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February 2024

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me to take it away but for
you to give it up....

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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday 4th	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	Book of Common Prayer Communion Common Worship Communion Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 11th	9.30am 11.00am	Common Worship Communion Informal Service
Wed 14th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday 18th	9.30am 11.00am	Common Worship Communion Informal Service with Communion
Sunday 25th	9.30am 11.00am	Common Worship Communion Informal Service

MARCH 2024

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

PLEASE NOTE: From February 2024, the 8:15 service will only be taking place once a month, on the first Sunday of the month.
Dates will be: Feb 4th, Mar 3rd, Apr 7th, May 5th, Jun 2nd, Jul 7th

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.

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.

7th February - 9am meet Foxes' Den
21st February - 9am meet Foxes' Den
6th March - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169



MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 3rd February and 2nd March

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

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 20th February at 12 noon
If you need a lift, please call Beverley on 07704 437207

DIARY

FEBRUARY 2024

Thurs 1st	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sat 3rd	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 7th	9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Wednesday Women's Walk 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 8th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 9th	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Thurs 15th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sun 18th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tues 20th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 21st	9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Wednesday Women's Walk 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 22nd	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Fri 23rd	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sun 25th	10.45am	Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church
Tues 27th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Wed 28th	10.00am 7.00pm	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
Thurs 29th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

MARCH 2024

Fri 1st	8.00pm	Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield
Sat 2nd	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 6th	9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Wednesday Women's Walk 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church 7UP at St Mark's Church
Sat 4th	9.00am	Men's Monthly Walk



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:

7th, 21st and 28th February and 6th March

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**

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!
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



I asked God to take away my habit.

God said No, it is not for me to take it away but for you to give it up.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said no, patience is a byproduct of tribulations It isn't granted it is learned.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said no, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and draws you closer to me.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said no, I give you blessings, happiness is up to you.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said no, I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me love others as much as he loves me.

God said Ahh, finally you get the idea my child.

This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. John chapter 15 verse 13 from The Message translation. The Bible.

Author unknown.

Luke Taylor

VERSE OF THE MONTH
FEBRUARY

AND NOW THESE THREE
REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND
LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST
OF THESE IS LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:13

CONTRIBUTED BY KATE HAYES



NEW MISSION ACTION PLAN

With great pleasure we are introducing our new mission action plan;

'Connecting people with Jesus, the bible and others'.

This reflects our joy in being a Christian as well as the joy in being part of our local community.

Sue Cledwyn-Davies Church Warden

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF OWEN BLATCHLY

Owen sadly died just before Christmas. He was loved by so many adults and children in Binfield and was such a special man.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come and celebrate his life at

Saturday 9th March at 3pm, All Saint's Church, Binfield.

(We would like to put together a collage of Owens life in Binfield, if you have any old photographs that you would like to share, please email them to office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk)



From the Registers:



Funerals

John Ryman
Joyce French

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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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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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 March 2024 issue

is Monday 12th February 2024

Please email:

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND CHURCH



Hey Everyone,

We're already into the second month of 2024 and we've had loads of fun already! Here's a quick recap of our Christmas and New Year's activities along with what's to come...



At Whizz Kids we finished up the year with a bang at our annual Christmas party, complete with bouncy castle, 'snowball fight', food and craft and it was a great way to end the year celebrating with each other. We were also at the Binfield Christmas Market for the second year to raise money for our youth groups selling yummy hot chocolate cones, and with the help of some fabulous volunteers we had a great evening getting in the festive mood and joining others in generating funds for some great causes. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us!



Our 7UP youth group took a trip to Reading Winter Wonderland and braved the rides and the cold weather for an evening of fun - a few leaders joined them on the rides, but most of us stayed firmly on the ground with a hot chocolate! We also had a 'Big Fat Quiz of the Year' where we tested the young people's knowledge to see how much they could remember from 2023, along with a whole host of new games and lots of big questions about life and faith.



Coming up in Feb we've got our usual sessions returning on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, plus a bowling social in half term for our teens to keep them busy. We're so looking forward to all that 2024 has to offer us, and if you fancy coming along to any of our groups, feel free to drop me an email to find out more!

