

Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council NEWSLETTER



Number 57 September 2014



PC Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm with a councillor available from 7.15pm
Meetings include allotted time for questions from the public – all residents are most welcome to attend.

Forthcoming dates: 6th Oct, Lickey • 3rd Nov, Blackwell • 1st Dec, Lickey

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Best Front Gardens and award winners 2014 | background picture: Jacqui Geater

foreword



Although we do not have a Parish Council meeting in August, it doesn't mean that nothing happens. It has been a busy summer as you will see from this newsletter.

We welcome two new Councillors, Stephen Nock and Paula Rudd, who have undergone training and who introduce themselves below. We still need another Councillor for Blackwell (Linthurst Ward).

Over the next couple of months we shall be putting together our budget for the year 2015-16. If any resident has a view on this, now is the ideal time to talk to us, particularly if you know of something that the Council could do that would benefit our community.

Our Footpath Warden David Crockett, is inviting residents and dogs alike on our Autumn Parish Walk along some of the many lovely public footpaths we maintain. Meet 9.45 for 10am Sunday 5 October By Lickey Church, Twatling Road with suitable clothing/footwear.

We desperately need specific skills to further our Neighbourhood Plan – particularly project management, data analysis and planning knowledge. Please get in touch if you can help.



Cllrs. Stephen Nock, Nick Forknell and Jill Harvey at the inauguration of the PC Trinity Office with Helen Doherty, EO second right

With almost 60 'likes', our Facebook page is growing. If you want to use the page to send messages, comment on parish issues or tell us about your local events, please like us and help our community to grow: www.facebook.com/lickeyandblackwellcouncil

Our popular Annual Best Front Garden Competition has been judged and the awards presented – see cover for the awards presentation and page 6 for this years successful winners.

And finally, our Executive Officer, Helen Doherty will be working in the recently opened PC Office at the Trinity Centre on Old Birmingham Road every Wednesday from 9.30 to 2.30. The office will be open for residents – so feel free to call in!

Cllr. Jill Harvey, Chair

Introducing our new Councillors

I have been working at Lickey Hills Primary School for over 12 years now as Deputy Headteacher and about eight years ago my husband and I moved into the area. I have two grown up sons and a very cute one year old grandson.

I am very pleased that I was co-opted as a councillor in August of this year. I wanted to become a councillor so that I could work with other parish organisations to develop the 'Community Spirit' of the area and encourage members of the public to organise and take part in events.

We have a beautiful parish and I would like to see the Parish Council supporting events and activities that encourage others to contribute to and preserve our fantastic environment.

Paula

—Councillor Paula Rudd



My name is Stephen Nock and I am proud to have been co-opted as Parish Councillor for the Shepley Ward of Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council. I have lived here for almost eight years after moving from Bewdley, although I did live at Catshill in my youth and remember visiting the Lickey Hills and amusement arcades regularly!

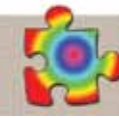
The reason I moved here is because I like the rural feel, the views, the walks, the hills, the countryside and the general pleasantness of the area. This is also the reason I joined the Parish Council in order to maintain what we possess and to keep our area as a nice place to live and to visit.

I did not realise before I was co-opted just how much the Parish Council does in the area – including keeping footpaths clear, cemetery maintenance, grass mowing; children's areas and planters, not to mention planning issues. I would like to uphold the standards of this area and hopefully improve them over the years to come.

Stephen

—Councillor Stephen Nock

around the parish



Police and Fire Station Open Day

Visit the new service HQ in Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove (next to Artrix) for a great family fun day. Saturday 27 September noon-4pm.

Check Your Home is Fire Safe

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service provide advice to everyone and, for the more vulnerable, offer a free fire safety check in the home.

People who are more at risk of an accidental house fire are the elderly, those who live alone and those with reduced mobility. A Fire Safety Check involves a visit to your home to offer safety advice specific to your household. During the visit, the staff will check your smoke alarms and install new ones if needed, and will ensure that you are doing all that you can to avoid the risk of a fire in your home. We would urge anyone who might be vulnerable or knows anyone who lives on their own or has reduced mobility to take action. To see if you qualify for a FREE Fire Safety Check contact the Community Safety Team on 0800 032 1155 quoting reference PN14. Those doing the Fire Safety Checks will always make an appointment and carry identification.

Free Health Check

If you are involved in a group or business this might be of interest...

