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Clean and Party for the Queen Proves a Royal Success



In celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday, Grace Mary to Lion Farm (GM2LF) Big Local organised a Clean for the Queen event followed by a Party in the Park on Saturday 11th June 2016.

Thank you to everyone who came along and made the day such a Big success. Despite the rain, over 70 people took part in the litter picks held across the Big Local area, a huge amount of rubbish was collected and the few hours spent really made a big difference to the area.

The celebrations continued in the afternoon with a party at Wallace Park and the Partnership were really excited to see nearly 250 people there. There was music, dancing, face painting, a bouncy castle, a bbq, a craft area, hover boarding, balance bikes, a selfie with the queen competition and a prince and princess parade. Lots of family fun was had by all.

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Entry to the Queen's Party was free for those who took part in a litter pick in the morning. The GM2LF Big Local Partnership raised over £150 via other ticket sales and this funding has been ploughed straight back into Big Local to support with holding other events and community activities in the area.

GM2LF Big Local would also like to say thank you to Tipton Litter Watch, Squiggles Face Painting, Complete Kidz, PA/DJ - Derrick Gordon, S.E. Bradley Photography, West Midlands Fire Service (Oldbury), Sandwell Council, British Red Cross and all the fabulous volunteers!



For up to date information about GM2LF Big Local: Like them on Facebook, Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local (GM2LF) follow them on Twitter @GM2LF_Official or visit www.gm2lf.org



Celebrating Our Volunteers



To mark the start of the UK's National Volunteers' Week, Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local held their own party 'Celebrating our Volunteers' on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at St James Church in Oldbury.

The event was held as a way to say 'Thank You' and to recognise the outstanding contribution which is made by volunteers in the area. These people are a shining example of how we can all make a big difference to other people and the communities we live in every day.

A Big Contribution deserves a Big Recognition!



Well done to the GM2LF Big Local Star Volunteers 2016.

- Bobbie Sumners Tyers
- Catherine Pierpoint
- Chloe Atkiss
- Daniel Lowe
- David Allen
- Dorothy White
- GM2LF Big Local Partnership Board
- Joanne
- John Price
- Kirk Harrison
- Leslie Hutchinson
- Lynne Jenkins
- Pauline Parkes
- Ryan Wood
- Sharon Offley
- Stacey Rushton
- Thomas Weir
- Tori McGinty
- Tracy Lowe
- Vicky Jones
- Zena Hanney



Volunteer for Big Local

Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local needs people like you!

We are seeking enthusiastic, passionate people who would like to be part of a team and lead in making a difference to

the area we live in.

If you work, live or volunteer in the Big Local area and can spare some time to make real changes we would like to hear from you.

For more information please

contact: Helen Trueman on 07724 584241 or email: helen.gm2lf@outlook.com

What's on each week in and around our Big Local Area

Monday

Oakham Library 10:15-11am Story and Rhyme Time . (Under 5's a morning story and rhyme)

St James Church 1-3pm Indoor Carpet bowls Open to all within the Big Local area and beyond, competitive fun for all

Lion Farm Action Centre 1-3pm Art Group Open to all within the Big Local area, Art Tuition for both the beginners and experts

Lion Farm Playgroup (SAPA). 12.30pm-3.00pm. (Age 2 - school age). 50p a session. Term time only.

Lion Farm Action Centre 3:30-5pm. After School Club Dance session also held on a Friday and midweek activities (Age 8 -12)

Oakham Library 3:30-4:30pm Art Club. Children can come and be creative with a variety of materials

Lion Farm Playcentre (SAPA). 3.15pm - 6.15pm (Term time). 12pm - 3pm (School holidays). (Age 4-14)

Lion Farm Out of School Club (SAPA). 3. pm - 6pm (Term time). 8am - 6pm (School holidays). (Age 4-12).

Oakham Library from 4pm Family Film Club Families and Children invited to come and watch our family films

St James Church 7-8.30pm Slimming World A friendly group for those that want to lose weight or feel better about themselves

Tuesday

Lion Farm Action Centre 9.30 -11.30am Job Club. Providing support to find employment, help with CV writing and advice and guidance

Oakham Evangelical Church 9:15am Carer and Toddlers. Preschoolers play, make new friends and Carers get a chance to meet

St James Church, 9am -11:30pm. Place of Welcome.

Lion Farm Playgroup (SAPA). 12.30pm-3.00pm. (Age 2 - school age). 50p a session. Term time only.

Lion Farm Action Centre 1-3pm Over 50s Friendship Club. Quizzes, craft and chat and fun

Lion Farm Action Centre, 3.30pm-5pm. After School Club (Age 8-12). Term time only.

Lion Farm Playcentre (SAPA). 3.15pm - 6.15pm (Term time). 12pm - 3pm (School holidays). (Age 4-14)

Lion Farm Out of School Club (SAPA). 3. pm - 6pm (Term time). 8am - 6pm (School holidays). (Age 4-12).

