

The Binfield Beacon



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Our mission is connecting people with others and Jesus.

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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

AUGUST 2023

Sunday 6th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

Sunday 13th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

Sunday 20th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service with Communion

Sunday 27th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday 3rd 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal All Age Baptism Service

Sunday 10th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

Sunday 17th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service with Communion

Sunday 24th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 1st 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal All Age Baptism Service

THE SILVER SERVICE

A traditional short service designed and led by our retired congregation members followed by a delicious homemade lunch at St Mark's Church.

**Tuesday 22nd August at
The Butt's, Beehive Road, RG12 8TT**
(please note not St Mark's)

Tuesday 19th September at 12 noon
If you need a lift, please call Beverley on 07704 437207

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 5th August and 2nd September

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

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.

DIARY

AUGUST 2023

Sat 5th 9.00am Men's Monthly Walk
Tues 22nd 12 noon Silver Service at **The Butt's, Beehive Road**
Thurs 24th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Thurs 31st 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sat 2nd 9.00am Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 6th 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
7.00pm 7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 7th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 8th 8.00pm Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 10th 10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wed 13th 7.00pm 7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 14th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 15th 8.00pm Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 17th 10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tues 19th 12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 20th 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 21st 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 22nd 8.00pm Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 24th 10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wed 27th 10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
7.00pm 7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 28th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

OCTOBER 2023

Wed 4th 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
7.00pm 7UP at St Mark's Church

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S WALK

A gentle 2-3 mile walk (which takes about an hour) in and around Binfield village, for women of mixed ages and abilities. Usually on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The walks go ahead in all weathers and normally start at 9am from outside Foxes' Den Café and finish there around 10am for a coffee.

2nd August - NO WALK

16th August - NO WALK

6th September - 9am meet Foxes' Den

20th September - 9am meet Foxes' Den

4th October - 9am meet Foxes' Den



For more information contact:
Gisele on 07724 889169

7UP For anyone in school years 7-13

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

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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RELENTLESS

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

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



THE PENCIL

Look at a pencil. We know that in order for it to become a useful pencil, that from time to time, again and again, it's going to have to go through a re-sharpening.

Well, if the pencil could feel we can imagine how painful that would be.

But that's what it takes for it to be a useful pencil.

Life is much the same. Painful experiences and challenges come to us all. But it is through these opportunities that we build character, and we grow.

The bible agrees, it says, *...we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope. Romans chapter 5 verses 3-4, it also says,you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James chapter 1 verses 3 & 4.*

Illustration from; Instagram. Fortuneseekers 1. **Luke**



3G is a great place to be on a Wednesday morning, 10-11.30, during Term time. Lots of children playing, adults chatting, not to mention the coffee and cake.



I have enjoyed leading the Team since we started almost 7 years ago. However, the time has come to hand over the baton to a younger person. I am delighted to say that Chris White will be taking over the Leadership in September.



Do come and join us for this fun morning.

We are still in need of more helpers. Don't leave it to someone else. Come yourself! Age no barrier!

Jan Watts

DATES:

20th and 27th September

Verse Of The Month AUGUST

Genesis 1: 1-3NIV

"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said, let there be light: and there was light."

Contributed by Jonathan Cledwyn-Davies

From the Registers:

Baptisms



Arizona Ruth Rafferty



Imogen Lainie Sadler-Collins

Funerals

Pamela Ann Carberry

Robert Stephen Lane



PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Our Practice the presence of God sessions takes place on the 4th Tuesday of the month (no meeting in August) at The Rectory

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

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We are also on *Facebook*

facebook.com/AllSaintsWithStMarks

The Church Office is sited in St Mark's Church

SUMMER OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

24th July – 5th September

The Office will be open on Wednesdays
only (9am – 1pm) except for Wednesday
9th August when it will be closed.



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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
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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



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for more information or to make a booking.



Praying for and with you

We have weekly prayer sheets — please email
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if you would like something to be included.



The Binfield Beacon

The deadline for Beacon Contributions for the October 2023 issue

is Monday 11th September 2023

Please email:

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Hey Everyone!

School is out for Summer and we've had a blast enjoying the sun and warm weather!

