

Summer 2015

# PERRY COMMON MATTERS



**STOP PRESS!!!**

**SPRING INTO SUMMER SAT 18TH JULY**

We will be Springing Into Summer with lots of fun activities for all the family including:

- Bouncy Castle
- Mega-Slide
- Gladiator Duel
- Music
- Refreshments
- 'Perry Common and Me' Heritage Project

and lots of other exciting activities. Keep checking our website [www.wittonlodge.org.uk](http://www.wittonlodge.org.uk) and social media pages for more details.

All activities take place around The Ring, Witton Lodge Road, B23 5JD.

## Hello and Welcome

There's certainly no excuse for staying indoors in Perry Common this summer!

There are lots of activities for all the family, to make the most of the good weather, get fit and healthy and enjoy yourself.

Why not join the 'Red Hot Chilli Steppers' walking group, who meet every Monday for their friendly and healthy walk around Witton Lakes and Brookvale Park. Then there's this year's Spring Into Summer Festival, celebrating all things summer, with a bouncy castle, mega slide, music, refreshments, interesting stalls and much more; an Activity Day at Enderby Park and the ever popular Perry Fun children's activity sessions at Perry Common Community Hall.

For those of you that are green fingered, you won't be bored. With the '50 Shades Of Green' gardening club, not to mention the exciting events that will be taking place at our very own community orchard in Witton Lakes - being at one with nature, won't be an issue.

This edition of Perry Common Matters is bursting with information about the exciting projects taking place at the moment, including: the 'Perry Common and Me' heritage project, Bike Hub at Witton Lakes, employment advice with Jobshop and much, much more.

So sit back, have a read and have a great summer.

Resident Directors

**Teresa Compton, Mary Harvey & Isadora Darrell**

## Bringing History To Life With Perry Common & Me

January saw the launch of the 'Perry Common and Me' heritage project, which will record the history of Perry Common and preserve this for future generations.

So far, Witton Lodge Community Association (WLCA) has had a fantastic response from people, both locally and further afield - with an impressive assortment of interesting memories and material being contributed, from historic newspapers and vintage photos to archive footage and countless memories.

The project has been made possible with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund who were keen to support the interesting and so-far unreported history of this area.

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Building work started on the Perry Common estate in 1924, on land that was formally Witton Lodge Farm. The farmhouse stood roughly where 'The Ring' is today. The majority of homes on the estate were built from a new concept by property developer Henry Boot, and were built using concrete panels supported by a steel frame. The only brick built houses were around the edge of the estate, spine roads and corner plots.

Though cheaper to build, these 'Boot Houses' did not stand the test of time and by the early 1980s, were suffering from severe structural problems, ranging from subsidence, cracks in concrete, dampness and rusting of the steel frames.

In 1989 the decision was made by Birmingham City Council to demolish all 908 of the Boot Houses – leaving only the brick built houses standing. With the help of Birmingham City Council, WLCA and very enthusiastic residents – who did not want to be moved to the 'four corners of the city'; Perry Common was rebuilt in different phases – with the final phase of rebuilding taking place right now.

Stephen Hughes, Head Teacher at Wilson Stuart School, who grew up in the area and shared his memories at the launch event says: "It was a great experience growing up in Perry Common and great to still be working in the area today. This area really has seen tremendous change and it will be wonderful to be able to collect the memories and material, including my own memories, for future generations".



Patrice Johnson, who is co-ordinating the 'Perry Common and Me' project comments "We will be presenting events that will bring people together, sharing memories and telling stories about life in Perry Common – for instance, a Tea Dance, a Perry Common Tour and a visit to the Electric Cinema; the oldest working cinema in the UK. We have had some fantastic material donated and lots of memories. It really is looking to be an exciting project!"



## NEWS OF A HISTORIC KIND

### There are times when newspapers really can make the news!

This is the case with three large, bound volumes of the Birmingham Evening Dispatch newspaper, dating from 1914 to 1946, donated to the 'Perry Common and Me' heritage project.

