

The Bearwood e-Bulletin



News from Abbey Ward Councillor Bob Piper

July 2019

It's Picnic Time!



**7th July
1pm-6pm
Warley Woods**

Stalls - crafts, food, charities, carriage rides and local information.

Performance by the Winner of Warley Woods Got Talent

Music staged by the Bearwood Promoters

Always things to try out, like golf, archery and other fun activities

Event kindly sponsored by Humberstones Homes - our Picnic Superstars

The Picnic will be opened this year by Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Ann Jaron

Anger over plans for new student flats

Residents in Anderson Road in Bearwood have expressed a combination of anger and dismay at proposals by a property developer to convert a property at the junction of their road and Hagley Road in to a modern block of student flats.

One resident who has objected to the scheme said, "Putting a block of student flats in a residential street like this is by no means ideal, but the appearance of the building is so totally out of character with the area.

"We have part of the car wash applying for an alcohol and entertainment licence until 2.am - which will go to Licensing next month - and now we are threatened with a student block immediately over the road."

'The Maltings', as the existing building is known, is an old building with a quite unique design, the replacement building is really quite ugly and residents say it will stand out like a sore thumb.

Sandwell Council's Highways engineers have expressed their reservations about the scheme because Anderson Road already has problems with car parking. In addition the Council's planning officers say the number of units represents an over development of the site and that it doesn't fit within Residential Design Guidelines. They have also



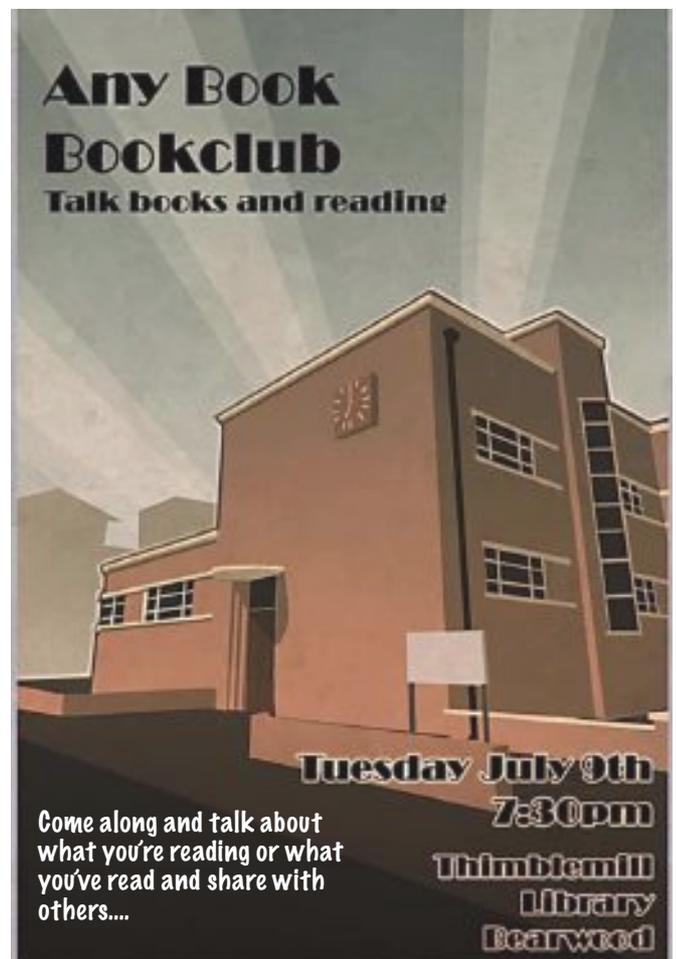
Artists image of the planned student flats



The Maltings

said that the proposal is out of character with the surrounding area and would have a detrimental effect on adjacent residential properties.

This would indicate the recommendation to Planning Committee when it considers the proposals will be for rejection, but recent experience with the Planning Inspectorate could mean that decision being overturned on appeal.





