

# The Bearwood e-Bulletin



THE CHEF SHOW



News from Abbey Councillor Bob Piper

June 2019

## It's party time in Bearwood

Prepare for a feast of festivals

Over the next two months there are four great festivals taking place in and around Bearwood, with a host of music, films, food and entertainment on the menu.

First off, on **June 9th**, the **second Bearwood Street Festival** hits our streets, organised under the banner of We Are Bearwood.

Taking over Bearwood's main high street and surrounding area, there will be a main music stand with a range of music, food and craft stalls, a roaming theatre, street artists, a graffiti wall, circus skills for kids, and much, much more. Many of the local shops on Bearwood Road will also be opening and contributing to the event.

There are also activities planned to take place on the square by the Kings Head Clock, in the T C Hayes car park, on Calthorpe Haven and Bearwood Road School playground.

Then, on the weekend of 22nd/23rd June, Bearwood will host Sandwell's first ever LGBT festival based around the

Thimblemill Library. The

**Rainbow Mill Festival** will feature local arts, cultural and performance events aimed at promoting LGBTQI+ voices and visibility in our community.

As well as a silent drag disco, a showing of the film

Pride about the links struck between the LGBT community and the striking miners during the 1984/5 miners' strike and a play, Looking Back, Moving Forward, the 70's and 80's remembered by Birmingham's LGBT community. More details of the programme on page 2.

**Then in July we have two major events which have now become regulars on the Bearwood calendar.**

The Warley Woods Community Trust **Picnic in the Park** takes place on the afternoon of 7th July. Again, local bands presented by the Bearwood Promoters will feature on the main stage, and the usual wide array of stalls will also be present. The real stars of the Picnic though are the thousands of local people who flock to the meadow and unpack their picnic boxes to enjoy a great family day out.

On the same weekend of the 6th/7th July, the biggest Filipino gathering in the West Midlands descends on Lightwoods Park for the **Filipino Festival**.

All of these events are free to enter...and you can see more details inside.



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BLACK COMMUNITY TRUST

## On the main stage



# RAINBOW MILL FESTIVAL

## LINE UP

### Saturday 22nd June

**Rise & Shine: Family Singing Workshop**  
10:30am - 12 noon  
All ages & abilities. FREE

**Fabulous Flag Making**  
Drop in arts and craft competition. 12 noon onwards BOTH DAYS  
All ages. FREE

**A Cabaret Most Queer**  
Variety show. 4:30pm - 6pm  
Ages 12+ £3 in advance, £4 on the door

**Silent Drag Disco with Dhaliah Rivers**  
7:30pm - late  
£2 adults, £1 children

### Sunday 23rd June

**Fabulous Families: Lunchtime Storytime**  
12:15 - 1:30pm  
Ages 3+ FREE (Bring lunch)

**Looking Back, Moving Forward**  
The 70s & 80s remembered by Bham's LGBT community. Play reading  
2:00pm - 3:30pm  
Ages 12+ FREE

**Pride (2014)**  
Film screening about the LGBT+ and the mining community in 1984  
4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Rated 15+ FREE

For tickets please call 0121 429 2039 or search for Rainbow Mill Festival on Facebook for more info

# RAINBOW MILL FESTIVAL

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June

**Thimblemill Library, Smethwick**  
A weekend of local art, performance and events dedicated to LGBTQI+ voices and visibility

Sandwell's first ever festival celebrating the contribution to the life of our community by LGBT people takes place at Thimblemill Library on the weekend of 22nd/ 23rd June.

