

PERRY COMMON MATTERS

Summer 2018



Spring into Summer

Fun for all the family
16th June
2018

Welcome!

A message from the resident geese at Witton Lakes



Hello to all our friends in Perry Common!

First of all, we want to say an extra special thank you to Glendale Services who came for a swim with us in the Lake and made us a lovely new home to nest in! The fresh straw is so nice and comfy, the perfect environment for us and our friends.

Already there are so many of us geese and swans settling into our new nesting beds. It feels a lot safer for our young here – we love it! We are very grateful that the parkkeepers at Glendale Services thought of us and gave up their time to row out onto the Lake, giving up their free time and resources to provide us with such a lovely home!

We can tell that you are as pleased as us too, as just the other day, we heard one lovely local resident say, "It's so nice to walk around Witton Lakes and to see all kinds of wildlife thriving there, it shows that it's a welcoming place for all – not just humans!"

All of the wildlife at Witton Lakes love living here, and what we love even more us seeing all of your happy and smiling faces coming to visit us! Now that the sun is starting to shine, there are lots of exciting activities planned for you all to enjoy throughout the summer months – check out this newsletter for more information on what's going on!

We can't wait to see you soon!

WITTON LAKES PLAN SHAPES UP

As we all start looking forward to sunny days and summer holidays, we are pleased to report that the Lottery-funded plan to renovate the Velvet Community Orchard site and Parkkeepers Cottage at Witton Lakes is looking great and will make the very most of all this hidden gem has to offer.

A smart new Environment Centre will be the centrepiece of the project and focusing on environmentally sustainable living will be a key part of the whole development. It's a big initiative that needs lots of preparation and planning so, while the trees burst into life and ducklings make their first trips across the water, there's lots of hard work going on to ensure the centre will open on time next year.

There will also be lots of fun activities for all the family taking place at the Lakes this summer, including a new poly tunnel for growing fruit and veg, re-opened Tea Rooms, healthy living sessions, outdoor activities and much more, so don't miss out.

Watch out for our leaflets or follow us on Facebook @WittonLodgeCommunityAssociation. More details about summer events on Pages 4 and 5.



Photo courtesy of Chris Beresford

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Family fun at Perry Common Library

What could be better than happy families! When Perry Common Library ran free Perry Fun arts and crafts activities during half term, local families gave them a resounding thumbs up.

The sessions attracted as many as 15 families and a whole range of family members and friends were encouraged to get involved. At the close of the sessions, those taking part were asked to rate the activities by choosing from sad, ok or smiley faces, resulting in a brilliant **100% happy vote!** :)

Summer at Perry Common Library
During the summer holidays, there are lots more family activities planned at Perry Common Library. This includes the 'Summer Reading Challenge' which has the theme of 'Mischief Makers'. Sounds like real fun, doesn't it?

To get involved with the Summer Reading Challenge and to find out what activities are going on, please visit Perry Common Library or keep an eye on our Facebook and Website for the latest information.

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SINGING IS FUN AND GOOD FOR YOU TOO!

If you've never sung in a choir before, here's your chance! Ring of Sound is a mixed-aged choir based in Perry Common, initially formed by local people wanting to come together to sing and celebrate. We are led by a professional tutor. No previous experience is necessary and no auditions are held, so just bring along your passion for singing and remember, studies have shown that singing is good for your health, both physically and mentally. It's fun too!

Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays from 7pm until 8pm at Sycamore Court, 46 Buxton Road, Perry Common B23 5GA.

For more information

☎ : Linda Hines: 07960 386252

✉ : linda.hines@wittonlodge.org.uk



QUIZ NIGHTS COMING UP

Put on your thinking caps and brush up on your general knowledge because there are more great quizzes coming up with cash prizes to be won!

Upcoming quiz dates:

- Friday 22nd June
- Friday 20th July
- Friday 24th August
- Friday 21st September

The quiz runs from 7pm to 9pm at Perry Common Community Hall

Tickets are £2 for just the quiz, or £5 if you'd like to include a fish and chip supper!

