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The dates of the next three meetings are: 25th November, 27th January and 30th March 2020

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If you want to know what a magistrate does and why they do it, or perhaps you are interested in becoming a magistrate, if so, we will try to answer your questions. Jayne Westley and myself, David Warner, will be at your **next meeting, 25th November**. We are magistrates from the Birmingham court, so we are responsible for administering justice in your area and we look forward to hearing your views and giving you answers.

BANNERS GATE AND BOLDMERE WISH ALL OUR DELIVERERS, CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

This is a special edition of Gatepost. We have invited Boldmere Futures Partnership to tell us what they are doing during the coming holiday season that may be of interest to Banners Gate residents, hence the 16 pages. We thank our deliverers even more than usual for delivering Gatepost as it is heavier this time. If you have any problems delivering please let the editor know, number below. We will be counting Gateposts in the Community Hall on Thursday, 14th. You are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and at least a mince pie.



The Tablet Course is going very well, feedback is positive and there is a continuous stream of enquiries about the course. The three main problem we handle are: how do I get on the internet; how do I send emails; what is an app and how do I find and use one.

In November, we will be meeting on Thursdays, again in the Communita Café between 2.30 and 4 o'clock. If you are interested please call the editor, the number is at the bottom of the page. We will be having a break in December but in January we will start again with meetings on Mondays. We have tablets,

you do not need your own, thanks to the generosity of Birmingham Airport.



Contributions from your councillors in the order they were received



Alison Jolley: I am keen to report that the community grant scheme, unique to the Sutton Coldfield Town Council, has recently awarded a grant to our local St Columba's Church immediately opposite the Banners Gate entrance to Sutton Park. Being in such a pivotal position it is brilliant news that the Church has instigated and commenced the Pit Stop cafe on the first Saturday Morning of every month from 09.00 - 12 midday. This venture particularly supports all the Park Run members in having well deserved light refreshments and a convivial place to meet after their run. All residents and visitors to the park are also enjoying the cafe as this is proving to be a welcoming and informal place to meet up for everyone of all ages. There's table tennis and board games, quality coffee and other refreshments to enjoy. The community grant has helped with start-up costs of purchasing necessary items, e.g. coffee machine, catering items, board games, and a very popular table



tennis set! Do go along, especially if you are new to the area as you will be able to meet other local residents and park users.

Elsewhere, St Michaels Church, Boldmere will be the location of a new defibrillator. Again, this has been purchased by the Sutton Coldfield Town Council which also pays for the installation of this vital equipment.

Finally, but by no means least, I was pleased to accept an invitation from Boldmere Library to help celebrate the success of local children who completed the summer reading challenge. All 176 children who completed the challenge were presented with a medal, certificate and a book token.

Well done to all who entered, together with Library staff for their commitment and hard work. I thoroughly enjoyed the celebration. If you didn't enter this year, please do so next summer as it's great to use your library and meet up with friends.



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Rob Pocock: I've been saying for a long time, it's no good Councils and the Government asking us all to quit the car and use public transport instead, if the bus service is **just not good enough!** So, I've been working recently with the City Council on a proposal to bring

public transport back under proper local regulation and control.

For 30 years local buses have been 'de-regulated'. This gives pretty much a free hand to the bus companies to do what they like. To be honest, you only get a service if the companies decide it's profitable. And then, only at a time that suits them, not necessarily when you want or need it. People want, and deserve, better bus services. My aim is to press for services that are:

- ➔ **Reliable – turn up on time when they should.**
- ➔ **Safe – from trouble and threatening behaviour.**
- ➔ **Frequent – so you can fit a bus journey round your busy time line.**
- ➔ **Local – to stop you walking miles before you even get on.**
- ➔ **Clean – both inside and out, a welcoming place to sit in comfort and enjoy the ride.**

In London, bus services remain properly regulated. **They are by far the best bus services in Britain!** Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham has just started a bid this year to do it up there too. **So why not here!** If you agree with me, just email rob.pocock@birmingham.gov.uk putting 'BUSES YES' in the subject box. I'll let you know how the campaign gets on, especially a new petition coming soon, and what YOU can do to help.



Kath Scott: SCHOOL PLACES 2020/21: As part of my longstanding efforts to make sure we have enough school places for families in our Sutton Vesey Ward, I've been updating parents on this year's application dates.

