

The Binfield Beacon



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

June 2026



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SERVICES AND DIARY

SERVICES

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

JUNE 2026

Sunday 7th 8.15am Book of Common Prayer Communion
9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal All Age Baptism Service

Sunday 14th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service
7.00pm Informal Worship at St Marks

Sunday 21st **10.00am Altogether Service (see page 3)**
Informal Service with Communion

Sunday 28th 9.30am Common Worship Communion
11.00am Informal Service

JULY 2026

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

DIARY

JUNE 2026

Wed 3rd 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 4th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sat 6th 7.45am Men's Monthly Walk
Wed 10th 10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 11th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Mon 15th 7.30pm Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
Tues 16th 12 noon Silver Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 17th 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 18th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Wed 24th 10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 25th 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church

JULY 2026

Wed 1st 9.00am Wednesday Women's Walk
10.00am 3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
Thurs 2nd 7.30pm Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
Sat 4th 7.45am Men's Monthly Walk

**INFORMAL
WORSHIP**
and Prayer evening
Sunday 14th June
7.00PM - 8.00PM
St. Mark's Church

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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.

3rd June - 9am meet Foxes' Den
17th June - 9am meet Foxes' Den
1st July - 9am meet Foxes' Den
15th July - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information
contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169



MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 6th June and 4th July

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

The next month's Practice the Presence of God session takes place on **Monday 15th June 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.

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 16th June at 12 noon

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

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:

10th, 17th, 24th June and 1st, 8th July

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**

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



THE TREE

A student once asked his teacher, "What's the meaning of life?"

The teacher, said nothing. He just pointed at the tree. The student waited, confused. He thought he'd get a quote, a lecture, a divine secret, but all he got was silence.

So he asked again, "Master, what does life mean?" Still no reply. Just a calm smile. And the same tree.

The student was losing patience. He stared at the tree looking for clues. Its bark, its shape, it's stillness. What does this mean he asked himself. Then slowly he noticed something. The tree wasn't trying to be anything. It wasn't trying to grow fast. It wasn't trying to impress. It was just being.

The teacher finally spoke. "The tree does not force growth. It does not chase sunlight. It simply trusts the seasons. It blends with the wind, sheds when it must, blooms when it's time, and never asks, am I enough? You're not here to chase meaning, you're here to become it. Like the tree, grow quietly. And trust the timing."

The Bible puts it like this. ***There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verse 1***

Story taken from [Mentality_facts](#) Instagram **Luke Taylor**



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Verse of the Month June 2026

"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you
wherever you go".

JOSHUA 1 VERSE 9

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FATHER'S DAY ALTOGETHER CELEBRATION SERVICE SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 10AM



We warmly invite all congregation members
to join us for an informal band led service
The service will last around 45 minutes
with communion included



From the Registers:



Baptism

Zain Evi Godla

Wedding

Sam Turner and
Bethan Rance

Funeral

Mary Farthing

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The Church Office is sited in St Mark's Church

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Praying for and with you

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

Bereavement Support

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.

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

Tuesday Morning at Binfield Community Centre

Tuesday Morning Bereavement Group Coffee Morning
Binfield Community Centre, Wood Lane
Tuesdays 10am – 11.30am

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact:
Lesley 07825 679798 or
Diana 07465 430814 or
Jennie 07790 935528

Friday Morning at Foxes Den

Friday Morning Bereavement Group Coffee Morning
Foxes' Den Café on Fridays 10.30am – 12 noon

If you would like to talk to a member of the team, in confidence, please contact:
Margareta Hawkins 01344 411681 or
Christine Fern 07715 437408 (text messages only)

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. 01344 452694
Margareta Hawkins tel. 01344 411681
Gisele Taylor tel. 07724 889169
Dave Dawson tel. 01344 360389

Or contact the church office on 01344 421079 or email office@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

The Binfield Beacon

The deadline for Beacon Contributions for the June issue is:

Monday 8th June 2026

Please email:
beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)



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.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

PLANT SALE

Saturday 6th June 2026

at The Foxes' Den Cafe, Binfield
(during opening hours)



Donations of plants and seedlings still very welcome!

www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



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 Events

Saturday 6th June: Spring Plant Sale at The Foxes' Den
Weds 22nd July: End of Term BBQ @ Foxley Fields
Sunday 13th September: Church Fete @ St. Mark's Church

Update

We've finished off a very busy May to reach the middle of the year already – how did that happen?!

