

The Binfield Beacon

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



August/September 2026



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SERVICES AND DIARY

SERVICES

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

AUGUST 2026

Sunday 2nd	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Service

Sunday 9th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

Sunday 16th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

Sunday 30th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service

SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Sunday 20th	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal Service with Communion

Sunday 27th	10.00am	HARVEST ALTOGETHER SERVICE <i>(See page 3 for information)</i>
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OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4th	8.15am	Book of Common Prayer Communion
	9.30am	Common Worship Communion
	11.00am	Informal All Age Service

DIARY

AUGUST 2026

Sat 1st	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
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Tues 18th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
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SEPTEMBER 2026

Wed 2nd	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
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Thurs 3rd	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
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Sat 5th	7.45am	Men's Monthly Walk
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Wed 9th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
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Thurs 10th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
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Tues 15th	12 noon	Silver Service at St Mark's Church
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Wed 16th	9.00am	Wednesday Women's Walk
	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church

Thurs 17th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
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Wed 23rd	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
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Thurs 24th	7.30pm	Adult Choir practice at St Mark's Church
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Mon 28th	7.30pm	Practice the presence of God at The Rectory
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Wed 30th	10.00am	3G Toddler Group at St Mark's Church
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MEN'S MONTHLY COUNTRY WALK

DATES: Saturday 1st August, 5th September, 3rd October

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 18th August and 15th September at 12 noon at St Mark's Church

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



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:

**(There will be no sessions during August)
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September**

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**

PRACTICE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The next Practice the Presence of God session takes place on **Monday 28th September 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.

CREATIVE TABLE

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ALL CHILDREN WELCOME



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.



5th August—NO WALK

19th August - NO WALK

2nd September- 9am meet Foxes' Den

16th September - 9am meet Foxes' Den

7th October - 9am meet Foxes' Den

For more information
contact:
Gisele on
07724 889169

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECTOR



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL

There was a young woman who took great pride in the growth and care of the flowers in her flower garden. She had been raised by her grandmother who taught her to love and care for flowers as she herself had done. So, like her grandmother, her flower garden was second to none.

One day while looking through a flower catalogue she often ordered from, a picture of a plant immediately caught her eye. She had never seen blooms on a flower like that before. "I have to have it," she said to herself, and she immediately ordered it.

When it arrived, she already had a place prepared to plant it. She planted it at the base of a stone wall at the back of her yard. It grew vigorously, with beautiful green leaves all over it, but there were no blooms. Day after day she continued to cultivate it, water it, feed it, and she even talked to it attempting to coax it to bloom. But, it was to no avail.

One morning weeks later, as she stood before the vine, she contemplated how disappointed she was that her plant had

not bloomed. She was giving considerable thought to cutting it down and planting something else in its place.

It was at this point that her elderly neighbor, whose garden joined hers, called over to her. "Thank you so much! You can't imagine how much I have enjoyed the blooms of that vine you planted."

The young woman walked through the gate into her neighbor's yard, and sure enough, she saw that on the other side of the wall the vine was filled with blooms. There were indeed the most beautiful blooms she had ever seen. The vine had crept through the crevices and it had not flowered on her side of the fence, it had flowered luxuriantly on the other side.

The Bible says this, *Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians chapter 6 verse 9.* Just because we cannot see the good result of our labour doesn't mean that it's bearing no fruit.

Author: Randy Reynolds.

Taken from <http://www.rogerdarlington.me.uk/stories.html#Story60>

Luke Taylor



From the Registers:

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Percy & Martha Goodhead
Clara Clapham

Jack & Lola Nicholls



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Caroline Charrington
& Philippe Seurre

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Mel Snook

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Monday: 9.30am - 1.30pm
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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)



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.

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 October issue is:

Monday 14th September 2026

Please email:

beacon@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Claire Thomas (Binfield Beacon Editor)

FUNDRAISING NEWS

BINFIELD VILLAGE CALENDAR 2027 PHOTO COMPETITION



This year's photo competition is on!
Send in your photos of Binfield, and the
best 13* selected will feature in the ever
popular annual Binfield Calendar

Send photos in to
fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Entry Deadline: Sunday 30th August

See the church website for full rules and details
www.binfieldcofechurches.org.uk



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*12 monthly landscapes and 1 portrait front cover

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches



heritage open days



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 12th September: Ride + Stride @ All Saints' Church
Heritage Open Day @ All Saints' Church
Sunday 13th September: Church Fete @ St. Mark's Church

Update

We hope everyone loved the **End of Term BBQ** – always a fantastic start to the school holidays. Thanks to the BBQ team who worked so hard cooking the food and for the Foxes' Den for making it another great event.

