

The Binfield Beacon

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



April 2023

The boy's eyes stared first at the bread, then at the glass of water.



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Hints of the father...

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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)

APRIL 2023

Sunday 2nd Apr	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Baptism Service
Thursday 6th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm	A reflective Communion Service
Friday 7th April GOOD FRIDAY	2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross
Sunday 9th April EASTER SUNDAY	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Celebration followed by Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 16th April	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal Communion Service
Sunday 23rd April	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal Service
Sunday 30th April	8.15am 9.30am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion

MAY 2023

Sunday 7th May	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Baptism Service
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DIARY

APRIL 2023

Sat 1st	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 5th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
Wed 12th	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 13th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 14th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 16th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wed 19th	10.00am 7.00pm	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 20^h	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 21st	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 23rd	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tues 25th	12 noon 7.30pm	Silver Service at St Mark's Church Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Wed 26th	10.00am 7.00pm	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 27th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 28th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 30th	10.45am	NO WHIZZ KIDS
MAY 2023		
Wed 3rd	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 4th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 5th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sat 6th	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: 19th and 26th April and 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th May

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 25th April at 12 noon

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 1st April and 6th May

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

The walk lasts approximately 1 hour.

Be ready for all weathers!

For more information contact Kim Swain on 07894 469633 or 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.

5th April - 9am meet Foxes' Den

19th April - NO WALK

3rd May - 9am meet Foxes' Den

17th May - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:
Gisele on 07724 889169



**Sunday Group
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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



The Lesson

A boy was consistently coming home late from school. There was no good reason for his tardiness, and no amount of discussion seemed to help. Finally, in desperation the boy's father sat him down and said, "The next time you come home late from school you are going to be given bread and water for your supper – and nothing else. Is that clear, son?"

The boy looked straight into his father's eyes and nodded. He understood perfectly.

A few days later the boy came home even later than usual. His mother met him at the door but didn't say anything. His father met him in the living room, but he didn't say anything either.

That night, however, when they sat down together at the table, the boy's heart sank down to his feet. His father's plate was filled with food, and his mother's plate was filled with food. But his own plate contained only a single slice of bread. Next to his plate was a lonely glass of water.

The boy's eyes stared first at the bread, then at the glass of water. This was the punishment his parents had warned him about. To make it worse, tonight he was absolutely starving.

The father waited for the full impact to sink in, then quietly took the boy's plate and placed it in front of himself. He took his own plate and put in front of the boy.

The boy understood what his father was doing. His father was taking upon himself the punishment that he, the boy, had brought upon himself by his own behavior. Years later, that same boy recalled the incident and said, "All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night."

Easter reminds us that God, through Jesus death on the cross was, wounded for the wrong we did; he was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to him, and we are healed because of his wounds. Isaiah chapter 53 verse 4.
Luke

Verse of the Month

APRIL

Matthew 6: 33-34

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."



Contributed by Margareta Hawkins

From the Registers:



Baptisms

Skye Hannah Rose Pickering

Funerals

Daphne Steel



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

As part of All Saints' with St Mark's Churches, Binfield annual charitable giving this year one of our donations was to Bracknell Foodbank...



"What a fantastic amount of money – thank you so very much! Sadly demand on our service has increased hugely over the last few months and your donation will be such a huge help in enabling us to meet this demand."

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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



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 May 2023 issue is Monday 10th April 2023

Please email:

Beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk
Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hey Everyone!

We hope you've all been enjoying the beginnings of spring, and are looking forward to Easter and all it has to offer! We've been busy as usual with our children's and youth groups, and we've got lots coming up for our young people...



At Whizz Kids we celebrated pancake day in style with delicious pancakes and lots of toppings! We also learned about why some people choose to give something up over lent, and we even started our own 40 day lent challenge, where we have to do one positive or encouraging thing each day on the run up to Easter. We also joined the Mother's Day service at All Saints', and the kids wrote and read the prayers for the service. Right at the start of April we'll also be meeting for our Easter Adventure, so watch out for next month's beacon for the highlights. Plus, we'll be having an Easter egg hunt after the 11am service on Easter Sunday, so please come and join us to celebrate.



