

The Binfield Beacon

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



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you about the absolute



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SERVICES & DIARY

SERVICES

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

JULY 2025

Sunday 6th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Baptism Service
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service
	7.00pm	Informal Worship and Prayer at St Mark's Church (see below)
Sunday 20th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service with Communion
Sunday 27th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

AUGUST 2025

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



Creative Table

The creative table is available during the 11am service every Sunday for younger children to use during the service.

DIARY

JULY 2025

Wed 2nd	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 3rd	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sat 5th	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
Tues 8th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Wed 9th	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Wed 11th	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 16th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church
Wed 23rd	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
	4.00pm	End of term BBQ - food from 4pm
	7.00pm	7UP at St Mark's Church

AUGUST 2025

Sat 3rd	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
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INFORMAL WORSHIP & PRAYER EVENINGS AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Join us for an informal evening of worship and prayer, a time to gather together and seek God through praise, worship, and reflection. These evenings will provide a peaceful and uplifting opportunity to connect with God and one another

The sessions, led by Steve Whatley, will take place at St. Mark's on the second Sunday of each month, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The upcoming date: July 13th

We look forward to welcoming you as we come together in fellowship and prayer.

MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 5th July and 3rd August

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

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S WALK

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

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

2nd July - 9am meet Foxes' Den

16th July - 9am meet Foxes' Den

6th August - No WALK



For more information contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169



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: 2nd, 9th, 16th July

(No group in August, back in Sept date to be confirmed)

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**

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 15th July at 12 noon

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

PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The next month's Practice the Presence of God session takes place on **TUESDAY 8th July 7.30pm 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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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



ATTRIBUTE TO POPE FRANCIS REFLECTING FROM HOSPITAL:

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches.

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports.

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar.

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist.

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care.

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor.

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect.

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

Is this why the Bible says, *Teach us to realise the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.* Psalm 90 verse 123 New Living Translation.

Taken from Clifton Cathedral's Facebook post. **Luke Taylor**

VERSE OF THE MONTH JULY 2025

THESE THINGS HAVE I SPOKEN UNTO YOU,
THAT MY JOY MIGHT REMAIN IN YOU, AND
THAT YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL.

CONTRIBUTED BY SABRINA TONG



JOHN 15:11

END OF TERM PARTY ON THE FIELD

2:30 TO 7PM
Weds 23rd JULY 2025

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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
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
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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



The deadline for Beacon Contributions for the Augus/September issue is

Monday 14th July 2025
(Please remember this is a double issue)

Please email:
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Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Residents of Binfield,

It has come to our attention there has been an increase of recent incidents involving drink driving. Drink driving is a dangerous and selfish act that endangers both the driver and members of the public. We thought now would be a good time to educate local residents on what they should do if they suspect someone is driving under the influence of alcohol.



