

# The Binfield Beacon

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



May 2023

## Press pause for thought...



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**Our mission is connecting people with Others and Jesus.**

# SERVICES & DIARY

*Luke is on Sabbatical from 1st of May - 24th of July.  
Services will continue as normal throughout this period.*

## SERVICES

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

### MAY 2023

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	<b>Special Service to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III</b> <b>NO COMMUNION (see page 3 for info)</b>
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	NO SERVICE - BINFIELD 10K
	11.00am	NO SERVICE - BINFIELD 10K
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

### JUNE 2023

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

## DIARY

### MAY 2023

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 18 <sup>h</sup>	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.45am	NO WHIZZ KIDS - BINFIELD 10K
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God Venue TBC (contact Revd Sam Mortimer on 07505 426763 or rev.sam.mortimer@gmail.com)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
<b>JUNE 2023</b>		
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield



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: 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th May  
and 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June**

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 16th May at 12 noon**

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

## MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

**DATES: Saturday 6th May and 3rd June**

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.

**3rd May - 9am meet Foxes' Den  
17th May - 9am meet Foxes' Den  
7th June - 9am meet Foxes' Den  
21st June - 9am meet Foxes' Den**

For more information contact:  
Gisele on 07724 889169

**WHIZZ KIDS!**  
Everyone welcome!  
SUNDAYS Except the first of the month! St. Mark's Church 10.45AM

JOIN US AS WE LEARN HOW TO FOLLOW GOD  
With stories from the bible.  
sports, craft, games and more...  
[daisyriddell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyriddell@gmail.com)

For anyone in school years 7-13

**7UP**

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

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

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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



## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

The irony of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider roads, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but we enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more gadgets in the house, but less time.

We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts in just about everything, yet more problems.

We have more medicine, but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray far too seldom.

We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.

We've added years to life not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but often can't be bothered to cross the street to meet a new neighbor.

We've conquered outer space but not inner space.

We've done larger things, but not necessarily better things.

We've cleaned up the air but polluted the soul.

We write more but we learn less.

We plan more but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less.

These are the times for fast foods and slow digestion, steep profits and shallow relationships,

These are the days of two incomes but much more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes.

Remember to try to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your whole heart and it is a treatment that doesn't cost anything.

Above all remember that life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

So maybe our prayer should be, **Teach us how short our lives really are so that we may be wise.**

**Psalm 90 verse 12.**

Written by Rev. Bob Wightman, Unitarian Minister.

On, *Pause for Thought* - Wogan Show, Radio 2. 3 Feb 2005

Luke

## VERSE OF THE MONTH MAY 2023

"The Lord is my  
Shepherd, I shall  
not want."

Psalm 23:1  
Contributed by Beverley Cornish

## From the Registers:



### Baptisms

William Alfred Buckley

Teddy Blanchard-Stone

### Funerals

Martin Bird



7th May 2023

9.30am

### All Saints' Church



On 7th May, there will be a special service at All Saints' Church at 9:30 am to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. This service will not include Holy Communion, but all are welcome to attend and celebrate this historic occasion.

For those who wish to participate in Holy Communion, the 8:15 am BCP Holy Communion service will take place as usual. This service will provide an opportunity for worshippers to come together and receive the Eucharist.

There will also be an All-Age Baptism service at 11:00 am.

We encourage everyone in the Binfield community to join us for these special services. Whether you are a regular member of our church or a first-time visitor, we warmly welcome you to come and celebrate with us.



# CONTACT US: 01344 421079 [office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

**Luke is on Sabbatical  
from 1st May - 24th July.**

*In his absence, please contact:  
the Church Office in the first instance, or  
otherwise one of our Churchwardens  
(see details below)*

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

The Church Office is sited in St Mark's Church

## St Mark's Church

Popeswood Road  
Binfield RG42 4AH

## All Saints' Church

Church Hill  
Binfield RG42 5NS



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



## Praying for and with you

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

## The Binfield Beacon



**The deadline for Beacon Contributions  
for the June 2023 issue  
is Monday 8th May 2023**

**Please email:**

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hey Everyone,

We hope you had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine. We've been busy with our usual groups and had some special Easter activities running, here's what we've been up to...

