



Local events and activities

- **Finchampstead Archives - 3 October**
The Finchampstead Society Local History Archive will be open from 2pm to 4pm on Thursday 3 October at the Finchampstead Library. The Archive has many maps, photographs and other information on the history of Finchampstead and its people. Telephone 0118 9736569 or email thegrahams2@btinternet.com for more information or if you would like to donate any items of local interest.
- **Ladies Shopping Evening - 11 October**
This event is on Friday 11 October from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Finchampstead Memorial Hall, The Village RG40 4JU. Fantastic stalls and a superb raffle! Entrance is £1. For further information telephone Bev on 07887 637789.
- **Race Night - 12 October**
This event is on Saturday 12 October at 7.30pm at the St James' Church Centre, Church Lane RG40 4LU. Tickets are £15 per person including a buffet supper. The evening is raising funds for the Diana Camidge Foundation for research in to GSS, a disease similar to CJD. For more information telephone 07768 176372 or email john.camidge@btinternet.com
- **Afternoon Tea - 16 October**
Come along to afternoon tea at the Sports Bar behind the Finchampstead Memorial Hall, The Village RG40 4JU from 2.30pm to 4pm on Wednesday 16 October. Funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the St James' Churchyard.
- **Wokingham Children's Book Festival - 19 and 20 October**
A chance to meet authors and illustrators and bring stories to life! For details and to book places on events at Wokingham Town Hall and Wokingham Library visit www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest
- **Arborfield Green Emergency Services Day - 31 October**
This event will take place at the Arborfield Community Centre, Sheerlands Road, Arborfield RG2 9ND from 10am to 4pm on Thursday 31 October. As well as information and displays from the emergency services and the Ministry of Defence there will be lots of other activities plus stalls offering information about various local organisations. Email community@arborfieldgreen.co.uk for more information.
- **Women's Institute**
Did you know that we have two WI groups in the Parish? The **California WI** meets at the California Ratepayers Hall, Finchampstead Road RG40 4HY on the third Monday of the month starting at 7.45pm. The **Finchampstead WI** meets at the Memorial Hall, The Village RG40 4JU on the first Thursday of the month at 2.15pm. Both Groups welcome visitors.

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

2019 Remembrance Day Parade and Service

This year the Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on **Sunday 10 November** at the Finchampstead Memorial Park. Please arrive from 2.30pm (no earlier please), parking is available on site. The Parade will take place in the Park followed by the Service at 3pm.

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served in the Memorial Hall after the Service. Please telephone 0118 908 8164 with any queries.



Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Every home in the Parish will receive a questionnaire during the second week of October - please look out for it.

The questionnaire aims to gather local people's views on the Vision and Objectives the NDP Team is looking to use as the basis of its plan for the future of Finchampstead up to 2036

You will be able to complete the consultation online if you wish - details will be provided on the questionnaire. Responses should be returned by the end of October.

We believe that a Neighbourhood Development Plan is the most effective thing that local people can do to ensure that what they value most about Finchampstead is protected and preserved for future generations.

Your help is needed to enable us to produce a really effective Neighbourhood Plan which will guide the future development, regeneration and conservation of our area. Please complete and return our questionnaire - your views are important to us!

For more information about the NDP visit www.finchampsteadfuture.com You can also join our Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/FinchampsteadFuture

Local development

- **Sand Martins Golf Club - public exhibition 7 October**

The Golf Club is proposing to extend the clubhouse, create separate function facilities and new new facilities including guest accommodation, a health club and spa and a restaurant. A public exhibition will be held on Monday 7 October from 4pm to 8pm at Sand Martins Golf Club, Finchampstead Road RG40 3RQ. For more information telephone 0207 3992295 or email stevec@curtinandco.com

- **Land at the rear of Johnson Drive - Public Inquiry 29 October**

Wokingham Borough Council has refused planning permission for the development of 25 dwellings (including 10 affordable dwellings) at the rear of Johnson Drive reference Application no. 172230. A Public Inquiry will be held at the WBC Offices at Shute End starting at 10am on 29 October. It is expected to last 4 days. A Parish Councillor will be speaking at the Inquiry to express the reasons for the Council's opposition to the proposals.