In addition to our usual weekly taskmaster challenges, and several interesting moral dilemmas, our youth groups have also enjoyed eating many pancakes, playing games of in-person 'among us', and taking time out of life's stresses to hang out together. If you're taking part in this year's Easter Egg hunt round Binfield, you may have spotted our Dr Dolittle contribution - which was made and decorated by the young people in our groups. Coming up we have our very own 7UP talent show, which you can hear all about in next month's beacon, plus several of our young people have booked on to come to Satellites youth festival with us in August. This will be 5 days of late nights, deepening faith, great music, wild games, camping and all importantly, a whole load of fun!

We will also be at the community 'Coronation Big Lunch' on 7th May with a teddy tumble stall, so please come and join us for a fabulous day of fun, and to support all the local groups involved! With loads to look forward to over the coming months we hope you enjoy more of the sunshine and the Easter season.

WK dates: 16th and 23rd April

7UP dates: 12th, 19th and 26th April

Relentless dates: 14th, 21st, 28th April

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



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FUNDRAISING NEWS



Fundraising QUIZ NIGHT
Tease your brain & enjoy a night out with friends!

Saturday, April 22
at St. Mark's Church, Binfield
Doors open at: 7:30pm
Quiz starts at: 8:00pm

£7 per person.
Tables of 6-8
Bring your own food - snacks and bar available

For registration & further information
www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



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



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

Easter Plant Sale

Monday 3rd April -
Monday 10th April 2023
at The Foxes' Den Cafe,
Benetfeld Road, Binfield
during opening hours.

We would really appreciate any extra donations of plants or cuttings. Please get in touch!



All proceeds go to
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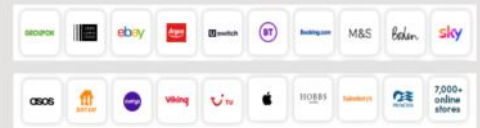
Update

We now have some great events lined up for you...

Firstly, our Easter Plant Sale where you can find some bits to spruce up your kitchen or garden, and then our always-popular Quiz night. Get your team together and register soon via the website.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Coronation at the Parish Council event at Farley Wood in May – drop us a line if you might have any Teddy Tumble donations!

We have a date for your diaries for a Barn Dance - keep Saturday 14th October free for another fun, family evening. Plus more exciting things to come - all of which help us to raise money to keep our churches up and running and properly maintained, which we couldn't do without you!



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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
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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!

With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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 :

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

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

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

In March we held a fundraiser with stalls from Apothenie, Tropic, The Live Studio, Spirit & Grace and Livvy B to raise funds for the Bracknell Clothes Bank - helping clothe the local people in need and raised £465.

A huge thanks to Sophie and Niki for organising it and all who supported by coming along. The funds raised will go a long way to helping clients with much needed new underwear, pj's and other clothing.

Party 'Bye' The Pitch

Saturday 1st July 2023

4pm - 10pm



1st Binfield Scouts and Binfield Cricket Club's Annual Fundraiser at the Cricket Club is back!

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As part of All Saints' with St Mark's Churches, Binfield annual charitable giving this year one of our donations was to Five Talents who supports savings schemes,

literacy training, numeracy training and business training for communities in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Bolivia and Myanmar.

They are the Anglican Church's microfinance charity, founded as a Christian response to global poverty - but of course people of all faiths (and none) join our programmes and we never evangelise.

Thank you for your wonderful gift....Your giving has supported our programme in Uganda in the past and stories like Mirembe's below help to make it more real.

This blog post was written by Grace Cooney, our Fundraising & Communications Assistant.