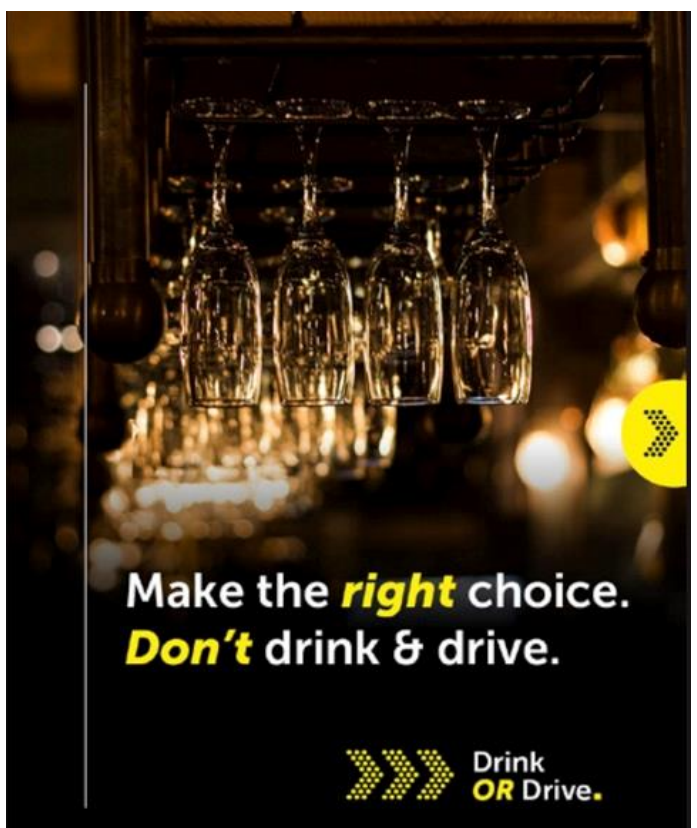
Protecting Our Communities

1. Do not attempt to stop the driver yourself, personal safety is paramount.
2. Make a note of the make, model, number plate and colour of the car, where it has come from and a direction of travel can be important. If able to, a description of the driver can also be helpful.
3. Ring 999 and ask for police, give the above details and provide as much information as possible.
4. If you see the driver again, ring back on 999 and give an updated direction of travel this can help us locate the vehicle.

Some people may hesitate to report a drink driver should they feel the driver will find out who has reported them. You can report completely anonymously just by requesting to make an anonymous report to the 999 call handler.

Reporting drink drivers can save lives and by working together and being vigilant it can prevent further accidents occurring.

Libby Munro
Police Community Support Officer
Bracknell Police Station
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www.thamesvalley.police.uk



FUNDRAISING NEWS



ECO WEEK 2025
23-29 AUGUST

Binfield Environment Group (top left logo)
All Saints with St Mark's Churches Binfield (top right logo)

Eco Trail ALL WEEK (wreath with map)
Activities ALL WEEK (wreath with butterfly and magnifying glass)
Eco Fair 25 AUGUST (wreath with lightbulbs)

SCAN ME (QR code)
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS AND BOOKING INFORMATION



The Church Care Project:
Funding large building projects and ad-hoc maintenance work on our church spaces



General Funds:
Supporting the ongoing costs of running our churches and services, including the Parish Share payment and Youth work

Upcoming Fundraising Events

23-29th August: Eco-Week with Binfield Environment Group
Sun 14th Sept: Binfield Church Fete @ St, Mark's Church 11-3pm

Other Upcoming Events

Wed 23rd July: End of Term BBQ on Foxley Fields

Update

Some great news to start off with: our recent **Plant Sale** raised just over £1,300! What a fantastic total – with many thanks to Amanda and Laurence for their hard work. We hope those who went had a great time at **Party On the Pitch**. We're grateful to the Scouts for inviting us to host the Tea Tent and allowing us to raise some more funds. Thanks to all those who ran the stall and donated yummy treats.

As we head towards the long summer holiday, parents will be happy to hear about our **Eco-Week** activities taking place in August. Organised in collaboration with the wonderful Binfield Environment Group, there will be lots of fun and learning for families to take part in. Take a look at our website to find out more and to book places where necessary.

And we're happy to announce the return of the **Binfield Calendar Photo Competition**. You have from now until the end of August to snap and send in your shots of the local area. Entries will be displayed and judged at the **Church Fete**.



BINFIELD VILAGE CALENDAR 2026
PHOTO COMPETITION

Our photo competition is back!
Send in your photos of Binfield and the best 13* selected will feature in the our annual fundraising Calendar

Email photos to fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Entry Deadline: Sunday 31st August

For full rules and details visit:
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*12 monthly landscapes and 1 portrait front cover




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- **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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SCAN ME

Don't forget to **Gift Aid** it if you are a UK Tax Payer - this will add an extra 25% to your donation!
Contact the church office for more details, or see the church website more information and other ways to raise money!