Everyone welcome



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# FRED JEFFS: THE SWEETSHOP MURDER

Thimblemill Library

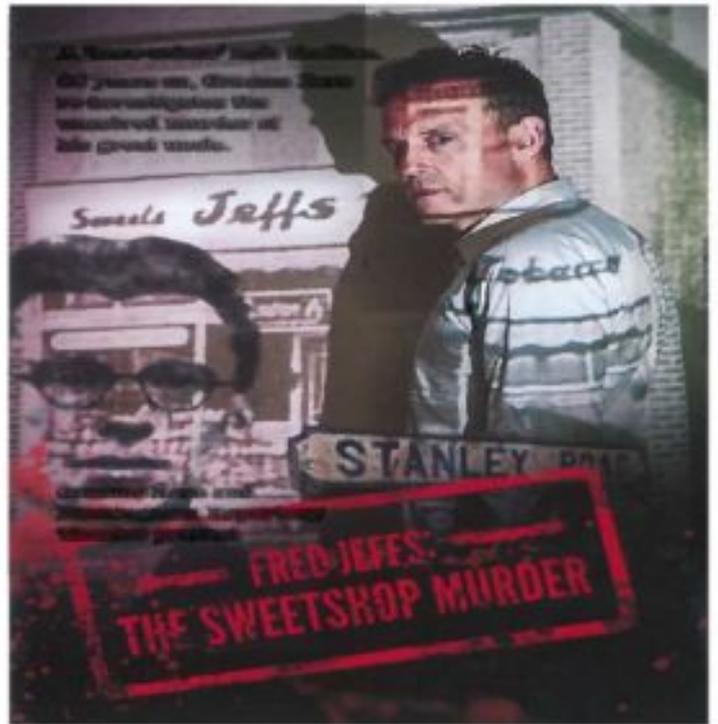
Friday 7th June

7.30 for 8pm start

£4 in advance £5 on the night

On Good Friday 1957, Quinton sweetshop owner Fred Jeffs was brutally murdered. Over 60 years later the case remains unsolved.

Writer, performer and great nephew of Fred Jeffs, Graeme Rose, has been investigating Fred's death - interviewing people who remembered the murder and looking at its impact on the local community.



Using these stories Graeme examines the case with all of its clues, speculations and findings, In doing so, he presents an intriguing story which has all of the ingredients of a classic crime noir thriller.



## THE CHEF SHOW THIMBLEMILL LIBRARY

SATURDAY

15TH JUNE

DOORS: 7PM FOR 7.30PM START

ALSO FEATURING KAMLEISH KUMARI PARECT  
COOKERY SCHOOL



TICKETS: £8.00 OR £6.00  
CONCESSION

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE



## Madam Mayor takes up her post



# NOTICE BOARD

## Thimblemill Library WHAT'S ON

Thimblemill Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, B67 5RJ  
Telephone 0121 569 4943, Email: thimblemill\_Library@sandwell.gov.uk

June  
2019

### Activities for Children

#### Monday

##### Born to Move

Fun exercise  
for 2-3 year olds

9.45am - 10.15am

##### Bearwood Love to Sing

A baby and toddler group with a  
difference! Come along and sing  
while your little ones play.

17<sup>th</sup> June

11.15 - 12 noon.

##### Sling Library

Social group for parents

11.30am - 1.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

##### Sing and Sign

Using Makaton  
10.30-11.30am

#### Tuesday

##### Rhythm and Rhyme

Music and fun for little ones  
10am - 11am

#### Wednesday

##### Little Tots Group

For 0-3 year olds  
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  
4.30pm-5.30pm

#### Saturday

##### Lego Club

11-12.30pm

##### Children's Craft Club

2pm-3pm

### Activities for Children

#### CHI KENPO KARATE

Phil 07887711738

Monday 4-5pm & 5-6pm

Wednesday 5-6pm

Friday 6pm-7pm

Saturday 3-4pm

£12 for four weeks

#### Monday-Friday Gaming Session

PS4 & XBOXone

4pm - 5:30pm

&

Saturday

11.30-1.30

#### BLAST!

Festival of Photography Talks and  
Walks

#### MOTHERSHIP

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1PM

In association with Liz Hingley's Home  
Made in Smethwick exhibition, Multistory  
and Mothership invite you to join the  
MARKit group to hear about their creative  
textile skills and products..