They were donated by community artist Nicky Dowd, who found the historic volumes in a skip outside the Birmingham Central Library back in the late 1980s. "There were about 50 bound volumes of the newspaper lying there" says Nicky. "I asked the librarians if I could take them and they agreed – the newspapers had all been put on microfiche and were no longer needed. They were extremely heavy so I only managed to rescue three."

Since then, the historic volumes have been kept in Nicky's safe hands, but after hearing about the 'Perry Common and Me' project and a planned move to Ireland; Nicky's first thought was to donate these historic items to the heritage project.

"I had been wondering what to do with them for years," comments Nicky. "I wanted them to be stored safely and to stay in their home city." The newspapers are an excellent addition to the heritage project and when shown to local people, have already sparked many memories and interesting stories.

To see the newspapers or to find out more, please contact Patrice on 0121 382 1930 or email Patrice.Johnson@wittonlodge.org.uk.



## PERRY TEA DANCE



You are warmly invited to the 'Perry Tea Dance', to celebrate the launch of the 'Perry Common & Me' Heritage Project.

Come along and share your memories of Perry Common and the surrounding area and bring your photos and any interesting items. The guest speaker will be Peter Martin (Ex-Dance Champion & Tea Dance Impresario). Live music will be provided by Graham Darby (Professional Organist).

The Event takes place on Thursday 30th July 1:00 – 4:00PM at St Martin's Church Hall, 140 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP.

For more information, please contact Patrice Johnson on 0121 382 1930 / 07496 879842



### Local Resident Flo Passes Away Age 112

Since the last edition of Perry Common Matters was published, we heard the sad news that Perry Common's oldest resident, Florence 'Flo' Pittaway, has passed away at the impressive age of 112.

Flo had lived in the same house near to College Road for 85 years – moving onto the estate with her husband when her house was built back in the late 1920s.

When asked about what kept her young, Flo said that "it was good food and a strong work ethic" – working as she did, well beyond retirement age.

Due to her advancing age, the super-centenarian moved into St Anthony's Residential Home in Erdington back in 2013, where she celebrated her 112th Birthday. At that time she was the second oldest person living in Britain.

Flo passed away on 21st December 2014 age 112 years 67 days.



# PERRY FUN IS A HUGE SUCCESS

It's been non-stop fun and laughter for young children at Perry Common Community Hall. It's fair to say that the Perry Fun children's activity sessions have been a huge success.

The sessions are a great opportunity for the children to learn whilst having fun with lots of exciting activities; including creative arts, play, sports, pond-dipping, creative dance and much more.

The first sessions were run last year during the Summer Holidays and October Half-Term. These proved so popular and had such positive feedback from both children and adults, that Witton Lodge Community Association started hosting regular sessions on many Saturdays since February – and look to continue these on Saturdays and some Wednesdays throughout the summer holiday.

Join us on the following dates

- Wednesday 29th July
- Saturday 8th August
- Wednesday 12th August
- Saturday 22nd August
- Wednesday 26th August

Tickets are £2:00 per child (accompanying adults go FREE). This ticket price includes refreshments, snacks and fruit.

For more information and to book your place, please contact Haleema on 0121 382 1930 or email Haleema.Khathoon@wittonlodge.org.uk.



## 'PERRY CHOCOBOW SWANET' THE OWL IS A BIG HOOT!

### Who said heritage can't be a hoot!

A groundbreaking project is bringing heritage to life in Perry Common and will raise much needed funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

As part of the this summer's "The Big Hoot", Birmingham based artist Lawrence 'Log' Roper has worked with enthusiastic and artistic local people to decorate a large owl with designs inspired by the 'Perry Common and Me' heritage project.

The 'Big Hoot Project', in partnership with Wild In Art, has seen a large 165cm / five and a half feet tall fibreglass owl named 'Perry Chocobow Swanet' – named by local young people from the Urban Devotion Youth Group – decorated with creative artwork. These designs represent the history and present-day community of the area, which has seen dramatic change over the past 25 years.