To book your place, please contact Paul Tse on

☎ : 0121 382 1930 ✉ : Paul.Tse@Wittonlodge.org.uk

BOOK THE HALL Perry Common Community Hall is perfect for every occasion.

- A lovely open space with lots of natural light
- Just the right size - seats up to 80 people (or 30 for half the hall)
- Easy to find - located in the heart of the community on The Ring

To make a booking enquiry, contact us on 0121 382 1930 or drop into the Community Hall to discuss your booking with one of our team who will be happy to help!

If you are a local resident, you can receive a 15% discount on the booking fee!

87 Witton Lodge Road
Perry Common
B23 5JD

Perry Common Community Hall

Teenagers making a difference...

If you are a teenager and want to make a difference to the world around you we would love to hear from you! We run Uprising, a fortnightly group designed to fuel your ideas and support you in making them happen. Direct Message us on Instagram at '@udbyouth' if you're interested.

...and families get together

If you're at primary school, bring your grown-ups and head down to the Underground in St Martin's Church Centre every Tuesday afternoon during term time from 3:45 - 4:45 pm for our Family Drop In. Unlike our other clubs, this is all about you hanging out with your parents as well as giving them the chance to have a cup of tea and chat with other parents. Come and join in with craft activities, pool, air hockey, Xbox, board games and more!

Contact

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URBAN DEVOTION



OUR STORY

HOW WE GOT HERE

Perry Common started life in 1924, when farmland was acquired by Birmingham City Council to re-house families from inner city areas. More than 1000 two and three bedroomed houses were then built, with 908 of these being constructed using steel frames and concrete blocks. These were locally known as "Boot Houses" as they had been built by Sir Henry Boot, which unfortunately developed serious weaknesses over the years that followed.

By the early 1990s the community of Perry Common was in crisis, as the families who lived in the Boot houses were told that their homes were due to be demolished because of structural faults.

As a response, a Residents Association was formed overnight to challenge the decision, but soon realised that negotiation was more constructive than confrontation! This led to the formation of Witton Lodge Community Association in 1994 and with a stronger, unified voice, things started to change.

To date, the Association owns and manages 187 homes, including Sycamore Court, a 40 apartment Extra Care Scheme, which opened in 2000. The Association has since acquired Perry Common Community Hall and the former Park-Keepers Cottage at Witton Lakes under the Community Asset Transfer Programme. The Velvet Community Orchard, within Witton Lakes, has been created and now also offers refreshments at the Orchard Tea Room.

Chair of the Board Linda Hines said "It's really important to understand that none of this could have been achieved without the strength, determination and imagination of local residents. It's their vision that has got us to where we are, and we need more local people to get involved to continue the good work."

"Our next goals are to tackle local environmental issues, at a time when national and regional cutbacks are affecting so many people. So let's get together and show that we can do it!"

BECOME A RESIDENT DIRECTOR!

Q. What does becoming a Resident Director really mean?

A. Witton Lodge Community Association is overseen by a Board of Directors. The Board comprises eight local Resident Directors and four Institutional Directors, each of whom bring a range of skills, knowledge and experience. Resident Directors directly influence the work and policies of the organisation, so this is a really exciting opportunity for anyone who is passionate about Perry Common.

Q. How much time will it take?

A. We meet monthly and meetings usually last a couple of hours. There is also some reading to do between meetings so that you are fully informed when it comes to voting and making decisions. The rest is up to you - if you wish to be more involved with the work that we do, there are lots of opportunities to do so.

Q Do I need special skills?

A. Your local knowledge and your understanding of what you think is best for the community is special, so you already have what it takes to be a Resident Director!

The way we were



An old Perry Common Boothouse.

Today's homes



A Perry Common home today.



Sycamore Court.

GET IN TOUCH

For more information or to discuss this opportunity, please call Afzal Hussain, our Chief Officer, or Linda Hines, our Chair on **0121 382 1930**



If you're a resident of Perry Common, chances are you know Mary. And if you don't, there's a big chance that she's helped you or your family in some way. Mary is a treasure of Perry Common, and still has a lot to give in her 97th

year - as her award for Volunteer of the Year 2017 testifies.

