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Biglocal - Little Voices

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GM2LF Big Local have been working hard to organise a youth committee within the area called Big Local Little Voices.

Our aim is to give the youth in our area a chance to express their views and give them greater control over the issues and activities that affect their lives and the local community.

We are holding monthly meetings at Darley House Community Room which is central to the Wallace Close area. During meetings we will be discussing what the youth think about the community they live in and ways in which we can improve it. Meetings are open to young people within the GM2LF area aged 8-16 years.

Our first meeting was held on Monday 22nd October 2018 and was very successful. We had 11 young people attend from across the area, during the meeting we explained all about what Big Local is and what our aims are. The young people were engaging in a brainstorming activity to outline their opinions on what they like/dislike in the area, what activities they would like within the area and also what activities they already take part in. We also decided on a design for some personalised T-shirts for the members of the Youth committee to wear on future outings. All members also received a stationary pack for their personal use during meetings.

If you would like to attend or would like more information please contact Tracy Lowe on 07817 175998 or by email: lowe.tm@gmail.com

What's New?!

Parent & Toddlers Group Comes to Holy Cross Church

Starting on Thursday 17th January 2019, Tots & Co, a free parent and toddler group will be held at Holy Cross Church, every Thursday.

The group will be run by Dianne Darby, Linda Prince and Sue Stanton who are really looking forward to meeting new friends at Holy Cross Church.



A safe and fun space for parents and carers to bring their children. There will be lots of activities including painting, cooking, a make believe play area, special baby area, jigsaws lots and lots of toys and a soft play area.

There will be tea and coffee available for parents and carers and a snack and drink for toddlers mid morning. There will also be a Bible story and songs half way through for the toddlers.

Everyone is welcome!

Starts: Thursday 17th January 2019 (term time only)

Time 9.15am to 10.45 am

Venue: Holy Cross Church, Ashleigh Road, Tividale, B69 1LL.

For more info contact: Dianne Darby on 07787 227492 or email dianne741@live.co.uk

The group would like to thank Father Martin from Holy Cross Church for providing the opportunity and facilities for the group to start up.

Lion Farm Action Centre Bags £1,000

Lion Farm Action Centre has been awarded £1,000 through the Tesco bags of help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme which sees grants of between £1,000 and £4,000 raised from the sale of carrier bags in Tesco stores awarded to local community projects.

The funding will help Lion Farm Action Centre to create a community garden which is open to local residents and used for groups and activities at the Centre.

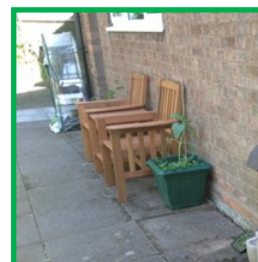
For more information about using the Community garden or joining the Gardeneng Club, please contact

Kate Cross at: The Vicarage, Shelsley Avenue, Oldbury, B69 1BG or call 0121 544 3094.



TESCO
Bags of Help

LION FARM
ACTION CENTRE



Money Talks

A Very Warm Welcome to Natalie Harris our Financial Engagement Worker

I'd like to introduce myself, as the new Financial Engagement Worker for Grace Mary to Lion Farm, Big Local, I have spent the last 14 years working for a High Street bank and I am excited to share my experience with the community.

My role is to help the community and the local schools, by providing clarity around banking and finance. I believe everyone should be given the tools and information to feel confident while managing their finances, without feeling uncomfortable when speaking to the bank. Which is why my personal goal for this role is to make banking and finance simple for people, by providing financial education and support in simple terms with no jargon.

Just some of the areas I will be supporting our local people with are;

£ Opening accounts

- Bank account
- Savings
- Young Saver accounts
- Junior ISA's
- Help To Save (HMRC)

£ Debt management

£ Avoiding doorstep and payday lenders

£ Support for people that have doorstep/ payday loans

£ Budgeting

- Weekly/monthly outgoings
- Household budgeting
- Direct debits and standing orders
- Shopping budget and planning
- Savings



Support Continued..

£ Safe Guarding

- Keeping your bank account safe
- Spotting fraudulent transactions
- Phishing phone calls
- Phishing emails

£ Schools - Financial education for children

- What is a bank account
- What is a savings account

Please contact Natalie Harris on
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Money Talks Drop In Sessions

Starting on Tuesday 8th January 2019, Natalie will be holding drop in sessions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 1pm - 3pm at the Lion Farm Action Centre, The Vicarage, Shelsley Avenue, Oldbury. B69 1BG.

