

New Parish Council Web Site

The Parish Council now has a new website which is easier to navigate and contains all the information about what the council is doing, how it is representing the village and forthcoming events. Just log on to www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.org.uk and from there you can see the council's finances, see any planning applications which are affecting the village, keep updated about M42 closures etc.

Hockley Heath Dirt Adventure Track

Thanks to the efforts of the summer fair committee and volunteers, the dirt adventure track is now open. There has been tremendous support from the community for this with funds raised during local events going to create ramps and jumps. Please enjoy this space but take care and observe the signs at the entrance.

Staff Changes at HHPC

The Parish Council have taken on a new Lettings Clerk - Lucy Ace - to deal with the bookings and management of the Pavilion and Recreation Ground. Lucy can be contacted on 07591 954 002 or email:

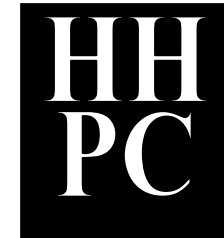
HHPCbookings@outlook.com

For all other matters, call the Parish Clerk - Hilary Goodreid - on Monday to Thursday 10am - 1pm.

Hockley Heath Playground Fund

The Parish Council has been working with Sutcliffe Play to develop a new play area at the recreation ground for children of all ages. We realise that the users of the play areas would want a say in what is proposed so we are looking for your voice! Please go to our website and look for the link to the playground. There you will find plans of the proposed work and a survey where you can have your say. This link is being forwarded to the local school as well. It is important that you have your say now so that we can build a play area appropriate for all the users.

In order to fund the play area (approx. £75,000), the parish council have set up a new fund. Money raised from local events will be placed into this along with money from the parish council. We will then apply for grant funding. If you wish to hold a fund raising event to help support this scheme, please contact the Parish Clerk.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter - Spring 2014

Welcome to this edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter.

Among other things, we will be looking at:

- Dirt Adventure Track & woodlands
- Playground proposals
- New Lettings Clerk for Pavilion
- WW1 Centenary
- Canal Celebrations

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07703 647 883 or email: hhpc2009@hotmail.com

World War 1 Anniversary Events

The Parish Council is working with the Residents Association, St Thomas Church and local volunteers to ensure that the centenary of the WW1 is commemorated later this year.

Local volunteers are researching the names listed on the memorial and we would be very pleased to display any old photos or memorabilia that people are willing to lend. If you have any information about the fallen of the village, please contact St Thomas' direct via their web site www.hockleyheath-packwood-churches.org.uk

Fire Walk!

The Recreation Ground was pleased to host the Joseph Foote Brain Tumour Trust who were looking for a location to hold a Fire Walk. This exciting event looked for willing volunteers to raise money in order to undertake a fire walk on hot coals... OUCH! There was a great turn out with plenty of fun and fund raising taking place for this worthy cause. Well done to all who took part.



Bowls Club Improvements

Hockley Heath Bowls Club have been busy improving the playing course ready for the new season. Old storage units have come down with a new Storage Facility serving local football clubs and the bowls club, new fencing to secure the site and new seating area make for an improved facility for all. For more information about how to get involved either as a member of pay and play, contact the club secretary, Lorrie Sparks on 01564 782 721.

Annual Parish Meeting

Each year the Parish must hold an Annual Parish Meeting which is a meeting of all the registered electors and NOT a meeting of the parish council. The meeting will be at 7.45pm on Thursday 15th May 2014 at the Pavilion and will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting and then by the ordinary monthly Parish Council meeting. To understand more about local meetings, please go to: www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.org.uk/admin/meetings/annual-meetings/

Superfast Broadband is nearly here!

We have heard that October 2014 will see the installation of fibre to the Lapworth Exchange to serve Hockley Heath with superfast broadband. More details on the new website.

Hockley Heath Canal Celebrations in July

The Stratford on Avon canal in Hockley Heath has been around since 1796 and saw Hockley Heath develop from a coaching stop for passengers and post to a main commercial hub. At its peak, Hockley boasted 3 wharfs - one at the Wharf Inn and two down Wharf Lane. Unfortunately most of this activity was lost with the development of railways and in 1958, Warwickshire County Council applied for an Act of Abandonment. However, 2 members of Stratford Canal Club applied for ticket to travel by canoe, along the canal from Stratford to Hockley Heath and back forcing the canal to stay open. As a result, the canal was reopened to navigation on 11th July 1964 by the Queen Mother. 50 years on, the canal is a popular destination for leisure boating and walking and there will be a re-enactment of the canoe journey this July. To find out more and see how to join in, visit: www.stratfordcanalsociety.org.uk