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

The dates for February are:
 Whizz Kids: Feb 18th and 25th
 7UP: Feb 21st and 28th
 Relentless: Feb 9th and 23rd



Youth Groups @ BINFIELD

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Binfield Christmas Market




BINFIELD VILLAGE CALENDAR 2024

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Christmas Wreath Workshop



DRL Christmas Party



Update

And just like that we're now into February and another Christmas is done! We hope that you all were able to enjoy celebrating with family, friends or both!

December was another fantastic month for us with some brilliant fundraising taking place thanks to lots of lovely people...

We have again sold out of all copies of our **Binfield Village Calendar**. We appreciate everyone's support for this, particularly Carolyn, our advertisers, the photographers and sellers.

The **Binfield Christmas Market** was another all-round success, despite a little rain! Daisy and our youth team did a great job on their stall and the amazing gingerbread churches were snapped up (big thanks to Margareta and Michael!).

Thanks to Trudy and Stephanie, many of us enjoyed hanging beautiful **Christmas Wreaths** on our door this winter thanks to their workshops which also raised money for the running of the church.

And the fundraising and celebrations were wrapped up at our fantastic **Christmas Party**, thanks to the great guys who are best known as Dads R Loud. It was an awesome evening and even better was raising lots of money for the Lighthouse Project!

We are ready to kick off 2024 and raise more funds, with your continued help, to support our churches!

How to make a donation:

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

- **Online:** see our updated 'Giving' pages on the website, with easy links to make a one-off donation: www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk/giving-page or click on the 'Donate' link on the Home Page.
- **Cheque:** send a cheque to the church office, made payable to "Binfield PCC". Please write 'Church Care', 'General Funds', or where you would like your donation used on the back
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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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COMMUNITY NEWS



An Outstanding Ofsted inspection for Newbold School

On November 16th, 2023, after three days of intense Ofsted scrutiny, Binfield, Bracknell-based Newbold School was judged to be 'Outstanding'. The official result was released by Ofsted this week.

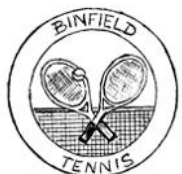
The school's staff and governors have worked tirelessly towards this incredible success with unstinting belief in the quality of what the school has to offer its pupils. Headteacher Mrs J Crissey commented: "Our passion and dedication was commended many times during the inspection. Above all, a respectful and nurturing atmosphere was recognised as being at the heart of Newbold School. Our inspector told us that he could feel the supportive environment throughout the visit."

The children's excellent behaviour was remarked upon several times during the inspection and in the final report: 'Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. In lessons and at social times, pupils show great levels of self-confidence and respect.' (Ofsted Inspection report, 14 to 16 November 2023).

Forest School lessons are taught weekly in the woods around Newbold College. This feature of the school impressed the inspectors enormously, particularly the benefits gained from it in Early Years, led by Mrs. Mel Jennings, Deputy Head and Early Years' Manager.

Throughout the entire school, Newbold pupils' attitude to learning was commended: "An exceptional quality of education from Nursery to Year 6 helps pupils to develop an infectious enthusiasm and thirst for learning. Consequently, they flourish here." (Ofsted Inspection report, November 2023).

To view the full report, please visit the school's website (www.newboldschool.info).



Binfield Tennis Association

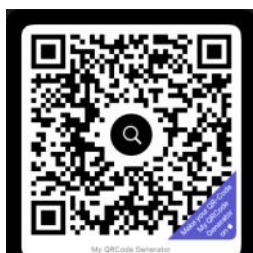
Binfield Tennis Club Events: 2024

If you made a resolution to get outdoors, get fit and even make new friends, then Binfield Tennis Club can help you achieve all 3 this year!

The Club are pulling together a programme of activities and everyone's invited whether an experienced player or not picked up a racquet in a while.

Here's what they have planned so far.