Come along, have a cuppa and a confidential one to one chat with Natalie, who can provide you with information, support and guidance on a range of banking and money matters.



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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. Take gentle exercise and socialise, open to all abilities.
- Lion Farm Action Centre 1pm-3pm Art Group. Informal art session, paint and relax.
- Lion Farm Action Centre 3:30pm - 5pm. After School Club. Dance session for 8-12 year olds (Term time only).
- Oakham Library 3:30-pm - 4:30pm Art Club. Children can come and be creative with a variety of materials.
- Oakham Library from 4pm Family Film Club Families and Children invited to come and watch our family films.
- Holy Cross Church. 6pm - 7.30pm Karate (All ages).
- 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. Pre-school play, make new friends and Carers get a chance to meet.
- St James Church 9.30 - 11am Stay and play toddler group . Term time only. St James Church 9am –12pm. Place of Welcome
- Lion Farm Action Centre 1pm- 3pm Over 50s Club. Scrabble, dominoes and card games. Includes tea and biscuits.
- Lion Farm Action Centre, 3.30pm - 5pm. After School Club - indoor and outdoor activities for 8-12 year old (Term time only).
- Holy Cross Church, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Freestyle Karate Sessions
- Wallace Youth Club, 5.30pm-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 11am-12:30pm Theory test Pro and Go Citizen.
- Lion Farm Action Centre, 1,30pm—3.30pm. How to use a computer and stay safe online’. Online computer training (Age 16+).
- Lion Farm Action Centre, 3.30pm—5pm. After School Club - indoor and outdoor activities for 8-12 year old (Term time only).
- Holy Cross Church , 5.45pm - 6.45pm. Rainbow Guides.
- Holy Cross Church 6pm - 7.30pm. Brownie Guides.
- 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. Just £3.50 which includes lunch.
- Holy Cross Church, 9.30am - 10.45am Tots & Co, Parent and Toddlers group.
- Lion Farm Action Centre 11:30am-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 - indoor and outdoor activities for 8-12 year old (Term time only).
- Portway Lifestyle Centre 7pm-8pm Karate for beginners.
- Portway Lifestyle Centre 8pm - 9pm Karate for those aged 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 8.30am - 9.30am Tea and Toast.. 12pm - 1.30pm. Free lunch at “Fathers Kitchen”. 2.30pm. Mass – short simple said service.
- Lion Farm Action Centre Community Garden open Mon - Fri , 10am—2pm. Restrictions apply during school holidays.
- Holy Cross Church , 10am - 12pm IT centre open, free online courses. 1.30pm Bingo. 2.30pm Cards and Dominos.
- Lion Farm Action Centre 1:30pm-3:30pm Craft group. Try your hand at something a little crafty-includes card making.
- Holy Cross Church , 6pm - 8pm Youth Club
- Lion Farm Action Centre 3:30pm - 5pm. After School Club. Dance session for 8-12 year olds (Term time only).
- Oakham Evangelical Church 7pm Friday Youth Club. Activities and chance to meet friends. For young people aged 11 plus.

Saturday

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| Rounds Green Library 10-11am Councillor Surgeries Bring your ideas and concerns to your local councillors | Rounds Green Library 11-11:45am Colouring and Craft Club Colouring sheets and puzzles |
| Portway lifestyle Centre 10.30-2:30pm Eminence Dance Works Creative Dance Group for all | Wallace Youth Project 5pm—6pm. Lowes Combat Academy & Fitness, Free Kickboxing (Age 8 - 16). |
| Oakham Library 10:30-12pm Breakfast Club for Children 8 and over. Free Toast and drinks | Darley House, Wallace Close 5.30pm. Get Motivated to Lose Fat Lose Fat, slimming and fitness club |

Sunday

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| Oakham Evangelical Church 10am Communion Service a time to stop , reflect and refresh 6:00pm Evening Family Celebration, A lively family friendly service. | Holy Cross CofE Church 4pm Sunday Mass. A friendly group meeting for relaxed worship and prayer. Chat and cuppa afterwards. |
| St James CofE Church 10-11am Morning Worship and Sunday School. A friendly traditional church, sharing God’s love to all. | Newbury Lane Methodist Church 10:45am Morning Service and Junior Church 6pm Sunday Evening Service |

