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# PERRY COMMON MATTERS

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## WELCOME

Welcome to our new edition of Perry Common Matters. We do hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to wish you a very Happy New Year.

Last year Witton Lodge Community Association held some fantastic events for the community: Spring into Spring, the Christmas Lights Switch on, not forgetting Kingsfest.

Kingsfest was where we introduced our fantastic woolly bully. Sadly we bid a fond farewell to the bull which was loaned to us but we are fundraising for a replacement so watch this space. We now look forward to an exciting 2012 for us all. There are a number of exciting events coming up that you can read about in this edition.

Happy New Year!

**Lydia Gaston,**  
Acting Deputy Chair, Witton Lodge Community Association.



## SHINE ON!!

**December the 7th saw the residents of Perry Common come out in force to see the Perry Common Christmas Lights being switched on by our very own MP for Erdington, Mr Jack Dromey.**

At a little after 6pm the Ring was lit up with lovely colourful fairy lights. The ceremony was followed by Christmas carols and then back to Perry Common Community Hall for well-earned and warming tea, coffee and cake. Then it was back outside again for the evening's finale – a special guest appearance by West Midlands Police Brass Band!

A wonderful evening was had by all. Thanks MUST go to Jack Dromey, MP for taking time out of his hectic schedule to be with us on this special night; WM Police Brass Band for their rousing tunes; North Birmingham Academy (NBA) for providing yummy mince pies; Friends of NBA for their £100 donation; Phillippa England for her superb organisational skills and Si Hope for braving the cold to take the photos.

Thank you, too, to everyone who attended and made it the fun night it turned out to be. A Happy New Year to you all!

## GUY FAWKES



Back in November it was of course Bonfire Night on the 5th and these intrepid youngsters came by Perry Common Community Hall asking for a "Penny for the Guy". The Guy was later roasted on the bonfire at Betty's Cafe!!

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# CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

On Saturday December 19th, Witton Lodge Community Association held a Christmas Craft Fayre, where people could buy beautiful hand-made craft items – cards, crystals, candles and curiosities – just perfect for that special gift. It was a busy afternoon with the sparkling goodies inside more than making up for the grey weather outside!

The event was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy their time at the Hall. Feedback from stallholders was very positive with all saying they had had an enjoyable and successful afternoon. Special thanks were offered to Witton Lodge Community Association staff and volunteers for their helpful and friendly attitudes – so thanks to everyone and well done!

## HEART OF ERDINGTON COMMUNITY GAMES

In celebration of the 30th Summer Olympiad being held in London in July and August, The Heart of Erdington Community Games – running through the “Green Link” joining up Perry Common Recreation Ground, Witton Lakes and Brookvale Park – will be held as the Constituency Olympic Event on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June 2012.

In order to make the Games as accessible to as many of the local community as possible, two days of events are planned as follows:

- Fri 29th 10.00 am – 3.00pm involving local schools
- Sat 30th 11.00am – 3.00pm community event for the whole family

Our aim is to encourage local people to try out new activities via taster sessions and make the Games as beneficial to local club's and tutors as possible by inviting providers of a wide range of activities in the area to promote their services, giving the opportunity of attracting new participants to their clubs or groups.

For more information call Witton Lodge Community Association on 0121 382 1930

## GOODBYE!! TIME TO MOOOOOOOOOOVE ON

Local celebrity Patch the Bull is moving on to pastures new at the Chelsea Flower Show, so we have to say “Goodbye” to Patch. However, all is NOT lost. We plan to have our VERY OWN made SPECIALLY for Perry Common to own FOR EVER!!!

BUT.... Son of Patch will not come cheap – SO WE NEED TO FUND-RAISE! If you have any ideas for events that we could hold to start the fund going OR if you have any ideas for events of your own that you would be willing to hold and then donate proceeds that would be brilliant!

Jumble sales, cake sales, sponsored walks, car wash... just a few suggestions on how you could help the whole community own a “Patch Junior”!

