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**PAVILION
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COMMUNITY**

Connections

At the heart of the community with the community at heart



What's On @ Rowheath Pavilion 2006

Monday	9:15-12:00 10:00am-4:00pm 3.30 - 5.30pm 6:15-9:30pm 5:00-8:00pm 8:00pm-10:30pm	Stay 'n' Play (Term-time only) Mental Health Club The Source Youth Club Road Running Club Ballroom Instruction (Beginners) Ballroom Dance	T/R C/R C/R BAR ** T/R
Tuesday	09.30 - 10.30am 3.30 - 5.30 3:00-6:30pm 7.00-11:00pm	Stretch and Tone class The Source Youth Club Amy Greaves Dance classes Blitz Jive Dance Group	T/R C/R T/R T/R
Wednesday	10:00-12:00 1:30-3:30pm 4.30 -6.30pm 3:30-5:30pm 7:30-9:30pm 8.30 - 11.00pm	Rosemary Conley Fitness & Diet Tea Dance (Sequence) Drama Classes The Source Youth Club Phoenix Singers Roots Music night	T/R T/R T/R C/R T/R C/R
Thursday	9:15am-1:30pm 2:00pm-4:15pm 4.00- 8.30pm 6:15-9:30pm	Tumble Tots (Term-time only) Ballroom Dance Amy Greaves Modern /Salsa Dance Harriers Road Running Club	T/R T/R T/R BAR **
Friday	10:00-4:50pm 5:00pm-midnight	Tumble Tots (Term-time only) Available for Private Functions	T/R T/R
Saturday	9:00am-midnight 2:00-4:00pm	Available for Private Functions Rugby & Football	T/R **
Sunday	09:00am-12.30pm 10:30am-3:00pm 4.00 -6.30pm 1:00-5:00pm 5.30 -6.30pm 7:00-11:00pm	Pavilion Community Church Rugby & Football The Gathering Youth Available for Private Functions B Boscott Dance Lessons Ballroom Dance	T/R C/R ** C/R T/R T/R T/R

T/R - Terrace Room
C/R - Conference Room
M/B - Members Bar
**** - Changing Rooms**



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Welcome to Connections – the newsletter of The Pavilion. Rowheath Pavilion has been a centre for the community of Bournville since its construction in 1920. The site supports many activities such as football, bowls, rugby, dancing etc. Set in beautiful parkland, The Pavilion is also an excellent social venue, with a large function room and a terrace, both serviced by a recently refurbished member's bar, which is open every day of the week. Membership is just £5 per year and can be bought at the bar.

With all these activities going on, you might think that The Pavilion is managed by the council or as a private enterprise. In fact The Pavilion is run by a Christian church! At the beginning of 2006 we changed the name of our church to "The Pavilion Christian Community" so as to reflect our true nature.

We believe it's time for us to make a noise in our community and I would personally like to invite you to come and take a look at the church that is at the heart of The Pavilion. It may surprise you! A recent visitor, who joined us after many years away from church, said "Wow! Church was never like this when I used to go!" He was struck by all the elements of the service: the music, a contemporary band which worshipped God in a way that made sense to him; the preaching, that spoke into his life and was relevant and challenging; the video presentations on a big screen, on themes that touched the heart; the prayer, sincerely seeking the heart of God for the world and this community.

On Sunday 5th November The Pavilion is holding an open service so we can share with you, our community, why we are here and what we do. This will be a very special day and we'd like to invite you to come and hear your local church "MAKING A NOISE"!!! So please make a date to join us at The Pavilion at 10am on Sunday 5th November – we would love to see you there!

God bless you,

Paul Clarke; Minister, The Pavilion Christian Community



Autumn Update

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE?



than this!" That's the theme of the advert you may have seen running in cinemas during September. In the advert, three successful people - a mountain climber shortly to appear in Channel 4's series "Ultimate Survival," a professional footballer, and a model, all ask this question. All have become Christians. Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions. These take place around a meal. It's low-key, friendly and fun - and is supported by all the main Christian churches.

Rowheath has hosted Alpha courses for the last eight years. They have been attended by all sorts of people. Quite a few have become Christians. Others have not. But almost everyone has enjoyed it.

