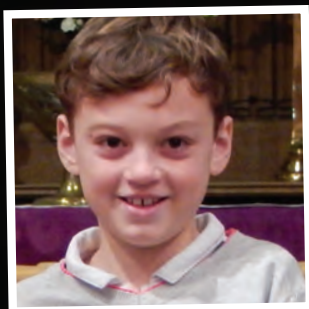


# Lickey & Blackwell Parish Council NEWSLETTER



Number 58 December 2014



**Birthday Celebrations**  
**Wadderton Crisis**  
**New Blackwell Bridge**  
**Defibrillators Purchase**



PC Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm with a councillor available from 7.15pm.

Meetings include allotted time for public questions – all residents are most welcome to attend.

Forthcoming dates: January recess • 2nd February, Blackwell • 2nd March, Lickey • 13th April, Blackwell

[www.lickeyandblackwellpc.org](http://www.lickeyandblackwellpc.org)

[www.facebook.com/lickeyandblackwellcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/lickeyandblackwellcouncil)

main picture: The Annual PC Tree Lighting at Blackwell inset: Lickey and Blackwell prize winners



## foreword



I am glad to tell you that we have plenty of good news to report!

Firstly, we welcome a new Councillor for Linthurst Ward, Anna Boehm, which means we have a full Council again. There will be more about Anna in the March newsletter. Next May, there will be full Parish Council elections along with the General Election, so if you are considering becoming more involved in your local community please contact us for more information.

The British Heart Foundation has granted the PC funds to help us purchase three defibrillators in the Parish. We have already agreed the sites, in Blackwell, Lickey and Marlbrook, so the Parish will be well covered.

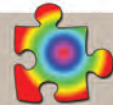
We have a new speed indicator sign on order, which will indicate the actual speed at which a vehicle is travelling – we hope to have it up and running soon.

At our December meeting we voted to leave the precept unchanged for the 4th year running. And finally, on a seasonal note, we had a record number of entries for the Christmas competition – thank you to all the children who entered. I spent a lovely morning helping judge the entries, a very difficult but enjoyable task.

On that note may we wish all our residents a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Cllr. Jill Harvey, Chair

## around the parish



The old St Catherine's Road post box

### St Catherine's Road letter box

Having chased up the promised and long awaited replacement letter box at the Linthurst Road end of St Catherine's Road, we were appalled to be told that it was not going to be installed.

This, despite correspondence over the last year and being given an actual installation date.

We feel that this leaves residents in the Dale Hill area too far from a post box – the nearest being Lower Shepley Lane or the Barnt Green end of Linthurst Road. Apologies to those residents who have asked us about this – we are really disappointed with this outcome.



Remembrance Service  
November 2014

### Lickey Remembers

Residents observe the two minute silence on Remembrance Sunday. To commemorate the Centenary of the First World War, the Lickey War Memorial underwent professional cleaning earlier this year which was funded by the Parish Council.



Country Park tree planting  
March 2014

### Tree planting

The Rangers are calling for help with tree planting in the Country Park to replace the 360 larch which were felled in 2013 due to Phytophthora ramorum. Last year 1,000 mainly hazel whips were planted.

This year, thanks to funding and volunteers from Deutsche Bank, a further 3,000 will be planted. These will be done in two all day sessions starting from 10am on Thursday 29 January and Thursday 12 March 2015.

If you would like to help, for however short a time, just turn up at the Visitor Centre.

### Christmas Waste/Recycling dates

As there will be no collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day 2015, please note these will now be:

Normal Day	Revised Day
Thursday 25 Dec	Monday 22 Dec
Friday 26 Dec	Monday 29 Dec
Thursday 1 Jan	Saturday 3 Jan

All other collection dates remain unchanged for the parish.