Secondary School Place applications closed on **31st October 2019**. Now it's time for parents to apply for Primary School places. Closing date for applications is **31st December 2019**. For further help and advice, please visit the campaign site I first set up 7 years ago: <https://www.facebook.com/boldmere.mums> - guiding parents through the school places maze since 2012, on local place applications and appeals.

OUR 'ACCESSIBLE VESEY WARD': I am pleased to say that there has been a great response from you all, highlighting accessible hotspots that need our attention – **HUGE THANK YOU!**

The next step is to build upon this knowledge, provide timelines, priorities & solutions. Next steps – "proud to be accessible" specifically for our shops & service

providers....more information on this coming soon. Email me at kath.scott@birmingham.gov.uk put ACCESS in the title if you want to contact me.



In other news, I enjoyed working alongside local resident Dennis Kennedy on the inaugural Accessible Community Games in April this year. So it has been stupendous to see that following its huge success, a further **ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY**

GAMES was held during October in Walsall. Massive congratulations to Dennis, founder of Sutton Coldfield Community Games, on taking the 'accessible games' initiative and driving this forward.



Jan Cairns: As the Chair of the SCTC Health and Well-being Partnership I've had a very busy month working with our fantastic local public service leads in the NHS, Fire Service and Police as well as Age Concern and Church Leads. We are all working to find ways of working together more effectively to help each

other to manage the demand on our key services out of hours... more information as we progress our work.

I have also been supporting the Boldmere Christmas Festival and the plans for what will be a glorious family event with the Christmas lights switch on.

From our Vesey Ward Town Council Public meeting at the beginning of the month concerns continued to be raised about the need for a Zebra crossing on Monmouth Drive across to Boldmere Gate into Sutton Park so I have reopened the Town Council talks with BCC to review options to resolve this - more information to come. I am also a Trustee of the Sutton Coldfield Town Hall Community Trust, and the team here are working relentlessly... there is a wonderful Pantomime this year... Aladdin. Please get your tickets from the box office and come along and support your local Town Hall. This year it really is a cracker!!

Finally, as the Chair of the Sutton Coldfield Disability Action Group I want to report that I have some wonderful group members including Tony Willis, Liz Parry, Terry Wood, John Lymn, Bobbie Duggan and Sally Evans, all local people who are strong community leaders. We are proud to be hosting a networking event at the end of January 2020. This will be to enable improving and stronger relationships between service providers and charities, to bridge gaps in local support for young and older adults with a disability, who find themselves lonely and isolated... we will report our findings as we get them.

Thanks to all of you who completed the SCTC Strategic Priorities Consultation we have had some great feedback and confirmation that we are on the right track.

Thanks for your support.

Banners Gate Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes held at Banners Gate Community Hall on September 30th 2019

- 1. Speaker,** Brian Wheats followed by Olive O'Sullivan and Caitlin Morgan
- 2. Apologies.** Mike Hughes, Hazel Pollock, Jan Cairns and Moira Ashford.
- 3. Minutes.** Minutes of previous meeting (not AGM) were accepted as correct. Proposed by Sandra Hughes and seconded by Joyce Glendenning
- 4. Matters Arising.** There is a lot of information on the

Blog including part of the talk on bees.

5. Correspondence. Information from PCSO Singh about combatting vehicle crime. Advice to place car keys/cards in aluminium foil or something similar and use a steering lock which acts as a deterrent.

6. Vesey Ward meeting on 28th September. The community budget was discussed for planning, roads, pavements, and street cleaning. The Triathlon will be in

Cllr. Robert Pocock, rob.pocock@birmingham.gov.uk, tel: 0121 303 2039 (Labour Group Office), Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB. Advice Bureau: Boldmere Library, 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. First Saturday of the Month.

Cllr. Kath Scott, kath.scott@birmingham.gov.uk tel: 0121 303 2039 (Labour Group Office), Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB. Advice Bureau: Boldmere Library, LAST Thursday of each month from 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. at Boldmere Library.

Sutton Park for the Commonwealth Games. There is a Vesey Ward campaign to improve accessibility for all.

7. Computer Courses. John Mole has been the brilliant support behind the securing of almost £10,000 to provide instruction each week during September, October and November, and again in January, February and March next year. Many people are on these courses and there are regular enquires about the course.