Don't forget to take and submit your photos to the **Binfield Photo Competition** over the summer. Send us your snaps which showcase Binfield at its finest and all the photos submitted will be on display at the **Church Fete** in September where everyone can vote for their favourites. We can't wait to see what the 2027 edition of the **Binfield Calendar**.

Please look out for more **Fete** details in this issue and check out ways to get involved in this fantastic community event. The event is always as amazing as it is thanks to the support and participation of our local community! We are excited to take part in two events the day before the Fete – the **Ride + Stride** for churches and **Heritage Open Days**. Our beautiful and historic All Saints' church will be open to explore and for refreshments for a couple of hours on the Saturday. Please take a look at getting sponsorship for the Ride + Stride as half the funds will come to the church and half will support the Berkshire Churches Trust.

In order to support our new fundraising project, Welcoming Spaces, we are looking for someone with WordPress experience who would be able to give us some of their time and talents to update our website – please get in touch if this sounds like you.

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
- **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



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With many thanks from the Fundraising Team:

fundraising@binfieldcofechurches.org.uk

Binfield Church Fete

**SEPT 13, 2026
11AM-3PM**

The countdown is well and truly on! We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another fantastic Binfield Church Fete, one of the highlights of the village calendar.

Whether you're joining us for the live entertainment, browsing the stalls, enjoying a slice of homemade cake or cheering on the Dog Show, there's something for everyone. The full schedule for the day is now available on our website, so be sure to take a look and plan your afternoon.

As always, this wonderful event is only possible thanks to the generosity and support of our amazing community. If you're able to help in any of the ways below, we'd be incredibly grateful.

Volunteer with Us

We're still looking for volunteers to help set up, run stalls during the day and pack away afterwards. Even an hour of your time makes a huge difference.

We're also looking for a few extra volunteers to join our BBQ team. If you're brilliant on the barbecue and fancy helping serve up lunch with a smile, we'd love to hear from you!

To volunteer, visit our website, sign up via Facebook or email
binfieldchurchfete@gmail.com.

Stall Holders

We have a fantastic mix of local businesses, charities and community groups joining us this year, but there are still a small number of pitches available. If you know someone who would like to have a stall, please get in touch.

Raffle & Silent Auction

We're still welcoming donations for both our raffle and silent auction. Whether it's a voucher, experience, hamper, homemade item or something unique, every prize helps raise valuable funds for our church and community. If you'd like to donate a prize, we'd love to hear from you.

Raffle tickets will also be available in the weeks leading up to the fete from church, the Church Office and the Foxes' Den.

Tombola Donations

Our tombolas are always incredibly popular and we'd love your help filling them with fantastic prizes.

Adult Tombola

- Bottles
- Chocolates
- Biscuits
- Toiletries
- Unopened gifts

Children's Tombola

- New, unopened toys
- Games
- Books
- Crafts and children's gifts

For the times and locations for drop off, check our website and social media.

Homemade Cakes & Preserves

The Tea Tent is one of the best-loved parts of the fete, and it simply wouldn't be the same without your wonderful homemade baking.

If you're able to bake a cake, traybake, scones or make jams we'd be so grateful for your donation.

Dog Show - Sponsored by Avocado Property

Our ever-popular Dog Show returns this year and is proudly sponsored by Avocado Property. Whether your dog is a seasoned competitor or it's their first time in the ring, we'd love to see them taking part. Entry is £2 per class on the day, and you can find all this year's categories on our website.

Thank you for helping make Binfield Church Fete such a special day for our village. Whether you're volunteering, donating, baking, entering the Dog Show or simply coming along to enjoy the festivities, your support means the world to us.

We look forward to seeing you there!



