

New Frankley Community News

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Wheelie Bin Consultation Event with Councillor McKay

11 am on the 12th December 2013 at the Reaside Centre

Councillor James McKay, the City Council Cabinet Member for a Green, Safe & Smart City, will be visiting the Parish. He has kindly offered to attend a consultation event to meet local residents to discuss any concerns relating to the introduction of the wheelie bin recycling and refuse collection service in Frankley.

Answers to residents' questions on Green Waste collections

THE LAST FREE COLLECTION OF GREEN WASTE WILL HAVE BEEN IN NOVEMBER 2013

As from February 2014, a new chargeable recycling service will start.

It will cost £35 per year for twenty [20] collections

Contact birmingham.gov.uk/greenrecycling or phone 0121 303 1112 for further details

Book and pay for your bin now for delivery in December

If you cannot accommodate a wheelie bin on your property you can have bags at the same cost. Green waste will not be collected in ANY other containers including BLACK bags.

Those who do not wish to subscribe will have to take green waste to Lifford Lane or buy a composter at cost price from the City Council .

The wheelie bins will be micro-chipped so ONLY those properties who have paid will get this Service.

For full terms and conditions of this service contact Birmingham City Council on

0121 303 1112

birmingham.gov.uk/greenrecycling

The History of Frankley

Part Two by Eric Carter

Although the parish church of St Leonard's dates from the 12th century, little medieval evidence remains. St Leonard's is faced in grey and red sandstone, the latter locally available at Holly Hill quarry. Although much of the church was rebuilt at the end of the 19th century, the west window and both the chancel and the nave roofs probably date from the 15th century. A single bell bears the inscription 'Sir John Littilton 1588', the lord of the manor and holder of the title Baron Frankly. Although in Worcestershire, St Leonard's was a chapel of Halesowen which lay in Shropshire. In 1738 the church was granted permission to bury parishioners here in the churchyard, rather than be taken to the mother church for internment. St Leonard's became a parish in its own right in 1866

Frankley Green, an area of common grazing from medieval times, lay east of the present M5 motorway around the road of the same name. Frankly Hill rises at Frankley Hill Lane. Frankley Beeches is a prominent landmark at the north end of Egghill Lane, now in the care of the National Trust. Land here was given by George Cadbury as parkland to the City and rises to 795 feet (approx. 240m). Beeches are large distinctive trees which live to a great age. A stand of such trees is always a prominent landmark. James Sherriff's 1798 map of 25 miles around Birmingham also shows Frankley Ashes located in the Frankley Hill area.

Frankley Reservoir was an ambitious project to bring water to the ever-expanding town of Birmingham 75 miles from the Elan Valley in mid-Wales and was begun in 1874. Water was brought via two pipelines over one metre in diameter and entirely gravity-fed at an average gradient of 1:2300 (about 4.5%)- there is a drop of only 52 metres along the whole pipeline. The project was opened in 1904 by King Edward VII. Within the year some twelve million gallons were piped annually to Frankley Reservoir which still provides for most of Birmingham's needs.

Modern Frankley lies north of Rubery Lane about a mile south of the original settlement and lately called New Frankley. It is a municipal housing development of some 3000+ houses built by the City in the early 1970s to rehouse people affected by inner-city re-development. In contrast to the stark inhuman geometry of Castle Vale in the 1960s, a deliberate attempt was made here to build houses in village groups and to integrate the development around existing trees and hedges. There are no high-rise blocks. The centre of Frankley is focussed on Holly Hill Shopping Parade on New Street/ Arden Road with the nearby Health Centre, Library and Schools.

When it was built, the estate straddled the Birmingham- Worcestershire boundary with the consequence that some services were administered by Birmingham City Council, some by Bromsgrove District Council and others by Worcestershire County Council, Later to become Hereford & Worcester CC. Following a Boundary Commission review in 1995 the 1970s estate of Frankley all became part of Birmingham. After the passing into law of the Housing and Local Government Act in 1997, a number of residents petitioned the Secretary of State to establish a Parish Council for the district: this was established in 2000 and is known as the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council. It is currently the only civil parish in Birmingham.