At Whizz Kids we've been learning about God through the Psalms, hearing about how God is our shepherd, our shield in hard times, and how He made all of us unique! As well as this, we've been making the most of the weather and have been outdoors playing games, and of course enjoying popcorn together too.

We've got some meet ups planned over the summer holidays so we can catch up and play games together too, so if you want to know more about those drop me an email, or find our Facebook group 'Whizz Kids Binfield.'

We also ended the term at Whizz Kids, 7UP and Relentless with our waterfight tradition, which meant 3 waterfights in a week for some of the leaders!

At 7UP we've been exploring the question of 'are we spiritual?' with a different prompt each week helping us to look inwardly and question, is there more to life than this? It's been great to chat in our groups about why we care about injustice in the world, and question whether we are here by accident. In addition to our waterfight, we also went mini-golfing for a social event which was so much fun!

At Relentless, we've been exploring interactive prayer, and learning that there is not just one way to talk to God, but lots of ways to pray. And for our Relentless social, we had an inflatables night with a BBQ and ice cream!



In early August we are heading to Satellites youth festival for the second year, and we can't wait! Last year was an amazing week of music, parties and activities, and it is a wonderful opportunity to explore more about our faith with other young people on the same journey. Please do pray for us, and all our young people, as we head off on the 4th August!

We won't be running our clubs at usual times throughout August, but will be meeting for socials throughout so for more information on this feel free to send me an email. We're really looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children to Whizz Kids, and new year 7's to 7UP and Relentless in September!

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

The dates for September are:

Whizz Kids: Sept 10th, 17th and 24th

7UP: Sept 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Relentless: Sept 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th



FUNDRAISING NEWS



Binfield Church
Fete 2023

17TH SEPTEMBER 2023,
11AM – 3PM, ST MARK'S CHURCH

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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 fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

See the church website for full rules and details www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

*12 monthly Landscapes and 1 portrait front cover



Check out an update online on our new heaters at All Saints'...

The church will be a lot warmer and more economically heated this winter – thanks to your support and donations!



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

Upcoming Fundraising Events

From now until 3rd Sept: Binfield Calendar Photo Comp.
Sunday 17th September: Church Fete. *Please get in touch if you would like to get involved!*
Saturday 14th October: Barn Dance at St. Mark's Church.
October Half Term (23-27th Oct): Binfield Scarecrow Trail
 Check www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for more details.

Update

As usual, June and July have been busy months with lots of great activities taking place, not to mention the end of another school year. We hope that August will give some of you some time to get away or at least rest and relax a little!

Don't forget to be on the look out for any great shots of Binfield and to send them in for our **Photo Competition**. We will be ready to come back to it all in September, starting of course with the **Binfield Church Fete!** We are very excited and can't wait for it all to happen this year. Please see the full update in this issue on how you can help – we would love for you all to get involved in any way you can.

Moving on from that, we are looking towards Autumn and more favourite events such as the **Scarecrow Trail** and **Barn Dance**, along with some other great Harvest time events we will keep you posted on!



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

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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
- **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!



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With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:
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CHURCH NEWS

Binfield Church Fete 2023

17 SEPTEMBER 2023, 11AM - 3PM
ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BINFIELD

We are looking forward to this traditional day out in the Binfield Calendar with all the familiar stalls and plenty of entertainment...

The date is coming up fast so there are a few things we'd appreciate you looking at:

As ever, you are all a huge part of the success of this event, and we can't run it without the support and contributions from our village! We would be hugely grateful if you can help with any of the following. **Please sign up and support us where you can, thank you!**

Volunteers Needed! We would really appreciate having some lovely volunteers who could help us with setting up the Fete, manning the stalls and clearing up afterwards. You can sign up via the link available on our website and Facebook page, or you can email us to let us know what you can help with at binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com.

Guest Stalls: We have already booked a great selection of guest stalls, but if you know of anyone interested in booking a pitch for the day, please get in touch!

Silent Auction: We have been donated some amazing prizes in previous years for our Silent Auction, from a week in a holiday home in Malta, golf vouchers, to babysitting. If you have anything you would like to offer, for the Auction or also for our Raffle, please contact us! If you would like to read more details about prizes on offer and how to bid, see our website.

Raffle Tickets: Raffle tickets will be on sale from church, the church office or the Foxes'Den.

