

Community News Jan 2012



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Got IDEAS?
We got MONEY!

If you want to have a say in how your
community money is spent then come along
with your ideas to our events meeting on Friday
20th January at 1pm. Everyone is welcome.

Regular Activities
Community Drop In For Adults-Tue 3-5pm
Bowling Club-Tue & Thur 3-5pm + Fri 7-9pm
Computer Drop in - Tue 3-5pm
Darts Club- Wed 7-9pm
Get Fit Club - Mon 11-12pm
Job Club - First Fri of the month (book)
Bingo - Every 2nd Wed of the month 7-9pm
Play & Learn for 0-5 -Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri

Rainbow Centre Activities

(To request the Community News by email contact james.newman@wokingham.gov.uk)

2012 Community Events Meeting There's so much going on this year with the Jubilee, Olympics, Sport Relief and many other national celebrations. We've got an amazing opportunity to put on really special events here in our own community. The blank canvas is yours! Come help us paint! Our meeting will be at 1pm on Fri 20th Jan. All are welcome but if you can't make it still get your ideas in by posting or giving James a call.

Over 50s Valentine Lunch Come and share the love on Wed 8th Feb. 12:45 - 2:45. Tickets £3 each. On sale now.

Curry & Quiz Night We're going to have another curry and quiz night and all locals are welcome. Only 40 tickets available and first come first served. Tickets £4 and will be on sale from 1st Feb at the centre (adults only).

Chalfont Social Club We're going to try something new! The Chalfont Club meet on Thurs during term time at Trinity Church near ASDA, Lower Earley. For £1 they do tea, raffle and have a speaker. **Thurs 19th** the brilliant Simon Williams will be speaking on 'Memory - how good is yours?'. Open for all. Limited transport so contact if you'd like to come.

Homework Club & Youth Club If you'd like to be involved or know your child could benefit then we REALLY NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU. Training will be provided and with increasing demand for play workers it could even benefit your career. Contact to get involved or to let us know whether your children would like to attend. We're looking to start straight after 1/2 term.

Get Fit Club We're having a Wii fit session **Mon 16th Jan**. Eat more healthily, be more active and share ideas and tips on health and fitness. We go for a walk and support each other in our fitness goals. There is a weigh in but this is optional. Open to everyone over 16 years regardless of your level of fitness. Mon 11-12.

Half Term Taxi We've got access to a minibus at half term so if you'd like help transporting the kids about please contact to let us know and we'll see what we can arrange. Minibus available on **Thurs 16th Feb**.

Community Taxi Next trip is Thurs **23rd Feb**. Destination yet to be arranged. If you have any requests for places you'd really like to visit then please get in touch.

Community Film Event Next film event **25th Jan** at the centre. Contact if you'd like to join us (adults only but not because the films are dodgy!).

Community Skill Sessions Soon to start. If you have a skill to share and are available on **Wed 12:30 - 2:30** call us.



Digital Switch Over

If you know anyone who is struggling or worrying about the digital switch over which will happen in Feb 2012 then do get in touch. There is plenty of info and advice available at the centre and reps trained to help. If you hear of any stories worth sharing about the digital switch over then please let us know as we'd like to make use of them. We have posters and other items to help spread the word so call if you can think of places where they could be used. Some people are entitled to free or £40 offers to help with the switch over. For more info www.helpscheme.co.uk or call 0800 408 5900.

Bingo Next community bingo event is **Wed 8th Feb**. 7pm - 9pm. Spread the word and bring a friend.

Book Club Next book club is **Mon 16th Jan 2012** at 12pm - 1pm at the centre. New members always welcome!

Carpet bowls club for adults Tuesday's and Thursdays 3-5pm and now Friday evenings at 7-9. Come and have a friendly game of carpet bowls at the centre. Beginners very welcome so come and have a go.

Darts and Games Club Wed 7pm-9pm. . New for 2012 will be crib and dominoes. It's a great community social event.

Meet a CDW James Newman is your local Community Development Worker employed by the council to help local people improve their lives and their community. If you'd like to arrange him to visit then please call 07826530866.

FBC Coffee Morning New event! The FBC Centre in Finchampstead run a monthly coffee morning. Next is **Tue 17th Jan** and we'll be taking board games. If you want to join us do get in contact as space for transport is limited.

Winnersh Children's Centre Items

Play & Learn Drop In Sessions for under 5s

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays - Please ask for a timetable or check the notice board

Speech and Language Therapist The speech and language therapist will be available for advice **21st Feb** 9:30 - 11 am. No need to book just turn up.

Community Items

Gardening Help - Green and Tidy Great new council scheme launched where people who struggle to do their gardening can get help at a reasonable cost. Others wanting to actually do the gardening can also get involved. Please contact if interested or if you know a neighbour who really could benefit from the scheme.

Smart Board Training Free Smart Board training is available for all those interested on **2nd Feb** at Wokingham Library. Contact James if you'd like to join in.

Winnersh Summer Fete Planning for the next summer fete at Bearwood Rec has already started. Lots more help needed in making this year bigger and better than before and you can play your part. Please contact if you have ideas, contacts or time to volunteer.

Job Help - Next Step Now at Wokingham Library. Need help searching for jobs or improving your CV? Ring 0800 1954 700 to book an appointment. Sessions take place on Tuesdays from 9:45 - 12:30.

Planning 2012? Websites to help find out what's on locally:

Wokingham Borough Council: www.wokingham.gov.uk / The FBC Centre (Finchampstead): www.fbcentre.com
Woodley Town Council (events, leisure, community): www.woodley.gov.uk / What's on: www.getwokingham.co.uk
Loddon Valley Leisure Centre: www.harpersfitness.co.uk/gyms/loddon-valley-leisure / Winnersh Library: www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraires / Dinton Pastures: www.dintonpastures.co.uk

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