CHAINMAKERS' FESTIVAL 2019

Saturday 6th July 2019

11.00am - 8.00pm

Mary Macarthur Gardens,
Cradley Heath, B64 5BA



THE WOMEN
CHAINMAKERS'
FESTIVAL TUC

Banner Parade
History Tent
Kid's Activities
Speakers and Music

rjohnston@tuc.org.uk

Stalls open from 11am with the new 'Leftfield Tent' opening at 12 noon. The Leftfield will feature activities for kids, as well as political debate, with panels exploring the role of women in trade unions and society and how to organise young workers.

The much loved theatrical re-enactment will take place at 2.30pm with a banner parade around Cradley Heath, before the main tent opens with speeches and music.

Headlining is the Latin funk band Wara

Leftfield Tent

- 12.00 Children's activities workshop
- 13.00 Young Workers Panel debate
- 14.00 'Women in Leadership' panel
- 14:30 Victory Speech
- 14:45 Banner Parade

Main Tent

- 15.10 Third Junction
- 16.15 Steph Peacock MP
- 16.30 Sunflower Thieves
- 17.35 Cathy Hunt & Louise Townsend
- 17.45 Emily Lockett
- 18.15 Wara

35th Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival
Sandwell Library and Information Service

STRICTLY JITTERBUGS



Dance Workshop at Thimblemill Library
Saturday 27 July 2019 7pm Free Entry

Doors open 6.30pm

The regular festival appearances of Strictly Jitterbug's dance classes are always a very popular feature. Strictly Jitterbug has been teaching a mixture of East Coast Swing and Charleston for over 10 years, including two years as a resident dance teachers at Birmingham's Waterworks Jazz Club.

Licensed Bar Available

Sandwell Libraries
 Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival

@sandwelllibs
 @Birmjazzfest @BewJazz19



35th Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival
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THE SCHWINGS



Performing Live at Thimblemill Library
Sunday 21 July 2019 7pm Free Entry

Doors open 6.30pm

The Schwings are a vintage swing and New Orleans style jazz band hailing from the capital of Lithuania, Vilnius. Founded in 2011 by legendary jazz musician and multi-instrumentalist Remis Ranclys, The Schwings rapidly rose to popularity in Lithuanian jazz festivals, clubs and indie hop dance events. Initially the band played golden standards of swing, Brazilian, and gypsy jazz, but has since begun recording original compositions. Their most recent album Telouts (March 2019) reached the #1 bestseller in swing/jazz category on Bandcamp - a popular online music distributor. Now performing internationally, they have 'schwung' their Lithuanian spirit across the UK, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Poland, Estonia, Finland and Russia. The Schwings are joined by singer Migloke, also from Vilnius, who has gradually built on the remarkable impact of her debut as a very young performer 10 years ago.

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Birmingham, Sandwell and Westside Jazz Festival

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 @Birmjazzfest @BewJazz19



NOTICE BOARD

What's on at Thimblemill Library

July

Thimblemill Road, Smethwick, B67 5RJ

2019

T: 0121 569 4943 E: thimblemill_library@sandwell.gov.uk

Adult events & activities

Jazz & Blues Festival



The Schwings Band

Sunday 21 July

6.30pm for 7.00pm

A great evening of jazz with this brilliant Lithuanian band playing early swing & gipsy jazz

Free event

Whitney Rose

Saturday 20 July

7pm for 7.30pm start

A night not to be missed as the 2019 Honky Tonk Woman of the Year Ameripolitan winner brings her classic country songs to Thimblemill

Tickets: £12 or concessions £10

Licensed bar

Summer Concert

Saturday 20 July

1pm start

Join us for an afternoon of summer sounds courtesy of the Bearwood Songsters

Afternoon Tea with CHAS

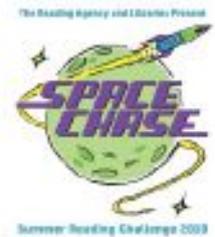
Thursday 11 July

1.30 pm start

A talk on the Black Lake Colliery disaster

Children/Family events & activities

Space Chase



Summer Reading Challenge

It's that time of year again so, prepare for lift off as we travel around the galaxy on a very special reading mission

