

The Binfield Beacon



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

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July 2023



What did he say to his teacher about God?

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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)

JULY 2023

Sunday 2 nd July	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 9 th July	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
Sunday 16 th July	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service with Communion
Sunday 23 rd July	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
Sunday 30 th July	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

AUGUST 2023

Sunday 5 th August	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service

DIARY

JULY 2023

Sat 1 st	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 5 th	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 6 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 7 th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 9 th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wed 12 th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 14 th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 16 th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tues 18 th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 19 th	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 20 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 21 st	4.00pm	Community BBQ at Foxley Fields
Tues 25 th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at 1 Minoru Place, RG42 4HS
Thurs 29 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

AUGUST 2023

Sat 5 th	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk
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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:

5th, 12th, 19th July

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 18th July at 12 noon

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 1st July and 5th August

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 July - 9am meet Foxes' Den
19th July - 9am meet Foxes' Den
2nd August - NO WALK
16th August - NO WALK

For more information contact:
Gisele on 07724 889169

For school years 1-6
Everyone welcome!

SUNDAYS Except the first of the month!
St. Mark's Church 10.45AM

WHIZZ KIDS!

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sports, craft, games and more...

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For anyone in school years 7-13

7UP

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

RELENTLESS

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

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



PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Our Practice the presence of God sessions take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1 Minoru Place, RG42 4HS

This is a time to be still and to practice listening to God and learning to recognise how he speaks to you.

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



DOES EVIL EXIST?

An atheist professor wanted to prove to his students that God did not exist.

So, he asked the question, "Does evil exist?"

The students answered, "Yes evil does exist."

So, he asked, "Did God create everything?"

The students answered, "Yes God created everything."

"Well, if God created everything, then God created evil.

Then God is evil in and of himself."

A student raised his hand and said, "Does cold exist?"

The professor said, "Of course, have you never been cold?"

The student answered, "Cold does not exist. Cold is the absence of heat. You measure temperature by how much heat is in the atmosphere."

So, he asked another question. "Does darkness exist?"

The professor said, "Yes of course."

The student replied, "Again sir you're wrong. Darkness does not exist. Darkness is the lack of light. You measure how dark it is by the lack of light."

The student asked the final question. "Sir, does evil exist?"

The professor said, "Of course it exists. Haven't you seen there is crime all around the world?"

The student answered, "Sir, evil does not exist, at least not unto itself, evil is simply the absence of God. Evil is what happens when people don't have God's love in their hearts. Evil is like cold when there is no heat and darkness when there is no light."

The student's name was Albert Einstein.

The Bible says, **Jesus is the light of the world and darkness cannot overcome it. John chapter 1 verse 5.** We can all make a difference by choosing to be God's heat and light in the world.

Story taken from. Instagram. Philbeckbraga **Luke**

Verse of the month

JULY



"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

Romans 8:18

CONTRIBUTED BY DAISY OSINAKE

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Otto Francis Connolly

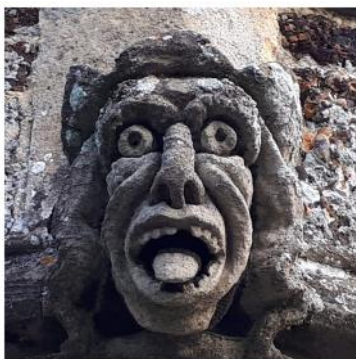
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Eric Nickless

