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Making Memories, Sharing Memories - Stockfield Community Association

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:

Wednesday 23rd May 11am to 1pm Carrs Lane Gardens, Teall Close - Heritage Session

Reminisce about childhood experiences, share stories of growing up where you lived as a child.

Wednesday 30th May 10.30am Extend Class – Light Chair based exercise at Arthur Moore Hall, Alexander Road.

Tuesday 12th June Tea Dance 1pm Arthur Moore Hall, Alexander RD - Join friendly local people for tea, coffee cake & music, enjoying a fun and relaxed afternoon. For more info phone Daphne 07847788647... or Emma 0121 236 2917 - No need to book, Just turn up!

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

Tuesday 15th May 2pm. Acocks Green Library Local History Society presents Dr David Cox : **The Policing of the Home Front in WWI.** Donation at end.

Tuesday 24th July 2.15pm Arts and Media at the Green presents: John Page - Edwardian Gardens

Tuesday 11th September 2.15pm Local History Society presents: Professor David Williams: The Birmingham Gun Trade



Saturday 7th July Acocks Green Carnival, Acocks Green Recreation Ground. Parade, stalls, entertainment. Community Get Together of the Year.

Saturday 14th July—Stockfield Funday at Stockfield Park. 11-3pm Free Family Fun Day.

Saturday 23rd June 10.30 to 3.30pm.

Celebrating 90 Years of Acocks Green Bus Garage
Vintage bus rides and more!



Wed 23rd May 7.30pm

St Mary's Church *Swansong*

presents: **The Unita Quartet** - Haydn, Shostakovich and Dvorak. Donations at end. Everyone welcome.

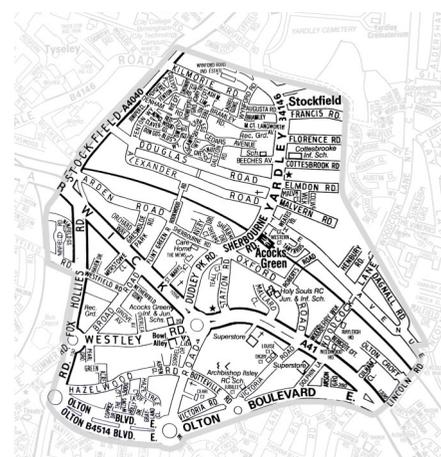


For more info check out our website : www.acocks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org

Acocks Green Neighbourhood

FORUM NEWS

May 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 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 in 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.

There have been some changes since our last meeting which is explained inside. The growing interest in community involvement around the South Yardley area, on the other side of the Grand Union Canal, has led to a new Forum is being set up to encompass this area. The Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum are therefore losing a little of our patch but gaining new residents from the other side of the Warwick Road. See the map above for our new boundary. So hello to any new readers of Forum News and new residents within our Forum Boundary. We look forward to working closely with our new friends at South Yardley Neighbourhood Forum.

Our next **Public Meeting** is on **Tuesday 15th May 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 are usually joined by our local councillors and have confirmed attendance from the local Neighbourhood Police Team and **Mike Chipman** Acting Service Manager for Birmingham City Council Waste Management. There will be a brief presentation by Kynton Swingle who had the task to survey young people about Youth Provision in the area and will share his findings.



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Introducing South Yardley Neighbourhood Forum

Over the past few months South Yardley residents have established a thriving online residents group and have forged strong links with the South Yardley Neighbourhood Policing Team. Building on the success of this community engagement, South Yardley are to form a new Neighbourhood Forum recognised and supported by Birmingham City Council. The forum, a community group run for and by local residents, will work to improve the South Yardley Ward area for the benefit of the community. The committee for the Forum will be elected at an inaugural public meeting to be held soon (date to be confirmed) and they will then begin to consult with the community to identify concerns and potential projects. The South Yardley Forum will partner with Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum to protect and improve our shared assets. One of their first projects will be to build on the work to protect and improve Oak Meadow the popular green space beside the Grand Union Canal.