Mary can often be found volunteering on reception at Perry Common Community Hall, and helping out on our projects and events in the local community. Mary doesn't have a mobile phone, and yet is probably the most well-connected resident in Perry Common. Her attitude to helping others is "you know where I am when you want me, and if I'm not there, ask anybody and they know where I live".

However, Mary hasn't always been a famous Witton Lodge volunteer - there's a lot more to her story than that. We thought we'd spend the next few issues of the newsletter finding out a bit more about Mary as a person, starting with where it all began.



Born in Northumberland, Mary hadn't planned on settling in Birmingham. During World War 2, her whole town was being used as a base for submarines. A chance meeting in 1941 with a fine gentleman called Dennis changed her life. Dennis, stationed up North, was involved in maintaining the boats

and submarines. He proved to be incredibly charming, and his meeting with Mary blossomed into romance.

Mary herself describes her meeting with Dennis as "lucky for him" with a smile. He's sadly no longer with us, having passed away 16 years ago. His legacy lives on, and his last submarine, the Tally-Ho, is on display in the Royal Navy Submarine Museum in Portsmouth.

Within a few weeks of meeting, Dennis was called away from Northumberland to carry out his wartime duties. On and off, he was away from Mary until peace was declared in 1945! This required great patience on Mary's part, who "was a good girl, but still went out dancing".

She did keep Dennis on his toes - once writing to him with an ultimatum. He quickly wrote back after that, asking Mary to wait for him. On one occasion, Dennis's family - who were from Birmingham - wrote to Mary inviting her over to stay, even though Dennis was stationed away. Mary accepted their invitation and ended up having a great time, finding them to be very warm, kind people. It made her even more enthusiastic about her forthcoming decision to settle down with Dennis in his hometown.

Sure enough, after the War, Mary moved to Birmingham to be with Dennis. They settled in Perry Common and in Mary's own words, she "loves Birmingham". However, Mary's happy existence in Perry Common was to be shattered in the early 1990s by a single letter. It was to be the catalyst that started Mary's involvement in the resident-led movement which became known as Witton Lodge Community Association. But that, I'm afraid, is a story for another newsletter...

Photo courtesy of Chris Beresford

ORCHARD TEA ROOM NOW OPEN



“It's lovely to work with Dave. Working the Tea Room has improved my confidence and self-belief. I've got out of the house more, met new friends and cut down on my smoking. It made me feel wanted.”
An Orchard volunteer.

It's been a tough few weeks for our lovely little orchard haven, the Orchard Tea Room. The repeated bad weather caused us quite a bit of bother, but we and our trusty contractors have been repairing and redecorating as fast as we can to make sure it re-opened in tip top condition.

The Tea Room has been a labour of love from its inception to opening (just ask Linda, our Chair at WLCA!). It's also a vital part of the diverse mixture of Witton Lodge community projects, and one that we're very proud of. For many local residents, a chance to relax in the picturesque setting of the Velvet Community Orchard at Witton Lakes, surrounded by calm, peaceful nature, is the perfect escape from the urban greyness. And if you can do all that with a cup of tea in your hand and a bit of cake... all the better!

The Orchard and the Tea Room also offer great volunteering opportunities for anyone who wants to get involved - Come along to the Tea Room and speak to us if you are interested. We are open Mondays 12-4pm, and Fridays 9am-12pm and we would love to meet you!

“I have been helping out in the Orchard Tea Room for almost a year now and have grown so much with my confidence and my self-worth. I have met so many new people whilst working there.”
Lisa, an Orchard volunteer.

DUCKLING WATCH



Duckling Watch was set up in 2009 by a local resident to be a visible presence in Witton Lakes in Erdington, to not only deter the potential destruction of the water birds, their nests and eggs but also the possible abuse of their babies and parent birds who will try to protect them.

Volunteers walk around the park in groups wearing specifically marked high visibility waistcoats at different times of the day between April and September.