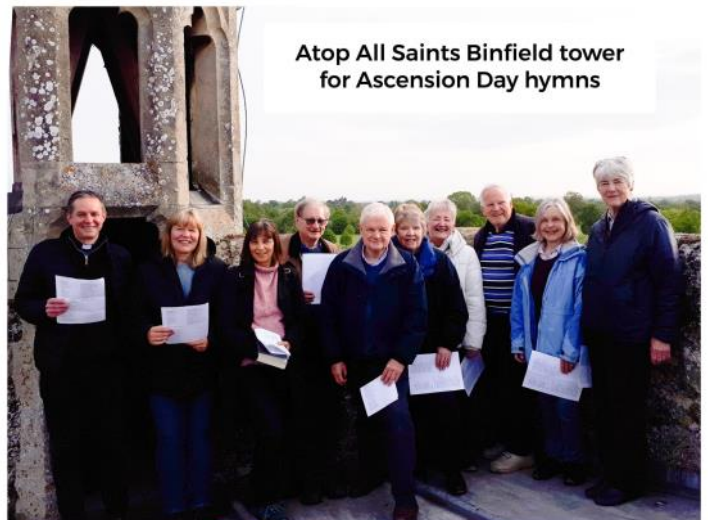


ASCENSION DAY—18TH MAY 2023

The Church Choir and some friends sang hymns atop All Saints' Tower at **6.30.am** on Ascension Day, 18th May.



This has been an annual event for over 30 years and Singers enjoyed a hearty breakfast afterwards. The gargoyles were not amused!



Atop All Saints Binfield tower for Ascension Day hymns

CONTACT US: 01344 421079 office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

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

*In his absence, please contact:
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otherwise one of our Churchwardens
(see details below)*

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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!

Jill Hanson	tel. 452694
Margareta Hawkins	tel. 411681
Sarah Muller	tel. 428782
Gisele Taylor	tel. 07724 889169
Dave Dawson	tel. 360389

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.

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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 August/September 2023 issue**

is Monday 10th July 2023

(Please remember this is a double issue)

Please email:

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

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hey Everyone!

What a wonderful June we've had enjoying the sunshine - we've been doing lots this past month including fundraising, new events and having a blast at our usual weekly groups...

We had a fabulous turn out for the 10k water station at All Saints' Church, where our kids and young people handed out water and jelly babies to the fantastic runners. We were blessed to have the amazing voices from the Rock Choir too, bringing uplifting songs to cheer everyone on, it was a fabulous event as always so a huge thank you to all those who helped put it on, volunteered their time, or took part in the race!

We also held our first ever arts workshop, which was a morning of crafty fun including printing, painting, collage and some face painting. We had some incredible art pieces to show after, so we definitely have some talented little local artists.



The wonderful weather we've had has meant we've been spending lots of time outside at Whizz Kids, which means lots of outdoor games, plus ice lollies to cool down. We've also been learning a few of the Psalms, and one of our favourites so far has been Psalm 23, which featured a special guest of Claudine the Shepherd! It's been great learning about who God is through the poems of the Psalms.

The 7UP team did an amazing job with their fundraising car wash, and managed to raise £328 for our youth funds, so a massive thank you to everyone who came to get their car washed to support our youth groups! We've also been exploring spirituality on Wednesday nights, thinking about some of life's big questions like are we alone in the world, and do we have a soul? At Relentless we've been looking at different ways we can pray and chat to God, including writing our cares on paper airplanes, and locating on a map of the world places that we'd like to pray for. It's great to know that we don't have to pray in one specific way, but there are lots of ways to talk with God.

We've got some exciting social events coming up in July too, including a water fight on our final Relentless and Whizz Kids of the term, plus 7UP is heading to GolfPlex in Binfield for some mini-golf on the 12th July. At Relentless we've got an inflatables night on the 7th July, AND we're joining the Foxes Den for their end of term party on the 21st July with BBQ, bouncy castle and more - so we've got loads for young people of all ages to come along to!

If you fancy joining us at any of these events you are so welcome to come along, and please send Daisy an email if you need any more info about what's going on in the village.

We hope to see you soon!

