

The Binfield Beacon



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October 2023

21ST - 29TH OCTOBER



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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 1st	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
Harvest	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 8th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
Sunday 15th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service with Communion
Sunday 22nd	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
Sunday 29th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

NOVEMBER 2023

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

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.

4th October - 9am meet Foxes' Den

18th October - 9am meet Foxes' Den

1st November - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169

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 17th October at 12 noon

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

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 7th October and 4th November

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



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:

4th, 11th and 18th October and 1st November

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. **Christine White and Team**

DIARY

SEPTEMBER 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
Thurs 5th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 6th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sat 7th	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk
Sun 8th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Wed 11th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 12th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 13th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 15th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tues 17th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 18th	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 19th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 20th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Tues 24th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Thurs 28th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sun 29th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church

NOVEMBER 2023

Wed 1st	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 2nd	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 3rd	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sat 4th	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk

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.

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

For school years 1-6

Everyone welcome!

Except the first of the month!

St. Mark's Church 10.45AM

WHIZZ KIDS!

JOIN US AS WE LEARN HOW TO FOLLOW GOD!

With stories from the bible...

sports, craft, games and more...

daisyridell@gmail.com

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 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURATE



George was on holiday at a coastal village in the Philippines. He wanted to take home a 35th (Coral) wedding anniversary gift to his wife Megan. One still sunny day, as he paddled his canoe out over the Pacific Ocean, he noticed the coral reef stretching beneath it, a hidden treasure beneath the glassy surface. His eye was drawn to a beautiful outcrop.

‘This would make a super present for Megan,’ he thought.

As he reached down to break off a piece of the coral, Imelda, a local canoeist, noticed what he was about to do. She was torn, because she didn’t want to be unwelcoming to visitors, but felt a deep concern for the coral.

She called out to George, ‘Please, enjoy the beauty of the ocean, but remember that corals are a gift. Don’t take them as presents!’

George was taken aback by Imelda’s interruption. ‘Why not,’ he said, ‘They’re so beautiful, and a piece will be a perfect memento of this wonderful place for my wife.’

Imelda smiled kindly and began to tell a story.

‘Years ago, the beautiful reefs you’re paddling over were under threat. Local businesses and tourists were polluting the

sea and poisoning the coral, and others were cutting great chunks off it. But in this very village, there lived a wise elder named Rizal, who knew the secrets of the sea. He told us that corals are the jewels of the ocean, gifts from nature. They are living creatures, delicate and vital. When we take them from the ocean, we disrupt the balance of life below the waves. It’s like taking a piece of our village’s heart.

‘Led by Rizal, our villagers and businesspeople organised beach cleanups, educated visitors about responsible tourism, and implemented sustainable fishing practices. The result is the thriving underwater world you see today, with its vibrant colours shimmering underwater.’ George was inspired and promised to help protect the coral, by sharing the message at home that corals are a gift of nature – not to be given as presents.

Much like a coral reef, the Earth is itself is a delicate, finely balanced ecosystem. In Genesis 2 verse 15, the Bible says, ‘The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.’ It is our responsibility to protect and care for God’s creation, including the environment and all living things. Considering this year’s wildfires, floods, and record temperatures, have you ever asked the question, have we been treating the Earth as something to own and use, or as a gift to preserve for the good of all? What could there be in your lifestyle that you need to change?

Sam Mortimer - Curate

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Theoni Grace Vine

Weddings

Henry Mayne & Annie Nofer
Elliott Currie & Robyn Nixon
Simon Pearce & Heidi Connor
Steven Simmons & Charlotte Jones

Funerals

Alec Lloyd
Matt Seymour
David Lanfear
Sid Negus

VERSE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2023

"Sing to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord."

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Contributed by Jacqui Voller

Remembrance Day Services

Saturday 11th November

Outdoor Remembrance Service at St Mark’s Church Memorial
(details to be confirmed)

Sunday 12th November

10.15am Remembrance Service at All Saints’ Church



HARVEST CELEBRATION SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

We will be collecting monetary, food and toiletry donations for Foodbank and chocolate and chocolate biscuits for the lonely and bereaved.

Please clearly label the envelope for monetary donations and place with the Harvest gifts.



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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.

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



Praying for and with you

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

The Binfield Beacon



**The deadline for Beacon Contributions
for the November 2023 issue
is Monday 9th October 2023**

Please email:

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

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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND CHURCH



Hey Everyone!

We hope you had an amazing summer break and are enjoying your new school year groups. We had a fantastic summer full of activities, and have kicked off the autumn term with some great fun at our youth groups...



