



ARBORFIELD GARRISON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

The Redrow Homes reserved matters planning application for development of Parcels H, I and J will be determined by Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) this month. A reserved matters application for Parcel U2 (north of Biggs Lane) has just been submitted to WBC, and we expect to see proposals for Parcel Q coming forward shortly. We are also expecting an update on plans for the Arborfield Cross Relief Road.

The interactive maps at the following link give a helpful overview of how the development is moving forward. www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/arborfield-progress-map/

Local events and information

- **Photography Exhibition** - 11 May to 13 May 2017 at Wokingham Town Hall
Wokingham and East Berkshire Camera Club are holding a free exhibition including street and people photography, landscapes, nature and wildlife and other images. The exhibition runs from 12noon - 4pm on Thursday 11 May, and from 10am to 4pm on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 May.
- **California W.I.** - 15 May 2017
The California W.I. meets on the third Monday of each month at the California Ratepayers Hall at 7.45pm. Visitors are very welcome. The next meeting is on Monday 15 May and includes a talk 'Poetry Readings to make you Laugh and Cry'.
- **Green 'n' Tidy Charity plant sale** - Wednesday 17 May 2017 from 10am to 2pm
There will be a variety of ornamental shrubs and vegetable plants on sale in the Wokingham Town Centre Market Place. All proceeds go to the Wokingham Volunteer Centre Green 'n' Tidy project which maintains gardens for elderly and disabled residents.
- **Growing Places Berkshire Charity plant sale** - Friday 19 May 2017 from 10.30am to 2pm
Bedding, baskets and containers will be on sale at the FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North from on Friday 19 May. All proceeds go to the Growing Places Charity which provides horticultural activities for adults with learning disabilities.
- **Finches Pre School Quiz** - Friday 19 May 2017
The Big Quiz is at 7.30pm on Friday 19 May at the Memorial Hall. Superhero fancy dress is optional. For tickets call 07776 147471 or visit the Park View Village Shop.
- **Are you interested in starting your own business?**
Wokingham Borough Council is offering a free 10 week training course to help people start up their own business. There will be a taster session on Thursday 18 May 2017 and the sessions will start on Thursday 25 May 2017 at Wokingham Library. Contact Kayleigh Pearse for an application form or more information. kayleigh.pearse@wokingham.gov.uk or call 0118 9746562.
- **A Ramble on the Ridges** - Sunday 21 May 2017 from 11am to 12.30pm
Join the National Trust Ranger and explore the woods, heath and pond at the Finchampstead Ridges, RG45 6AE. The cost is £6 per adult and £3 per child. Telephone 01784 432891 for more information.
- **Volunteer 'Thank You' barbeque** - 1 June 2017
A unique event for Charities to thank and celebrate their volunteers during Volunteers Week. The event is on 1 June from 5pm - 9pm at Wellington College. For tickets visit www.involve.community/event/thankyoubbq



Councillor vacancy

Nominations for persons wishing to stand in the Election for the Parish Councillor vacancy in Finchampstead South Ward must be delivered to the Returning Officer at Wokingham Borough Council by 4pm on Thursday 11 May 2017. The Election will take place on 8 June 2017.

Development proposals and consultations

- Welbeck Land is undertaking consultation on proposals to build up to 150 homes and create new public open space on land north of Nine Mile Ride, adjacent to the California Country Park. There will be a public exhibition on 12 May 2017 from 3.30pm to 7.30pm at Sand Martins Golf Club, Finchampstead Road, Finchampstead RG40 3RQ..
- Gladman has submitted an outline planning application for up to 80 homes and public open space, and a full planning application for Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) on land to the west of Finchampstead Road and adjacent to Sand Martins Golf Club. Visit www.wokingham.gov.uk and look up planning application numbers 170970 and 170971. Comments must be submitted to WBC by 24 May 2017.

Residents have started a Keep it Green campaign. For information contact Neil Willby on neil@willby.co.uk or visit the 'Stop The Finchampstead North Development (Next to Sandmartins)' Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1256255861078922/>

Green Way construction

Wokingham Borough Council contractors are starting work this week on a Green Way which will run from the FBC Centre and Gorse Ride North through the California Country Park and on to Commonfield Lane. This is the first of several planned Green Ways which will link existing settlements with the new developments at Arborfield Garrison and other parts of the Borough. The Green Way will be surfaced and suitable for walking and cycling, and for part of the route may also be used by horse riders.

Contractors are working from bases near the FBC Centre and off Commonfield Lane and the works are likely to take around 3 months to complete.

Finchampstead Street Map and Footpaths Maps

A Finchampstead Street Map is available from our Office - details below. A footpath map - and 3 circular walks starting from St. James' Church, Simon's Wood and the California Country Park can be downloaded from our website.

http://www.finchampstead-pc.gov.uk/local_facilities/local_walks/local_walks.html

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