At Whizz Kids we had our Easter Adventure to kick off the holidays, which was a morning of fun and faith with games, biscuit decoration, and craft to learn about the Easter story. We had an amazing time enjoying the sunshine and getting creative, and it was great seeing some new faces, and familiar faces too! We also contributed to the Easter Egg Trail round Binfield with our Dr. Dolittle themed eggs outside the Village Stores - did you spot ours?! There were the most amazing creations this year from the village, well done to everyone who made one! On Easter Sunday at All Saints' we took part in the All Age service, then had our annual Easter Egg hunt after, and there was LOTS of chocolate to be found - and Reuban found the Easter chick which meant he won the chocolate bunny!



Coming up in the next few months, we will be taking part in the Binfield Coronation Big Lunch on 7th May this year, and we'll be running a teddy tumble stall to raise funds for our youth work, so please come and visit us to find a teddy a new home. We'll also be hosting our free community Father's Day BBQ again on Sunday 18th June. This is open to anyone and will be outside the Foxes Den from 12:30pm on Sunday 18th June, we hope to see you there!

At 7UP and Relentless we've been continuing with our moral dilemmas, and also thinking about the qualities of Jesus and how we can embody some of these, like courage and forgiveness. We ended the term at 7UP with a talent show, which featured dance numbers, magic tricks, poetry, music and more, we have a very talented bunch of young people!



We will be holding a water station for the Binfield 10k again this year outside All Saints' on 21st May, where we will be handing out water and jelly babies, and cheering on the amazing runners! And on the 4th June we'll be holding a 'Cake and Car Wash' to raise money for our youth activities, so come along for a sparkling clean car and cake while you wait.

With lots of exciting events coming up, keep your eyes peeled for more info - and if you'd like to be added to either the Whizz Kids or 7UP facebook page, drop me and email.

Thank you for all your support! **Daisy - Children's and Youth Worker ([daisyridell@gmail.com](mailto:daisyridell@gmail.com))**



WK dates: 14th May only

7UP dates: 3rd 10th 17th 24th May

Relentless dates: 5th 12th 19th 26th May

Binfield Youth

**CAKE AND CAR WASH**

4TH JUNE  
12:00-1:30PM

**All Saints' Church, RG42 5NS**

Come and get your cash washed for a donation, while enjoying some delicious cake while you wait!

# FUNDRAISING NEWS

**I'm looking for a new home...!**  
**Come find me and friends at the**  
**Coronation Celebration**  
**Sunday 7th May 12:30-5pm**  
**@ Farley Wood**

**Teddy Tumble Stall**  
**raising funds for the**  
**Church Youth**  
**Groups**




**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

## Thank You

We'd love to thank Amanda Downs and The Foxes' Den who put on and hosted our **Plant Sale** over the Easter break. Thanks too to all those who were kind enough to contribute to the offerings!

We hope everyone enjoyed a fantastic evening at our **Quiz Night** and that the questions were suitably challenging but fun! We appreciate the efforts of the event team and particularly Quiz Master John Pascoe.

We also really appreciate recent donations from the **Spring Pop-up** event of £485 and £500 from the Lockton Charitable Association which was for the Clothesbank. Fundraising events and donations such as these enable us to continue to carry out our Missionary work and also essential maintenance work which wouldn't happen otherwise! So far this year this has included extensive tree work at St. Mark's, as identified as urgent in a site survey (£3,216) and fixing the hearing loop at All Saints' (£364).

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** We are looking forward to King Charles III's **Coronation Celebration** at the Parish Council event at Farley Wood. Hopefully it will be a wonderfully sunny day as the Queen's Jubilee event was! Come and find us at the Teddy Tumble Stall.

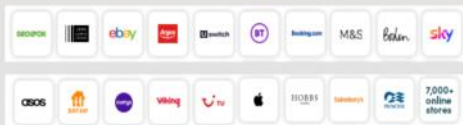
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** **Children's Art Workshop** at All Saints'.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** **Party By the Pitch** refreshments stall.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September:** **Church Fete. Please get in touch if you would like to join the team this year!**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Barn Dance.

Suggestions for other events and fundraising ideas are always welcome! Please drop us an email.



