

STOCKFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

The quarterly Newsletter from Stockfield Community Association



Stockfield
Community
Association

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Join us for

Stockfield's Annual...

Advent Calendar
Tombola

Come & Meet Santa

Christmas Cracker

Samba Band

Refreshments

...and more!

8th Dec
5-7 pm

Cedars
Academy
entrance at
Cedars Avenue B27 6JL

2017

BE POSITIVE

PLAY SPORT. DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS. BE POSITIVE.

S4L run FREE sports activities at Stockfield Park where you can play sports, develop your confidence & teamwork skills and go on trips and play in tournaments!

Who is it for? Boys and Girls aged 7 to 16

When is it? Every Wednesday 3.30pm-5.30pm & Every Saturday 1pm-3pm

Where is it? Stockfield Park, Cedars Avenue, B27 6JL

www.sport4life.org.uk
Sport4LifeUK

Interested?
Get in touch with Mark or just come along to a session
Phone: 0121 456 1818
Mobile: 07826 40 60 30
Email: mark@sport4life.org.uk

To refer a young person to the programme visit www.sport4life.org.uk/referral

S4L SPORT 4 LIFE UK
CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE POWER OF SPORT

GET FIT 4 EMPLOYMENT

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Get Fit 4 Employment is a sports-themed employability and training programme that supports young people to get back into education, employment, and training.

- Develop life skills
- Improve employability
- Gain a leadership qualification

What's included?

- FREE accredited qualifications including: Level 1 in Sports Leadership & OCR Entry L3 in Employability
- FREE bus travel cards
- Up to £100 bursary on completion of the course
- 1 to 1 mentoring & employment support
- Interactive personal development workshops
- Team building trips
- First aid qualification
- Social action project & mock interviews at a local business or employment

Who's it for?
16-29 year olds, not undertaking any training, not in education and Thursday for five weeks. 10am to 3pm

When is it?
Starting Tuesday 31st October, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for five weeks. 10am to 3pm

Where is it?
The Muath Trust, Stratford Road, Sparkbrook, B11 1AR

Interested?
Get in touch with Caitlin to sign up for the programme
Phone: 0121 456 1818
Mobile: 07519810918
Email: caitlin@sport4life.org.uk

To refer a young person to the programme visit www.sport4life.org.uk/referral

Find us online and on social media:
www.sport4life.org.uk
Sport4LifeUK

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STOCKFIELD YOUTH FORUM'S

FOODBANK

PLEASE DONATE

We would appreciate any of the following items

CEREAL, SOUP, PASTA, RICE, PASTA SAUCE, BEANS, TINNED MEAT & VEGETABLES, TEA/COFFEE, SUGAR, BISCUITS

Collections will be gratefully received at Stockfield Park at the following times:
Wednesday 3.30pm-5.30pm / Saturdays 1pm-3pm

Lets support our local FoodBank to ensure that everyone has access to support in their time of need!

For more information, please contact Mark Aaron on 0121 456 1818 ext 2012 or email mark@sport4life.org.uk

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foodbank

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House of Play + Education

Families in the Stockfield area can access a wide range of free activities and support locally at the **House of Play + Education on Warwick Road (Just opposite the Nissan garage).**

The House of Play + Education is run by local people for local people, it provides a warm and homely environment for local families offering stay and play groups, counselling, healthy eating workshops and support to access employment and childcare.

The centre has recently celebrated its 5th birthday and has undertaken a £10,000 overhaul to improve the facilities.

Senior Children and Families Worker, Gemma Sharman, commented *"this is a home from home environment – families are welcome to just pop in when they need us, there's no waiting lists and you will always be welcome"*.

In addition to play and education there is:

- Support for parents from a dedicated Employment and Skills Worker to consider accessing employment or training
- One-one counselling via a professional counsellor or art therapist (Simone)

To find out more about the House of Play + Education visit us at:
895 Warwick Road, Tyseley, B11 2ER



- Universal Credit replaces a number of benefits, including Housing Benefit, with one single monthly payment for your household - and it's now being rolled out in Yardley and Acocks Green.
- You will be affected if you're of working age and are receiving benefits, so if you need help to understand what this means for you please get in touch.