In August our 7UP youth group returned to Satellites, a Christian youth festival, for the second year running. We had a jam-packed week full of music, late nights, new friends and heaps of other fun. It was absolutely amazing to hear some great speakers share about their faith, and a chance to explore our own faith too with seminars and workshops. Our outstanding volunteer leaders were there to cook and oversee our young people, however they were very grateful to be in their own beds at the end of the week!

At Relentless we met up a few times over summer for what was meant to be a BBQ, however the weather let us down every week, so we opted for indoor pizza instead!



We were also at a local event, Paws in the Park, doing face painting to fundraise for our youth groups which was so much fun - a special thank you to all the young people who gave up their Saturday to help us paint some faces!

Our usual groups have all kicked back off this term, and at Whizz Kids we've started learning about the parable of the sower, and how we receive God's word. We've been making the most of the last of the good weather and being outside at every opportunity we can, and it's been so much fun being back together after our break over summer.



7UP and Relentless have also started back with our weekly sessions, providing a space for young people to have fun and explore faith together on Wednesday and Friday evenings. These are open to anyone in secondary school and don't require pre-booking, so come along and try it out.

Coming up in October we have the return of our wonderful scarecrow trail! As in previous years, our young people will be coming together to make

our very own contribution to the trail, so see if you can spot out along the map. We also have our Barn Dance for the second year running, and we'd love to see you there! It was an amazing evening last year full of dancing, food, fun and community, so grab a partner (and a ticket!) and join us for a night of fun.

We hope you have a wonderful October, see you next month!

Daisy Osinaike - Children's and Youth Worker
(youth@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)

The dates for October are:

Whizz Kids: Oct 8th 15th and 29th

7UP: Oct 4th 11th and 18th

Relentless: Oct 6th 13th and 20th

New Payroll officer.

Mandy Bryant has been the payroll officer for the church for a number of years and will be standing down in April. If anyone has payroll experience and would like to takeover the payroll then please speak with Luke or Hayley.

On behalf of the church, Luke would like to say a massive thank you very much to Mandy for brilliance in this role for more years than I have been Rector.



ECO CHURCH
A FOCM-UK PROJECT

Binfield village has been active for several years in promoting sustainable living, through for example, the Binfield Environment Group, WI Eco Team and Binfield Badger Group. Now Binfield Church is kicking off our "Eco-Church" initiative, including:

- St Mark's Eco-Garden
- Opening a Bug Hotel
- Our Harvest Talks will be focusing on the Earth, God's plan for it, and his calling on people to tend and care for it.

Visit the church website to find out more and get involved.

FUNDRAISING NEWS



Barn Dance

Saturday 14th October 2023
6pm-10pm
St. Mark's Church, Binfield

Music by The Scamping Rogues

BRING family & friends	BUY snacks & drinks	DANCE the night away!
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TICKETS:
ADULTS £6, KIDS £4

Available from the Church Office or find more details on our website:
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BINFIELD VILLAGE CALENDAR 2024



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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

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Saturday 14th October: Barn Dance at St. Mark's Church.
October Half Term (23-27th Oct): Binfield Scarecrow Trail
Saturday 9th December: Dads R Loud Christmas Party!
 Check www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for more details.
 Also see our Arts Weeks Events over Oct Half Term!

Update

We are really hoping that the Fete went ahead and was a great day – we'll write up a full report for the next issue.

After the success of our previous **Barn Dance**, we have invited the Scamping Rogues to come back to once more lead us in a merry dance and evening of fun! Buy your tickets soon (online or email us) – it was a sell out last time! October Half Term is always an exciting one, not least for the opportunity to do some Scarecrow hunting around the village! Look out for **Scarecrow Trail** maps on sale from the usual outlets and see how many you can find.

We had some amazing shots sent in for the Binfield Calendar this year and some lovely feedback that people are already looking forward to seeing the 2024 edition! It will be on sale soon so look out for details.

Thanks as always for your support.



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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!



SCAN ME



With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:
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CHURCH NEWS



**ABBY'S HEROES
FUN DAY 21ST JULY -
FOXES DEN
GRAND TOTAL RAISED
£15,000**

Foxes Den for all the time and support they have given in both helping to organise the event and hosting us on the day.

The Binfield Club for hosting our many meetings and giving us the opportunity to sell raffle tickets for our Big Drinks raffle prize.

A special mention for Joe Hannay, our wonderful compare on the day and his merry band of helpers. And finally the Binfield Choir who sang their hearts out despite it raining stair rods during their event.