The service is relatively new and has been commissioned to deliver health checks throughout the county. The team are currently visiting large organisations i.e. local businesses and government offices to provide free health checks for employees.

This check is to assess an individual's risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, kidney disease and stroke and is available to anyone aged between 40 and 74 if they have not already been diagnosed with the conditions mentioned. Checks take 15-20 minutes during which there will be questions about lifestyle and family history, height, weight and Body Mass Index will be measured along with blood pressure and a blood test to check cholesterol and blood glucose levels.

If you are interested you would need to provide access to a room in which to conduct the checks on a date convenient to you. Individuals can be allocated appointment times. The aim to make the process as simple as possible. Email: Katie.Hazelgrove@hacw.nhs.uk



Lickey Phab Club

Officially opened on Saturday 28 June with a Strawberry Fair, they enjoyed a great afternoon eating scones with cream and strawberries, winning prizes on the tombola, face painting and being entertained with some live music.

Lickey Phab Club is a social club for people with and without disabilities aged 14 and above to come together each week to have fun! Phab is a national charity, to which Lickey are affiliated, whose aim is to promote and encourage people of all abilities to come together on equal terms to achieve complete inclusion within the wider community.

Lickey Phab Club meets weekly on Monday nights from 7.30pm till 9.30pm at The Trinity Centre, Lickey Parish Hall, to have fun, play games, do craftwork or simply just chat. There's also a tuck shop.

For further information or to get involved please contact Louise Edgell on 07814 122 990 or email lickeyphabclub@hotmail.com

Change to Police Services

From 1 September 2014, Bromsgrove and Rubery Police Stations will no longer have front counter provisions. Contact points have been installed to connect the visitor to a police call taker 24/7 via telephone intercom.

Priority Service Register – Western Power Distribution

The company who operate the network for the supply of electricity within our area are Western Power Distribution. They have a legal responsibility to make provision to support vulnerable people who might be adversely affected by a power cut. To do this they compile the 'Priority Service Register' so that they know where support is needed. There are three groups likely to need support, those medically dependant, those with communication needs and others who would include the elderly and disabled. If you feel that you would like to register your need, there are number of leaflets and application forms available from the office at the Trinity Centre, or contact our Executive Officer who will arrange for delivery to your home. We will be providing more information and advice about dealing with power cuts later in the year.



Marlbrook Tip Working Party

The first meeting of the Cross Party Working Group was held in August.

Among local residents, representation will include: Lickey and Blackwell PC, Catshill and North Marlbrook PC, Lickey Community Group and Lickey Hills Society

It was agreed that answers were needed to a series of questions.

- clarification about the nature of the medium to be added on site
- is the final depth required loose material or compressed – meaning even more lorry loads
- how would it be monitored and who would pay
- is the culvert strong enough for the extra load
- how the balancing pool be came categorized as a 'reservoir'
- what happens now as the Enforcement requirements have not been carried out by March 2014



Our very own Lickey reservoir!

There were grave misgivings that Faber Maunsell had not accepted responsibility for their part in the problem, and it was felt that their professional standards should be questioned even though BDC had no contractual relationship with them.

It was revealed that Pre-application Advice had been sought and given about the site in May. It was regretted that the Environment Agency had not been invited to send a representative or a report to the meeting. However, the Agency is due to report to BDC by the end of August, followed by a meeting with the planners in the first week of September. The next meeting of the Working Party will follow at the end of September when, hopefully, there will be some answers. Cllr Kit Taylor, who chaired the meeting, stated that he wanted the public to be kept fully informed and that future meetings would be open to observers.

Bromsgrove & Redditch Local Plan

Both Bromsgrove and Redditch submitted their local plans for inspection earlier this year, and were met with very different responses from the Inspector, Michael Hetherington conducting the Examination in Public.

Bromsgrove's plan was sent back with the Inspector asking for a revision of the housing numbers, which did not agree with the proposed employment growth in the town. Bromsgrove strategic planners submitted new figures and the Examination in Public will take place at Bromsgrove Council House 2-4 December followed by a cross-boundary allocations session 11 December.

Redditch's plan was accepted and the dates for their Examination in Public at Redditch Council House are 23 to 25 September when one of the matters scheduled for the first day is the justification for the apportionment of housing need from Redditch to Bromsgrove. See both Councils' websites for more information.

Neighbourhood Planning

As the six week consultation period on designating the area as Lickey and Blackwell and Cofton Hackett parishes has now expired, we await approval confirmation from the District Council.