We were very lucky to enjoy some really great activities last month. The **Nature Fun Day** at the start of May was another successful event, one which could not have been pulled together without the help of the wonderful Binfield Environment Group, the Binfield CofE Churches Eco team and all of the passionate local groups who joined in. It was fantastic to speak to all the specialists to find out how we can look after all the precious wildlife in our local area.

We owe a big thanks to all those who helped out at the **Binfield 10k** with our water station at All Saints' Church and BBQ on Foxley Fields. This event is always such a fantastic highlight in our village calendar and we're always happy to support all the fun and excitement!

Coming up early this June is our wonderful **Plant Sale**. Last year's event was the best ever – let's see if the green-fingered team can top their amazing efforts this time. We know they have been working hard to produce a fantastic selection of plants and seedlings for you to choose from. We are always happy to accept additional donations – just bring them down on the day.

We'll then be looking forward to more **BBQ's**, with our now legendary End of Term offerings on Foxley Fields. We look forward to seeing you all down there!

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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
- **BACS - Please contact us for the BACS details to make a bank transfer and to specify where your donation goes.**

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!

Shop and raise funds at smile.amazon.co.uk and easyfundraising.org.uk: search for Binfield PCC



SCAN ME



With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

A Lovely June In Binfield!

June is looking like a lovely month in the community and we're so excited for everything coming up.

Our feature flavour this month is Toffee Nut. Tasty, sweet and perfect for summer treats! Available as a latte, milkshake or frappe.

We'd also love to wish all the amazing dads and father figures out there a very happy Father's Day. We hope you have a truly special day.

On 27th June, the Armed Forces Day organised by the Binfield Parish Council will be taking place at the Binfield Community Centre. It's set to be a wonderful community event with activities, refreshments, entertainment, the Foxy Bar, plus coffee and cake available too.

We're looking forward to seeing familiar faces, supporting our community and enjoying a fun filled June together!

Kerrin & Niamh x
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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..



ClothesBank

SUMMER GIVEAWAY JULY

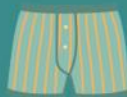
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We also really need shoes and trainers

If you have any adult or children's trainers and/or shoes in any size in **nearly new or good condition** that you would like to donate, please can you leave them:

On the bench in the porch at The Rectory, Terrace Road North, Binfield, RG42 5JG or they can be dropped off at St. Mark's Church Office at the following times:

St Mark's Church Office Opening Hours - Term Time:

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Wokingham Bikeathon

Sunday 28th June 2026

Event Hub: Cantley Park

15 26 36 51

mile routes

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sustainable medals

The Wokingham Bikeathon event is taking place on Sunday 28th June - the starting point is Cantley Park.

There are 4 different routes that cater for all abilities (15, 26, 36 and 51 miles) around the beautiful Berkshire countryside.

Registration can be done in advance or riders can turn up and register on the day. Families very welcome.

For more details please go to : <https://www.wokinghambikeathon.co.uk/>

Drink/comfort break stops available along the route.

Other activities include a family fun cycle training and cycling stunt shows by Fusion Xtreme BMX. Costs as follows :

Children under 12 = free,

Children aged from 12 to 17 = £5

Children aged from 12 to 17 with a paying adult = free

18 years and over = £20.00

All profits will go to support First Days Children's Charity.



Saturday 20th June 2026

4pm – 10pm, Binfield Football Club

Live music, children's entertainer, fun and games stalls, licensed bar, BBQ, pizza van, tea tent, ice cream van, inflatable assault course and Zorbs, nerf wars and more!

