

# NEWSLETTER



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## Special points of interest:

- Birmingham has the lowest percentage of waste sent to land fill in the country
- Tysley currently produces 30 mega watts of electricity
- A large percentage of the green waste is composted and sold to be used as commercial fertilizer



Mr Jeremy Shields



Sgt Isobel Knowles

## STIRCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**A**round 50 residents attended our AGM this year.

As the committee stood down ready for re election, Sgt Isobel Knowles from Bournville police station took the chair, in her opening notes, she said of the good work Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum do for the community and thanked the group for making police issues a regular Agenda item at their monthly meetings.

After the annual report was read and the annual accounts were presented, the forum chairman re took the chair, and introduced, Mr. Jeremy Shields as the guest speaker for the evening.

Mr. Shields is responsible for fleet and waste management for Birmingham City Council. The presentation outlined the strategies of the City Council with regard to waste collection and particularly the Recycling policies currently used. Birmingham as a city has the lowest percentage of waste sent to landfill in the country, this is around 12% at the moment, South Birmingham has two Public Waste Disposal Sites at Lifford Lane and Tyseley.

Following extraction of the recyclable materials such as paper, plastic bottles, metals and fabrics most combustible waste is burnt at the incinerator based at Tyseley which currently produces some 30 Mega watts of electricity which is pumped into the National Grid. A large percentage of the Green Waste is composted and sold to be used as commercial



## AGM NOVEMBER 8 TH 2010

cial fertilizer or ground cover material. As well as the regular Refuse collections Waste Management is also responsible for street cleaning either by the Beat Sweepers or by mechanical means, whilst the standard of street cleaning is regarded as good, but problems can occur in places such as where takeaways are located and it appears that a lot of people would rather drop litter than place it in a convenient bin, where local initiatives have been employed improvements have been seen but it still remains a major problem especially amongst school age people. Street cleansing has been reorganised on a "Ward Basis" and it is proposed that Household Refuse be collected on a similar basis, this may result in your bins being emptied on a different day or at a different time, this is still ongoing and any changes will be notified to local residents in

Plenty of time.

Residents were also asked to note that the

"Green Waste" collections would be suspended from 1<sup>st</sup> December until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011, a problem occurring with green waste is that the waste is bagged up and put out when it is created not when the bags are due for collection, this results in piles of uncollected sacks hanging around and going rotten for up to 14 days!

.After the meeting ended there were refreshments available to those who had chosen to stay behind.

This gave ample time for residents to talk to the police and their local councillors.

Should you wish to read the full minutes of this meeting, just go to.

[www.stirchley.co.uk](http://www.stirchley.co.uk) and follow the links.



Opening ceremony



go kart races

*Friends of Hazelwell  
park meet once a month  
on a Sunday in  
stirchley community  
church*

*New members welcome*



Tall Order



Arena Entertainment

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## STIRCHLEY FUN DAY

Saturday 11th September dawned slightly wet, well not as wet as last year was, anyway, but the sun shone and we had the best fun day yet. There were more stalls this

year, your Forum raised nearly £400.00 pounds with the raffle and tombola, slightly less than last year, but we had much more competition this year.

The duck races again proved very popular with many local business's donating fabulous prizes, ranging from gift vouchers to a family day out at Cadbury World

To see a list of the business's who supported us, take a look on the back page, where they will be listed in no particular order.

There were go karts a

climbing wall, Arena entertainment a bouncy castle, face painting . Five a side football, plus much, much more.

Money raised by Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum will eventually go back into Stirchley on various local projects.

Once again, your forum played a large part in the organization of this event and hope to do so in years to come.

But it would not of been possible without the funding and support and hard work of your local councilors and constituency office staff Hope to see you next year



Flying start

Courtesy John Charlton photography

## FRIENDS OF HAZELWELL PARK

Friends of Hazelwell park were formed about three years ago, they meet once a month on a Sunday and update residents through the [stirchley.co.uk](http://stirchley.co.uk) website and in more depth at our regular monthly forum meetings. So far the group have been responsible for much spring bulb planting, tree planting

and park clean up's in general, they are always looking for new members to join their group.