'Perry' the owl has been funded by Birmingham City Council and New River Retail. He is on display in Erdington's Central Square Shopping Centre for 10 weeks over the summer – so please go and say hello to him.

He is one of many owls placed around the city as part of the 'Big Hoot'. These larger owls are also joined by over 120 smaller owls, painted by local schools. They form a trail all around the city, showcasing the ideas and designs of the many different neighbourhoods and communities that make up modern day Birmingham.

At the end of the 10 weeks, Perry and his friends will be auctioned off with all proceeds going to the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Perry Chocobow Swanet is currently on display at the Central Square Shopping Centre in Erdington. Please go and say hello and let Witton Lodge Community Association know what you think.



# Witton Lodge Wins 'MAKING BIRMINGHAM GREENER AND HEALTHIER' AWARDS



Witton Lodge Community Association (WLCA) are delighted to have won the 'Making Birmingham Greener and Healthier' Awards for most Energy Efficient Scheme and the award for Overall 'Greener and Healthier' organisation.

These were awarded by Birmingham City Council in partnership with waste and recycling company Veolia.

The awards were accepted in front of a large audience at Birmingham Council House on Friday 5th June. They are a recognition of the wide range of green and healthy projects that WLCA has established.

These greener and healthier projects include the creation of the Witton Lakes Environmental Hub announced in the last edition of Perry Common Matters. This exciting project will see the conversion of the former Park-Keepers Cottage and land at Witton Lakes be transformed into a space where local people can find out about environmental sustainability. The thriving 'Velvet Community Orchard' is already up and running, having been established in 2009 and is growing every year.

The judges were also impressed by the installation of solar panels on many of the association's properties - where this was suitable. Phase 1 of these installations alone is predicted to create 11,861 kilowatts of energy and can save up to £300 on household electricity bills.

Have a look around this page to see the range of exciting environmental projects being set-up, including: a new Bike Hub, an energetic walking group 'The Red Hot Chilli Steppers', and much more, to help make Perry Common a Greener and Healthier place to live, work and play.



Ron Brown aged 79 says *'I am really pleased with my solar panels and I am looking forward to saving energy - so are my neighbours'*

# The 'Red Hot Chilli Steppers' Really Spicing Up Walking

An exciting new group are helping improve the health and fitness of local residents here in Perry Common.

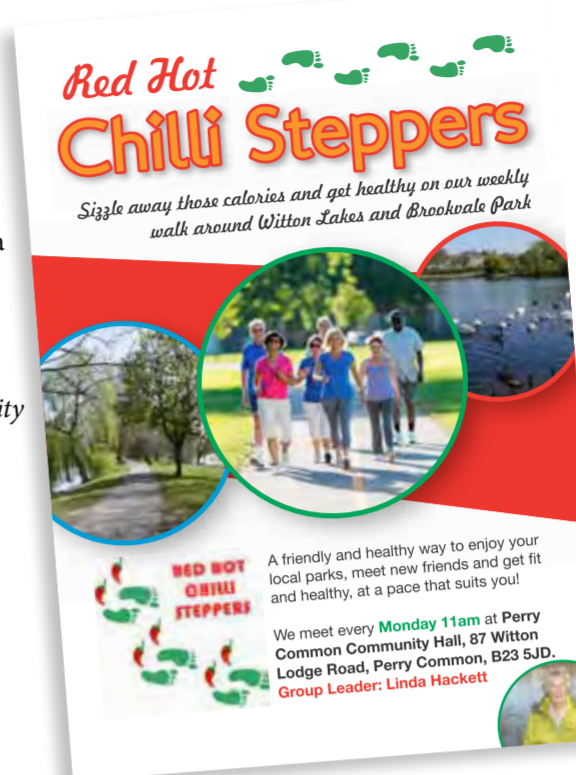
The 'Red Hot Chilli Steppers' Walking Group started in January this year and is really 'picking up the pace' helping to get local people fit and healthy.

The health conscious group is led by local resident Linda Hackett. The energetic 73 year old, says "Walking is one of my passions and I have enjoyed walking round the parks in this area for years. We don't realise what's on our doorstep, so I decided to become Walk Leader for the 'Red Hot Chilli Steppers' so that everyone in this community can enjoy and experience these beautiful open spaces and make new friends while getting fit and healthy."

