



ARBORFIELD GARRISON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

The next Community Forum will be held on Monday 10 October 2016 at 7pm at Henry Street Garden Centre, Swallowfield Road, Arborfield.

The agenda will include a general update on progress with the SDL to date, together with updates on the planning process and current applications, transport and the new school.

There will also be a presentation on the Reading Football Club proposals for residential development at Hogwood Park, following the public consultation event on 9 September 2016. Note that this site is not actually within the SDL, but is immediately adjacent to it.

Local events and information

- **Charity Volunteer Recruitment Fair - 8 October from 10am to 1pm.**
Come along and meet over 25 local charities at this Fair being held at The Bradbury Centre, Rose Street, Wokingham. For details see www.volunteercentrewokingham.org.uk
- **California Speedway - 9 October from 10am to 4pm.**
See the original motor bikes from the 1930's - 1950's on display in this free event at the California Country Park this weekend.
- **Finchampstead Neighbourhood Action Group - 11 October at 7.30pm.**
Do you have views or ideas about how to make Finchampstead an even better place to live in? Come along to this meeting at the Library in the FBC Centre to find out how you can get involved.
- **Autumn Tea Party - 19 October from 2.30pm to 4pm.**
This event in the Memorial Park Sports Centre, The Village includes teas with homemade cakes, a raffle, bring and buy and plant stalls. Proceeds will be put towards the care of the St James' Churchyard.
- **Budget engagement session - 25 October from 7pm to 9pm.**
Join Wokingham Borough Councillors and Officers to learn about the Council's difficult financial position and the budget challenges it faces. Share your views on the principles and priorities that will guide how the Council will spend your money to fund your services. The session will be held at the FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead. An online survey is also available at www.wokingham.gov.uk - search for 'budget consultation'.
- **Emergency Services Fun Day - 27 October 2016 from 10am to 4pm.**
A free event at the Arborfield Garrison Community Centre including Fire, Police, Search and Rescue, Army, Community Responders, bouncy castle, food stalls and more.

YOUR TIME TO SHINE

Take part in this competition highlighting the importance of being seen during the dark autumn and winter months - by using bright lights and wearing light or reflective clothing when you are riding a bike or walking in the dark. The competition - run by Wokingham Borough Council in partnership with My Journey Wokingham and Safer Roads Wokingham - invites you to get creative and post photos, video or artwork on the subject of being bright. All schools and residents can take part. There are daily prizes and overall prizes for adults and for school pupils. Full information can be found at www.yourtimetoshine.org.uk



FREEDOM OF THE PARISH



On 22 September 2016 the Parish Council presented former Councillor Walter (Wally) Chapman with the Freedom of the Parish in recognition of his outstanding services to the Community and to Finchampstead Parish as a Member of the Council from 1967 to 2016.

Wally is the first ever Freeman of the Parish of Finchampstead.

Wally is pictured here with Cllr Geoff Markham, Vice Chairman, on the left and Cllr Roland Cundy, Chairman on the right.

WAR MEMORIAL

We are delighted that our application to Historic England to have the Finchampstead War Memorial listed was successful. The Memorial, owned by the Parish Council, is now Grade II listed due to its architectural and historic interest.

The Memorial is having some minor repair work this month before being cleaned, ready for the Remembrance Day Service on 13 November 2016.



IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER TIDY UP AT THE CALIFORNIA CROSSROADS!

Sunday 23 October from 9.30am to 12 noon

Come and join volunteers from local businesses, shops and the Parish Council on another tidy up session in this important and busy area.

We will be weeding and pruning, sweeping, scrubbing and litter picking, and doing anything else we can to tidy up and smarten up the area.

Even half an hour will help - so do come along. Please wear gloves and bring hand tools if you have them. Refreshments will be provided.

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