



THERE'S MORE—COME AND JOIN OUR NEW WEEKLY CLUBS...

Age 8-12 sports club—Wednesdays 4-6pm @ Cottesbrooke Junior School (Starts 10th October)

Age 13-16 sports club—Wednesdays 6-8pm @ Cottesbrooke Junior School (Starts 10th October)

Anyone can join and it's completely free!

The **Saturday club** is continuing as normal: 10-12 at the park!

Call *Sport 4 Life UK* on **07964935399** or 0121 233 4793 to register or see the Pod noticeboard for more information.

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Tyseley and Greet Employment Resource Centre
 541a Warwick Road, Tyseley Birmingham B11 2JP
 (on the corner with Medina Road)
0121 764 4202
 www.jobs4brum.org.uk/tg
 e-mail: tg_erc02@hotmail.com



"Free friendly help and advice for anybody looking for employment and training"

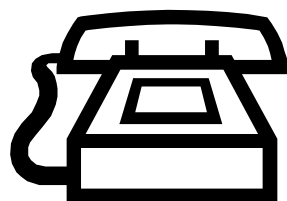
The main source of funding for Tyseley and Greet Employment Resource Centre has ended, which means some changes to how we work. The ERC will remain open and seeing people who need help getting into work or training, but **only by appointment**.

Unemployment may be decreasing, but work can still be hard to find. Our friendly ERC staff offer help with CV and letter writing, application forms, or job searches and interview techniques. You can discuss different careers to fit your strengths, or access the Internet and use our telephone and fax machine to find work or training for free.

These services are free to you as part of the Governments' Next Step adult advice service. For more information, or to book an appointment, call the Employment Advisor on **0121 764 4202**.

Useful Telephone Numbers & Session Times

- ENVIRONMENTAL WARDENS: **0121 303 9800**
- BMS REPAIRS: **01922 723213 (FOR STOCKFIELD RESIDENTS)**
- BMS EMERGENCY OUT OF HOURS: **0845 605 0608**
- BULK RUBBISH COLLECTION: **0121 303 1112**
- ACOCKS GREEN POLICE STATION: **0845 113 5000 x7824 6587 (999 IN EMERGENCY)**
- STOCKFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE : **0121 707 9899**



COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE AT 2A ALEXANDER RD—SESSION DETAILS

Andy Lane (Housing Officer) – **0121 303 3518**. Tuesdays (2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am to 12pm).
Lee Collier (Debt and Benefits advice) – **0121 464 3120**. Tuesday mornings (10am to 12pm), and **now extra sessions on Monday mornings (by appointment—please call for details)**

The next issue is planned for December 2007. For info, or to suggest articles, please contact Jon on **07866 702 363**

STOCKFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



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FANTASTIC FUNDAY



It may have been a grey summer overall, but the sun shone for the biggest and best Stockfield funday yet on 15th July. With an array of fun and games (giant inflatable table football proved particularly popular!), stalls, and competitions, the day was officially opened by John Hemming MP with local Scouts and Girls Brigade members.

Thank You

We'd like to say a big **thank you** to all who helped make it such a success: the Police, Fire Service, St John's Ambulance, Birmingham City Council staff, John Hemming MP, Acocks Green Baptist Church, Cottesbrooke Junior and Infants Schools, the Scouts and Girls Brigade, the DJ, the street dancers, stallholders, caterers, stewards, and all who came along and joined in.

Special thanks also need to go to the pupils of the Cottesbrooke schools for their stunning designs for the posters, and to Sport4Life for organising all the sports activities and competitions.

Good Causes

The funday also raised money for charity: the cake sale raised over £150 for the Samaritan's Purse charity, and the raffle and tombola (plus a donation from Williams Catering) raised £170 for Acorns Children's Hospice. Thank you to the businesses that contributed prizes.

Get Involved

The funday is now established as an annual event, and we're already planning for 2008 – contact one of the Resident Directors if you have any suggestions for next year.



This newsletter is produced by Stockfield Community Association, a resident-led organisation working to improve this neighbourhood, as well as managing 119 properties for rent locally. We have 6 local residents directors on the Board. For more info, see our website (www.stockfield.org), noticeboards, office at 2a Alexander Rd, or call Jon Miles on 0800 0234 807 (freephone).