The walk starts at Perry Common Community Hall, winds its way through the Perry Common Recreation Ground, then goes through Witton Lakes; skirting the edge of the two impressive lakes. The scenic route then takes the group into neighbouring Brookvale Park, taking in a full circle around the park's picturesque lake, then back towards Perry Common. If the group are still feeling energetic, the walk is finished-off with an exercise session on the outdoor gym equipment at Enderby Park.

"I started with the medium walk but now usually take the longer one," says group member Miriam Kennedy. "There is a walk suitable for everyone. It's a great way to keep fit as well as make new friends and be involved in the community."

The idea for the name of the group and the eye-catching logo, showing chilli peppers walking along, came from Linda's grandson Charlie, age 17.



The Red Hot Chilli Steppers meet every Monday 11:00am at Perry Common Community Hall, 87 Perry Common Road, B23 5JD. It is completely FREE and the group actively encourage new members to join.

For more information please contact Witton Lodge Community Association on 0121 382 1930 or email [Christine.Shenton@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:Christine.Shenton@wittonlodge.org.uk).

# A Community Orchard That's Really Growing

The Velvet Community Orchard at Witton Lakes has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks, with a host of very popular open afternoons and hands-on sessions.

If you have not seen this hidden gem yet, then there are still lots of open days coming up throughout the year, with a range of exciting activities, helpful advice and goodies to take away.

Hundreds of people have seen this space for the first time and have been amazed at the amount of wonderful home-grown fruit and vegetables - and the exciting plans for this thriving orchard to become part of the Witton Lakes Environment Hub.

Local youth group Urban Devotion have also been making most of this walled wonder, giving local young people an evening to remember with a barbeque, bonfire, kayaking on the lake and having great fun all around.

Keep watching out for notices about upcoming events including Family Fun Afternoons and the Fifty Shades of Green Gardening Group.

Please contact Sabrina on 0121 382 1930 or email [Sabrina.Jaques@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:Sabrina.Jaques@wittonlodge.org.uk) for more information.



# GREAT SUCCESS For Slimming World



Linda Hackett and Miriam Kennedy

"This June saw Slimming World celebrate our first year at Perry Common Community Hall.

In that time, the group have lost a whopping 488 stone, so when you think about it, that's equal to 48, 10 stone people. We average around 150 members per week, with members ranging in age from 11 years old to senior citizens. We welcome men in our group and have recently celebrated our 'Man of The Year'.

We have a winner for each session and have 3 winners who between them have lost almost 13 stone.

It's been wonderful to be able to help the people of Perry Common and see the positive changes. We have also helped several members reduce or completely come off medication for diabetes; and it's not just a boost to health but confidence too! Lots of people come to the group with very low self-esteem and it's a great place to meet new friends and the support in the group is amazing.

It has been life changing for me personally. I lost 10 stone with Slimming World. Before that I was unemployed and hardly ever left the house. Now I feel great and have my own business doing a job that I love. Nobody needs to suffer on their own and the support is now available in a warm and friendly environment."

Joanne Sleet  
Slimming World Group Leader

# The Bike Hub has landed!

It will definitely be 'Power To The Pedal' this summer, with the launch of a new Bike Hub at Witton Lakes.

The Bike Hub will enable Witton Lodge Community Association (WLCA) to hire out the bikes free of charge, so that everyone can make the most of the local environment. WLCA also plan to run guided bike rides for families and local people wanting to keep fit; whilst having fun at the same time.

The bikes will be securely housed in a metal 'hub', at the Velvet Community Orchard, which was delivered and lowered into position by a crane in May - with the help of Storywood School and Glendale; who helpfully brought along their tractor to push the heavy structure into position.

The Bike Hub will form an important base for bike rides and activities; also being an integral part of the Witton Lakes Environment Hub.

Guided bike rides will be taking place on Saturday 25th July and Saturday 22nd August.