If you'd like to find out more, please call Linda on ☎ : 07960 386252 ✉ : linda.hines@wittonlodge.org.uk

Eco Hub fit for our 21st century lives



An artist's impression of the new Eco Hub



“It's so nice to walk around Witton Lakes and to see all kinds of wildlife thriving there, it shows that it's a welcoming place for all - not just humans!”
A local resident.

As the sustainability of the environment becomes ever-more important, far-reaching plans to revitalise Witton Lakes and bring new investment to the area are taking centre stage.

The key element of the work is a new Environment Centre - the 'Eco Hub' - which will be a base for a range of initiatives designed to encourage more sustainable 21st century lifestyles, including a major drive to reduce the fuel poverty faced by many local residents. The building will also offer a café, meeting room, kitchen and exhibition space, and will be available for community hire.

Due to open in 2019, it will be sited near the orchard, and is expected to develop into a real centre of excellence for people and organisations wanting to know more about environmental sustainability.

There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to take advantage of the wide variety of environmentally friendly workshops, courses and outdoor activities to be offered from the Eco Hub, and we are particularly keen to hear from anyone who is interested in putting forward ideas for these.

We are also looking for volunteers to help put all these plans into place, so if you have any spare time and would like to get involved, please contact Stuart on

☎ : 0121 382 1930

✉ : stuart.adams@wittonlodge.org.uk

GOING MAD FOR BATS!

As part of the planning work for the new Eco Hub at Witton Lakes, we undertook an ecology survey. Imagine our surprise when we discovered that we have no less than five different species of bat in the park!

These are the Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Daubenton's, Noctule and Serotine bats. If you're sharp-eyed enough to tell these types of bats apart, let us know where you saw them and when.

If you are interested in taking part in a Bat Spotting Session, please let us know on ☎ : 0121 382 1930.



SAVE MONEY WITH ENERGY ADVICE

When the new Eco Hub opens in 2019, we will be offering free advice sessions to help you reduce your fuel consumption and save on your energy costs. This is one of the most important aspects of the new environment centre so don't miss out. Watch out for future editions of this newsletter for further details or follow us on

✉ : WittonLodgeCommunityAssociation



GROW IT WELL COOK IT WELL

As part of the Eco Hub's support for sustainable living, we will soon be offering food growing projects, and a specially equipped kitchen in the new Eco Hub building will be the base for healthy cooking and eating advice. Let us know if you're interested in taking part by popping down to the Orchard Tea Room on Mondays between 12pm-4pm or Fridays between 9am-12pm, and chatting to Paul who will be onsite and happy to talk to you about any of these projects.

MEET STUART



Meet Stuart Adams! He has joined Witton Lodge Community Association as Senior Development and Performance Manager and is overseeing the development of the Witton Lakes Eco Hub as well as managing our Flourishing Communities Programme.

Stuart has a background in community enterprises, having worked for Business Link and West Midlands European Network. He says he is delighted to have joined Witton Lodge Community Association. "It's a great organisation to work for - very community focused and with lots of really good ideas. Now it's my job to put them into action!"

Stuart is based at Perry Common Community Hall and can be reached at

✉ : stuart.adams@wittonlodge.org.uk



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

The Teddy Bear's Picnic will take place on Saturday 14th July from 12pm till 3pm at the Velvet Community Orchard. Everyone is welcome.

"If you go down to the woods today. You're sure of a big surprise. If you go down to the woods today. You'd better go in disguise! For every bear that ever there was. Will gather there for certain."

Because today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic"



YOUR WITTON LAKES MEMORIES

We'd love to hear about events you've attended at Witton Lakes or see any old photographs from years gone by.