Its all change at Frankley High School which is in the process of changing to BALAMM WOOD ACADEMY. There was a successful launch in September and a community BBQ.

To find out how the changes will effect your children contact the school on 0121 464 9901

Frankley Carnival Committee

The Carnival Committee would like to thank all the volunteers and members of the community for making the carnival such a fantastic event and hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Also the same goes for the Halloween event. Thanks to everyone.

ODE TO THE RIVER REA

I went for a walk the other day,
Along the path by the river Rea,

As I walked, what did I see ?

In the undergrowth and up a tree!

A new species of plant I do believe,
with dark green surround
and black centres I perceive.

On closer inspection, I see the bag,
this new plant is a dog poo bag.

Its spreading like wildfire along the banks.
So to those dog owners I give my thanks !!

Efforts are being made to get more litter bins in place. So in the meantime thanks for using the dog poo bags but please take it home.

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FREE POO BAGS
FROM THE PARISH OFFICE
OPEN EACH WEEKDAY BETWEEN
8.30 AM AND 11.30 AM.**

**Send any copy for next edition to
sidgreymbe@hotmail.co.uk**

Reaside Community Centre

Monday Club

The Monday Club is for over 60s.
The club meet every Monday 12 pm till
2.30 pm at a cost of £3.00 each person.

We have limited spaces available. We play bingo and have TI CHI once a month. We have Fish and Chip days and trips out. Contact Karen 07817090587 or Sandra 07955331990

— Reaside Family Christmas Disco

Saturday 21st December 7 pm to 9 pm
SANTA will be there

Christmas in the Frankley

Community

Christingle Service with Messy Church

**Friday 29 November at 3.15 pm
St Christopher's Holly Hill**

Community Carol Singing

Tuesday 17th December at 3.15 pm
Foyer of Balaam Wood Academy

**St Leonard's Frankley Carol Service
by candlelight**

Sunday 22nd December at 6.30 pm

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Listed below are the dates and times of some of the voluntary groups that meet for the benefit of our community. ALL residents are welcome to attend. Just come along to any of them and find out more about the Frankley Community. Take this chance to be involved and have your say

Weekly Community Meetings.

Frankley Street Champions/Waterside Care Litter Pick .

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10.00 am. Meet at the junction of DEVON ROAD /KENT ROAD

Contact Bruce Pitt on 077794972 for further details

Monthly Meetings

New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council

The third [3rd] Monday in the month at St Christopher's Church centre at 7.30 pm

Future meetings 16th December/ 20th January/ 17th February

Frankley Neighbourhood Forum

Third [3rd] Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Office, Holly Hill shops. This is an open forum meeting where all aspects of life on Frankley are discussed and issues are forwarded to the appropriate body.

Future Meetings 19th December/16th January/ 20th February

Frankley Carnival Committee

The First Thursday of the Month at Parish Council Office, Holly Hill shops at 7.00 pm

This group is trying to bring back community spirit by organizing fun events for all. Your help is needed

Future meetings 5th December/ 2nd January/ 6th February/ 6th March

Longbridge Tasking Meeting and Neighbourhood Watch

Longbridge Tasking in conjunction with the Police is at 6.00pm and the Neighbourhood Watch is at 7.00pm both on the same night WEDNESDAY—18th December /15th January/19th February
At the Hollymoor Centre

Housing Liaison Board

This group is of particular interest to tenants but others may attend. It is run in conjunction with the Housing Department. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6.00 pm, at Grizedale Sheltered Housing , Grizedale Close. Future meetings 29th January/ 26th February

Friends of Balaam's Wood

12th December 6.00 pm Parish Council Office Holly Hill Shops

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