

The Binfield Beacon



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November 2023

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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday 5 th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 12 th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	10.15am	REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Sunday 19 th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Communion Service
Sunday 26 th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday 3 rd	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
	6.30pm	Until We Meet Again

DIARY

NOVEMBER 2023

Wed 1 st	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 2 nd	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 3 rd	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sat 4 th	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 8 th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 9 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 10 th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Wed 15 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 16 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 17 th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 19 th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tues 21 st	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Wed 22 nd	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 23 rd	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 24 th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Wed 29 th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 30 th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

DECEMBER 2023

Sat 2 nd	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk
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Remembrance Day Services

Saturday 11th November

2.30pm Outdoor Remembrance Service at **St Mark's Church Memorial** (with refreshments afterwards)

Sunday 12th November

10.15am Remembrance Service at **All Saints' Church**

(The Remembrance Day Parade will leave Oakmede shops car park at 9.30am, walking down Terrace Road North to All Saints Church ready for the service which begins at 10.15am. The parade will leave the church at 11.15am returning to the car park at 11.45am.)



Until we meet again

A Service celebrating the Joy and Hope of Christmas remembering Loved Ones no longer with us.

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Sunday the 3rd December at 6:30pm

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

at All Saints' Church

- Sun 3rd Dec - 6.30pm - Until We Meet Again
- Sun 17th Dec - 6.30pm - Carol Service
- Christmas Eve - 3pm & 5pm - Christingle
- Christmas Eve - 11.30pm - Midnight Service
- Christmas Day - 9.30am - Communion (BCP)
- Christmas Day - 10.30am - All Age Christmas Celebration

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 21st November at 12 noon

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

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



A CAMEL STORY

Once upon a time there was a rich man who lived in the deserts of the middle east. You could tell how rich he was because of what he owned and especially

how many camels belonged to him. In fact he was so rich that he owned not 2, 4, 6, 8, but 17 camels.

He had led a peaceful and prosperous life and so when he was very old and near to death he wrote his will, explaining how he intended to leave his wealth to his only son, his grandson and to his one nephew. The terms of the will were these. One half of his riches should go to his own son, one third should go to his grandchild and one ninth of his wealth should go to his nephew.

This seemed fair. Soon after this the rich man died. Now when it came time to dividing up the camels according to the will, the three beneficiaries ran into a problem.

If half the camels were given to the son then he should get how many? 8.5 which would mean killing a camel. If a third of the camels were given to the grandson, that would mean again killing a camel so he could get five and two thirds. And when it came to the nephew, there was no way he could get his share unless another camel was killed.

The three of them became frustrated and soon got very angry with each other. They shouted and quarreled and argued and

even threatened to go to war over the camels. Secretly they began stockpiling their weapons and plotting their battle campaigns.

Nearby there lived a very poor man. You could tell he was very poor because he only had one camel. Although he was so poor, and seemed to have no influence, he still felt he should do something to help. He wanted to stop war breaking out. He wanted to be a peacemaker. But what could he do? He decided to offer his one and only camel into the rich man's inheritance to help sort out the problem. It was a huge sacrifice. The inheritance now consisted of 18 camels.

The three sat down and did the sums. Half of the 18 would go to the son so he took 9. One third of the 18 would go to the grandson so he took 6. One ninth of 18 would go to the nephew, so he took 2. And to every bodies great surprise there was one camel left over. So the poor man received his camel back. He had made peace by his willingness to give up all he had and it had made all the difference and he had not lost out in the end.

Jesus said, *Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called sons of God. Matthew chapter 5 verse 9.*

In order to be a peacemaker, you will need to make a sacrifice. The old man made a sacrifice, by giving his camel. The son, grandson and nephew, weren't prepared to make a sacrifice, and war nearly happened.

This month we remember those soldiers who made a sacrifice, and those who are still making a sacrifice so that we can live in peace. If you want to be blessed by God then when you have an opportunity be a peacemaker. **Luke**

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.

1st November - 9am meet Foxes' Den
15th November - 9am meet Foxes' Den
6th December - 9am meet Foxes' Den



For more information contact:
 Gisele on
 07724 889169

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 4th October and 2nd December

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

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.