Please get in touch with Phillipa or Helen at Perry Common Community Hall on 0121 382 1930 if you feel you could help in any way. MANY MANY THANKS!



## WHO IS CHARLIE CRAFT?

Charlie Craft? He's the newest addition to the Creative Moments Craft Group based at Perry Common Community Hall! Elderly donkey Charlie lives at the Pilkington Donkey Centre on the eastern side of Sutton Park, near Town Gate entrance. The Centre is run by The Elizabeth Svendsen Trust, a registered charity.

Charlie became “family” when a group of residents from Perry Common went on Ange and Cec's “Roll and Stroll” day trip to Sutton Park last Autumn. They decided to “adopt” old Charlie to assist with his care.

The Centre, which is one of five operated by the Trust, provides riding therapy to children with special needs and disabilities. It is visited each week by around 150 children from twenty local schools. Visits are by appointment only.

For more information telephone: 0121 354 9444 or visit the website [www.elizabethsvendsentrust.org.uk](http://www.elizabethsvendsentrust.org.uk).

# HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM UDB!



**We are a charity made up of local residents with a desire to support children and young people in being happy, secure and reaching their potential.**

On Mondays The Underground provides a safe and credible space for 8 to 16 year olds to hang out in and enjoy playing pool, air hockey, Xbox 360, playing sports and climbing on our bouldering wall. Through the rest of the week we are out and about on the streets, we run numerous clubs and activities and also work in primary and secondary schools.

At the start of 2012 we particularly want to draw your attention to our efforts to support young people

who have passed school age and are struggling to find a sense of purpose. As we are all aware jobs are hard to come by and this is particularly true for those between the ages of 16 and 20 with limited or no qualifications. We don't have a magic solution but would love to support anybody who is in this situation. We can help you write a CV, think about what your strengths are and help you to look for jobs or training courses. Get in touch if you are interested.

**Please visit [www.urbandevotion.org](http://www.urbandevotion.org), find us at [facebook.com/urbandevotion](https://www.facebook.com/urbandevotion) or follow us on twitter to find out more about what we do.**

## ENGLAND HATH NEED OF THEE...

**Community Engagement? Wonderful - we all love a wedding! But no - Community Engagement is nothing to do with tying the knot! It's actually part and parcel of Phillipa England's lot with her work for Witton Lodge Community Association.**

Always smiling, Phillipa is a well-known face both in Perry Common and at the Community Hall, having been Parish Nurse for a number of years prior to joining Witton Lodge Community Association. She says: "Community Engagement is about involving people in decisions that affect them. Through finding out their views, we can then work together with other individuals, organisations and community groups and act on the needs and issues that the community experiences. It is my job to inform, consult with, listen and respond to the community through an ongoing, honest relationship.

I am involved in event organisation and setting up activities at the Community Hall, as well as making sure local residents get their voice heard by the people and organisations who need to know. I am always keen to find ways of getting your thoughts on different things".



So, whether by email, telephone or through the post, if you would like to be part of that group of people, then please contact Phillipa at Perry Common Community Hall 0121 382 1930 or email: [Phillipa.england@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:Phillipa.england@wittonlodge.org.uk) All data is confidential.

By the way, Phillipa also runs the "Feeling Crafty" craft session every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, which alternates with the "Brew and Browse" cuppa and book club (2nd and 4th Wednesdays). Both sessions, from 12.45 till 2.15, are well attended and entertaining. So please do come along, you are MOST welcome!

## TRUMPETING THE VOLUNTARIES!

**Perry Common Matters just loves celebrating the wonderful work of the folks who volunteer!**

Office assistant Michelle Dunne joined us in the summer. She was due to spend only 6 weeks with us but loved it, so stayed until Christmas! We asked Michelle to tell us about herself and this is what she said:

I love spending time with my family, reading, drawing, being out and about with friends and I'm a bit of a film buff! At Witton Lodge Community Association, I have learned about office practice, admin, reception, produced and delivered publicity leaflets and helped with the organisation of this newsletter. I have been on other work placements but have enjoyed my time at WLCA the most!