To find out how to join and the membership options available for your local tennis courts, scan the QR code now:



SCAN ME

January	7th: New Year Fitness	
February	25th: Coffee&Cake Tournament	
March	16th: Floodlight Fundraiser: 24hr Tennis	24th: Open Day
April	21st: Davis Cup Day	29th: Easter Egg Hunt/Scarecrow Trail
May	19th: 10Krun	Date tbc: Road to Wimbledon Junior Tournament
June	9th: Family Tournament/Picnic	23rd: Coffee&Cake Tournament
July	7th: Wimbledon Pimms&Strawberries	
August	26th: Bank Holiday Coaching clinic/lunch	
September	15th Church Fete	22nd: Charity Tournament
October	26th: Halloween Trail	
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December	7th: Santa Grotto	8th: Santa Grotto

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February Eco Church Watch

Just stop on your walk at a quiet place. Take the headphones off, ignore your mobile phone and take a deep breath. Breathe in for 5 seconds and release the breath for 7 seconds and repeat several times. You can feel and smell the coldness of the air and may hear the beat of wings as a jay emerges from a tree or hear the fluty thrill of a blackbird in the hedge or see the fox trotting along the field edge. Although, I love the serendipity of nature, I also love to plan a

particular walk this month as it is the month of snowdrops.

Galanthus Nivalis, otherwise known as the common, or more prosaically as the Churchyard Snowdrop as it likes to establish itself in relatively undisturbed areas, often nestling in a sunny patch between old gravestones or near the partial shade of a wall. Traditionally, the flowers decorated churches at Candlemass hence another name of Candlemass Bells. Celebrated on 2nd February, Candlemass marks the return of light and is associated with the presentation of Jesus at the Temple.

As a symbol of hope, renewal and light, emerging from the darkness of Winter, snowdrops were aptly described as 'The Morning Star of Flowers' by the Scottish poet and hymn writer, James Montgomery. In Binfield, we can contemplate the beauty of God's creation in All Saints Churchyard with its display of single and double flowering *Galanthus Nivalis*. Sometimes the journey to Spring and renewal is not easy, then we can consider Christina Rossetti's words of being 'Sore in doubt concerning Spring.' If the spirits are low, picturing the pristine whiteness and purity of the flower that bursts through the harsh winter soil to herald rebirth brings hope. The flowers' journey from underground makes it vulnerable, but it soon finds its strength when it emerges into the light. Find your favourite snowdrop walk and remember the importance of quiet contemplation as the Rev Richard Coles did on his BBC Winterwalk. It will refresh the spirits.

Also, carry on that hope and increase the number of snowdrops by dividing and replanting any overcrowded clumps of snowdrops in your garden, after flowering and when they are still in the green. If you have some to spare, give them to a friend or neighbour to plant in moist, but well drained soil in sun or partial shade. On a warm day, the honey scent of the flowers may attract emerging bees or other insects into your garden.

Kate Ellison-Bourne



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS', BINFIELD

A little overview...

"In 1226, Henry III granted to the church of All Saints on Binfield a piece of ground for making a courtyard".

All Saints' is a Grade II* listed church with a history going back to the 12th Century. It was originally one of the chapels of the Royal Manor of Cookham, that was given to the Abbey of Cirencester by Henry I, and records show that the church was appropriated in 1347 by the Abbot. The church which stands today dates back to the 14th Century, with mid 1800's additions and restorations designed by the architect, Benjamin Ferry.



There are many historical features including the Norman font bowl, the 14th Century carved wooden porch, and a 15th Century window with glass depicting St. George and the Dragon. In the chancel you can see the oldest half-effigy brass memorial in Berkshire in honour of the Rector of Binfield, dated 1361.



The church has remained an integral part of the community over the years. The poet Alexander Pope lived nearby and sang in the church choir as a boy in the early 1700s and John Constable spent his honeymoon at the Rectory in 1816 and sketched All Saints' Church twice.

Today, we celebrate many baptisms, marriages and funerals at the church. Did you know the Queen attended a Christening at All Saints', just after she was married, in 1948? All of these occasions are added to the Parish records which date back to 1538. Perhaps there are records of your ancestors here?



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SCAN ME

A few interesting February Facts and Wordsearch

- **Valentine's day** is on **14th** February
- February is **28** days and **29** every 4 years which is a **leap year**
- February birthstone is an **Amethyst**
- February flower is a **Primrose**
- The name February comes from the latin word **februum** which means **purification**
- Saxons called February **sol-monath** which means **cake month**
- February has been **Black History** Month for 40 years
- The odds of being born on February 29th is 1 in 1,461. You can be called a **leaper** or **leapling** if you are born on 29th February
- February, March and November always start on same day of the week unless it is a leap year

Look for the highlighted words above in the wordsearch (the numbers as words)



News from Binfield Parish Council



Happy New Year! Welcome to the February 2024 edition of Binfield Parish Council News.
In this edition, we are looking forward to our upcoming events over the winter months as well as sharing the latest Parish news.