Tickets on sale now at ticketsource.co.uk/partyonthepitch

Prices: £12/adult, £8/child/senior, Under 3's go free (ticket required)

Book in advance to bring your own alcohol (£10 per paying adult) or park onsite (£5)

Useful information:

If you are involved with a **local community group** and would like to run a stall or activity (at no cost), please email us for details. Measures to ensure guest safety (security personnel, bag checks and wrist bands for adults/children) will be in place. This will be a mostly cashless event.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The BINFIELD 10K

At the time of writing we are getting really excited to bring the Binfield 10km Road race back for the 9th event!

We have 1000 runners entered and there will be many more involved on the day – either as marshals, volunteers or spectators. We are pleased to announce that this year we expect to raise in the region of £16,000 – an amazing amount that will be shared amongst the Cowshed Charity and all the local groups that help on the day. Every year our marshals are applauded for their amazing support out on route and of course we couldn't do any of it without our sponsors – **David Cliff, Interior Resolutions, Waylands, BW Reed & Son, Ryslip Group, Alfa Chemicals, LDR Land Rovers, Fonehouse, The Victoria Arms, Advantage Printroom, and The Foxes' Den.** We will share a fuller list of thank yous in July's Beacon when we have recovered from this year's event! We are, however, incredibly grateful to our fantastic community – thank you for your continuing support and patience with the road closures.

Thank you from our Committee: Alex Bartlam, Ally Wickham, Julie Nixon, Purveen Hira, Claire Pascoe, Grant Wilson, Kirsty Sizeland, Terry Murphy and James Foster. We hope to see you all next year for our 10th Run!



Joyful June 2026

1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Say positive things in your conversations with others	3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it	4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings	7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good
8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share	9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently	10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them	11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it	12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone	13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side	14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you
15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way	17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful	18 Look for something good in a difficult situation	19 Get outside and find the joy in being active	20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity	21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement
22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to	24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for	25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others	26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it	27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy	28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people
29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)					

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COMMUNITY NEWS



ECO CHURCH WATCH

What in a name? One of my very favourite native wildflowers blooms from April until June.

The Cuckoo flower was named because its blooming was said to coincide with the arrival of the first cuckoo and its flower wanes as the cuckoo sets off for its migration to Africa. Consequently, it evokes memories of warmer weather, damp flower meadows and the summer to come. The less romantic version is that the name comes from the white foam produced by froghoppers, to protect their nymphs, which tend to cover the leaves. It has several other descriptive common names.

Fairy flower evokes an image of Cicely Mary Barker's flower fairies. Working as an artist and illustrator, Barker painted her ethereal images during the early to mid- twentieth century and there is a delicate portrayal of a female fairy dressed as the flower in pale mauve with butterfly wings, carrying a stem of cuckoo flowers. Other names include Milkmaids and Lady's Smock. The latter is sometimes thought to derive from Our Lady's Smock referring to the Virgin Mary, but later it became associated with summer dresses and even meadow frolics! In *Love Labour's Lost*, Shakespeare mentions 'lady smocks all silver and white.'

This pretty pale mauve to mauve-pink flower can almost be white hence Shakespeare's description. It has a lime green centre and the four petals have a veined effect. It is a perennial so will return from year to year. It has a rosette of leaves at the base of the stem. It grows around 45 to 60 cm.

Cuckoo flower, or *Cardamine Pratensis*, to give it its Latin name, is a member of the Brassicaceae family which also includes vegetables in the cabbage family, including broccoli and cauliflower, as well horse radish and garlic mustard. In fact, the leaves, shoots and flower buds of Cuckoo flower are edible and taste peppery like mustard or watercress. It can be added to salads, sauces or sandwiches and has a high Vitamin C content. Of course, you should only forage in safe, clean areas and it is advisable to consult a medical practitioner if you

are unsure. In past times, Cuckoo flower was used in herbal medicine to treat scurvy because of its high concentration of Vitamin C. It was used to treat stomach disorders, such as ulcers, kidney stones and skin conditions.



In ecological terms, Cuckoo flower has an important role as a nectar and pollen provider. The leaves are a major food source for orange tip and green-veined white butterflies' caterpillars. The plant also attracts pollinators such as bees and moths.