Cheers Michelle - we think you're an ace too!

## SUPPORTING THE OVER 65s



The Community Links Service works in the Birmingham area to support older adults (over 65) in remaining independent within the community. We help people to access activities and events in the local area, or re-engage in past hobbies and interests.

**The Community Links Service can offer:**

- **One-one support** -our Support Team can work with you over an eight week period and build your personal support package to help you re-engage with your community.
- **Planning** -we can help you to find out what's going on in the area, help you to get there and to participate.
- **Advice and information** - want to know what is available across the city? We will research any information and get it to you as quickly as possible.

**For more information please contact:**

The Community Links Team, The Perry Tree Centre, Dovedale Road, Perry Common B23 5BX.  
Tel: 0121 675 5579

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT PERRY COMMON COMMUNITY HALL

## TUESDAY

### T'ai Chi

1pm till 2pm

Cost: £5.00, free with 'Be Active' card\*, or £2.50 with a Birmingham City Passport to Leisure\*

"T'ai chi chuan" is a Chinese martial art practiced for its health benefits. Relaxing, calming and energising. This initiative is part of the Perry Common Natural World project

### Shepherd's Vine Christian Centre

6pm till 8pm

Prayer, song, uplifting faith and love.

Lead by Pastor Lizzi and

Dr Tolu J Tuaweri.

For more

information, call

07564044790 or

07574273434.

## WEDNESDAY

### "Feeling Crafty"

12.45 till 2.15pm

every 1st & 3rd Wednesday

(alternating with

"Brew n Browse")

Cost: £1 members,

£2 non-members

FUN craft session.

Buttons, bows, bits,

bobs, bindies, bobbles,

bling, brew-ups n

biscuits!!

**T'ai Chi**  
on Tuesdays

## WEDNESDAY (Continued)

### "Brew 'n' Browse"

12.15pm till 2.15pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday

Cost: Unlimited top-ups for just £1

Brew up, browse a book, chat to friends. Books are only £1 each and once you've read it, bring it back for a 50p reduction on your next one!

For more information,

contact Phillipa England on 0121 382 1930

or by e-mail [phillipa.england@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:phillipa.england@wittonlodge.org.uk)

### Ring of Sound

#### Inter-Generational Choir

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Cost: Free

Ring of Sound is an intergenerational community choir – with members from 6 years old to 80 plus. No charges – no auditions – no membership required!!! With professional tutors from the famous Ex-Cathedral choir. Come on – SING YOUR SOCKS OFF!!!

### Aikido

7.30pm till 9.30pm

Cost: £6

Aikido is a Japanese Martial Art developed by Morihei Ueshiba. and is often translated as "the Way of Harmonious Spirit." Come and learn Tai Shin Do Ryu Aikido.

For more information, contact Mark Fisher, 3rd Dan, on 01543 258897, or Noel Fisher, 3rd Dan, on 0121 384 7243.

## THURSDAY

### 'Roll & Stroll' Walking & Day Trip Group

Start time 12.00 midday from the Hall

Cost: £1.50 or free with 'Be Active' card\*

Suitable for all including wheelchair and pushchair users. Please wear appropriate clothes and footwear. This initiative is part of the Perry Common Natural World project.

For more information, contact Cec or Angela on 0121 382 1930.

## FRIDAY

### Owen's Circuit Training and Boxercise

6pm till 7pm

Cost: £3

This activity is FREE if you have a 'Be Active' card\*

Pro Trainer for those who take their exercise seriously.

Call the Hall on 0121 382 1930 for info.

## SUNDAY

### Shepherd's Vine Christian Centre

11am till 1pm

Prayer, song,, uplifting faith and love; lead by Pastor Lizzi and Dr Tolu J Tuaweri. For more information, call 07564044790 or 07574273434.

\* Be Active cards and Birmingham City Passports to Leisure can both be obtained free from Kingstanding Leisure Centre.