You can send them in to ✉ : Lauren.Fridlington@wittonlodge.org.uk



WELLBEING AT SYCAMORE COURT



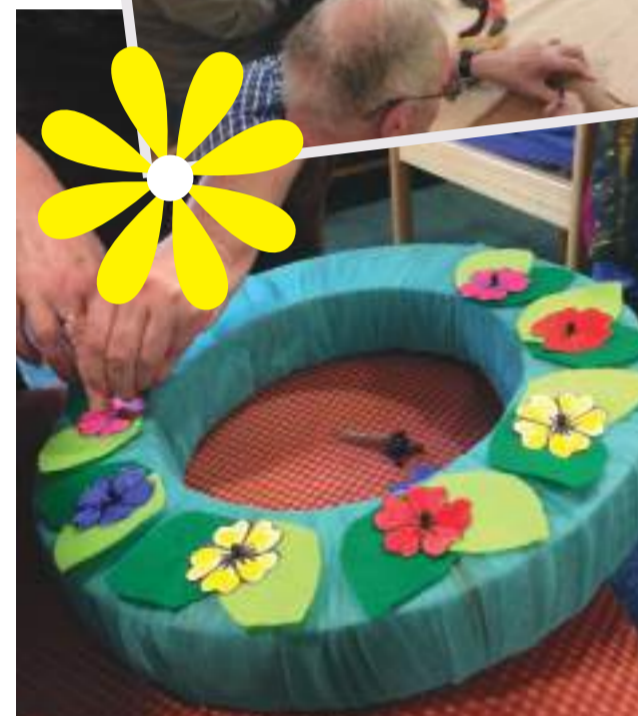
REMEMBERING THROUGH ART

The 'Sycamore Court Art for Wellbeing Group' met together enthusiastically for three two-hour 'Unremembered Wreath' sessions with artist Gillian Lever.

The first of the three sessions included conversation, research and the sharing of fascinating family stories about men and women from the many lands across the Commonwealth who contributed to the war effort as workers one hundred years ago. Many of these men and women died without recognition. The Big Ideas Company (www.big-ideas.org) provided some interesting resources for this first session and group members also fed into it with information about family members whose contributions weren't acknowledged.

Group members were also keen to pitch in straight away with practical ideas and as part of the first session they made 'mini wreaths' and then sketched out ideas for the bigger wreaths they wanted to create for the challenge.

All of the group members were very committed to the project and came up with some striking and creative ideas. The second and third sessions were also action packed, and the group was so enthusiastic that they have since decided to continue meeting and have designed and produced four wreaths which they are hoping will be selected.



**"In Flanders fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses row on row."**



TUESDAY NIGHT IS BINGO NIGHT!

Come along and support this event which is in danger of closing due to low numbers.

This happens every **Tuesday night, 6-7.30pm.**

Cash prizes.
Book your place by contacting **Lorna Pusey** on ☎ : 0121 382 1930

JOBS AND SKILLS

SHAAKIRA'S ON HER WAY!

Violet, from the Witton Lodge Employment Team, has been busy providing support and advice to young people under the Youth Promise Plus programme, a project designed to help them get into work or gain skills for the workplace.

This has been a great success so far and in April, this resulted in 22 year old Shaakira taking part in the "Get Into Retail" scheme in association with Gap, at the Prince's Trust offices. Shaakira said, "It was a brilliant experience, and helped me develop confidence and get ready for work life."

If you are interested in joining similar programmes, and are aged between 16-29 and not in education, employment or training - get in touch on ☎ : 0121 382 1930.



JOB CLUB FOR HELP WITH SKILLS

Drop into our Job Club for advice and support with developing your skills or employment, education and training in a relaxed and friendly one-to-one setting. Free sessions take place on:

Tuesdays 2pm - 5pm
Kingstanding Library,
Kingstanding Circle,
Kingstanding B44 9ST

Wednesdays 10am - 1pm
Lakeside Children's Centre,
Lakes Road, Wyrley Birch B23 7UH

Thursdays 1pm - 4pm
Perry Common Library,
College Road,
Perry Common B44 0HH

LEAVING SCHOOL THIS SUMMER?

If this year's summer term will be your last, get in touch and let's talk about how we can help to boost your prospects.

We can also help if you are already in work or looking to change your career path.

Call us on **0121 382 1930**, visit us at Perry Common Community Hall or drop into one of our Job Club sessions.

VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEERING COULD HELP YOU TOO

Local resident, Sharon, attended Perry Common Community Hall in the hopes of finding some voluntary work and improving her quality of life. She met Sarah Blackstock, our Health and Wellbeing Manager, and a short time after that Sharon was invited to become a volunteer.

Sharon became a volunteer in September 2016, and although she loved her role, she was also dealing with personal issues and needed a lot of help. She often found herself stressed, which in turn began to affect her health and mood. Sharon met regularly with the Wellbeing Team who provided her with advice and supported

her through a difficult time and with support, Sharon began to feel that there was "finally light at the end of the tunnel". With the help that Sharon had received from the team, she began to thrive, becoming a lot more confident and making firm friends whilst attending activities at Sycamore Court.

Knowing about the support that was available, Sharon referred her partner Roger to our Wellbeing Co-ordinator Pilot Scheme and he is currently being supported. Thankfully, he now feels as though a weight has been lifted off his shoulders and they are both extremely happy with the warmth and support they have received.

Sharon and Roger have reaped the benefits of volunteering with Witton Lodge.



NO. 7 BUS ROUTE INSPIRES CREATIVITY

No 7 Arts is a creative wellbeing programme for women that either live along the No.7 bus route or have connections to it. Every Friday afternoon the group met at Perry Common Library to take part in storytelling, researching the local area, sharing stories, theatre games, role play and devising drama pieces.

It's all part of a programme to encourage women's creativity, remember the importance of having fun and expressing themselves using various artforms! The session always starts with a cup of tea and a catch up followed by a few theatre games for 5-10 minutes to create a fun and energetic mood.

Sarah Blackstock, Wellbeing Manager, produced this Applied Theatre Project so that women could come and meet other women, reduce isolation and build social networks while learning new skills, increasing their confidence and self-esteem. Some women attend every week, with others dropping in around other commitments such as work, study or childcare.

On Friday 8th May, the No.7 Arts Group performed a short drama piece in front of an intimate crowd at Perry Common Library. It was a fantastic show.

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved in, please contact Sarah Blackstock on :

☎ : 0121 388 4724

✉ : Sarah.Blackstock@wittonlodge.org.uk



HOUSING ADVICE

ALWAYS HERE TO HELP

Our housing surgeries are a great way of getting 1-2-1 advice and support on housing related matters. Appointments need to be booked in advance as we have a high demand.

For appointments, contact Alisha on:
☎ : 0121 382 1930 ✉ : Alisha.Vale@wittonlodge.org.uk

There are various sessions you can attend:
Fridays 2 - 4pm (except the last Friday of the month)
Perry Common Community Hall, 87 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5JD.

Last Friday of the month 2 - 4pm
Perry Common Library, College Road, B44 0HH

First Tuesday of the month 2 - 4pm
Kingstanding Library, Kingstanding Road, B44 9ST

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT LIVING AT SYCAMORE COURT?

Sycamore Court is for people aged over 55 and offers wheelchair accessible, self-contained apartments in a friendly setting with plenty of social activities. There are also on-site carers, a social alarm system and staff on site to support you.

Our Open Days provide lots of further information and are free to attend. A host of activities took place at the last one in November, including an interesting talk about Sycamore Court. Visitors were also able to view a one bedroom apartment, and had the opportunity to receive a holistic massage, courtesy of the Health and Wellbeing team - a taster of the day-to-day activities available at Sycamore Court.

There will be more Open Days coming up at Sycamore Court during the summer, so keep an eye on the noticeboard at Perry Common Community Hall.

