

UPDATE FROM PETE & ROB, YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL WARDENS

Dog mess: dog mess around the estate, especially in the park is fast becoming a problem. If the park is full of dog mess it discourages the kids to play there and it makes it difficult for the Junior School to make use of the open space. We have been around and spoken to dog owners and given out a number of dog mess sacks which the Council can provide. Most dog owners are responsible but we would urge the others to **please clean up after their dogs or run the risk of being fined anything up to £1000.**



Following the recent **bulky street collection** hopefully there will be no excuses to see old TV's and mattresses dumped on the roadside. If you still have things you need to get rid of then the Council will remove it for FREE. Just call **0121 303 1112.**

Graffiti: The graffiti in and around the park is looking better at the moment. We are aware the Police have arrested a number of individuals in the area and we are hopeful this will limit the amount of new graffiti.

Pete & Rob, Environmental Wardens

Community Resource Centre at 2a Alexander Rd



Andy Lane (Housing Officer) – **0121 303 3518.** Sessions on Tuesdays (2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am to 12pm).

Lee Collier (Debt and Benefits advice) – **0121 464 3120.** Tuesday mornings (10am to 12pm), and **new sessions on Monday mornings**

Bromford Housing Association – for more info call Bromford on **0845 6050604.**

Are there other sessions or services you would like to see? Drop us a note at 2a Alexander Rd, or contact a resident director.

Cut out and keep Useful Telephone Numbers

STOCKFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE : 0121 707 9899

BMS REPAIRS: 01902 393 627 (FOR STOCKFIELD RESIDENTS)

BMS EMERGENCY OUT OF HOURS: 0845 605 0608

ACOCKS GREEN POLICE STATION: 0845 113 5000 X7824 6587 (999 IN EMERGENCY)

BULK RUBBISH COLLECTION: 0121 303 1112

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL WARDENS: 0121 303 9800

This newsletter will be published regularly, with the next issue planned for Summer 2007. If there are any events you want included, or other suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Jon on **07866 702 363**

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Awards for Acocks Green



Acocks Green's Westley Arms hosted the Yardley Constituency Strategic Partnership Annual Volunteer's Awards Evening on 20th February. Organised by the Yardley Constituency Team, and supported by councillors, local organisations and sponsors, this was a chance to celebrate and thank the wide range of people who have voluntarily given up their time to support their communities across Yardley.



It was great to see several groups from Acocks Green acknowledged, including Autumn Leaves Luncheon Club, Fox Hollies Forum Environmental Centre, the resident directors of Stockfield Community Association, and the Acocks Green Carnival organisers.

Well done to all involved, and we look forward to seeing more Acocks Green volunteers represented at next year's awards.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS (REVISITED!)

On 14th December, the senior citizens' Christmas lunch was held at The Journey's End pub in Acocks Green. Over 20 residents from Stockfield enjoyed the afternoon, and the food was brilliant. It was a great time to have a 3-course Christmas lunch and enjoy bingo together.



I would especially like to thank Sara and staff at The Journey's End for making us so welcome, and helping out with the bingo. Again, for the second year, 24/7 Taxis provided transport free of charge, so a big thank you to Claire and the drivers.

I hope this coming Christmas more residents will join us – we will advertise the dinner on the noticeboards and in the newsletters, so please come along.

Ann Ross

EVENTS, PARK NEWS, & MORE



Do you or your family regularly enjoy using the park? Do you have views on how it could be used and improved?

We're forming a **Friends of Stockfield Park** group, to improve Stockfield Park as a clean, green and welcoming space for our community. If you are interested or want to be kept informed of news, please contact Jon on **07866702363**.



The date for this year's bigger and brighter **funday** is **Saturday 14th July** - remember to put the date in your diaries to come along and join in the fun.

Can you help, either on the day or with planning the event? Please contact one of the resident directors, or Daphne Francis on **07841499603**.



