

The Pavilion

The Parish Council is currently looking at the future of the pavilion. Costs of operating the building are being heavily subsidised by the Parish Council. The fees being charged for hire of the property and the recreation grounds have been reviewed but there is still a significant shortfall. The Parish Council is currently considering the possibility of changing the use of the showers and changing rooms into offices and storage. If you have any thoughts about this, please let the parish council know by contacting the Clerk.

What's on in the pavilion

Over the summer, the Council has been busy getting in additional users to the Pavilion and are pleased to announce that the following activities take place. Should you be interested in joining one of these groups, please contact them direct or contact the Clerk who will put you in touch with the leaders:

Hockley Heath Under 5's: operates three mornings a week to support and develop your little ones. Call them on 07887 905 940

Yoga: operates on a Monday evening. Call Debbie on 07543 629 952

Baby Ballet and Baby Jazz dance classes operate 3 sessions per week. Call Amy on 07841 343 282

Yun Jung Doh has one evening class on a Wednesday. Call John on 07812 197 105
Pilates classes have set up in the village on a Thursday. Call Paula for more information on 01564 742962

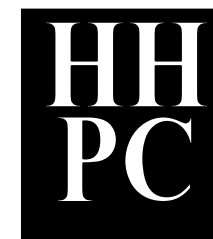
The **Scouts, Beavers and Cubs** all have sessions at the Pavilion during the week. Please contact Colin for more information on gsl@hockleyheathscouts.org.uk

Hockley Heath Bowling Club

This crown green bowls club offers a great opportunity for local people to be involved in a community activity. Membership varies from full league playing members to Junior members and social members who just want to play friendly games. Membership starts at just £10 per year. Contact the club secretary, Lorrie, for more information on 01564 782721.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The Parish Council is working with St Thomas' Church to have the Christmas Tree lit up on the corner of Shelfield Close and Stratford Road. The event will take place on **Saturday 30th November at 3.45pm**. The Shirley Band will be there and the Mayor of Solihull will turn on the lights. There will be light refreshments in the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground afterwards. The tree will be the only decoration this year owing to the increased costs and repairs, this will cost around £1,000.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter - Autumn 2013

Welcome to this edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter.

Among other things, we will be looking at:

- Village plan for Hockley Heath,
- Your local SMBC neighbourhood co-ordinator
- Understanding the finances of the Parish Council.

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07703 647 883 or email: hhec2009@hotmail.com

Hockley Heath Village Plan

Following a great response to the village questionnaire which was sent out last year, the Parish Council have now worked with partners to develop a user friendly Village Plan. The Village Plan starts by looking at the history of plans in the village and then looks to break down the areas of activity as identified by the local residents. This work is developed in an action plan which links to the SMBC Neighbourhood Plan and work undertaken by other key operators in the area such as the Gardening Club and the Residents Association.

If you would like to look at this draft document, please go to our website: hockleyheath.org.uk and look under HHPC. Should you wish to make any comments or have any suggestions about the plan, please either complete the on line form or send an email to the Parish Clerk at hhpc2009@hotmail.com

It is hoped that following a period of consultation (end of February 2014) the Village plan will be adopted by the local community. It is the parish council's intention that the planning department of SMBC will acknowledge the wishes and aspirations of the local community when considering village planning applications.



Parish Council Precept

Following comments from residents and further discussions at Parish Council meetings, there is now a detailed breakdown of costs associated with the Parish Council on the website. This breaks down the councils costs into **mandatory** and **discretionary**. These costs are explained and it shows where and how the parish council will look to make up any shortfall in costs.

Solihull Neighbourhood

Co-ordinator - Matt Gardner

As a neighbourhood coordinator, Matt's role is to liaise with parish councils, community groups and residents within Blythe & Hockley Heath wards. He helps facilitate council resources ensuring that the community receives the best services from SMBC. Matt is available to discuss & advise on any council related issue & if he can't answer your query, then will chase the matter for you. Matt's contact number is 0121 704 6573 email: mgardner@solihull.gov.uk

Maria Vernon retires from the HH Under Fives

I would like to say "thank you" to the many parents who entrusted their children into my care. It has always been a privilege to have been a part of the children's development and I have thoroughly enjoyed my years at playgroup.

A special thank you to the children, parents and the playgroup team for making my last morning a special one. I will now enjoy being a Grandma. A bit like "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" "Good bye, good bye, good bye, good bye" Maria x

Woodland and BMX Track

Councillors and local volunteers started work on this part of the recreation ground late spring and the area had been cleared of dead and diseased trees and brambles and holly. This has opened the area up to be used by the local community. Local groups have been holding their meetings in the woods, trying their hand at den building and woodsman crafts. More recently, informal use has happened with children developing a cycle track. Now the Hockley Heath Fete Committee is working with experts to get the ramps built professionally and make it a safe site and suitable BMX track. BMXing is not allowed in other parts of the woodland as this will be for general use.