Wallace Youth Cub Tuesdays 5.30-7.30pm 8-16 years old . Great opportunities and activities for young people.

Oakham Evangelical Church 7pm Tuesday Crew Activities include Pool, table tennis, games, and art sand crafts. Tuck shop.

Wednesday

Lion Farm Action Centre 9.30-11.30am Job Club. Providing support to find employment, help with CV writing and advice and guidance

St James Church 9-11am Parent and Toddlers A play and stay toddler group run by Lion

Oakham Library 11-12:30pm Theory test Pro and Go Citizen. Drop in to practice your driving and British Citizen tests for free.

Lion Farm Playgroup (SAPA). 12.30pm-3.00pm. (Age 2 - school age). 50p a session. Term time only.

Lion Farm Action Centre, 1,30pm-3.30pm. How to use a computer and stay safe online'. Online computer training (Age 16+)

Rounds Green Library 10-12pm Knit and Natter. 2.30pm Friends of Rounds Green Library meeting

Lion Farm Playcentre (SAPA). 3.15pm - 6.15pm (Term time). 12pm - 3pm (School holidays). (Age 4-14)

Lion Farm Out of School Club (SAPA). 3. pm - 6pm (Term time). 8am - 6pm (School holidays). (Age 4-12).

St James Church 3.30 - 5pm Lowes Combat Academy and Fitness, Kickboxing (Age 8-12). (Part of Lion Farm Action Centre's After School Club.

St James Church 6 - 7.30pm Tivdale Shotokan Karate Club (Age 5+). Also held on a Friday 6-7.30pm

Thursday

Lion Farm Action Centre 9.30-11.30am Job Club. Providing support to find employment, help with CV writing and advice and guidance

Oakham Evangelical Church 10.30am. TLC Club for senior citizens, meet up, chat and take part in activities. Lunch provided

Hope Church 10:30-12:30pm Indoor Bowling for over 50s. Great activity for unwinding and getting rid of stress

Lion Farm Playgroup (SAPA). 12.30pm-3.00pm. (Age 2 - school age). 50p a session. Term time only.

Lion Farm Action Centre 11:30-1:30pm. How to use a computer and stay safe online'. Online computer training (Age 16+)

Lion Farm Action Centre, 3.30pm-5pm. After School Club (Age 8-12). Term time only.

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Portway Lifestyle 7-8pm Karate for Beginners. 8-9pm Karate for those 18 plus unless accompanied by an adult

St James Church 7-9pm RE:Act Youth Club Offering a range of craft, sports and a place relax and meet up with friends

Friday

Lion Farm Action Centre 9.30-11.30am Job Club. Providing support to find employment, help with CV writing and advice and guidance

Holy Cross Church 10am Over 60's exercise with Bingo and a cuppa

St James Church 1.30-3.30pm Bingo A locally run social group for all residents, join the fun of an afternoon of Bingo

Lion Farm Playgroup (SAPA). 12.30pm-3.00pm. (Age 2 - school age). 50p a session. Term time only.

Lion Farm Action Centre 1:30-3:30pm Multi Crafts. Try your hand at something a little crafty.

Holy Cross Church 1:30pm Bingo A great get together for all residents

Lion Farm Playcentre (SAPA). 3.15pm - 6.15pm (Term time). 12pm - 3pm (School holidays). (Age 4-14)

Lion Farm Out of School Club (SAPA). 3. pm - 6pm (Term time). 8am - 6pm (School holidays). (Age 4-12).

Holy Cross Church 2:30pm Cards and Dominos. A social gathering for all

Oakham Evangelical Church 7pm Friday Youth Club . Activities and chance to meet friends. For young people aged 11 plus

Saturday

Rounds Green Library 10-11am Councillor Surgeries Bring your ideas and concerns to your local councillors

Portway lifestyle Centre 10.30-2:30pm Eminence Dance Works Creative Dance Group for all

Oakham Library 10:30-12pm Breakfast Club for Children 8 and over. Free Toast and drinks

Rounds Green Library 11-11:45am Colouring and Craft Club Colouring sheets and puzzles

Wallace Youth Project 5pm-6pm. Lowes Combat Academy Fitness, Free Kickboxing (Age 8 - 16).

Darley House, Wallace Close 5.30pm. Get Motivated to Lose Fat Lose Fat, slimming and fitness club

Sunday

Oakham Evangelical Church 10am Communion Service a time to stop , reflect and refresh 6:15pm Evening Family Celebration,

St James CofE Church 10-11am Morning Worship and Sunday School A friendly traditional Church, sharing God's love to all

Holy Cross CofE Church 6pm mass. A friendly group meeting for relaxed worship and prayer. Chat and cuppa afterwards.

