

Your Yardley

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South Yardley Library

The Library re-opened in May following an extensive closure for roof and other repairs. The usage is returning to pre-closure levels and the new light and airy look is much appreciated by users. The community rooms are again available for meetings. Please contact the library on 464 1944.

Opening of Care Home

The new Care Centre behind Radley Court is due to open in September/October. It will have 32 long-term beds for people with dementia and 32 short-term beds for rehabilitation. For further information contact 303 1234.

The late Mr Panesar

We have to report the sad news that Mr Rakesh Panesar the Chemist at the Radleys shopping centre passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on 15th August 2008. Mr Panesar was an active member of the trading community on the Radleys and has supported Yardley Constituency Strategic Partnership in the past. The Pharmacy was closed for the morning of 22nd August as a mark of respect and a collection is being organised at the Post Office next door.

Changes to the Your Choice Membership Scheme

Changes are being made to the structure of fees for the Your Choice Membership Scheme. The new options available from 15th September are:-

Premier Choice - £35.00 per month (£5.00 increase)

Passport to Leisure £26.25 (£3.75 increase)

Unlimited access to swimming, fitness classes, aqua aerobics, gyms, saunas.

Fitness Choice - £30.00 per month (no increase)

Passport to Leisure £22.50 (no increase)

Unlimited access to fitness classes, aqua aerobics and gyms

Aqua Choice - £25.00 per month (no increase)

Passport to Leisure £12.50 (no increase)

Unlimited swimming

Adults & Communities Funding

The Council has been developing an approach to Third Sector commissioning. Adults and Communities is now the third Directorate to go through the commissioning process. It was identified as probably the most complex of the commissioning services. 278 organisations made bids, many of them multiple bids, into the process. Of these ninety five were organisations completely new to the Directorate. It is expected that the decisions will be announced in September. For further information contact 675 4435

Dates of September Meetings

3rd Stechford & Yardley North Ward Forum 7.00 pm @ Meadway Community Centre

4th Sheldon Ward Forum 7.00 pm @ Constituency Office

10th Acocks Green Ward Committee 7.00 pm @ Fox Hollies Forum

11th South Yardley Ward Forum 6.30 pm @ South Yardley Library

18th Constituency Strategic Partnership 6.30 pm @ South Yardley Library

25th Yardley Constituency Committee 6.30 pm @ South Yardley Library.

Other Meetings

Yardley Conservation Society

The next meeting of the Conservation Society is on Thursday 11th September, at 7.30pm, in the Trust School, Church Road, Yardley. There will be a talk by Marie Fogg on "The Smallbroke Family of Birmingham". For more information contact Robert Jones at robert@jones53.fsworld.co.uk. Tel: 783 6705.

Lettings Support Team

The New Lettings Support Team has been set up to guide new tenants through the first 12 weeks of a tenancy. This will allow tenants to become familiar with the do's and don'ts of having and running a property. The team consists of advisors specialising in Welfare Benefits and Money Advice. They are committed to maximising the take up of benefits and empowering clients to manage their own finances and remain their properties. Further information from the team on 0121 464 3702.

Here For You (H4U) Young Clinic

Every Thursday 3.30pm - 5.00pm at the Connexions Office, Church Road, at the Yew Tree, Yardley. H4U provides free confidential advice and information on health and contraception for young people including free condoms, femidoms, dental dams, pregnancy tests and Chlamydia testing. For further information contact Helen Davis on 0121 465 5119.

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