

## Silver Surfers - an over 55s Computer Club

Do you have access to a computer but need more confidence to use it? Would you like to learn in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere? Then here is a great opportunity for you:



- Term starts:** 11 January to 29<sup>th</sup> March (11 weeks)  
(half term 15<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Day & time:** Monday 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- Cost:** £33 total (£3 per session)
- Venue:** Cottesbrooke Junior School

This course is run by **ReCom**, a local charity whose aim is to make computers more accessible to everyone. For more information and to register on course contact them on 765 5282 .

## 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:

Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> April

**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

## Stockfield Gulleyway

At the last police meeting one of the subjects discussed was the possible permanent closure of the alleyway from Stockfield to **Yardley Road** because of recurring anti social behaviour that has blighted the lives of those people in **Langworth Drive**. Do you use this walkway? Would you miss it if it was closed? What would happen to the land if it became inaccessible?

There are lots of questions and discussions around this subject. We would like to hear your views. The police are happy to have the access closed but agree that a survey should be carried out of people who would be affected by its closure before any action is taken. If you have strong views on this pedestrian route please let us know at the meeting or at the Police Tasking Meeting (dates above).

You can also add your views at our website where the subject has been discussed.

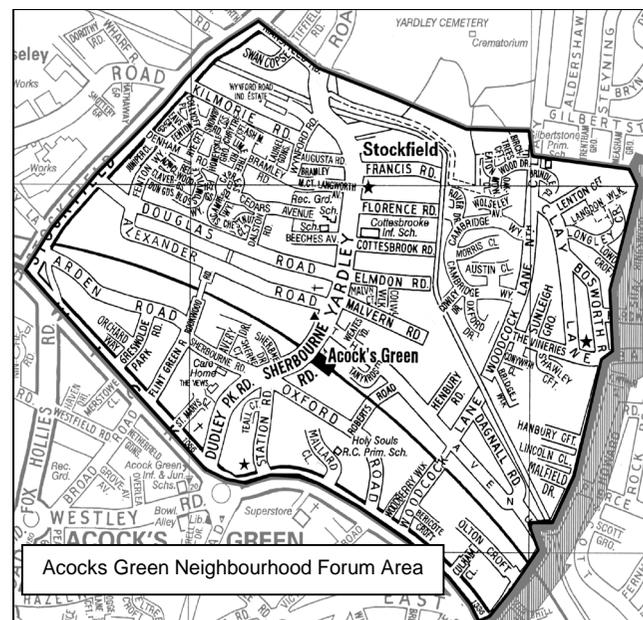
[www.acks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org](http://www.acks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org)

Don't forget our Public Meeting – **Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 7.30pm**, Yardley Rd Community hall, Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

# Acocks Green Neighbourhood

# FORUM NEWS

December 09



**Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum** is a community organisation run by local residents who aim to enhance the area that we live in. The group represents the area at council meetings and events to express the views and concerns of the local people. The forum also works with, and supports, other local organisations and groups. We are always looking for more help and involvement from local residents.

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

**Thurs, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30pm at the Community Hall, Yardley Rd** (corner of Alexander Rd).

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

Refreshments and mince pies will be served.

## Greening the Green - Dig In

Melinda Brown, the Town Centre Manager, and the 'Greening the Green' team are looking for volunteers just once a month to do a bit of gardening around the village to make it look a little more attractive. You really don't need any gardening experience (most of us started with none!) and we only work for an hour or so. Please come along and join us. Meet outside Acocks Green Library at the following times:



**10am Sunday 13th Dec**  
**10am Sunday 10th Jan**  
**10am Sunday 7th Feb**  
**10am Sunday 8th Mar**  
**10am Sunday 11th April**



**Waterers required!** Do you live near the Warwick Road and would be willing to water the planters in dry weather? The large square planters on the central reservation near Gossips café completely dried up and died during the dry and warm September and October. If they had been watered a couple of times a week they would have flourished for much longer. If you can help please contact Melinda Brown.

## Think Local First

Melinda, our Town Centre Manager, urges us to support our village for Christmas shopping this year. With so many fantastic gift ideas available from independent traders as well as our High Street favourites, it's not just possible to do all your Christmas shopping in the Village, it's also a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Melinda Brown, Town Centre Manager, Acocks Green Village & Yardley Road  
Tel. 0121 4640106 Mob. 07823 534935 (or contact her via AG library).

## Christmas Lights Switch On – 1<sup>st</sup> December – 6pm

You may have noticed the many Christmas lights already in place for the big switch on. Come along to the community get together on **Tuesday 1st December**. Meet outside the library and enjoy the launch of Christmas time in the village with carol singing from local school choirs, musicians and refreshments.

Seasonal celebrations continue with: -

## Community Unity Event – celebrating together.

A Community Unity party is to be held on **Saturday 12th December** at Archbishop Ilsley School from 1-3pm. It will celebrate the festive season of Christmas and Eid. There will be delicious traditional food, music and games for all the family. Tickets are available from our local councillor - Penny Wagg (penny.wagg@birmingham.gov.uk) or phone Penny on 0121 777 1476



## Be Active Scheme

Every Birmingham resident can now use city council gyms and swimming pools free of charge! The aim of the Be Active Scheme is to encourage Birmingham residents to become more active, lose weight and just get fitter. In conjunction with the NHS this project will run until 2011.



It is open to all residents aged from 17 to 59 and the scheme offers off-peak access to all city council pools and leisure centres. So why not take advantage of this opportunity to get fitter? Fox Hollies Leisure Centre is just up the road and has great sports and swimming facilities as well as lots of organised classes to suit all levels of fitness. Phone them on 464 4112 or visit their website: <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/fox-hollies>. To take advantage of the free access take along two forms of ID which prove your name and address.



## Cottesbrooke Wednesday Walking Group



Every Wednesday during term time parents/grandparents and local people meet at **Cedars Avenue at 9am** for an hour or so walk, chat and explore of the local area. It's a chance to get some fresh air and exercise in an easy and sociable way. New walkers are always welcome. Walks regularly take in the Millennium Green, Oak Meadow, the canal and the peaceful and expansive cemetery.

Just turn up on the day or, for more information, phone Ged at Cottesbrooke Junior School on 464 3178

## Calling Local Photographers

Do you have some interesting digital photographs of our area? We are looking for more pictures to put in a gallery on our website. Please submit them by email on the 'Contact Us' page. We will put the best ones on the website giving you a name credit.



Also check out our website for up-to-date information on what's going on in the area, contact us with your views and ideas. There are also historical and contemporary photos and links to other local groups and useful information:

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