Since moving our portable Vehicle Advisory Sign (VAS) to Old Birmingham Road (Southbound), we have been experiencing over 1,000 vehicles per day on this downhill section approaching the Linehouse Road/Braces Lane junction exceeding the 30 mph speed limit.

Consideration is now to be given to a permanent sign on this section which will sense and display the speed of approaching vehicles. Tests earlier in the year with a portable device suggested that this would be more effective than a sign just saying 'SLOW'.

On Rose Hill, we've been having traffic problems in August with two further accidents by the Rose & Crown. These have added evidence for our request to improve the surface and signage on the bend. We continue to push County Council for the improvements needed.

Updates

- Our newly acquired Phone Box on Old Birmingham Road has been painted and awaits its defibrillator.
- Hedge cutting to create and improve the path surface along Blackwell Road towards Barnt Green has begun.
- Provision of a new bridge on Linthurst Newtown and road closure has been postponed until April next year.
- The Royal Mail have promised the replacement letterbox on St Catherine's Road will be installed by 2 October.
- We have two county contractors for two weeks who are tidying the parish to include cutting back and pathway scrapping.

*** Commemorating the First World War ***

28 JULY 1914 TO 11 NOVEMBER 1918

As our contribution to the centennial of the outbreak of the First World War, the Parish Council funded the cleaning of Lickey War Memorial and tidied the small memorial garden around it. The Lickey Hills Local History Society has been researching how the War affected the local area and held an Open Weekend on September 13th and 14th with some of their research on view. This is an ongoing project and if anyone is interested the Society would love to hear from you – contact details on page eight. Thanks to the Society for providing these articles.

The Lickey Church School missing memorial

After the War, the Local Education Authority contributed money for their schools to commission memorials for pupils who had been killed. The schools at Lickey and Rubery chose Miss Rawlins to do the work. Lickey memorial was unveiled on 16th December 1921. The following is a description from the Bromsgrove Messenger:

On an oak board are painted the following inscription:-

The men whose names are written here were boys at this School. They gave their lives for their country in the Great War. Thank God for the victory they helped to win: honour their memory: follow their example.

Ernest Frederick Blunn,
Alfred Ernest Wilkes, Frederick Wright,
William Arthur Ince, Benjamin Partidge,
Henry J. Capener.

On the left is a sprig of 'Honesty' to symbolise Sincerity of purpose and motive: on the right a branch of oak for Fortitude and Loyalty, and in the middle under a Cross in a shield an olive branch for Peace and Brotherhood under the common yoke of the Cross.

The Society would like to find out what happened to these memorials. Lickey's may have been lost in the move to the current school building, but we believe that of St Chad's Church School was at least until recently still in the old school building. Can anyone help with information? They could be a valuable local educational asset.

Beaconwood Auxiliary Hospital, Lickey

Auxiliary Hospitals were established after the outbreak of WWI to provide convalescence for wounded soldiers. The Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John, provided equipment and trained staff for buildings selected as hospitals. Auxiliary Hospitals relied on women to volunteer as V.A.D. nurses and housekeeping support for the trained staff. Beaconwood was one such hospital. Rubery Hill and Hollymoor Asylums became the 1st and 2nd Birmingham War Hospitals with capacity to treat up to 2000 wounded soldiers from the battlefields.

Patients needing convalescence were probably sent to Beaconwood, the summer home of George Cadbury Jnr and his family. At the outbreak of war the house and lodge were given for hospital use.

Located on the western slopes of the Lickey Hills with clean air and panoramic views over Worcestershire, it was ideal for convalescence. Alterations were made to the house with additional building in the grounds to accommodate the soldiers. The hospital admitted its first patients on 21 November 1914, and continued until 1 April 1919, caring for over 1200 soldiers.

In charge as Commandant was Lady Frances Hannah Chavassee, widow of Sir Thomas Chavassee, a consultant Surgeon at Birmingham General Hospital. Their family home was Linthurst Court in Linthurst Road. Sir Thomas had been the Director for Worcestershire of the British Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Brigade. With this background Lady Chavassee, aged 65 and herself a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, volunteered to set up and run the Auxiliary Hospital. Her son, Arthur, was a Doctor serving with the RAMC, until he died at the front in March 1916. Despite this loss, Lady Frances ran Beaconwood until it closed. Her work was recognised when she was awarded the MBE in the 1920 War Honours List.