In January 2011 they intend to supply some bird boxes for Hazelwell park, these will come in kit form, and will suitable for children to put together. Afterwards they will be fixed to the trees in the park where the children will

be able to watch and see if the birds are nesting in their chosen nesting box.

Why January? Well I had to ask this question.

Wild birds start looking for a home ready for the spring. Check the [stirchley.co.uk](http://stirchley.co.uk) website nearer the date for details.

[www.stirchley.co.uk](http://www.stirchley.co.uk)

## STIRCHLEY HAPPENINGS

Stirchley happenings have successfully launched the traveling bug picture show.

The idea is to take the traveling cinema to different venues around Stirchley.

So far they have visited the T.A.C.O.S working men's club.

The Three Horse Shoes and Stirchley Community Church.

The group can be met at Stirchley community Market and of course at our monthly forum meetings.

For much more information go to their web site details .

[www.stirchleyhappenings.wordpress.com/](http://www.stirchleyhappenings.wordpress.com/) So come and meet them at a forum meeting to find out more.



**STIRCHLEY HAPPENINGS**  
Photo: courtesy of John Charlton Photography



# BIRMINGHAM BIKE FOUNDRY

**B**irmingham Bike Foundry is a new worker co-operative set up to encourage cycling in our city. We offer maintenance and cycle training to adults and children, carry out repairs and refurbish and sell donated bikes at affordable prices. We are always looking for unwanted bicycles to put to good use, so if you know of one that is going spare please get in touch with us on: [info@birminghambikefoundry.org](mailto:info@birminghambikefoundry.org)

We would like to provide access to the health and cost saving benefits of cycling to as many people as

possible. Cycling is an enjoyable and cheap means of travel and can help to reclaim the streets as places for the community. This is particularly important in a city like ours which is dominated by motorised transport. We want our children to inherit a Birmingham they can play in and move through independently and safely. We also want to live in a more environmentally sustainable city with less fumes and a healthier population if you want to know more about the courses, bikes and bike accessories we



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STIRCHLEY

offer please get in touch with us via email or on 07800 860 343. There is more information on our website at: [www.birminghambikefoundry.org](http://www.birminghambikefoundry.org)

## STIRCHLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

**F**riday 3rd December At around one in the afternoon the hard working team started to prepare for the Christmas lights switch on.

Gazebos were erected, Santa's grotto was prepared. Punch was made and mince pies chocolate's and pakora's were made ready for

the hungry residents and their children. It was a bitter cold day with plenty of snow on the ground and the promise of more to come.

Now we are ready, and about two hundred people came along and sang Christmas carols accompanied by pastor Gary Cadge on guitar and keyboard, afterwards traditional Christmas tunes were

played by a local brass quartet, and the snow fell, children visited Santa in his grotto where he was helped by his elves.

This was the biggest Christmas lights switch on that Stirchley has ever seen.

This year we have seen the lights extended as far as Ash Tree road.

## THANK YOU

**A**t approximately six pm a large crowd gathered at the front of the constituency office for the switch on, after the count down five children who were picked from Stirchley community school pressed the plunger and switched on Stirchley Christmas lights for 2010.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following in no particular order. Ash tree pharmacy for the

presents. John Ward for the Christmas tree used in Santa's grotto.

Akrans, for the pakora.

Cadburys for the Christmas presents.

West Midlands co-op for the Mince Pies, Chocolates and soft drinks. The brass quartet and the community church, the market traders.

John Charlton Photography & Father Christmas & his Elves.

Our local councillors, Tim Huxtable, Nigel Dawkins & Rob Sealy, & especially Karen Stevens & the various committee members from Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum. And Various other officers from the Selly Oak Constituency Office and of course our local community, with out who, it would be pointless. Thank you all for your support.

