

Team AG

When celebrating the recent successes of the amazing sportsmen and women of Team GB at the Rio Olympics we should acknowledge the time and efforts of our own 'Team AG'. These people have devoted countless hours of effort and dedication towards caring for and improving the environment, in order to make visiting and living in Acocks Green a more positive experience.

The team is comprised of many different groups and individuals, from all parts of Acocks Green, each of whom have a special interest in supporting the local area. These interests arise from feelings of belonging to, or having an association with Acocks Green, and we should invoke the spirit of Team GB and their experiences in their many sporting disciplines in GB Village in our own little part of GB. We should celebrate who we are: residents, ex-residents, businesses, community groups, societies, churches, faith centres, voluntary organisations, public services, the 'Village in Bloom' team, our young folk, elected representatives, the BID group (who were recently re-elected for a further five years) and all those others who hold special and fond memories of Acocks Green.

We can all feel part of Team AG by taking opportunities to express our connection and sense of belonging to the community, from whatever level of involvement we may have. We are all part of the community that is Acocks Green, within which we are able to share and celebrate each of our experiences and values in a safe and pleasant environment.

- David Treadwell, Chair, Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum

What's On....What's On....What's On....What's On....What's On....What's On....

Tuesday 27th September 2pm Acocks Green Library *Arts and Media at the Green presents:* Diane Everton: My Life in Television. Diane has been a researcher, producer & director in the BBC and ITV, working in London, Manchester and Birmingham. She will explain the difference between the roles and programmes she has worked on.

Saturday 5th November St Mary's Church, Autumn Fayre

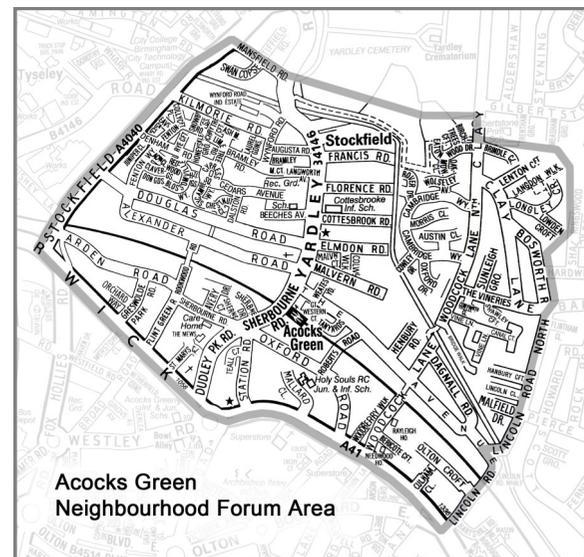
Tuesday 8th November : 2pm Acocks Green Library *Acocks Green History Society*, - Alan Thornton: A day in the life of a seaside hotelier. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 26th November -Acocks Green Village Christmas Lights Switch On

Tuesday 13th December- 2pm Acocks Green Library. *Acocks Green History Society*, - Chris Smith: Would you believe it?

Acocks Green Neighbourhood FORUM NEWS

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We are a long-established community group covering around 4,000 households within Acocks Green. We work with the council and other groups to improve the area and support other organisations for the good of Acocks Green.

We also aim to inform local people about what is happening in the area and encourage involvement in activities within our community. We hold

regular public meetings and warmly welcome local people to come along and find out more about local issues and what is going on in our neighbourhood.

The next **Public Meeting and AGM** is on **Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm** at the Glynn Edwards Baptist Church Hall, Yardley Road (corner of Alexander Road). Refreshments will be provided, together with an opportunity to raise concerns. Representatives from the police and other local organisations will be present. Mr John Crossling of Warwickshire & West Midlands Association of Local Councils (WALC) will make a presentation at on the subject of Parish Councils. (More inside on this).



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The Idea of a Parish Council for Acocks Green

Sutton Coldfield has recently set up its own parish council and an interest in the possible benefits of this is being discussed and explored amongst interested parties here. How would it work? Would it be better for AG? Would it be more accountable and less distant/remote than a central governance? What about the running costs and the election of a committee? There is a lot to consider and there would need to be a referendum to decide. Our guest speaker John Crossling (Warwickshire & West Midlands Association of Local Councils) will be on hand to answer the many questions from the public that such a debate is likely to raise from the public. More information at <http://www.walc.org.uk/>

The Acocks Green Heritage Trail - launched July 2016

After considerable research and tenacity and following support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, local historian Mike Byrne launched the Heritage Trail. With the assistance of community-minded John Morris this permanent and attractive addition to Acocks Green consists of eight mounted boards that inform visitors and locals alike about the history and development of Acocks Green and draws attention to little clues about the past. There is an accompanying leaflet which may be found in local shops and the library and can also be downloaded from: aghs.jimdo.com/heritage-trail. There are organised tours of the boards and many local people have already enjoyed sharing their memories, triggered by the new displays. If you would like to find out more about the guided tours or have some memories that you would like to share then email: aghistsoc@hotmail.com

Would you like to organise a Community Litter Pick on your road?

Birmingham City Council will support community litter picks by supplying equipment and organising rubbish to be taken away. So why not talk to your neighbours and work together to tidy your street? Email them at: wasteprevention@birmingham.gov.uk

'You either have to be part of the solution or you're going to be part of the problem' - Eldridge Cleaver (American political activist, 1935-1998)



Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum
For the Community by the Community



Autumn Bulb Planting Project 16 Oct & 20 Nov

Meet at the Orchard at 10am. Equipment provided, but if you have gloves and a trowel bring them along. This is something for everyone to get involved with. We want to make a real impact with hundreds of spring bulbs flowering in the many street containers on the Warwick Road. We want visitors and drivers to be wowed by the springtime colour and you can play a part in brightening up the village.

Sunday 16th October - narcissi planting
Sunday 20th November - tulip planting

Everyone is welcome, young and old to work together on brightening up our village.

As we go to press the Bloom Team are awaiting with bated breath to find out the results of this year's Judging of the village which took place in July. The results are to be announced on Thursday 15th September. Can the village achieve GOLD again this year? Fran Lee, Village in Bloom Co-ordinator will be at the meeting to update everyone on the result for Acocks Green Village In Bloom.



Gateway to Birmingham.

A Bloom project planned for this coming year is to improve the green triangle on Warwick Road from Olton. This is the entry into Acocks Green and Birmingham and so the team want to plant up and enhance this site to make it a great welcome to the village and the city. Planning applications have been submitted for new houses to be built on the large wasteland site that was formerly the home of factory units, next to the triangle. So improvements are afoot!

If you have any queries, advice or want to offer help then you can contact the co-ordinator **Fran Lee on 0121 706 0076 or email fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk**

Tai Chi at Westley Vale

If you haven't already heard - Acocks Green now has free outdoor Tai Chi classes every Thursday at 10am in Westley Vale Millennium Green which started in April. You can just turn up in comfortable clothes for an hour's gentle exercise, led by an inspiring teacher - Perry. People have been saying how much they've been enjoying it. Whatever your level of fitness (or unfitness), you can benefit from this ancient form of exercise in the lovely surroundings of our Millennium Green.

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