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| Lion Farm Action Centre | 0121 544 3094 |
| Newbury Lane Methodist Church | 0121 552 2145 |
| Portway Lifestyle Centre | 0300 012 0121 |
| Oakham Evangelical Church | 01384 859012 |
| Oakham Library | 01384 255563 |
| Rounds Green Library | 0121 552 2879 |
| St James Church | 0121 552 5491 |
| Wallace Youth Club | 07817 175998 |

If you would like to submit an article for inclusion on the website or in this newsletter please email **Helen Trueman**: helen.gm2lf@outlook.com

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In Bloom Winners 2018

The Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local in Bloom gardening and poster design winners were announced at the In Bloom Tea Party held on Wednesday 29th August 2018 at St James Church.

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

Congratulations to this years:

Garden Winners

- ☺ **Platinum - Sharon Offley**
- ☺ **Gold - Janet Copson**
- ☺ **Silver - Marianna Szentgyorgyi**



Poster Winners

- ☺ **1st -Billie– May Jones**
- ☺ **2nd - Riana Khan & Edlira Rexha**
- ☺ **3rd - Archie Lloyd**

To see more photos please visit our Grace Mary to Lion Farm Big Local (GM2LF) Facebook Page



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Community Safety

FREE Burglary Crime Prevention Packs

The GM2LF Big Local Partnership are offering residents in the Big Local area free burglary crime prevention packs to help people feel safer in their homes.

Each pack contains:

- A personal alarm with torch
- A 24-hour segment timer
- A window alert alarm
- A keypad PIR house alarm
- A Mini chime and alarm
- A Burglar Beware window sticker

If you would like a pack or for further information please contact Helen Trueman by email: helen.gm2lf@outlook.com.

(The number of packs are limited and will be given out on a first come first serve basis).



Prevention Advice - Keeping your Home Safe

There are simple steps that you can take to make your home safer. Burglars look for homes that appear to be empty or have easy access to the back of the building. They can also choose homes where there are no visible signs of protection such as alarms or security lighting.

Home security tips can be found on the West Midlands's Police website <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/27stationroad/security-tips>

Here you can also visit the virtual reality house to place yourself in the burglar's mind-set and look at your home to see if there are areas where the security could be improved.

Super Heroes Deliver Bully 4 U



loudmouth
education & training through theatre

During September the GM2LF Big Local Partnership worked with Loudmouth Education & Training to deliver their Bully 4 U programme to nearly 300 children in the three schools across the area - Grace Mary, St James and Oakham Primary School.

Research by the NSPCC found that 31% of children experienced bullying by their peers during childhood and a quarter of children bullied by their peers suffered long term harmful effects lasting into adulthood. Cyberbullying is also increasing with bullying by mobiles, email and social media now as common as name-calling among children and teenagers.



The team at Loudmouth delivered Bully 4 U using drama and discussion as a safe and engaging way to help children to gain a broad understanding of many different forms of bullying, identifying when bullying is happening and exploring strategies to combat and prevent them. The programme trains pupils to become Bully Busters and develop their empathy and respect for others and knowledge of where to go to for help. Bully 4 U also includes work on cyber bullying, top tips on emotional wellbeing and how to stay safe online.

For more information about Loudmouth visit: www.loudmouth.co.uk

Christmas Dates

Christmas at Oakham 2018



Saturday 15th December, 7:30pm

*A Dickens of a Christmas
Family Fun Night*

Sunday 23rd December, 6pm

Carols on the Car Park



Saturday 17th November, 7:30pm

Big Quiz Night - in aid of Tearfund

Saturday 22nd December, 2pm

Christmas Family Film Day

Tuesday 25th December, 10:30am

Christmas Morning Service

Oakham Evangelical Church, City Road, Tividale



@oakhamchurch



Christmas

St James Church - Parish of Rounds Green

LOVE Hope
Peace Joy

Sunday before Christmas
10am Communion Service

Christmas Day
10am Communion Service

Christmas Eve
7pm Carols by Candlelight
with refreshments

Sunday after Christmas
10am Communion Service

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

St James Church Shelsley Avenue
Lion Farm Estate B691BG



**The GM2LF Big Local Partnership would like to wish
everyone a Very Merry Christmas &
A Prosperous New Year!**

