

Village in Bloom Updates from Fran

Gel or spray? No, you are not in the hairdresser but deciding what solution to use for graffiti removal! We have had more of this of late – the latest Tag is IBS – do wish they could obtain a GP appointment and not have to report it to the general public!

Fortunately, these issues are more than balanced by the sight of the thousands of tulips we planted with the help of the 260th Scout group back in November. Residents have commented on it more than ever this year – the double ones look like peonies they are so huge.

In preparation for our **Spring Festival on 16th May**, when we hope you will join us, you may have seen us continuing to paint the 23 small planters along the high street and some of the rusty & dirty bins. We have even been applying gold paint where necessary. We feel that a clean, tidy appearance ensures people are happier to be in Acocks Green, showing that people care about our village.

We will soon be planting all the planters with annual flowers and putting up some hanging baskets around the village. If you would like to get more involved or could help with some occasional watering, we always need more helpers! Please contact:

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Hot Food

Acocks Green Village in Bloom

Free seed-sowing

Springtime Festival!

Saturday 16th May 11am - 3pm

around Mallard Close
opposite Morrisons

LOTS OF STALLS

Local Honey for sale!

Meet the Beekeeper and her bees

Lots of bargain Plants!

Face Painting

LIVE MUSIC

Enjoy the spring Flowers

Want a stall? More info? fran.lee47@yahoo.co.uk tel 0121 706 0076

All funds raised go to Acocks Green Village in Bloom – improving Acocks Green for everyone

Acocks Green Neighbourhood FORUM NEWS

May 2026

Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum is a long-established community group run by volunteers. We aim to support the community by discussing local issues and raising them with the authorities. We share useful information and make connections with other local organisations for the good of the area. Come along to our Public Meeting to find out more and perhaps you might like to become more involved.

Our Public Meeting is on Tuesday 19th May. Doors open 7.00pm

Starts 7.30pm. Arthur Moore Hall, Alexander Rd.

(Just round the corner from the hall on Yardley Road)

****The meeting is in the Hall on Alexander Road.****

There will be local representatives and the councillor at the meeting to discuss goings on in our area and share updates. So come and find out more. They will also be able to answer some of your questions. Refreshments available and a chance to have a chat with others in the neighbourhood before and afterwards.

Keep The Green Clean!

Thanks to all the volunteers who help keep their patch of Acocks Green clean. There was a great turn out of people for the Great British Spring Clean in March. But anyone can become a litter champion at any time of day or night! If you are willing to do your bit for your local area then contact Fran (see back page) about having a free litter-picking stick to be part of the growing group of Acocks Green Litter Champions team. Also see the Facebook page [@AcocksGreenLitterChampions](https://www.facebook.com/AcocksGreenLitterChampions)



www.acocks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org

For lots more useful information about Acocks Green scan the QR code



Supported by



St Mary's Vicarage Garden Party

Saturday 20th June 34 Dudley Park Rd. B27 6QR - 2pm-4pm.

Cream teas, games, plant stall, raffle and more (cash only).

Raising funds for St Mary's Church. Everyone welcome



Calling all Girls! (aged 7-10yrs)

175th St Mary's Brownies

Fun activities teaching girls to be resilient, think of others and learn about their communities.

Play games, gain badges, have trips out, sing

songs, get involved in crafts and learn to help others.

Meet at **St Mary's Church Acocks Green, Fridays 6.15-8pm**

(term time) contact Coral 07759497915 for more information.

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**Building Community Together** is a lottery funded organisation that offers free regular events around Acocks Green. Everyone welcome

- **Desert & Dance 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 6pm – 8pm**

A chance to socialise, eat delightful deserts and perhaps dance! A dance instructor will be around to lead some of the fun. Come on your own or with friends.

- **Arts Café Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 11 - 1pm** tasty homemade soup and a hands-on art and craft session. Just turn up!

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Carers/Friendship Group – If you care for a family member, friend or neighbour, we would love to welcome you to our friendly & informal group. Come and have a cuppa & chat. We offer friendship, information, games & music.

Meet on the first Tuesday of each month 12.30-3pm at Acocks Green Baptist Church Hall, 39 Yardley Road. B27 6HG

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**Acocks Green Carnival – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Recreation Ground, Westley Road.** A community celebration for all the family.

If you would like a stall contact Sue – sue\_w260@msn.com

### Ukelele Concert by Olton's Amazing Pluckers

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm at The Methodist Church.

1 Botteville Rd, B27 7YE. Refreshments available.

Favourite songs old and new. £5 each or £10 family.

Cash on door.



## Acocks Green Library Updates

As you are probably aware Acocks Green Library is closed at the moment for essential building work. It requires a new roof and improvements to windows and lighting. The work is scheduled to start in the summer but the library will not be open until next year. The improvements will make the building more sustainable and efficient for many years to come. In the meantime South Yardley Library is open 5 days a week and many of the activities have been moved to either **South Yardley Library**, **The Methodist Church Hall** on Shirley Road or **The Grange Social Club** on Broad Road.



There is also a wide selection of eBooks and eAudiobooks to borrow when you are a member of the library, via the **Borrowbox** and **Libby Apps**.

If you prefer real life books remember you can also use your library card at any Birmingham Library and return the books to a different library withn Birmingham if that is easier.



### Befriending Service - Bringing hope & comfort to older people

A Free of charge, charity service. Who is it for?

- Adults over 65 in Acocks Green (within B25, B26, B27 & B28)
- Those housebound, socially isolated or experiencing loneliness
- People who may lack confidence after an illness or spell in hospital
- Isolated carers of a spouse or partner



Scan here for a Referral form

The team consists of staff and volunteers who are checked using established safeguarding and DBS check. Following a referral, one of the team visits the scheme member to tell them about the service and answer any questions.

*"It means a lot to my mother and our family. She can talk to the visitors in ways she doesn't talk to us. It's very relaxed"*

*"Conversation, company, folks who understand and listen"*