Little is known about the hospital routine or who the staff and patients were, as documents relating to it and other auxiliary hospitals were destroyed after the war.

However, research has discovered the autograph book of Private William Charles Vann from the Lincolnshire Regiment, compiled during the three months he was a patient at Beaconwood in the autumn of 1917. This is now at the Imperial War Museum, but the Lickey Hills Local History Society has copies of the comments and photographs in it.

Best Front Garden Competition

Our annual competition is judged by a mix of parish councillors, professional gardeners and the previous year’s winners. They have the pleasure of walking round the parish looking at every front garden in the search for this years winners.

This year we were looking for summer gardens with the judging taking place during early July. After an exceptionally mild winter, which flowering shrubs in particular seem to have enjoyed, we found some beautiful examples of potentillas, hydrangeas and, of course, roses alongside geraniums, petunias and begonias providing plenty of colour.

We have five categories and award:

First prize: shield, medal & £20 FRESH garden centre voucher

Second prize: medal & £10 FRESH voucher

Third prize: medal & £5 FRESH voucher.

Thanks are due to FRESH Garden Centre for their generous donations and on-going support.

Our judges had a hard time this year with some very attractive gardens vying for first three places but after much deliberation have chosen the following:

Large Gardens

1st Mr & Mrs G Grimshaw, 9 Lower Shepley Lane

2nd Mr & Mrs D Harding, Plymouth Road

3rd Mr & Mrs JV Wilkinson, 15 Mearse Lane

Medium Gardens

1st Mr & Mrs D Winroope, 3 The Hollies

2nd Mr S Parker, 22 Birkdale Avenue

3rd= Mr & Mrs Porter, 8 Stretton Drive and
Mr & Mrs Harris/Mr & Mrs Rothery, 24/26 Pine Gr (shared garden)

Small Gardens

1st Mr & Mrs B Nind, 31 Greenfield Avenue

2nd Mr S Lyall, 7 The Glen

3= Mr & Mrs W Rainbow, 18a The Glen and
Mr & Mrs J Moody, 116 Linthurst Newtown

Eco-Friendly Gardens

1st Mr & Mrs Street, 29 Lickey Rock

2nd Mrs S Mitchell, 2 Pumphouse Lane

3rd LBPC for cemetery extension, Old Birmingham Road

Public and Commercial Gardens

1st Lickey Hills Country Park gardening team

2nd Blackwell Social Club

3rd Burcot Grange Residential Home



Bus Transport

As we move into autumn there are some changes in the parish. The 145 bus service is being operated by WMSNT and the revised timetable is proving popular with our regular passengers.

The route now runs between Longbridge station and Droitwich with slightly better frequency than the previous one to Redditch. On their last day the Diamond bus drivers waved farewell to their passengers, a gesture much appreciated by those on board. The dedicated school bus, which is more expensive than the 145, will not travel through Blackwell as the double decker cannot negotiate the bridge so students living in Blackwell will travel by the regular service bus. Timetables are available at bus stops, at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk. Copies are also available from Blackwell Village Stores. Since there is still no evening or Sunday service we still have a little way to go!

STOP PRESS – Since writing this item we hear that Diamond Bus Company has registered a service 145A on a similar route. We await developments.

Bromsgrove District Council New Homes Bonus Cross-party Working Group

During August, 200 responses were submitted to this new group and Cllr King attended an information session at the Council House. Group members and officers from Planning and Finance spoke of the way they were using the Government’s Bonus. A heated discussion followed.

The Government introduced the Bonus to incentivise councils to allow more housing to be built. For each new

home £7,000 is paid over 6 years with an additional £1,500 for an affordable home. Bromsgrove District Council has received £2,128,620 to date and over 6 years will receive £5.7m. The County Council gets 20% and 80% goes to the District Council. In other district council areas, such as neighbouring Wychavon half of that 80% is then passed on to parishes where housing development has generated the Bonus. Some parishes have received £100,000 to use as they see fit eg village halls and play area refurbishment.

Bromsgrove has chosen to retain all of the 80%. It is being used to replace the central government funding, which has been reduced – this was not the intention of the Government in offering NHB.

The new working group is welcomed by parish councils as an opportunity to make our views heard. However, there is no parish council representative on the working group. The working group’s first report is expected to be presented to the full Bromsgrove District Council in November. More information may be found at: <http://modern.govwebpublic.bromsgrove.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=317&Mid=2161&Ver=4>



We are now in the second year of managing the Cemetery extension differently, to encourage wild flowers and provide an improved natural habitat. As the whole area is no longer mown, we have agreed with our contractor that he will strim individual plots each month. This will be administered by the Parish Council, but charged to the individual at £25 per mowing season (April to October). Please contact us if this is of interest.