8. The next Gatepost. The next newsletter will be in full colour with four extra sides for Boldmere to promote their retail and commercial aspect in our area of Banners Gate which is basically a dormitory area. In this way, we hope to bring the two areas together especially before the Boldmere Festival times, both before Christmas and hopefully in the summer.

9. Blog: bannersgateneighbourhoodforum.com which is now instead of the website for local news. If you have any news to place on the blog then please let Tony know.

The meeting finished at 21.30

Folding will be on 14th November 2019

The next meeting on 25th November 2019

Talk by Brian Wheat of WM. Wheat and Son, on planting winter hanging baskets.

He wore his 4th leather apron which he has had since he left school.

He showed us a large bracket for the 16" - 18" basket that he



was about to plant up. The advice is to position your basket just above eye level so that it is easy to reach for watering. Check the strength of the bracket and always raw plug it into brick, not plaster. He used a traditional wire basket with a flat bottom and unhinged one end of the three-piece chain and noted where it was joined with a piece of tape.

Brian used damp sphagnum moss to line the basket at the bottom, like a bird's nest. He then placed a piece of polythene or plastic bag at the bottom of the basket as a membrane to hold the water. He chose six mixed plants, some trailing ones, squeezing the bottoms to remove them from their pots. He held the plant end while pushing it through the holes in the wire basket, placing three around the basket sides and then another three in between. More moss was added between the root balls and then a little compost.

A square of rain mat (which can soak up to a pint of water in no time at all) was put in dry to create a reservoir near the bottom of the basket, with some compost on the top. Brian uses Levington's multi-purpose compost which supplies 6 - 8 weeks of food. The next layer of plants went into position alternating with the previous layer against the top wire. Again, moss was placed in between the root balls supported with compost, but there should be no temptation to put in too much compost. Moss was placed along the top wire and squeezed in to make a neat edge. You should always check for holes and that the plants are secure. Pansies and violas are the cheapest option for the top of the basket. In the 1970s the price of pansies was 65p and now they are 60p. Suggestions for the plants in the middle of the basket to create a good display were: Skimmia, Glaucus Conifer or a Christmas Cherry (which will withstand -1°C). Ivies are good for trailing

plants on the edges and painted heathers can provide good colours. The coloured heathers are actually white heather where the flowers have died and the brown husks are coloured. The hardy miniature varieties of cyclamen are good choices to withstand the winter as they come from the mountains of Turkey and survive down to -2°C .

It is important to dead-head the flowers by twisting out and pulling. Corex grasses are lovely in winter as they move with the wind and hold on to droplets of water.

The top of the root ball of these plants should be level with the top of the basket when planted and three central plants are needed. If you place the cyclamen in the basket in its pot, then when it dies it can be replaced in the spring with something like a primrose. When feeling for spaces for plants to fill you can cut off some of the roots if the hole is very small.

4 - 5 slow-release fertilizer tablets are good for the basket because they will not release the food if the temperature is below 13°C . Now the basket is finished, do not hang it up yet. Place it on an upturned bucket and trickle water all over the basket—about three pints and do the same the next day. 10—12 days later, the plants will have picked up and then you can hang it up and water it again. The basket will not need much water in the winter months, and you can check for dryness by feeling how heavy the basket is. There are cone shaped baskets available which can be filled with cones already planted up with a selection of suitable plants.

Brian answered question, during and at the end of his talk. The Chair thanked Brian for his very interesting talk, and those present agreed with warm applause.



**ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL**

Talk from Olive O'Sullivan, the Chief Executive Officer of the Town Council and Caitlin Morgan, the Community Engagement Officer.

This was a presentation on the strategic plan for Sutton Coldfield town centre to consider the direction and vision for the next four years. There has been a town council for the last two years and there is a desire to give the people a representative voice in the planning. The regeneration of the town centre is a priority which is struggling like everywhere else. Clean and Green is to continue, and the town should look different from other areas because we have the money to make a change. So far, 86 groups have benefitted from £500,000, from sport to leisure and from young to old. There have been improvements in Princess Alice Drive, and health and safety in schools—with defibrillators fitted. Christmas lights and flowers have decorated the town and the Town Mayor has been reinstated. There is a survey with a questionnaire going around asking you whether these are the right priorities. There is a copy of the draft plan for the future—please look out for the details. Download the plan and fill it out online. There are 20 - 30 boxes in places around the town, such as the libraries and the community hall. The deadline is 11th October to hand in your ideas and responses. You can also vote for four categories of awards such as the Good Neighbour Award. 'Sutton in Bloom' was a campaign that brought many communities together this year. Further ideas, such as clearing the brambles from Sutton Park, which is being carried out by Monday morning volunteers, would be welcome.