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



**The dates for July are:
WK: 9th + 16th (Waterfight)
7UP: 5th, 12th (Mini Golf) and
19th (Slip'n'slide)
Relentless: 7th (Inflatables)
and 14th (Waterfight)**



FUNDRAISING NEWS



Binfield Church
Fete 2023

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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

Update

Well done to the organisers and to everyone who took part in another fantastic village event with this year's Binfield 10k. As part of our contribution to the day, our youth team did a cracking job keeping runners watered at the church and the burgers were flying off the (hot!) grill at Foxley fields, where our lovely volunteers stepped in last minute to cover the BBQ. They raised a fantastic amount for our Church Care funds while they were at it! Thank you teams. It feels like summer is now really on a roll and so are we with more fun events coming up. We appreciate your support, however much you can get involved!



**BINFIELD VILLAGE
2024 CALENDAR
PHOTO
COMPETITION**



Our photo competition is back!
Send in your photos of Binfield, and the best 13* selected will feature in the ever popular annual Binfield Village Calendar

Send photos in by Sunday 3rd September to
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See the church website for full rules and details
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*12 monthly landscapes and 1 portrait front cover



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Upcoming Fundraising Events

From now until 3rd Sept: Binfield Calendar Photo Comp.
Saturday 1st July: Party by the Pitch refreshments stall.
Sunday 17th September: Church Fete. *Please get in touch if you would like to join the team this year!*
Saturday 14th October: Barn Dance.
Check www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for more details.

Other Upcoming Events

Friday 21st July: End of Term BBQ on Foxley Fields, in conjunction with The Foxes' Den Café.

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!



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With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:
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COMMUNITY NEWS



ABBY'S HEROES

FAMILY FUN DAY FOXES DEN 22ND JULY 2PM-6PM
FREE ADMISSION AND MANY FREE EVENTS FOR THE CHILDREN

Please join us for a family fun filled afternoon, bring your picnic blanket and chairs and enjoy what we have to offer in entertainment:

Bouncy castle, large inflatable slide, beat the goalie, face painting, glitter tattoos, craft table, cake stall, tombola, win a bar in a box, Binfield Community choir & more
Barbeque, Prosecco and Pimms

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6 tickets for the Shegar cup @ Ascot
Boat ride on the Solent for 5 people
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Hospitality for 4 people at Brentford FC
Tottenham FC signed shirt
A flying lesson

Round of golf at Foxhills for 4
Family ticket for 4, Harry Potter world
Dinner cooked in your own home for 6 people
Signed Brentford FC shirt
Dinner for 2 at the Stag & Hounds
and many more.

All proceeds will go to the amazing charity, Abby's Heroes

Their mission is to help support children & their families who come under the Piam Brown cancer ward at University Hospital, Southampton. Southampton is this area's centre of excellence for children diagnosed with cancer leukaemia.

Binfield little lad, Albert was diagnosed in October 2022, his parents made their way through a blanket of fog and tears, crash landing at Southampton hospital with absolutely no idea what was happening, asking: "Why is this happening to our precious darling boy aged just 2"

This amazing charity were there to provide the staples to get you through those dark days and nights with a hug, sit with your sick baby boy whilst you shower, grab a coffee, talk to his older sister at home, offering practical and financial support and advice. Albert's mother has now left her career to care for Albert as his treatment continues over the coming months and years.

No one realises what effect this has on siblings, a husband and wife relationship, grandparents, and the wider group of family and friends. Albert's Mother stayed at the hospital for nearly seven months whilst the amazing team at Southampton & Frimley Hospitals cared for Albert with continuous support from Abby's Heroes.

Please enjoy our event, hold your loved ones close, and please be as generous as you can in support of this utterly amazing charity. www.abbys-heroes.org Registered charity No 1170676



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Amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk

SHOUT OUT: To reduce unnecessary expense from our limited funds we are asking for donations of strong carrier bags/bags for Life. The bags are used to deliver the prepared meals to those in need. The bags can be taken to St Marks on the first two Tuesdays of the month, either left in the porch, or to the Baxter Room from 3pm – 6pm.

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Why not come and join the Arts Society Wokingham on a private tour of Tate Modern - the most visited modern art museum in the world?

