



## Lichfield in Bloom

For the last three years Lichfield Chamber of Trade & Commerce has entered Lichfield into the Heart of England in Bloom competition. And, thanks to plenty of partnership working, the city has achieved a Silver Gilt award each year. Now the aim is to go for Gold!

To make sure the city looks at its best we are putting on beautiful floral displays at Beacon Park and across all the historic parks. We'll also be showing the judges our new compost bays and the skatepark.

City businesses and schools are also getting involved by displaying hanging baskets outside city shops, holding a schools' wheelbarrow competition, renovating the large planter at Lichfield City Station, showcasing the Little City Tree Trail, putting on gardening displays and creating willow sculptures.

So, keep your fingers crossed for the judging, which is on Thursday 16 July!

For more information email [lewis\\_rm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lewis_rm@yahoo.co.uk)

## Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park

**Saturday 5 September, children's activities from 5.30pm, music from 6pm, main concert from 7.30pm**

Lichfield Proms is our free annual outdoor concert for the whole family.

It's an opportunity to enjoy a late summer evening in the stunning surroundings of Beacon Park. It features live classical music, children's rides and inflatables, as well as a firework finale.

To find out more, including how to secure prime seating in front of the stage, just visit [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/lichfieldproms](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/lichfieldproms)



## Welcome to ParkLife

Welcome to our summer edition of ParkLife.

This is the newsletter to keep you up to date with all that's going on across Lichfield Historic Parks, which includes Beacon Park, Minster Pool and Walk, the Garden of Remembrance and Stowe Pool.

We hope you find ParkLife interesting. Please get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions.

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## Golf course opening times

Green Flag accredited Beacon Park offers a fantastic mature 18-hole pitch and putt, par 3 golf course, with holes ranging from 90 yards to 110 yards.

### July tee-off times

Early Bird card holders: 6.30am - 9am  
18-holes: 9am - 6pm  
9-holes twilight: 6pm (last tee 7pm)

### August tee-off times

Early Bird card holders: 6.30am - 9am  
18-holes: 9am - 6pm  
9-holes twilight: 6pm (last tee 7pm)

### September tee-off times

Early Bird card holders: 6.30am - 9am  
18-holes: 9am - 5pm  
9-holes twilight: 5pm (last tee 6pm)

Rounds cost from £2.60 to £7.80. You can play with your own golf clubs, or hire them when you pay for your round at the Ranger Station.



## Golf Tournament

**All day on the following Wednesdays:  
22 & 29 July and 5, 12, 19 & 26 August**

The tournament will run all day on the selected dates. To enter, hand in your scorecard at the end of the round, and scores will be assessed after each event has finished.

Prizes will be awarded for the best rounds in the categories of men (18+), women (18+) and children (17 and under). We'll notify the winners after each competition day.

A round of golf will remain at the same price for the day. Entry into the competition costs an extra £1.

## Green gym work out sessions for 11s and over

We're running a series of one-hour circuit sessions using outdoor gym equipment and extra fitness equipment at the Sainte Foy Recreation Area, which is on Sainte Foy Avenue in Lichfield (WS13 6RD).

The sessions, which will be led by a qualified instructor, are taking place between 10am and 11am on the following Wednesdays: 22 & 29 July and 5, 12, 19 & 26 August.

It's free for 11 to 25 year olds and costs £1 for anyone aged over 25.

To book a place contact Karl Sproston on **01543 308846** or email **karl.sproston@lichfielddc.gov.uk**

## New education session added to line-up

Ruth Witczak, our Community & Education Officer, has added a new Key Stage 2 Geography - Stream Studies session to Beacon Park's ranger led classes programme.

The session includes measuring (speed, temperature, gradient), sampling (pond dipping) and observing the stream.

For the full programme of classes and how to book, click on the **Learning Zone** in the menu of **www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk**

## Tennis courts

Summer is the perfect time for a game of tennis and our four hard courts in Beacon Park are available to hire between 9am and 7.30pm every day over the summer.