Cuckoo flower likes to grow in moist, grassy conditions such as damp meadows, ditches, riverbanks and pond areas. It tolerates full sun and partial shade as I have found in the grass growing beside my pond area. It is a hardy, low maintenance plant, but you do need to ensure it is kept moist so it requires a damp position and the young plants will require water to help them establish themselves. Seeds may be sown in the spring or autumn. You can also buy plant plugs, but make sure they are from a reliable source and not taken from the wild. Naturescape, for example, supply naturally grown wild flowers and seeds from their own grounds.

Watching the orange tip and green-veined white butterflies gathering nectar and sunning their wings in the garden, I think about the caterpillars being able to feast on the cuckoo flower's leaves before emerging as butterflies to start another cycle of life. It is lovely to think that you can contribute a little to their continuation by planting life sustaining plants.

Kate Ellison-Bourne



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Binfield Church Fete

SEPT 13, 2026
11AM-3PM

Behind the scenes, lists are being made, ideas are being gathered, bunting is almost certainly being discussed, and plans are coming together for what we hope will be a brilliant day for the whole village.

This year's fete will take place on **Sunday 13 September, 11am-3pm** at **St Mark's Church, Binfield**, and we would love the local community to be part of making it happen.

We are currently looking for donations of raffle and silent auction prizes. This could be a voucher, experience, hamper item, product, bottle, service, or anything a local business or generous neighbour would be happy to contribute. Every donation helps us raise more on the day and makes the fete feel even more special.

We are also still looking for someone to help with guest stall bookings and admin. It won't take up a lot of time just the odd email and would suit someone organised, friendly and happy to help keep things ticking along.

If you would like to donate a prize, volunteer, or find out more, we would love to hear from you.

You can also follow along for updates on

Instagram and Facebook at @Binfield_Church_Fete or visit www.binfieldchurchfete.co.uk.

More soon – but for now, save the date. The fete is coming.

We're talking mental health.

Charlie Waller

Following the Five Ways to Wellbeing can protect and improve our mental health.

CONNECT

- Make a playlist of your favourite songs and share it with a friend.
- Join a club or a team to meet people with similar interests.
- Cook a meal together with friends or family.

BE ACTIVE
Physical activity is good for our minds and bodies, reducing stress and anxiety and boosting confidence.

KEEP LEARNING
Learning new things gives you new perspectives on the world around you and opens doors to new opportunities.

GIVE TO OTHERS
Acts of giving and kindness towards other people or in your community create positive feelings and a sense of reward.

TAKE NOTICE
Stopping to take in the present moment can give a more balanced outlook on life and help keep us from worrying about the past or future.

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Could your business donate a prize?

Help make the fete a wonderful day for the community.

To donate a prize, please get in touch.

Binfield Church Fete

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

News from Binfield Parish Council



Welcome to the June 2026 edition of Binfield Parish Council News.
We are looking forward to sharing the latest parish updates, and our
Armed Forces Day Event.

June 2026 Meetings

Councillor Committee and Representatives

Tuesday 2 June	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 9 June	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 30 June	Planning and Transportation Committee For the agenda packs please visit our website.	8pm

Following the Annual Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 , we can confirm the following positions:

Binfield Parish Council Chair: Amanda McLean
Planning and Transport Committee Chair: Steve Collett
Amenity Committee Chair: Hilary Doyle
Staffing Committee Chair: Ian Leake
Urgency Committee Chair : Dave Ellis

Deputy Chair: Paul Day
Deputy Chair : Katie Dover
Deputy Chair: Paul Day
Deputy Chair: Dave Ellis
Deputy Chair: Ian Leake

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

There is currently one vacancy to be filled by co-option and we would welcome applications from any interested parties . Please visit the Parish Council website to check the application criteria, find out how to apply, and more about the role of a Councillor: [Councillor Vacancies | Binfield Parish Council](#)

May Day Celebrations Thank you!