#### Empathy Week

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30pm-12pm

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm-5pm Storytime and  
Crafts

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm-3pm Afternoon  
Tea with Caz the Storyteller  
(this is an Intergenerational event)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm  
Friday Friends Coffee Morning

#### 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

Saturday 10am - 4pm

### Activities for All

## RAINBOW MILL FESTIVAL



#### Music

#### Rick Shea

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
7pm for 7.30pm

Singer, Songwriter, Guitarist a  
mainstay of the Californian Country  
Folk, Honky-Tonk scene  
£8.00 or £5.00 concessions

#### Gathering Tides

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Doors 7.30 for 8pm start  
A fine new folk/fusion band with  
fantastic fiddle-driven energy and  
musicianship. Not to be missed!  
£8.00 or £5.00 concessions

#### Theatre

#### Fred Jeffs:

#### Sweet Shop Murder

Friday

7<sup>th</sup> June

7.30pm for 8pm start

A 'True-Crime@Noir Thriller set in the  
Black Country  
Tickets: £4.00 or £5.00 at the door

#### The Chef Show

A Fusion of Play and Cookery  
Demonstration  
With guest Chef: Lajina Masala

<http://www.lajinamasala.com/about-us/>

Saturday

15<sup>th</sup> June

7pm for 7.30pm  
£8.00 or £6.00 concession

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### Learning

#### Tuesday

##### **Computer Taster Sessions**

Informal taster session for beginners

2pm – 3pm

#### Wednesday

##### **French Classes**

Advanced

10am-12pm

Intermediate

1pm - 2.30pm

#### Thursday

##### **Adult Ukulele Lessons**

Scott: 07795176840

10.30am – 12.30pm

#### ESOL

Basic and intermediate level.

Free course with SAFL

1-3pm

#### Friday

##### **French Conversation Class**

Brush up your French with this new conversation class

2pm - 3.30pm

#### Saturday

##### **Music Lessons**

Ukulele, Guitar and Choir  
Lessons for adults and children

10am – 12.30pm

Call Scott for further  
information

07795 176840

### Employment Support

#### Monday & Wednesday

##### **Job Club**

9.30-11.30am

A free drop-in session to help with your job searches and job application forms

#### Monday

##### **Steps to Work**

10am - 12pm

One-to-one computer support for job seekers

To book an appointment, please ring

07900 903526

### Social, Health and Wellbeing

#### Monday

##### **Coffee Morning**

Free coffee morning

10am-12pm

#### Tuesday

##### **Book Club**

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

2pm – 4pm

#### Wednesday

##### **Gentle Exercise Class**

11.15am - 12.15pm

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

##### **Adult Reading Group**

7.30pm – 9pm

1st Wednesday of the month

#### New

##### **Any Book Book club**

11<sup>th</sup> June

7.30-8.30pm

##### **Yoga with Paul**

Yoga for all levels and ages  
£3.00 a session

Wednesday 6pm - 7pm

### Social, Health and Wellbeing continued

#### Thursday

##### **Yoga with Paul**

Gentle classes for beginners

9.15-10.15

#### Friday

##### **Knit and Natter Club**

10am - 12pm

Get creative make a friend

All are welcome

##### **Friday Coffee Morning**

Come and join us for a cuppa and a bite to eat or just a chat, everyone welcome

10am - 1pm

##### **Trace Your Family Tree**

Free ancestry course  
With Chris Gregory who will be on hand to assist with family history searches

Every Friday

10am – 12pm

##### **Creative Writing Group**

Do you like writing, do you fancy a new pastime, do you want to make more space in your life for imagination and creativity then this new group where we can share ideas and make friends. All ages welcome

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

6.30pm-8.00pm

##### **Birmingham Rep Play** **Reading Group...13<sup>th</sup> June**

7pm-9pm

##### **The Umbrellas of Cherbourg**

By Kneehigh

A beautiful story of love and war!