

# The Bearwood e-Bulletin



News from your Abbey Ward Labour Councillors

September 2017

## The circus is back in town!

Gandey's Circus returns to Lightwoods this month and this year's incredible array of nearly 30 International Award Winning Artistes include...

- ★ Making a terrifying return, Duo Siffolini from Bulgaria executing awe-inspiring feats on the Giant Wheel of Death.
- ★ The beautiful Duo Bella from Cuba will be performing a unique hair hanging aerial ballet above the audience.
- ★ The Serik Brothers from Kazakhstan on the acrobatic aerial straps.
- ★ The Tangier Troupe from Morocco – 7 acrobatic sons of the Desert.
- ★ Las Chicas Morales from Central America on the Rolling Globes, an act unique in Europe.
- ★ The Emilia Sisters from the Caribbean with an incredible display of gymnastics and dexterity on the vertical poles.
- ★ The African Warriors from Kenya showcase an adrenaline-fuelled, energetic display of acrobatics.
- ★ Defying gravity on the gymnastic bars – the astounding Company Havana from Cuba.

and so much more....including Europe's favourite clown Chico Rico will be outrageously causing



mayhem and mirth throughout the show before rewarding the appreciative audience with a special surprise just for them in the sensational finale of this fun-filled extravaganza for 2017.

With drinks, food, popcorn, candy floss, light up toys, face painting and everything else you would expect from a traditional circus.

Lightwoods Park Thursday 14th - Sunday 17th September

**Special Offer - All seats Thursday 14th Sept at 4.45pm only £6.99**

**Box Office on site from 12th Sept. or call 0871 705 5507**

# Art in the Park

## Home Made in Smethwick Exhibition

Lightwoods House

1st - 28th September

Going door-to-door and asking the simple question, 'What is your favourite recipe' local photographer Liz Hingley was welcomed into the homes of Smethwick people to share the experience as family dishes were prepared.

Now, in conjunction with arts organisation Multistory, Liz has put together an exhibition of photographs which will be available for viewing in the Chance Room at Lightwoods House throughout September.

Liz worked with residents for two years and has created an intimate photographic portrait of the people and food cooked in Smethwick in all its rich diversity.

Liz says about the project, "I was really made so welcome, and conversation flowed over kneading family-size naan breads, continued over the harvesting of herbs grown from seeds stuffed in suitcases, and while waiting for blueberry crumble to bake with a cup of Pakistani tea. Cooking drew out remarkable life stories and the complex journeys that have brought people from 130 countries to settle in Smethwick.

"The tastes of home are never left behind; they accompany people through their lives. They cement relationships and are passed on and transformed by new generations and new contexts."

Liz said the work depended upon building relationships of trust with the families. "Using digital camera equipment enabled me to share the results and offer people copies of their images quickly and easily; this was crucial in building trust and sustaining relationships. All those I met contributed to this celebration of the social heritage and culinary richness of Smethwick today. With the aim of capturing the essence of a community, I have been the lucky guest at their table and a passenger on their journey.

The collection of portraits and hand-written recipes demonstrate how food can act as a bridge from one continent to another, one generation to the next; and from one house to its neighbour.



There exhibition also contains a film interview with the photographer, Liz Hingley, talking about the exhibition.

**The exhibition is free. For opening times and more info, call Lightwoods House on 07818 511192**

**As Del Boy would say, this should be the creme de la month!**

Saperlipopette ou l'art d'enrichir son vocabulaire.  
Conversation française, un moment de détente après la  
pause déjeuner.

**Monday 18 September 2017**

**2-3.30 pm**

**Fee : £3.00**

**French Conversation Class**

At  
Thimblemill Library  
Thimblemill Road  
Smethwick  
B67 5RJ  
0121 429 2039



# Congratulations to the Bearwood Bake-off 2017 winners

Last month saw another successful Bearwood Bake-Off at Thimblemill Library.

The Bake-Off is the brainchild of local man Khakan Qureshi, himself a very proficient baker, and it is about involving young people as well as adults into having some fun in the kitchen.

This year's winner of the under-12 category was Ashley Tudor with her splendid banana cup cakes.

In the over 12s category Zoe Myers won first prize with her marble chocolate cake.

Khakan said, "Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the event in its 4th year, particularly the bakers!"

Thanks also for our judges, including Sukhy and Chris, and the Cake Box for donating a beautiful cake, Bearwood Co-op for the hamper and Maureen's Florist... and of course to the wonderful Julie McKirdy for giving up her time and opening the library on a hot, sunny Sunday afternoon!



Warley Woods Community Trust

## All About Dogs

**Sunday 10th September 2017**  
11am—4pm

Dog Show  
Dog Psychologist: Pawfect Dogsense  
Kennel Club Bronze Awards  
Guide Dogs Demo.. And more

Event Sponsored by **FASTSIGNS**  
More than fast. More than signs.

