



ARBORFIELD GARRISON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

All Residents should have received the Crest Nicholson Arborfield Green Winter 2016 newsletter last week, giving an update on progress with the development and plans for the coming months.

Work on various road links is progressing, construction continues in the first phase of the development off Biggs Lane, and applications for further parcels of development are expected in the Spring. Hazebrook Meadows - a new 14 hectare Country Park located on the former Garrison site is now open to the public.

The Reserved Matters application for Parcels A - G west of Sheerlands Road has been approved by Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) and preparatory work will be starting soon including installation of a site compound, access roads to the compound, and protective tree fencing .

Local events and information

- **Christmas tree sale** - Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December from 11am to 3pm
The local Wildlife Trust, BBOWT, is having a Christmas tree sale this weekend at Edgbarrow Woods Car Park, Wildmoor Heath, Sandhurst Road RG45 7PP. The trees are sourced from the Wildmoor Heath Nature Reserve. You can also buy mistletoe, holly, cards and calendars.
- **Finchampstead magazine**
The December issue of the magazine is now out with lots of useful and interesting local information, supporting local charities, organisations and businesses. You can pick up a copy for 50p from the Co-op, The Barbers on Nine Mile Ride, Jacksons in the California Country Park, Park View Motors in The Village, and Think Ford on the Finchampstead Road. Annual subscriptions are available, for more information contact richard@finchmag.co.uk
- **Christmas carol concerts**
Sunday 11 December - **The Finchampstead Society annual concert**. 6.30 for a 7pm start at the Memorial Hall, The Village. With St James' Church Choir. All are welcome, mulled wine and mince pies will be served.
Wednesday 14 December - **Toddler carols** at 10am at the FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, including craft, nativity, songs and mince pies. www.finchampstead.com/christmas
Saturday 24 December - **Christmas Eve Community Carols** from 4-5pm and 6-7pm at the FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North. www.finchampstead.com/christmas
Saturday 24 December - **Christmas Eve Carols in the Park**. 6.30pm at the Finchampstead Sports Club, the Memorial Park, The Village. With St James' Church Choir. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.
- **Finchampstead Neighbourhood Action Group** 13 December 2016
This Group includes representatives from Wokingham Borough and Finchampstead Parish Councils, Thames Valley Police, local businesses and also local residents. The Group is keen to hear from residents about any local issues and concerns it could help address, so do come along to the meeting on 13 December at 7.30pm in the FBC Centre Library.
- **Wokingham Libraries Home Library Service**
There is a free book delivery service for people who find it difficult to get to a library. A volunteer can visit people regularly at home with books matching reading tastes, including large print books and audio books. Visit www.wokingham.gov.uk and search for home library services.



FINCHAMPSTEAD EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Finchampstead Emergency Response (FER) is a group of volunteers (Emergency Responders (**ERs**)) and facilities (**Refuges / Rest Centres**) that will be activated if a major emergency hits the Parish. This could be a weather related or other local crisis.

Over 25 volunteers have signed up to be ERs and two local golf clubs are also involved in the scheme.

In addition to the skills the ERs will bring to an emergency, the ER team brings a wide range of equipment that can help in an emergency. Also 3 Refuges have been established in different locations around the Parish. The separate locations provide resilience in case one or other is affected by any given emergency. The Borough Emergency Response team has contributed equipment to the FER Refuges, ranging from beds to personal hygiene kits.

If you have skills that could be useful in an emergency and you would like to help your community, please contact us on fer@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk or on [0118 908 8164](tel:01189088164). More information is available on our website www.finchampstead-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council will be arranging an informal meeting for Responders and Refuge representatives early in the New Year. Thank you all for your continued support.



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In the re3 area, as much as 2722 tonnes of paper, card and cardboard is still going to waste. By not recycling it, we're paying more for its disposal. That's almost £237,000 that could be used to fund frontline council services.

Before throwing your paper and card gift packaging away, ask yourself, can you recycle it?

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