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### The History of Frankley

#### [part one] by Eric Carter

The Doomsday Book records the manor of Franchlie, whose name derives from the Old English [Franca's Leah] meaning 'Franca's clearing'. This ancient hamlet is centred on Church Hill around the junction of Scotland Lane and Frankley Lane and still nestles in countryside, with Bartley Green and Woodgate to the north and modern Frankley to the south.

Much of the manor lies on the hilly ground of the Sedgley-Northfield Ridge and a fine view can be had from Frankley Hill and Frankley Beeches. It is possible on a clear day to see from here the mountains of the Berwyn Range above Llangollen in north-east Wales some 70 miles away. Cereals and root crops are grown here and there is evidence that flax and hops were cultivated in the past.

The first known underlord of the manor of Frankley was Bernard de Frankley in 1166 when he held it as part of the barony of Dudley. It was very likely that he was descended from one of the followers of William the Conqueror in 1066 and took his name from the manor. Frankley was passed down through his family, sometimes in the female line [ whence the surname Lyttleton] until 1299 when the title was sold. However, over 100 years later, Thomas Lyttelton was able to prove that the descent of the manor should pass to him, and the manor again passed down the female line, though the name of Lyttleton was retained. The title remains in the family to this day with Viscount Cobham of Hagley Hall in a decent traceable for over eight centuries.

Frankley Hall stood from at least 1601 west of St Leonard's Church opposite Westminster Farm. At that date it was referred to in parliamentary papers as 'a very fair brick house and in good repair [with] large and sufficient barns, stables, and outhouses'. It replaced an earlier building whose medieval moat is still well preserved. Burned by the Royalists under Prince Rupert during the Civil War on 17 May 1645 to prevent its use as a Parliamentary Garrison, its dressed stones were later used to build the church tower.

### **Weoley Festival**

Following on from the phenomenal success of last year's event, where bumper numbers attended, the event organisers' are hopeful that this year will be prove to be an even greater success The festival will be held **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1pm-4pm 2013** at **Weoley Castle Square's public open space and the best bit is it's FREE** 

We have lots of exciting Acts booked this year for the popular Community Arena which is always full of talented members from our local clubs and organisations.On the starting block is a programme of family entertainment including a DJ, singers, line dancers, belly dancers, fire eaters, cheer leaders, majorettes, arts workshops, face painting, sports, dance & history activities along with police and fire displays, rides, bouncy castle, catering and refreshments.

### South Birmingham Young Homeless Project

South Birmingham Young Homeless Project, SBYHP is a local charity that was set up in 1991. It is an advice, information and resource centre for young people and families aged 16 to 24 who are homeless or potentially homeless. It also offers 2 sessions weekly by appointment only for those aged 25 and over.

SBYHP provides lots of help for young people and families aged 16 to 24 years old who may be struggling with homelessness & housing, welfare benefits, debt & money problems or have issues with their health. It offers the following services onsite:-

Housing advice Benefits advice/appeals Help with grant applications Clothing grants Help with setting up a tenancy Debt, money and budgeting advice Negotiation with other agencies One to one advocacy and support Solicitor referrals Initial Bus pass/day ticket Replacement birth certificate	Staff available to talk to about more personal issues Health Packs Sexual health advice Pregnancy testing Infection testing Drug/alcohol advice Other health advice and information Starter Packs Emergency food packs Training & employment advice Help with CV/job applications etc. Internet & computer use Group activities Volunteering opportunities
Contact Details & Opening Times	

EITHER CALL IN OR PHONE ON .: 0121-457-8736 Or 0121-453-0606

SBYHP, "The Depot", Belton Grove, Longbridge, Birmingham B45 9PE

Mon-Thurs	10.00am - 4.00pm	(16 to 24)
Wed	4.00pm - 7.00pm	(over 25)
Fri	10.00am - 1.00pm	(over 25)

### What's on and coming to Frankley

# City Councillors Surgery'sFrankley CarnLast Wednesday of month 3 to 4 pmLook out forFirst Saturday of month (for times ring<br/>Parish Office on 457 9410 )Look out forRichard Burden MPHalloweenOffice number 0121 477 7746Posters will be participation

### Frankley Carnival Committee

Look out for forthcoming

events at

Halloween & Christmas.

Posters will be put up nearer the time.

## Do you know someone who is consistently fly tipping in your area ????

### Then let us know. We treat all calls confidentially

Is your area constantly being used to fly tip rubbish by local residents? This behaviour is not acceptable and we would like to work with residents to ensure that this anti social behaviour ceases immediately.

If you are aware who the perpetrators are, please contact New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council on 457 9410 or Jackie Easthope [Local Services, Birmingham Housing Dept.] 0121 464 7297 so that enforcement action can be taken.

Lets work together to make Frankley a Greener, Cleaner and Safer Neighbourhood.

### Green Bags [recycling]

The practice of putting green bags or other green waste out other than on the collection day is also FLY TIPPING

Frankley's Collection days are Wednesday or Thursday fortnightly so these are the only days when green waste should be outside your homes.