3G

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:

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November & 6th December

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**

From the Registers:

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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
Gisele Taylor tel. 07724 889169
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Or contact the church office on 01344 421079
or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



Bereavement Support Team

We will all suffer loss, grief or bereavement at some time in our lives, mainly through death, but also in other ways such as relationship breakdown, loss of a job, or sudden disability. The Bereavement Support Team are not counsellors, but can offer support and companionship if you are suffering a loss of any kind. There is no charge for a visit. All support team members have ID badges.

Friday Morning Bereavement Group Coffee Morning

Foxes' Den Café on Fridays 10.30am – 11.30am
(term time only)

Peer to Peer support open to anyone dealing with grief. It is not a counselling group, just a friendly get together over a drink.

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact Liz Hall
for more information orinocco@hotmail.co.uk /07850 799434
or Margareta Hawkins 01344 411681



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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



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for the December 2023/January 2024 issue**
(Please remember this will be a double issue)

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Please email:

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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND CHURCH



Hey Everyone!

Now that Winter is well and truly on the way we are getting in the festive mood, and hope you are too - here's what we've been getting up to over the last month...



At Whizz Kids on Sunday mornings, we've been learning about the parable of the Sower! We've been looking at plants and how they grow, and how the word of God can grow in us too. We also had our harvest festival at the All-Age service and spent time thanking God for all he has given us. We took part in the amazing Scarecrow trail - did you spot our hedgehog among the other fabulous creations?! Coming up this half term we have the return of our Christmas party! Join us for an evening of games, food, crafts and fun on the 18th December. Anyone in primary school is welcome so drop Daisy an email if you'd like to join us.



At 7UP, we wrote down our biggest questions and concerns about the Christian faith and each week we are choosing one person's question to discuss. We've had some great chats about faith and God, like what's the hardest thing about believing in God, and what will heaven be like? We've also been enjoying our usual games, sports, creative stuff and food, and we love hanging out together on a Wednesday evening. We also have our Christmas social coming up in December, where we'll be heading to the Reading Winter Wonderland for an evening of festive fun and lots of rides and attractions!

This year we will be returning to the Binfield Christmas Market with our youth fundraising stall! After such a fab event last year we are excited to be back with some Christmas goodies for sale, so come and see us on 4th December outside the Foxes Den and grab some gifts, enjoy the music and soak up the Christmas joy. We will also be hosting the Christingle services on Christmas Eve again this year, so make sure you join us for a sing along and a lovely Binfield tradition.

Daisy Osinaike - Children's and Youth Worker
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The dates for November are:
 Whizz Kids: 19th Nov
 7UP: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th Nov
 Relentless: 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th Nov

WHIZZ KIDS

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

For anyone in primary school

JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH FOOD, GAMES, CRAFT, AND A BOUNCY CASTLE!

5:30-7:00pm, 18th December at St. Mark's Church
 £3 per child, £2 per additional sibling

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7UP

For anyone in school years 7-13

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

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

For school years 1-6
 Everyone welcome!

SUNDAYS
 Except the first of the month!
 St. Mark's Church
 10:45AM

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and Youth work

Upcoming Fundraising Events & Activities

Monday 4th Dec: Youth Stall @ Binfield Christmas Market
Saturday 9th Dec: Wreath Making Session: 10-12pm @
Parish Council Office
Dads R Loud Christmas Party! 7:30-10:30pm @St. Mark's.
Check www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk for more details.

Update

Wow, we had some great things going on over the Autumn months! You can read a full update on the **Church Fete** in this issue and in the next issue we'll be able to give a review of the **Barn Dance** and this year's **Scarecrow Trail** which we're sure was a great as ever.
The 2024 **Binfield Calendar** is now on sale so pick up a copy - perfect for Christmas gifts or to keep for yourself! Things are definitely getting Christmassy with dates for festive fun to book up and add to your diaries. Come join us!

Binfield Church Fete 2023
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Contact the church office for more details, or see the church website more information and other ways to raise money!



With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:
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CHURCH NEWS



We did it! 2023 was the year that the Binfield Church Fete came back!