Outside of corporate fundraising, we were thrilled to learn from Abby's Heroes our Binfield Fun Day was the most successful one day fund raiser in the history of the charity

All monies raised for Abby's Heroes will go to supporting children and their families, including bereaved families, who come under the care of the Piam Brown and the Teenagers and Young Adults wards at Southampton General Hospital. This hospital is the centre of excellence in the South East including Binfield and surrounding areas for children who are being treated for cancer.

Our sincere thanks to the wonderful Binfield Community.

Abbysheroes.org for further information

Now all the pledges have been received we are delighted to share with you the final sum raised

We would like to offer a huge thank you to the whole community in Binfield and beyond who supported us on the day - in spite of possibly the worst weather we could have experienced. The British - or Binfield - spirit shone through and you stayed with us through the entire afternoon which was pivotal in making such a successful event.

A special mention must also go to the local Binfield businesses who offered their support prior to the event, which gave us the opportunity to plan such an ambitious family Fun Day.

- Amir Restaurant
- Bloor Homes South
- Daphne's Coffee Shop
- Keith Gibbs Estate Agents
- Foxes Den
- Stag and Hounds
- Fletchers at Ashridge Garden Centre (Wokingham)

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ALEC - A LIFE WELL LIVED (1928 TO 2023)



Alec was born in 1928 and lived in Action, West London with his parents and older brother David. During the Second World War when he was 11 years old he was evacuated to a farm in Ermington, South Devon. It was a happy time, he was taught to drive the tractor and helped out on the farm generally and particularly with the harvesting. He made friends with the local children, regularly returning to visit his host family and friends with his own family.

He returned to Acton whilst the war was still going on and volunteered as a messenger for the Fire Service by forging his father's signature as he was not old enough to legitimately join. When the air raid siren sounded he would set off on his bike to the fire station with his mother shouting from the bedroom window for him to come back and to wait for the "All Clear" !

Alec left school at 14 years of age when he started a 7 year apprenticeship to become a Compositor in a Printing Works, interrupted by 2 years in the Royal Navy. He went on to have a very successful career in Printing for over 50 years, the majority of which was spent as a Works Manager.

Alec enjoyed and followed most sports including football, cricket, tennis and particularly table tennis. He was a long standing member of Northfields Table Tennis Club winning many cups and trophies. He was a Queens Park Rangers season ticket holder for many years but always had a soft spot for Liverpool FC. He was a member of Lords Cricket Club and used the "Long Room" for entertaining many friends and work clients.

He enjoyed musical theatre and seeing the top stars such as Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Bob Hope amongst others at the London Palladium.



Alec married Julie in 1959 and lived in Norwood Green near Heston for 31 years where their children Sandra & Philip were born and grew up, before moving to Binfield in 1990 when Alec was nearing retirement age.

Both Alec and Julie took a great interest in local activities and made many friends. They joined the church community and Alec supported both the football and cricket clubs.

Alec volunteered at many local events in the village, he especially enjoyed volunteering with the homeless charity run by the church where he helped in the kitchen and enjoyed talking with the clients and playing pool and table tennis with them.

Alec, along with his wife Julie also enjoyed helping with the creche at the Open Door Group and calling Bingo at Haddenhurst Court for over 20 years.

Alec was a member of many of the clubs and societies in Binfield including the Gardening Club, Short Tennis Group, Royal Naval Association and British Legion amongst others.

Alec and Julie enjoyed a long retirement together spanning over 30 years, enjoying many holidays in the UK and abroad including 9 weeks in Australia. They also enjoyed days out at Open Gardens, National Trust Properties and visiting friends. More latterly, when Alec was less mobile he was a regular at the Foxes Den and Daphnes!

He particularly enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren when they were growing up, taking a keen interest in all their activities and achievements. School holidays were always a special time when the children would come and stay, enjoying day trips out, cricket on Jubilee Field, lively banter and visits to MacDonalds!



Alec Lloyd - Thank you

I would like to thank friends and neighbours who knew Alec Lloyd, for their cards and messages of condolence sent to me and my family. Your kind and thoughtful words were very much appreciated by all of us. Julie Lloyd

COMMUNITY NEWS



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE



Binfield Parish Council upcoming meetings:

October 2023

Tuesday 3 October	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 10 October	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 31 October	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Events