### ALSO COMING SOON....

### Perry Common Community Hall Open

Day on Saturday March 24th

10am – 1pm

(more details on page 7)



## FISH & CHIP SUPPER & QUIZ

The Fish n Chip supper/Quiz night took place on Friday 11th November. One round of fish n chips followed by 7 rounds of questions!

Teams were competitive; scores were close. But there had to be a winner and the crown went to the "Trailer Park Boys" – by ONE point – from the "Bassett's Allsorts"! A GREAT night was had by all!

BIG thanks to Witton Lodge Community Association for providing the Hall and the excellent prizes, which included champagne and

Tesco shopping vouchers. Thanks to everyone who came along and a HUGE thank you to "Big John's" in Erdington for providing such fabulous food – at a very reasonable price too!

The next Quiz n Chips night will be on Friday February 10th, 7.30pm till 10pm at Perry Common Community Hall, 87 Witton Lodge Road. Tickets £5 each (inc. Fish n chips). Max 6 persons per team. Deadline for tickets February 3rd. Contact Helen Darville on 0121 382 1930 or [helen.darville@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:helen.darville@wittonlodge.org.uk).



# Witton Lodge Community Association... Who...?

Perry Common was rural until just before the Second World War when the land of College Farm and Witton Lodge Farm was bought by the council to build some 3000 houses and named "Perry Common Estate".

In 1989 Birmingham City Council delivered 908 compulsory demolition orders to those residents living in the non-traditionally built "Boot" houses that had been found to be structurally unsound.



The community was stunned; many had lived in Perry Common all their lives. The devastation was palpable - but so was the determination not to be defeated!

In 1994, eight members of Perry Common Residents Associations became the initial Resident Directors of Witton Lodge Community Association. A solution was negotiated with Birmingham City Council where the vacant land, after demolition, would be gifted to the Association and then areas sold to private developers and Housing Associations.

With this funding, topped up with a mortgage from Nationwide Building Society, Witton Lodge Community Association could afford to build its own homes.



Regeneration is ongoing; however, WLCA is now the very proud owner of 167 modern properties, including 40 extra-care apartments in the striking "Sycamore Court" on Buxton Road.

Particular attention has been paid to public spaces, planting new trees, shrubs and flowers. Did you know, there are 20,000 daffodils on "The Ring" on Witton Lodge Road?!



87 Witton Lodge Road is better known as "Perry Common Community Hall". At 80 years old, it was showing signs of wear and tear. Residents felt that this focal point of the community deserved to be rescued. After being COMPLETELY refurbished, the Hall went from this....



to this....



Wonderful what you can do with a good idea, determination, hard work and just a smattering of stubbornness!

Witton Lodge Community Association manages Perry Common Community Hall which is available for hire. Staff can be contacted on 0121 382 1930, Monday to Friday, 9am till 5pm. Witton Lodge Community Association's vision for Perry Common is of a thriving vibrant community in which the Association acts as a catalyst for community activity. Its mission is to provide good quality homes that people are happy to live in, to manage facilities that enable people to flourish and grow and to work with residents and partners to create a safe, clean and friendly community that people are proud of.



# BE ACTIVE FOR FREE

Beactive is a Birmingham-wide scheme designed to help everyone increase their physical activity. FREE to all Birmingham residents over the age of 4yrs.

As part of the Be Active initiative, alongside the free activities at Kingstanding Leisure Centre, Perry Common Community Hall are offering FREE T'ai Chi every Tuesday 1 – 2pm and free Boxercise sessions, Friday 6pm till 7pm.

Studies show that both T'ai Chi and walking reduce the risk of heart disease and are helpful in combating depression, anxiety and stress, as well as strengthening bones and improving balance!

So don't delay – pick up your form from Perry Common Community Hall or Kingstanding Leisure Centre, fill it in and off you go! It's easy!

## BOOT CAMP BOXERCISE

For those who take their exercise seriously, the Boot Camp Boxercise has started at Perry Common Community Hall every Friday 6pm – 7pm. For more information, tel 0121 382 1930.