Call me on 07540 677807 or email me at anil.gill@bromford.co.uk

Find out more at www.bromford.co.uk/universalcredit



Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School

An Academy

"Caring... Inspiring... Nurturing... Successful"

A date for your diary

The Christmas fair is on will be taking place on Friday 8th December. Come and join us we will be starting the fun at 3.30pm

We have some available nursery places both part time & full time.

For further information

Cottesbrooke Infant & Nursery School
Yardley Road, Acocks Green,
Birmingham B27 6LG
0121 706 2742
enquiry@cottesbrooke-inf.bham.sch.uk

Sign up for Free Activities



Tai Chi based exercise takes place every Thursday at 10am at Westley Vale Millennium Green.

It is a gentle, relaxed and friendly group and, even if you've never tried Tai Chi before, you can join in straight away and get the benefit and it's free. You can sign up to the Be Active Wellbeing programme on the day and with the card that you receive in the post you also have access to free swimming, table tennis and gym at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre. If you have reservations just come along and watch and see if you fancy it!

For more info

www.beactivebirmingham.co.uk

APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES

Log on to www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch and enter the vacancy reference number for more information

Light Vehicle Technician **Advanced**

Weekly Wage: £140
Vacancy Ref: 9165018
Closing Date: 28/12/2017
Qualifications required: GCSE Maths and English A-C or above plus 3 additional GCSE'S /equivalents
Vacancy in: East Birmingham

IT Support Technician **Advanced**

Weekly Wage: £230
Vacancy Ref: 1303517
Closing Date: 30/11/2017
Qualifications required: GCSE (or equivalent) grades A*-C in 5 subjects, including English and Maths.
Vacancy in: City Centre

Legal Apprenticeship **Advanced**

Weekly Wage: £307.65
Vacancy Ref: 1310128
Closing Date: 28/02/18
Qualifications required:maths and English A* to C or equivalent.
Vacancy in: City Centre

Engineer Apprenticeship **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £136.50
Vacancy Ref: 1321307
Closing Date: 15/01/2018
Qualifications required: GCSE maths and English grade c or equivalent, 3 additional GCSE'S
Vacancy in: City Centre

Childcare Apprenticeship **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £122.50
Vacancy Ref: 1118162
Closing Date: 01/12/17
Qualifications required: GCSE maths and English grade c or equivalent, 3 additional GCSE'S
Vacancy in: Erdington

Vehicle Fit Apprenticeship **Intermediate**

Weekly wage: £140
Vacancy Ref: 1327826
Closing date: 30/11/17
Qualifications required: 5 GCSE's (grade C and above) or equivalent inc maths and English.
Vacancy in: Tyseley

Care Assistant **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £105
Vacancy Ref: 1325596
Closing Date: 30/11/17
Qualifications required: 5 GCSE'S (C and above) or equivalent, including Maths and English
Vacancy in: Handsworth

Childcare **Advanced**

Yearly Wage: £105
Vacancy Ref: 1313070
Closing Date: 29/11/17
Qualifications required: 4 GCSE 'S' or equivalent , A * to C including maths and English.
Vacancy in: Perry Barr

Nursery Assistant **Advanced**

Weekly Wage: £105
Vacancy Ref: 1307703
Closing Date: 30/11/17
Qualifications required: A- C GCSE grades or equivalents
Vacancy in: Bordesley Green

Precision Engineer **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £129.50
Vacancy Ref: 1321391
Closing Date: 15/01/18
Qualifications required: 5 GCSE'S c grades or above including Maths and English
Vacancy in: Hockley

Hairdressing Apprenticeship **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £105
Vacancy Ref: 1331206
Closing Date: 10/12/17
Qualifications required: GCSE A* to D grades
Vacancy in: Bearwood

