

Our Neighbourhood Police

Come and meet Sgt. Mirams and his team at the next Police Tasking Meeting, to keep updated on what is happening within your area and raise any concerns you may have. Dates for the sessions are as follows:

Mon 29th March
Mon 26th April
Mon 31st May
Mon 28th June
Mon 26th July

Each session starts at 7pm at AG Police Station, just go to the front door. There will also be an opportunity to speak privately to any of the team.

To get in touch with Sgt Mirams and his team phone 0845 113 5000 ext 78246587 Also the local police are now on FACEBOOK – if you are a FACEBOOK user then type in ‘Acocks Green Local Police’ to find them!

Acocks Green Carnival – Saturday 3rd July at Westley Road Recreation Ground

Entrants from organisations are now requested for the Acocks Green Carnival Parade – the theme this year is ‘**Science Fact & Fiction**’. You can take part on a float or as a walking procession. So all you Cybermen or Lara Crofts out there why not take part in this fun community event. First Prize £35. There is a lot more to get involved with including a Fun Dog Show, 5-a-side Football Tournament and Youth Stage.

For further information contact the Carnival Committee, c/o Fox Hollies Forum, Greenwood Ave, B27 7RA. Tel: 706 0652

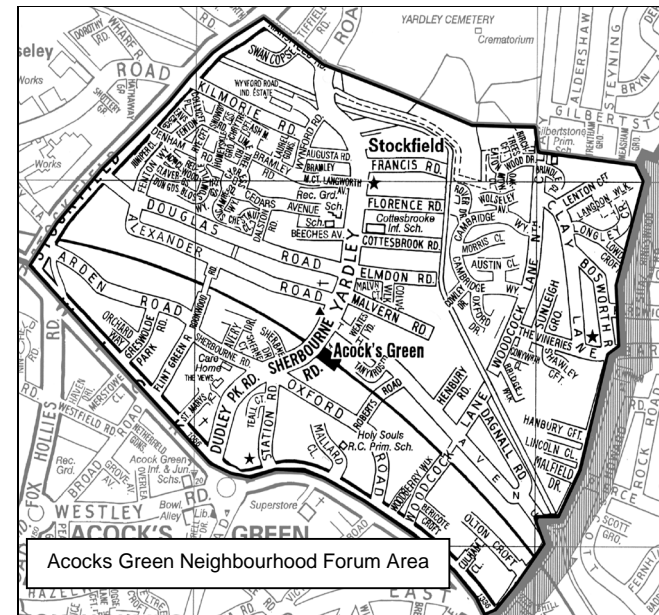


Don't forget our Public Meeting - **Thurs 25th March, 7.30pm**, Yardley Rd Community hall. Everyone welcome, refreshments served.

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Acocks Green Neighbourhood FORUM NEWS

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Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum is a community organisation run by local residents. Its aim is to enhance the area that we live in. The Forum is always looking for local people to take an interest in the area and perhaps get more involved by joining the Forum Executive.

Everyone in the area is welcome to our next Public Meeting :

Thursday 25th March at the Community Hall, Yardley Road (corner of Alexander Rd), with Guest Speakers: **Melinda Brown, AG Town Centre Manager** – with updates of developments in the village, and **Jan Quigley, Emergency Planning Officer** who will be talking about how communities can be prepared for emergency situations.

Come along and find out more about your area or raise your concerns for discussion.

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Village News

Shopping Local Just Got Better!

Facebook users can have special offers from their local traders and news about events posted straight to their homepage. To get the latest news and offers delivered directly to you, simply become a fan of 'Acocks Green Village'. In its first two weeks over 800 people became fans, receiving offers from Pizza di Piazza, Combat Sports, The Wright Way and Shahs Indian Restaurant, to name just a few, as well as events taking place at Acocks Green Library.

A Warm Welcome to Village Shoppers & Better Access All Round

New signs to welcome people to our Village are currently being installed. The signs, which will be placed at four 'gateways' to the Village, have been a popular request from local people and traders to give our local shopping centre a stronger sense of identity and to promote our welcoming spirit.



Visitors to the Village cannot have failed to notice a lot of road works going on recently. Two projects, again requested by local people and traders, are taking place. The Warwick Road bus lane has been removed and replaced with two lanes for all road users and a pull in space for buses. Local people and traders voted almost unanimously for this work to take place during the consultation last year. Further into the Village, the bus stop outside Greggs on the single carriageway is being moved to the dual carriageway outside Wetherspoons. This will make it much easier for pedestrians in this busy stretch of the Village and enable other road users to pass stationary buses.

Hunt For Village Hero Starts Again

Following on from Jeffries Hardware winning the first ever 'Village Hero' award, our Village Partnership wants to know who you think should be crowned our next Village Hero. The competition is now open for you to nominate anyone you think makes a valued contribution to life in the Village, be it a trader, organisation, service or individual. Collect a nomination form from the Library or download one from our website (see bottom of this page). The closing date is 7th April 2010

Thanks to Melinda Brown, Town Centre Manager for the 'Village News'. Come along to the Public Meeting to meet Melinda and find out more village updates.

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New Bus Services in Acocks Green

From January changes to bus services in the area have resulted in the withdrawal of the 41 and changes to the existing 31 bus service. Also we have three new bus services travelling through Acocks Green :

42 – AG to Solihull via Yardley

3A – AG to City Centre, via Yardley Wood

40 - AG to Baldwins Lane, Hall Green



The **37 bus** to the City Centre is now offering a special '£2.50 return' price or £8.50 for the week. Buy these special offer tickets from the driver. The new timetables are available at the library and we will have a small supply at our Public Meeting.

History of the Canals - new display unveiled

British Waterways and Birmingham City Council have been working together for over a year to improve and promote the canal area of Acocks Green. Thanks to campaigning by the Neighbourhood Forum, funding generated by development of new housing on Woodcock Lane North has been spent on improvement work to the Vineries Bridge, replacing capping stones and posts, resurfacing of the towpath and improvements to the access to Wood Meadow from the canal. The team was also keen to highlight the history of the canals and the importance of their role in Birmingham's industrial heritage.

Acocks Green Library is well known for its collection of resources on railways and so was happy to host a display about the historical role of canals in Acocks Green, continuing the transport theme. By the time this newsletter goes to print the new display should be in place at Acocks Green library. The Neighbourhood Forum has played a role in shaping this project, the Council and British Waterways were always keen to hear the views of locals and tap into their knowledge of the area. Why not visit the library soon to check out the new display.

More History at AG Library

Also if you are interested in local history why not go along to one of the monthly talks organised by **Acocks Green History Society**, the next talk is entitled:

Dolphin Lane School at War by Harry Murch on Thursday 1st April 7.30pm

There will be another historically themed talk in April at the library :

Campaigning to Preserve the Victorian and Edwardian Heritage of Birmingham by Tim Bridges on Wed 14th April at 2pm