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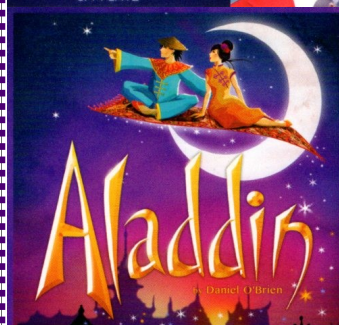
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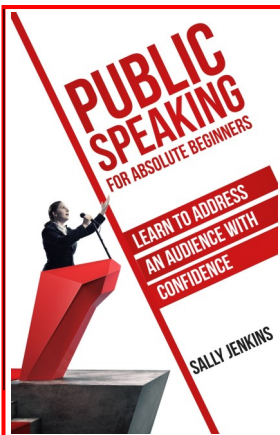
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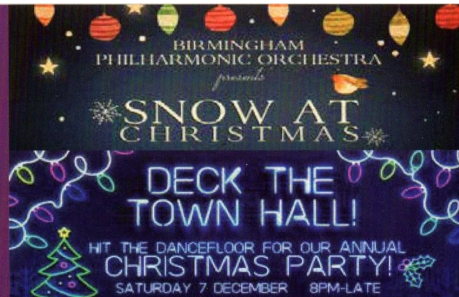
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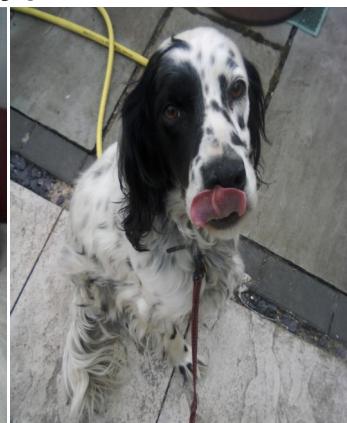
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Sutton Coldfield Disability Action Group - SCDAG

Sutton Coldfield Disability Action Group is an exciting new Charity Incorporated Organisation that is devoted to improving our Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield for all residents, visitors, employers and employees especially those who are disabled and have mobility challenges or who have disabled family members or who have the commitment to employ and support disabled people. We also support carers and their families.

We are a varied group of professionals, residents with disabilities, carers and supporters who combine our knowledge, networks and experiences to become an activist/influence group. We are exploring ideas and new opportunities to assist service commissioners and providers to network; work more closely together and to bridge gaps in provision and facilities in and around our town.

We have a special interest in, but not limited to, young and older disabled adults who find themselves lonely, isolated and hard to reach as a result of existing poor day care and socialisation provision as well as very limited opportunities to work or volunteer. We want to increase the opportunities for disadvantaged people to find paid and volunteer work. As a group we will work hard to influence change and we are already working with Birmingham City Council to promote disability rights and better access in initial areas of new housing and improvements to retail.

We have successfully applied for National Lottery funding which we were thrilled to achieve and so far, we have funded:

- A study of our Royal Town asking local people what works for them as individuals and what needs improving to make life easier for disabled people. This study is ongoing, and we would love you all to be involved so please see the link below to our questionnaire and please give us your valuable thoughts.
- New equipment for a local Community Centre to maintain and nurture the employment of young people with disabilities.
- A project with our local General Practices in Sutton Coldfield to support Carers and direct them to support services for example: Carers United. Thank you to the GP Practices that are working with us... Let's carry on making a difference!!

We will be hosting a networking event in January 2020 for Service Providers and the third sector to improve working relationships, to create ideas to bridge gaps in local provision and to initiate opportunities to partner with each other for additional funding.

For questionnaire, you may have to hold down ctrl and click: bit.ly/SCDAGSurvey



From L to R: Terry Wood, Bobbie Duggan, Jan Cairns, Tony Willis, Sally Evans, Liz Parry and John Lymn.

Not in the photo are Nic Burke, Jenny Child and Rachel David.



Boldmere Christmas Festival

Sunday 17th November 2pm to 7pm
with Christmas lights switch-on at 5:30pm

Come and join in the fun on Boldmere's High Street as we look forward to Christmas and watch the Christmas lights being switched on by Buddy from Sutton Coldfield Community Games.