### Lickey Hills Society 30th Birthday

Originally formed as a result of local opposition to a proposed ski slope on Rednal Hill, the society celebrated 30 years of activity at its AGM in November. Since then, the registered charity has worked tirelessly to promote and conserve the area by organising practical activities, meetings, publishing three booklets, funding improvements and leading walks.

The AGM was hosted by the Ranger Service at the Lickey Hills Country Park Visitor Centre. Amongst those invited were former park rangers, committee members who had moved out of the area, and other 'friends groups' – in all more than seventy people!

Perhaps most heartening was an impromptu thanks to the Society made by Geoff Coles, who had originally been on the "opposite side" as a Birmingham Council employee and part of the team proposing the ski slope back in 1984. He gave a warm endorsement for the Society's past work and its importance for the future. The evening was rounded off by a very entertaining and upbeat talk on the trials and tribulations of the Lickey Hills Country Park by Steve Hinton, Senior Ranger.



Steve Hinton flanked by Ann & Lynda



Above L-R: Nick Psirides,  
Ron Brown and Baden Carlson

Top: Geoff Cole (seated),  
Mike Brooke (presenting)  
and Joe Hayden (standing  
at back right)



The  
LICKEY  
HILLS  
Society

## highways



As reported in the Chairman's welcome, we have ordered a speed indicator sign which displays the actual speed of passing vehicles – we hope this will be effective as we will rotate it to various sites throughout the Parish.

We would like a permanent sign on Old Birmingham Road, approaching the junction at Tesco, where our mobile unit is attracting in excess of 1,000 hits each day – that is 1,000 vehicles each day exceeding the speed limit. We need the permission of Worcestershire County Council to install this and await their decision.

We have been really fortunate to secure the services of Fred and Jim who work in the County Highways department and are available to undertake work, which is free of charge, in parishes.

The picture of the duo was taken at the end of Monument Lane, opposite the Beacon car park, where a huge stretch of footway was sided out and cleared, making it passable again for both pedestrians and those with wheelchairs and buggies.

Work was also undertaken on Plymouth Road and Rose Hill and we are very grateful for this. Thanks lads!



Fred & Jim from Highways



## social services & communications



### Christmas events in the parish

The parish is certainly celebrating well this Christmas! The pantomime, Dick Whittington, at the Trinity Centre, our local church services and celebrations, the traditional Blackwell Concert Band Christmas Eve concert at Blackwell Club, local societies' Christmas dinners at Barnt Green Cricket Club, the Old Rose and Crown and at Hillscourt.

And, our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting events with Santa presenting the prizes for this year's competition winners.

### Parish Council and local policing teams

With PACT meetings no longer running here, and our area known to be a low crime area, your parish council has decided to hold regular meetings with both our policing teams in 2015. If you have any issues or concerns that need raising, please do let us know.

### Best Front Garden Competition 2015

Judging will take place in early October for our very popular annual competition. It's our way to thank our local gardeners for all their hard work in the parish.



### Residents' Meeting

2pm Wednesday 11 February

Tea party at Barnt Green Cricket Club with invited speakers and discussion. This is for our older residents and booking is essential through Helen Doherty or your local councillor.

### Defibrillator update

We are delighted to announce the approval of our application for funding of three public access defibrillators. We hope to take possession of these units soon and we are grateful to the Trinity Centre and Blackwell Club for allowing the installation on the exterior of their premises. The third unit will be housed in our newly refurbished telephone box on Old Birmingham Road.

We will be offering basic training to individuals and local group leaders – so do get in touch.



Laura Breedon



Jacob Share

### Christmas 2014 Competition

There was a record number of entries this year with an astonishing 94. These included so many stories and poems that we decided to introduce a new Literature category for the over 8 years old.

Congratulations to all our prize winners and to everyone who entered. A big thank you to our schools' staff, who raised the standard to new heights, and to the Lickey Hills Primary School choir, who sang so beautifully at the prize giving on Saturday 6 December at Holy Trinity church, Lickey.