In June 2016 Tate Modern opened its doors to the stunning new Blavatnik Building, setting the new gold standard for museum design. This illustrated talk looks at the sleek new architecture and then follows the highlights of the collection, from Monet to Bacon and on to recent international works.

Ian Swankie is one the Society's most popular lecturers. He is a Londoner with a passion for art and architecture and an official guide at Tate Modern, Tate Britain, Guildhall Art Gallery and St Paul's Cathedral.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free illustrated talk which will take place on Monday 24th July at 7.30pm at King's Academy, Binfield.

Please email memsectheartssocietywham@gmail.com to register beforehand.

For further details please visit the Society's website

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Binfield Tennis Association



LTA'S ROAD TO WIMBLEDON JUNIORS COMPETITION COMES TO BINFIELD TENNIS CLUB!



Junior players from Binfield Tennis Club and Bracknell Lawn Tennis Club came together on Sunday 14th May, supported by the Lawn Tennis



Association, to take part in the LTA's "Road to Wimbledon" competition.

The Event is open to junior players (aged 11-14). Players start by competing locally, with the winners progressing through to County and/or Area Finals, and then onto the National Finals at Wimbledon.

Finalists will enjoy the experience of playing on the iconic courts of the All England Club.

25 junior players took part in the competition, with Mimi and Navya representing Binfield Junior girls, and Alex, Guillaume and Harry representing Binfield boys. There were some great matches played, and winners and runners up were presented with LTA certificates and trophies or medals.

The winners go on to the next round at Wokingham's Cantley Park. It was great to see so many parents supporting from the sidelines, and we are delighted to have welcomed a few new members as a result too!

Well done to all the players who took part, and to those who made it through to the next stage. Next stop, Wimbledon!

Thank you to the team who worked together behind the scenes and on the day to make the event a success. In particular, thanks go to Binfield Tennis coaching team, Tony Williams and Courtney Marsden of CTC-Tennis, David Harper (BTA Chair) and to Trevor Kotchie, coach of Bracknell Tennis Club.

Binfield Tennis is your local, friendly tennis club and we'd be delighted if you'd like to join us. To find out more, take a look at our shiny new notice board outside the courts, visit us at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BinfieldTennisAssociation/Membership/Join> or follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching "Binfield Tennis".

Binfield Tennis Committee



1ST BINFIELD SCOUT GROUP NEWS

1st Binfield Scout Group features >150 young people and is made up of 4 sections:

- 1 x Squirrel Drey (4-6 year olds)
- 2 x Beaver Colonies (6-8 years olds)
- 2 x Cub Packs (8-10 year olds)
- 2 x Scout Troups (10-14 year olds)
- 1 x Explorers Unit (14-18 year olds)

With new housing developments in the local area increasing demand, we are approaching 100 young people on our waiting list and would love to welcome new members but can only do this by adding to our amazing team of volunteers.

We are looking both for leaders (no experience required!) and support with building and equipment maintenance, communications etc. Even an hour a week can make a huge difference!

Volunteering with youth groups is hugely rewarding and if you think that this is something that you would like to pursue, please get in contact at 1stbinfieldscouts@gmail.com

50 Litre expedition rucksacks

Do you have an old backpack, which is gathering dust and would like a new home? We would happily receive donations for good quality second hand 50L backpacks for our young people to use on expeditions. Please get in contact on 1stbinfieldscouts@gmail.com if you can help.



Activities and fundraising

We are now well into the summer term which gives our young people a great opportunity to spend plenty of time outdoors (a relief for both them and the leaders!).

Activities planned or in the planning for this term include katanuung, rifle shooting, den building, woodwork, backwoods cooking, orienteering, dragon boat racing and litter picking to name just a few!

At the end of July, we will be taking >20 of our young people to a week long camp in the Brecon Beacons for a activity-filled week of fun.

Project Africa

Scouting provides amazing activities for young people and encourages positive contributions in support of wider communities.