It may have ended up a little wet, but the rain held off for a good 2 hours in which we got to enjoy the lovely short service led by Luke and the musicians, beautiful singing by the Binfield Choir and uplifting music played by the Swing Band. The rain didn't stop all the excitement of the stalls and entertainment on offer as the Barch girls performed their skilful dances, kids enjoyed fun games on the Scouts fundraising stalls and some pretty damp dogs stayed to show off their best tricks to the Moor Cottage judges in the Dog Show.



We have been hearing some great feedback from everyone, so we are really pleased that visitors got to have a good time. However, none of it would have been possible without the input of everyone who made it happen. There's many people to mention (and we hope we haven't forgotten anyone), but thanks go to those who pitched in to tidy up the grounds of St. Mark's and make it look pretty, those who helped set up the event, gave an hour or more of their time to man stalls and to tidy up after. We also relied on generous donations for the tombola stalls and cakes and scones for all to appreciate with a hot cup of tea! Thanks also go to local businesses and individuals who kindly donated great prizes for the auction and raffle and the fantastic groups who came along to entertain us in



song, dance or dog show judging. Plus support from people behind the scenes including Hayley in the office and Sarah and Jonathan on Finances and Binfield school, FOBS and the Scouts for lending equipment. Finally, thanks to all those who came along with their families and put their hands in their pockets on the day! We really appreciate all the ways in which people made it work – it's wonderful seeing the community coming together for occasions like the Fete.



We are really pleased to let you know that this year the Fete raised just over £5,000! This will go into general funds and help to keep our churches running.

Huge thanks from the Fete Committee: Amanda, Alice, Carolyn, Tina, Claire, James, Jo and Kate.



VERSE OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2023

Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

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ALTERNATIVE ADVENT - BE GOOD NEWS

Once again we have the opportunity to bring good news and Christmas cheer to people through Alternative Advent.



Alternative Advent is where we purchase an extra present or two for single parents who won't otherwise receive a Christmas present this year. Many parents ensure that their children have a great Christmas, but often go without themselves. We would like to change that. This year we are hoping to give presents to 35 single mums and 15 single dads. If you would like to contribute, then we recommend gifts up to the value of £15.00. Possible ideas are, toiletries, PJs, slippers, chocolates, gloves, scarves and hats, scented candles, reed diffusers, or anything you think might make a nice gift for a single parent.

We will be collecting the presents from Sunday 19th November to Sunday 10th December. The presents can either be given to Luke in church, dropped off at the church office or left on the bench outside the front door of the Rectory. They will then be taken to the Family Intervention Team who then distribute them to the single parents. **Thank you Luke**



Binfield Tennis Association

Binfield Tennis Annual Charity Tournament

On Sunday 24th September Binfield Tennis Club hosted their annual Charity Tennis Tournament and Lunch, raising funds for a charitable cause chosen by club members each year.

This year their chosen charity was Kidney Research UK, as members David and Pauline hold the Charity close to their heart.

The event was a huge success, with a friendly tennis tournament, croquet competition, lunch on the village green and a raffle.

As a club at the centre of its community, Binfield Tennis Club benefits from fantastic support from its members and local community groups and businesses.

The event was the club's most successful yet, with a fantastic total amount raised for Kidney Research UK of over £3,100!

The club is grateful for the considerable support given to the event by local shops and businesses in providing such great prizes, which contributed to the success of the raffle, and providing the marquee and catering supplies to support the lunch.

Kidney Research UK
Kidney disease ends here.



It also takes a huge team of volunteers to pull an event like this together and the Club sends a huge thanks to David Harper and John Pascoe who coordinated the volunteers and encouraged involvement across our local community.



Thanks also go to Graham Brightwell for running the croquet competition, to members of the club committee who helped before and, on the day, to the club's coaching team and most of all to club members and their families who supported the event on the day.

Finally, congratulations to Marco and Tushar, who fought off some tough competition to be crowned winners of the tennis tournament!