Village in Bloom Launch Event - Saturday 12th May 11am - 3pm



Lots of Bargain Plants, Stalls, Local Bee Keeper Live Music and more!
At Mallard Community Orchard, Mallard Close. Acocks Green is entering the RHS Village in Bloom Project again this year, hoping to continue the success of three Gold Awards in the last 3 years. To officially kick off the campaign they will be running a Bloom themed event with live music, lots of stalls selling bargain plants, from shrubs to annual flowers and vegetable plants. There will also be a local bee-keeper showing families the fascinating world of bees with her glass fronted hive.

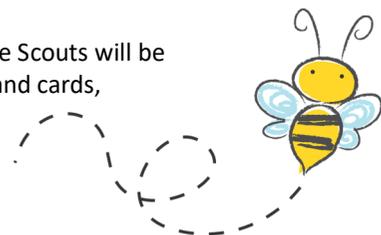
You can get lots of gardening advice from experts. The Scouts will be selling hot food, Stalls selling unique handmade gifts and cards, delicious homemade cakes and preserves. We will also be joined by Friends of the Earth with Gardening activities for children and adults, come along and support such a worthwhile cause.

For more info contact Co-ordinator Fran Lee on 0121 706 0076 or fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk
www.acocks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org/villageinbloom

Acocks Green Carnival - 7th July 2018

Acocks Green Carnival is a great day out and a fabulous way to raise funds and awareness for your group or organisation. The Carnival theme this year is **Cartoon Characters**.

Now in it's 45th year Acocks Green Carnival only happens because of the goodwill and dedication of local community groups. They are self-funded and have to raise money to cover their costs. They are always looking for enthusiastic members of the community to help organise and support the event. If you are interested in getting involved you can contact them on **0121 706 0652**. We hope you will be taking part this year and look forward to seeing you on 7th July!



Acocks Green Police Station 1909 to 2020 ? ? ? - A Brief History

You may agree, that this local building is imposing and even dignified. It will have served the citizens for nearly 110 Years by the time of its scheduled closure in 2020. This public building, also housing a magistrates court, was designed by A.B. Rowe, the Worcester County Council Surveyor, who was also designed Acocks Green Junior School.

The Police Station replaced an earlier building that housed both the Police and the Fire Service. This earlier building was located on the Warwick Road in the Village centre opposite Dudley Park Road and was demolished in the 1890s.

The current buildings were passed into the authority of Birmingham, when Yardley opted to become part of Greater Birmingham in 1911. Sadly we are told that these old buildings do not suite modern policing, which is regrettable as these were always seen as part of our local community and a link to our civic structures but lets hope there is a change of mind and this attractive building continues to serve the local community as a working Police Station.

May is National Walking Month - So Take to Your Feet

We are always being told to do more exercise and walking is an accessible and straightforward way for a lot of people to help improve their fitness levels. Here in Acocks Green we are lucky to have a variety of local shops to walk out to as well some peaceful green spaces to explore. Walking regularly in your neighbourhood means you get to see your neighbours and find out more about the local area, getting you more connected with your community. Walking to our local shopping centre with its mixture of independent and chain stores is much better than driving out of the area, adding to pollution and traffic! Local High Streets need people to support them and, as residents of Acocks Green, we all want a lively and interesting centre, offering variety and value. So think twice about driving out of AG to other shops and explore the local area on foot. Living Streets are a charity for Every Day Walking, you can find out about their National Walking Month Campaign and more at their website www.livingstreets.org.uk



Acocks Green BID Business Awards 2018 - Vote Now!



Once again you have the chance to vote for your favourite AG Business so they can be recognised for the great job they do. Vote in 8 categories including ★ Best Retail Outlet ★ Best Customer Service ★

★ Best Eating Experience ★ and ★ Business of the Year ★

Vote via social media on **Facebook: [acocks-green-bid](https://www.facebook.com/acocks-green-bid)** and **Twitter: [@acocksgreenbid](https://twitter.com/acocksgreenbid)**. Head to www.acocksgreenbid.com for more info.

'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)