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Sheldon Countryside Festival
July 26th 2009 - 11.00 am - 5.00 pm
Sheldon Country Park

A note from the Constituency Director

I was pleased to take up post here in Yardley on 1st June to replace Adnan Saif. I know that Adnan was extremely committed to improving the Yardley Constituency for all who live and work here. Adnan made great progress and I look forward to continuing the many projects he was leading as well as working with you all to meet new challenges facing the Constituency as we continue to strive to deliver excellent services in these difficult times. Since taking up post, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you already and look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.

Fiona Hughes

Local Delivery Group

At their recent meeting Dave Boucher was elected chair of the group and Supt Clive Burgess was elected vice-chair.

Ricky is Flying with Birmingham Airport Award

Ricky Towner a member of Yardley Youth Forum and also Hodge Hill Youth Forum has been described as a 'great talent' and has received just reward for his efforts, scooping a prestigious award recognising the outstanding contribution made by the hard-working youngster. Fourteen-year-old Ricky Towner, who is a volunteer at The Pump in Kitts Green - a £3.8 million facility built in part by young trainees - landed the Marie Barnes Memorial Award ahead of a number of other worthy nominees. Judges were particularly impressed by Ricky's dedication and commitment, giving up countless hours of his own time over the last two years to help in the organisation and running of The Pump. Brian Summers, former Airport Managing Director and Chairman of the Partnership Board at The Pump, says, "I am delighted that Ricky has been rewarded for the considerable amount of time and hard work he has put into helping out at The Pump. He has always been willing to get involved in a number of different areas and has shown 100 per cent commitment, most recently using his IT skills to help us launch a new cyber cafe." As part of the Award, the Airport Company has also provided a contribution of £1,000 which has been earmarked to support the running of a summer playscheme at the Pump.

Dates of July Meetings

22nd Constituency Committee 6.30 pm @ South Yardley Library

Other Meetings in July

16th Yardley Neighbourhood Forum will be holding its next Public Meeting in South Yardley Library starting at 7:15pm and finishing no later than 9:00pm. We are hoping to have guest speakers on Swine Flu and Neighbourhood Tasking.

Summer Activities

Swimming instruction from beginners to long distance badges and survival courses are available at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre from week beginning 27th July. Full details on 464 4112.

Weekly "Learn to Swim" courses will be held throughout the summer holidays at Stechford Cascades. Full details on 464 5596

"It's good to be Young"

This year's festival - jam packed with a whole variety of things to do and places to go for young people in the Yardley Constituency, will be taking place from 15th - 23rd August. Look out for more details in schools, libraries, leisure centres and youth clubs or visit the website - itsgoodtobeyoung.co.uk. As part of the festival there will be a talent show for any budding stars aged 19 or under. Auditions on 18th July 2.00 pm at Cascades and 5.30 pm at Sheldon Community Centre and 1st August 2.00pm at South Yardley Library and 5.30 pm at Fox Hollies Forum - contact Ness Cole/Emma Cleaton 0121 303 9282 or Virginia Yates 0121 464 7701 for more information.

Sheldon Countryside Festival

This year's festival will be held from 11.00 am till 5.00 pm. Events include Dog Display Team, Clown Town Fire Watch and a Flaming High Dive Act in the Main Arena plus sideshows, funfair and stalls many being run in aid of local charities. Also attending will be the Centro bus, the Health bus and the Arts bus. Don't forget to look out for the Constituency Marquee - it will be covered in balloons!!

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