As such, a group of our young people aged 14+ will be taking part in **Project Africa** with a trip in the planning to Africa, where they will spend 3 weeks supporting local school and conservation projects. They will need to fund raise to cover the costs for this trip so please keep an eye out for them at local events over the next year. Equally, if you are a local business interested in sponsoring our young people, please contact us at 1stbinfieldscouts@gmail.com.

For more information, visit <https://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/project-africa-uganda/>

COMMUNITY NEWS



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings: July 2023

Tuesday 11 th July	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
Tuesday 25 th July	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Events

Wednesday 24 th August	Summer of Fun – Farley Wood	11am-3pm
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Summer of Fun 2023

Various Parish and Town councils are once again holding the Summer of Fun events. These are a series of free event days for families in the borough over the school summer holiday period.

This year's event for Binfield will be on Wednesday 24th August at Farley Wood Community Centre (RG42 1FW) 11-3pm. Inflatables, crazy golf, and balloon modelling are just some of the activities that will be available on the day.

Please see the other dates taking place over this Summer for your diaries, all events are 11am-3pm:

- Wednesday 26 July** Warfield Memorial Ground
- Wednesday 2 August** Great Hollands Recreation Ground, Bracknell
- Friday 4 August** Memorial Park, Sandhurst
- Thursday 10 August** Locks Ride Recreation Ground, Winkfield
- Tuesday 15 August** Morgan Recreation Ground, Crowthorne
- Thursday 24 August** Farley Wood, Binfield
- Wednesday 30 August** Braybrooke Recreation Ground, Bracknell

HUGE thanks to the runners and volunteers involved in the Binfield 10k!

With the Binfield 10K a few weeks ago now, we wanted to ensure we recognised all the runners and the large number of volunteers who have made this event possible. Our thanks also to the Binfield Environment Group who, with local volunteers, litter picked across Binfield ahead of the run. Please check <http://binfield10k.co.uk/> for all the post-run information and photographs.

Protect Our Tree

Following a recent tree survey, we have been advised to protect the old Oak tree at the bottom of Foxley Fields.

As this is an ecological feature, we really need to do what we can to protect it. We have therefore blocked off the tree roots with natural foliage and some netting to stop people damaging the roots even further. Thank you for your support.

Anti-Social Behaviour

We have been experiencing a high volume of anti-social behaviour in the village, graffiti, littering, parking, and the shelter has been vandalised. If you do notice any anti-social behaviour, please do let us know at the Parish Council by contacting us by phone or email at the address below. We would also encourage you to report any incidents to the police, you can do this online or by calling the non-emergency line, 101.

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Tracey and Alisa

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Jumping July!

June was fun over here at the Den; from the fab 'What's Happening in Binfield' event to Father's Day shenanigans lots of our lovely community have been stopping by to see us and join in with our activities.

What's next?

Summer is here – isn't it?! So we are prepping our milkshake and ice cream stocks and our poor little ice machine is working over time on the iced teas and iced coffees, made as ever with our brilliant Cooper's freshly ground coffee (roasted in Marlow). We launched our new Foxy Slushies in June and they are flying out – have you tried one yet? We are going to help celebrate the end of term on 21st July and the start of the summer hols with a bit of extra fun on Foxley Fields – with bouncy castles, Pimms bar and the All Saints' Church Free BBQ - see the posters!

Then the very next day (Sat 22nd July) we are helping to host the Abby's Heroes Charity Fun Day on Foxley Fields. It is going to be huge, with a dog show, live auction, charity head shaving, bouncy castle, bbq, bar and lots more all for a very good cause. See you there!

Have a great July! Claire & Kerrin x

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BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

This month will see me visiting our local schools to promote the Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 4 – 11 years. It's a national challenge and the biggest reading event for children in libraries. Thousands of families all over the country take part and the aim of the challenge is to get children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays. Every year there's a different theme and this year it's 'Ready, Set, Read!' This challenge is completely free all your child needs is a library card so if they're not a member join them up, so they can start the challenge. It's fun and a creative way to encourage literacy.