With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:

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Binfield Church Fete 2025

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SEPT | AM PM

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Activities



Sat 23rd: Local Nature walk
Tues 26th: Walks For Wellbeing
Weds 27th: Bat Walk
Thurs 28th: Butterfly Walk
Fri 29th: Mini Fair @ the Foxes' Den
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COMMUNITY NEWS



The WI is thriving in the village, just as it has for the past 107 years. Recently, four of our members, Christine Burns, Carol Fraser, Anita Harris and Jennie Mew, researched our history and

brought together photos and a fascinating account in a beautifully produced booklet, *Binfield WI, Est. 1918*. This was ready from the publishers for our Christmas meeting – a very welcome surprise present for us all. (You can see a copy in Binfield Library).

VE Day was commemorated by us alongside other village groups at Farley Wood and Foxley Fields. You will have seen a photo of our stunning poppy installation in the June *Beacon* - it brought together more than 1500 knitted, crocheted and felt-work poppies alongside the silhouettes of two soldiers,

opposite the Binfield Club. In addition, we held a memorable meeting on the anniversary of VE Day, when our older members talked about their lives eighty years ago. Marjorie Webber, 96 years young, is pictured here as she spoke to us of her memories.



Our WI Environment Group is very well supported. You may have seen us with our clipboards as we carry out our monthly survey in Foxley Fields, noting birds, bees and butterflies alongside flowers in bloom. In the Mindfulness Garden, with which we help the Foxes' Den, we are trying to extend the season for pollinators. Recently we were thrilled to receive a Squire's Love *Where You Live Award*, using which we have renewed the retaining fence, added two feature pots and several perennial plants.



Our monthly meetings usually feature a guest speaker, most recently the inspirational Dr Lindsey Browning who spoke to us about improving sleep and wellbeing. Many of us have benefited from her sound professional advice. In addition to our monthly meetings, we also have regular clubs and activities; Badminton, Book Group, Craft, Rummikub, Supper Club, Walks, along with coffee mornings, visits to the theatre etc.

We always welcome visitors and new members. If you would like to know more, please let me know.

Lesley Lowy, Binfield WI President,
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HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Summer's Here!

Happy July everyone! The sun is (hopefully) shining, the days are longer and the summer holidays are nearly here... We're so ready! Whether you're looking for a cool-down iced coffee, a delicious lunch or just a cosy place to relax in, we've got everything you need to make the most of the season. Our menu is bursting with summery goodness including light bites, sweet treats and drinks that are basically sunshine in a cup.

Save the Date - End of Term Celebration!

Tuesday 23rd July is our End of Term Party and trust us, you won't want to miss it! We're celebrating the end of the school year and the start of the summer holidays in style - with a bouncy castle, stalls and plenty of fun for everyone. It's going to be a wonderful celebration!

As always, The Foxes Den is here for the whole community. Whether you're local or just passing through, soaking up the sunshine or escaping the rain. Come by, say hi and we wish everyone a joyful July!

Kerrin & Niamh x

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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** to Binfield Parishioners and we can arrange to have extra supplies delivered if you need them. Call or email in the strictest confidence and we will make sure that you have food on your table. Kerrin 07377048429 hello@foxesden.co.uk



Safety First...

We love all our customers and want everyone to have the best experience whilst in the café - with that in mind please can we remind parents and carers to not let their children run around the café. We have had some close calls with hot drinks and we really don't want to upset our little visitors by calling them out on it in front of everyone else..



JULY ECO CHURCH WATCH

July is the month of abundance, picnics, holidays in the sunshine,

sand between your toes at the beach. Nearer to home, on a wetland pond or slow flowing river, you may see a beautiful turquoise damselfly. This exquisite jewel is the Common Blue Damselfly.

My first encounter was during a school visit to a wetlands pond. Nature studies were encouraged as my first school was a forerunner of today's Forest Schools. A project of the extraordinary life of the dragonfly had me hooked for life. I remember drawing the nymph emerging from the egg and writing, in my appalling handwriting, about the full-grown nymph emerging from the water before undergoing a final moult and eventually becoming a fantastic, winged creature. This was even better than Dr Who!

