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- You can Text 'ALERT' followed by a space and your postcode (or the postcode of the area that you want to receive the alerts for) to 83118
- You can complete a form (available at our Public Meeting)
- Or register on the website: [www.birminghamprepared.gov.uk](http://www.birminghamprepared.gov.uk)

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## AG Neighbourhood Forum Email Subscription:

If you have access to the internet you can now subscribe to our website to be kept informed of all our updates. You can also use our website to share your views and ideas and keep informed of local news and events.

This newsletter, and many of our previous newsletters, are also available to view on our site. Check out all this and more at:

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

## Acoks Green Carnival

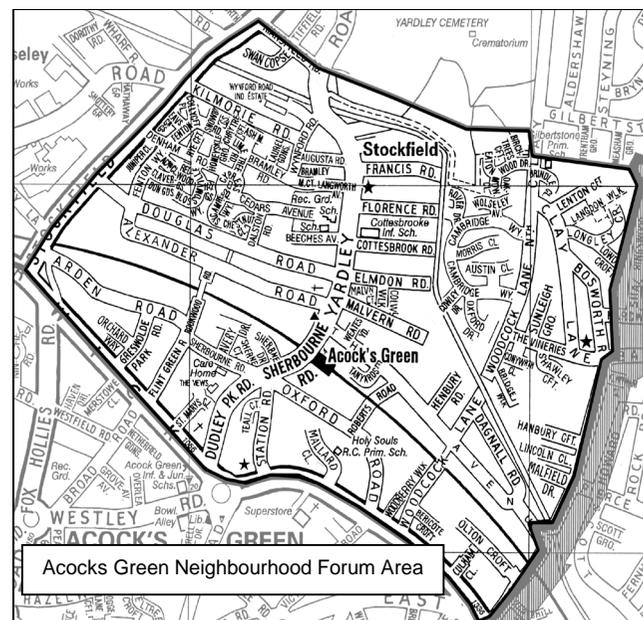
There is fun for all the family next month at the lively and well-established community event - **Acoks Green Carnival** at Westley Road Recreation Ground on **Saturday 3rd July**. The carnival also includes a parade of bands, floats and walking groups that goes through the village starting at 1pm from Victoria Rd. Over 50 stalls, rides, demonstrations and much more are here to enjoy. Also the Neighbourhood Forum will have a stall so come along and say hello.

## And Don't Forget...

Our next Public Meeting on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**. Come along with your friends and neighbours to have an insight into the history of Acoks Green as well as current goings on in our neighbourhood.

# Acoks Green Neighbourhood FORUM NEWS

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**Acoks 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. Everyone in the area is welcome to come along to our next Public Meeting (& AGM) on:

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Community Hall, Yardley Road** (corner of Alexander Rd), with Guest Speaker Librarian and Local Historian **Mike Byrne** who will give a short presentation on the history of Acoks Green and the importance of transport in the development of our village.

Our local Police Sergeant, **Sgt Mirams** will also update the meeting on changes to policing in the area. Please come along and find out more about what is happening around & about or to raise any concerns for discussion.

## Greening the Green

On Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> *Greening the Green* volunteers along with Town Centre Manager **Melinda Brown** spent a couple of hours planting, weeding and pruning the planters and green spaces around the village. Thanks to all those who helped. If you would like to help next time look for the dates at AG library or contact Melinda Brown directly via the library. If you are a nearby shop or resident you can really benefit the planting by watering them and keeping the beds tidy. Melinda has also secured more funding to have the summer railing planters back in the village. These will appear shortly and add more colour and attractiveness to The Green.

## Stockfield Alleyway Makeover

Those of you who use the alleyway that runs between Stockfield and Yardley Road will have hopefully noticed some improvements. The Neighbourhood Forum arranged for the Community PayBack team (aka the Probation Service) to tidy up the walkway by clearing away weeds and removing graffiti. They also laid down woodchip to try and control the weeds. The Forum also funded the planting of several evergreen shrubs along the alleyway (some of which have survived!)

This is an ongoing project, weeding/planting and tidying are a constant requirement. Perhaps you live nearby and can do your bit to improve this much-used walkway. If you have any spare shrubs in your garden that could be planted here, please contact the Forum or the Stockfield Association. The city council have given the go ahead for the project and the Community Payback team have promised to come back in future to help with the site.

## Young Families



South Yardley Children's Centre has recently launched some local activities using at the Baptist Church Hall on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons. This continues their outreach work in our area, including morning activities at Cottesbrooke Infants and a Young Parents Course run at South Yardley Library.

For more information on what courses and support they can offer to young families **phone 0121 772 0110** or check out their website: **[www.southyardley.childrencentre.org](http://www.southyardley.childrencentre.org)**

## Stockfield Fun Day

The hyperlocal **Stockfield Funday** takes place at Stockfield park on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**, with stalls, rides and information, why not pop along to this free community event.

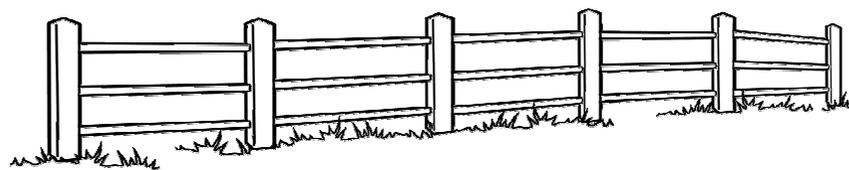
## New Baptist Minister

Acocks Green Baptist Church have appointed Kevin De Vera as their new Minister. Kevin was inducted at a Service of Celebration on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Kevin is originally from Hawaii and came to England as part of an outreach ministry, having spent 14 years in Russia and the Ukraine and is fluent in the Russian language. Kevin is looking forward to being part of the local community and being involved with the work and life of the village. We offer Kevin a warm welcome.



## Westley Vale Improvements

Have you been to the Millennium Green recently? If so you may have noticed the new metal benches and sturdy wooden fences along the top path. There are also new handrails on most of the steps making the enjoyment of our lovely green space a little safer for everyone to enjoy. The trustees of the site are also grateful to local business, Indestructible Paint Ltd., who donated the hard-wearing paint for the main gates to the Millennium Green.



## Welcome to Acocks Green

There are now new signs around the village to welcome visitors and give our area a greater sense of identity. The village signs appear on Westley Road, Shirley Road and Warwick Road. Even visitors arriving by boat on the canal now have a new sign to welcome them. British Waterways working with the City Council and Neighbourhood Forum have designed a 'You Are Here' map for boaters as they pass under Lincoln Road and enter Birmingham on the Grand Union Canal. The map welcomes them to Acocks Green and points out some of the local facilities.