Mirembe is a widow with 5 children who lives in Karamoja, Uganda. When her husband died, she was left to take care of her children herself without sufficient resources. Before joining a Savings Group, she struggled to put food on the table and meet her family's needs. Previously, in order to generate food and income, she performed agricultural labour, fetching forest products such as firewood, logs, and reeds for sale. This hard work drained her both physically and psychologically.

Her life changed when one of her friends encouraged her to join a Savings Group. When she was first asked to join, Mirembe gave excuses such as not having enough money for weekly savings.



However, her friend insisted that she would benefit from social support systems, life skills, and the words of God which were shared in the Group. Her friend also mentioned that the capital built by saving together with the other members would help Mirembe qualify for a loan. After her friend's encouragement, Mirembe decided to join the Group.

"When I applied for the first loan, nearly half of the members stood surety and [the loan] was approved without much delays. I used part of that money to buy maize seed to expand my acreage from 1 to 3 acres. The other part helped me pay for the tractor with some small balance for weeding and food at home. God blessed this and I was able to harvest 19 bags of maize from the 3 acres. After the harvest, I waited for the perfect time during the lean season to sell the surplus. The waiting was finally rewarded as I was able to sell my maize with some good profit margin."

Five years on, Mirembe has expanded her business ventures from selling produce to running a piggery unit and grain grinding mill. She is also among the top savers in her Group. Her success was admired by other members in her Group who decided to elect her as the Groups' Chairperson. She has also gained respect in the wider community being elected as a councillor, representing her Parish in the sub-county council. At home, she has improved nutrition and was able to construct a permanent house for her family. Now, Mirembe is better able to pay for school fees and materials, so all of her children are able to attend school.

Not only is Mirembe an inspiration and role model to those in her Group and community, but she is also a proud and confident mother. Her words of encouragement to other people who face similar situations is to never give up and join a nearby Savings Groups.

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WALK AROUND BLUE MOUNTAIN AND JOCKS LANE – 4 KILOMETRES

This walk includes one section which can be muddy after rain, but it is still suitable for families with buggies. This is also a good route for dog walkers.

This walk starts at the Jocks Lane Recreation Area, where there is a car park, toilets, shop, play areas, tennis courts, crazy golf, table tennis tables, etc. This is also the home of Jocks Lane Miniature Railway (A), which offers rides for children of all sizes on bank holidays and the second Sunday of every month.

Take the riverside path at the far side of the recreation area (past the “station” for the miniature railway). Ignore a footbridge across the Cut on your right and follow the left bank of the river until it rises to meet a road (Temple Way). On this section of the walk watch out for wagtails (pied and grey), herons, and, if you are very lucky, kingfishers. Cross Temple Way carefully, to join another section of path opposite. There is a traffic island to your right if you have children, dogs or bikes with you. Follow the path along the left bank of the river for a short while, turn left ignoring a footbridge to the right, and then shortly turn right to follow this path along a tree-lined path that runs between Binfield Manor and the housing estate (that at the time of writing is being built on what was the Blue Mountain golf course).

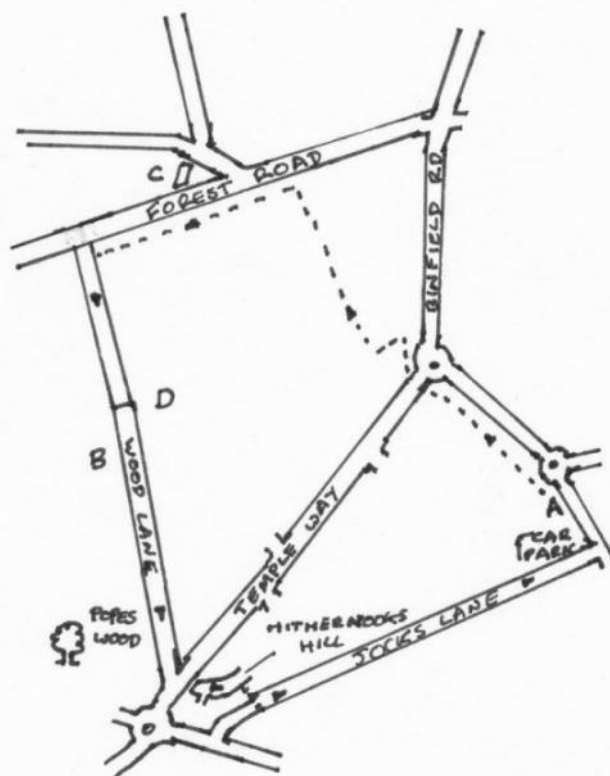
Eventually you will reach Forest Road. Our route turns left here, to climb gently up a hedged path. However, it is worth looking up Forest Road to see (or even stopping for refreshment at) the Stag and Hounds (C). Parts of this pub are amongst the oldest buildings in the village, and at one time this was regarded as the centre of the royal forest. The building used to be a royal hunting lodge reputedly stayed in by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. It became a coaching inn in the 1700s and was described by the 18th Century travel writer, William Cobbett as “a very nice country inn”.