The theme this year is Space Chase
Read 6 books during the summer holidays and you will receive stickers each time you finish a book

When you have completed the challenge you will receive a reward, medal and certificate

To find out more please go to the link

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

For full details of all our summer holiday activities, please ask for a leaflet at the library desk

Chi Kenpo Karate

Mondays 4pm - 5pm

5pm - 6pm

Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

5pm - 6pm

Fridays 6pm - 7pm

Saturdays 3pm - 4pm

£12 for four weeks

For further information contact Phil on 07887711738

Regular activities & events at Thimblemill Library

Activities for children

Homework Club

Every day after school
4 free printouts and access to
free online resources

Born to Move

Mondays 9.45am - 10.15am
Fun exercise for ages 2 - 3

Sling Library

1st Monday of the month
11.30am - 1.30pm
Social group for parents

Sing and Sign

Mondays 10.30am - 11.30am
Using Makaton

Bearwood Loves To Sing

Monday 8 July
11.15am - 12.15pm
Adults who love to sing while
your child plays, once a month

Rhythm and Rhyme

Tuesdays 10am - 11am
Music and fun for little ones

Little Tot's Group

Wednesdays 10am - 11am
For ages 0 - 3

Messy Play

Fridays 9.30am - 11am
Creative session for children
under 5 years

Semi Quavers

Fridays 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Children's choir for ages 5 - 11
£2 per week

Lego Club & Card Swap Shop

Saturdays
11am - 12.30pm

Craft Club

Saturdays
2pm - 3pm

Social, health & wellbeing

Coffee Morning

Mondays 10am - 12noon
Free coffee morning

Stop Smoking Clinic

Tuesdays 2pm - 5pm

Book Club

Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm
Sit back and listen as we read a
chapter or two each week

Any Book Bookclub

Tuesdays 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Please ask a member of staff for
the date of the next book club

Gentle Exercise Class

Wednesdays
11.15am - 12.15pm
Gentle exercise for over 60s
or less able of all ages

Adult Reading Group

1st Wednesday of the month
7.30pm - 9pm

Yoga with Paul

Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm
Yoga for all levels and ages
£3 a session

Yoga with Paul

Thursdays 9.15am - 10.15am
Gentle classes for beginners

Knit and Natter Club

Fridays 10am - 12pm
Get creative, chat and make
new friends

Friday Coffee Morning

Fridays 10am - 1pm
Come and join us for a cuppa, a
bite to eat or just a chat

Trace Your Family Tree

Fridays 10am - 12noon
Free ancestry course with
Chris Gregory who will help you
with family history searches

Learning

Computer Taster Session

Tuesdays 2pm - 3pm
Informal taster session for
beginners

French Classes

Wednesdays
Advanced 10am - 12noon
Intermediate 1pm - 2.30pm

Adult Ukulele Lessons

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm
For further information please
contact Scott 07795176840

ESOL

Thursdays 1pm - 3pm
Basic and intermediate level
Free course with SAFL

French Conversation Class

Fridays 2pm - 3.30pm
Brush up your French with this
new conversation class

Music Lessons

Saturdays 10am - 12.30pm
Ukulele, guitar and choir
lessons for adults and children
For further information please
call 07795 176840

OPENING TIMES

Mon	9am - 1pm 2pm - 6pm
Tue	9am - 1pm 2pm - 6pm
Wed	9am - 1pm 2pm - 6pm
Thurs	9am - 1pm
Fri	9am - 1pm 2pm - 6pm
Sat	10am - 4pm
Sun	CLOSED

24-hour renewals hotline

0121 569 4949

website:

www.sandwell.gov.uk/libraries



The library has full wheelchair access