Tombola Donations: We would also be grateful to receive any good quality donations for our Tombola stalls:

Adults: bottles of alcohol, boxes, packets of bars or fun size chocolates and biscuits.

Kids: Any new, unopened books, games or toys etc.

Please note this year will NOT be running the book and pre-loved toy stalls and so we cannot take any old books, old toys or bric-a-brac, thank you!

The church office will only be open on a Wednesday over the summer, so bring any donations to St. Mark's on these days, or drop them at the collection point in the Parish Council offices.

Homemade Cakes and Preserves:

The offerings of our tea tent rely hugely on any donations from all of you. Please have a think about what you may be able to rustle up in the kitchen for us!

The Dog Show: Start training your dog to take part in our popular Dog Show. Check out the categories to enter them in on our website - classes will cost £2.00 each (entry on the day).

**Thank you for helping us make the day a big success.
We're looking forward to seeing you there!**

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BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Programme of talks for the next few months

A reminder that anyone is most welcome to come to our meetings in the Memorial Hall 7.15pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Our outing to RHS Hyde Hall was in July, plans are underway for next year!

Thursday 6th August will be Herbaceous Border Plants with Graham Talbot,

Thurs 7th September – Crayfish on the Lawn! With Jeff Elphick

5th October – Plants for sandy, silty and clay soil with George Lockwood

2nd November – The Scented Garden with Antony Powell

We are always delighted to see guests and visitors. Refreshments are provided and we always have a good raffle and often bits and pieces of garden bric a brac and plants for sale. There is a competition every month, please look at our full programme online at binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and see us on Facebook. December meeting will be a social Christmas afternoon tea for members.
Hope to see you!



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Tennis Association

Watched Wimbledon, now interested in playing yourself?

Following a thrilling display of tennis at last month's Wimbledon we'd be delighted to welcome players of all levels to join us on court at Binfield Tennis Club.

To find out more, take a look at our 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".

Thank you to our outgoing Chair

This month our Chair steps down after 2 successful years on the committee as Chair.

David Harper has been a member of the club since 2015 and embraced his role as Chair with great energy and enthusiasm. David has been instrumental in raising the Club's profile and driving new initiatives for the club.

His passion for inclusivity saw him drive collaboration with our local primary school, as well as partnering with other clubs to support junior tennis.

We look forward to David and Pauline's continued support both on court and at events we will continue to run throughout the year.

We are inviting our members to consider joining the Committee. To find out more or to express interest please contact info@binfieldtennis.co.uk **Binfield Tennis Committee**



The Arts Society Wokingham Celebrating its 10th Anniversary

To celebrate its 10th anniversary the society has planned a fascinating programme of monthly illustrated talks on arts related subjects.

The season starts on Monday 18th September when John Iddon will give a talk on Whistler. This vain and waspish painter caused controversy during his lifetime but his paintings were ahead of their time, both revolutionary and poetic.

Future lectures include: the life and work of the American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe, the post-war politics of Ealing studios and an armchair tour of Wren's City Churches with Ian Swankie, one of the Society's favourite lecturers.

Live lectures start at 7.45pm at King's Academy, Binfield. They are also live-streamed to our own YouTube channel so you can watch from your own home.

As well as monthly talks the Society also organises study days and visits.

Why not come and join the society in celebrating its 10th anniversary?

New members and guests are always welcome.

For further details please visit the Society's website

www.TheArtsSocietyWokingham.org.uk



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Ahoy there Beacon Readers and Fellow Shipmates.

It has been a busy six months since we last reported on the activities and "goings on" of the Bracknell Branch of the RNA. We are still holding strong, with regular monthly meetings at the Binfield Club. We have even swelled our ranks with more like-minded individuals seeking the comradery and activities our group has to offer - and there is always room for more.

The last few meetings have been followed by some wonderful "after-dinner" speakers (sadly minus the dinner). The topics ranged from **Admiral John Fisher (Jacky)** and the **Flypast over Buckingham Palace in 1990 for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain**. They also included two personal accounts from our very own Shipmates which were both about their experiences in the Falklands war. These were **Falklands – HMS Coventry – Sea of Fire** and **Minesweeping Trawlers of the Falklands War**. Both were delivered with professionalism, full of information and at times brought tears to many an eye, with the raw emotions shared by our Shipmates as they recalled their experiences.

