

The Binfield Beacon

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



March 2024

Are you
flying blind?



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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

MARCH 2024

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

Saturday 9th 3.00pm Owen Blatchly's memorial Service

Sunday 10th 10.00am **ALL TOGETHER SERVICE - see below**
MOTHERING SUNDAY **Informal Service with Communion**

Sunday 17th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service with Communion

Sunday 24th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

Thurs 28th 7.30pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Friday 29th 2.00pm **GOOD FRIDAY**
HOUR AT THE CROSS

Sunday 31st 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)
6.30pm Easter Carol Service at St Mark's

APRIL 2024

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11.00am Informal All Age Baptism Service

Mothering Sunday Service

10am - 10th March

On Mothering Sunday on the 10th March we're looking forward to an altogether celebration service at 10am

We warmly invite all congregation members to join us for an informal gathering. We expect the service to last about 45 minutes with communion included.

After the service, we will have refreshments available, providing an opportunity for everyone to socialise

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.

6th March - 9am meet Foxes' Den

20th March - 9am meet Foxes' Den

3rd April - NO WALK

For more information contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169



MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 2nd March and 6th April

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 19th March at 12 noon

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

DIARY

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

Thurs 7th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

Fri 8th 8.00pm Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield

Wed 13th 10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
7.00pm 7UP at St Mark's Church

Thurs 14th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

Sun 17th 10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church

Tues 19th 12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's Church

Wed 20th 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
7.00pm 7UP at St Mark's Church

Thurs 21st 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

Fri 22nd 8.00pm Relentless at St Michael's Church, Warfield

Sun 24th 10.45am Whizz Kids at St Mark's Church


Tues 26th 7.30pm Practice the presence of God at The Rectory

Wed 27th 10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
7.00pm 7UP at St Mark's Church

APRIL 2024

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Sat 6th 9.00am Men's Monthly Walk

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:

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 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**

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.

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 anyone in school years 7-13

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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WHIZZ KIDS!

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



An 18 year old student pilot was making a solo flight cross country when she became lost in a storm. Something had gone wrong with one of her instruments. So she reached for her radio and made contact with a local air traffic controller. And she said, "I don't know where I am. I need some help, please, please, help me. The controller located her on his radar screen and began talking her down toward a nearby airport.

She couldn't see a thing, but he could see her on the radar. He knew where she was, he knew which direction she was headed, he knew where she needed to go, and the best way to get there.

She trusted her life to a man she had never seen and he got her out of the storm and safely to ground.

Today, you can trust in Jesus. You've never seen Him before with your naked eye. You may not know Him, but he is there waiting for you with open arms to help you.

So this Easter I'm asking you today, to quit flying blind. The Bible reminds us that Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost, (Luke 19:10).

Luke Taylor

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Scarlett Rose Hagley Toth
Stephanie Huck

Funerals

Chris Richards

EASTER CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 31ST MARCH - 6.30PM ST MARK'S CHURCH

*A Service of lessons, hymns and carols for Passiontide and Easter.
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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



EASTER LILIES



Each year at Easter, we have a display of lilies in All Saints' Church, and the names of family and friends that are no longer with us, displayed on a scroll with the flowers.

Inspired by the late Jan Vigar, this poignant way to honour our loved ones, is continuing as Jan's legacy.

Easter is a time when we think about how the resurrection gives us hope. God has promised us eternal life and He has prepared a place for each one of us in His kingdom where we will meet our loved ones again one day.

If you would like to include the name of a loved one who has died, please email Hayley in the Church Office office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk by Thursday 30th March latest.

Each year we will create **a new list of names**, so even if you have had people on the list before, please make sure you let us know, otherwise they will not be included.

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VERSE OF THE MONTH MARCH 2024

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

GALATIANS 5: 22-23

Contributed by Hayley Fourie

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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!

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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

The Binfield Beacon



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is Monday 11th March 2024

Please email:

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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND CHURCH



Hey Everyone,

With the days getting longer and spring being just around the corner we're so excited for everything coming up in March, here's what we've been up to and what's to come...

At Whizz Kids on a Sunday morning, we've been learning about love by going through 1 Corinthians 13. We've been exploring all the different ways we can show love to people and how God loves us. We have also been playing games together and making craft, as well as getting a bit messy and building wonderful creations!

We have our Mother's Day celebration on **10th March at 10am at All Saint's Church**, where the Whizz Kids will be sharing some prayers they have written and celebrating all the wonderful women in our lives. Also, we'll be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the 31st March after the 11am service, so do come and join us for a morning of celebration and chocolatey fun.

At our youth groups we've been having some great discussions about lots of different topics. At 7UP on Wednesday evenings we've been taking part in a debate each week, where the groups are randomly selected and they have to come up with good arguments for their case. At Relentless we've been doing moral dilemmas, where the young people are hypothetically put into some very tricky situations and think about what they would do. We're also hearing some parables of Jesus, and thinking about what we can learn from them.