#### Blackwell Prize Winners Under 7 years

1st Jan van Schalkwyk  
2nd Henry & Jasper Price (jnt)  
3rd Oscar Taylor  
Highly Commended:  
Aiden Bailey, Laura Breedon,  
William Buckett, Charlie McNeill,  
Mia Thomson & Charlotte Ward

#### Over 7 years

1st Eleanor Moody  
2nd Tara Seechom  
3rd Grace Roberts  
Highly Commended:  
Isobel Durcan, Darcy McNeill  
and Tobias Schroeder

#### Lickey Prize Winners Under 8 years

1st Zoe Selfe  
2nd Kitty Best  
3rd Scarlett Boswell  
Highly commended:  
Ruby Grew,  
Zara Khan  
and Michael Metcalf

#### Over 8 years - ART

1st Jacob Share  
2nd Natasha Harper  
3rd Thomas Pulford  
Highly commended:  
Jamie Cooper  
and Martha Robinson

#### Over 8 years - Literature

1st Fraser Sutherland  
2nd Jennifer Holloway  
3rd Maxted Weekes  
Highly commended:  
Ben Johnson & Georgia Ralston



Jan van Schalkwyk

### WADDERTON

#### 37 Greenhill, Blackwell — in danger

“Attractive Victorian property set within stunning surroundings in the popular village of Blackwell. The property comprises a former conference centre together with a range of outbuildings set within 12 acres of picturesque grounds. It has not been occupied for some time and therefore the grounds and buildings are in need of restoration and maintenance.”

This was the estate agent's description of Wadderton when it was on the market for £950,000 earlier this year. The parish council agrees that this important Victorian family home does need restoration and maintenance. We would like to see it preserved as an important local heritage asset.

The present owner has apparently no intention of restoring and living in his new property, and has announced his intention to demolish on Saturday 20 December. We are grateful to THE VILLAGE magazine for drawing this to everyone's attention. It has already been flagged up on our parish facebook page [www.facebook.com/lickeyandblackwellcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/lickeyandblackwellcouncil).

#### Why are we so concerned about this property?

In addition to its links with 19th century industrial Birmingham, the 12 acre site has a badger sett, bats in the house and is visited by roe deer, muntjac, foxes and all manner of smaller animals and birds. We are informed by PC Simon Albutt that it is illegal to destroy a sett without providing alternative accommodation. If only humans were so well protected! There is also a model farm to the rear of the site.

#### Wadderton's Provenance

Wadderton at 37 Greenhill was built in 1870 and is a good example of Victorian domestic architecture. It has an important provenance as the family home of the Mitchells, one of the world famous group of pen makers at a time when Birmingham's pen nib industry was the largest in the world. The Mitchells knew and associated with fellow pen manufacturers, the Gillotts and the Brandauers, and it was the Mitchells who invented a method for the mass production of pen nibs. They are featured in the Birmingham Pen Museum and were the subject of a display at the old Birmingham library just before it closed.

As well as the Mitchells, Wadderton was the family home of the Greys whose department store in Bull Street was of significance in Birmingham's commercial development in the last century. It then became the retreat house and study centre of Worcester Anglican Diocese and has a chapel dedicated to St Francis. Latterly it was the Midlands training centre of the Children's Society.

Bought by a group of businessmen and rebranded Remax (Blackwell) it stood empty, became a cannabis farm, was closed by the police, and when the company was wound up bought by the present owner, who plans to have it demolished.

#### Potential Conservation Area

Wadderton has a whole chapter in local historian Jennie McGregor-Smith's publication VICTORIAN GREENHILL which records how the rich industrial families of Birmingham arrived in our village when the newly built railway was able to take them to their places of work in Birmingham. These families included the Cadburys at Rosemary Cottage and Cropwood and the Oslers (glass) at Burcot Grange.

We fear demolition of one of these houses could open the way for others to be lost. Featuring in the our VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT, we recommended the preservation of such properties.



