

SANDWELL CULTURAL FORUM

June 2026 Newsletter



Reel Feel Cinema - Lightwoods House

We host a series of outdoor singalong and immersive cinema events within Sandwell valley country park this June with some great titles including

[Book here](#)

Ready to try watercolour?



Images from previous courses

Join me for our next relaxed and supportive block of watercolour sessions.

Starts: Week beginning 13th April

Duration: 6 weekly sessions

Time: Tue/Thur 10am-1pm

Location: The Art Yard, b64 5HX

Block Booking

Early booking rate: £110

Standard block price: £132

Individual sessions: £22 (subject to availability)

All materials included.



Booking the full block guarantees your place and helps with planning.

www.beckymccartney.com

@beckymccartney.art

SUNDAY All-Day Portrait Art Sessions at **The Art Yard**

DATES

04/01,
01/02,
01/03,
29/03,
26/04,
31/05,



With lead artist:
Chris Partridge

21/06,
26/07,
30/08,
27/09,
18/10,
29/11,
27/12

For details email to: infoartyard@gmail.com



PAPER & PLAY

PLAYFUL MIXED-MEDIA DRAWING CLASS FOR CURIOUS BEGINNERS

PERFECT FOR ANYONE WHO FEELS UNSURE WHERE TO BEGIN WITH DRAWING.

EACH WEEK WE EXPERIMENT WITH PLAYFUL MIXED-MEDIA TECHNIQUES USING PENCIL, INK, CHARCOAL, PASTEL OR COLLAGE. THROUGH SIMPLE OBSERVATIONAL PROMPTS AND STILL-LIFE SETUPS, YOU'LL LOOSEN UP, TRY NEW MATERIALS, AND ENJOY THE PROCESS OF MAKING MARKS AND CREATING.

STARTING TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST CURIOSITY.

The Art Yard

B64 5HX
1:30-3:30PM

ALL MATERIALS AND
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE



www.beckymccartney.com/courses



THE CREATV KICKSTART

DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

TURN YOUR IDEAS INTO CONTENT

Filming | Editing | Designing | Resources

8 & 9 JULY - 18:00-21:00PM

Online or in-person

50C Best Street, Cradley Heath, B64 5PA

A 2 DAY WORKSHOP DESIGNED FOR:

- Creatives & Freelancers
- Business Owners
- Podcasters
- Creative Beginners

THE
GRAPEVINE
PODCAST

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY
WWW.CREATVHUB.CO.UK/SIGN-UP

**CREATV
HUB**

Tickets are available on Eventbrite



June's Performances

5th - BRAD HENSHAW

12th - JAMIE THYER & THE WORRIED MEN

19th - SMOKIN' ADE WAKELIN BAND

26th - HONEYBOY HICKLING BLUES BAND

Sandwell Libraries, Museums and Archives presents...

SANDWELL STANZAS

HEADLINE POET

Kuli Kohli

Oldbury
Bleakhouse Library

FREE ENTRY

Friday 26th June 2026



OPEN
MIC
NIGHTS
2026

6.30PM
–
8.30PM



The fifth headline poet for our Sandwell Stanzas open mic poetry nights is Wolverhampton Poet Laureate 22-26, Kuli Kohli! Founder of South Asian Women's Writers' Group, co-host of 'Virtual Voices' for Offa's Press, she overcame mild cerebral palsy. We have plenty of open mic slots available for you to share the same stage as the inspiring Kuli, in this inclusive poetry night open to all ages and walks of life.



Sandwell Libraries, Museums and Archives presents...

SANDWELL STANZAS

Open mic poetry nights to bring the people of Sandwell together are happening this year around our six special towns. If you love poetry, these nights are for you!



YOUR
WORDS
YOUR
SPACE
YOUR
TIME

OPEN
MIC
NIGHTS
2026

6.30PM
8.30PM

- West Bromwich, Central Library – Friday 27th February
- Wednesbury Library – Friday 27th March
- Smethwick, Thimble Mill Library – Friday 24th April
- Rowley Regis, Haden Hill House Museum – Friday 29th May
- Oldbury, Bleakhouse Library – Friday 26th June
- Tipton Library – Friday 31st July



Celebrating Stories from Chance

**CALLING EX-EMPLOYEES OF CHANCE BROTHERS
GLASSWORKS, SMETHWICK.**



Did you work for Chance Brothers Ltd. or know of someone who did?