Back on our route, follow the path, separated from Forest Road on your right by a lovely old hedgerow (if you are lucky you may see bullfinches, an increasingly rare sight) until you reach Wood Lane. The first section of Wood Lane is now no more than a gravel track, but used to be a through road. Turn left to eventually pass a new school (King’s Academy, D) on your left and a golf driving range (B) on your right. At this point the path becomes a road. Follow this, passing the old Park Farmhouse on your left and Pope’s Wood on your right. The Binfield poet Alexander Pope is said to have whiled away many an hour in this copse.

Follow Wood Lane to its junction with Temple Way. Cross Temple Way using the traffic island on the left and then go through the gap in the hedge just to the left into Hitherhooks Hill. Go straight ahead along this road until you see a tarmac path on your right with wooden fences either side. Follow this through to Jocks Lane and then turn left going gently downhill to eventually return to the recreation area.

This walk was taken from the Binfield Walk Pack available from:

<https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/binfield-walkers-pack>



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NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

April 2023

Tuesday 04 April	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 11 April	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 25 April	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

Future Events

Thursday 04 May	Local elections	All day
Sunday 07 May	Kings Coronation Celebration at Farleywood	12.30-5pm
Sunday 21 May	Binfield 10K	8am-12noon

Council Elections

Bracknell Forest Council has launched their campaign to remind residents that elections are taking place across the borough on Thursday, 4 May 2023.

These elections represent your chance to have your say on the democratic make up of Bracknell Forest.

Thursday, 4 May will also be the first time that voter ID will be required inside the polling station. This means that you will need an accepted form of ID in order to cast your vote.

If you want to find out more about what forms of ID are accepted and the options you have to make sure you can cast your vote this May, you can visit the [voter ID section on our website](#).

Those residents who have recently changed address or are not already registered to vote have until Tuesday, 18 April to complete an application. They can do so on the [register to vote page](#) of the central government website.

If you need any help please contact the council team on 01344 352000.

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 and inflatables. 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.

Do you have an idea to improve the facilities in Binfield?

The Council has a four-year plan that, in addition to its usual functions, is concentrating on a strategy to "inspire the local community with assets, activities and opportunities to promote people's health, happiness and well-being." In order to achieve this, the Parish has four areas of focus. These are: Planning & Transportation; the Natural Environment; Community Well-being and Facilities. You can learn more about these focus areas on the parish website -

<https://binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-strategies/>

If you have an idea that would improve the facilities available in Binfield and that would benefit from some funding, please contact the office either by phone, email or pop in and see us to put forward your suggestions.

Welcome to Spring!

As Spring has sprung in the Parish and the daffodils, bluebells, snowdrops and crocuses are poking their heads out, why not take a stroll through some of the many open spaces or follow one of the walking routes to take in the sites and sounds of Binfield. Taking a walk-through Bluebell Wood or Big Wood is a great way to escape into a place of peaceful tranquillity. Alternatively, you can pop to Wicks Green and enjoy the open grass areas or take a look around the arboretum in Silver Jubilee Field.