We had our joint bowling social event in February with 7UP and Relentless, and it was so much fun to hang out together and get a bit competitive! We are also returning to Satellites youth festival this Summer for 5 days of fun and learning more about the Christian faith. It's been an amazing time the last 2 years, so we're really excited to be returning again this summer!

We hope you have a wonderful month
Daisy Osinaike - Children's and Youth Worker
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The dates for March are:

Whizz Kids: Mar 17th and 24th

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

Relentless: Mar 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd



MARCH ECO CHURCH WATCH

March is often proclaimed by stormy, windy weather, hence its

Roman name derived from the god of war. The Saxons called it Hlyd Monath or stormy and rugged month. As the month progresses, we feel spring moving in, seeing and hearing the changing season as Wordsworth observed when on 'the first mild day of March' he heard a robin heralding spring, 'the redbreast sings from the tall larch.'

It is also the month of two important saints, St David and St Patrick. As a student in Wales, I learnt not only to appreciate the beauty of Welsh music and culture, but also the influence of St David. Although of royal birth, David was known for his humbleness in preaching. This lives on in his own recorded words of 'to do little things,' (Gwnewch y pethau bychain.) In other words, we can all do our bit for our community and environment. It all counts, whether we pick up rubbish on the path or plant bee friendly plants in the garden.

Sometimes, the small and humble grow and create an expansive network like the growth of the wood-wide web in a forest. In the Gambia, Isatou Ceesay, noticed the increasing amount of rubbish piling up in her community, harming people and animals. Vegetables failed to grow as rubbish covered and polluted the soil. She was determined to train to help her

community with recycling which led to a project generating income for local women. From collecting up plastic waste, making the environment safer, they recycled usable plastics to make bags and jewellery which they sold, enabling them to become financially independent. This 21st Century heroine is a modern 'Saint,' inspiring and enabling her community to improve their environment, their lives, and the lives of their children. The project has grown from clearing up waste in one local community, to disposing of waste in four separate communities, besides creating jobs for marginalised people and forest preservation.

During March, the 'little things' we can do are to plant catmint, hyssop and lavender for the bumble and honeybees. March thorough to September are important months for bees who fly when the temperature reaches above 10 degrees Centigrade. March is also the month of some of the most beautiful yellow flowering wild-flowers such as celandine and wild primroses. Grow lesser celandines in your garden as they are a valuable source of nectar and pollen for emerging bumblebees. Grow *Primula vulgaris*, or wild primrose, sourced from garden centres, for pollinators such as bees and for moth caterpillars. Plant primroses in a shaded cool spot. You will benefit nature, your family and community. **Kate Ellison-Bourne**



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Church Fundraising Update

We appreciate your ongoing support for our church fundraising. The fact that group members at **Rhyme Time** running at the Foxes' Den and the **3G** play group continue to contribute to a collection for us means a lot!

We will be running our **Plant Sale** again, a little later this year during the May Half Term, and so would gratefully receive any plants or seedlings of flowers, fruits or vegetables to sell and help us raise funds. Look out for more info on our website. Perhaps some decorated pots to sell with them too if anyone is feeling creative?!

We are also looking forward to repeating our expanded presence at the **Binfield 10k** this May, where we will again be both hosting a water station and running the BBQ to provide the all important pre-race marshal treats and post race burgers! If you'd like to join in, we'd love to see you there.



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The BINFIELD 10K
Helpers Needed!

We'd love to have some helpers join us while we support this huge village event on Sunday 19th May.

If you'd like to get involved at our water station at All Saints' or on the BBQ on Foxley Fields, please get in touch!

We really appreciate your contribution; however big or small, it will all help! You can donate online just scan the QR code

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Saturday 25th May until Monday 27th May 2024
at The Foxes' Den Cafe, Binfield (during opening hours)

IF YOU ARE SOWING SEEDS OR DIVIDING PLANTS THIS SPRING, WE'D APPRECIATE YOU POTTING UP A FEW EXTRA FOR OUR SALE!

TOMATOES, SWEET PEAS, COURGETTES, CUCUMBERS, GERANIUMS, LYCHNIS AND RED KALE SEEDLINGS ARE GOING TO BE ON THE TABLE. WHAT ELSE COULD YOU BRING? THANKS IN ADVANCE

PLEASE DONATE

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Would you like to Advertise in the Binfield Beacon?

The Binfield Beacon is hand delivered to 3500 houses and businesses in Binfield and shared online

If interested please...

call 01344 421079 or

email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



CAN YOU HELP?

The Lighthouse Team is looking for an additional pair of hands to support a "shop and drop".