Would you like to share your story, and be part of a book celebrating former Chance employees? Then we would like to hear from you!

**Please contact Sandwell Archives at
archives_service@sandwell.gov.uk**

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REVEALED**

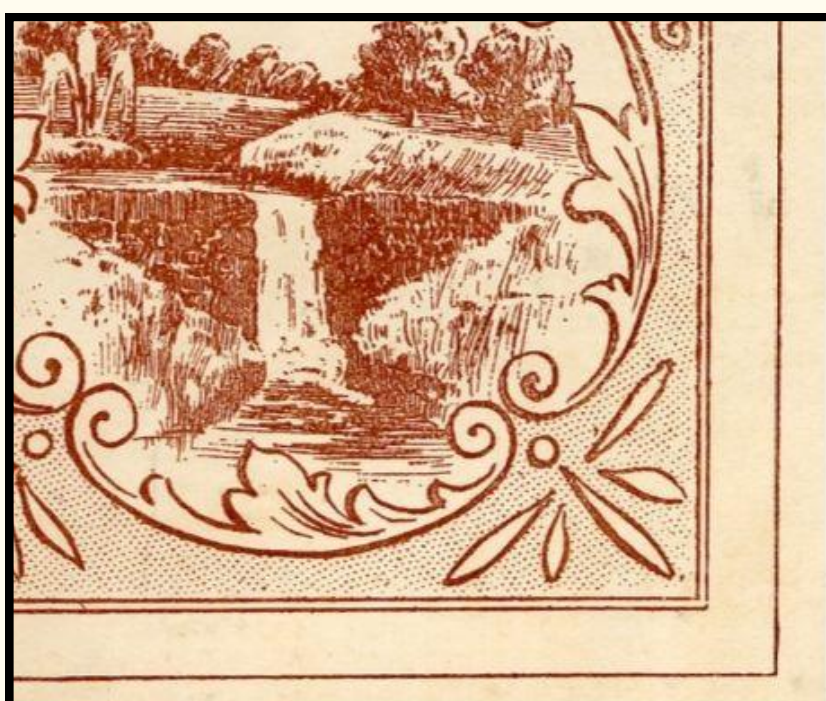
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11am, Saturday 27 June 'ILLUMINATING THE CHANCE GLASSWORKS' EXHIBITION LAUNCH

CURATED BY
SANDWELL ARCHIVES



ARTWORK BY ZERUIAH THOMPSON

GLASS WORK AND ALKALI V

Notice is hereby given, that the Boy's Sch
Boys of seven years old, and upwards, on Mo

A preference will be given to the children

The Instruction given will include the fol
Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geo
of Knowledge, as soon as the children are
Charge will be to the Children of our work-p
books, slates, &c., used in the school.

Payment to be made in advance regularly
missed.

The hours of attendance will be from 9 to
in the Summer months, and till dark in the V
rigidly enforced. The Boys must come to Sch
as may be found desirable for promoting the v

The Master (Mr. Talbot) will attend at
next, from 9 to 2 o'clock, to receive applicati
for the admission of their boys. A Girl's Sch
possible.

Our anxious desire is to give the Childre
suited to their position in society, and respect
and moral principles.

The Schools have been erected at the join
of them rests exclusively, by mutual consent,

Smethwick, October 10th, 1845.

P.S. A parent must in all cases attend wh

Join us for an exhibition
celebrating archival research and
art created by our local
community.

Exhibition runs between **Saturday
27 June- Thursday 23 July.**

**Central Library, West Bromwich,
B70 8DZ**

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Midland Metropolitan University Hospital

We need your help!

Museum Collection Discussion Event



June 12th 2026 10-12



The People's Gallery, Level 5, Midland Met Hospital, Grove Lane, Smethwick

Come to a hands-on experience of our Medical History Collection

- ◆ See medical objects from 1887
- ◆ Join in with discussions and tell us what you think
- ◆ Help shape our Hospital Museum
- ◆ Join our Heritage Audio Trail
- ◆ Meet a storyteller and medical historian

Register your interest here:



or email anthea.renshaw@nhs.net





SANDWELL ARMED FORCES DAY

SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

Stage performances

Local stalls

Sandwell Youth Bus

And more!

Climbing wall

FREE ENTRY



CIVIC SQUARE, OLDBURY, B69 3AD



11AM TO 4PM

Bearwood Community Hub

Renters!