Should you wish to see more photographs go to:

[www.stirchley.co.uk](http://www.stirchley.co.uk)



SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS



CRAFT STALLS

*About 200 people came along and sang Christmas carols*



BRASS QUARTET



FINAL COUNTDOWN



SWITCH ON

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**FORTHCOMING  
MEETINGS  
MONDAY  
10TH JANUARY 2011  
MONDAY  
14TH FEBRUARY 2011  
MONDAY  
14TH MARCH 2011  
MONDAY  
11TH APRIL 2011  
MONDAY  
9TH MAY 2011  
MONDAY  
13TH JUNE 2011  
MONDAY  
11TH JULY 2011  
MONDAY  
8TH AUGUST 2011  
MONDAY  
12TH SEPTEMBER 2011  
MONDAY  
10TH OCTOBER 2011  
MONDAY  
14TH NOVEMBER 2011  
MONDAY  
12TH DECEMBER 2011**

**MOST OF THE MEETINGS  
TAKE PLACE IN STIRCHLEY  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
1326 PERSHORE ROAD  
STIRCHLEY  
BIRMINGHAM  
B30 2XS**

**COME AND RAISE YOUR  
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**I** Would like to thank the following business's who once again, supported the Stirchley fun day, with fantastic prizes for the neighbourhood forum raffle & Tombola, in no particular order.

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| <b>MUSIC EXCHANGE</b>         | <b>ASH TREE PHARMACY</b>               |
| <b>SBPCT NHS</b>              | <b>JOHN WARD</b>                       |
| <b>MIDLAND VAC</b>            | <b>AKRAMS</b>                          |
| <b>AKASH TANDORI</b>          | <b>STIRCHLEY WINES &amp; SPIRITS</b>   |
| <b>St ANDREWS HEALTH CARE</b> | <b>MICHELLE SPILL BEAUTY TREATMENT</b> |
| <b>ELEGANT DESIGN</b>         | <b>JOHN CHARLTON PHOTOGRAPHY</b>       |
| <b>MIDLANDS CO-OP</b>         | <b>CADBURY'S</b>                       |
| <b>GOLDEN PALACE</b>          | <b>SACHA HAIR DESIGN</b>               |
| <b>PANDORAS BOX</b>           | <b>SELCO</b>                           |
| <b>VENTURE BIKES</b>          | <b>WICKES</b>                          |
|                               | <b>HEARTS &amp; FLOWERS</b>            |
|                               | <b>ELL'S KITCHEN</b>                   |

Also all the local residents who donated gifts for both the raffle and tombola

With the help of the above, Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum raised £390.00 to be put to use in projects in Stirchley

## THANK YOU

**T**he planning of the fun day takes the best part of the year, starting with meetings and discussing what worked best last year and can we afford them again next year.

As most of you who came last September will know, virtually everything was free, with the exception of refreshments and very few of the side shows.

The morning started with a little rain, but luckily for us, we had sun shine for the rest of the day

This year we had more charity stalls, for which we did not charge a fee.

This mean's they got to keep all that they had taken and some of them done very well.

We seen some stall's from the new community market this year and hope to build on that for next year (providing we have funding next year)

I would like to thank your



**FREE ACTIVITIES**  
*PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN CHARLTON  
PHOTOGRAPHY*

local councilors, Tim Huxtable, Nigel Dawkins & Rob Sealy for all their hard work to make the event happen.

Also, Karen Stevens, ward support officer, who was in Hazelwell park from around 7.30am getting stuck in.

Plus the committee Members from Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum.

Plus all the other volunteers who worked hard.

We only received one complaint, from a local resident who said that there was a lack of sign posting for Hazelwell park and that he and his children couldn't find the entrance.

What did you like or dislike about the fun day ? If you have computer access, go to [www.stirchley.co.uk](http://www.stirchley.co.uk)

And leave a post under Neighbourhood Forum Or, come to a forum meeting (second Monday of every month)

More details in the column on the left side of the page. Or write to

us .

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