

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

Tea Dances, Gentle Exercises & Reminiscing on Childhood Experiences - on your doorstep & free!

Making Memories, Sharing Memories

Stockfield Community Association has received lottery funding to bring together different groups in the community, both young and more mature. Working with Birmingham PlayCare Network they will be providing many activities for the over 55s:



Wed 7th February 12.30pm, Arthur More Hall, Alexander Road - **Tea Dance**. Come along and enjoy a dance and refreshments, no partners required. Fun guaranteed.

Wed 21st Feb & 28th March 11am to 1pm Carrs Lane Gardens, Station Road - **Heritage of Play**. Reminisce about childhood experiences, share stories of play and growing up where you lived as a child.

Wed 14th March 10.30am - Extend Exercise Class. Light Chair Exercises. Arthur More Hall, Alexander Road.

These events will continue monthly up until June 2018 for more information phone Daphne 07847788647... or Emma 0121 236 2917 - No need to book. Just turn up!

Informative and interesting talks at AG Library - All Welcome (at 2.15pm) by *Local History Society & Arts and Media in the Green*. Donations requested.

Tues 23rd January - Shoot First, No Ordinary Life. Former cameraman John Williams with 30 year career at Pebble Mill shares his memories.

Tues 13th Feb - Neil Roberts: The End of the End of the Pier Show

Tues 13th March - Ian Bott: The Midlands Zeppelin outrage

Tues 27th March - Robert Wenley: The Barber Institute

Tuesday 10th April - Mary Bodfish: The Early Years of Soho.

Tuesday 8th May - Dr David Cox : The Policing of the Home Front in WWI

Oh Yes It Is! - Pantomime in Acocks Green

Stage 27 presents Little Red Riding Hood - Friday 26th - Sat 27th January Methodist Church Hall, Botteville Road. Join Stage 27 as we Journey to Pantovia to meet Rosie Rumble and her Motley crew of family and friends. Ruled over by the villainous Count de Cash. Pantovia is in trouble. Will the arrival of a handsome stranger change things? Will Rosie get a new cloak? and will her friend Gertrude ever find a boyfriend? Will the wolf make it to Granny's House?
Tickets £6/£19 Family

Yoga at Acocks Green Library

Get fitter and more flexible for 2018.
Yoga at the Library - Tuesdays 10-11am £4.50. Mats provided.

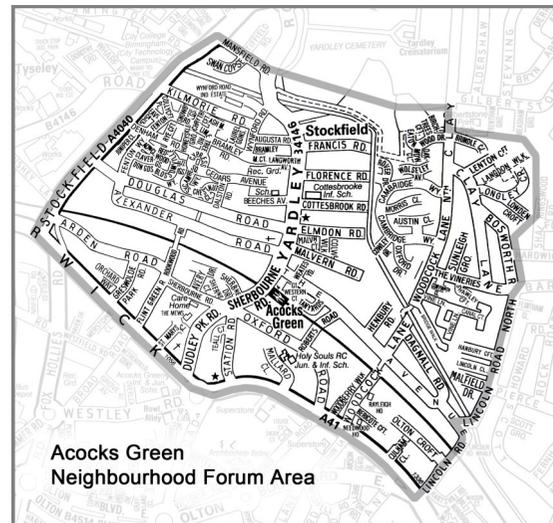
Call Anne on 07792 325682 for info.



Acocks Green Neighbourhood

FORUM NEWS

January 2018



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 relevant issues and what is going on in our neighbourhood.

The next **Public Meeting** is on **Tuesday 30th January 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 your concerns.

We will have a guest speaker and slide show from **Friends of Acocks Green Recreation Ground**. The Friends Group was set up over 12 months ago. They organise regular litter picks and have planted hedging and fruit trees. The park was opened 1902 and has recently been granted funding for more improvements. Come along and find out more.



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Morrisons to Replace Sainsburys Store

The current Sainsbury's store in Acocks Green leases the premises from Morrisons. Morrisons have now decided to take back the store into their own management and have chosen to operate it as a Morrisons supermarket and not renew the lease (which has already expired).

There will not be an immediate change and Sainsbury's will continue to trade until **early April**. The store will then undergo around 10 weeks of refurbishment works before reopening as a Morrisons store. Morrisons say that the majority of the current staff will transfer over to Morrisons under the process known as TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings, Protection of Employment). They say they are working closely with Sainsbury's HR department to ensure this happens as smoothly as possible.

Third Gold Award and Special Community Achievement Award

Congratulations to the Village in Bloom Team who have achieved Gold for the third year in a row and this year also received a Special Community Achievement Award for engaging with the local community with lots of activities and projects.



Their current project is enhancing the Triabout - the traffic island by Zorba's where Warwick Road, Gospel Lane and Olton Boulevard merge. This is our Gateway to Birmingham and the team are digging and planting a much larger bed for impact and colour all year round. It will include a brick built raised section too. If you want to come along and help don't be shy! **Fran Lee** (Bloom Co-ordinator), will be at the Public Meeting to give us an update on their admirable work.

The Anti-Litter Project 2018

No one likes litter, probably even the people who drop it don't like it but just don't seem to think about the consequences of their actions. It is a problem in our area and the Village in Bloom and Neighbourhood Forum continue their campaigning and efforts to reduce it.

With more demands on Birmingham City Council and less money to spend on street cleaning there are things we can all do. The Council can supply us with a special Council street-cleaning bags that will be collected by the crews if left in the correct places. We also have some



litter-pickers on long-term loan from the Council. We can be lend these to any residents who would like to use them to keep their patch litter free.

If you are interested in these supplies email us AGNForum@hotmail.co.uk or call Bloom Co-ordinator Fran Lee on 0121 706 0076 or fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk
For more local info: www.acocks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org

Top Tips on Reducing Litter

- * Residents and businesses keep forecourt, garden and verge litter-free. Take pride in your environment. Make sure you only put your bins/rubbish bags out on evening before collection day. Tidy up and make a good impression!
- * Encourage friends & family to put their litter in a bin or take it home - Never just drop it for someone else to deal with.
- * Join an organised litter pick (see below).
- * Join the Village in Bloom Team.
- * Politely challenge people who drop litter. Littering is not acceptable behaviour and a bin is never far away.



Great British Spring Clean 2nd - 4th March 2018

In 2017 the Village in Bloom team took part in the Great British Spring Clean campaign around Acocks Green. They worked with an enthusiastic class from Archbishop Ilsley. This year they are to taking part in the full three day event again.



Friday 2nd March the team will involve local schools in litter-picking in their local area.

Saturday 3rd March they will be working with the 260th Scouts to clear up a 'grot spot' on Spring Road and work with the Friends of Acocks Green Recreation Ground

Sunday 4th March The team will be litter-picking generally around the Acocks Green area and would like to invite the general public to join in.

Friends of Acocks Green Recreation Ground meet up for a litter-pick 10am, 1st Saturday of every month. All welcome, equipment provided.

Friends of Fox Hollies Park also have a monthly litter-pick usually on 2nd Saturday of month at 10am.(Gospel Lane opposite skatepark, equipment provided refreshments afterwards inc. cakes!). Next one - Sat 10th Feb.



'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)