To find out more about Binfield Tennis Club, follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching "Binfield Tennis" or visit us at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BinfieldTennisAssociation/Membership/Join>



COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield's Eco Church team is making solid progress towards achieving an Eco Church award. It was exciting to welcome organisations promoting sustainability to the Binfield Church Fete last month, including Simple Grids (an independent company specialising in home and business upgrades), the Binfield Badger Group and the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. We also launched our Eco-Garden with a Bug Hotel, which fete-goers helped to furnish. We are progressing well on planning the rest of the Eco-Garden, with work on the first phase due to start this quarter.

We're most grateful for the engagement and support of our community as we continue to work together towards creating a greener and more sustainable future for Binfield and beyond.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

News from Binfield Parish Council



Welcome to the November 2023 edition of Binfield Parish Council News.
In this edition, we are looking forward to our upcoming events over the autumn and winter months as well as sharing the latest Parish news.

November 2023

Tuesday 14 November	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 28 November	Planning & Transportation Committee	8pm

Upcoming Events

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Day Parade	Binfield Parish Council will be organising this year's Remembrance Day Parade. The Parade will take place on Sunday 12 th November, starting from the car park at Oakmede shops at 9.30am, walking down Terrace Road North to All Saints Church ready for the service which begins at 10.15am. The parade will leave the church at 11.15am returning to the car park at 11.45am. Terrace Road North will be closed while the parade takes place, between 09.30am-10am and again at 11.15am-11.45am.	9.30am
Thursday 30 November Christmas tree lights Switch-on	Join us for the annual light switch -on at the Parish Council (Foxley Fields) Christmas tree with refreshments after at The Foxes' Den Café. Join your parish councillors, the Binfield Community and Ecumenical Choirs and possibly a very special guest as we turn on the lights and enjoy some carol singing.	6-8.15pm 6pm assemble. 6.30pm switch on followed by refreshments
Monday 4 December Binfield Christmas Market	Following the success of last years event. The Community Christmas Market will be returning this December. Come along to the Foxes' Den for a festive celebration with community stalls, mince pies, mulled wine and more.	5-8pm
Sunday 10 December Silver Club	Following the success of Silver Sunday for the older members of our community we are pleased to offer another date. This will be held in the Council room at the Parish Office next to the Foxes' Den. There will be light refreshments, quiz, games, and a Christmas raffle. To reserve your free place please contact the Parish Office.	12.30-2.30pm

Community Grants The following organisations have been awarded grants from Binfield Parish Council:

1st Binfield Rainbows, 1st Binfield Brownies, 3rd Binfield Rainbows and Brownies, 4th Binfield Guides, Binfield Christmas Market, Bracknell & District Parkinson's Branch, Citizens Advice Bracknell and District, Home-Start Bracknell Forest (HSBF), Keep Mobile Community Transport CIO, Parenting Special Children, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Stepping Stones and Women's institute.

Silver Sunday - On Sunday 1st October the parish held an afternoon tea for the National event Silver Sunday. The aim of the day is for older people to meet new people, visit new places, try new activities, and connect with their local community. The event was held in the Foxes' Den and started off with a welcome from the Parish Clerk. Tea, coffee, sandwiches, and cake were shared around the tables along with three quizzes, including a famous couple quiz, chocolates and sweets and name that catchphrase to help initiate conversation between people. Answers to the quiz were provided throughout the tea and once again it is always competitive! Followed by a raffle at the end. We received a lovely donated floral display from Early Bird Florist.

Salt/Grit Bins – We have been informed that a few of the salt/grit bins are being used as normal rubbish bins. Please do not put anything in these bins, as they should only contain salt or grit in over the winter.

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa & Tracey

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Community!

We want to bring some cheer to these Autumn days and are endeavouring to come up with some more ways to keep the community entertained and warm.

Last month's big cheer went to Rhyme Time – it's back! It was so lovely to see the little ones bopping in the back room again.

Then there's Toddler crafts, community choir and meditation sessions on Mondays, Lattes and laptops (work from home from here!) on Wednesdays, the adult Crafternooners on Wednesdays and Thursdays and the Bereavement friendship group on Fridays and hopefully more to come. How would an afterschool crochet drop-in sound? Please msg if you are interested

In the café, we have some new winter warmers that have been going down a treat – if you have managed to taste our amazing pumpkin spice muffins, then you must have been quick as they have been flying out. So has the cauliflower cheese soup – it's like a big hug on the inside!