Know your new rights!

Information session

11th June 2026

1.30pm or 6pm

Bearwood Baptist Church, Bearwood Rd, B66 4HA

If you rent your home from a private landlord, your rights improved on 1 May 2026.

Please book



Find out more from experts at ACORN Community Union

ACORN

Mayor of the
West Midlands

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West Midlands
Combined Authority



INVITE YOU TO A DELIGHTFUL

INTERNATIONAL TEA PARTY



15 JUNE 2026

 Refugee
Week

**BEARWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH,
BEARWOOD ROAD, B66 4HA**

JOIN US TO ENJOY TEA (+ COFFEE) CEREMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

**WITH THANKS TO BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL FOR FUNDING
AS PART OF THE SHARE MY LANGUAGE PARTNERSHIP**



Birmingham
City Council

WHO'S THE BOSS?



Who's The Boss? In her latest research, Hazel Sealeaf explored how learning disabled people are trained to do high-level jobs. The research report and shareable video versions can be found on our website!

On Friday, 12th June, 1 PM - 2:30 PM, Hazel will be informally presenting her research online. If you are interested in joining, please sign up on Eventbrite -

We would love to have you there - Spectra

SAVE THE DATE!

Spectra's fantastic Community Company are performing at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery on Wednesday 8th July, with a brand-new show inspired by stained glass. There will be an afternoon and evening performance.

Following the success of last year's A Twist of Fete, this is not a performance to miss.



New digital performance: 'Around the World' by Stan's Cafe

A series of domestic tragedies have caused Reggie to abandon his home in Birmingham and take to the skies. While suspended between heaven and earth, flying a beautiful silver Cessna, he reflects on the life behind him and earth below him. His playfully erudite stream of consciousness roams across the landscape and through time as he plots how to put his life back together.

This live solo performance mixes scripted material with improvisation, music and the Microsoft Flight Simulator computer game. Depending on flying conditions, it is expected to last 140 minutes.

Episode 1
Birmingham - Paris
Monday 1st June
7PM

Live on Twitch: <https://www.twitch.tv/stanscafe> - still available!

Episode 2 (Paris - Zurich) will be on Monday 8th June at 6PM.





CALL OUT FOR STALL HOLDERS - PLEASE SHARE AND APPLY!!

BCMD are looking for Stall Holders for their Black Country Multicultural Day event in July. You must have your own gazebo and table and chairs and also public liability insurance.

Black Country Multicultural Day Trader Applications Now Open!

We're looking for stall traders, community groups, charities, food vendors, and craft sellers to be part of this vibrant celebration of culture across the Black Country!

Join us for one or both days and showcase your products, food, crafts, or services to the community.

Apply for a stall here: <https://s.surveypplanet.com/ela7m8kg>

Event Locations & Dates

Saturday 11th July 2026 – Somers Square, Halesowen

Sunday 12th July 2026 – Civic Square (Outside Sandwell Council House), Oldbury

Trading Hours: Approx. 10:00am – 5:00pm

Stall Fees Guide

- Community / Charity Stalls – from £20 per day
- Craft / Retail Stalls – from £25 per day
- Food Traders – from £30 per day

Trader Requirements: All traders must bring their own gazebo and table.

Whether you're selling handmade crafts, delicious food, unique retail products, or promoting a community organisation.

Bearwood Community Hub
presents

NEW **Curiosity Café**



Starts 19th May 2026!

Skills Share

What knowledge or skills can you share?
What do you want to learn from someone else?

Task & Finish Group

What local issues do you want to help solve?

Community Guide

Bring your memories, recommendations and favourite spots
to add to our Community Guide map!

Library of Things

Sign up to help develop a library of tools and equipment for residents to share

Thimblemill Library

3rd Tuesday Every Month, drop in 2-5pm & 6-8pm



Scan to register!