COMMUNITY NEWS



Explore the arts with the Arts Society Wokingham

The Arts Society Wokingham is a friendly and vibrant arts appreciation group who meet on the third Monday evening of the month at King's Academy Binfield.

The Society has a fascinating programme of monthly illustrated talks, study days and visits planned for the coming season.

This season's talks cover all aspects of the arts not only painting (John Singer Sargent, Laura Knight and Salvador Dali) but also theatre, sculpture, cinema, music and the culture of ancient civilisations. Lecturers are all experts in their field, authoritative and entertaining public speakers.

The season opens with a talk by Sarah Jaffray entitled 'John Singer Sargent: Beautifully Subversive'. Sarah will develop Sargent's biography and art historical context to understand his interest in subversion, his desire to rebel against classism and what makes him 'modern' and not simply the society painter some presume him to be.

It will take place at King's Academy, Binfield on Monday 21st September.

Tea and coffee is served from 7.15pm and the lecture starts at 7.45pm.

Lectures are also live-streamed to the Society's YouTube channel so you can watch from your own home if you are unable to attend in person.

New members and guests are always most welcome

**Full details of all next season's activities are available
on the Society's website
www.TheArtsSocietyWokingham.org.uk**

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All Saints' Church, Binfield

Church Lane, Binfield, RG42 5NS

Saturday 12th September 2026: 10am - 12pm

Did you know a church has been here since Norman times, with items from the 14th century still on site to discover...?

Stop in to find out more about Binfield's history
Explore the church and enjoy refreshments for a donation.



Website Manager Needed

Can you help us manage and update our church website?

We are looking for a volunteer to help manage and keep our WordPress website up to date, including supporting our 'Welcoming Spaces' fundraising project.

The role involves updating content, adding news and events, and ensuring the site stays fresh and welcoming.

If you have some WordPress experience and a little free time, we would love to hear from you!



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COMMUNITY NEWS



ECO CHURCH WATCH

Treasures don't have to be formed of precious metal or jewels,

they can be friends who bring joy with them, treasured family photos, a bird feather found on a walk, a pebble found on the beach or an unexpected plant growing in the garden! I was amazed to see the latter in the form of a gorgeous mauve-pink pyramidal orchid which I have never planted. This little beautiful miracle would have arrived by wind power as the seeds are dispersed by wind like dust.



As the seeds don't carry food reserves, they need to find the right type of mycorrhizal fungi to help them germinate. The plant is most likely to have been hidden underground in the soil for up to six years relying on the fungi for food prior to emerging in bloom as a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis. I know I must not dig the soil around it as it likes undisturbed soil and it is at the edge of an area with long grass so there will be no mowing near the plant to protect it. I will also mark the spot, where it is growing, so I won't walk on the plant as it dies down after flowering. Over time, I would like to think it will increase.

I have two feathers dropped by birds which I treasure. One is of the Eurasian Jay and is has a band of bright barred electric blue with bars of black in between.



The other is of a Sparrowhawk's tail feather with larger barred

markings. I also have a Crow's feather to draw with, having filed the edge to make a pen. Another treasure is the oak galls I used to make my drawing ink with. The ink is made from the galls, which are the growth on trees caused by wasps, and iron salts. Traditionally known as iron gall ink, this lovely purplish/brownish black ink was used in Europe from the 5th Century CE. In fact, it was the ink used for the Magna Carta and Leonardo da Vinci's manuscripts.

Another plant treasure is bronze fennel. Years ago, a friend gave me some seeds from her garden. The feathery bronze leaves are much prettier than the common green fennel and it is a great border plant, growing up to 1.8 metres tall where it graces the back of the border without taking over. Its yellow flower



heads are loved by pollinators such as honeybees, solitary bees and hoverflies as well as lacewings and butterflies. The anise taste is delicious on grilled fish. The young leaves add a distinct and fresh flavour to salads. The seeds are used for pickling and baking and have a licorise flavour which some people like whilst others don't like the flavour. I like my fennel to seed wherever it likes and I have transported it into pots as well as the ground. Others may want to curtail the number of potential plants and this can be done by, either cutting the plant down after flowering, or cutting the heads off the flowers before the seeds set. Also, if you grow beans or tomatoes, don't grow fennel nearby as it can hamper their growth.