Lickey and Blackwell Parish Councillors

Mrs Jill Harvey, chair Lickey Monument Ward (p+c)	36 Rose Hill, Lickey B45 8RR	0121 453 5838	jh@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
Mrs Kathryn Crockett, vice chair Lickey Grange Ward (f)	344 Old Birmingham Road, Lickey B45 8ES	0121 445 5965	kc@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
Ms Jo Eales Linthurst Ward (e+h+p)	Pinfield House, Cherry Hill Road, Barnt Green B45 8LL	0121 445 5754	je@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
Mr Nick Forknell Lickey Monument Ward (h+e)	40 Pine Grove, Lickey B45 8HE	0121 439 9324	nf@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
Mr Peter Harvey Lickey Grange Ward (f)	36 Rose Hill, Lickey B45 8RR	0121 453 5838	ph@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
Mrs Janet King Linthurst Ward (c+p)	110 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell B60 1BS	0121 445 2802	jk@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
Mr Stephen Nock Shepley Ward	Tavistock House, Mearse Lane, B45 8HL	0121 445 3213	sn@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
Mrs Paula Rudd Shepley Ward	Rohan Cottage, Lickey Hills School, Old B'ham Rd, Lickey B45 8EU	—	pr@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
Vacant ~ Linthurst Ward	details from EO, below		
Mrs Helen Doherty Executive Officer	27 Blackwell Road, Barnt Green, Birmingham B45 8BT	0121 445 1849	eo@lickeyandblackwellpc.org

PC Groups: [environment](#) | [finance](#) | [highways](#) | [planning](#) | [communications/social services](#) (group lead underlined) for editorial matters contact Executive Officer

Bromsgrove District Council

Council House, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, Worcs B60 1AA	01527 873 232	www.bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk
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Cllr. Mr John Ruck, The Cottage, Top Road, Wildmoor, Bromsgrove B61 0RB – Marlbrook Ward	0121 457 8026	j.ruck@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk
Cllr. Mr Kit Taylor, 22 Brickhouse Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove B60 4LX – Linthurst Ward	01527 879 339	k.taylor@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Worcestershire County Council

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Cllr. Mr Kit Taylor, 22 Brickhouse Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove B60 4LX – Bromsgrove East Div.	01527 879 339	ktaylor3@worcestershires.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

Mr Sajid Javid MP House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA	01527 872 135	sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk
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The Visitors Centre (VC),
Warren Lane, Lickey
(more on page 8.)

Lickey Explorers

Sundays 11am **VC** – pond dipping, den building, bug hunting and other outdoor activities. Adult to accompany children.
Booking essential 0121 445 6036.

‘ACT’ – Active Conservation Team

Tuesday 10.00am-2pm Fresh air, exercise, meet nice people, learn new skills and give something back to your local environment. Tasks range from heathland habitat management, tree felling, tree planting, invasive species control, path/steps/bridges, & fence maintenance, wildlife surveying and more. Wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear – sloping and rough terrain. Meet at **VC** with drink/snack/lunch. Good fun with training, tools & equipment supplied. Contact 0121 445 6036 or email: lickey.hub@birmingham.gov.uk

Tai Chi

Sundays 10-11am, Beacon Hill, (Monument Lane car park)
Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am Cofton Park, (Lowhill Lane car park)
Combines deep breathing & relaxation with gentle movements, practised as a health-promoting exercise. Suitable for all ages, helps reduce stress, improve balance, general mobility and increase muscle strength in the legs.