As always, we like to keep busy as a group with trips and excursions. Shipmates have already been to both Southwick Park (to see the D-Day Planning Room and the Naval Police Museum) and to Bletchley Park. Future trips to the RNA



Central Office Open Day and to Brooklands Museum are planned for later this year.

Not forgetting, of course, some of the more formal and ceremonial events which Shipmates have attended, including the

RNA National Conference with a Drum Head Service and Parade in Liverpool to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. We also attended the Annual Service of Remembrance at the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel at Pangbourne College. Members of our Committee visited TS



Iron Duke for the Annual Awards Evening. The Branch has a long-running affiliation with the Maidenhead Sea Cadets Unit - well done to all the winners from both the Sea Cadet and Marine Cadet Detachments based there.

If you want to know more about the Bracknell RNA, including how you can become a Member, please contact the Secretary, June Boddrell, either by email secretary.bracknellrna@gmail.com or by telephone on 01344 311869.

We look forward to meeting you soon. Yours aye, **S/M Marcus**

COMMUNITY NEWS



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

August 2023

Tuesday 1 August	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 8 August	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 28 August	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

September 2023

Tuesday 12 September	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 26 September	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming dates for your diary

Thursday 24 August	Binfield Summer of Fun event at Farley wood	11am-3pm
Sunday 1 October	Silver Sunday	Time TBA
Sunday 22 to Sunday 29 October 2023	Arts Week (Binfield, Warfield, Winkfield) Free and paid for arts and craft classes available for local residents within the 3 parishes, for adults and children throughout half term. Please see www.arts-week.org	Various dates & times. Check website for details.

New Councillors

Following the elections in May we had 3 spaces for co-option onto the Parish Council. At the June Council meeting the following people were co-opted: Paul Beal, Amanda McLean and Kiran Meka

Your council is as follows:

Binfield North – Mark Feazey, Andrew Fish, Ian Leake and Kiran Meka

Binfield South – Paul Beale, Steve Collett, Hilary Doyle, David Ellis, Matthew Furber, Katherine Giles and Amanda McLean.

Summer of Fun – Thursday 24 August 2023

Binfield's summer of fun will be held at Farley wood on the Thursday 24 August from 11am-3pm. There will be a mini farm, inflatables, crazy golf, balloon modelling, face painting as well as other stalls and activities available on the day. All events are free for families in the borough. We hope to see you there.

Silver Sunday – Sunday 1 October 2023

Due to the success of these events last year, we will be running them again during the winter. The first one will be 1st October and then once a month through winter. Timings and details of the events will be released soon. If you wish to find out more information, please contact us at the office (details below) nearer the time.

Arts Week – Sunday 22nd -Sunday 29th October 2023

Winkfield, Warfield and Binfield all provide numerous free activities for adults and children of all ages.

It is held after the half term break at the end of the October and there really is something for everyone.

Keep an eye out for the programme and when tickets are available from: <http://arts-week.org/>.

Anti-Social Behaviour

We have been experiencing a high volume of anti-social behaviour in the village, graffiti, littering, parking, and damage to property and sadly the killing of 3 water birds. 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.

We understand this is only a small number of the people, but we do need to look after our green spaces and wildlife so please do help us if you can.

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa & Tracey

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Have a great summer!

We are used to weird summers from the last few years; from covid measures to extreme heat and torrential rain. We are hoping to have some normality over here at the Den this year. With some new air conditioning and our new menu specials we are ready to serve our community!

We are also ready with some new ideas for September – actually, reinventing some old ones... Firstly, we are trying to bring back Rhyme Time. This is our 30-minute weekly singing session for babies and toddlers. It has always been run by local mums and the lovely ladies that have run it since we first opened have now needed to focus more on their own families. So, we are looking for one or 2 more volunteers to share the fun! If you think you can help, please get in touch: claire@foxesden.co.uk

Secondly, we are trialling bringing back birthday parties at the Den. These were hugely popular before Covid and for many reasons we have held off reintroducing them. Currently, we are only thinking children's parties and ones that don't require moving the furniture around, so if you are interested in joining our trials please get in touch!

Have a great summer! Kerrin & Claire x

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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.

