

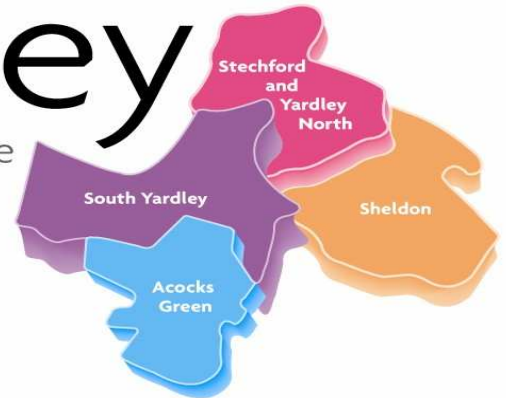
Your Yardley

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Did you know that there are two Museums in Yardley? - Blakesley Hall & Tyseley Railway Museum



Volunteer's Awards Evening - Best Ever

The 4th Annual Awards evening was held on 25th February. 55 local volunteers had their efforts recognised. The evening was hosted by Yardley Constituency Strategic Partnership, where the Deputy Leader of Birmingham City Council, Cllr Paul Tilsley gave the key note speech.



Thank you to our sponsors Tesco, Service Birmingham, DSM Demolition, West Midlands Police and West Midlands Fire Service and City College. 55 awards were given to individuals and groups who were nominated by Councillors, community groups and agencies for making a positive difference to their communities in 2008. A full list of recipients will be available on the webpage: www.birmingham.gov.uk/yardley.

Launch of 2009 Swimathon

Olympic swimming gold medallist Duncan Goodhew launched the 2009 Swimathon at Fox Hollies L C on 10th February. The event raises money for Marie Curie Cancer Care and several Marie Curie Nurses were on hand to encourage people to take part in the event. Over the last 2 years Swimathon has raised over £3 million. The Swimathon takes place from 17th to 18th April. Last year customers and staff at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre raised £9,710 and this year the target is to raise at least £10,000. As well as the official launch Duncan went on to give a swimming masterclass to children from the Strokes swimming class programme and gave them signed goggles.

Small Heath Park Improvement Works

Work is due to start soon on improvements to the historic Small Heath Park (known also to some as Victoria Park). Work will include improvements to the drainage system in the park and removal of the redundant toilet block and mess rooms.

Contact Parks Manager Mike Wheale : 0121 743 1967

Dates of March Meetings

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

5th Sheldon Ward Forum 7.00 pm @ Ann Marie Howes Centre

11th Acocks Green Ward Committee 7.00 pm @ Oaklands Primary School

12th South Yardley Ward Forum 6.30 pm Khidmat Centre 2a Heather Road, Small Heath B10 9TA

26th Yardley Constituency Committee 6.30 pm South Yardley Library

Other Meetings

Thursday 5th March, at 7.30pm, Acocks Green Neighbourhood Forum Public Meeting at the Baptist Church Hall, Yardley Road. Guest speaker - Mark Kipling from Travel West Midlands, who will discuss the changes in buses in the area.

£1 Million Appeal Launch

St Edburgha's Church in Old Yardley Village is launching an urgent appeal to raise £1,000,000 to repair the spire, tower and roof of the church. If the stonework is not repaired soon there is a possibility that the church may have to be closed for all services, including baptisms, weddings and funerals. The appeal will be launched on Tuesday 3rd March.

Stechford Primary School

The school have been involved in a project to re-search the names on the local war memorial who were former pupils and teachers who died during World War 1. In March pupils will visit the Imperial War Museum and spend a night on HMS Belfast. A memorial to the soldiers will be created in the school hall.

Poolway Development

Work has started on a new Extra-Care village which will have 87 flats as well as community facilities. Completion is scheduled for Autumn 2010. For more information contact Judith Barrett on 0121 303 7880.

If you have information you would like to share via this newsletter please contact Lorraine Newman on 675 1304, fax 303 6618 or email: lorraine.newman@birmingham.gov.uk or First Floor, Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, Shirley Road, Birmingham B27 7NS.



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