One hour's play costs £4 for children and £6.20 for adults, with savings to be had if you have a Leisure Activity Passport.

You can book a court and hire equipment at the Ranger Station or by calling **01543 308867**.



## Beacon Park Fun Day

**Wednesday 12 August, 11am to 3pm, free entry**

Little ones and their families are invited to join us for fun and games at Beacon Park this August. Don't forget to bring your teddy and enter the Teddy Bear Games for your chance to win prizes!

The day will also feature inflatables, rides, stalls, face painting and much more.





## CPCG conservation days

Our Countryside & Parks Conservation Group carries out important conservation work across the district. They've been busy over the past few months - here's a round up...

In April they carried out maintenance tasks at Darnford Park, and also cut back the wet heath at Gentleshaw Common along with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.

The group returned to Beacon Park in May to create a willow tunnel in the woodland. Then it was off to Stychbrook Park for tree thinning works and footpath repairs.

June saw CPCG join forces with the Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks, to clean up Museum Garden's rock pool and cut back epicormic growth on the mature lime trees.

For the second event of the month, the group cracked on with maintenance tasks at Stowe Pool, including thinning elder shrubs.

Thank you to all our CPCG members for continuing to contribute to vital work across our parks and open spaces.

### Upcoming CPCG dates for your diary:

15 July, 5 & 19 August, 2 & 16 September, 7 & 21 October, 4 & 18 November, December's event TBC

We're always looking for people to volunteer with the group or to join forces with other like-minded groups.

To join the CPCG mailing list or get involved in volunteering with Lichfield District Council's Parks Team, please call Peter Freeman, Park Ranger, on **01543 308846** or email **peter.freeman@lichfielddc.gov.uk**



### New for 2015

You can now try out this snazzy peddle boat when you visit Beacon Park. Just head to the pool on sunny days over the weekends and through the holidays.



## Welcome to our two new gardeners

Paul Niven and Tim Lock have recently started as Community Gardeners. They will maintain the Community Garden, as well as mow, plant and weed Beacon Park's formal gardens. They'll also plan and run community events and work with volunteers.

In June, Paul and Tim entered the RHS's Royal competition at Gardeners' World Live at the NEC. Ruth Witczak designed 'The Incredible Edible Window Box', while Paul and Tim grew some of the plants from seeds. As part of the competition they had to plant it up on the show site, instead of taking it ready planted. They received a commended award and are looking forward to next year's show.

## Lakeside Bistro

Lakeside Bistro is next to the boating pool, play area and golf facilities. It offers indoor and outdoor seating and has takeaway options. It is also a great venue for parties and functions.

It is open seven days a week, from 9.15am to 4.30pm (later on sunny days and weekends), and an after school happy hour is offered from 3pm to 4pm, when you can get 20% off all kids' meals.

Find Lakeside Bistro on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/LakesideBistro12**

## Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks

The Friends group makes sure park users and locals are involved in discussions about Lichfield Historic Parks.

The group meets at District Council House (Frog Lane) generally on the last Thursday of the month, from 6.20pm to about 8.15pm. To find out more, email **parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk**

Find the Friends on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/FoLHP**

## What's on at Beacon Park...

To find out more about any of the below events or activities, please call Lichfield District Council's Parks Team on **01543 308867** or visit [www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/whats-on)