Wadderton, 3 December 2014

The threatened demolition has renewed efforts to make Greenhill part of a Conservation Area and local councillors are working with Mary Worsfold, Conservation Officer, at Bromsgrove District Council to progress this. We are also in the process of writing a list of buildings for local listing.

A petition to save the house can be signed at Blackwell Village Stores – it would clearly demonstrate to both the district planning officers and the owner how much we value our village heritage assets if a large number of signatures are collected.





Update from Network Rail

As most residents will be aware, there are various works being undertaken on our local railway lines.

Work is progressing on the construction of a new station at Bromsgrove with land clearance and decontamination underway as it's being built on the old oil depot. Track relocation will create space for four platforms, lifts and a 350-space car park. The station will be served by Cross-City Line services between Bromsgrove, Birmingham New St and Lichfield, with an extra three trains per hour each way on weekdays transforming future rail travel locally.

To support this, a new phase of engineering work is about to commence to electrify the line between Barnt Green and Bromsgrove. This necessitates the reconstruction of four bridges locally, to provide enough room for the overhead wires. Barnt Green station footbridge will be replaced with a new steel bridge and there will be new bridges at the end of Linthurst Newtown and off Blackwell Road (which serves a residential property). The works will lead to the following road closures during 2015:

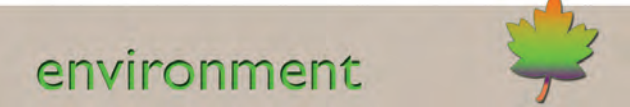
- Hewell Lane (Barnt Green) 10 Jan - 20 Apr
- Linthurst Newtown 10 Jan - 30 Mar
- Blackwell Rd (closed near M42 bridge) 30 Mar - 27 Apr

Next October the line between Barnt Green and Bromsgrove will shut completely for 12 days, with train diversions and replacement bus services in place. This will enable the old Bromsgrove station to be demolished, a new track laid, electrification and full re-signalling.

Inevitably, there will be some noisy construction work at times, including night-time working, but the contractors will try to minimise both the duration and noise where possible. Network Rail will communicate more about this to lineside neighbours during the course of construction.

The new Linthurst Newtown bridge will have two lanes and a narrow footway. Whilst one metre higher, the slope will be more gradual than at present. Good news for very unfit cyclists! The footpath across the rail line to the golf club will be closed and a pedestrian footbridge provided. Your comments on this would be welcome.

The work being carried out to our local railway represents the biggest investment in transport in the Bromsgrove area since the M42 motorway was built offering a modern railway station at Bromsgrove with additional and more frequent services to central Birmingham and locations beyond.



Dog Fouling

Following the letter from young Libby Hick (March #55), unfortunately we still have incidents of dog fouling on St Catherine's Road, Blackwell. Particularly unpleasant as some was right outside the school gates. Zoe Williams, from Bromsgrove District Council, has been out to spray the offending areas. So, if you spot any luminous paint – it's where the spraying has taken place.

It serves to highlight the problem and hopefully make dog owners more aware, more responsible and less likely to offend. Zoe also took the time to chat with families coming out of school.