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**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/>

## How to make a donation:

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

- **Online:** see our updated 'Giving' pages on the website, with easy links to make a one-off donation: [www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/giving-page](http://www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/giving-page) or click on the 'Donate' link on the Home Page.
- **Cheque:** send a cheque to the church office, made payable to "Binfield PCC". Please write 'Church Care', 'General Funds', or where you would like your donation used on the back
- **BACS:** Name: Binfield PCC, Account Number: 80175528, Sort Code: 20-11-74  
Please add **your name + a reference** (as above) if you would like to specify where your donation goes.

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!



SCAN ME



With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## IT'S SHOWTIME WITH BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY!

Wednesday night is music night at **Newbold College Church, Binfield, RG42 4AN** on the **24th May at 7.30pm** as Bracknell Choral Society will be presenting **Songs from the Shows**, a concert featuring songs from some of the most well-loved Broadway blockbusters of the past eighty years, ranging from *Carousel*, *Oklahoma* and *South Pacific* to *Les Miserables*. Music by great composers, including Sondheim and Rogers and Hammerstein and many others will combine to make this a memorably tuneful evening.

We are delighted to be welcoming West End performer **Maria Kesselman** as our special guest to host the event and share some of her experiences of starring in musical theatre, opera, concert performances and cabaret.

We are also delighted that soprano **Emily Burton** is returning to sing with us. Emily is well-known for many of her starring roles in musical theatre productions for EBOS and Crowthorne Musical Players. **Greg Hallam**, Musical Director, will be conducting with **Nick Austin** accompanying on piano.

**Tickets cost £15 (accompanied under 18's free)** and are available from choir members or from our website [www.bracknellchoral.org.uk](http://www.bracknellchoral.org.uk).



## 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 :*

### Ladies

**Sizes 14, 16, 18, 20**

- Tops T shirts, Jumpers, Hoodies,
- Leggings, Jeans, Trackies
- Coats
- Trainers Shoes

### Mens

**Sizes Small, Medium, Large, XL/XXL**

- T shirts, Casual shirts, Hoodies, Jumpers,
- Jeans, Trackies
- Coats
- Trainers Shoes

### Girls

**Ages 4-8yrs**

- T shirts, Tops, Jumpers
- Skirts, Shorts, Leggings
- Jeans Trackies, Dresses

### Boys

**All ages up to 18yrs**

- T-shirts, Casual shirts, Jumpers, Hoodies
- Jeans, Shorts, Trackies

### Generic uniform for all ages:

- Trousers, Shorts, Skirts, Dresses, Blouses, Polo shirts, Sweatshirts, Jumpers Blazers, PE kit
- Coats
- School shoes, Trainers

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- Trousers, Shorts, Shirts, Polo shirts, Sweatshirts, Jumpers, Blazers, PE kit
- Coats
- School shoes Trainers

## Bag2School Collection in aid of Binfield CE Primary School



**Thursday 25th May 2023**  
**Parish Council Office (Foxes Den)**  
**Car Park, Benetfeld Road**

**Please note that we are accepting donations at the below times:**

- **Wednesday 24th May: 1pm - 4pm**
- **Thursday 25th May: 8am - 9am**



### 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

**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)

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**Binfield Village and Church Community Sustainability Initiative**



As we continue to witness the global impact of climate change, we are reminded of the importance of adopting a more sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyle. To this end, I'm thrilled to announce that we are planning an initiative this autumn to promote sustainable practices within our community.

We invite members of our church and village community to join us in this endeavour. Our goal is to help create a more sustainable and environmentally friendly community, one that is conscious of its ecological footprint and actively takes steps to reduce it.

Throughout the autumn, we will be planning a series of activities and events to raise awareness about sustainability and eco-friendliness, as well as to encourage and facilitate action. We welcome your ideas and involvement in planning and organizing these events.

Some of the possible activities we have in mind include:

- Workshops on sustainable living, including tips on reducing waste, conserving energy, and making eco-friendly choices in our daily lives.
- Community clean-up events to reduce litter and pollution in our streets, parks, and natural spaces.
- Initiatives to reduce the carbon footprint of our food consumption, such as promoting local food production and reducing food waste.
- Talks and discussions on the challenges and opportunities of environmental sustainability.

We believe that by working together, we can create a more sustainable and eco-friendly community that benefits us all. We encourage everyone to get involved in this initiative and to help us make a difference in our community.