A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL PEOPLE ADDING TO THE YARDLEY CONSTITUENCY CIVIC LIFE

Saturday 24th March 2007, 10.30am – 3.30pm
At St Thomas's Community Centre, Garretts Green Lane, Sheldon

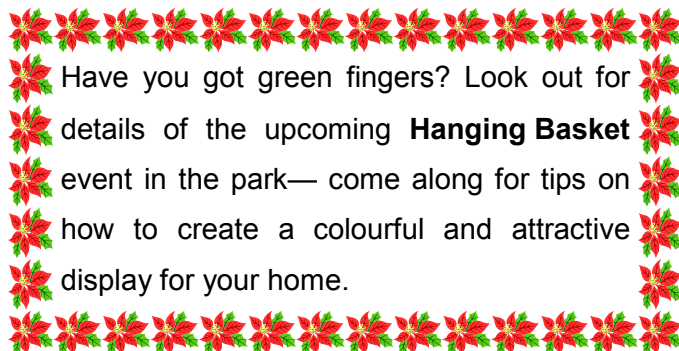
Do you want to learn about what's available in the Yardley constituency?

Do you want to tell people about your club, organisation or Society?

This event is an opportunity for local clubs, organisations & societies to:

- Meet funding agencies and bodies
 - Promote their activities
 - Meet and network with others
 - Find out what support and advice is available
- Free Face painting for children Free Balloons & more. Food and drinks will be available*

To book your place or for more information please contact Sukhbir on: **07762363736** or **07779230748** or Email: Yardleycdt@hotmail.com



LOGO COMPETITION— UNDER 19S ONLY

Yardley Community Development Trust need a logo: they want a young person from Yardley Constituency (including Stockfield) to design it.

Designs should be submitted by **20th March**, for short-listed designs to be displayed at the Yardley CDT event on 24th March (see left).

For guidelines and further information please contact 07779230748 or email: YCDT@hotmail.co.uk

COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Police tell us that Stockfield has not had a lot of crime in recent months, which is very encouraging news. There is lots to be pleased about, but we're all aware that there is still need for vigilance.

We are working closely with the Police to make Stockfield a safe place to live, tackling issues that matter to you such as graffiti, anti-social behaviour and littering, and we are grateful for the positive action taken by the Police, Environmental Wardens and others to address these.

To support our local Police team in making Stockfield safe, we'll be launching a Community Watch scheme, encouraging residents to be active in looking after our neighbourhood and reporting issues to the Police for action. Keep an eye on the noticeboards for details.

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

POD PROGRESS

We're concerned that there haven't been activities at the Pod for our young people for a long time now. We are working with the Council and others to address this, and plan to have sports and other activities based at the Pod—keep an eye on the noticeboards for more information.



We'd love to see the Pod cleaned up — to help with this (particularly young people) please contact one of the resident directors.

Debt and benefits advice—New sessions

Lee Collier has been providing debt and benefits advice at the resource centre at 2a Alexander Rd for over a year now, and has helped many local residents, providing assistance and reassurance over rent, housing benefit, and other issues. As demand for the service has grown, Lee will be offering another regular weekly session, running from **10-12 o'clock on Monday mornings** at the resource centre. This will be running from **mid-March** onwards.

Lee's regular Tuesday sessions will be continuing too, running from **10-12 o'clock**. If you would like to speak to Lee for free, confidential advice and help, please call **464 3120** for more information.

Free and confidential advice on debt and benefits is available from Lee Collier at Acocks Green Neighbourhood Office, 3 Botteville Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 7YE (tel **464 3120**).



FUNDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you 13-19 years old? Wish there was more to do? Part of a group that wants to see more happen for young people?

There may be funding available for your group to get things going—for more information, and an application form, please contact Ness Cole, Area Youth Officer, on **0121 303 9282**, or email on:

ness.cole@birmingham.gov.uk

If you need further advice, please call Jon Miles on **07866 702363**.

ANY IDEAS?

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