Newbury Lane Methodist Church 10:45am Morning Service and Junior Church 6pm Sunday Evening Service every

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Action at the Centre in Lion Farm

Helping People to Look for Employment

Job Clubs at Lion Farm Action Centre are continuing to support local people.

Sessions run between 9.30am and 11.30pm Tuesday to Friday each week. The job club helps people to use a computer for job search as well as support with setting up email accounts and Universal Jobmatch accounts.

The sessions have become very successful and Lion Farm Action Centre is taking referrals from Oldbury Job Centre Plus.

Since the beginning of April 2016, Lion Farm Action Centre has supported thirteen local residents to create a CV. Lion Farm Action Centre have been funded through GM2LF to purchase USB sticks for job seekers to have their CV saved, and note books and pens to



record jobs they have applied for.

A booking system is in place so if you need our help you can call 0121 544 3094.

Walk your Way to Good Health

Lion Farm Action Centre provides a weekly health walk to help you start getting fitter, and/or just to enjoy yourself.

The walks take place each Tuesday morning at 10.30am and are **free** to take part in.

The walks are led by a qualified Health Walk leader and take in

local green spaces, which have been shown to improve mood and wellbeing as well as being good for physical health.

There is no need to book if you would like to take part, just come to the Lion Farm Action Centre at 10.15am ready for a 10.30am start.



Craft Sessions

Friday afternoon is Craft afternoon at Lion Farm Action Centre.

Each Friday at 1.30pm to 3.30pm the craft group meets to turn their ideas into creations.

Recently the group have been concentrating on card making.

For more information contact the Lion Farm Action Centre on 0121 544 3094.



Place of Welcome at St James Church

Places of Welcome is a growing network of hospitality run by local community groups who want to make sure that everyone in their area has a place to go for a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation if and when they need it.

While Places of Welcome began in Birmingham, it is now developing further afield, as people respond to the challenge to make our cities and neighbourhoods more welcoming.

PLACE OF WELCOME



Tuesday 9-11:30 am

St James Church
Shelsley Avenue
Lion Farm Estate
Oldbury
B69 1BG

A place to go for a friendly face, something to eat and drink for free, and a conversation if and when you need it.

There is a set of guiding principles that are key to running a Place of Welcome:

- **Place:** An accessible and hospitable building, open at the same time every week.
- **People:** Open to everyone regardless of their circumstances or situation, and staffed by volunteers.
- **Presence:** A place where people actively listen to one another.
- **Provision:** Offering free refreshments (at least a cup of tea and a biscuit) and basic local information.
- **Participation:** Recognises that every person coming to a Place of Welcome will bring talents, experiences and skills that they might be willing to share locally.

You can join the network and become a Place of Welcome if you

- Already have an existing drop-in style activity that you would like to be added to the map
- You would like to set up a new Place of Welcome in your community.

The main criteria for becoming a Place of Welcome is that you agree with and honour all of the values and ethos of the network that is built on **trust, respect and generosity**

Our Big Local Area currently has a Place of Welcome event every Tuesday 9-11:30am at St James Church Hall, Lion Farm Estate, Oldbury, B691BG.

Get Motivated to Lose Fat

Looking to shape up for summer or just fancy a cuppa and a chat come along to Wallace Youth Project at Darley House, Wallace Close in Oldbury.

Everyone is welcome to come along to the meetings which are held every Saturday at 5.30pm.

For just £2 the club provides: For more information please contact Tracy Lowe on 07817 175998.

- ☺ A weighing programme
- ☺ An easy change the way we eat programme
- ☺ Gentle exercise
- ☺ Summer walks
- ☺ Body measurements
- ☺ Free tea or coffee
- ☺ Biggest loser prizes



Drayton Manor Day Out - 30th October

Set to be the biggest fireworks event they have ever hosted Drayton Manor Park are proud to present Star Wars – The Force Awakens movie before the night ends with the annual firework and laser spectacular on 30th October 2016.



Tracy Lowe, from the Wallace Youth Project is organising a trip to the event and invites you to join them. Two coaches have been booked and will pick up from Newbury Lane at 9am to take you there. The park opens at 10am the fireworks are at 7pm. Rides are open until 9pm and the return coaches are at 9.30pm.

Prices including travel are as follows:

Under 2	£7.00	12-59 years	£30.00
2-3 years	£13.00	60+years	£25.00
4-11 years	£25.00	Disabled/ carers	£25.00

A non returnable deposit of £7 per person is needed when booking places and all other money must be paid 4 weeks prior to the trip.

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please text or call Tracy Lowe on 07817 175998.

Wallace Youth Club - Back Open

Following the flood at Darley House, Wallace Youth Club is back up and running. The club meets every Tuesday 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

For more information please contact Tracy Lowe on 07817 175998.

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