With thanks to **Pawfect Dogsense**

Enquires 0121 420 1061  
[www.warleywoods.org.uk](http://www.warleywoods.org.uk)  
Registered charity no. 1092754

# THE LOST NOTES

PLUS SUPPORT  
LIVE AT THIMBLEMILL LIBRARY

**SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**  
DOORS OPEN AT 7.30pm  
STARTS 8pm  
TICKETS: EARLY BIRDS £5 AND £7 ON THE NIGHT  
LICENSED BAR

THIMBLEMILL LIBRARY, THIMBLEMILL ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 5RJ  
0121 429 2039  
[thimblemill\\_library@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:thimblemill_library@sandwell.gov.uk)

# NOTICE BOARD

## Thimblemill Library What's On September 17

### Learning

**Chi Kenpo Karate**  
For children 5 – 12 years  
£12 for four weeks  
Monday and Wednesday  
4pm – 6pm

### Let's Learn Spanish!

**Every Monday**  
4pm-5pm  
Suitable for 6-11 years  
old  
To book a place for  
your child call us on:  
07342761305

### **Dance Classes**

FUSED DANCE  
ACADEMY

Tiny Tinx 4.30-5.30pm  
Mini Minx 5.30-6.30pm  
Rec in Rebelz  
6.30-7.30pm  
fusedda@hotmail.com

### **Chess Club**

**Every Wednesday**

4pm – 5.30pm  
Ages 6 -13

### Opening Hours

Monday: 9am-1pm 2pm- 6pm  
Tuesday: 9am-1pm 2pm- 6pm  
Wednesday: 9am-1pm 2pm-  
6pm  
Thursday: 9am-1pm  
Friday: 9am-1pm 2pm- 6pm

### Regular Children's Activities

#### Monday

**Born To Move**  
Exercise for 2-3 year olds  
10am-10.30am

**Sling Library**  
social group for parents  
11.30am-1.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

**Sing and Sign**  
Using Makaton  
2pm-3pm

#### Tuesday

**Rhythm and Rhyme**  
Music and fun for little ones  
9.30am – 10.30am

**Under 2's Club**  
Fun and games for little ones.  
1pm - 2:30pm

#### Wednesday

**Story Hour**  
For the little ones  
9.30am—10.30am

#### Friday

**Messy Play**  
Creative session for  
Children under 5 years  
9.30am - 11am

**Semi Quavers**  
Children's Choir  
Ages 5 - 11 years  
£2 per week

### Theatre and Music

**Theatre Tots Presents**  
**Excuse Me Mrs Pardon**  
30min theatre &  
30min workshops for families  
Friday 1st September  
3.30pm  
Booking required  
Ask staff for more details

#### ELVIS TRIBUTE

Join us for a night with  
**THE KING**  
**MARK BOOTON**  
sings all your favourite hits!  
Friday 1 September  
7.30 till late  
Tickets £5  
Licensed Bar

#### Open Mic

Sunday  
3rd September  
6pm-8pm  
Doors open at 5.30pm  
Performers please register before 6pm

#### LOST NOTES

Moseley-based quintet  
fuse bluegrass,folk,jazz,blues & pop  
to produce a sound that is as com-  
pelling as it is entertaining

Saturday 23rd September  
Doors open 7.30pm  
For 8pm start  
Tickets:£5.00 or £7.00 at the door





# Thimblemill Library

## What's On September 2017



### Employment and Digital

#### Monday and Wednesday

##### Job Club

Employment advice and support  
9.30-11.30

### Learning

#### ESOL

English for speakers of other  
Languages

Basic English Free

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Contact Jose Carmen

Galindez on 07459024650

5pm – 7pm

#### Tuesday

##### Computer Taster Sessions

Informal taster session,  
learn basic IT

2pm – 3pm

#### Wednesday

##### French Classes

Advanced 10am-12pm

Beginners 1pm-2.30pm

#### Thursday

##### Adult Ukulele Lessons

Scott: 07795176840

10.30am – 12.30am

#### Saturday

##### Music Lessons

Ukulele, Guitar and Choir  
lessons for adults and children  
Call Scott for further information  
on 07795176840

### Social, Health and Wellbeing

#### Monday

##### Coffee Morning

Free coffee morning

All are welcome

10am – 11am

##### YOGA

Gentle classes for beginners

10.30am-11.30am

#### Tuesday

##### Book Club

Sit back and listen as we read a  
chapter or two each week

2pm – 4pm

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Health Walk

10am- 11am

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

##### Tai Chi

11.15am-12.15pm

Gentle exercise for over 60's  
or less able of all ages

##### Adult Reading Group

7.30pm –9.00pm

1st Wednesday of the month

##### Yoga with Paul

Yoga for all levels and ages

£3.00 a session

6pm-7pm

#### Thursday

##### Agewell

Forum for over 60's

Last Thursday  
of the month

10.30am – 12.30pm

### Social, Health and Wellbeing

#### Friday

##### Knit and Natter Club

10am-12pm

Get creative make a friend

All are welcome

##### Trace Your Family Tree

Free ancestry course

Every Friday Free

10am – 12pm

##### Adult Colouring Session

Calming activity for

adults Free

2pm – 3pm

#### Sunday

##### Yoga

Gentle yoga sessions with a  
qualified instructor

£5.00 Session

6.30-7.30pm

#### French Conversation Class

Brush up your French with this  
new conversation class

Starts Monday 18th September

2.00-3.30pm

Fee:£3.00



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