For information please contact Amanda Thrower - amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk



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BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

By the time you read this our Summer Reading Challenge will be well under way but we're always open for children aged 4 to 11 to join in. This year's theme is 'Ready, Set, Read' and is completely free!

Please come along to the library to register (your child just needs a free library card to take part). More information can be found at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

We are also continuing our children's activities through the summer holidays; Lego is every Monday and still **FREE**

Thursday morning is rhyme time at 9.30 followed by a craft for those children who would like to join in. Babies are very welcome and really enjoy the singing, our older children are wonderful singers and very enthusiastic percussion players (we supply musical instruments). There is a small charge - 50p for rhyme time only, £1.50 for rhyme time and craft.

Friday afternoon crafts will continue running throughout the summer and will be sport related to echo the summer reading challenge starting at a slightly earlier time of 2pm- 4pm please book in advance, £1.50 per child.

4th August Football pictures with stencils

11th August Football related Wooden Dream Catchers

18th August Spinning Tops

25th August Kite Wand Kits

1st September Paper Fortune Tellers

Adult events will also be continuing throughout the summer. Our **reminiscence group** is a very welcoming bunch who meet to discuss memories prompted by specific topics (naturally our conversation often wanders into other areas).

We take suggestions for future topics from members so if there's something you'd like to reminisce about please come

along and join us. There's a small charge of £1 to include refreshments and we meet at 11 am on the first and third Thursdays of the month as follows

Thursday 3 August – we'll play a Rummikub game and share memories of childhood games

Thursday 17 August – History of Binfield

Thursday 7 September – Musical theatre

Thursday 21 September – Sweets and chocolate (with some tasting!)

Our **quiz** just keeps getting better and better and is a popular group hosted by our fabulous volunteer Derek. They meet on the second and third Thursdays at 11 with a small £1 charge. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

We've also just set up **Scrabble and Rummikub** groups on Saturdays at 2 pm. Scrabble will meet on the first and third Saturdays of the month and Rummikub on the second and fourth.

Our next sessions are 5th and 19th of August and 2nd and 16th September for Scrabble and 12th and 26th August and 9th 23rd September for Rummikub. The charge is £1.50 to include tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Last (but not by any means least) we'd love to get our knit and natterers back knitting and nattering on the 1st Monday of the month 2 – 4 pm and the third Saturday of the month 1.30-3.30 pm - this is a free event for all those creative knitters out there.

Have an awesome Summer everyone and don't forget we have **AIR CONDITIONING** :)

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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BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY 2023 AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

Following a busy and successful season of concerts in which the choir sang music ranging from Handel's *Messiah* to Broadway blockbusters, Bracknell Choral Society is looking forward to an exciting programme in 2023 - 2024.

We will be performing two concerts in Binfield in November and December, but we begin the term with an invitation to an open rehearsal at **Newbold College Church, Binfield RG42 4AN on Wednesday 13th September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, where you will find a warm welcome if you have ever thought about joining a choir. We are a friendly, non-auditioning choir and you are invited to take part in a full rehearsal at no charge. Music will be provided if you would like to join in though you can also come along and just observe. There will be free refreshments and an opportunity to chat to members of the choir. Please contact our choir secretary Maggie Fairbrother by email at secretary@bracknellchoral.org.uk to confirm your interest

in participating. We suggest you arrive at 7:15pm on the night so that we can greet you and welcome you to this open rehearsal.

The first of our two concerts this term will be on Sunday 20th November 2022 at **Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, Binfield RG42 4AN at 4pm**. The programme will consist of *A Little Jazz Mass*, one of Bob Chilcott's most popular choral works to date, a highly original setting of the Latin Mass in which the various movements embrace a variety of jazz styles. We will also be singing John Rutter's beautiful and moving *Mass of the Children* and we will welcome a children's choir as well as professional soloists. We are also delighted to be including a piece by the choir's patron, the distinguished composer and conductor, Ronald Corp. We round off the term and welcome the festive season with a Family Carol Concert on **Wednesday 21st December 2022 at Newbold Church, Binfield RG42 4AN at 4.00pm**. For details of all our concerts and for further information on the choir visit our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk





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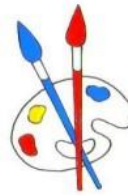
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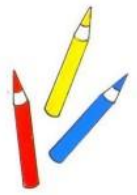
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