



## ARBORFIELD GARRISON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT LOCATION (SDL)

The next Arborfield Community Forum is on Tuesday 31 October 2017 from 7pm to 9pm at Henry Street Garden Centre, Swallowfield Road, Swallowfield RG2 9JY. There will be updates on planning and highways matters, the Arborfield Cross Relief Road, the local greenways and the California Country Park. All are welcome to attend.

The interactive maps at the following link give a useful overview of how the development is moving forward. [www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/arborfield-progress-map/](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/major-developments/arborfield-progress-map/)

### You can help us to make Finchampstead even better!

Over the past few years Finchampstead Parish Council has contributed to several important projects that we believe have greatly benefitted the community.

Recent changes to the allocation of payments by developers to provide infrastructure for new homes, mostly at Arborfield Green, mean that Finchampstead Parish Council will now receive significantly more funds and have a greater say in deciding how these are spent. These can be used either to fund new or improved local facilities or to support major projects run by Wokingham Borough Council which will benefit Finchampstead residents.

We want to know what **you** think are the most important type of future projects to help improve life for the people of Finchampstead.

All households in the Parish will be receiving a short questionnaire next week - we do hope you will take the time to complete and return this - or alternatively you can complete it online by visiting our website [www.finchampstead-pc.gov.uk](http://www.finchampstead-pc.gov.uk)

**Thank you for your help.**

### Local events and information

- **California Crossroads Tidy Up** - 5 November  
Come and join volunteers from local shops, businesses and the Parish Council on another tidy up session in the important and busy area. The session runs from 9.30am to 12 noon. Please join us for part or all of the session - tasks include painting, sweeping, weeding and litter picking - please wear gloves and bring hand tools if you can.
- **Finchampstead Neighbourhood Action Group** - 7 November  
The Finch NAG aims to help improve community wellbeing and the quality of life for residents. The Group is made up of local residents, local organisations and representatives from Thames Valley Police, and both Wokingham Borough and Finchampstead Parish Councils. The next meeting is on 7 November at 7.30pm at the Library in the FBC Centre - why not come along and see how you can get involved.
- **The Secret Lives of Heathland Birds** - 9 November  
The Bracknell and Wokingham branch of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is presenting a talk at the Memorial Hall on 9 November at 7.45pm. For more information visit [www.rspb.org.uk/groups/wokinghamandbracknell/events/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/groups/wokinghamandbracknell/events/)
- **Remembrance Day Parade** - 12 November  
The Parade will leave the Memorial Hall / Sports Club car park in the Village at around 2.30 pm on Sunday 12 November and will progress to the Finchampstead War Memorial where a service will take place at 3pm. All are welcome to attend.



### More local events

- **Finchampstead Society Local History Archive** - 2 November  
The Archive is open on the first Thursday of every month from 2 - 4pm at the Finchampstead Library in the FBC Centre. Browse old maps, photographs and other information and learn about the history of Finchampstead. [www.thefinchampsteadsociety.co.uk](http://www.thefinchampsteadsociety.co.uk)
- **Finchampstead Housing and Rent Surgeries**  
If you would like support with housing or rent issues you can speak to a friendly advisor at the sessions held every Monday from 9.30 to 11am at the Community House, 17 Billing Avenue RG40 4JE. You can make an appointment by telephoning Jennie on 07920 821919 or just drop in.
- **Events at St Mary & St John's Parish Centre**  
The **Simple Lunch** offers a main course and a pudding on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12 noon to 1.30pm, all for a £1.50 donation. All are welcome.  
**Tea & Chat** is a chance to catch up with friends on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, from 2pm to 3.30pm.

### Wokingham and District Association for the Elderly (WADE)

WADE's unique Day Centre provides a pleasant central location for the use of residents of the Wokingham Borough who are 60 years of age and over.

It is situated on the Reading Road and based in a beautiful Grade II listed building with a large conservatory, patio area and secluded lawns and gardens. The facilities offer a welcoming atmosphere to Members, families and friends. Members have the opportunity of a break from their own homes, where they can meet new people and socialise with others. WADE's services also provide much needed time-out for carers, who can be confident that their loved ones are receiving excellent care.

The Centre is run by Manager, Jane Porter and her fully-qualified Care team. Members can attend for a half day, full day or lunch only appointments. A two-course midday meal, plus morning and afternoon refreshments are offered. Chiropody, showering facilities and hairdressing services can also be booked by Members for an additional fee. Transport to and from the Centre can be arranged to some local areas including Finchampstead, as WADE have two mini-buses in operation with rear-lift platforms. A variety of activities and events take place including sing-a-longs, quizzes, games, live entertainment and crafts.

WADE welcomes both donations and volunteers for the Centre, and for its charity shop at 16-18 Rose Street, Wokingham.

**WADE's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 25 November 2017 11am-2pm. Adults £1/ Children Free. A variety of stalls, raffles, tombolas, Christmas gifts and refreshments will be available, along with Santa's grotto!**

[www.wadecentre.org.uk](http://www.wadecentre.org.uk)

### **FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

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