The course will be running on weekday evenings, starting with an introductory session in early November. Why not take this opportunity to explore the meaning of life? Please contact Stephen on 0121 451 1854 to request information or a booking form. (The course is free.) For background and to see the cinema ad, visit www.alpha.org

What connects Rowheath Pavilion with 2 million British people, 100,000 UK prisoners across 80% of UK prisons, and 8m people worldwide? The answer: they have all attended or run an Alpha Course.

Alpha is for people who are saying, "There has got to be more to life

LOVE IS... A SENIOR CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

As of this Autumn, Pavilion Christian Community will be starting a new ministry initiative: a team to serve and pastorally care for post-retirement citizens in this community. This Senior Citizens' Initiative is in response to the presence of five retirement homes, all within walking distance of The Pavilion building itself.

The metaphorical image of a Pavilion is that of a large meeting tent, and as a community organisation we wish to 'spread our tent pegs wide', and we believe it is just as important to go out to meet the needs of the community as it is to invite people in. The two Pavilion members in charge of running the team are Sheila Pitcher and Jan Walshaw. This team will make regular visits to local retirement homes, spending time with the residents and serving them in various ways, including bringing them communion. This initiative has been made possible by forging links with these local homes in the Bournville area, such as Lucton House. So, watch this space for more news!

For all enquiries, please contact our Minister Paul Clarke on 07974 910179



MAJOR REFURBISHMENT OF PAVILION BAR!



The refurbished bar is non-smoking and is now open 7 days a week. Plans are also in place to convert adjacent space into a 'family room' when funding becomes available.

Andy Aldridge, the new manager, said that his aim was to provide a welcoming, friendly and relaxed atmosphere where local people would come to enjoy a quiet drink and a chat. The bar always has a guest 'real ale as well as keg beers and lagers. An added attraction is the return of the 'Roots' open-mic style music nights on Thursdays.

For further details of this or other activities in the new bar contact Andy Aldridge on 0121 458 1711 or just drop in.

Membership is available through the bar staff at just £5 a year. Opening is 7-11pm Monday-Friday; noon-11pm on Saturday and noon-3pm & 7-10pm on Sundays.

In April the bar at The Pavilion closed for a week for a full refurbishment. The changes have made the room feel lighter, brighter and larger, with a relaxed, sociable feel.

WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN BY THE LAKE?

The Pavilion is much more than just a great building! It includes a pleasant area of parkland, with mature trees and a lake adjacent to the building, and also a large area of playing fields on the other side of Heath Road, which are managed by The Pavilion church and used by a large number of local sports teams.

Most of the parkland area, including the lake, is maintained by Bournville Village Trust as a community resource and there have been real changes happening around the lake during 2006. These have been funded by an award of £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund / People's Millions to the Bournville-based Get Hooked on Fishing charity, which was featured last year on ITV local television. Lots of work has already been carried out at the lake, including the installation of eight fishing platforms around the edge, which will make angling easier and safer for young people and those with disabilities. Other work has included improvements to the local drainage and various bits of minor landscaping. The current focus is on improving the water itself, and if you have walked around the lake recently you may have noticed the presence of some strange things in the middle. Don't worry - a UFO has not crash landed! The equipment and pipe work that you can see are part of a system installed to help aerate the lake, adding extra oxygen to the water. This helps the fish breathe, especially in hot weather, but will also help the natural breakdown of organic silt, which over the years has built up at the



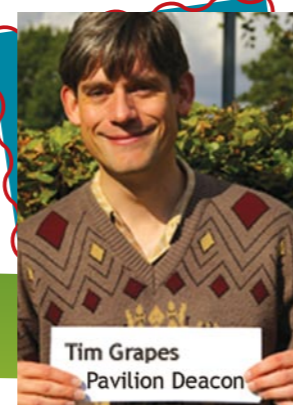
bottom of the lake. Microchalk, which is a very fine grained limestone, is also being regularly added to the water to aid in the natural breakdown of the silt - helping the lake to mend itself! So if you haven't visited the park recently why not stroll over and see what's happening, down by the lake...



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