So, what are we offering at Binfield for our lovely Children in July?

Lego is every Monday, it's still free! This will continue to run throughout the summer, it's a great way to unwind for an hour and we have air conditioning at Binfield Library when we get those beautiful hot days.

Our Friday craft sessions continue throughout the Summer, but timings and arrangements are a bit different. Our theme will tie in with The Summer Reading Challenge, so all crafts will be Sport related. Here are the dates and times to put in your diaries:

Feisty fridge magnets 7th July

Quidditch 14th July

Decorate your own plant pot 21st July

Skateboards 28th July

Football pictures with stencils 4th August

Football wooden dream catchers 11th August

Spinning tops 18th August

Kite wand kits 25th August

Make a paper fortune teller 1st September

Sessions will be 2 – 4pm, booking in advance and cost £1.50 per child.

Rhyme time continues throughout the summer holidays, all ages

welcome so if you have older children bring them along as well, the more the merrier and I get help with the singing! It's £1.50 a session and we have a craft after, which normally involves glue and sparkles.

Now for the Adult Events in July:

Reminiscence is on 6th July and will be about sporting memories such as Wimbledon, Royal Ascot etc. We need new members so please come along and share your experiences.

Quiz - Our amazing quiz has increased in numbers to the extent we almost ran out of chairs last month, obviously Derek's reputation has spread far and wide :) this is held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 11 am the £1 charge includes a cup of tea or coffee.

Don't forget our Guest speaker Thurs 20th Jul 11am – 12 noon

Paul Lacey, local author transport historian has already presented at Bracknell Central library but if you missed out on his talk which is based around his book Early Independents of the Bracknell, Crowthorne and Wokingham Area come along to Binfield library. There is a charge of £2 which will include refreshments. Places need to be booked in advance at the library.

Open+ is now fully functioning so you don't need to be tied to staff hours at the library, it provides much more flexibility and we do have free Wi-Fi, you do need to have a short health and safety induction at Binfield library before you can access this facility, but it's quick and easy.

We still supply garden sacks for all those nasty weeds and grass cuttings so don't run out, they are £1.20 each and while you're buying these look at our lovely books.

We are also thinking about reinstating our Rummikub group and starting a scrabble group if you're interested let us know.

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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The **BINFIELD 10K** Well – we did it again!

What a fantastic time we all had at the sixth Binfield 10K Road Race. Well done to all of the runners; we hope you were able to achieve a PB or just enjoy the experience of taking part. Thank you so much to everyone else that was involved too. We are so lucky that it has turned into such a successful annual event – we know we can only do this because of the strong community support that is provided within our lovely village.

This year was our most successful yet – we had over 850 runners enter. More than 2000 people were involved on the day – either as runners, marshals or simply as part of the volunteer groups who helped us manage the event. The feedback we have received has been amazing – both from runners who enjoyed the run and from general volunteers. Once again our marshals were a massive success, and the runners were truly grateful for the support that was given. We are so pleased to announce that this year we raised over £10,000 – a massive amount that will be shared amongst Thames Valley Air Ambulance and all the local groups that helped on the day. Many thanks to our sponsors – Binfield Parish Council, David Cliff, McEvoy & Rowley, Advantage Printroom, BW Reed & Son, Mulberry House Vets, Ascot Travel House and The Foxes' Den – we are so grateful for the support and funds provided. The 10K costs over £12,000 just to make it happen and so we know we couldn't do it without our sponsors. It is impossible to thank everyone in this small space – there really are too many people to thank!!! But so many people were involved and so thank you to all of you – we really hope you will all be back next year so that we can do the same again! Finally – a really big thank you from all of us committee members who have worked so hard to make the Binfield10k happen – **Alex Bartlam, Ally Wickham, Claire Murphy, Julie Nixon, Heli Braver, Claire Pascoe, David Legg, Kirsty Sizeland and James Foster.** We hope to see you all next year!





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