Typically twice a month on a Friday afternoon, or Saturday morning. To purchase required ingredients for homeless/ vulnerable meals and to deliver them to the volunteer cooks.

All deliveries are in the Binfield/ Bracknell area, approx. 5 addresses. Purchases are reimbursed via an expense process. **Please contact amanda.thrower@hotmail.co.uk**

Thank you all for your ongoing support.



Trafalgar Dinner



Royal Naval Association - Bracknell Branch

It has been a busy few months since we last reported on the Bracknell Branch of the RNA. We hold regular meetings at the Binfield Club on the first Wednesday evening of the month. We have been delighted to welcome several new Shipmates recently – and there is always room for more. You could have served in any of the various "units" of the Royal Navy/ Merchant Navy/RFA/Royal Marines/Fleet Air Arm; have family naval connections or be anyone who has sympathies with what the Association does – and an interest in "naval" matters. Our core values are Unity, Loyalty, Patriotism and Comradeship.

We held our AGM in January and have been planning events for the year ahead which will include a range of new Speakers, our usual two Dinners (for St George's Day and, of course, Trafalgar Day), outings to the Milestones Museum, The Weald & Downland Museum, Portsmouth Naval Dockyard and Beaulieu as well as our Annual Skittles Competition towards the end of the year.

Branch Shipmates have attended local Armed Forces Veterans' Breakfast Clubs in the area as well as other "Area" events. This included a local Armed Forces Veterans' Hub, run by Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service, at Newbury Fire Station and the "laying up of the old Branch Standard and dedication of new one" in Northamptonshire (Rushden).

The Branch Standard was Paraded at two Remembrance Services in Binfield on 11th & 12th November with a Branch S/M laying a wreath at each service. A Poppy Wreath was also laid at the service in Bracknell, arranged by BTC, and was attended by eight S/Ms. A fourth wreath was laid at our local CWGC grave for a WWII Sailor in Binfield.

Three days Charity Collecting in December at a local Tesco resulted in £1402-74 being received in donations, £1050 of which has so far been donated to other "naval" charities, including the local Maidenhead Sea & Marine Cadet Unit. Dates have already been arranged for more collecting in December 2024 as well as a day in June.

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

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News from Binfield Parish Council



Welcome to the March 2024 edition of Binfield Parish Council News. In this edition, we are looking forward to our upcoming events over the spring months as well as sharing the latest Parish news.

March 2024

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| Tuesday 12 th March | Parish Council | 8pm |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Planning & Transport Committee | 8pm |

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| Thursday 21 March Annual Parish Meeting Binfield Community Centre | Our Annual Parish meeting will take on Thursday 21 March at our new facility at Binfield Community Centre. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to talk to your Councillors and view the new facility 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! Foxley Fields | 80th Year Anniversary of Day D—There will be a Beacon Lighting on Foxley Fields at 9.15pm. Save the date! Further details to follow. | Beacon lighting 9.15pm |

Silver Club

We would like to thank everyone who attended our events over the winter months. Our next event will be Silver Sunday on Sunday 6th October 2024. We would like to offer a special thank you to Karen Hatt and the 3rd Binfield Brownies, Linda Willcocks and the Foxes' Den for giving up their time to support the event and making delicious sandwiches, quiches, cakes, and mince pies.

Dogs to be kept on leads at Knox Green

There has been an increase in dogs not being kept on their leads at Knox Green with an increase in Dog waste in the area. Can we politely remind residents that dogs must be kept on leads on Knox Green and to take your waste home with you.

Opening of the New Binfield Community Centre!

We are excited to announce that we have now signed the paperwork for the new Binfield Community Centre on Wood Lane. Binfield Parish Council will be responsible for managing the rooms and facilities which boasts a sports hall, dance studio and two meeting rooms.

We will be looking to hold open days for residents and hirers to view the facilities on 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th and 28th March, times TBA. Our official opening day in April will be advised in due course. Please lookout for more information on our Website, Social pages, and Noticeboards. For all enquiries concerning the facilities you can contact us on bookings@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Grant applications open – 1st April 2024

Our community grant applications open on Monday 1st April 2024, applications forms can be found on our website, or a form picked up from the office.

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. Please help keep our Parish clean and tidy. If you want to join our litter picking scheme, then please contact us.

Easter Opening Hours

The office will be closed on Good Friday 29th March and Bank Holiday Monday 1st April.

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa & Tracey

01344 454602, Binfield Parish Council at the Parish Office, Benetfeld Road, Binfield, RG42 4EW

Parish Office working hours: 9.00am-1pm Monday to Friday

office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Foxes' Den

COFFEE FOOD COMMUNITY

Spring is on the way!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready to embrace all the joys of spring. Here at the Den, we're gearing up for a season filled with tasty drinks and snacks, fun events, and of course, plenty of caffeine.