Sunday 1 st October Silver Sunday	Silver Sunday was started as a response to social isolation and loneliness among our older population. A day where older people can meet new people, visit new places, try new activities and connect with their local communities and generations around them. Come along for afternoon tea at the Foxes Den with games and fun. Please contact the office to book your free space, due to capacity at the Foxes den we will be limiting numbers so if you want to come along, please get in touch.	4.30pm-6.30pm Foxes Den
Sunday 22 nd to Sunday 29 th October Arts Week	Attend, enjoy, be inspired. Then take up a new creative activity! Arts Week (Binfield, Warfield, Winkfield) promotes and encourages active participation in and support for the very wide range of arts and crafts available in our local area for all ages. Please see the Arts Week website .	Various events. Please check website for details.
Sunday 12 th November Remembrance Day	Binfield Remembrance Day Parade – further details to be communicated in next month's Beacon.	Times TBA

Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield Arts Week - Sunday 22 October to Sunday 29 October

Fully funded and organised by your local Parish Councils of Binfield, Warfield & Winkfield there are over 40 arts and crafts events for all the family (all children's events are free!) as detailed at <http://arts-week.org/>. Arts Week promotes and encourages active participation in and support for the wide range of arts and crafts activities offered in our local area that you can then take up after if you wish.

The 2023 programme can be found on the <http://arts-week.org/>, and it may be further revised, with the full comprehensive programme available soon.

Online tickets open on Sunday 1 October at 12.00 midday from the Arts Week Website!

In other News

- **Save the Date! Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On: Thursday 30 November 6pm-8.15pm** Join us for the annual lights switch-on at the Parish Council (Foxley Fields) Christmas tree with refreshments after at The Foxes' Den Café. Details to follow in next month's Beacon including the Christmas tree locations.
- **Save the Date! Binfield Christmas Market: Monday 4th December 5pm-8pm.** Come along to Foxes Den for a festive celebration with community stalls, mince pies, mulled wine and more.
- **Farley Wood Community Centre** - Farley Wood community association run the community centre and are looking for some volunteers to be on the association. They are looking for a secretary and treasurer. If you have a few hours a month spare and would like to help, ease contact Sanita Gillis (Chair) – sanitagillis@gmail.com.
- **Anti-social behaviour.** We have had some reports of antisocial behaviour with people on e-scooters. A polite reminder that these are only permitted on private roads.
The shelter on Foxley Fields has been repaired, we hope that residents are able to enjoy it. If any misuse is seen, please report it to the office (details below).
All antisocial behaviour can be reported to us, we are keeping a log of this to help build a picture of when and where it is happening so it can be passed on to the local PCSOs.
- **Salt/Grit Bins** – We have been informed that a number of the salt/grit bins are being used as normal rubbish bins. Please do not put anything in these bins, it should only have salt or grit in over the winter.

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa & Tracey

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Autumn is here!

We love Autumn; from the snuggly jumpers to the hug-in-a-mug hot chocolates. We don't love all the mud over here at the Den but we do love the kids and dogs that are out and about in the fresh air!

Our fabulous hot chocs and pumpkins spice lattes will be flying out. Please check out our boards for the full hot chocolate menu and if you can think of a new flavour, challenge us!

After the summer break, the Bereavement friendship group has started back with Margaretta in the Council room and all our other regular groups are back...we are even attempting to bring back Rhyme Time! Please keep an eye on our community boards to join in and please shout if you can think of other activities we can offer

We have been thinking about the Shop in the Nook again over the summer and hope to have some new lines ready for Christmas and those last minute gifts. Our greetings cards are all only £2 and are upcycled from donations.

Please do pop in and have a look at our chalkboard as we have some new pop up shops and events coming up, including a Silver Sunday community event.

Thanks for reading. See you soon! Claire & Kerrin xx

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With the start of the colder weather and everyone (including us) worried about turning on the heating, we want to assure you that we will be keeping the Den nice and toasty. We want anyone who is worried about being cold during the day, whatever your reason, to know that you are welcome here. We aren't asking you to spend money; please just come in for a chat, do our community jigsaw or bring your laptop in to work. If we find we are inundated we will arrange for extra space.

If you are struggling to feed yourself or your family at any time, *please don't go hungry*. These lunch boxes are **FREE** and we can arrange to have extra supplies delivered if you need them.

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Jigsaw Time!

Please feel free to pop in and have a seat with your cuppa and/or a friend and see how quickly we can complete the next community puzzle!

SCARECROWS & HALLOWEEN

It is all happening in the last week of October: we will be hosting lots of Arts Week activities and we will be joining in with our usual sales of the Scarecrow Maps and refreshments on the trail, but also watch out for the Halloween goings-on on Tuesday 31st...be afraid...



BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Summer 2023 has come to an end and the weather has been quite challenging for gardeners from early wet and cold to a late heatwave. For the Garden Club, the summer has been interesting and enjoyable. In July we had an excellent outing to RHS Hyde Hall. The day was warm and sunny, the comfortable coach journeys trouble free each way and the gardens – wow! “Amazing,” “Best ever” everyone agree.