Contact Alisha Vale for more details.
☎ : 0121 382 1930 ✉ : Alisha.Vale@wittonlodge.org.uk

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The residents at Sycamore Court enjoying a themed lunch for the Royal Wedding

WHAT'S ON

PERRY COMMON COMMUNITY HALL

87 Witton Lodge Road
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MONDAY

Red Hot Chili Steppers Walking Group
11:00am

WEDNESDAY

Aikido
7:30pm

THURSDAY

Pain Clinic
9:30am – 1:00pm (by GP appointment only)

Slimming World
5:00pm (1st Session)
7:00pm (2nd Session)
*Please note, from the 14th of June,
session times change to 5:30pm and 7:30pm*

FRIDAY

Slimming World
10:00am

Housing Advice Surgery
2:00 – 4:00pm

Councillor Surgery
(Councillor Bob Beauchamp)
6:30 – 7:30pm
2nd Friday of the month

Quiz Night
7:00pm (Please check our website and notice
boards for dates and times)

PERRY COMMON LIBRARY

College Road, Perry Common, B44 0HH
Tel: 0121 464 0481
Email: Perry.Common.Library@birmingham.gov.uk
www.libraryofbirmingham.com
Opening Times:
Monday: 9am-1pm and 2-5pm
Thursday: 10am-1pm and 2-6pm
*Friday: 9am-1pm and 2-5pm
*Limited Library Service Available
Saturday: 9am-1pm and 2-5pm



MONDAY

Perry Common Pensioners Club (Age 55 and Over)
10:30 – 12:30 (3rd Monday of the month)
Knit n Knatter
1:00 – 3:00pm

THURSDAY

Ancestry Group
11:00am – 12:00 midday

Job Club
2:00 – 4:00pm

Reading Group
3:30 – 4:30pm (3rd Thursday of the month)

FRIDAY

Employment Advice
9:00am – 1:00pm (Drop In)

Housing Advice Surgery
2:00 – 4:30pm (Last Friday of the month)

Wellbeing Support
2:00pm – 5:00pm

Computer Support
3:00 – 5:00pm (Drop In)

SATURDAY

Young People's Tuition
2:45 – 4:45pm

SYCAMORE COURT

46 Buxton Road
Perry Common
B23 5GA
Tel: 0121 386 4724
www.wittonlodge.org.uk

*Please note that all activities at Sycamore Court
need to be pre-booked, unless stated otherwise.
Please call if you are interested in an activity



MONDAY

Chair Based Yoga
11:00am – 12:00 midday

Wellbeing Surgery (Drop In)
With Tea and Cakes – as healthy as possible!
2:00 – 3:30pm

TUESDAY

Age Concern Day Centre
10:00am – 2:00pm

Bingo – All welcome. Please support this event
which is in danger of closing due to low numbers.
Cash prizes. Please book using the details above.
6:00 – 7:30pm

Ring Of Sound Choir
7:00 – 8:00pm
For more information please call Linda on 07960
386252 or email Linda.Hines@wittonlodge.org.uk.

WEDNESDAY

Knitting Group
10:30am – 12:00 midday

Film Club
1:30 – 3:30pm

THURSDAY

Extend Exercise Class
10:00 – 11:00am

FRIDAY

Age Concern Day Centre
10:00am – 2:00pm

Massage Therapy
11:00am – 1:00pm

Wellbeing Support
2:00 – 4:00pm

Avon Bingo
6:00 – 8:00pm (every two weeks)

THE NET

159 Witton Lodge Road
Perry Common
B23 7AR
Tel: 0121 373 7406
www.thenet-church.co.uk



MONDAY

The Net Chat Club
12:00 – 2:00pm

TUESDAY

The Net Lunch Club
12:00 – 2:00pm

PERRY TREE CENTRE

College Road (at the junction with Dovedale Road)
Perry Common, B23 5BX
Tel: 0121 675 5571



