

# Shinfield Rise Community Flat



## Come and Get Involved this Winter...

### \*Housing/Rents & Benefits Information\*

Please note the Housing Officer for this area is Matt Viccars.

Matt will continue to host the Housing Surgeries at the Community Flat, every Thursday from 11am to 1pm.

If you would prefer to contact him directly, please Phone: 07809311146 or Email: [matthew.viccars@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.viccars@wokingham.gov.uk)

For any Rent-related queries, please contact Emma Hill by Phone: 0118 974 3765 or Email:

[Emma.hill@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Emma.hill@wokingham.gov.uk)

For any Council Tax & Benefit-related queries please contact Wokingham Borough Council directly:

**0118 974 6000**

You will also be able to find helpful links and further information on the website:

[www.wokingham.gov.uk](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk)



**Fields Community Forum** (Formerly Shinfield & Swallowfield Neighbourhood Action Group)

Ongoing proposed dates for 2018:

Wednesdays: 24th January, 14th March, 23rd May, 18th July, 19th September and 21st November.

All meetings held between 7.30-9pm at Shinfield Parish Council Hall, School Green, RG2 9EH.

For more information please contact the Parish Office and leave a message for Chris Young: 0118 988 8220

### Tea & Tots

Held every Friday, from 9-11am.

This is an invite-only group, however please do contact Annie Verlander, Family Worker from the Red Kite Children's Centre if you would like to know more about local activities for Under-5s!

Phone: 07798571647 or

Email: [anne.verlander@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:anne.verlander@wokingham.gov.uk)

### Social Club for residents aged 50+

All sessions are on a Monday from 7-9pm at the Community Flat

20th November: Fish and Chips Supper

22nd January 2018: Sing for your Life

19th February 2018: Unlock Your Wellbeing

Please contact Jennie Grieve for more information by phone: 07920821919 or email: [jennie.grieve@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:jennie.grieve@wokingham.gov.uk)



## Community Club Youth Group Update

Mondays 4.30-6pm at the Flat, for 8-12 years

Term-Time Only

**Please note the last session before the Christmas holiday is the 11th December.**

We are always looking for new members and helpers at Youth Group, please get in touch if you would like to join us, or come along to a session and see what you think!

Please contact Lou Barker for more information. Phone: 07766923469 or Email: [louise.barker@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:louise.barker@wokingham.gov.uk)



**Season's Greetings from your Borough Councillor, Parry Batth**

Dear residents of Shinfield North, it has been a busy year for me listening to you and helping to resolve your issues.

I am usually available at the Community Flat in Frensham Green and look forward to hearing from you further, whether you have an issue or just want to have a chat. You may contact me as follows:

Call me on: 07969 683595

Email me: [parry.batth@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:parry.batth@wokingham.gov.uk)

Or come and see me at the Community Flat, 36 Frensham Green. Just book an appointment to see me anytime— please give me a few days notice.

I wish upon all of you a Merry Christmas and a very happy new year!



# My Journey Wokingham



The local travel website for Wokingham which helps you plan your journeys better so you can save time, money and try travelling by different types of transport.

View the 'live' bus map which shows exactly where the buses on your route are at any time

[www.myjourneywokingham.com](http://www.myjourneywokingham.com)

Find out about local walking and cycling routes in Wokingham



Plan your journey, access travel news, bus and train timetables and check travel conditions before you set out!

Search for local events such as bike rides and cycle training

Enter competitions and win prizes!

WIN!



## Keep in touch

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## Library Highlights

### Lower Earley Library 30th Birthday Celebrations

- 30th Birthday Stories and Cupcake colouring, suitable for children aged 5 and under. On Monday 20th November, 11.15-11.45am
- Come and find out about some British Owls with this fun, hands-on experience. Suitable for children aged 4 and over, £2.50 charge. Places must be booked. On Tuesday 21st November, 4-5pm.

