

Cottesbrooke Walking Group meets every Wednesday at 9am on Cedars Avenue by Stockfield Park (as long as it's dry), for a leisurely walk around the local green spaces. New walkers are always welcome. You can now find us on Facebook just search for the name. Why not 'like' our page and come along next time.

Stockfield Funday - Saturday 13th July

Held in Stockfield Park 11am til 3pm, this is an annual, free family event for local residents. There will be inflatables, sports, dance shows, craft activities, stalls and information. There will also be a raffle with some great prizes.

Swansong Concert - K'antu Ensemble, Wed 24th July 7.30pm

Because of the ever-impending roof works at AG library over the last year these long-established and popular musical evenings have been taking place in the impressive surroundings of St Mary's Church. The next event in the series is a group called K'antu Ensemble who will perform **'Songs and Dances of Renaissance Europe'**. Swansong concerts are always enchanting musical evenings for everyone to enjoy. Donations are appreciated at the end of the night.



Acocks Green has a SLINC ? !

The Grand Union Canal passageway through Acocks Green has been designated a 'Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation' [SLINC] for over ten years. This now includes the adjacent **Oak Meadow** that was recently replanted with oak trees. The canal and its peaceful margins make it a haven for wildlife and plants.

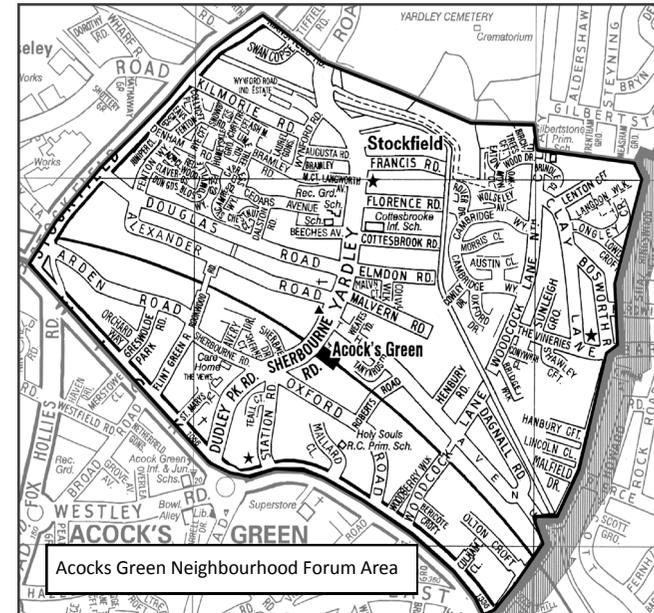
Also Amey (the contractors who look after the highway trees for Birmingham City Council) recently surveyed the trees in the Yardley District. **2,598 trees were counted in Acocks Green Ward** - the highest number out of the 4 wards of Yardley.



Now we know what why it's called Acocks GREEN!

Acocks Green Neighbourhood FORUM NEWS

June 2013



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 holds regular meetings to share and inform the local community. Everyone in the area is welcome to come along to our next ...

Public Meeting & AGM : Tuesday 11th June, 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Community Hall, Yardley Road (corner of Alexander Rd).

The meeting has an informal layout to give more opportunity for discussion. There will be several organisations on hand that are relevant to issues in our area (see next page). Residents will have the chance to talk to the organisations and chat with other local people whilst having a cuppa. Come along to find out more about your neighbourhood and meet some of your neighbours.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 11th June will include:

- * Guest Speaker - **City Coroner** Aidan Cotter
- * Police from the Acocks Green Dedicated Neighbourhood Team, Acocks Green Police Station.
- * Manager from Waste Management
- * Fran Lee will give a photographic presentation on Acocks Green's entry into **Village in Bloom 2013**
- * Sandra White from The Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust who will outline the opportunities provided by membership of the trust.

Acocks Green Library & Neighbourhood Office Temporary Closure - as we go to press the repairs to the roof of Acocks Green Library have yet again been delayed. Hopefully there will be an announcement soon and it is still planned that South Yardley Library will extend their opening hours to compensate for the temporary closure.



Market Day - Saturday 15th June

A Street Market will take place in Acocks Green Village on Saturday 15th June, with some extra delights and bargains to entice you to the shops. If you would be interested in a stall contact: daniel@acocksgreenbid.com

Acocks Green Carnival - Saturday 6th July - Play a Part!

The annual community get together takes place on the Recreation Ground, Westley Road on the first Saturday of July. After the disastrously wet weather conditions last year, which for the first time resulted this popular event being cancelled, organisers are looking to make up for last year's disappointment.

Would you like to take part in this year's carnival? Maybe your group would like to enter a float or a walking procession? This year's theme is **Pantomime Characters!** If you or your group would like to get involved phone: Dave Swingle at Fox Hollies Forum on 0121 706 0652



Have you wandered down Mallard Close recently? A piece of derelict ground that has been left unloved for nearly half a century has been transformed by the Village in Bloom volunteers who have worked tirelessly all through the winter months to transform an unsightly piece of waste ground into the new **Mallard Community Orchard**.

A variety of fruit-bearing trees and bushes have been planted and in June local artists will be working on a mural to enhance the site. The orchard is one of the highlights of the many efforts by volunteers to improve the planting and tidiness of the village. Hanging baskets and troughs will soon be in place and work continues to improve the green spaces of the village. Flowers have also been planted and other seeds sown on ground in the corner of Woodcock Lane.

This is an on-going campaign. The Village in Bloom team would like residents, businesses and shoppers to all play their part by keeping the village tidy and to treat our local environment with respect. **Acocks Green Business Improvement District (BID)** is a key supporter of the work of the Bloom team and this month they are hiring a street cleaner to go the extra mile to keep the village looking tidy and instil a sense of pride from everyone who has a connection with the village. There is also a programme of bollard and lamppost repainting and street furniture improvements happening through the summer too. To find out more contact the Neighbourhood Forum or Village In Bloom Co-ordinator Fran Lee on 0121 706 0076.



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