



Parish Council Supports Local Schools

Sun 24th March

Annual Litter Pick

**Events at
Greyhound Pub
and FBC Centre**

Register your interest by
contacting the Parish Of-
fice, details on page 5

or

JUST TURN UP,

**Greyhound Pub 10.30am
FBC Centre 09.30am**



New Outdoor Equipment for Gorse Ride and Nine Mile Ride Schools

The Parish Council are delighted to have been able to provide Gorse Ride Schools and Nine Mile Ride School with a grant from our CIL fund to help towards the enhancement of their playgrounds, creating a more enjoyable and enriched environment for the children.

The opening of the new KS2 outdoor play area at Nine Mile Ride School, on Monday 5th February, was attended by Cllr Simon Weeks.

Also present were representatives of Wokingham United Charities and FoNMRS who jointly funded the project with FPC.

The equipment at Gorse Ride School will be installed during the February half term and their standout feature is a state of the art climbing and activity frame on their playing field.

They are also replacing the aging infant trim trail. A spacious cano-

py is going to be constructed off the back of a classroom providing an outdoor classroom and essential shade for the Junior playground.

The generous support of the Finchampstead-Parish Council has made this project a reality, together with the crucial role played by staff and governors.

The FPC grants to these two schools follow a similar grant given to Finchampstead Primary School in 2023.



Nine Mile Ride School,
KS2 outdoor play area





Finchampstead

Parish Council

Ready to Vote?

Wokingham Borough Council elections, Thursday 2nd May

Visit our [webpages on changes to elections and voting](#) for more information.

Key details include:

Make sure you're [registered to vote](#)

Check details on [changes to ward boundaries and Parliamentary constituencies](#)

Anyone wishing to cast their vote in a polling station will need to [bring suitable ID](#)

If you do not have suitable ID, you can apply for a free [Voter Authority Certificate online](#)

Residents wishing to [vote by post or proxy](#) in May can also apply online

Check your poll card when it arrives for details of your polling station, as the location may have changed



Wokingham Town Mayor in Finchampstead

On 20th January, Sally Gurney, one of our Parish Councillors and current Mayor of Wokingham Town opened the new Tap Room of Elusive Brewery, a micro brewery which opened in April 2016.

Finchampstead is home to two breweries, Elusive and Siren Craft Brew and both can be found off Marino Way in the Hogwood Industrial Estate. You can be assured of a warm welcome if you visit them.



Stables Café,

Unit 1,
Bridle Road, RG2 9QT

STABLES, off Princess Marina Drive, Arborfield

Stables was created to bring a warm welcoming environment to the Arborfield community. It is an Australian inspired cafe that has carefully sourced some of the finest suppliers and ingredients to create some truly amazing products.

You will find beautiful sweet and savoury treats, alongside an Australian inspired

brunch menu (coming soon), to perfectly complement that speciality coffee!

Did someone say speciality coffee? That's right... At Stables they have designed everything around the baristas so they can make the perfect cup of coffee.



<https://www.stablesaborfield.co.uk/>



Update — waste collection changes are coming

Between 12 th February and 22nd March, WBC will be issuing a roll of 20 blue bags to most households to keep you going until the changes take effect.

From late May, WBC will start delivering black wheeled bins to households. You'll need to store it on your property and put it out at the boundary for emptying.

You must not leave it in the street or other public spaces.

Disposing of DIY waste for free



Residents can now dispose of small amounts of DIY waste for free at RE3 recycling centres in Reading and Bracknell, as new regulations came into effect on 31 December 2023

The free allowance of DIY waste accepted in a single visit to the recycling centres are:

Up to 100 litres of loose DIY waste, such as

- rubble,
- soil,
- plasterboard or asbestos,

OR

- One large item, like a sink or a bathtub

You will be charged if:

The amount of DIY waste exceeds the free allowance - meaning there is more than 100 litres of waste or any additional large item in a single visit,

or

You've already disposed of DIY waste at the recycling centres four times over a four-week period - meaning after your fourth visit, any additional visits within the period will be chargeable

Parking Restrictions approved in Finchampstead

Finchampstead South: Double yellow lines on Longwater Road opposite numbers 15-53

COST OF LIVING HELP

Someone you know may be struggling financially so remember help is available. The latest support options can be found here:

[check our cost of living help hub](#)

Check out the guides for different situations:

[Help for people with children](#)

[Help if you're a pensioner](#)

[Help for single people](#)

[Help if you're in an emergency](#)

With the recent spell of very cold weather, you may be worried about the costs of turning your heating on or leaving it on for longer. Check the [help with bills and home costs page](#) for advice and options.



Citizens Advice will be at:

FBC Centre

Tuesday 5th March

9.30am — 12noon

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





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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT VETERAN TREE ASSOCIATION, 10 YEAR REPORT

In June 2012 WBC planted 60 English Oak trees across the borough to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Four Jubilee Oaks, as they are known, are planted at two sites in Finchampstead — Burnmoor Meadow, three trees and Finchampstead Church Green, one tree. Cllr Wally Chapman who served the Parish for over 50 years, and passed away very recently, planted these trees in the December of 2012.