## ROLL & STROLL



'Roll & Stroll' is a walking and day trip group which meets on Thursdays at Perry Common Community Hall.

'Roll & Stroll' costs £1.50 (including a cup of tea or coffee at the Hall afterwards!) or is FREE with a 'Be Active' card (see article above).

For more information and to find out about future outings, contact Cec or Angela on 0121 382 1930.

This initiative is part of the Perry Common Natural World project.



# WATCH WORD



## PERRY COMMON COMMUNITY WATCH

Great news that 3 new members have joined in recent months, which is fantastic! We continue to work in partnership with the local police towards making Perry Common a safer place to live, work and play.

Anyone wishing to join Community Watch or just find out more information please contact Linda Hines on 07960 386252.

## PERRY COMMON BUSINESS WATCH

"Business Watch" will maintain a regular watch on all of the churches & shops around "The Ring". This will be carried out by Perry Common residents and WM Police via a CCTV camera which is now situated on the Ring on Witton Lodge Road outside the shops.

For more information about this initiative, please contact Angela McKinney on 0121 382 1930



## DUCKLING WATCH

Last year's Watch ended in late September. The number of babies of various water birds, including swans, had reduced greatly compared to the previous 2 years but this seems to have been the case in other parks too. Roll on 2012 and they can try again!

Anyone wishing to join Duckling Watch or just find out more information please contact Linda Hines on 07960 386252.

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

This has been set up as a response to resident's concerns that vehicles are speeding on various roads within the Kingstanding ward. Volunteers meet with Police Community Support Officers, who erect portable speed monitors, to note down the registration numbers and types of vehicles that are exceeding the speed limit. These drivers will then be sent warning letters and if caught again they will face enforcement.

**A SPEED WATCH ON PERRY COMMON ROAD CAUGHT 31 SPEEDERS IN A SINGLE HOUR!**

**ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPEED LIMIT ON KINGS ROAD AND COLLEGE ROAD HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 40 MPH TO 30 MPH AS OF 7TH NOVEMBER 2011.**

Anyone wishing to join Speed Watch or just find out more information please contact Linda on 07960 386252.

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Did you know: Accounts can be opened, payments made and loan forms completed at Perry Common Community Hall, 87 Witton Lodge Road? Please drop by or call 0121 382 1930 for more information

**Please contact North Birmingham Credit Union for further information.**

**Visit:** 200 Sutton New Road, Erdington, Birmingham B23 6QU.

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm  
Saturday 10.00am – 12.30pm

**E-mail:** info@nbccu.org.uk • **Phone:** 0121 350 8883

Please note that calls may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

## PERRY COMMON COMMUNITY HALL OPEN DAY Saturday March 24th • 10am – 1pm

- Children's Activities (including Face Painting) • Healthy Lifestyle & Exercise •
- Taster sessions of Regular Activities at the Hall •
- Raffle & Refreshments – all proceeds to the British Heart Foundation •

**FREE ENTRY**

Contact Helen Darville or Phillipa England on 0121 382 1930  
Perry Common Community Hall, 87 Witton Lodge Road, Perry Common B23 5JD

## Kids' Corner

### Word Search

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Chilly • Cosy • Frost • Gloves • Hat • Ice • Icicles  
Scarf • Snow • Snowman • Socks • Wellies • Winter

**Q. What did the snowman order at McDonalds?**  
**A. Iceberg-ers with chilly sauce!**

**Q. What do you call a penguin in the Sahara desert?**  
**A. Lost!**



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## POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS SURGERY DATES

Friday 3rd February - 11am  
Thursday 15th March - 11am  
Friday 27th April - 11am

At Perry Common Community Hall,  
87 Witton Lodge Road

## COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY DATES

Wednesdays - 7pm till 8pm  
on the following dates

Feb 8th, March 14th, April 11th,  
May 9th, June 13th, July 11th

At Perry Common Community Hall,  
87 Witton Lodge Road

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### Witton Lodge Community Association & Perry Common Community Hall Enquiries