Let's take this opportunity to make a positive impact on the environment and create a more sustainable future for ourselves and generations to come.

If you would like to be part of this initiative or have **any** suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact:

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



I sat down to write this, as requested, and thought "Who am I to be writing an article for The Beacon about the WI." There are so many people in Binfield Women's Institute who know so much more than I do, but maybe that's the point?

I went to a meeting last year, first time ever and I have to say I was very pleasantly surprised. I listened to the new President talking about her trek across the Sahara to raise money for charity...impressive; I looked at the Noticeboard for Future Events, there were several that appealed to me, as well as some of the regular Activities. At the next Monthly Meeting, I joined as a Member.

There are quite an amazing number of activities and events to go along to, plus some very nice people to meet whilst you're there. You don't have to be an expert at anything, just have an interest in the subject matter and there will be someone there to help you.

Regular activities include things like Badminton, Walking, Rummikub, Book Club, Crafts, Environment Group - a new group focussing on the flora and fauna in the area and no doubt much more as time goes on. Plus, an independent Exercise Group.

Coming up we have Theatre visits; Supper Club – an evening meal at a different restaurant each month; Windsor Flower Show. Two weeks ago we visited Maidenhead Mosque – very

interesting. Skittles and Buffet are on the agenda and Coffee Mornings for those who prefer not to go out at night. There really is something for everyone and if there isn't anything to suit you, just let a Committee member know and enquiries will be made. There is no obligation to attend any of these, you might just want to go along to the meetings for company and a cuppa.



It's also very important to us to support the local community with various projects, currently focussing on the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles by decorating parts of the village and assisting at the local fete. We'll be serving Jacket Potatoes, Coronation Chicken, plus plenty of very nice cakes to buy.



In closing I would just like to say why not come along to one of our Monthly Meetings at Binfield Primary School? Visit as a guest and It will only cost you a £1 towards tea, coffee and cake. We'd love to see you.

**Christine Burns**  
Secretary, Binfield Women's Institute  
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## BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE THURSDAY 18TH MAY AT 7PM AT BINFIELD MEMORIAL HALL



On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Binfield Garden Club will be holding their Annual Plant Sale at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall



Everyone is very welcome to pop in and find some healthy bargains of flowers and veg for their garden. Plant prices start at £1 upwards and there will also be tea and cakes and a tombola.

Monthly meetings continue on the first Thursday of every month with talks on interesting subjects such as Heavenly Hostas, Fuchsias and The Scented Garden.

**For more information see posters around the village and our website [binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com)  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



### Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

#### May 2023

Tuesday 09 May	Annual Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 23 May	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

### Future Events

Thursday 04 May	Local elections	All day
Sunday 07 May	Kings Coronation Celebration at Farley Wood	12.30-5pm
Monday 08 May	'The Big Help Out' Community Litter Pick	10am-2pm
Sunday 21 May	Binfield 10K	8am-12noon
Thursday 24 August	Save the date! Binfield Summer of Fun	11am-3pm

### Annual Parish Council 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

You are most welcome to attend the first meeting for our Parish Councillors who will have been elected on 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Please come along and see how your Parish Council works for the benefit of the community.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to all of you who attended the recent Annual Parish Meeting. Draft minutes will be published on our website along with the agenda and reports booklet.

### Congratulation to the 2023 Parish People Awards winners!

Congratulations to those who were recognised for their community spirit and dedicated years of voluntary and community service to the Parish of Binfield. Awards winners: Andy Bryant, Chairman of Cricket Club for 7 years, organised 'Party Bye the Pitch' and school governor. Margaret Edgington MBE, involved in the community for many years, with the preschool, church groups and guiding. Karen Hatt, who runs one of the Binfield Rainbows and Brownies, church activities and Chairman of the British Legion and Memorial Hall. Margareta Hawkins, organises weekly coffee morning, works tirelessly for the church, leader for the monthly Silver Service. Michael Hawkins, has played the organ for the church for the last 50 years and choirmaster. Claire Murphy, runs the community café as well as the Foxes' Den and craft group as well as other activities for the community. Carley Perry a very helpful neighbour, volunteers for the Lighthouse Project as well as huge contributor to community events.

### Council Elections – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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 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](#).