Relish old treasures and find new ones. Keep safe and remember to wash your hands well after handling feathers, plants and other organics at the least and, preferably, wear gloves.

Kate Ellison-Bourne

All Saint and St Mark's Eco Group

This group is open to all who are passionate about the environment. We survey and care for both churchyards and the cemetery, as well as encouraging good environmental practices in the church and providing community events to increase environmental awareness. We would welcome more members of the committee and especially someone to run, with support, the annual Nature Fun Day, the environmental open day for families. If you would like more information please contact one of the following:

Sue Cledwyn-Davies - Chair- Tel 07941 585488 - Email susancladwyn_davies@btopenworld.com
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Mike is also Chair of Binfield Environment Group (BEG)



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Thank you.



Awesome August at The Den!

Summer is here! We hope everyone is making the most of the summer holidays and enjoying the beautiful sunshine.

If you're looking for a place to relax, why not pop into the Foxes Den? We've recently added brand new umbrellas to our outdoor seating area, giving our wonderful customers plenty of shade while they enjoy a coffee, lunch or catch up with friends.



Be sure to take a look at our summer menu, packed with delicious lunchtime favourites. From freshly made toasties and paninis to crisp, refreshing salads and plenty of other hearty homemade options, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Our popular **Kids' Craft** sessions will continue throughout the summer holidays, starting at **11:00am**. Bring the little ones along to enjoy some creative fun together. It's a lovely way to spend part of your day during the holidays.

With the August Bank Holiday just around the corner, we'd like to wish everyone a wonderful long weekend. Please keep an eye on our opening hours over the Bank Holiday period as they may vary.

Whether you're joining us for breakfast, lunch, coffee and cake or one of our community activities, we look forward to welcoming you to the Foxes Den Community Café this August. Have a fantastic summer and we hope to see you soon!



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

As this is a double issue of the Beacon we also have.....

Stepping into September!

As summer comes to an end and the new school year begins, we'd like to wish everyone a wonderful start to the term. We hope it's a happy, successful and exciting year for all our local families, students and teachers!

As routines return, why not make the Foxes Den part of your week? Whether you're stopping by for a coffee, catching up with friends over lunch or looking for something new to get involved in, there's always a warm welcome waiting for you.

Pop into the Den to discover all the wonderful things we have going on. From our regular community groups and activities to exciting pop up events, there's always something happening and we'd love to see you.

Do you run a small business, charity, or community organisation? We'd love to hear from you! Our dedicated pop up table is available for you to sell, showcase or promote what you have to offer, giving you the opportunity to connect with our local community in a friendly and welcoming space. If you'd like to find out more about hosting a pop up at the Foxes Den, please email hello@foxesden.co.uk. We can't wait to hear from you!

We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces throughout September. See you at the Den!

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..

COMMUNITY NEWS



BINFIELD GARDEN CLUB

As I write this, we are still living through another heatwave, making life very difficult for all gardeners trying to keep their plants alive!! Knowing

the vagaries of English weather, by the time this is published we may be having rain storms.

Our last report was just before our annual plant sale, which was a tremendous success, thanks to all the people who donated plants, helped man the busy stalls, made cakes for our busy tea ladies and ran the big tombola. The large profit helps us to book excellent speakers and also, keep our yearly subscription low.

June's speaker entertained us with tales of all the wild life we can find amongst the shrubbery from pheasants to the day-flying moth, the beautiful Broad Bordered Bee



Hawkmoth. A very interesting fact for us all was that the Magna Carta and Guy Fawkes' confession were amongst documents written using oak apple ink!

June's competition also provided some wonderful entries for "Arrangements in a recycled container". Here are just 2 examples while Belinda Thornhill's entry within a Quality Street box was the winner! Magnificent!



Mid July we are looking forward to our outing to West Dean Gardens, it will be sunny but hopefully not TOO hot!