So, please, dear reader, seek out damselflies and dragonflies this summer. Recording your sightings are made easier by www.british-dragonflies.org who provide a chart and useful sighting information. The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) have a good 'who is who' chart for identification. The WWT in Barnes is well worth visiting, having a Dragonfly Festival from 21st June to 22nd September 2025. Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust have an excellent site for seeing dragonflies and damselflies at Decoy Heath, 9 miles from Reading, with free entry. Do check the websites for details.

Adult dragonflies and damselflies are most active May to September, but they are most abundant during June and July. They are usually seen near, or flying over water, but may hunt and seek shelter in long grass or near woodland.

What is the difference between them? Dragonflies have a strong, direct flight whilst damselflies appear more hesitant and fluttering. Dragonflies usually rest with their wings held open. Damselflies rest with their wings closed. Dragonflies have large eyes that meet in the middle of their spherical head. Damselflies have small eyes that are separate on their rectangular head. If you see a large, slightly clumsy, robust flyer, it will be a dragonfly. If you see a smaller, thinner and more refined flyer, it will be a damselfly.

Kate Ellison-Bourne

Kate Ellison-Bourne



COMMUNITY NEWS

The **BINFIELD 10K**

This is the last note this year...just to say one last big

THANK YOU

to everyone who makes the event the success it is.

In case you didn't know: we are a group of locals fundraising for local causes. Every year approximately 50% of proceeds goes to one big charity – this year First Days Children's Charity was the recipient of £8,000 and the remainder goes to all the groups that help make the event the success it is. Since the Binfield 10k started we have raised over £85,000 with all of the proceeds going to our community. We couldn't do it without you all – so thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's race will be on Sunday 17th May 2026 - see you all next year



THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKINGHAM

FREE ILLUSTRATED TALK

'David Hockney - The Old Master of the Modern World'

David Hockney left the Royal College of Art more famous than his teachers; his paintings have shown a charm and humour that sets them apart from others of his generation

Douglas Skeggs, a lecturer and presenter of TV documentaries, will be giving an illustrated talk to members and guests of The Arts Society Wokingham on the career of this influential painter.

Why not come along to King's Academy, Binfield at 7.30pm on Monday 21st July to discover more about this well known painter?

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 7.15pm

Please book a free place in advance by emailing memsectheartssocietywham@gmail.com

This lecture will be popular and places are limited

For further details please visit the Society's website

www.TheArtsSocietyWokingham.org.uk

BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

'AN EVENING WITH GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'

Enjoy an evening of wit, whimsy and wonderful music at our ever-popular summer concert in the delightful surroundings of Lambrook School, Winkfield Row, RG42 6LU on Friday 11th July at 7.30pm.

We will present a lively and varied programme from Gilbert and Sullivan's timeless operettas, as well as some of Arthur Sullivan's other beautiful songs. We will be joined by two talented soloists, **Iúnó Connolly** (Soprano) and **Maximilian Catalano** (Baritone) and the choir will be led by **Greg Hallam** and accompanied by **Nick Austin**. Tickets cost £20 to include a drink, strawberries and cream and a programme (accompanied under 18s £5) and will be available from our website www.bracknellchoral.org.uk or from choir members.

Please check our website for further information on the choir and details of all our future concerts



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

News from Binfield Parish Council



Welcome to the July 2025 of Binfield Parish Council News. In this edition, we are looking forward to our upcoming Summer events which include our free family day Summer of Fun! As well as sharing the latest Parish news.

July 2025

Tuesday 8 July	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 29 July	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

More bins coming to the Parish

If you have an area you think would benefit from more bins than please do contact us at office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or pop in the office and let us know what locations you think would be suitable.

No BBQ and fires on Binfield Parish open spaces

Now the summer weather is coming we hope you are enjoying our open spaces more. Can we just remind you that no disposable BBQ's and fires are allowed on our open spaces. The only BBQ's permitted are the ones used by our community groups for events on Foxley Fields.