### The Coronation of His Majesty the King 2023 – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The Kings Coronation will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



### The Big Help Out – Binfield Community Litter Pick – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

As part of the 'Big Help Out' and the King's Coronation Weekend you are invited to help your community by getting involved in a parish wide litter pick. Register between 10am and 12 noon at the Foxes' Den Community Café and pick up a kit. Find the event on 'The Big Help Out' app – <https://www.thebighelpout.com/>

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

The Foxes' Den   
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### Merry May Mayhem!

We are just about recovering from the madness that was the Easter break and the fabulous Binfield Easter Egg hunt – thank you so much to everyone who joined in or put up with the craziness while we catered for all the extra demand.

**THE BINFIELD 10K ROAD RACE – Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>** – the start and finish of the race are here outside the Den, so it will be a bit busy here on that day! There are 850 runners signed up and it seems like the whole village gets involved – please cheer them all on if you can!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BINFIELD?** – along with Bracknell LETS we are organising a second event to showcase the fabulous clubs and activities that are on in the village. It is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> June, so at this stage we are looking for groups to get in touch with us to have a table – please email [g.hudson163@gmail.com](mailto:g.hudson163@gmail.com) to register interest.

**NEWS UPDATE:** If you follow us on social media you will have seen that our lovely Kerrin has now become a part owner of the Den with me and will be taking on the café side of things, while I continue with the community engagement – we are both very excited to share the future of the Den with you. *See you soon! Claire & Kerrin x*

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### The Shop in the Nook

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### Board Games Night is coming back!

Come along on the second Sunday of the month – May 14<sup>th</sup> - with your friends/family and your favourite games (bring your own refreshments too if you want to) we will have some games. 6.30pm-9.00pm – see you there!



The **BINFIELD 10K** 

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**Last few places remaining...** We are so excited that the Binfield 10km road race is nearly here! At the time of writing there are the last few places still available – the deadline for entries is 7<sup>th</sup> May, so if you are still thinking about entering, grab your place now!

**Transfers:** If you have a place and you no longer wish to run, then you will be able to transfer your place to a friend – but also only up until 7<sup>th</sup> May. From this point onwards, we are unable to offer any transfers or swaps. If you would like to swap with someone then please do by visiting [thebinfield10k.eventize.co.uk](http://thebinfield10k.eventize.co.uk)

**On the Day:** On the field we will have the wonderful Foxes' Den providing coffee and cakes, as well as our usual BBQ providing bacon rolls, hot dogs and burgers. We will also have a bouncy castle and a couple of other activities on the field.

**Road Closures:** Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that there will be several road closures around the village during the race - most are just for a short time - for more information please visit: [binfield10k.co.uk/road-closures/](http://binfield10k.co.uk/road-closures/)

**Can you help?** We are still in need of some marshals though, so if you are able to help, please send an email to [volunteers@binfield10k.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@binfield10k.co.uk). Our marshals are the best in the area and you are only needed for a few hours in the morning. The marshals provide invaluable support to our runners, so please do get in touch.

This year we are pleased to continue our partnership with Thames Valley Air Ambulance – a charity close to all of our hearts. We also want to say a big thank you to all the fabulous village clubs and groups that make the event possible and so much fun! And lastly the biggest thanks goes to our sponsors, without whom this event really couldn't go ahead: David Cliff Estate Agents, McEvoy & Rowley Kitchens, B W Reed & Son Builders, Mulberry House Vets, Advantage Printroom, Ascot Travel House and of course Binfield Parish Council. Thank you!

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Much fun was had in the spring sunshine at our local tennis courts over the Easter weekend as Binfield Tennis club opened its doors to welcome members, non-members and their families to take part in their Easter Egg Hunt and Tennis day on Easter Saturday. The little ones were kept busy searching for 250 coloured tennis ball eggs, which they happily swapped for chocolate eggs.



Working off all that chocolate was child's play as Courtney, one of the fab coaches at CTC-Tennis, ran a fun cardio tennis session, followed by a friendly doubles tournament for both adults and junior players. There was a raffle to round off the afternoon. Support in the form of excellent refreshments was provided by neighbouring Foxes Den Café.



Watch this space for Binfield Tennis club's next events, which will be advertised on their shiny new notice board outside the courts as well as online.

Finally, a big thank you to Courtney of CTC-Tennis and to David, Jacqui and Tim of Binfield Tennis Association committee for organising the day.