BLACK COUNTRY YOU'VE GOT TALENT 2026

£2
ENTRY
FEE

£250
CASH
PRIZE!
+PERFORMANCES
AT BCMD 2026

FULL DAY
AT PIRATE
STUDIOS

DUDLEY AUDITIONS
1ST - 8TH MAY
DY1 COMMUNITY CENTRE
STAFFORD ST DY1 1RT

HALESOWEN AUDITIONS
15TH - 22ND MAY
HASBURY CLUB 91 BLACKBERRY LANE
HALESOWEN B63 4NZ

TIPTON AUDITIONS
MAY 29TH - 5TH JUNE
GOSPEL OAK SPORTS CENTRE
BILSTON ROAD DY4 0BZ

DUDLEY AUDITIONS
12TH - 19TH JUNE
DUDLEY EX SERVICEMANS CLUB
51 HALL STREET, DY2 7BT

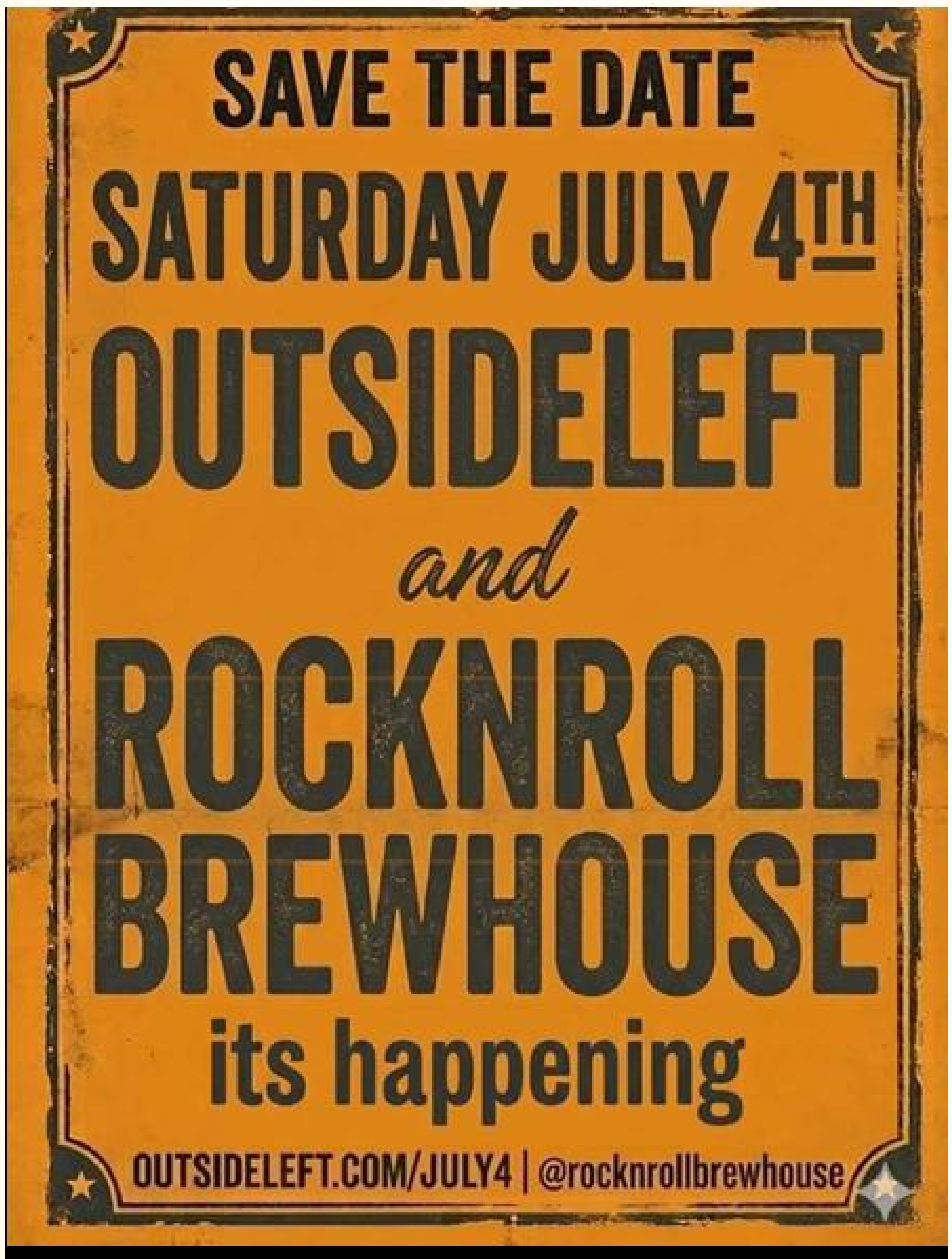


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WELCOME

Dottie's

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Enabling businesses and individuals to waste less through the sharing of good quality food that's within it's use-by date

Open to all

Tuesday 12pm - 2pm

Wednesday 9.30am - 12pm

& 5pm - 7pm

Thursday 12pm - 3pm

Friday 9.30am - 12pm



How to support the fridge:

We aim to provide a minimum of 3 items per visit, however we are reliant on surplus donations so cannot always guarantee this.