More information on the open spaces and walking routes can be found on the Parish Council website.

<https://binfieldgw.wixsite.com/binfieldgw/binfield-walkers-pack>

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Happy Easter from the Den!

It's that time of year again! Daffodils are nodding in the sunshine (or drooping under heavy showers), the birds are tweeting away in the mornings and shop shelves are loaded up with pricy chocolate eggs... over here at the Den we are looking forward to supporting the Binfield Easter Egg Hunt that is running 2nd – 10th April. We will have our egg on display and will be open for the duration for maps and toilet stops! And, of course, our fabulous toasties and milkshakes...

UPCOMING EVENT: We are planning another 'What's Happening in Binfield' event in early June, which will allow local groups to showcase themselves and tout for new members. Please watch out for posters to see how to get involved.

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

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

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Who still hasn't been in to see us?

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

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

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

LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM –

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The lighthouse Program has recently seen a rise in the number of local people that need support with home cooked meals and household essentials.

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BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

Spring is officially here and I for one am pleased to see the longer days and warmer weather it puts a big smile on my face and makes me feel that anything can be achieved. So Binfield don't forget we have lots of books on allotments, gardening, and holidays to help you make the best of these extra hours.

A big thanks to all of you for being so patient with the temporary suspension of Open+, I know it's been difficult and has caused delays in the day-to-day library service, but we sincerely appreciate your understanding and patience.

So, what's happening this month? Well, here's a quick summary of dates for your diary:

Weekly events:

Rhyme time: Come along and join our fun (and sometimes noisy!) singing sessions for babies and toddlers on Thursday mornings at 9.30. There is a 50p charge for the singing and a £1.50 charge if your pre-schooler stays for both the singing and the following craft.

Friday afternoon craft: This fun event is still running on term time Fridays 3.30 – 4.30 pm for children in Reception to Year 6, there is a small charge of £1.50 per child to cover supplies and we ask that you pre-book to make sure there are enough materials.

We won't be running during the school holidays 3rd to 14th April, but we will return on Friday 21st April.

Lego club will be running on Mondays it's an after school drop-in session so, please stay as long as you like :)

Our **community puzzle** is beginning to take shape, please feel free to add a piece or two next time you're visiting.

Reminiscence Group: Is running on the first and third Thursday of the month at 11 am. There is a small £1 charge to include a cup of tea or coffee.

If you would like to bring along a personal photo or small item related to the discussions, you are very welcome to do so. On

our recent discussion about pre-decimalisation coins, we were able to look at an eighteenth-century coin from George III's reign. We have also had some wonderful stories of snowy winters in Binfield, amongst others, and we're looking forward to the following discussions:

6th April - Films

20th April – British TV

4th May – Coronation and Silver Jubilee memories

18th May – Eurovision memories

1st June – Fashion, especially in the 1960s

Derek's Quiz

This is a popular light-hearted quiz held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 11 am. The small £1 charge includes a cup of tea or coffee.

The next dates are 13th April, 27th April, 11th May

Knit & Natter This is held in the library on the first Monday of the month 2-4pm and the third Saturday of the month 1.30-3.30 please come along with whatever you're working on.

Coronation Day Saturday 6th May King Charles III's Coronation we will be having events so keep your eyes open for information in the library and on social media.

Upcoming Event – A Talk by Paul Lacey Local historian and author Paul Lacey will be giving a talk on the history of local transport in Binfield library on Thursday 20th July at 11am. Tickets will be £2 each and will include tea, coffee and biscuits tickets need to be booked in advance.

Are any of you lovely people interested in starting Rummikub and scrabble again? If you are let us know. We play both the numbers and letters version of Rummikub, and novices are always welcome. Refreshments served for 50p.

We're here to help so please contact the library for any further details on any of our events. This is your Library, so please use it. We aim to provide services and activities to meet your needs, so let us know how we are doing.

We look forward to welcoming you to the library. *Sar Henty*



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.

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