The planting of the trees generated much local interest and in Burnmoor Meadow it led to additional tree planting by the Parish. Cllr Gordon Veitch has arranged the planting of more trees over the years to further develop the avenue along the Meadow.

Three of the Parish's four trees are in excellent condition and two of our trees can boast the largest girths with one of those, the oak at Finchampstead Church Green, also being nearly the tallest! Plaques are attached or close by most of our trees.

The report concludes that the survival rate of the trees is very encouraging, all the trees are growing well and in safe, suitable sites where they will be able to grow to their full glory as the years pass.



FINCHAMPSTEAD
CHURCH GREEN
Dec 2012

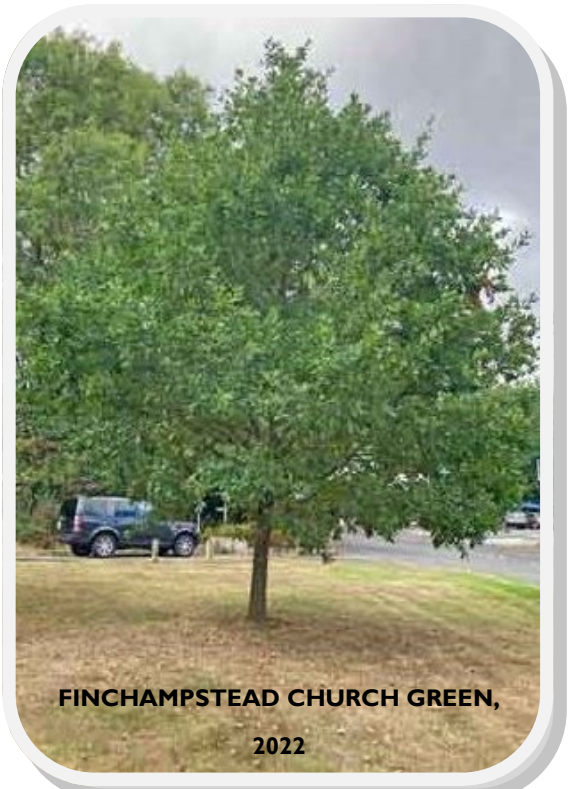


BURNMOOR MEADOW, 2022

CALIFORNIA COUNTRY PARK, LAKESIDE AREA

Dog walkers are reporting their dogs finding food in areas around the edge of the lake. As some dogs can have food allergies and certain foods can be harmful for them, we would like to ask people not to leave their waste/leftover food around when they leave these areas.

THANK YOU



FINCHAMPSTEAD CHURCH GREEN,

2022



Finchampstead Parish Council

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

- Carried out a review of the allotments, made a schedule of required work and have set aside funds from CIL for the refurbishment and upgrade of the allotments
- Given grants (from CIL Funds) to : St James' Church Centre for refurbishment of Kitchen & Toilets ; Ratepayers Hall for an overhead projector;
- Given grants (from Parish Funds) to : Me2Club; The Wokingham Volunteer Centre; Berkshire MS Therapy Centre

UP COMING EVENT

Wed 6th March 7.00pm PARISH ANNUAL GATHERING Loft Room, FBC Centre

All residents and others involved with the Parish are invited to attend and hear about our work over the last year,

We have had to revert to original date as the Loft Room is not available for any other suitable evening this year.

Out and about



California Ratepayers Hall with its new solar panels

New allotment gates and signage



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Finchampstead Parish Council

WBC are looking for feedback on their Draft Local Transport Plan.

Link to survey below

Consultation: Local Transport Plan

Share

Your

Views

Wokingham Borough Council is updating its Local Transport Plan, an official document guiding how we improve footways, cycle lanes, roads, bus services and other ways of getting around for years to come.

The Plan is part of our vision to encourage healthier, more sustainable travel across the borough, especially for shorter journeys, helping us to reduce air pollution and tackle the climate emergency.

Find out more and respond at engage.wokingham.gov.uk or call 0118 974 6000 for other formats.



Consultation closes on 8 March

The Local Transport Plan is on display in the reception of the council offices at **Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN.**

It can also be found at your local library and is available in standard and easy read formats.

For help completing the survey, or to view it in an alternative format, please call **0118 974 6000** or email myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk



Finchampstead Parish Council



St. James Church Finchampstead



Tickets: £15

Includes a 2 course
supper

With **Supper**

in St. James Church Centre

Saturday 2nd March

7.00pm

Come and have fun, test your knowledge and enjoy a two course supper.

Come as a team of 6 or just come along and join others to make up a team on the night.

Tickets are available after most Sunday Services

Or: there is a signup sheet near the coffee bar in SJ Centre

Or: call 0118 973 0133

Or: visit our website pfc-church.uk

to reserve your tickets and for more information.

Everyone welcome

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