### Wokingham Winter Carnival

#### Sunday 26th November, 11am to 4pm

Attractions at Wokingham Library include Santa's Grotto, Berkshire Maestros, Mr Wizard's Punch and Judy/Magic Show, refreshments to purchase and cards for good causes.

### Pottery Pals

Make unique Christmas gifts. £4.50 charge plus cost of items.

Lower Earley Library, Tuesday 28th November, 10.30am to 12 Noon.

Please contact the library directly to book your place on:

0118 931 2150



## Budget and Transport & Highways Consultations

The Council need to hear your views on some of the major challenges facing Wokingham Borough.

The borough is going through vast changes and challenges with new houses, roads, schools and other facilities being built and towns being transformed— at the same time as Government funding is being reduced.

In order to help make some of the major decisions facing the council, they are launching two major public consultations to help them understand resident's views on some of the key issues and main priorities/concerns people have.

To take part in the consultations, which will be open until December 30th, please search for 'Current Consultations' on the Council's website:

[www.wokingham.gov.uk](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk)

Alternatively please pick up a paper copy from the Community Flat, or contact the Community Engagement team and ask them to send one out to you:

[communityengagement@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@wokingham.gov.uk)



Thanks to the great team of young people from The Challenge (NCS) who joined us in the Summer holidays to work on the 'shed' in the garden at the Community Flat. The space is looking much nicer and all the children who got involved locally had a great time doing sports activities with them too!



# Wellbeing in mind

FREE 6 week  
courses for  
Wokingham  
borough  
residents

Are you a 19+ Wokingham borough resident, feeling stressed, worried or low, and would like to improve your wellbeing? Join a FREE Wellbeing course with Bracknell & Wokingham College!

## COURSES INCLUDE

- Yoga
- Indian Head Massage
- Stress Management
- Anxiety Control
- Aromatherapy & Massage
- Photography

For information on how to apply, please contact:

Charli Pyle

charlotte.pyle@bracknell.ac.uk

Tel: 01344 766654

Clive Bate

clive.bate@bracknell.ac.uk

Tel: 01344 766374



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**Have a Safe Christmas Event**

Thursday 7th December 2017

ASDA, Lower Earley

10am to 1pm

Come and find out how to keep safe this Christmas! There will be information from the Police, Community Wardens, Trading Standards, Berkshire Women's Aid, Public Health and many more...

Please support local resident, Alana Smith as she performs in a StageAbility production of Jack and the Beanstalk on: Saturday 2nd December, 3pm and 7pm / Sunday 3rd December at 3pm.

The Whitty Theatre, Wokingham  
Tickets £10/£12. Go to

[www.stageability.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.stageability.ticketsource.co.uk) to book. Good luck Alana!



Dear All,

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual Panto Trip to see Peter Pan at the Hexagon. Thanks again to Shinfield Parish Council, for the generous funding which allows us to subsidise the tickets and make it such a fun evening out for all.

I have included contact details in this newsletter for all the sessions and activities which will continue to run from the Community Flat, however if you would like to speak to someone about the Community Development project more generally, please do get in touch with Alison Munro, on: 0118 974 6350 or email:

[Alison.munro@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.munro@wokingham.gov.uk)

I would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful time over the Christmas break, and send my very best wishes for 2018.

From Cherish x



## Introduction to English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

This course will introduce you to the everyday use of English. It will be designed around your needs and could cover things like how to fill in a form, how to ask for help, make a polite complaint or how to chat with friends.

The course is very practical with lots of opportunities to speak and write in English.

We have ongoing courses running in term time:

**Tuesdays from 10am-12 noon**

Wokingham Baptist Church, Milton Road, RG40 1DE

Or

**Thursdays from 9:30am-11:30am**

at Hillside Primary School, Rushey Way, Lower Earley RG42 4HQ

Cost: £40 Concession rate: £30. **Free subsidised places available**

To find out more or to book a place call **0118 974 3797** or

e-mail: [lifelonglearning@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:lifelonglearning@wokingham.gov.uk)



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