Real reindeer

Have your photograph taken with real reindeer with Santa's sleigh next to Boldmere Bear in The Harvester carpark and then visit Santa at his grotto in Age Concern.

Children's rides and entertainment

Enjoy children's rides including a genuine Victorian galloping horses carousel, roundabout, cups and saucers, planes, bungee trampolines and Zorb Mania. There will also be circus performers performing in the crowds throughout the day.



Live music

Enjoy entertainment throughout the afternoon including our exciting line up of musicians and performers:

- 2:00 – First Request
- 2:45 – Ire-ish
- 3:30 – Celebration of Life
- 4:15 – Rhianna Keane
- 5:00 – Jack and Grandad with Andi the Puppet Man
- 5:30 – Turning on of Christmas Lights
- 5:35 – AlleyCats Pantomime Performance
- 6:15 – Rocket Café

Christmas market

Over 40 market stalls including cards and gifts.

Street food

Experience a variety of tastes of Street food including

- Pizza from The Handmade Pizza Company
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- Pork belly and pulled pork nachos from The Pork Society
- Chicken nuggets
- Churros from The Fabulous Food Guys
- 25 flavours of homemade brownies including vegan and dairy free options from Chocolate Treats
- Whippy ice-cream
- Sweet and savoury crepes from The Warwickshire Crepe Company
- Prosecco and Bubble Bar
- + all our regular food and drinks providers along the street

Christmas lights switch on at 5:30 by Buddy

Watch Buddy from Sutton Coldfield Community Games turn on Boldmere's Christmas Lights with entertainment including Andi Markham the puppet man with Jack and Grandad, a mini Christmas pantomime and the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield wishing everyone happy Christmas.



Enjoy to have a drink afterwards?

We are grateful that all the pubs and bars along Boldmere's High Street have agreed to operate a closed doors policy between 7pm and 9pm. This means that if you want to enjoy a drink after 7pm then you need to be in a pub or bar before 7pm. This will help to facilitate the clean-up operation at the end of the event. You can still book a table for food or turn up for food if a table is available.



www.boldmere.org/festivals

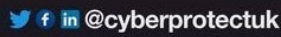
Suggested voluntary entry donation: £2 adults, £1 children, £5 family

Brought to you by Boldmere Futures Partnership, funded by Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council



CRIME REPORTING

**Sue Atkins is the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
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Tel: 0121 354 6571



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- 4 Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards or cheque books.

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Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme

We are creating a map of all of the community assets and activities in the Sutton Coldfield constituency, which can help people aged 50+ to lead independent, happy and healthy lives.

Community assets are individuals, groups or organisations who are doing something or delivering an activity, project or service in a neighbourhood setting which older people can benefit from. This can be anything from a lunch club to a line dancing class, befriending to benefits advice, or a support group to a sewing club.

As well as mapping community assets, we are also working with them to sustain and grow the activities and services they offer to citizens aged 50+ in the local area. We can offer a range of support around issues such as marketing and promotion, volunteering, governance and fundraising, and as part of this, we have a micro and small grants scheme which can fund certain activities and projects in Sutton Coldfield.

We also have opportunities for citizens aged 50+ who have experience of social isolation or are carers (looking after someone regularly because they are older, disabled or seriously ill), or who have experience of running a community based activity to get involved in developing the Neighbourhood Network Scheme in Sutton via our co-production group.

The Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme is delivered in partnership between Age Concern Birmingham and Compass Support. For more information, or a conversation about how you can get involved, please contact us on 0121 362 3661 or email NNS@ageconcernbirmingham.org.uk

For a searchable list of community assets in Sutton Coldfield, and the wider Birmingham area, please visit:
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14 November - Amenities, Leisure & Community
19 November - Strategy & Resources
26 November - Town Council Meeting
3 December - Planning & Highways Committee
10 December - Strategy & Resources
17 December - Town Council Meeting

They are usually held at the Town Hall but check on
the Town Council website before setting off!