August's meeting will be two Naturalistic gardeners telling us how they garden at Waltham Place, and September's subject will be Dahlias. Please look on the website for our programme for the rest of the year and remember we are always happy to have visitors and guests, the first Thursday of each month at Binfield Memorial Hall, starting at 7.15pm.

binfieldgardenclub9.wordpress.com and on Facebook

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St Mark's Church Office Opening Hours -
Term Time:
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
9.30am - 1.30pm

News from Binfield Parish Council



August and September 2026 Meetings

Tuesday 11 August	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 25 August	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm
Tuesday 1 September	Amenity Committee	8pm
Tuesday 8 September	Parish Council	8pm
Tuesday 29 September	Planning and Transportation Committee	8pm

Antisocial Behaviour in the Parish

We have recently experienced an increase in reports of antisocial behaviour across the parish. We encourage anyone who witnesses or experiences an incident to report it online to Thames Valley Police so they can build an accurate picture of the issues affecting our community.

Using Our Open Spaces

We want everyone to enjoy the parish's open spaces responsibly. If you are planning to hold an exercise class, community event, party or any organised activity on one of our open spaces, please complete the Open Spaces application form available on our website or contact the office for a form. This is a requirement for all organised events.

We would also like to remind residents that disposable barbecues are not permitted on any Parish Council open spaces.



Golden Trowel Awards

We're delighted to introduce the Golden Trowel Awards, a new annual recognition scheme celebrating the pride, effort, and community spirit of our allotment holders.

Running from May to September 2026, the awards will be judged in late July/August by an independent panel. Winners will be announced in September, and will receive their awards at their plots.



Blister Pack Recycling

Our blister pack recycling scheme has been a fantastic success, with one collection box now being filled every month. Each box costs approximately £216, and every blister pack has to be sorted by hand before it can be sent for recycling.

The scheme began as a trial initiative, and we currently do not have a dedicated budget to support its ongoing costs. As demand continues to grow, we are looking for local businesses or community groups to sponsor a collection box. In return, we will promote your business or organisation alongside the box and across our social media channels.

If you are interested in sponsoring this valuable community initiative, please get in touch with us at: office@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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ARMED FORCES DAY



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Armed Forces Day event on Saturday 27 June at Binfield Community Centre. Although the weather remained extremely hot and attendance was lower than we had hoped, we still enjoyed a wonderful day coming together to honour and celebrate our Armed Forces. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event so special.

LOOKING AHEAD- AUTUMN / WINTER EVENTS

As we continue to enjoy the summer sunshine, our Summer of Fun event on Friday 24 July will bring this year's summer programme to a close. We are now looking ahead to an exciting programme of autumn and winter events and hope you'll join us over the coming months.

- **Silver Sunday – Sunday 4 October**

Join us for our free Silver Sunday event for anyone in our community aged 50 and over. at Binfield Community Centre 12.00pm–3.00pm Enjoy an afternoon of live entertainment, refreshments and a complimentary goodie bag. Places are free but booking is essential. To reserve your place, please email events@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

- **Arts Week**

Binfield Parish Council has decided to take a sabbatical from Arts Week this year. Following a review, including the challenges presented by the October half-term holidays moving to two weeks, we are taking some time to consider how the event will develop in the future.

We're hoping to offer a number of ad hoc arts and craft workshops throughout the autumn instead, so please keep an eye on our website, social media channels and parish noticeboards for updates.

- **Remembrance Parade – Sunday 8 November**

The annual Binfield Remembrance Parade will once again take place in partnership with the Royal British Legion, the Royal Naval Association and our local uniformed organisations.

The parade will leave Binfield Club, proceed to All Saints' Church for the Remembrance Service, and return afterwards. Temporary road closures will be in place along the route, and we thank residents in advance for their understanding.

- **Autumn Quiz Night**

We're planning to hold a community Quiz Night during the autumn and winter months.

Further details, including the date and booking information, will be announced soon.

- **Annual Parish Christmas Lights Switch-On – Thursday 19 November**

Join us at Foxley Fields for the official switch-on of the Binfield Parish Christmas lights. Meet from 6.00pm | Switch-on at 6.30pm

Enjoy festive performances from the Binfield Community Choir, refreshments from The Foxes' Den, and help us celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

- **Christmas Silver Club – Sunday 13 December**

Our festive Christmas Silver Club is a free event for residents aged 50 and over. At Binfield Community Centre, 12.00pm – 3.00pm

Enjoy festive entertainment and refreshments as well as a Christmas goodie bag.

Places are free but booking is essential. Please email events@binfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk to reserve your place.

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