Warehousing &Storage **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £140
Vacancy Ref: 1320755
Closing Date: 8/01/18
Qualifications required: No previous qualifications required
Vacancy in: East Birmingham

Graphic Design **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £115
Vacancy Ref: 1328659
Closing Date: 10/12/17
Qualifications required: GCSE Maths A-C, English A-C NVQ level 2 in child care
Vacancy in: Witton

Painting and Decorating **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £122
Vacancy Ref: 1330582
Closing Date: 30/11/17
Qualifications required:No qualifications required/however support given if required
Vacancy in: West Bromwich

Bar and Waiting Apprenticeship **Intermediate**

Weekly Wage: £121.50
Vacancy Ref: 1222755
Closing Date: 08/12/17
Qualifications required: no qualifications required.
Vacancy in: Sutton Coldfield

MAKING MEMORIES S

Stockfield Community Association has s

Alongside our partners we will be delivering over the next 6
 The Project will bring together two different groups in the community who may not ordina
 Stockfield Community Association and Birmingham

FREE OF

events for residents over 55 and welcome feedback as to whe

Events planned for January to June 2018: **Heritage of Play**

Your timetable of activities is below there is
 If you have any questions please do contact Daph

Heritage of Play

– Reminisce about childhood experiences. Share stories of play and growing up where you lived as a child.

Sessions to be held at
Carrs Lane Gardens
 Teall Close,
 Station Road
 B27 6DH



Extend Exercise Class

– light chair exercise

Sessions to be held at;
 Acocks Green Baptist Church
 Arthur More Hall
 Alexander Road
 B27 6HE



Timetable of

January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
Heritage of play session Venue: Carrs Lane Gardens 17th January -11am-1pm	Tea dance Venue: Acocks Green Baptist Church, Arthur Moore Hall 7th February start 12.30pm	Heritage of play session Venue: Carrs Lane Gardens 28th March 11am – 1pm
	Heritage of play session Venue: Carrs Lane Gardens 21st February - 11am – 1pm	Extend – light chair exercise class Venue: Acocks Green Baptist 14th March start 10.30am

SHARING MEMORIES

successfully bid for Big Lottery funding.

6 months the Project Making Memories, Sharing Memories.

regularly choose to socialise in the same space, our younger and our more mature residents.

Ham PlayCare Network (BPCN) will be providing

CHARGE

whether you would like more activities provided for the over 55's.

Workshops, Extend Exercise Classes and Tea Dances.

no need to book on just turn up on the day.

phone on 07847788647 or Emma on 0121 236 2917



Tea Dances

– Join us for tea, coffee, cake and music

A professional dance leader will take us through a fun and relaxed afternoon.

Sessions to be held at:
Acocks Green Baptist Church
Arthur Moore Hall
Alexander Road
B27 6HE



of Activities

April 2018	May 2018	June 2018
Tea dance Venue: Acocks Green Baptist 10th April – 12.30pm start	Heritage of play session Venue: Carrs Lane Gardens Church, Arthur Moore Hall 23th May - 11am - 1pm	Trip to Blakesley Hall Date to be Agreed
Extend – light chair exercise class Venue: Acocks Green Baptist 3rd April start 10.30am	Extend class 4 Extend class – light chair exercise class Venue: Acocks Green Baptist 8th May start 10.30am	Tea dance Venue: Acocks Green Baptist Arthur Moore Hall 12th June – 12.30pm start
Extend – light chair exercise class Venue: Acocks Green Baptist 17th April start 10.30am	Extend – light chair exercise class Venue: Acocks Green Baptist 29th May start 10.30am	
Heritage of play session Venue: Carrs Lane Gardens 25th April – 11am – 1pm		

Gold, Gold and Gold again!!!

Fran Lee – Co-ordinator – Acocks Green Village in Bloom



The Acocks Green Village in Bloom team has secured the Gold Award in each of the past three years in the Urban category of Britain in Bloom. What is more, Acocks Green was the only urban area from Birmingham to enter the campaign in 2017.