TUESDAY

Extend Exercise Class
10:00 – 11:00am

ST MARTINS CHURCH CENTRE

140 Witton Lodge Road,
Perry Common, B23 5AP
Tel: 0121 382 7555
www.ctheking.co.uk



MONDAY

St Martin's Parent & Toddler Group
9:30 – 11:30am

Perry Common Men's Work Shed
10:00am – 2:00pm

TUESDAY

Brew's Up Coffee Morning
10:00am – 12:00 midday

Perry Common Men's Work Shed
10:00am – 2:00pm

St Martin's Lunch Club
11:30am – 2:30pm

Kick Boxing (under age 16)
6:00 – 7:00pm

Kick Boxing (age 16 and over)
7:00 – 8:00pm

Boxercise
8:00 – 9:00pm

WEDNESDAY

St Martin's Parent & Toddler Group
9:30 – 11:30am

Creative Moments Craft Group
12:00 – 2:00pm

THURSDAY

Film Afternoon
1:00 – 4:00pm (Monthly)
Please enquire for dates

Tea Dances
1:00 – 4:00pm (Monthly)
Please enquire for dates

FRIDAY

Perry Common Men's Work Shed
10:00am – 2:00pm

Extend Exercise Class
11:00am – 12:00 midday

St Martin's Lunch Club
11:30 – 2:30pm

SATURDAY

Little Stars Dance Studio
10:00am – 5:00pm

KINGSTANDING LIBRARY

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Opening Times:
Tuesday: 10am-1pm and 2pm-6pm
Friday: 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
Saturday: 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm



TUESDAY

Computer Support
2:00 – 5:00pm (Drop In)

Job Club
2:00 – 5:00pm (Drop In)

Wellbeing Support
2:00 – 5:00pm (Drop In)

Housing Advice Surgery
2:00 – 4:30pm (1st Tuesday of the month)

Lakeside Children's Centre

Lakes Rd, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 7UH
Tel: 0121 386 6150

WEDNESDAY

Job Club
10:00am – 1:00pm (Drop In)

URBAN DEVOTION BIRMINGHAM

148 Witton Lodge Road
Perry Common, B23 5AP
Tel: 0121 350 9370
Email: office@urbandevotion.org
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Insta: @udbyouth



MONDAY

The Underground – School Years 4-6
3:30 – 4:45pm (at The Underground, St Martin's
Church Centre, 140 Perry Common Road, B23
5AP)

The Underground – School Years 7-11
5:00 – 6:15pm (at The Underground, St Martin's
Church Centre, 140 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP)

Mobile Youth Venue - All Ages
(FIFA, hang out, hot chocolate!)
6:40 – 7:20pm (check Facebook/Twitter
for latest location)

TUESDAY

Tea In The Playground
(Primary School Children & Parents)
3:20 – 3:45pm (at Story Wood School, Hastings
Road, B23 5AJ)

Family Play (Primary School Children & Parents)
3:45 – 4:45pm (The Underground, St Martin's
Church Centre, 140 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP)

WEDNESDAY

Junior Club – School Years 4-6
4:00 – 4:45pm (at Lakeside Children's Centre, Lakes
Road, Wyrley Birch, B23 7UH)

Senior Club – School Years 7-8
5:00 – 5:45pm (at Lakeside Children's Centre, Lakes
Road, Wyrley Birch, B23 7UH)
HOPE Kids - For children in Reception to Year 6
5:15 – 6:30pm (every month at The Net, 159
Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AR)

THURSDAY

67 Boys – Boys in School Years 6-7
4:00 – 5:00pm (at The Underground, St Martin's
Church Centre, 140 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP)

Girls Group – School Years 4-9
4:30 – 5:30pm (at the Velvet Community Orchard,
Witton Lakes, B23 7XX)

Football – School Year 6 to age 18
5:30 – 6:30 (at Witton Lakes, B23 7AS, or The
Underground, St Martin's Church Centre, 140
Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP – please check in
advance for venue details)

ORCHARD TEA ROOM

At The Velvet Community Orchard
(through the green gates by the dividing path
between the two lakes)
Witton Lakes, B23 7XX
Tel: 0121 382 1930
www.wittonlodge.org.uk



The Orchard Tearoom is open
Monday's 12:00 – 4:00pm
Friday's 9:00am – 12:00 midday

Times and dates of all listings are subject to
change. Please check with the individual venue to
confirm.

GET IN TOUCH

The information given here is just a flavour of the
services and activities taking place in the area
every week. If you would like to find out more, or
sign up for any of the activities mentioned in this
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