Arborfield Garrison Strategic Development Location (SDL)

The Visitor Centre at **Finchwood Park** is holding an open day on Saturday 5 October from 11am to allow people to see four new showhomes. The Visitor Centre is located on Sheerlands Road RG40 4QY. Finchwood Park is located within Finchampstead Parish and when complete will bring 1500 homes plus a primary school, open spaces and other community facilities to the Parish. For more information visit www.finchwood-park.co.uk or telephone 0118 3218920

The next **Arborfield Community Forum** will be held on 6 November from 7pm to 9pm at Henry Street Garden Centre, Swallowfield Road RG2 9JY. Updates on progress at both Arborfield Green and Finchwood Park will be provided.

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'



'Adopt a Street'

Our Adopt a Street volunteers do a great job helping to keep our Parish clean and tidy and we are very grateful to all of them for their efforts.

We now have around 30 volunteers but would love to have more! If you would like to get involved we can provide the kit - bags, litter pickers, a hi vis tabard and an advice sheet - you just do what you can in the area you choose. It can be little and often, or a regular blitz every few months - it is up to you!

Our two Parish Council Litter Wardens are also busy helping to keep our roadsides clean - do give them a wave if you see them.



Summer is over and what a great time to take up something new, like volunteering for a local good cause!

Volunteering is a fantastic way to make a difference in your local community and we can help! With local groups working with children, young people, the elderly, education including literacy/ numeracy, people with mental and physical health issues and disabilities, gardening, transport schemes, befriending and environment/conservation, there really is something for everyone. Added to that, there are well researched health benefits to volunteers, who tend to have a greater sense of wellbeing and live happier and longer!

There are loads of ways to get information on volunteering – try our fabulous new volunteering portal, www.volunteerwokinghamborough.org.uk , email or phone us or book an appointment to chat face-to-face at the Volunteer Centre.

As Christine Knox, Manager of the Centre, says: “Some volunteers are passionate about a certain cause. Others see a need for their help or particular expertise and go where they are needed most. Whatever your motivation and availability, we can help you find the right role for you.”

Contact Christine or Helena at The Wokingham Volunteer Centre on 0118 977 0749, email us at volunteer@wok-vol.org.uk or visit our website www.wokinghamvolunteercentre.org.uk or volunteering portal, www.volunteerwokinghamborough.org.uk .





Help Wokingham Borough Council achieve carbon neutrality

Wokingham Borough Council declared a climate emergency in July and pledged to make the council carbon neutral by 2030. The council is writing an action plan to achieve carbon neutrality and is asking residents for their help.

The Borough Council is asking residents for their ideas on reducing the council's carbon footprint in a survey that launches on 26 September and runs to 31 December. Do you have any eco-friendly tips from your personal life that you are willing to share with other residents, as well as any ideas that would help the council on its way to being carbon neutral.

To participate in the survey and submit ideas, visit the council website at www.wokingham.gov.uk/consultations The best ideas will be shared in a future edition of the Borough News.

The Parish Council has already undertaken or been involved with a number of initiatives and campaigns supporting energy saving, recycling, encouraging sustainable living and improving the local environment for both wildlife and residents. We are looking at what more we can do and how we can work with the Borough Council, residents, schools and businesses to address the important issue of climate change and will cover this in a future newsletter.

Comic book classics hit Wokingham Libraries

Whether you're Fantastic Four fanatic or a X-Men enthusiast, Wokingham Borough Libraries are jam-packed with superheroes and villains, now available to you free of charge at just the touch of a button.

Comic book enthusiasts can now access a huge variety of e-Comics through the library's digital service website. They are now able to login via their PC, smartphone or tablet and go to a whole new world of adventure.

With more than 60 new graphic novel titles, including popular characters Spider Man, the X-Men, Captain America, the Fantastic Four and Iron Man, as well as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Star Trek, Transformers and X-Files, there is something for everyone.

The digital library service which now includes more than 2,000 e-books and 1,000 audiobooks, now with no limit to the number you can borrow. Most of the daily and weekly national newspapers are available, some local newspapers and hundreds of magazines.

For further details and to create a free account with your library card number visit

www.wokingham.gov.uk and search e-books.

You can contact Finchampstead Library on 0118 90808176

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