Use the facilities provided



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
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Mr Stephen Nock Shepley Ward (p)	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
Mrs Anna Boehm Linthurst Ward	48 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell B60 1BS	0121 445 6659	pending
Mrs Helen Doherty Executive Officer	27 Blackwell Road, Barnt Green, Birmingham B45 8BT also available Weds 9.30am-2.30pm The Trinity Centre, Lickey	0121 445 1849	eo@lickeyandblackwellpc.org
PC Groups: <a href="#">environment</a>   <a href="#">finance</a>   <a href="#">highways</a>   <a href="#">planning</a>   <a href="#">communications/social services</a> (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 Richard Deeming, 502 Groveley Lane, Cofton Hackett, B'ham B45 8UB – Hillside Ward	0121 445 3114	r.deeming@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk	
Cllr. Mr Stuart Dudley, Old Wharf Cottage, Brockhill Ln, Tardebigge, Bromsgrove B60 1SL – Hillside Ward	01527 867 860	s.dudley@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk	
Cllr. Mr John Ruck, The Cottage, Top Road, Wildmoor, Bromsgrove B61 0RB – Marlbrook Ward	0121 457 8026	j.ruck@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk	
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Worcestershire County Council			
County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NP	01905 763 763	www.worcestershire.whub.org.uk	
Cllr. Mrs Sheila Blagg, Nailers Cottage, 29 Whetty Lane, Rubery, B'ham B45 9DL – Woodvale Division	0121 460 1766	sblagg@worcestershire.gov.uk	
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Cllr. Mr Kit Taylor, 22 Brickhouse Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove B60 4LX – Bromsgrove East Div.	01527 879 339	ktaylor3@worcestershire.gov.uk	
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Mr Sajid Javid MP House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA	01527 872 135	sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk	
Community Contacts			
Age UK, 51 Windsor Street, Bromsgrove, Worcs B60 2BJ	01527 570 490	www.ageuk.org.uk	
Artrix Arts Centre, School Drive, Bromsgrove, Worcs B60 1AX	01527 577 330	www.artrix.co.uk	
Blackwell First School, St. Catherine's Road, Blackwell, Worcs B60 1BN	0121 445 1622	www.blackwellfirstschool.com	
Bromsgrove Library, Stratford Road, Bromsgrove, Worcs B60 1AP	01527 575 855	www.acbromsgrove.org.uk	
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 50 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, Worcs B61 0DD	01527 831 480	www.citizensadvice.org.uk	
Lickey Community Group, 30 High House Drive, Lickey, Birmingham B45 8ET	0121 445 4619	www.lickeycommunitygroup.btck.co.uk	
Lickey Hills Primary School, Old Birmingham Road, Lickey, Birmingham B45 8EU	0121 445 1992	www.lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk	
Neighbourhood Watch – Adrian Symonds, Community Volunteers Co-ordinator	01905 331 046	www.westmercia.police.uk	
Parish Footpaths Warden – David Crockett	public footpath issues – contact Executive Officer		
Parish Tree Warden – Mrs Topsy Hughes	0121 445 4944	topsyanna@live.co.uk	
Police, Blackwell	101	www.westmercia.police.uk	
Police, Lickey – Rubery Police Station, 164 New Road B45 9JA (no counter service)			
Rural Rides, 9 Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, Worcs B61 7JJ	01527 879 290	www.wrvs.org.uk	
Trinity Centre, 411 Old Birmingham Road, Lickey B45 8ES	0121 445 1425	www.lickeychurch.com	
Worcestershire County Council Highways Dept – reporting potholes etc.		www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/resident-home.aspx	

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....?

Energy facts

Success!  
During the Spring of 2014, UKs electricity requirement produced by renewables peaked at over 19% – so we are likely to beat the target set three years ago to reach 15% energy from renewables by 2020.

Some of this must be attributed to the Green Deal and all households are expected to have an energy check and rating by 2016.

The UK is also the world leader in tidal energy production and research.





### BLACKWELL AND BURCOT WI

Meet second Wednesdays 2pm Burcot Village Hall for a programme of talks, visits, national campaigns, craft and sports events.

