

Blooming Gardens



Pictured above Gracie the Lion with Platinum Award winner Liam Wood

The Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local Partnership launched their Big Local in Bloom Gardening Competition in February 2016 and the competition winners were announced at the Celebration Event held on Wednesday 14th September 2016 at Holy Cross Church.

Well done to everyone who took part, there were some fantastic entries, making it even tougher for the judges this year.



Congratulations to the Big Local winners

Platinum Award – 1st

(Cash prize of £150)

Liam Wood

Gold Award – 2nd

(Cash prize of £100)

Janet Copson

Silver Award – 3rd

(£50 in Homebase vouchers)

May Dudley



The Partnership would like to thank everyone who took part and those who helped with organising the competition. In addition, thanks go to the team at Creative Black Country for judging the competition and to Kirk James Photography for taking all the photographs.

Get your green fingers ready for next year to be in with a chance of winning.



Budding Posters

As part of the Big Local in Bloom gardening competition 2016, the Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local Partnership also launched a Big Local in Bloom Poster Design competition for children.

Well done to all the children that submitted colourful, eye-catching and really creative poster designs. It was a tough decision for the judges.

Congratulations to our Big Local in Bloom Poster Design winners, who each received a Toys R Us voucher and a certificate. The winning poster will be also be used to illustrate and publicise next year's Big Local in Bloom competition.

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First Place
William Parker



Second Place
Tyrese Carter



Third Place
Faith Butler



Connecting our Community – Big Local Photo Competition

It's your time to shine. Join the GM2LF Big Local photo competition for your chance to win a cash prize just in time for Christmas.

All you need to do is upload a photo along with your winning story to our Facebook page. This can be a photo of yourself, your family, where you live, an interest or a hobby. Be creative and whatever the story, we want to hear it!

The photo with the most likes wins!

Not on Facebook? You can still submit a photo and story by email to: helen.gm2lf@outlook.com and we will upload your story for you!

 **Facebook: Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local (GM2LF)**

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, 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 - 11am Parent and Toddlers . A play and stay toddler group. 9am-12pm. 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

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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

Rounds Green Library 10.30am - 12pm Knit and Natter

Oakham Library 11-12:30pm Theory test Pro and Go Citizen.

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+)

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 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Rainbow Guides.

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St James Church 6 - 7.30pm Tividale Shotokan Karate Club (Age 5+). Also held on a Friday 6-7.30pm (See page 7 for details)

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+)

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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 11am. Mass- short simple said service. 12pm - 1.30pm Free lunch at "Fathers Kitchen"

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

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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 Sunday 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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Money Matters in Time for Xmas!

From the middle of October 6Towns Credit Union will start operating local 'drop in' points across the Grace Mary to Lion Farm area.

6Towns is a saving and loans organisation that offers Savings Account, Loans and 'ring fenced' accounts to everyone. This means that as Christmas approaches there is an alternative to the high interest door step lenders. Anyone, over the age of 18, will be able to open an account and apply for a loan straight away.



6Towns have been operating across Sandwell for over 10 years and have helped many families to deal with unexpected bills and to put a little money aside per week so that they have saved for events like Christmas.

6Towns is open to everyone, no matter what your credit rating. Loans can be arranged to ensure that the repayments are easy to afford and within your means to repay, whilst savings account can be opened from the very young as there are no age restrictions.

As part of 6Towns commitment to help individuals and families to budget, it is planned from January 2017 that 6Towns will be able to help you set up a budget plan and help those that are vulnerable in our community that struggle to pay bills on time. By using the 6Towns current account with its Priority Account which will 'ring fence' the money for essential bills this leaves any remaining money to be spent through their Debit card and provides 'Peace of Mind'.

6 Towns drop in sessions are currently being held:

Tuesday mornings (9am - 11.30am) at **St James Church**, Shelsley Avenue, Oldbury. B69 1BG.
Tuesday afternoons (1pm - 4pm) at **Portway Lifestyle Centre**, Oldbury. B69 1HE.

People can apply online at sixtowns.co.uk or telephone the 6Towns office on **0121 553 3110**.



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If you would like to be added to the Big Local mailing list please contact Helen Trueman using the details above.

Kick Out with Tividale Shotokan Karate Club

Tividale Shotokan Karate club meets every Wednesday and Friday, 6pm – 7.30pm at St James Church, Shelsley Avenue, Oldbury, B69 1BG.

The club offers a **FREE lesson** and welcomes all ages and abilities. There is a mixture of serious training plus plenty of fun.

Tividale Karate Club is a friendly club which was founded in 1985 by Sensei Les Knight 6th Dan. Les is assisted by his brother Steve Knight, 2nd Dan. The club is part of the Midland Martial Arts Association and the IMASA.



So what's stopping you from learning something new, meeting new friends, getting fit and having fun!

Please contact Sensei Les Knight on 07751 829055 or Sensei Steve Knight on 07875 057221

Visit website: www.mmaashotokan.co.uk

 Mmaa Shotokan/Tividale Shotokan Karate Club

Santa and Olaf are Coming to Town!



Bring a smile to everyone's face and book a visit to your house from Santa and Olaf

New for 2016, Memories are now offering a special Christmas package which includes:

- ☺ **A 15 minute house visit from Santa and Olaf.**
- ☺ **An A4 Photo Framed** (delivered 3 days after visit)
- ☺ **A Present from Santa** (presents will vary depending on age)
- ☺ **A Christmas Eve pack**

All this for only £20 per visit.
(Please note price is for 1 child) Add an additional £5 extra per child to cover present.



Book now to avoid disappointment!

Availability in November and December:
Monday to Saturday between 5pm and 9pm
Sunday (December only between 5pm and 9pm)


To book your time slot contact Tracy Lowe
on 07817175998 or email lowe.tm@gmail.com

Please note all staff have valid DBS checks and public liability insurance

Planning a Party, let Memories make your Room Stand Out!

Memories can also supply other mascots and decorate for all function and party requirements. This includes balloons, table decorations, banners and much more!

For more information please contact Tracy Lowe on the details above.

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The Holiday Camp October Half Term
Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2016
Ages 8 -15

New Portway
Lifestyle Centre

Newbury Lane, Oldbury, B69 1HE



FOOTBALL
DODGEBALL
VOLLEYBALL



TRAMPOLINING
POOL FUN SESSION
ARTS & CRAFTS

DAY	8.45-9.00	9.00 - 10.00	10.00 -	10.30-12.00	12 -	12.30 - 2.00	2.00 - 3.00	3.00 - 4.00
MON	R E G	Team Games (Warm up session)	B R E A K	BADMINTON	L U N C H	FOOTBALL/ NETBALL	ROUNDERS AND TABLE TENNIS	DODGEBALL
TUE	R E G	Team Games (Warm up session)	B R E A K	FOOTBALL/ NETBALL	L U N C H	BASKETBALL	TRAMPOLINING	FOOTBALL/ TRAMPOLINING
WED	R E G	Team Games (Warm up session)	B R E A K	INFLATABLE	L U N C H	ROUNDERS	TAG RUGBY OR BADMINTON	FOOTBALL/ TABLE TENNIS
THUR	R E G	Team Games (Warm up session)	L U N C H	VOLLEYBALL/ FOOTBALL	L U N C H	BADMINTON	Art & Craft Pumpkin Making	DODGEBALL
FRI	R E G	SWIMMING	B R E A K	TABLE TENNIS	L U N C H	DODGEBALL	ORIENTEERING AND TEAM BUILDING	INFLATABLE

All week £60, for one day £14.00, for ½ day £8.00

LUNCH (All children must bring a packed lunch and drink)

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