Did you know that our fab coffee is not just a generic bean from a nationwide retailer but roasted in small batches weekly at a lovely roastery in Marlow: Coopers Trading Company. Wherever possible we try to support local businesses (or as close as we can get). Our egg's are all from Stokes Farm and the honey that we sell is from bees that live on Terrace Road North. If you know of other local companies that we can work with, please get in touch.

Please follow us on facebook to find out about all our fresh bakes, latest news and up-to-date events and activities. See you soon!

Claire & Kerrin x

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Benetfeld Road, Binfield. RG42 4EW

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



Thank you for your patience

We have had quite a bit of disruption to our service throughout February and we really appreciate the support of our lovely customers. Unfortunately even before our refit started we have experienced a few very unreasonable and actually quite upsetting customers. Please can we ask that we try and treat each other with kindness and patience - we aren't a fast-food establishment and may not always get it right, but we are trying our best and are always here for our community.



Binfield Tennis Association

EASTER TENNIS CAMP

Tues 2nd - Fri 5th April 12:30 to 16:30pm
Mon 8th - Thur 11th April 12:30 to 16:30pm

Week 1



Week 2



£28/day £70/3 days

15% Sibling discount available

Contact Trevor Kotchie:

Mobile: 07703 256922

Email: tkotchie@hotmail.com



Bracknell Choral Society Spring Concert 2024

Our 2023 - 2024 season continues with an exciting programme, singing Brahms's magnificent **German Requiem** for our Spring concert on **Sunday 24th March** in **Salisbury Hall, Newbold College, Binfield RG42 2AS** at 4pm.

We will be joined by two professional soloists, **Elinor Rolfe Johnson**, Soprano and **James Oldfield**, Baritone. The choir will be led by our Musical Director, **Greg Hallam** accompanied by **Nick Austin** and **Ben Giddens** on piano. Tickets cost £20 (accompanied under 18s free) and will be available from our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk, from choir members or on the door.

Please check our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk for further information on the choir and details of all our future concerts, including our ever-popular Summer Concert.

on 12th July at 7.30pm at Lambrook School. This year it is entitled '**S'Wonderful**' and features choral arrangements of jazz standards and upbeat spirituals.

EASTER SERVICES

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 28TH MARCH AT 7:30PM

A quiet, reflective service

GOOD FRIDAY - 29TH MARCH AT 2PM

An hour at the cross

EASTER SUNDAY - 31ST MARCH AT 9:30 + 11AM
Easter Celebration, with an egg hunt after the 11am

AT ST MARK'S CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY - 31ST MARCH AT 6.30PM

Easter Carol Service

We hope to see you there!



Party 'Bye' The Pitch

Binfield Cricket Club and 1st Binfield Scout Group would like to thank you for your support of Party Bye the Pitch in 2023 and we are pleased to announce that your local community event will be back for 2024 so **SAVE THE DATE:**

Saturday 6 July 2024
4pm – 10pm

Tickets on sale in June with more information to follow over the next few months.
www.facebook.com/partybythepitch
partybythepitch@gmail.com



Whether first starting off & want to learn more or already enjoying playing football, be part of a team with new friends, build confidence and have fun in Binfield F.C. Girl focused Junior football sessions for Reception and Year One school ages.

Every Sunday 9.30 – 11.00
at Binfield F.C.
Hill Farm Lane.

If interested to know more, find & contact us on our socials on   Binfield FC Soccer School.



35+ EGGS TO FIND

BINFIELD EASTER EGG HUNT 2024

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

RAISING FUNDS FOR



   www.BinfieldEvents.com

£3 PER MAP FROM DAPHNE'S, FOXES DEN OR VILLAGE STORES



ClothesBank

How can you help?

Donate:

- Good quality, clean secondhand clothing/footwear (suitable for British spring/summer weather)
- NEW underwear and pyjamas (we are unable to use second hand for hygiene reasons)
- Girls socks, knickers, pyjamas
- Boys socks, boxers, pyjamas
- Ladies socks, knickers, bras, pyjamas
- Mens socks, pyjamas (we don't need any men's boxers)
- Money so that we can purchase clothes/footwear to fill the gaps we have in any of our clothing boxes

We specifically need :

New Pyjamas for children - all ages and sizes

Nearly new adults and children's trainers

Men - small and medium casual clothing
(Good condition and clean T shirts, Hoodies, Jumpers, Jeans, Shorts, Trackies)

Bags for life
(needed for clients to take away clothing)

WHEN: Any time

WHERE: Any donations can be dropped at
The Rectory, Terrace Road North, Binfield
(they can be left on the bench by front door) or
St Marks Church Office during opening hours only
(Tuesday-Thursday 9am -1pm)