**Jan 7** The End of the End of the Pier Show by Neil Roberts.

**Feb 11** Soup and a chat. No speaker. Jewellery, scarves & accessories sales table

**Mar 11** The Challenge of Macular Disease with Wendy & Roger Pepper  
Vanessa Jackson 447 9888

### BLACKWELL CONCERT BAND

**Dec 13** Concert at St Andrew's, Barnt Green

**Dec 24** Christmas Eve concert, Blackwell Club  
To book the band contact Vicky Stock 244 1662 or stock.vicky@yahoo.co.uk

### BLACKWELL FESTIVAL

Preparation underway for 2015 including fund raising events. See website/community notice boards for more info: [www.blackwellvillage.org.uk](http://www.blackwellvillage.org.uk)

### BLACKWELL FIRST SCHOOL

St Catherine's Road, Blackwell B60 1BN

**Dec 19** school closes

**Jan 2** school reopens

Details: 445 1622 [www.blackwellfirstschool.com](http://www.blackwellfirstschool.com)

### BLACKWELL SCOUT GROUP (4TH BROMSGROVE)

1st Blackwell Scout group and the 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/](http://www.1stbromsgrove.org.uk/)
- 1st Lickey Scout Group runs three sections on Tuesdays details e: [info@1stlickey.org.uk](mailto:info@1stlickey.org.uk)
- Explorer Scouts is organised at the District level and 1st Blackwell Scouts feed into Bonington Explorer Unit based at Sanders Park

### BLACKWELL CLUB

Linthurst Newtown

Recent CAMRA Club of the Year!

**Dec 20** Children's Christmas Party

**Dec 24** Blackwell Concert Band Christmas Eve Concert 7pm – all welcome

Details events or hire: 445 2134

### BLACKWELL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Blackwell Bears play every Thursday 7.30pm at Blackwell Methodist Hall

Three Tables & all equipment supplied

Adults £1 and children 50p

Janet King: [janet@kingfamily.mail1.co.uk](mailto:janet@kingfamily.mail1.co.uk)

### BROMSGROVE AND DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

**Jan 10** New Year Party, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Barnt Green

Info/bookings: [roger.westbury3@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.westbury3@btinternet.com)

### BURCOT GARDENING CLUB

7.30pm first Wednesday at Burcot Village Hall  
Speakers and visits

2015 prog from Brian & Jenny Adams 01527 522 109

### FAIRTRADE BROMSGROVE

**Feb 22** Fairtrade Fortnight begins – local events at: [www.facebook.com/fairtradebromsgrove](http://www.facebook.com/fairtradebromsgrove)

### FRIDAY BRIDGE CLUB

7pm each Friday at Burcot Village Hall

Friendly competition, beginners & visitors welcome

Gill Croft 01527 401 019

## noticeboard

### LICKEY AND BLACKWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meetings at 7.30pm open to all residents, consultation beforehand and an opportunity to speak at the beginning of meeting – dates on cover  
**Feb 11** Residents Tea Party to discuss local matters of interest, 2pm Barnt Green Cricket Club  
New PC office open every Wednesday 9.30-2.30, Trinity Centre, Lickey  
Information from Helen Doherty 445 1849

### LICKEY AND BLACKWELL CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Church, Old Birmingham Road, Lickey  
St Catherine's, St Catherine's Road, Blackwell

**Dec 24** Christingle Service, Lickey 3pm

Nativity Service, Blackwell 4pm

Midnight Communion, Lickey 11pm

**Dec 25** Christmas Communion, Blackwell 9am

Family Service, Lickey 10.30am

**Jan 23** Coffee Cake & Chat 10.30am The Wheel, Blackwell and every last Friday of the month  
Alison Rushton, 445 6170 [alisonjr59@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonjr59@hotmail.com)

### 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. Instrumental in stopping the illegal activities on the Marlbrook Tip and represented on the enquiry group. Speeding & parking are regular concerns  
Keith Woolford [keith@arch-media.co.uk](mailto:keith@arch-media.co.uk)  
[www.lickeycommunitygroup.btck.co.uk](http://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. Graham Wilson 463 7097 or [enquiries@lickeyhillsartsociety.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lickeyhillsartsociety.co.uk)

### LICKEY HILLS COUNTRY PARK

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

#### • Keeping Fit for Free

Tai Chi Sun 10-11am Beacon Hill, Monument Ln car park and Tues 10.30-11.30am Cofton Park, Lowhill Ln car park

Nordic Walking Tues 10.30am with poles and instruction provided. Booking essential:  
Hayley 01527 881404 or Hayley.gwilliam [bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](http://bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)

#### • Park Events

**Dec 30** Lickey's 3 Peak Challenge 10.30am, 3.7mls walk, wear suitable clothing, food/flask needed  
Uneven terrain, steps/hills + possibly muddy.

