

## CRIME AND SAFETY IN STOCKFIELD

In the run up to Christmas, please take extra precautions when shopping and storing gifts, and keep your bags and purses safe when out shopping. We want presents to end up with those they were intended for!

Please also be careful when disposing of packaging—don't advertise your presents to burglars by leaving boxes for expensive new goods lying visible outside your house.

Take care during the Christmas party season, and leave the car behind if you're having a drink.

Home security advice is available—ask the Police or Community Watch.

**To contact Sgt 5738 Cooke at Acocks Green Police Station, Tel: 0845 113 5000 x 7824 6587**

## CHRISTMAS RECIPE



*Pat's Easiest and Best Christmas Pudding ever!*

- 1 cup of self raising flour
- 1 cup of suet
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 1 cup of stale bread crumbs
- 1 cup of raisins
- 1.5 cups of currants
- 3 heaped teaspoons of mixed spice
- 1 heaped tablespoon of mixed raw carrots, apple and potato
- Mix all the ingredients together well with a little milk
- Put into a 1.5 pint basin
- Microwave for 1 hour (check it regularly, and refer to your microwave manufacturer's instructions)
- Or cover basin with greaseproof paper, place in larger saucepan of boiling water (up to level of pudding mix—don't let the water cover the basin) and simmer for 8 hours.

Take care to check your ingredients for any allergy advice.

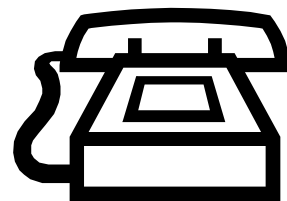


This newsletter is produced by Stockfield Community Association, a resident-led organisation working to improve this neighbourhood, as well as managing 119 properties for rent locally. We have 6 local residents directors on the Board.

For more info, see our website ([www.stockfield.org](http://www.stockfield.org)), noticeboards, or office at 2a Alexander Rd, or call Jon Miles on **0800 0234 807** (freephone).

## 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 March 2008. For info, or to suggest articles, please contact Jon on **07866 702 363**

# STOCKFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



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*Happy Christmas and New Year from Stockfield Community Association!*

## DIARY DATES

**7th December**—Fox Hollies Forum Christmas event and Santa's Grotto, from **6.00pm**, Greenwood Avenue

**14th December**—Cottesbrooke Infants School Christmas Fair, **3.30 to 5.30pm**.

**15th December**— 'Community Unity' party, **1.00 to 3.00pm**, Cottesbrooke Junior School. To attend, call Ann Ross (**244 0152**), or Abdul Malik (**707 5820**).

**18th December**—Cottesbrooke Junior School Christmas Assembly and Carols. Come for coffee at **2.45pm**.

**19th December**—Infants School Nativity service at Acocks Green Baptist Church, from **9.00 to 10.15am**. All welcome.

**22nd December** – Baptist Church Carol Singing from **6.00pm**, Cypress Square.

**23rd December** – Baptist Church Nativity service, **11.00am**, and Carols, **6.00pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – Baptist Church Christmas Service, **10.30am**

## NEW FACES



### HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKERS APPOINTED

Cottesbrooke Infant and Junior Schools are delighted to have appointed Miss Helen Dillon and Miss Jed Hughes as Home School Link Workers, with funding from Stockfield Community Association.

Helen and Jed have already been helping children and their families, and are also working to build stronger links between the schools and the wider community. You can contact them most mornings in the offices.

**Helen is based at the Infants on 706 2742, and Jed is at the Juniors on 464 3178.**

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY



We need volunteers to join our **Stockfield Events Planning Group**, to help organise local community events such as our annual summer Fun Day.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Daphne or Jon (call free on **0800 0234 807**) to join the Stockfield Events Planning Group.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2.00pm, 2a Alexander Rd.

### IMPROVING OUR GREEN SPACES



Do you use the park, or have views on what could improve it? Why not join the new Friends of Stockfield Park? Contact Jon on **0800 0234 807** for more information.



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

If you know about being a parent and can volunteer a few hours each week to help a family, become part of Home-Start.

Call free on **0800 0686368**, visit **www.home-start.org.uk** for more information, or call the local Cole Valley Home-Start on **742 0003**

## CLEANING UP THE GREEN!



Every six months a band of volunteers help the Trustees clean and maintain the Westley Vale Millennium Green open space.

A dry Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November saw us achieve lots, such as getting the bark mulch down on the paths and steps (with added muscle power from two young boys who thoroughly enjoyed the activity).

Litter picking is a big job and we had people scouring the undergrowth for cans and bottles, and disposing of the bags of rubbish at the end of the afternoon.

The reward is a cup of tea and a snack and the knowledge that you are making this green space more pleasant for the rest of the community.

Many thanks to all those who came along. We would welcome offers from anyone who would like to help on a regular basis with litter picking.

Julia Morris, Chair of Trustees  
*Westley Vale Millennium Green has entrances on The Avenue and Malvern Road.*



## FIT FOR A CHAMPION

Frank Gavin, a local boxer, is a double gold medal winner at Commonwealth and World Championship level. Acocks Green ward has worked for over three years to secure first-rate premises for his training and aim to ensure he will receive all possible support for his build up to the Beijing Olympic games.

Bari Aziz and the ward councillors have been the driving force behind the Acocks Green/Hall Green Boxing Club on Spring Road, to provide young people and parents with a state of the art boxing and fitness club.

The facility can be used by the community outside of core boxing club training times: all enquiries to Bari on **464 0321**.

### CYPRESS SQUARE CAROLS



Members of the Baptist Church will be carol singing in Cypress Square on 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 6.00pm.

We'd like to invite you to come along and join us

for carols, hot chocolate and mince pies. See the events calendar for times of our Christmas Services— we'd love to see you over Christmas!

### Harvest Festival Help



Cottesbrooke Infants School Harvest festival in October saw gifts given to Birmingham City Mission as well as to 15 nominated Stockfield residents. The harvest gifts were delivered by Helen, our new Home Schools Support worker.



**COME AND JOIN OUR CLUBS...PLAY SOME SPORT, HAVE SOME FUN!**

- Stockfield Youth Sports Club for 8-12 year olds – Wednesdays 4-6 pm – Cottesbrooke Junior School
- Stockfield Youth Sports Club for 13-16 year olds – Wednesdays 6-8 pm – Cottesbrooke Junior School
- The Saturday Club - for 8-12s – every Saturday 10-12 am – Stockfield Park

### LOOK OUT! ... COMING SOON

The Pod will soon be opened as a place to hang out, chill with your friends, and have some fun.

Fancy a go on Nintendo Wii, table football, ice hockey? We've got it!

Or just fancy watching TV, listening to music and chilling with your friends?

Come along to the **CHILL OUT @ the Pod in Stockfield Park.**

Call Sport 4 Life UK for more information (**0121 2334793**) or keep an eye on the Pod notice board!