

Pavilion – space available

You may be aware that from January, HH Academy will be taking over the running of the Under 5's care in the afternoons. There is still local need though for morning care for the under 5's. It may be that you could deliver this or have a group that needs space to run a class? Please call the lettings clerk on 07591 954002 or email on HHPCbooking@outlook.com

HH Gardening Club

December saw friends, family, the HH Gardening Club and Solihull Rangers plant a flowering cherry tree in memory of Anthony (Tony) Walton. Anthony's mother Mrs Betty Walton has supported the Gardening Club over a number of years, donating the money raised by the Hockley Heath Old Boys football team to the Club. A memorial plaque was placed underneath the tree and pictures of Tony were tied to the tree. The tree, is located near the corner of Aylesbury and Stratford Road. If you would like to join the Gardening Club, please email them at hhgardenclub@gmail.com

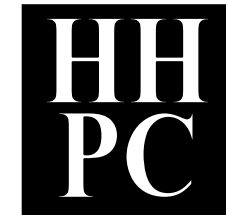
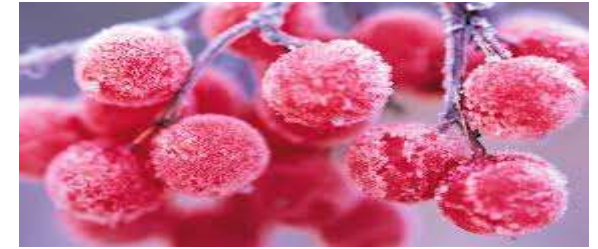
Parking Restrictions

The parish council has raised your concerns about safety and parking within the village. Solihull are now looking at putting in double yellow lines in certain areas to restrict parking, improve visibility for drivers, and keep the children safe on their way to and from school. The parish council has suggested parking restrictions along the northbound carriageway of the Stratford Road, and around School Road, among other areas. Solihull Council have to advertise these formally so if you have any comments, please await their advert and comment directly to them.



West Midlands Combined Authority

If you are looking for more information about how this new combined authority may affect you, please go to their website:
www.westmidlandscombinedauthority.org.uk/



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – January 2016

Welcome to this edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter.

Among other things, we will be looking at:

- Public Consultation on possible new housing development
- Play Area update

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07703 647 883 or email: hhpc2009@hotmail.com or find us on www.facebook.com/hockleyheathpc or on twitter: twitter.com/hockleyheath_pc

Vacancy for Councillor

A vacancy has arisen on Hockley Heath Parish Council for a councillor. Notices will be going up around the village to advertise the post. If you would like more information on this and how you can get more involved in the council, please contact the parish clerk. In order to qualify you must be on the electoral register for the village and comply with at least ONE from this list below:

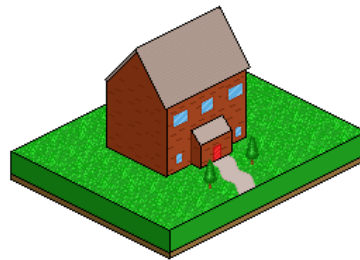
- Occupy land or premises as owner / tenant for a whole 12 months before the nomination day.
- Have your principal or only place of work within the parish for the last 12 months.
- Have lived within the parish or within 3 miles of it during the whole 12 months prior to nomination.

Proposed Housing Development

Councillors met with Bowsall Development and Waterloo housing at the beginning of December, in order to consider the site between Stratford Road and Spring Lane.

The initial thoughts for the site are for 13 x 2 bed homes and 6 x 3 bed homes which would be operated by Waterloo Housing Group.

A planning application will be put before Solihull Council at the end of January 2016 but the developers are keen to find out from the community, what you want. Waterloo Housing and Bowsall will be holding a drop in Public Consultation event on **Thursday 14th January from 3pm - 8pm** at the Pavilion, Hockley Heath Recreation Ground, Old Warwick Road.



Come along and look at what is proposed. It is hoped that the development will provide starter home for local villagers or maybe homes for people who want to down size.

A leaflet will be coming round with this newsletter giving you more information.

Play Area and Multi Use Games Area

Thanks to money raised from various community events together with money from the Parish Council, a new playground has been provided at the recreation ground. The ideas for this came from an online questionnaire, the Village Plan questionnaire and a stand at the summer fayre in 2014.

Whilst the equipment is fantastic, there are a few problems with the ground. This has been caused by excessive rain and the need to dig out the large bark pit which used to form the base of the climbing frame. The developers are aware and will be carrying out remedial action over the next few weeks.

The area where the old grind rails and youth shelter are, will soon be transformed in January. A larger multi use games area will be put in with a new youth shelter. It will include new goal ends and basketball hoops. To fund this, the parish council have had to seek a loan, but applications continue to be made for grant aid in order to assist with these costs.