For more information call Sabrina on 0121 382 1930 or email [Sabrina.Jaques@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:Sabrina.Jaques@wittonlodge.org.uk).





## MEET THE TEAM

The team at Witton Lodge Community Association are here to help bring our skills, experience and enthusiasm to the organisation and the local community.

Whether you are looking to host an event or party, need help with finding a job, or looking to come along to one of our many clubs and activities; we have people who can help. Contact us or pop into our office at Perry Common Community Hall, 87 Witton Lodge Road, Perry Common, B23 5JD. The staff team are:



**Afzal**  
Chief Officer



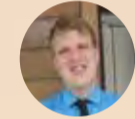
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Homes & Property Manager



**Haleema**  
Youth Employment Ambassador



**Iram**  
Employment Inclusion Officer



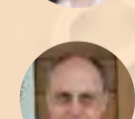
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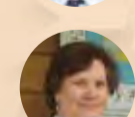
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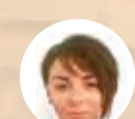
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Youth Employment Ambassador



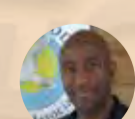
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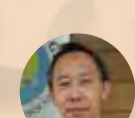
**Kay**  
Administrator/Office Manager



**Laura**  
Independent Living Coordinator



**Patrice**  
'Perry Common and Me' Heritage Project Coordinator



**Paul**  
Flourishing Community Development Officer



**Sabrina**  
Environmental Inclusion Officer

# Another busy Year for Witton Lodge

It's been non-stop at Witton Lodge Community Association (WLCA) over the past 12 months. In this time, we have had many successes in the wide variety of areas we cover as an organisation, from, employment and skills, health and wellbeing and housing, to exciting environmental projects & events celebrating community life.

Here are some of our achievements. We hope to build on these in the coming year.

## Health and Wellbeing

- Established a Bike Hub at Storywood School with the Urban Devotion Youth Group and Birmingham Easy Riders. This has been very popular and has now moved to the Velvet Community Orchard at Witton Lakes.
- 105 children have taken part in Perry Fun children's sessions that we have run from Perry Common Community Hall every two weeks since February.
- Provided £500 funding to set up the 'Red Hot Chilli Steppers' Walking Group from our Small Grants Programme.

- 36 local people have gained skills and experience by volunteering with Witton Lodge Community Association. The feedback from our volunteers has been very positive and it has been a pleasure for us having them as part of the team.
- Hosted a very successful Older People's Conference in partnership with John Taylor Hospice and Castle Vale Community Regeneration Services, to discuss the issues and the best way to help older people locally.

## Housing

- 98% satisfaction rate for housing repairs from our tenants.
- Hosted successful Tenant's Forum events, where tenants of Witton Lodge Community Association have the opportunity to discuss any issues and hear about plans for the future.
- Energy saving Solar Panels have been installed on Witton Lodge Community Association homes where this was possible – potentially saving homeowners up to £300 on their electricity bills.
- Helped tenants adapt to changing social and economic circumstances. We have helped tenants transfer to different properties that better suit their changing personal situation.

## Environment

- Successfully signed the lease and taken charge of the former Park-Keepers Cottage and surrounding land at Witton Lakes to transform this into an Environmental Hub.
- Secured funding to host 6 Orchard Open Days at the Velvet Community Orchard at Witton Lakes in partnership with the Friends of Witton Lakes.
- Secured funding to host 'Lake Watch' in partnership with 'Perry Common Community Watch'.

## Employment and Skills

- 29 young people helped with employment skills training, with 21 supported into employment through the Erdington Works initiative.
- To date, over 200 local young people NEETS (not in employment, education or training) have received employment support and personalised training with Destination Work.
- Helped over 60 adults to access a range of employment training and development through our weekly Job Shop and jobsfairs at Perry Common Community Hall.