A huge thank you to our wonderful community for joining us at our May Day celebrations on Foxley Fields. It was fantastic to see so many residents enjoying the festivities and helping make the event such a success. We are incredibly grateful to the community groups and charities who supported the day, including the 4th Binfield Guides, 3rd Binfield Brownies, Binfield Environment Group, Pranik Healing, Binfield Women’s Institute and Abby’s Heroes. Special thanks also go to all of our performers and entertainers who brought the event to life, including Maypole Queen Donna Maria, OBJ Morris Dancers, DJ Dan Gilbert, the Enchanted Theatre performers and their magical bubble fairy, the beautiful flower and butterfly stilt walkers, Old MacDonald Garden Games and Cows Castles for the fantastic bouncy castles. A particular thank you goes to the team at The Foxes’ Den, Binfield, for keeping everyone refreshed throughout the day and running the BBQ so brilliantly.



Binfield Parish Council would like to invite you to

ARMED FORCES DAY

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026, 12-4PM
Binfield Community Centre, Wood Lane , RG42 4EX

Join us for a patriotic celebration!

We will be joined by the Royal British Legion and Royal Naval Association.

Live music, community stalls & children's activities.

Honouring our armed forces together.

Free event for all ages!
 For further details please see our facebook page and website.




Live Music



News from Binfield Parish Council



Golden Trowel Awards Launch

We are delighted to introduce a brand-new recognition scheme for our allotment community. The Golden Trowel Awards. Launching for the 2026 growing season, the awards will run from May to September and are designed to celebrate the hard work, pride and community spirit shown by allotment holders across the site. The awards will be judged annually by an independent panel. Award categories for 2026 include Best Kept Plot, Best Newcomer for plot holders within their first 12 months, and the Community Spirit Award, recognising those who go out of their way to help others and are nominated by fellow allotment holders. Winners will be announced in September and presented with their awards at the allotments beside their plots. Award winners will also be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting the following March, where their achievements will be formally recognised. We hope the scheme will encourage pride, productivity and an even stronger sense of community across our allotments. Further details, including judging criteria, will be shared in due course.

Community BBQ

We are delighted to announce that we are now the caretakers of a brand-new community BBQ. To be used by recognised community organisations and events, not for private use. If your group would like to hire the BBQ, please contact us via our room bookings page: [Binfield Parish Council Room Bookings](#) or email bookings@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dogs on Parish Open Spaces

We love seeing our four-legged friends enjoying the parish's open spaces. We would like to remind dog owners of the current rules in place across our parks. At Foxley Fields and Silver Jubilee, dogs must be kept on leads at all times. At Wicks Green, dogs may be exercised off lead. Thank you for helping us keep these spaces safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Bee Corridor Project

We are pleased to announce that work is underway to create a new bee corridor within the parish to help support our local bee population and encourage biodiversity throughout the village. As part of the project, we are looking to install planters around the village and are inviting local groups and businesses to sponsor them. Sponsors will have their details displayed on the planter they support. If your organisation would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Office at office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information.

Bracknell Forest Community Climate Summit 2026 – 8th July

Organised in collaboration with [Bracknell Forest Community Climate Action \(BFCCA\)](#), this year's summit at The Kerith Centre in Bracknell will be a great opportunity to come together as a community to share progress, spark ideas, and celebrate practical climate action across the borough. Residents will be speaking about their everyday actions to decarbonise their homes, travel more sustainably, support nature and reduce their waste. There will be an opportunity as well to hear from local organisations about what they are doing to tackle climate change, including Easthampstead Park, Parish and Town Councils, Crowthorne Reduce Our Waste (CROW), University of Reading, and the NHS. **Visit the [Summit Eventbrite page](#)** to register and find out more.

Bereavement Support Coffee Morning

Bereavement Support Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday at 10.00am in the Robin Room at
Binfield Community Centre, Wood Lane, RG42 4EX

A compassionate space for those navigating loss and grief.

This is a friendly volunteer -led group (not run by professionals), offering a relaxed and supportive space to chat, listen, or simply sit with others who understand. There's no pressure to share, just come as you are.

For further information please email events@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or pop in and see us at the Parish Office.

If you would like to talk to a member of the team in confidence please contact:
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Ceri, Hayley, Amanda, Purveen, Alisa, Tracey and Jo

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