If you've ever walked past the tennis courts and thought about playing, come along, individuals and families are all very welcome!

Find out more at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BinfieldTennisAssociation/Membership/Join> or find us on Facebook and Instagram, search "Binfield Tennis".

## BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

"The month of May was come, when every lust heart beginneth to blossom, and to bring forth fruit"

— Sir Thomas Malory, *Le Morte d'Arthur*

Hi everyone, I hope you are all enjoying the light evenings and taking full advantage of the glorious walks in the evening sun to the library, picking a good book and spending a relaxing time in the garden reading it, bliss. So what can I tell you this month?! Well firstly a great big thank you to all of you who came into the library to see Easter Bluey, she certainly has a major following in Binfield; for anyone who hasn't a clue what I'm talking about ask your children or grandchildren :)

I can only keep apologising for the lack of Open+ please be assured that it will be repaired and hopefully by the time I write the June article. Fingers and toes crossed.

### So what are we offering here for the Children in May?

Lego is every Monday from 3.00pm, it's still free! If you need some encouragement take a look at the beautiful and imaginative models designed by our creative young readers!

Our Friday craft session will continue with Nat taking over from Dani; we were sorry to see her go but hope that her following will now become Nat's. Please remember to book this session as it is very popular.

'Rhyme time is still every Thursday at 9.30am followed by a craft at 10.00am. The charge is £1.50 per child to include the singing and craft however if you just want to sing it's 50p.

The Summer Reading Challenge will soon be upon us so keep an eye out at the library and on social media to see when it will start and

what exciting things will be taking place.

### The Coronation

We have special activities for the Coronation on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at Whitegrove called 'Music for Families with the Alina Orchestra for more information ask at Binfield library and on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May "Read to your Seeds" a children's activity decorating plant pots and receiving packets of red, white, and blue seeds to plant and talk to! Please book for both events.

### Now for the Adult Events in May:

The Reminiscences Group hosted by our wonderful Natalie is on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11 am. The sessions are going from strength to strength with fascinating visual and auditory resources. There is a small charge of £1 to include tea or coffee.

**Derek's Quiz** – is at 11 am on 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, £1 charge. Derek's wit and charm is legendary, and his group has expanded to a staggering 11 members so come and experience the fun and have a good laugh in the process all degrees of knowledge welcome!

**Knit & Natter** is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2 – 4 pm and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 – 3.30 pm we still need more knitters so we can hear lots more nattering.

And finally, our **Community Jigsaw** still needs you enthusiasts to complete it; do you have any thoughts on how we can get more of you involved? Just let us know we are here to provide you with a community library which gives you outstanding service.

We look forward to seeing you soon and remember joining is **FREE!**

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 ST. MARKS' CHURCH, BINFIELD

*Would you like to join us?*

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE PLANNING THE 2023 CHURCH FETE AFTER A NOW FOUR YEAR ABSENCE!

IT IS SUCH A LOVELY COMMUNITY EVENT AND WE WERE SO CLOSE TO GETTING GOING LAST YEAR. WE AIM FOR THE 2023 TO BE A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF FELLOWSHIP AND JOY. IT'S ALSO AN IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHURCH.

WE ARE SEEKING 3 OR 4 NEW FETE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO HELP US WITH THE PLANNING.

WE MEET MOSTLY ON ZOOM, FOR ABOUT AN HOUR FORTNIGHTLY (AND OCCASIONALLY IN THE PUB!) NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - JUST A DESIRE TO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE IT A GREAT DAY!

WE WILL OF COURSE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS ON THE ACTUAL DAY, TO SET UP, HELP AT THE FETE AND TAKE DOWN AFTERWARDS. SO PLEASE BEAR THIS IN MIND IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO JOIN THE TEAM THIS YEAR!

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**ART WORKSHOP**

**a free event with activities for children up to 11 years old!**

Saturday 3rd June  
 10:00am-12:00pm  
 All Saints' Church, Binfield

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION**

PARENTS PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT THIS EVENT

JOIN US FOR OUR

**Father's Day BBQ**

**SUNDAY 18TH JUNE FROM 12:30PM**

**OUTSIDE THE FOXES DEN**  
 DONATIONS WELCOME

**FREE BEER FOR MEN!**