For July's meeting we welcomed Hosta specialists, John and June who grow over 1,500 hosta cultivars, including the National Collection, in their Hampshire garden. It was interesting to see so many varieties from miniatures to unusual ones from S.E. Asia. Here's a tip, the large blue leaved ones are left alone by slugs and snails! To keep others slug free, well-diluted ammonia will kill them and also feed the hostas. Other methods are a cupful of coffee grains, or crushed and boiled garlic bulbs in a full watering can. Remember, all hostas go to sleep for the winter, how sensible!



August's talk given by Graham Talbot on Herbaceous Perennials was very popular. Along with amusing stories, he showed us photos of magnificent borders in grand houses,

some of which we can visit. The best plan is planting warm colours, red, yellow and orange on the sunny side, and plant white with touches of pink on the shady side. Continuous cold and wet can kill even hardy plants, so before your perennials begin to die away in autumn take cuttings from non-flowering shoots or collect seeds as an insurance policy.

As I write this we look forward to our 7th September- All Muck and Magic, the answer lies in the soil. The speaker will be Geoff Hodge, writer and broadcaster. Also at this meeting, members will bring in their onions grown for the Annual Challenge Cup. The heaviest one wins! The winners will be announced on Facebook and our website.

binfieldgardenclubwordpress.com

A reminder we are always delighted to see guests and visitors at our meetings on the first Thursday of each month 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall. Refreshments are provided and we always have a good raffle. There are 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 and see us on Facebook. You may be reading your Beacon in time to come to our 5th Oct meeting, a talk by George Lockwood advising us on plants for sandy, silty and clay soil which will be useful as Binfield has all three! Hope to see you there!

Sue Jeffery

COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

Hi everyone, I hope you had an awesome Summer. The library has been buzzing over the holiday with lots of children enjoying their annual summer reading challenge, many of them completed their challenge and were awarded a medal for their efforts. Congratulations to all our young readers who took part in the Reading Challenge, we had a great time talking to you and we were kept lovely and busy. The certificates for children who completed the challenge may have been handed out in school assembly already but if not expect them very soon. Well done everyone!

Our usual children's activities continue throughout the year. Thursday morning **rhyme time** for the under 5s and their grown-ups is very popular. Everyone is welcome and we begin at 9.30 with singing and some wonderful percussion from the children, following up with a craft for those that would like to join in. It costs 50p per child for rhyme time only and £1.50 for rhyme time and craft.

Friday afternoon craft club runs at 3.30 – 4.30 in term time and 2.30 – 4 in school holidays, it costs £1.50 per child and advance booking is advised to ensure a place.

Lego is on Monday afternoons and is **free**.

Our welcoming and growing **reminiscence group** meet on the first and third Thursday of each month. The small £1 charge includes refreshments and we're always open to new discussion suggestions. We'll be reminiscing about the

following topics over the next few weeks,

Thursday 5th October – Saturday morning pictures

Thursday 19th October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 2nd November – Bonfire night

Please feel free to bring along any related items or photos, everyone is welcome!

Our very popular **quiz** run by our wonderful quizmaster Derek continues to go from strength to strength. Held on Thursdays at 11 am on the second and fourth Thursday of the month it's a fun, relaxed, and welcoming group. The £1 charge includes refreshments, and everyone is welcome!

We also have started **Scrabble and Rummikub** groups as follows.

On Saturday 7th and 21st October at 2pm, we'll be playing Scrabble and on Saturday 14th and 28th October also at 2 pm we'll be enjoying a game of Rummikub. The £1.50 charge includes tea or coffee and a biscuit. These groups are in their early days so please come along to support them; we'd love to see you.

Finally, a call out to any knitters and natterers out there who would like to get this group re-started. It previously met on the first Monday on the month 2- 4 pm and the third Saturday on the month 1.30-3.30 pm. This is a **free** event so do please come along.

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The first of our two concerts this term will be on **Sunday 19th November 2023 at Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, Binfield RG42 4AN at 4pm**. The programme will consist of Bob Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass* and John Rutter's *Mass of the Children*. We are also delighted to be including *Music*, a piece by the choir's patron Ronald Corp. The choir will be joined by Taplow Girls' Choir, the British Sinfonietta orchestra and soloists Ailsa Campbell, Soprano and Will Harmer, Baritone. We round off the term and welcome the festive season with a Family Carol Concert on **Wednesday 20th December 2023 at Newbold Church, Binfield RG42 4AN at 4pm**. For further details of our concerts and information on the choir visit our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk.



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