February 2024

Tuesday 6 February	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 13 February	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 27 February	Planning & Transport Committee	8pm

Sunday 4 February Silver Club Binfield Parish Office	Our last Silver Club for the Winter, 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 raffle. To reserve your free place please contact the Parish Office.	12.30-2.30pm
Thursday 21 March Annual Parish Meeting	Our Annual Parish meeting will take place on the 21 March. There will be refreshments and opportunity to talk to your Councillors from 7pm. As well as the ceremony for the Parish People Awards. We hope you can join us!	7pm Refreshments 7.30pm Start
Thursday 6 June D Day Celebration!	80th Year Anniversary of Day, there will be a Beacon Lighting. Save the date! Further details to follow.	TBC

Parish People Awards

The aim of the Binfield Parish People awards is to thank and reward those people living in Binfield and who deserve recognition for community activity, environmental achievements or in some other way contribute to the life of the Parish. The awards are presented at the annual parish meeting (21st March 2024). A nomination form can be <https://binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-parish/parish-peoples-award/> or by contacting the office. **We look forward to receiving your application, closing date for applications is 29 February 2023.**

Thanks to Steve Webb

Steve Webb has been volunteering with BPC for many years assisting with noticeboard updates and helping with projects around the Parish. He has always been on hand to assist with any issues providing efficient solutions following his previous position as our Parish Handy Worker.

Steve has decided to step down from Parish work. Binfield Parish Council would like to pass on their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Steve for his expertise and the many hours he has dedicated to volunteering.

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. If we do experience freezing conditions this winter, please note that salt bins are available for you to use on public roads. This provision is part of the Bracknell Forest Highways Winter Service Plan 2021-22, which can be viewed at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk> ('Roads, parking and transport strategies and policies' web page).

Litter and fly tipping

We are currently experiencing an increase in litter and fly tipping within the Parish. We have several Sponsor a Street residents across the Parish who do a fabulous job in helping to keep the village clean and tidy, but we are seeing some litter hot spots. One of the worst spots is Foxley Lane. Along with regular fly tipping, the regular litter picker in this area has found illegal nitrous oxide canisters. Please help keep our Parish clean and tidy. If you want to join our litter picking scheme, then please contact us.

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa & Tracey

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Foxes' Den 
COFFEE FOOD COMMUNITY

Hello February!

Let us know what you want to see happening at the Den! We are run as a not-for-profit café here to provide a community space with activities for everyone. But we need to know what you want! Please get in touch – there will be a feedback form available in the Den as well as email to hello@foxesden.co.uk

Rhyme Time Mondays 9.30am-10am – this lovely 30 minute toddler sing-along and has a facebook page where you can check for updates: @rhymetimebinfield (a small donation to the Church Repair fund is collected if you want to donate)

Toddler Craft Mondays 11am-11.30am – this is a FREE make and take activity aimed at those that can hold a pen and do a bit of sticking. We use the big Nook craft table at the back of the café.

Adult Crafternooners Wednesday 1pm-3pm – grownup crafting, where we bring our own projects to work – don't craft alone!
Claire & Kerrin x

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Winter Warmers!

Our homemade soups are flying out of the kitchen right now – we only make small batches but my new favourite is the Cauliflower Cheese Soup!



KITCHEN UPGRADE!

Please can all our lovely visitors note that we are very excited to be having work done to enhance our kitchen in February. This will mean disruption to our kitchen offering over a few days. Please bear with us as there will be days when we can only offer coffee (in takeaway cups) and cake... please see posters for more specifics.