## Community Life

- Thousands of residents have attended our community events including Spring Into Spring, Teddy Bears Picnic, Perry Common Bake Off, Witton Lakes Fun Day and the Christmas Lights Switch-On.
- Raised over £1,000 for John Taylor Hospice from money donated by local people at these events.
- 13,583 people have come into Perry Common Community Hall over the past year, coming to events and the wide range of clubs and activities that are held throughout the week.
- 90% satisfaction rate from customers pleased with the range of services Witton Lodge Community Association has provided over the past year.

## Free Employment and Business Advice



If you are currently looking for employment, want to gain extra skills and experiences or thinking of starting your own business, Witton Lodge Community Association (WLCA) can help. We have recently appointed Iram Fardus as our 'Employment Inclusion Officer' who brings her wealth of experience to WLCA and the local community.

This is a great opportunity to discuss anything employment and business related, from CV writing,

job search and interview skills to starting up your own business and much more.

Iram will be hosting the sessions on Friday mornings between 10:00am and 1:00pm. No appointment is needed and the sessions are completely FREE of charge. For more information call Iram on 0121 382 1930 or email Iram.Fardus@wittonlodge.org.uk.

\* You may also be eligible for a Small Grant of up to £500 to assist your business idea.

# DESTINATION WORK:

## TRAINING, JOBS AND EXPERIENCE FOR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE

Witton Lodge Community Association is very proud to say that a groundbreaking employment initiative has so far helped over 200 local young people, who are not currently in education, employment or training.

'Destination Work' is a partnership between Witton Lodge Community Association, A4e and Great Healthcare Birmingham. It is one of three contracts issued by Birmingham and Solihull City Councils and the Department for Work and Pensions.

We are working with local jobcentres to help equip local young people who have been out of work, with

the skills needed to succeed in the workplace that will be invaluable in life.

Destination Work focuses on building confidence and motivating the young people so that they can search for jobs, be successful in interviews and succeed in their jobs. The two week course covers a wide range of areas, including CV writing, jobsearch, confidence building, presentation skills, personal action planning and one-to-one mentoring support.

Peer-to-peer learning is also very important and group presentations made at the end of the second week really

help build skills and friendships. Another interesting feature of Destination Work are visits to employers workplaces, giving the young people a sense of the working environment, what to expect and what will be expected of them as employees. These workplace visits have included: Trinity Mirror, Family Housing, Castle Vale Community Housing Association and the University Of Birmingham. To help the young people take the first step on the career ladder, they have access to a £350 allowance. This can be used to buy clothes for interviews, equipment, further training or anything that will be useful career-wise.



**Mohammed Uddin – Age 21**  
With his skills and experience gained from the course, Mohammed now works for QA Apprentices as a Digital Marketing Officer. He has become an Examiner In Employment and is enthusiastically helping with mentoring young people on the two week course and helping to arrange employer visits.

*"My time at Destination Work has positively impacted my life for the long run. I believe I was put on this programme at the right time in my life, as being unemployed for more than six months, applying for more than twenty jobs a week and not securing employment, really took its toll on me. My motivation level pre Destination Work was at rock bottom. By the end of the course my motivation and confidence was at a high and I believed that I could do anything."*



**Leigh-Ann Hiley – Age 21**  
Leigh-Ann completed the two week course and has now secured employment at Costa Coffee, whilst also helping out at Witton Lodge Community Association during her free time – using her skills she gained from a degree in Film Studies at university.

*"Through Destination Works I have made lots of connections. By being involved in the scheme, I have secured paid employment and also by being able to help out with digital communications at Witton Lodge Community Association, I will be using these skills too."*



**Namrata Parmar – Age 22**  
Namrata successfully gained an Internship as a 'Housing Assistant' at Witton Lodge Community Association following her two week course.

*"I am really enjoying the experience with the Homes & Property Team at Witton Lodge Community Association. I'm pleased that my background in Business Management is being put to good use and that I am learning a wide range of new skills and getting new experiences too!"*



**Aqila Nesbeth – Age 21**  
Following on from Destination Work, Aqila has gained employment as a Healthcare Assistant, working for the National Health Service at Good Hope and Heartland's Hospitals.

