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If you would like to find out more about the Binfield 10K then please visit us at: www.binfield10k.co.uk or find us on the socials @Binfield10k

The Binfield 10k Committee



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BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

I start off March's library input into the Beacon by apologising to all our customers about the continuing postponement of Open+ due to the damage done to the self-service machines in December. The components needed to mend them have been difficult to source but we are optimistic that they will arrive soon, and everything will be operational again. We will keep you posted on this with updates on social media and in the library.

Our **Community Winter Hubs** are still running at Binfield and Whitegrove library. Remember everything we are offering is free; books, computers, newspapers, magazines, Wi Fi and events, we will even make you tea or coffee and we have toilets.

The **Five Ways to Winter Wellness** campaign is ongoing. So far, the sessions organised by Bracknell Forest Council's Public Health Team have not had a huge amount of interest so let's see if we can change that?! They are led by qualified instructors and you can find out what is available at <https://health.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/five-ways-to-winter-wellness-timetable> or if you prefer come into the library and we can give you the information in person.

Our weekly events remain the same:

Rhyme Time sessions for preschool children continues every Thursday at 9.30am, a small 50p charge applies, this group is followed by a craft activity (£1.50 charge if your child stays for both the singing and the craft). It's led by Anne our very experienced volunteer but if she isn't around then either me or Nat will take it, definitely worth a visit just for the laugh.

The **Friday After-School Craft** session starts at 3.30pm, this event needs to be booked so we can make sure we have enough resources for everyone and there is a small charge.

Where have all our young **Lego** fanatics gone? Our poor Lego boxes stood sad and lonely with no one making inspired

models to put on display. So this is a plea to all our customers to enjoy some time in our warm library having fun modelling, it's totally free.

A slow start to our **Community Jigsaw Puzzle** for adults, so far, I think I've done most of it and as much as I enjoy a jigsaw, I am supposed to be working so you need to come in so I can't get to it.

Every other week:

The **Reminiscences Group** hosted by our wonderful Natalie is on the first and third Thursday of the month at 11 am. The sessions are well attended with lots of personal and fascinating contributions. There is a small charge of £1 to include tea or coffee.

Please feel free to bring along a small item related to your memories if you wish.

The next few meetings will be on:

2nd March – medicines and hospitals

16th March – music of the 60's and 70's

6th April – films

Derek's Quiz – second and fourth Thursday of the month at 11 am, £1 charge. Enjoy the dry wit of Derek our host who dazzles all of us with his knowledge and charm. It's lots of fun and informal, all degrees of knowledge is welcome!

The next dates for this are:

9th March

23rd March

13th April

Knit & Natter - 1st Monday of the month 2 – 4 pm and 3rd Saturday of the month 1.30 – 3.30 pm. There isn't much knitting or nattering happening now, we need You!

For more details of library events please go to

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries, find us on facebook and twitter or call 01344 306663.

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Items can be delivered to St Mark's Church on the second Tuesday of the month from 3.30pm till 5.00pm.

NEXT COLLECTION MARCH 14TH

THANK YOU

I would like to thank our generous partners "danetti" (<https://www.danetti.com/>) who have made it possible for us to provide 15+ home cooked meals a head. and also the residents of Warfield Park who have supported us with donations raised from Charitable events.

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Maundy Thursday

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Good Friday

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