Climate Summit 16 and 18 July

This year the Climate Summit will be held for two days. Wednesday 16 July in the evening, at the Kerith Community Centre and Friday 18 July during the day at Wellington College. For further information please look online at. [Hold the Date - Bracknell Forest Climate Summit - July 2025 - Action Network](#)

National Allotment week 11-17 August

National Allotment week runs from the 11th-17th August, with this year's theme, 'Allotments and Wellbeing', celebrating how these green spaces support healthier lives, stronger communities, and our connection to nature. There is also a photo competition just for allotment holders — and it couldn't be simpler to enter!

What to do:

Send a photo of your personal "happy place" on your allotment — that special spot that brings you peace, pride, or pure joy. Whether it's a colourful flower patch, your favourite bench, or a view that lifts your spirits, we want to see what makes your plot special.

How to enter:

Submit one photo with a short caption (1–2 sentences) telling them why that spot means so much to you.

Post your photo on social media with the hashtags **#NationalAllotmentsWeek25** and **#NAW25**

OR Email your image and caption to [**marketing@thenas.org.uk**](mailto:marketing@thenas.org.uk)

Prizes:

They will be awarding three gift vouchers worth £500 in total — one £200 prize and two £150 prizes. Winners will be chosen based on heart, creativity, and how well their photo captures this year's theme: **Allotments and Wellbeing**. **Deadline:** Monday 11 August 2025

Eco Week 23-30 August

Organised by Binfield Environment Group (BEG) they will be linking in with other community groups to offer a range of walks and activities for children and adults. Bank holiday Monday 25th August there will also be an Eco Fair at St. Marks Church from 10am-2pm. Please do keep an eye on our noticeboards, social media and websites for further updates.

Community Events

If you have a special community event coming up and would like to some help raising awareness, please contact us on office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk and we can help publicise your event.

Ceri, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa, and Tracey

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News from Binfield Parish Council

A vibrant, colorful poster for a summer event. At the top, a banner of colorful triangular flags reads "BINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO COME & JOIN US FOR OUR". To the right is the Binfield Parish Council logo, which features a tree, a building, and a boat, surrounded by the text "BINFIELD PARISH COUNCIL". The central focus is the text "SUMMER OF FUN!" in large, bold, yellow letters with a pink outline, set against a background of a rainbow, a pair of red sunglasses, and a pink beach ball. Below this, the date "FRIDAY 25 JULY 2025" is written in yellow. The location "Farley Wood Community Centre, RG42 1FW" and time "11am-3pm" are listed in black. The event is advertised as "FREE Entry and Activities", including climbing walls, bouncy castles, slides, Basil's Farm, garden games, face painting, The Wayze, crafts, and more. Entertainment is provided by Jelly Kelly and Circus Scene, along with local community stalls and groups. A note asks attendees to bring picnic blankets, chairs, and sunglasses, and mentions food and drink for purchase. Parking is available on site, but walking is encouraged. The poster concludes with "We look forward to seeing you!".

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& JOIN US FOR OUR**

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OF FUN!**

FRIDAY 25 JULY 2025

Farley Wood Community Centre, RG42 1FW
11am-3pm

FREE Entry and Activities

**Climbing Walls, Bouncy Castles and Slides, Basil's Farm,
Garden Games, Face painting, The Wayze, Crafts
and much more.**

Entertainment all day - by Jelly Kelly and Circus Scene
**As well as local community stalls and groups from within the
Borough.**

**Please bring your picnic blankets, chairs and sunglasses and join
us for a lovely day of fun in the holiday. There will also be food and
drink available to purchase on site too.**

Parking is available on site but we do ask to walk where you can.

We look forward to seeing you!

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A great opportunity to serve, lead, and live out Christian values

Activities, trips, school outreach & more

A role full of fun, purpose, and community spirit

Perfect for someone with a heart for young people and a love for creative, faith rooted engagement.

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