



Finchampstead Parish Council

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

12th November 2023



At 3pm the annual Remembrance Parade was led by James Sunderland MP, Simon Weeks (Chairman of the Parish Council), two uniformed Thames Valley PCSOs and Reverend Julian McAllen.

Representatives from the local Brownies, Girl Guides and Scouts took part in the parade and despite light showers many residents of the Parish turned out to pay their respects.

The solitary trumpeter, Paul Speed, signalled the start of the two minute silence playing the Last Post, and the end by playing The Reveille.



Reverend Julian McAllen conducted the service and read the list of the fallen.

Wreaths were placed on the Memorial by:

James Sunderland MP

and representatives of the following organisations::

Congregation of St James, St Mary & St John, St Eligius

Finchampstead Girlguiding

Finchampstead Parish Council

Finchampstead Women's Institute

Thames Valley Police

1st Finchampstead Scouts

Simon Weeks read the words from the unveiling and dedication of this Memorial on 31 October 1920



Memorial, as sun goes down

'They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.'



Katy Dagnall
1963 – 2023
Parish Clerk
Finchampstead Parish Council

Sadly, Katy our Parish Clerk for the last 12 years, died on 22 October, following a cancer diagnosis in July.

As our highly regarded and experienced Clerk and our only full time member of staff, Katy successfully guided the Council, councillors and staff with patience, diplomacy and wisdom. She was always particularly supportive of new councillors and staff, ensuring that they were quickly able to contribute to the work of the Council.

Her premature passing is a huge loss to the Council and we all send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

Cllr Simon Weeks, Chairman



The Parish Councillors would like to thank the Barkham Hookers for all the poppies and other “Remembrance” decorations around the Parish.



FBCentre

There is a direct line to the Citizens Advice Bureau, in their quiet room, available to anyone to call the CAB during FBC opening hours. Call time unrestricted.



Citizens Advice will be at:

FBCentre

On the first TUESDAY of every month

From 9.30am—12noon

**with our Mobile Advice Unit.
Providing free, confidential
advice, information and support.**





WBC announces:

Litter bin closure plans put on hold

Plans to remove 150 public litter bins have been put on hold. The WBC executive agreed not to go ahead with the proposed reductions following feedback from the recent public consultation.

However other cost-saving measures will be going ahead. These include changes in the frequency of :

- ◇ street sweeping
- ◇ cleaning of areas around bottle banks
- ◇ weed spraying
- ◇ grass cutting in public areas from six annual cuts to four, except for play parks and other amenity areas.



Free bus travel within the Borough on any Saturday from 18 November to 23 December. The Leopard 3 and Thames Valley Buses 125, 125A & 125B are included in the scheme.

Free car parking in Wokingham for the **Wokingham Winter Carnival** on Sunday 26 November.

Parking free from 10pm on Saturday 25th until 6am on Monday 27th at

Rose Street; Easthampstead Road East and West; Cockpit Path; Denmark Street; Carnival Multi-storey and Shute End car parks.

Do not pay at machines or you will be charged.

Volunteers Required

Girlguiding — Volunteers needed to keep units in Finchampstead open!



For 70 years there have been Girlguiding units in Finchampstead. However, if we do not find some more volunteers quickly, we will have to make the very sad decision to close units.

Could you give 2-3 hours a week to help girls develop? Would you like to give back to your community and make some new friends?

Guiding can give girls the

opportunity to go on their first ever sleepover, canoe on a river, learn about body confidence or even lead their own camp. Or simply just the chance to have fun, try new things and make friends.

As they grow up, girls take what they do in guiding with them. From working in a team, to taking the lead or speaking out on issues they care about. Guiding helps girls develop the skills and confidence to become the young women they want to be and the opportunity to make a difference to the world around them.

Oh, and did we mention they have lots of fun?

If you have the time please contact :

girlguides.wokingham@gmail.com

or

[Become a volunteer | Girlguiding](#)



The Parish Council are pleased to advise over the last few weeks we have:

- Logged on average 20 vehicles exceeding the speed limit during one hour community speed watch sessions at various locations in the Parish. All have been reported to Thames Valley Police
- Carried out the annual inspection of the Finchampstead Allotments and maintenance work identified is being arranged. New gates are expected to be installed during the week commencing 27th November
- Organised a Defibrillator and First Aid course attended by 15 residents and the Parish Councillor responsible for checking the defibrillators each month.
- Held regular meetings according to the schedule on the Parish website:

www.finchampstead-pc.gov.uk

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Community speedwatch really does make a difference - in the last year well over 600 vehicles have been reported to Thames Valley Police for exceeding the speed limit in Finchampstead.

We aim to run a roadside **speedwatch** session each week, needing two volunteers per session, but at the moment we are really short of volunteers

which limits the sessions we can run.

Sessions take place on weekdays during the morning or afternoon and last an hour.

After setting up the equipment, the volunteers note down the details of any speeding vehicles.

Training is provided.



Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Volunteering for just one session a month would be really helpful.

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