



Summer events

- **The Swallowfield Show - 25 & 26 August**
A Country Show for all ages at Swallowfield Park, Swallowfield RG7 1TH. For more information and to book tickets visit www.swallowfieldshow.co.uk
- **Learn with Lego - 28 August**
This session runs from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Finchampstead Library and is aimed at families with children aged 5 – 7 years. The cost is £5 per family and places must be booked. Contact adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk or telephone 0118 9743797
- **Youth Community Family Fun Day - 31 August**
This event at the FBC Centre runs from 10.30am to 4pm. Facepainting, henna, rugby, BBQ, raffle, boxing, entertainment, cake stall, bouncy fun and more. You can also enter a team for a 5 A - Side Football Tournament. Contact kaleidoscopicuk@gmail.com
- **Arborfield Green Summer Fete - 31 August**
The Fete will be at Arborfield Green Cricket Green, Princess Marina Drive, near St. Eligius Church RG2 9NB. Family Fun Day runs from 3pm to 7pm - meet your community groups, play games and enjoy a BBQ. Musical acts will be performing from 5pm to 9pm. Contact community@arborfieldgreen.co.uk or telephone 07578 622578.
- **Charity Funday with Boutique Shopping - 1 September**
This event is on Sunday 1 September from 12 noon to 4pm at Warbrook House, Eversley RG27 0PL. There will be over 60 boutiques and lots of entertainment. Entry £2 or free for children. All proceeds will be donated to the Frimley Park Neonatal Unit.
- **Blackwater River Festival - 21 to 29 September**
Celebrate living in the Blackwater Valley by joining in this exciting week of free activities, highlighting what is special about life in a river valley like ours. You can help with river restoration work, see wildlife close up, walk on paths not normally open to the public...and loads more! More information and booking details at www.bvct.org.uk/brf19

Can we help promote your event or events?

If you would like us to help promote your one off or regular events please let us know and we will help if we can. Events should generally be free or non profit making.

Please contact us on 0118 9088164 or email clerk@finchampstead-pc.gov.uk

Finchampstead Library - regular events for adults

If you have some experience of playing **Bridge** you can drop in to a free session every Monday from 2pm - 4pm .

Free **Computer Workshops** take place on the second Tuesday in every month from 2pm - 4pm. Just drop in for individual advice and help with any computer problems or queries.

Enjoy some creative colouring or a reminiscence game, browse beautiful photo books or try a jigsaw puzzle or a game of dominoes in these **Relaxing Activities for Adults** sessions every Wednesday from 10am to 3pm. Adults with learning difficulties and people living with dementia and their carers are welcome at all sessions.

Crochet Group meets every Thursday during term time. £4 per session, just drop in.

Contact the Finchampstead Library on 0118 908 8176 for more details.



Reporting problems with roads

Our roads and roadsides are the responsibility of Wokingham Borough Council, the Highway Authority. It's now even easier to report highway issues through the new online highways portal on www.wokingham.gov.uk (search 'report road problem' or 'report it').

You can use this to report drainage and flooding issues, potholes, broken traffic lights or streetlights, damaged or missing signs and obstructions on the road or pavement. By using the new system you can see if the problem has already been reported, and you can keep track of the progress with resolving it.

Keep ahead of the traffic by using the dedicated Facebook page 'Wokingham Borough Council Traffic & Travel' and find information on current and future roadworks at www.roadworks.org

To plan your journey and get alternative travel tips visit www.myjourneywokingham.gov.uk

Reporting other issues

- Flytipping is one of the many issues that can be reported to Wokingham Borough Council at www.wokingham.gov.uk. If you see an orange sticker on the tipped refuse this means that the Council is already dealing with the problem.
- Other areas that you can find information on or report issues at www.wokingham.gov.uk include benefits; care and support for adults; council tax; outdoor maintenance; planning and building control and rubbish and recycling.



Update on Finchampstead Water Network Improvements



The South East Water project to revamp the water network around Finchampstead involves installing 3 km of water main between the Finchampstead Road and the junction of Nine Mile Ride and Park Lane. You can find the details at <http://corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/finchampstead>

The first phase of work started on 24 July - involving Gorse Ride South, Billing Avenue and Finchampstead Road. Work has progressed well and is on target for completion by 30 August when the Finchampstead Road is expected to be reopened.

The second phase of work affects Nine Mile Ride which will be closed between its junctions with Gorse Ride South and Park Lane from 1 September 2019 to 17 July 2020.

Diversions will be in place - visit www.wokingham.gov.uk and search for roadworks or visit www.roadworks.org

Arborfield Garrison Strategic Development Location (SDL)

Work on the development continues but there is no major progress to report this month.

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-garrison/

You can also sign up for a regular newsletter - visit www.wokingham.gov.uk and search for 'major developments'



Council news

The Council has a break from meetings in August - except for our Planning Committee which met on 21 August and considered several applications including one for the development of 183 dwellings on the Ravenswood site off Nine Mile Ride (reference 191911). While sympathetic to the need for improvement to the Ravenswood Village, the Council objected to the application on several grounds.

There may be no meetings but our work continues, these are just some of the things going on this month:

- Allotments - several new tenants signed up, and annual invoices to be sent out
- Asset inspections and arrangements for repairs or refurbishment - we own an odd assortment of items from lampposts to defibrillators to the War Memorial
- Borough Council consultations on the Local Transport Plan, a Parking Management Plan and Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Conclusion of our annual external audit - with no issues raised by the Auditor
- Liaison with Legal & General over plans for the Nine Mile Ride extension, a new open space and its plans to support community projects
- Neighbourhood Development Plan - including planning a household consultation
- New website to be launched in September
- Policy reviews and updates (they have to be done)
- Speedwatch - weekly sessions on our problem roads, and ongoing data recording
- Trees - arrangements for planting new trees this winter, and the start of our project aiming to protect and enhance the tree population of the Parish

Re3 Reuse Scheme

Re3 has been working with Sue Ryder since 2011, donating suitable items that can be resold to benefit thousands of people each year who are in need of care.

Last year residents left 45 tonnes of reusable items at the Re3 Recycling Centres (Smallmead in Reading and Longshot Lane in Bracknell) which raised £17,772 to support palliative, neurological and bereavement care provided by Sue Ryder.

Re3 also found a new home for an additional 630 tonnes of items, including 4000 bikes. These went to Precycle, a local company specialising in collecting items to be later sold for reuse either in the UK or developing countries.

The Reuse Scheme diverts waste away from landfill, saving money and protecting our environment as well as supporting a charitable cause. If you are decluttering your home simply drop items off at a Re3 Recycling Centre. The most popular items left are furniture, books and small electrical items, but you can donate anything from kitchenware or jewellery to sports kit.

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