The **BINFIELD 10K** 10AM SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

As the February issue of the Beacon hits our doorsteps, the countdown is now on to the Binfield 10K! With just 16 weeks to go, the committee is busy planning to ensure that it is a great day for everyone. If you haven't encountered the race in past years, once a year we organise a road race for up to 900 runners, joggers and walkers around our lovely village. If you are interested in participating in the event, there is plenty of time to start training, or ramp up your training so that you can get a great PB. Entries are now open at www.binfield10k.co.uk/entries We had over 100 entries in the first 2 days of opening the registrations and every year we sell out of places, so please get in early to avoid disappointment. Why not get a team together and run for a local charity? Or you could dress up and run for fun. It would be great to see some crazy characters! The 10K is open to everyone in the community and we hope you will all get involved; we need volunteers on the field, marshals on the route and crowds cheering the runners on. We are also looking for more sponsors. The 10K is organised by a team of volunteers and every penny goes to the community and charity. If you would like to help us by sponsoring the event in some way then please get in touch by emailing enquiries@binfield10k.co.uk. This year we are delighted to welcome back some of our loyal sponsors, as well as welcome on board some new faces. Sponsor options are available to meet your budget and by helping us, you are raising awareness of your business and also helping local community groups and charities that we support. If you would like to find out more about the Binfield 10K then please visit us at: www.binfield10k.co.uk or find us on the socials @Binfield10k.

The Binfield10k Committee



COMMUNITY NEWS

BINFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

I know February can be a cold month and it feels like spring is a long way off but if you need somewhere warm to go, with activities and awesome company then head down to Binfield library, it's cosy, safe and a sociable space for everyone whether you're a member of the library or not. Most of us are feeling the pinch but everything we are offering is free; enjoy our books, computers, newspapers, magazines, Wi Fi and events or if you prefer bring your own books, games or activities.

To find out what activities are on across the borough visit <https://health.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/five-ways-to-winter-wellness-timetable>

Weekly events:

The ever-popular **Rhyme Time** sessions for preschool children continues every Thursday at 9.30am, a small 50p charge applies, this group is followed by a craft activity (£1.50 charge if your child stays for both the singing and the craft).

Georgina our lovely Friday library assistant does an **After-School Craft** session which starts at 3.30pm, this event needs to be booked so we can make sure we have enough resources for everyone and there is a small charge.

Our **Community Jigsaw Puzzle** for adults has now been moved in the hope it will attract new puzzlers and if any of you have unwanted puzzles, we'd be delighted to take them off your hands.

Every other week:

The **Reminiscences Group** has taken a break recently due to our wonderful Natalie moving posts however good news it will be starting again in the very capable hands of Monika our Thursday morning volunteer, so come along on the first and third Thursday of the month at 11 am to show your support for her. This group is awesome if you're interested in discussing your memories, everyone is welcome. There is a small charge of £1 to include tea or coffee.

Please feel free to bring along a small item related to your memories if you wish.

Derek's Quiz – second and fourth Thursday of the month at 11am, £1 charge.

Knit & Natter - 1st Monday of the month 2 – 4 pm and 3rd Saturday of the month 1.30 – 3.30 pm. This group really needs people, you don't even have to knit, you could just natter!

Remember when everything else seems to be costing more, the library is free :)

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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BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB

A belated Happy New Year to everyone from the Garden Club.

Towards the end of 2023, Nancy Bowen won our Annual Challenge, which was to grow an onion in a pot. Hers weighed 168gms and she was closely followed by Lesley Ashley, Karen Rance and Jenny Baxter – congratulations!



The year finally ended with a wonderful Christmas Tea at the Binfield Club, complete with vintage china and lovely table decorations, delicious food,



crackers, a raffle and lots of enjoyable socialising. Grateful thanks to all who worked hard to make a splendid afternoon.

2024 is our 30th Anniversary Year and we began it on a wild and wet evening with our January meeting, when we welcomed Mike Coker of the Binfield Environment Group. Mike gave us an excellent update on environmental issues in Binfield. It was heart-warming to see photos of our lovely local flora and fauna and to hear how the environment group work to look after the trees and habitats to provide for all creatures.

On 1st Feb we will have a talk by Alan Goold of Henry Street Garden Centre on the care of house plants and on March 7th, following a short AGM at 7pm, Rosy Hardy of Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants will speak about early Spring flowering perennials. April will be the subject of "More colour, less work!" and May will be our annual plant sale.

We have a variety of interesting talks booked for the rest of the year, plus a couple of outings to look forward to. Anybody can come as a visitor or guest to any meeting for just £3 and new members will be warmly welcomed, the whole year's subscription is only £16 and that includes free tea and coffee with biscuits! We always have a good raffle, often some gardening bric a brac and plants for sale and there is a competition each month.

Our meetings are held at the Memorial Hall starting at 7.15pm on the first Thursday of each month. Do look us up on binfieldgardenclub.wordpress.com and look out for our facebook notices.

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Sue Jeffery



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