*"Destination Work has been a great opportunity. It has helped massively with my confidence and I would recommend it to anyone interested in looking for work."*

The two week course is a very friendly and personal approach that has been a big success over the past few months, since being launched in January. Here are just four of many success stories:

## A BIG THANK YOU To All Our Volunteers



On Friday 5th June we hosted an Afternoon Tea for all our volunteers here at Witton Lodge Community Association (WLCA). Without our volunteers supporting the staff team, we would not be able to achieve what we have to date.

We want volunteering to be an excellent experience, with every volunteer bringing their skills, and most importantly their enthusiasm, to the organisation and local community.

Olivia, who is volunteering as a receptionist says "I am really enjoying volunteering. I have only recently moved to the area and have made new friends. My confidence is growing and I am learning many new skills at the same time, which I will use to get back into employment.

"I am really enjoying the experience" comments Will, age 21, who has been a volunteer at WLCA since January, when not studying at the 19-25 Academy at Wilson Stuart School. "By volunteering, I have learned lots of new skills and it is great to work with a really nice team and learn about the world of work."

We have lots of interesting roles to suit everyone, no-matter what your skills or how much experience you have. Please call Haleema on 0121 382 1930 or email Haleema.Khathoon@wittonlodge.org.uk to discuss.



# WHAT'S ON IN PERRY COMMON

## This Summer

If you have an idea for a group or would like any further information, please contact Kay on 0121 382 1930 or email [Kay.Blundell@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:Kay.Blundell@wittonlodge.org.uk).



### MONDAY

#### RED HOT CHILLI STEPPERS - WALKING GROUP 11:00AM

Meet at Perry Common Community Hall.

#### ST MARTIN'S PARENT & TODDLER GROUP 9:30 - 11:30AM

St Martin's Church Hall, 140 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP. For children age 0-4 years. First session is FREE then £1.50 per session thereafter. Contact Chris/Ron on 0121 382 7555.

#### CHAT CLUB 12.00 - 2.00PM

The Net Pentecostal Church, 159 Perry Common Road, B23 5AR. Open to all: coffee, tea, cake and plenty of chat.

#### PILATES 5:15 - 6:15PM

Please attend via GP referral only

### TUESDAY

#### ST MARTIN'S LUNCH CLUB 11:30AM - 2:30PM

St Martin's Church Hall, 140 Witton Lodge Road, Perry Common, B23 5AP. Contact Ron on 0121 373 7555.

#### LUNCH CLUB 12.00 - 2.00PM

The Net Pentecostal Church, 159 Perry Common Road, B23 5AR. Lunch club, all are welcome, come and enjoy a two course meal with tea and coffee. Please call 0121 373 7406 as limited places are available.

#### KICK BOXING 6:00 - 7:00PM

Under age 16 - £4.00 per person per session

#### KICK BOXING 7:00 - 8:00PM

Over age 16 - £5.00 per person per session

#### BOXERCISE 8:00 - 9:00PM

£4.00 per person per session

#### RING OF SOUND CHOIR 7:00 - 8:00PM

Sycamore Court, 46 Buxton Road, B23 5GA  
£1.00 per person per session - under 16 years olds FREE.  
Contact Linda Hines on 07960 386252 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

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#### CREATIVE MOMENTS CRAFT GROUP 12:00 - 2:00PM

St Martin's Church Hall, 140 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP  
£2:00 for members. For more information about joining the group please contact Teresa Compton on 07913 323645.

#### ZUMBA 6:00 - 7:00PM

£4.00 per person per session

#### AIKIDO 7:30 - 9:30PM

£6.00 for persons 18 years and over

### THURSDAY

#### PAIN CLINIC 9:30 - 1:00PM

Please attend via GP referral only

#### EXTEND EXERCISE CLASS 10:00 - 11:00AM

Sycamore Court, 46 Buxton Road, B23 5GA  
Chair based exercise to music for older people and people who are less mobile. Please contact Chris Poole on 07739 330475 for more information.