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Do you look after someone with an illness, disability or long term
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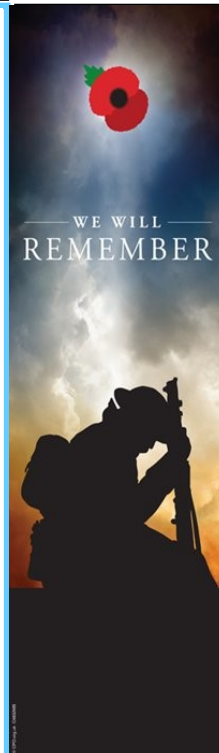
Banners Gate Community Hall

Almost free (£1) Coffee Mornings

From 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on the following dates:
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Everyone is welcome to join us for our

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 10th November

The service will start at 10.30 and finish
at approximately 11.45.

There will be live music from the **Banners
Gate Community Church Band** who will start
the service, along with special contributions
from the **Banners Gate Community Choir.**

There will be an opportunity to see an exhibition of
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Coffee morning on 2nd Thursday each month (except August) from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. The next three will be on 14th November, 12th December and 9th January. Coffee, cakes and chat, Book swap, A warm welcome to all is assured.



Messy Church @ 4 p.m.
St Columba's Church Hall,
Banners Gate Road.
24th November



www.stcolumbasbannersgate.co.uk

We are now on Facebook too – search for us
“St Columba's Banners Gate”

Details on our website www.stcolumbasbannersgate.co.uk
or our Facebook page “St Columba's Banners Gate”

Stay and Play Toddler Group and Mums' coffee mornings

Who? Parents and children of all age groups and
Parents /carers - with or without children are
welcome.

Come along to the coffee morning and enjoy tea,
coffee and toast / biscuits, while having an opportunity to meet new
friends and other parents in the community!!

When? Every Wednesday term time only.

Time: 9.15 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Where? St Columba's Church Hall.

Enquiries- Sharon 07552 75 71 77



Christmas Fayre Saturday 16th November



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The closing date for applications is 1st November.

WHAT'S ON

@ BANNERS GATE COMMUNITY CHURCH

MONDAY

Move It or Lose It, (now finished, lack of support)

Mornings 10.00 – 11.00

Contact Heather on 07913820653

Banners Gate Community Choir

Evenings 7.30 – 8.45 (term time only)

Contact Beth on 07719857450

TUESDAY

Dance, Dance,

Mornings 10.30 - 12.30. Ballroom, Latin, Modern

Contact Dawn on 0121 783 5584

Vital Physiotherapy

Afternoon/evenings: contact Eric on 07896419167

Camera Club

Evenings 8.00 - 10.00 on 2nd Tuesday in month

Contact Graham on 07506969233

WEDNESDAY

Baby Sensory

Morning sessions at 9.30, 11.00 & 12.30

Contact Tracy on 07753825622

THURSDAY

Art Class

Afternoons 2.00 – 4.00

Contact Dave on 0121 353 5338

Townswomen's Guild

Evenings at 7.30 (4th and 2nd alternate months)

Contact Josie Orme 0121 352 1042

FRIDAY

Pre School Phonics Class

Mornings 10.30 - 11.15

Contact Jenna on 07540583283

SATURDAY

RugbyTots

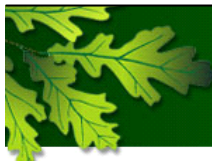
Mornings for children aged 2 – 7.

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Or visit our web site www.newhorizonscounselling.org.

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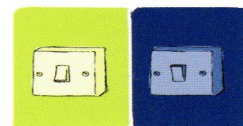
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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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Do you have experience of any of the following?

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Looking after someone regularly (including your spouse or a family member) because they are older, disabled or seriously ill

Running a community group or organisation

Do you live, work or have caring links in Sutton Coldfield?

Can you spare a few hours each month?

We want people like you to get involved in shaping the Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme and help us to enable citizens aged 50+ to lead healthy, happy, independent lives within their own homes and communities. There are lots of different ways to contribute, for example:

- being part of a group which meets up to talk about and test out new ideas
- reviewing marketing and publicity materials at home at a time to suit you, to make sure they communicate information to citizens in a clear and concise way
- sitting on our monthly grants panel to help make decisions around which activities or initiatives receive funding