Nordic Walking

Tuesdays 10.30am **VC**. Tone upper and lower body at the same time! Uses 90% of the skeletal muscles, burns 46% more calories than ordinary walking and reduces the pressure on knees/joints. Great for heart and lungs. An introduction, poles provided – and it’s FREE. **Booking essential:** Hayley, 01527 881 404 or Hayley.gwilliam@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Lickey Hills Active Park Walk

Thursdays until 9 Oct 10.30-11.30am **VC**. Not too strenuous – slow, steady pace. Wear suitable outdoor clothing & footwear.

noticeboard



MOBILE LIBRARY 2014
STOPS AT ORCHARD CROFT, BARNT GREEN
TUESDAY 1.55 - 2.20PM
THEN REDNAL SOCIAL CLUB, COFTON
HACKETT
2.30 - 3PM
16 SEPT, 7 & 28 OCT, 18 NOV AND 9 DEC

BLACKWELL AND BURCOT WI

Meet second Wednesdays 2pm Burcot Village Hall for programme of talks. Enjoy visits, the theatre, shopping trips and wonderful company. Come to a meeting - the first one is free.
Oct 8 Birthday meeting at FRESH Garden Centre with Nicki Gow
Nov 12 Crafts for Christmas with Kim Neale
Dec 10 Christmas Lunch, Barnt Green Cricket Club - members only
Details: Vanessa Jackson, president 447 9888

BLACKWELL CONCERT BAND

Dec 13 Concert at St Andrew's, Barnt Green
Dec 24 Carols at Blackwell Social Club
Full programme: www.blackwellconcertband.co.uk

BLACKWELL CRAFT FAIR

Nov 16 Blackwell Methodist Hall 10am-4.00pm
Christmas shopping starts here! Hand-made and recycled goods at reasonable prices.
Proceeds to Blackwell Festival 2015

BLACKWELL FESTIVAL

2014 was another successful festival and we shall be fund raising during the winter for next year. See website and community notice boards for info about events: www.blackwellvillage.org.uk

BLACKWELL FIRST SCHOOL

St Catherine's Road, Blackwell B60 1BN
Oct 17 PTFA event - welcome to new teacher, James Smith aka our Parish Poet-in-Residence
Dec tba Christmas Fair
Details: 445 1622 www.blackwellfirstschool.com

BLACKWELL MOTHER AND BABIES GROUP

Wednesdays 10-11.20 Blackwell Methodist Hall
Sept 17 Re-start
£1.50 for mother and child, +50p extra child
Contact Katie on 07790 223 409

BLACKWELL SCOUT GROUP (4TH BROMSGROVE)

Both Blackwell and Lickey groups meet at the Hut, St Catherine's Rd., Blackwell. Open to boys and girls of all interests and abilities.

- Beaver Scout Colony 6 - 8 years Thurs 6-7pm.
- Cub Scouts Pack 8 - 10½ years Weds 6:45-8:15pm
- Scouts Troop 10½ - 14 years Thurs 7:15-9pm
details: www.1stbromsgrove.org.uk/
- 1st Lickey Scout Group runs three sections on Tues.
details e: info@1stLickey.org.uk
- Explorer Scouts is organised at the District level and 1st Blackwell Scouts feed into the Shackleton Unit based at Blackwell Court.

BLACKWELL CLUB

Linthurst Newtown
Previous CAMRA Club of the Year!
Dec 20 Children's Christmas Party
Dec 24 Carols with Blackwell Concert Band
Details of year round events and to book private functions: 445 2134

BLACKWELL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Thurs evenings 7.30pm at Blackwell Methodist Hall, Three Tables & equipment supplied with some coaching - just turn up. £1ea & 50p under 18 yrs and students.
Janet King, e: janet@kingfamily.mail1.co.uk

BROMSGROVE AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Sept 20 International Sausage Festival 7.30pm
Holywell Community Centre
Oct 2-6 Visit from Gronau twinnings. Barn Dance with curry supper at Burcot village hall
Nov 7 Skittles Evening & Supper, Catshill Social Club
Further details: www.bromstwin.org.uk
Info/bookings: roger.westbury3@btinternet.com

BURCOT GARDENING CLUB

7.30pm first Wednesday at Burcot Village Hall
Oct 1 Duncan Coombs - Bulbs for Spring Display
Nov 5 Members' Evening
Dec 3 Howard Drury Switzerland, 'Flower Hunting in the Bernese Oberland'
Info from Brian or Jenny Adams 01527 522109

FAIRTRADE BROMSGROVE

Oct 25 Fairtrade Fair, Bromsgrove Methodist Centre 10-1.30pm entry free. Cycle to make a smoothie (first 25 free), fairtrade goods for sale

FRIDAY BRIDGE CLUB

7pm each Friday at Burcot Village Hall
Friendly competition, beginners and visitors welcome.
Gill Croft, 01527 401 019

LICKEY & BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meetings at 7.30pm open to all residents, consultation beforehand and an opportunity to speak at the beginning of meeting.
Oct 5 Autumn Walk - see Foreword page 1.
Helen Doherty, 445 1849