#### 50 SHADES OF GREEN - GARDENING CLUB 1:00 - 3:00PM

Sycamore Court, 46 Buxton Road, B23 5GA  
Lots of green advice, food to taste and hands-on creative activities - all completely FREE

#### SLIMMING WORLD

First session starts at 5:00PM / second session at 7:00PM  
£9.95 joining fee - then £4.95 per person per session.

#### ORCHARD OPEN AFTERNOONS

A great opportunity to see the impressive 'Velvet Community Orchard' in the heart of Witton Lakes and get involved in lots of exciting 'green' activities".

Please keep checking our website and social media pages for the dates of upcoming events.

All events take place from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the Velvet Community Orchard, Witton Lakes, B23 7XX. The entrance to the orchard is by the dividing path between the two lakes.

For more information please call Linda on 07960 386252

#### QUIZ NIGHT'S FRIDAY 7:00 PM

The dates of our Quiz Nights in 2015 are  
- Friday 17th July  
- Friday 4th September  
- Friday 25th September  
- Friday 30th October  
- Friday 27th November  
- Friday 18th December

A great opportunity to get thinking and have fun at the same time! Tickets are £5.00 per person (maximum 6 people per team). The ticket price also includes a Fish & Chip Supper and prizes for the winner and runners-up. £2.00 ticket price for the Quiz Only. Call us on 0121 382 1930 or email [John.Smith@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:John.Smith@wittonlodge.org.uk) to book a place.

### FRIDAY

#### SLIMMING WORLD 10:00AM - 12:00 NOON

£9.95 joining fee - then £4.95 per person per session

#### JOB SHOP 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Come into Perry Common Community Hall for FREE employment advice, CV writing, job-search and much more. No appointment needed.

#### EXTEND EXERCISE CLASS 11:00AM - 12:00 NOON

St Martin's Church Hall, 140 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP. Contact Chris Poole on 07739 330475 for more information.

#### ST MARTIN'S LUNCH CLUB 11:30AM - 2:30PM

St Martin's Church Hall, 140 Witton Lodge Road, Perry Common, B23 5AP. Contact Ron on 0121 373 7555.

#### QUIZ NIGHT 7:00PM

Please see special events.

### SATURDAY

#### BOXERCISE 9:00 - 10:00AM

£4.00 per person, per session.

#### PERRY FUN 11.00 - 1:00PM

Please see page 3.

### HIRING PERRY COMMON COMMUNITY HALL

Perry Common Community Hall, Meeting Room and Interview Room are available to hire for groups, private parties and a wide variety of events.

Please contact Kay on 0121 382 1930 or [Kay.Blundell@wittonlodge.org.uk](mailto:Kay.Blundell@wittonlodge.org.uk) for more information.

### POLICE SURGERIES

Police surgeries take place every month. These are an excellent opportunity to discuss any issues face-to-face with your local police team. Please keep checking our website, social media and notice boards for forthcoming dates.

### COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Take place each month for Labour Councillor Des Hughes (every 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:00 - 8:00pm) and for Conservative Councillor Gary Sambrook (every 2nd Friday of the month 6:30 - 7:30pm) at Perry Common Community Hall.

### FRIENDS OF PERRY COMMON

The group meets at 1.00pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month at St Martin's Church, 140 Witton Lodge Road, B23 5AP. For more information please contact Teresa Compton on 07913 323645.

### URBAN DEVOTION YOUTH GROUP

Hold regular activities. Check out their facebook and twitter pages.

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[www.urbandevotion.org](http://www.urbandevotion.org)

## Special Events

#### ENDERBY PARK PLAY DAY MONDAY 3RD AUGUST

11:00AM - 3:00PM Enderby Park, Enderby Road, B23 5BD  
Free play activities for children aged 5 to 13 years.

Fun activities include:

- Bracelet Making/Loom Bands
- Clay Designs
- Mod Rock Masks and Bugs
- Planting
- Water Slide and Balloons
- Windsock and Kite Making
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Stalls and much more

For more information, please contact Rebecca Coley on 0121 236 2917 or email [becky@bpcn.org.uk](mailto:becky@bpcn.org.uk).



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