

Village in Bloom Updates from Fran

I will not dwell on the challenge this Summer's drought has caused us, except to say that it meant hauling two water wagons out daily! Thanks to the members of our wonderful team.

The planters and hanging baskets have brought much joy to the businesses and shoppers alike. We continue to remove graffiti and endeavour to focus on the positives.

Next month we will again be planting over 2000 tulip bulbs. These will go in all our beds from St. Mary's Church down to the Triabout near Olton. Planting is on **15th November** we will need some help so please come and join us! **Meet at 10am outside the library.** No experience necessary so come and help with the Mass Planting for an hour or so. When we see them flowering, it gives lots of pleasure to everyone with all their wonderful colours and shapes.

We continue to help Stockfield Community Association by working with local youths planting in **Cypress Square**. The gardens are now starting to mature and are looking good, attracting bees, butterflies, ladybirds, beetles and a mint moth! At the recent Youth Award Ceremony some of the hardworking young people were given awards. This hopefully will ensure that young people realise the advantages of working to enhance their area.



Meanwhile if you can help in any way, we meet every Sunday at 10am at one of our locations in AG. We have spare litter-picking sticks to give out too. Look out for us and check out our Facebook for more updates.

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Learning Disability Community Wellbeing Service – a free service to support adults with a learning disability to:

- Develop Skills to live safely in their own home
- Stay healthy & live independently and
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Acocks Green Neighbourhood FORUM NEWS

October 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.

Public Meeting Tuesday 20th October

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Arthur Moore Hall, Alexander Rd.
(Just round the corner from the hall on Yardley Road)

Including Guest Speaker: **Victor Milinkovic**

Community Safety Intervention Officer - Community Safety Team

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

Acocks Green Local History Society Talks Relaunch

2pm First Wednesday of the month, Baptist Church Hall, Alexander Rd.

Following the successful relaunch of the local history talk season in September, organised by AG resident & local history fan Steve Sheen, the series continues with more interesting talks. November's talk is by canal enthusiast Roger Butler entitled:

'A Cruise Through the West Midlands in 1971'

Refreshments served, £3 on the door (cash only). Everyone Welcome!



www.acocks-green-neighbourhood-forum.org

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Acocks Green scan the QR code



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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, get involved in crafts, sing songs and learn to help other people.

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

(term time) contact Coral 07759497915 for more information.

Friendly Community Coffee Mornings in Acocks Green

- **Wednesdays** 10-12 Arthur Moore Hall, Alexander Rd.
Hot drinks and buttered toast, fresh fruit.
- **Thursdays** 10-12 Methodist Church Hall, Botteville Road.
Hot drinks and biscuits/cakes. Pop in, everyone welcome.

Move Well Café 4th Wednesday of every month, incorporated into the coffee morning at Arthur Moore Hall. Gentle movement to music, improving balance, posture and mood! Friendly, easy going and welcoming.

Next Move Well Session 28th October from 10.30am.



Grow Your Own in Acocks Green – Allotments Available

Would you like to grow your own fruit and veg? An allotment garden can bring you that freshly-picked flavour, more time in nature, fresh air and exercise. It is also a great way to encourage children to eat more healthy food when they help grow it themselves!

An allotment also offers a lovely way to escape the stresses of life. What's not to like? This is a good time of year to get started.

We have several allotments associations in our area that have plots available to rent from October. You can become part of a quiet social group with common interests that offers support all year around. Plots vary in size and discounts are available for people aged 65+.

If gardening is, or could be, your thing, send us an email and we will try to help.

Email allotments@AcocksGreener.com to ask about available plots.



Autumn at Westley Vale Millennium Green

After the extreme heat and drought of last summer, it's a lovely season to enjoy the outdoors at our Millennium Green, with the mellow light and changing leaves. Don't forget the free outdoor exercise classes too!

Tai Chi - every Monday (3.15-4.15pm) & Thurs (10-11am).

Friendly, relaxed and easy to join in with, even if you've never done it before! New people always welcome.

Connect More @ South Yardley Library First Wednesday of Month 10.30-12.00

Need help connecting to internet?
Free advice available at South Yardley Library - Bring your device with you!

Connect More
digital skills programme

Join our **FREE**
digital drop in session

Please bring your own device and we'll show you how to:



Use your phone,
tablet or laptop



Shop
online



Chat and
message online



And much
more

Kimichi Music School on Yardley Road plays a big part in contributing positively to our community.

One example is their **Phoenix Music Nights**

The first Monday of every month at 7pm at the school. Professional musicians perform for local people. Refreshments available. Donations welcome



Submit your photos for Acocks Green Calendar 2027

Have you got an interesting, attractive image that would be perfect for the Acocks Green Calendar 2027? Photos must be Identifiable as Acocks Green area, Landscape format (horizontal shape) and High Quality - at least 8 megapixels, approx. 3000 pixels wide & 2200 pixels high.

Email your best photos to AGNForum@hotmail.co.uk

Closing date 26th Oct. Have a look through your photo files or get snapping! Send as many as you like. We look forward to them..