LICKEY CHURCH WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

1st and 3rd Weds 2.15-3.45pm Trinity Centre, Lickey
Speakers, craft activities, quizzes, charity events.
Contact Sandra Smith 445 1425

LICKEY COMMUNITY GROUP

Established in 2000 by local residents to improve the Lickey & Marlbrook local area and community. Future of the Tip - we are represented on the enquiry group, speeding and parking are of regular concern.
Keith Woolford: keith@arch-media.co.uk
www.lickeycommunitygroup.btck.co.uk

LICKEY HILLS ART SOCIETY

1st Saturday each month at 7.30pm Longbridge Methodist Hall, Bristol Rd, Rednal, B45 9TY
Visitors welcome.
Info: enquiries@lickeyhillsartsociety.co.uk

LICKEY HILLS COUNTRY PARK

Visitor Centre, Warren Lane, Lickey B45 8ER
445 6036 www.birmingham.gov.uk/lickeyhills
Unless otherwise stated, activities start from VC

- **Park Events** (more page 7.)
- Oct 3** Skywatch 7.30-10pm
- Oct 12 & Nov 23** Practical clearance sessions
- Oct 12, 30 & 31** Kids Half-Term Activities 11am-1pm booking essential
- Oct 19** Fungus Foray 10.30-noon
- Dec 6** National Tree Dressing Day 11am-1pm
- Dec 14** Seasonal Crafts 11am-1pm booking essential
- **Lickey Hills Geo-Champions**
- Oct 18** Lickey Rocks! Quarries, Quartzite and Questions. Family activities day in connection with Earth Sciences Week 10.30-3.30 Visitor Centre

LICKEY HILLS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Third Tuesday at 7.30pm Trinity Centre, Lickey
Oct 21 The Priestley Riots by Dr Chris Upton
Nov 18 The English Civil War in Worcestershire by Max Keen (in 17th century dress)
Dec 16 Christmas Party with Geoff Hawkesworth, 'Memories of Vanished Bromsgrove'
George Gascoyne, 453 6320 www.lhls.org.uk

LICKEY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Old Birmingham Road, Lickey B45 8EU
Nov 28 Christmas Fair
445 1992 www.lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk

THE LICKEY HILLS SOCIETY

Monthly meetings at Trinity Centre and Lickey Hills Country Park for practical maintenance
Nov 8 Litter Pick 10am at Visitor Centre
Nov 23 AGM & 30th Birthday Celebration 7.30pm Visitor Centre, Warren Lane
Programme: Baden Carlson e: info@lhrs.org.uk

LICKEY WI

Meet first Tuesdays 7.45pm, Trinity Centre, Lickey Theatre/cinema visits, skittles and bowling matches.
Oct 6 Karen O'Connor, CBSO and Competition - An Instrument
Nov 4 Crafts to make or bring your own craft Competition - A knitted item
Dec 2 Christmas Charity Collection/Lucky Dip and music by '6.5 Special'
Info: www.lickeywi.moonfruit.com

LICKEY WINE AND SOCIAL CIRCLE

Last Thursday each month 8pm Burcot Village Hall
Talks, quizzes, games, themed evenings and making your own wine.
Sheila, 445 5436

THE MIDLAND SINFONIA

Programme of classical music (Reg.Charity)
Nov 15 Fundraising Quiz
Dec 13 Candlelit Concert
- both events at St Laurence Church, Alvechurch
Tickets & programme: www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk
Marian Barwell, 447 7040

ROSEHILL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

Second Mondays 2pm Trinity Centre, Lickey
Demonstrations and refreshments - visitors welcome.
Belinda Winroope, 447 7477

POLICE AND FIRE STATION

Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove
Sept 27 Open Day - displays, vintage vehicles, band, goody bags, Wildlife Trust and more 12pm-4pm

ST CATHERINE'S WI

Third Thursdays 7.30pm The Wheel, St Catherine's, Blackwell
Varied programme of talks, craft projects and visits.
Jules Evans 01527 576 261

YOGA AND MEDITATION CLASSES

Blackwell First School
• Yoga - Mondays 7pm & Meditate 8.30pm
The Ark, Alvechurch
• Yoga - Wednesdays 12.45
• Meditate - 2.15pm & 7pm
Rowney Green Village Hall
• Yoga - Wednesday 9.30am
Sally Wall, 07903 663 085 www.MyYogaMind.co.uk

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