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE



We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sgt Cooke and his team for all their hard work in the Stockfield area. Whether patrolling on their bikes, supporting the Community Watch walkabouts, joining in the fun at our summer funday, or working closely with local schools and young people, our local neighbourhood Police team continue to be a real support to Stockfield.

As local residents we can all play our part alongside the Police in making Stockfield a safe and pleasant place to live:

- Report crimes or anti-social or suspicious behaviour to the Police (see the numbers on the back page).
- Support the Community Watch.
- Take care of your homes and property—make sure windows and doors are locked, and valuables are not left in your cars.

To contact Sgt 5738 Cooke: Tel: 0845 113 5000 x 7824 6587

GOOD IDEAS: Do you have good ideas about what you'd like to see in Stockfield? Please let us know—tell one of the directors, or contact us at 2a Alexander Rd, or email: administrator@stockfield.org



Stockfield Community Watch has been going for several months now, so you should all have received a leaflet about what we're doing, and seen us out and about in our bright yellow jackets.

Lots of you have taken the time to talk to us about particular concerns they have or issues which make them feel less safe and secure. We hope we've been able to provide some reassurance where possible, and that the Police have been able to address some of the more pressing issues.

Several local residents have asked about joining the Community Watch patrols: we are always happy to welcome more—to get involved, or find out more, **please contact Ann Ross on 0121 244 0152**.



DIARY DATES

Christmas is coming, so there's festive events to prepare for:

- **Stockfield Over 60's Christmas Lunch**—we're planning this now, for any Stockfield residents over 60. Please contact Ann Ross on 0121 244 0152, or another resident director, to find out more, or book your place!
- **Acocks Green Christmas Lights**—Why not pop down to Acocks Green for the switch on of the Christmas Lights display (towards which Stockfield CA are contributing) on **3rd December at 3.45pm outside the Library (with mince pies and drinks)**.

UPDATE FROM PETE & ROB, YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL WARDENS



Rats are one of the biggest current problems in and around Acocks Green and the Stockfield Estate.

Rats are a worldwide pest, they are very adaptable and known to spread life threatening diseases as well as causing structural damage in the areas they infest.

How can you control and prevent rats?

- 🚫 **Remove garden rubbish, debris, old furniture etc, which can attract rats.**
- 🚫 **Maintain a tidy garden.**
- 🚫 **Remove food scraps from gardens or alleyways.**
- 🚫 **Do not feed birds on the ground. Use specialist feeder tables.**
- 🚫 **Use black bins to store rubbish. Rats will chew through black bags. Bins are available from most DIY stores.**
- 🚫 **Use bins—don't drop litter on the floor.**

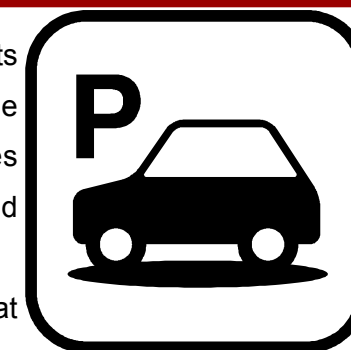
Only by keeping the local area clean, tidy and litter free can we hope to keep Stockfield clean and safe from rats. If you have a problem with rats on your property you can ring for advise or a FREE treatment on 0121 303 6007/6993.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK



Do you use the park? Do you have views on what could improve it? Do you want to join the Friends of Stockfield Park? Contact the Resident Directors to get involved.

Parking Issues



A number of residents have asked about the parking of vehicles around Stockfield properties.

Each property has at least one parking space for a vehicle and there are parking bays throughout Stockfield.

When you park your vehicle please ensure that you:

- 1) park in your designated car parking area.
 - 2) don't cause an obstruction to your neighbours and their vehicles.
 - 3) ask any friends or relatives that visit you to either use your designated parking space (if it's available) or one of the parking bays, or ensure that their vehicle allows your neighbours to safely access and exit their own parking areas.
- Additionally please be mindful of young children around the properties who you may not be able to see or who may not see you.

Please contact me on 303 0736 or at my twice weekly surgeries with any queries or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Andy Lane, Housing Officer

THAT FRIDAY FEELING!



Friday Lunch Club at Acocks Green Baptist Church—runs from 11am to 1.30pm every Friday (cost £3.50). All are very welcome. Call Kay on 0121 608 2890 for more info.