**Jan 10** Lickey's 5 Peak Challenge 3pm, 7mls walk – details as above

**Jan 17** Wassail at the Lickey Hills, 4.30-6pm. Join this old rural tradition to ensure a good harvest in our community orchard. Children & friends, warm clothes & wellies, a pan & wooden spoon to drum, your finest singing voice, a torch & a sense of humour. If you wish, a little libation!

#### • Lickey Hills Geo-Champions

**Feb 8** Clearance Work, Rose Hill Quarry 10.30am

**Mar 22** Clearance Work: Barnt Green Rd Quarry 10.30am

### LICKEY HILLS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Second Monday at 7.30pm Trinity Centre, Lickey

**Dec 16** Ooh! I Remember That..., buildings & scenes no longer seen by Geoff Hawkesworth

**Jan 20** Brief History of the WWI – 100 Picture Postcards by Edwin Gumbley

**Feb 17** Black Country Burials: a Grave Subject

**Mar 17** The Story of Mr Lea and Mr Perrins: a Saucy Tale by Tony Deakin

George Gascoyne 453 6320 [www.lhlhs.org.uk](http://www.lhlhs.org.uk)

### LICKEY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Old Birmingham Road, Lickey B45 8EU

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445 1992 [www.lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.lickeyhills.worcs.sch.uk)

### THE LICKEY HILLS SOCIETY

Meetings and practical activities

**Jan 27** Archaeology and its impact on the Environment by Mike Hodder

**Feb 24** A Short History of Longbridge Works in 100 Picture Postcards by Edwin Gumbley  
Programme: [info@lhs.org.uk](mailto:info@lhs.org.uk)

### LICKEY WI

Meet first Tuesdays 7.30pm, Trinity Centre, Lickey  
Theatre/cinema visits, skittles & bowling matches  
2015 programme: [www.lickeywi.moonfruit.com](http://www.lickeywi.moonfruit.com)

### LICKEY WINE AND SOCIAL CIRCLE

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

### THE MIDLAND SINFONIA

Programme of classical music (Reg. Charity)

based at St Laurence Church, Alvechurch

**Dec 13** Candlelit Concert, Alvechurch

**Feb 7** From Tragedy to Triumph, Artrix, Bromsgrove

**Mar 7** Holborne Brass Ensemble, Alvechurch

**Mar 14** Young Musicians' Showcase, Alvechurch  
Tickets/prog Marian Barwell 447 7040 or [www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk](http://www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk)

### MOBILE LIBRARY

No dates or local locations have been decided at time of going to press.

Rubery Library is open Mon/Tues/Fri 9-5.30pm;

Thurs 9-7pm; Sat 9-4pm

All library info: 01905 822 722

### NEW BLACKWELL MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

Every Wednesday 10 -11.20 Blackwell Methodist Hall, Greenhill Contact Katies, 07790 223 409

### ROSEHILL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

Second Mondays 2pm Trinity Centre, Lickey  
Demonstrations and refreshments – visitors welcome.

Belinda Winroope 447 7477

### 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

Mondays - Yoga 7pm & Meditation 8.30pm at Blackwell First School

Wednesdays - Yoga 12.45 & Meditation 2.15pm &

7pm at The Ark, Alvechurch

Wednesday Yoga - 9.30am at Rowney Green Village Hall

Sally Wall 07903 663 085 [www.MyYogaMind.co.uk](http://www.MyYogaMind.co.uk)



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