Helen Darville 0121 382 1930  
Helen.darville@wittonlodge.org.uk

**Perry Common Community Watch**  
Linda 07960 386 252

**Duckling Watch/Speed Watch**  
Linda 07960 386 252

**Business Watch**  
Angela McKinney 0121 382 1930  
Angela.mckinney@wittonlodge.org.uk

**Perry Common Neighbourhood Office**  
**contact@birmingham.gov.uk**  
0121 216 3150

**Perry Common Library**  
0121 464 0481

**Story Wood School & Children's Centre**  
0121 464 3863  
0121 675 2183

**St Margaret Mary RC School**  
0121 464 6355

**North Birmingham Academy**  
0121 373 1647

**Wilson Stuart School**  
0121 373 4475

**St Martin's Church**  
0121 382 7555

**Perry Common Assembly of God**  
0121 373 7406

**Urban Devotion,**  
148a Turfpits Lane, B23 5DX  
0121 350 9370

**TLCC Childcare**  
148 Turfpits Lane  
0121 373 3565

**Dove Primary Care Centre**  
General enquiries 0121 465 5709

**Police Non-Emergencies**  
0845 113 5000

**Crime Stoppers**  
0800 555 111

**Birmingham City Council**  
0121 303 1111

**Bullying Hotline**  
0800 524900

**Victim Support**  
0845 3030900

# CRIME PREVENTION HINTS & TIPS

### Is your home an easy target for burglars?

Burglars often commit crimes of opportunity, looking for insecure windows and doors. It doesn't take much to secure your house and put them off.

- Close and lock all doors and windows even if you are at home.
- Set your burglar alarm.
- Make sure all gates are shut and locked.
- Lock sheds and garages. Invest in a shed alarm\*.
- Make sure valuables are out of sight
- Put keys out of reach from windows or doors
- Make sure curtains are shut and lights are on if you go out in the evening

If you see or hear anything suspicious, dial 999. Together, we can help keep crime down.

### Frosty Mornings are here again

Please do not leave your vehicle running whilst you are not in it. Criminals are out and about and will steal your car.

Telephone: 0345 1135000 (Ext 7851 6227).  
kingstanding@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk  
Non-emergency national telephone number 101.  
In an emergency, use 999.

### \*Shed Alarms

Shed Alarms are available through Perry Common Community Watch for just £4. Please contact Linda 07960 386 292

### Happy New Year

from Kingstanding East Neighbourhood Policing Team

# BTEC COURSES AT PERRY BARR

Our new BTEC courses based at Perry Barr Fire Station will run in conjunction with Birmingham Met College. Courses will run one day per week for 5 weeks. At the end of the course all young people will have a Level 2 BTEC award in 'Fire and Rescue Services in the Community'.

The course will mostly be practical work including hose and ladders, first aid and team building. It will give kids an opportunity to get a valuable qualification whilst only having to attend the station one day a week. The sessions run 10am to 4pm so they get a lie in too.

We can cater for students of all abilities so ability level will not be a problem. The only important criteria is we expect good attendance in order to complete the qualification.

All of our young people will become known as a Young Firefighter and will work alongside their

local firefighters learning valuable life skills and gaining experiences which can help them move into employment or training opportunities

This presents a really good opportunity to all 16-19s.

Please send any referrals or questions by email to billy.holland@wmfs.net and don't forget to include your name, DOB and a contact details.

### COURSE 3

2 Feb, 10 Feb, 20 Feb, 28 Feb, 7 Mar

### COURSE 4

15 Mar, 23 Mar, 29 Mar, 6 Apr, 16 Apr

EACH DAY SESSION WILL RUN FROM 1000hrs TO 1600hrs AND BE BASED ENTIRELY AT PERRY BARR FIRE STATION



To have an article or advert placed in the next issue of Perry Common Matters, please contact Helen Darville: [helen.darville@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:helen.darville@wittonlodge.org.uk) or 0121 382 1930.

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