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Sun (1st) 11.30 – 2.30 pm 10.00 am For details see website 10.30 am 11.00 am	Create at Gate with K & S Family Communion www.saintcolumbas.co.uk Family Worship Chikara Karate Kai	Community Hall St. Columba's Banners Gate CC Scout Hall	Kathy Weston Terry Lockyer Paul Murphy 07837	628 6651 354 5873 353 0230 39 57 89	
Mon 11am - 1.00pm 5.30 - 7.00pm 7.30 – 8.30 pm	Dementia Care The Girls' Society Line Dancing	Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall	Barbara H-Walker Diane Pursall	553 6483 747 4659	
Tues 9.15 - 12.00pm 6.15 am - 7.15am 4.30 - 5.25 & 5.30 - 6.25 6.30 – 7.30 & 7.30 – 8.30 7.45 pm	Coffee Morning 3rd Tuesdays Stay in Focus Fitness Kickboxing Line Dancing Chikara Karate Kai	Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall St. Columba's	Chris Brown 07914 Joe 07864 Diane Pursall Paul Murphy 07837	79 44 56 84 22 99 747 4659 39 57 89	
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Thurs 10.00 am 10.00–11.00 am 1.45 – 2.45 5.30–6.30 6.30 – 9.45 pm 7.15 – 10.15 pm (4th & 2nd alt months) 7.30 pm (1st) 8.00 pm	Holy Communion Yoga Yoga Stars (Children) Freestyle Martial Arts Zig Zag Dance Studio Bridge Townswomen's Guild Mothers' Union	St. Columba's Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall St. Columba's Community Hall Banners Gate CC St. Columba's	Tricia 07954 sally@yogastars.org Terese 07711 Warren 01902 Sylvia Cunningham 07870 Josie Orme Judith Fennell	354 5873 40 39 43 839303 897 900 82 98 37 352 1042 354 4390	BANNERS GATE COUNSELLING CENTRE Accessible and Affordable Counselling to Adults in the Community. The Upper Room St. Michael's House 198 Boldmere Road Sutton Coldfield Tel : 0121 354 6544 For information or an appointment please ring after 10 a.m. daily, except Wednesday
Fri 9.30–10.30 6.00 - 8.00pm	Yoga Stars (Children) Make It Happen Dance Co	Community Hall Community Hall	sally@yogastars.org Mario Fenko 07908	51 76 84	
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Banners Gate CC - June Dadd 07443 22 65 30
St. Columba's - Sallyanne Rowley 693 0084
Scout Hall - A & R Talliss 353 8166

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS:
Scouts: Margaret Drummond, 33rd GSL 353 5203
Girlguiding: Carol Gardner, Vesey West District Commissioner 350 7191

The Forum needs a new Minute Secretary

The Forum needs a new minute secretary to replace Jean who has retired through ill-health. We meet six times a year, every other month, on the last Monday of the month starting in January, except in May when it is the last but one Monday because of the Bank Holiday. There is no rush to produce the printed minutes because they are not needed to be included in the next newsletter for at least four weeks.



Patron HRH The Princess Royal GCVO

Thurs. 28th November - HENRY VIII
Thurs. 12th December - Christmas Party 2020
Thurs. 9th January - Bingo, Fish & Chips.

New members welcome.
If you wish to join our vibrant Guild please get in touch with Josie Orme 0121 352 1042.

Your advertisement could be here. Email the editor at bgatepost@gmail.com for details. It does not cost as much as you would think, for it to appear every other month for a whole year.

Gatepost always needs volunteers for illness and holidays delivering. On average it takes just 20 minutes. We also need volunteers to fold and collate Gatepost for 90 minutes, six times a year when we provide tea/coffee and biscuits/cake. If you can help please ring 605 4947. Your help would be much appreciated.

The 18th Sutton Coldfield West Scout Group and the 15th Sutton Coldfield West Scout Group have merged and are now named the 33rd Headquarters are at the Scout Hut, Coppice View Road. B73 6UE.

33rd Sutton Coldfield Scout Group,
H.Q. Coppice View Road
Monday Beavers 5.30 p.m. – 6.45 p.m. ages 6 – 8 years
Scouts 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. ages 10 ½ – 14 years
Tuesday Beavers 5.40 p.m. – 6.40 p.m. ages 6 – 8 years
Cubs 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. ages 8 – 10 ½ years
Thursday Cubs 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. ages 8 – 10 ½ years
Contact 0121 353 5203
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There are also places available in both Brownie units in September for girls aged 7 or 8.

For more information contact Carol Gardner on 350 7191.



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Day/Time	Activity	Venue	Contact	Tel
Mon 6.00 - 7.30pm	39th Brownies 354 5873	St Columba's Hall		
Tues 6.00 - 7.30pm	45th Brownies	St Columba's Hall	Carol Gardner	350 7191



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