Date/time	Event details
<b>Thurs 2 Jul</b> From 8.30am <b>Free</b>	<b>Moth Recording Morning</b> Identify moths in the Community Garden. Call <b>07931891086</b> for info.
<b>Sat 4 &amp; Sun 5 Jul</b> Beacon Park <b>Donations</b>	<b>Cars in the Park</b> Classic vehicles on display, plus stalls, activities and food.
<b>Tues 7 Jul</b> 1pm to 3pm Community Garden <b>Free</b>	<b>Neaten and Natter</b> Volunteer to help us look after Beacon Park, which could include litter picking and weeding paths. Call <b>01543 308869</b> to find out more.
<b>Sat 18 Jul to Sun 6 Sept</b> 10am to 5pm Ranger Station <b>50p a trail</b>	<b>Record Breakers' Trail</b> Linked to Lichfield Library's Record Breakers' Summer Reading Challenge. Follow the trail, try some records & enter a prize draw.
<b>Sat 25 Jul</b> 12noon to 3pm Museum Gardens, <b>free</b>	<b>Wacky Sporting World Records</b> Linked to the library's reading challenge - have a go at some wacky sporting world records.
<b>Tues 4 Aug</b> 1pm to 3pm	<b>Neaten and Natter</b> <i>See July's listing for details.</i>
<b>Weds 5 Aug</b> 10am to 12noon or 1pm to 3pm Beacon Park, <b>£1</b>	<b>Bug Hunt &amp; Pond Dipping</b> Children are invited to search for creepy crawlies and pond life. Booking essential: <b>01543 308869</b>
<b>Weds 5 to Sun Tues 11 Aug</b> Beacon Park <b>Various prices</b>	<b>Circus Zyair</b> A colourful, action packed hour and a half show.
<b>Weds 12 Aug</b> 11am to 3pm Beacon Park <b>Free entry</b>	<b>Beacon Park Fun Day</b> Enjoy the Teddy Bear Games and plenty of fun outdoor activities, rides and inflatables.
<b>Sat 15 Aug</b> 12.30pm to 11pm Beacon Park <b>Various prices</b>	<b>Fake Festival</b> A festival with three top UK tribute acts: Bon Jovi, Kasabian and Jamiroquai & local support bands. <a href="http://www.fakefestivals.co.uk">www.fakefestivals.co.uk</a>

Date/time	Event details
<b>Sat 22 Aug</b> 11am (under 5s) & 1pm (over 5s) Community Garden, <b>£1</b>	<b>Fairy Walk</b> Hear the story of Beacon Park's fairies in these one-hour walk and talks. There's no need to book - just turn up!
<b>Weds 26 Aug</b> 10am to 12noon or 1pm to 3pm Beacon Park, <b>£1</b>	<b>Bug Hunt &amp; Pond Dipping</b> Children are invited to search for creepy crawlies and pond life. Booking essential: <b>01543 308869</b>
<b>Tues 1 Sept</b> 1pm to 3pm	<b>Neaten and Natter</b> <i>See July's listing for details.</i>
<b>Thurs 3 Sept</b> From 8.30am	<b>Moth Recording Morning</b> <i>See July's listing for more info</i>
<b>Sat 5 Sept</b> Music from 6pm, Beacon Park, <b>Free entry</b>	<b>Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park</b> This much loved free event features an outdoor concert, children's entertainment and fireworks!
<b>Thurs 10 Sept</b> 7pm to 10pm Beacon Park	<b>National Moth Night - free event</b> Sugaring and setting traps for moths to identify the different local species.

### Six-Week Golf Tournament - prizes to be won!

**Wednesdays: 22 & 29 July, 5, 12, 19 and 26 August**

To enter the tournament pay an extra £1 when you pay for golf, play the perfect round, then hand in your scorecard to the Ranger Station once you've finished. There will be prizes for men (18+), women (18+) and children (17-). We'll notify the winners after each competition day.

### Beacon Park Community Drop-ins

A chance to speak to the Parks Team about any issues or suggestions. Special guests will also be at some drop-ins. The Saturday sessions will run from 11am to 12noon on: **25 July, 29 August and 26 September** in either Museum Gardens or the Discovery Hub.

### Stowe Pool Bug Hunt - Weds 22 July

**10am-11am, 11.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-2pm**

Hunt for bugs round beautiful Stowe Pool. It's £1 a session and booking is essential. To book call **01543 308869** or email [parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:parks@lichfielddc.gov.uk)