Don't forget if you are feeling cold and alone at home – pop in to see us. We have the warm space, community jigsaw and board games to keep you out of mischief!

See you soon and thanks for reading – Claire & Kerrin

FOXY LUNCHES 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. Call or email me in the strictest confidence and we will make sure that you have food on your table. Claire xx 07919448254 claire@foxesden.co.uk

Baby Photoshoots!



The lovely Abi from Abi Moore Photography is back! She has booked in for some more gorgeous baby photography sessions (Christmas presents?) Please get in touch with her to book your space www.photographybyabimoore.com

SCARECROWS & HALLOWEEN

Thank you so much for all your support and patience while the village Scarecrow Hunt event was on during half-term. How many did you see? There was some amazing creativity yet again this year – well done to everyone who participated, created and organised it!



The Den was also visited by our resident scary witch again on the 31st October – we hope she didn't frighten you too much! We think we'll invite her again next year, but who knows if she'll behave herself or not...



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT BINFIELD WI THIS YEAR?...

I can tell you the members of this branch have been very lively indeed. When I looked through the list of

events that have occurred during the past year, I was quite amazed. There isn't room to mention all of them, but I think the selection here will give you a flavour of what we get up to.

The tagline incorporated with the WI logo is "Inspiring Women", and the Speakers at our Meetings have certainly given us something to think about. To name a few, we had a Forensic Scientist; a lady who spoke about and demonstrated Indian Dancing – which some of our members were happy to join in with - plus a Pearly King who had some interesting tales to tell.

Theatres and concerts were also popular options, supporting local venues like Wokingham Theatre and South Hill Park, and our monthly Supper Club, sampling all types of food at local restaurants, can be an interesting experience and a lot of fun. Games and Skittles evenings, Exhibitions (Coco Chanel at the Victoria & Albert Museum as I write), Crafts, and our latest, the Environment Group, which really needs an article to itself, but I will add that a new member I spoke to a couple of days

ago told me the Environment Group was fantastic. Check out the Mindful Garden next time you're at Foxes Den. It's the ladies in that group who do the planting and look after it, but the group do such a lot more.

I can't finish this without mentioning outings. It was back to Bournemouth this year, a popular trip. Last year we had two members of our senior contingent coming down the zip wire from the pier to the beach. This year, two of our members decided to take a dip in the sea – not in the height of summer when it was very hot, but later when it was somewhat cooler. Hmmm. A hot tub would be my first choice, I think! There is a photo to prove the event, but I promised not to use it.

I think it's fair to say, there's something for everyone, all organised by a team of dedicated volunteers. The old saying of "If you want something done, ask a busy person" certainly applies to the Committee of Binfield W.I.

Christine Burns



COMMUNITY NEWS



Binfield Christmas Market

Binfield Christmas Market

Monday 4th December, 5-8pm
In and around The Foxes Den.

Please join us for the return of the Christmas Market showcasing local businesses and community groups who will be selling their products, fundraising and providing entertainment for you.

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Binfield Christmas Market TRAFFIC AND CAR PARKING

Please note that there will be **NO EVENT PARKING*** in or around the Foxes' Den or anywhere on Benetfeld Road or the Foxley Fields Estate.

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Please park elsewhere in the village in the surrounding roads and walk in to Foxley Fields. Please consider local residents when parking and don't block access points.

* Blue Badge parking will be available during the event in the Parish Council Car Park by The Foxes' Den. There will also be space here for cars to pull in for Christmas Tree collection.

If you have any questions or concerns about event parking for the Binfield Christmas Market, please email: parking.bcm@gmail.com

BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

We're beginning to get a real autumn vibe in the library and with the children back at school our afternoons are busy as they come in to change their books.

Our usual children's activities are continuing. 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 2nd November – Bonfire Night

Thursday 16th November – TV series of the 1960's and 1970's

Thursday 7th December – Famous faces of the 1960's and 1970's

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 4th and 18th November at 2 pm, we'll be playing Scrabble and on Saturday 11th and 25th November, 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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