



ARBORFIELD GARRISON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

There will be a public consultation exhibition on proposals for Parcel U2 on 11 March 2017 from 11am to 2pm at the Arborfield Garrison Community Centre, Sheerlands Road, Arborfield RG2 9ND. Parcel U2 is accessed off Biggs Lane and is located west of the lake.

The next Arborfield Community Forum will be held on Monday 20 March 2017 from 6pm at Henry Street Garden Centre, Swallowfield Rd, Arborfield, RG2 9JY. The evening will start with a drop in session to find out what's happening on the major development.

www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/arborfield-progress-map/

Residents will have noticed the changes to the road network in the Sheerlands Road area. From 18 April 2017 the new Nine Mile Ride extension road will be open and will join the northern section of Sheerlands Road and the temporary road to the Bohunt School.

Local events and information

- **The Finchampstead Society Local History Archive** - Thursday 2 March 2017
The Archive is open this Thursday from 2 - 4pm at the Finchampstead Library at the FBC Centre. See overleaf for more details.
- **Annual Gathering** - Wednesday 8 March 2017
Our Annual Meeting for Parishioners, local organisations and others we work with will be held at the FBC Centre at 7.30pm on 8 March 2017. Please come along and hear about the Parish Council's activities, enjoy presentations from Thames Valley Police and the FBC Youth Work Team and join Parish Councillors for refreshments after the meeting.
- **Fun quiz night at the California Ratepayers Hall** - Saturday 11 March 2017
The quiz starts at 7pm, cost £12 per person including fish and chips at half time. Contact secretary@ratepayers.co.uk or call 0118 973 3553 if you would like to enter.
- **Annual Litter Pick** - Sunday 19 March 2017
This popular event is taking place again this year, with meeting points at various locations in the Parish. New volunteers are very welcome, tools and bags will be provided, and there will be refreshments at some locations. Contact Richard on 0118 9733509 or email richardjrampton@gmail.com
- **California Crossroads Tidy Up** - Sunday 2 April 2017
We will be holding our third Tidy Up at the crossroads from 10am to 1pm - please come along and help out with litter picking, weeding and other tasks. More details to follow.
- **Green Ways consultation**
Consultation has started on Wokingham Borough Council's first Greenway, which hopes to link The FBC Centre on Gorse Ride North via the California Country Park to the new homes coming to the Arborfield Garrison development site. Greenways are routes designed for walkers, cyclists and where possible horse riders. The consultation for this first Greenway runs to 17 March 2017. Visit www.wokingham.gov.uk and search for consultations.
- **Blue bag deliveries**
The 2017/18 deliveries are underway and continue to the end of March 2017. To find out when yours will arrive visit www.wokingham.gov.uk and search for blue bag deliveries.



The Finchampstead Society Local History Archive

The Archive is open on the first Thursday of each month from 2 – 4pm at the Library at the FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead. Are you interested in:-

- * The early history of Finchampstead and its people
- * Browsing old maps and photographs
- * Local listed buildings and other interesting properties
- * Researching family history within the Parish

We can help you find information on these and many other aspects of Finchampstead's history within our Archive. If you are unable to visit in person please send enquiries to Wendy Graham at thegrahams2@btinternet.com or telephone 0118 9736569.

A list of the Archive contents can be found at www.thefinchampsteadsociety.co.uk

Can you contribute to our Archive?

We are always grateful to receive additional historical material. Please contact Wendy Graham as above if you can donate anything which may be of local interest.

The Jones VC Trophy

The Finchampstead Society is inviting nominations for the Jones VC Trophy Award for 2017. This award is made annually to recognise a significant voluntary contribution to the local community of Finchampstead. It may be awarded to an individual or a family.

Nominations should reach the Secretary of the Society by Sunday 19 March 2017 - email jlepat@btinternet.com The decision will be announced at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 30 March 2017.

More local events and activities

- **Tea and tales at the Community House, 17 Billing Avenue** - Tuesdays at 1pm
Join our small group while we listen to short stories, drink tea and take turns at reading if we want to. It's a gentle group, no advance reading required like you would have to do for a book group – but different short stories shared each week, run by one of the librarians. To join the group please ring Catriona on 07785 314603.
- **Little Explorers story time and rhyme time sessions** - at Finchampstead Library on Fridays during March from 11am to 11.30am. Free sessions for parents and children up to 5 years old to enjoy together. Find out what else is on for adults and children at www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries
- **Helen Taylor Churchyard Trust Afternoon Tea** - 29 March 2017 from 2.30 to 4pm.
This event is at the Finchampstead Sports Club - behind the Memorial Hall. Tea and cakes, raffle and bring and buy - all funds raised go to the upkeep of St James' Churchyard.

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