To add to this, we have gained the 'Community Achievement' award, which comes with a beautiful glass trophy that is currently featuring in a window display in Jeffries Hardware.

These are the comments from the judges:

'The community-led Bloom initiative in Acocks Green village goes from strength to strength

This year the judges saw and heard about more horticultural projects, schools' engagement, the new Heritage Trail, new village sculpture, bigger and better events (including the launch event for 2017) and a new 2017 calendar.

Newcomers and first-time entries are highly recommended to spend a day with Fran Lee and the

team to gain first-hand knowledge of how to bring together community resources. Well done everyone.'

Some of this success can be attributed to the interchange the team has had with Stockfield.

We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the fabulous 'Fun Day', where we have introduced children to the joys of sowing seeds, taking the pots home and nurturing the plants. In some instances, children have returned the following year and told us of their successes.

We also enjoy planting the hanging baskets for the raffle and asking the shopkeepers in Acocks Green to donate seeds for different projects.

Fran has been very pleased to be asked to judge the Garden Competition.

This year the Bloom team has worked particularly hard, especially at the entrance from Solihull into Birmingham. What was once a neglected 'no-man's land' has, with the help and co-operation of the local council, been transformed into a beautiful, wild flower-adorned area.

Other comments from the judges include a mention that the vibrant barrier planters, complemented by the community cottage garden-style planting, 'make Acocks Green unique'.

That's what we set out to do – to make Acocks Green UNIQUE – and the judges certainly agreed with us!





Open Tuesday and Friday
10am to 12pm

WHO CAN WE HELP? Anyone in crisis who lives in Acocks Green or the surrounding area can be helped. Sometimes it's just an unexpected bill. Sometimes it's illness or benefit sanctions – whatever the issue we want to help people by providing a warm welcome and a listening ear as well as helping people to feed themselves for a few days. We want to try to help to move people on from crisis into a more positive future.

WHERE? Acocks Green Christian Centre, Rear of 100 Westley Road, Acocks Green, B27 7UL.

Tel: 0121 707 2853

Interested in History?

Acocks Green History Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Acocks Green Library at 2pm for a 2.15pm start. They offer interesting speakers and always welcome new faces.

They ask for £3 donation to cover costs.

Tuesday 12th December: Chris Smith: Would you believe it? Chris Smith tells a number of stories. Which ones are true? An entertaining pre-Christmas treat for Acocks Green History Society

Tuesday 9th January: Canon Dr Terry Slater:
The Cathedral Church of St Philip.

Tuesday 13th February: Dr David Cox:

The Policing of the Home Front in World War One. For more info: aghistsoc@hotmail.com

Also Arts and Media at the Green present interesting speakers at AG library, the next speaker is:

Tuesday 28th November 2.15pm Lee Benson on Being a Gallery Owner.

Lee Benson ran the popular Gallery Number Nine at Brindley Place and shares some insights into the Art World. Everyone is most welcome. There is a collection at the end of the talk.



Acocks Green Library Photo: Fran Lee

Acocks Green Calendar 2018 – now available

As this newsletter goes to press the final tweaks are being made to the calendar of contemporary photos of the area. All profits go to Village in Bloom. This year there were also contributions from a variety of local photographers following a request for submissions.

The calendar is available in
Jeffries Hardware and S & H Jewellers

A great gift to share with friends and family

For more info check out:

www.acocks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org/villageinbloom/

Date for your new calendar

Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum Public Meeting Tuesday 30th January 2018, 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Yardley Road. Find out what is happening in the area. Local representatives will be there with updates and a guest speaker.