Spread the word!

Drop off surplus food

Volunteer to help maintain the service

Thank you

We can accept donations, but they must be transported in a cooler bag, straight from your fridge. We cannot accept any home-cooked items.



DOROTHYPARKES

Community Centre

THE DOROTHY PARKES CENTRE
CHURCH ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 6EH
0121 558 2998
CHARITY NO. 1093189



SCAN HERE



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

FACEBOOK: @DOROTHYPARKESCENTRE
INSTAGRAM: DOROTHYPARKES
EMAIL: ADMIN@DOROTHYPARKES.ORG
WEBSITE: WWW.DOROTHYPARKES.ORG

ADD YOUR EVENTS TO VISIT SANDWELL TODAY

If you have an event in Sandwell, PLEASE add it to Visit Sandwell by clicking [here](#)!

We want more Sandwell events on Visit Sandwell - if you need any help with adding events, please contact Stacey!

A support video to add events on Visit Sandwell is here!

Join the Sandwell Cultural Forum

NOW

Do you know someone who wants to join the Sandwell Forum?

Email Stacey via:
stacey_bagdi@sandwell.gov.uk



BEARWOOD SHUFFLE

Free Afternoon of Music with Street Food, Artisan Market Kids' Activities Community Vibes & More...

SAT 6TH JUNE 12:30 - 6:30PM

LIGHTWOODS PARK BEARWOOD

Book Tickets Here

Sandwell Libraries and Archives

LIVE AT THE LIBRARY

DAVID BALDACCICI

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

22nd July!

West Bromwich Town Hall
Tickets: £5 plus booking fee

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

In association with Waterstone's Walsall and Pan Macmillan Publishers.

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DAVID BALDACCICI NASH FALLS



Featured Events Listing



Click on the text below to find out more about the events and to book

Sandwell Museums:

Haden Hill House

- [Lots of exciting family fun events at Haden click here for the full list!](#)

Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery

- [Lots of history talks and family summer fun at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery](#)

Oak House Museum

- [There's a ton of activities happening at Oak House this summer - click here!](#)

Bromwich Hall

- [Check out the amazing events happening at Bromwich Hall](#)

Sandwell Libraries:

- [Lots coming up, book via Ticketsource <-click here](#)

Cultural Forum Members List

1000 Trades

Abigail Villarroel (Artist)

Anthony McFarlane (Artist)

Black Country Multicultural Day Team

Black Country Touring

Black Heritage Walks Network

Bearwood Community Hub

Bearwood Promoters

Big Bear Music

Birmingham Opera

Birmingham Music Archive

Black Country Living Museum

Blue Sheep Books

Brendan Hawthorne - Poet

Bright Young Minds

Canal & River Trust

City of Birmingham Orchestra

Charlottte McDermott - Poet

Chance Heritage Trust

Curl Girl Productions

Creative Black Country.

Creatv Hub

Dalbir Singth Ratta - Music

Drama AND SOME cic

European's Welfare Association

Faith-Brynel Insights

Fantastic Journeys

Filmgage

Infamous Arts

Jessica - Artist

Keith Bracey - Poet

Kickstarts Dance

Learn with Lolonyo

Little Earthquake

Luke Perry (Artist).

Melonie Barnaby - Poet

ME Dance

Method in Motion

Misfits Music

Multistory

Noir Hub CIC

O'Driscoll Collective

Outside Left

Outside The Box Creative Thinking Space

Powered by Can

Quennie Lim (Artist)

Rage Arts

Ruth Conover (Artist)

Sarah Cole (Artist)

Sarah Waldron (Artist)

Sandwell Archives

Sandwell Asian Family Support Service (SAFS)

Sandwell College

Sandwell Mela

Sandwell Valley

SCVO

SIPS

Simmi - Artist

Smethwick Heritage Centre

Spectra

Stan's Cafe

SWEDA

The Art Yard

The Parakeet

The People's Orchestra

We are Spectra

West Midlands Heritage Building Trust

Wild Lives Forest School

Women & Theatre

Your City & Metropolitan Hospitals Charity

& Sandwell Council Officers and Local Councillors