Refreshments available. *Everyone welcome.*



Acocks Green Calendar entry
One man and his dog
Photo: **Mick Lawley**

New to Fox Hollies Community Association
Fox Hollies Forum, Greenwood Avenue, Acocks Green. B27 7RA
CIO Registered Charity No: 1174330

Active & Social Community Cafe



Active & Social Community Café is a safe and welcoming new group for any or all of the wider community to enjoy. Starting on Thursday 12th October, join us every Thursday, 12pm – 14:30pm, for fun and fitness over a game of Indoor Bowls, Table Tennis, Snooker, Dominoes, Cards or Bingo. If this isn't for you why not pop in and have a spot of lunch prepared fresh, read a paper and socialise.

Interested? Feel free to speak to a member of staff or call us on 0121 706 0652

Prices

Session: £2.00

(Includes a hot drink)

Lunches: Individually Priced

Additional Refreshments: Individually Priced

Thank You for helping!

TUESDAY

Yarn & Yarn: 12pm – 2:30pm

Get together with likeminded people who enjoy being creative. Bring your own knitting or craft along with your lunch. Learn new crafts, techniques and share yours

MONDAY

Tea Dance: 1:30pm – 3pm

On Mondays our Tea Dance group meet to Cha Cha, Tango and much more. Then socialise over a cuppa and a game of Bingo and Hoy

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Active & Social Community Café 12:15 – 2:30pm

Fun and fitness over a game of Indoor Bowls, Table Tennis, Snooker, Dominoes, Cards or Bingo. If this isn't for you why not pop in and have a spot of lunch prepared fresh, read a paper and socialise. All activities are optional.

Line Dancing: 10:30am – 12pm

Join our group for fun and fitness at all levels of experience.

Lunch & Social Club: 1pm – 2:45pm

A group of friendly over 60s who meet for a lite lunch, socialising, games, daytrips and holidays.

FRIDAY

Luncheon Club: 10:30am – 2:30pm

Our Friday Luncheon Club is packed with entertainment, games, quizzes, activities, prizes, a fresh two course meal and more all for just £6. Ring and Ride can be arranged.

Contact Us...

Tel: 0121 706 0652

Email: foxholliescommassoc@gmail.com

Stockfield Community Association tenants have a new repairs contractor Family Housing who will attend to their urgent, routine and out of hours repairs. Their contact number is 0121 766 1115. This is a direct line to their contact centre and should also be used for out of hours calls.

Emergencies are attended to within 24 hours

Urgent Jobs are attended to within 7 days

Routine jobs are attended to within 31 days

When you call please give all relevant information so that the contact centre can pass the repair request to Family Housing with the minimum of delay.

The Stockfield dedicated Officers are
Sgt Trevor Orton, Sgt Anna Wilson and PCSO Large

To make direct contact with us call

0845 113 5000

and dial extension number 7824 6928.

Alternatively email us at:

e3 nhp acocksgreen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk
the neighbourhood team website is:

<http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/belgraveroad/n17.asp>

Contact your local resident Director:

Amanda Millward - 0796 978 1999

Office Number: 0121 707 9899

(24 hours answerphone)



Dog Warden Tel: 0121 303 9900
to report any problems
with dogs and fouling.

Useful Telephone Numbers

- **STOCKFIELD CA TENANTS** - your Housing Officer is **Anil Gill** of Bromford Housing.
NEW NUMBER FOR THIS TEAM: 07793 902971 or email: anil.gill@bromford.co.uk
- **BROMFORD TENANTS** - your Housing Manager is **Anil Gill: 0330 1234 034 E: anil.gill@bromford.co.uk**
- **DEBT & BENEFITS ADVICE** - For **Debt Advice**, please call the helpline on **303 2087**.
For **Benefits Advice**, contact the Neighbourhood Office on **303 0596**.
- **STOCKFIELD CA TENANTS - REPAIRS** - Family Housing is the repair contractor - **0121 766 1115**.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL WARDENS: 0121 303 9800**
- **BULK RUBBISH COLLECTION: 0121 303 1112**
- **ACOCKS GREEN POLICE STATION: 0845 113 5000 x 7824 6587 (999 in emergency).**