

The dates of the next three meetings are: 27th January, 30th March and 18th May 2020

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BANNERS GATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM WISH ALL OUR DELIVERERS, DONORS, ADVERTISERS, CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.



This is a first for the Forum

On Monday, 27th January, Claire Hickman of Wiltshire Farm Foods will not only give us a talk and cook various dishes, Claire will also be giving all who are present a taste of each of the dishes she prepares, sweet and savoury.

So come along and bring a friend/s and your taste buds. It's not until the end of January so by then you'll be over the excesses of Christmas and the New Year. There will even be the usual coffee break to round it all off.



The Tablet Course restarted on Monday 6th January 2020 at 2.30 to 4 o'clock in the Communita Café in AgeConcern, Boldmere. We are fairly confident that the three main problem we will handle are these. How do I get on the internet? How do I send emails? What is an app and how do I find and use one? But try us with anything. In February we will be meeting on Tuesdays, again in the Communita Café. In March it will be Thursdays at the Communita Café. If you are interested please call the editor whose number is at the bottom of the page. We have tablets, iPad and Android, but can handle any make, you do not need your own, thanks to the generosity of Birmingham Airport who funded tablets, covers and insurance.



Sue Atkins – Imperial Service Medal Presentation

Presented by Her Honour Judge Carmel Wall at Birmingham Civil Justice Centre.



"I have the honour and privilege of presenting Sue Atkins with the Imperial Service Medal. This Medal is awarded to public servants of the UK, HM dominions, colonies and Protectorates, who have given at least 25 years of meritorious and unblemished service. The recipients of the award are in an exclusive group and Sue is a worthy recipient of this Medal. I should apologise to Sue at the outset for being a poor substitute for a member of the Royal family who unfortunately were not able to come to Birmingham to present the Medal today due to other almost certainly less important public engagements. To make things even worse, I have left my tiara at home.

I know that is particularly disappointing for Sue because as many of us know, Sue is passionate about the monarchy. She attends Royal Ascot every year and has worked with her father to make short documentary films about the Tower of London and Royal Windsor. Delighted that Sue's father and friend Joe can be here to share this important occasion with her.

We all miss her hard work and efficiency, but I suspect she is not missing us too much and is really enjoying her retirement. Sue, all of your former colleagues and friends are proud of you.

We are absolutely delighted that your incredible public service has been deservedly recognised in this way. Susan Atkins, I present you with the Imperial Service Medal, not just for 25 years but for 40 years of faithful service."

The full speech is on our blog at bannersgateneighbourhoodforum.com.

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Rob Pocock: Resolutions is to work on getting the roads and pavement repairs upgraded in our area. Some are in a totally awful state, such as the pavements in Hollyhurst Road and the road surface on the upper stretch of Westwood Road. You'll probably recall that the current contractor company for this, Amey, have been taken to task by the City Council for failing to maintain the roads and pavements to the standards of their contract. To cut a long story short, their contract has now been terminated.

Some new firms will be coming in shortly. I'll be pressing for a rapid catch-up on the huge backlog of neglect. The first success of this is in the long-awaited streetlight upgrade for Westwood Road which actually got under way before Christmas, and a proper re-surfacing of Clifton Rd / Somerville Rd in the area from Monmouth Drive down to Wyndley Leisure Centre and hopefully beyond. This has been patched and patched for years. Now a proper re-construction of the carriageway is going to be done under the new contracts within the first few weeks of January. Sorry this will mean inevitable delays while the much-needed work is done at last. But hopefully this will be the start of a return to the standards of road and placement maintenance that people rightly expect. If we can get some Town Council money added to this, all the better as it will mean we might at last get a premium service for the extra precept we are all paying over to the Town Council!



Kath Scott: Banners Gate and Parklands Neighbourhood has a lot of older and less mobile residents and I'm making it a priority to try and get more 'dropped kerbs' in the area, so that mobility scooters can get around easier. I've managed to secure some funding for this from the City Council Highways

Department. So, if anyone has some ideas of kerbs that are difficult to cross, for example at road junctions, please let me know.

Either email me direct on kath.scott@birmingham.gov.uk or you can phone me a message at the City Council office 0121 303 2039.

I've made a long-term commitment to this 'Accessible Sutton Vesey Ward' campaign. It's not just about older people - another priority is getting a pedestrian crossing on Monmouth Drive in the vicinity of Jevons Road to help young families at New Oscott Primary cross the road safely. I met the Head Teacher there before Christmas along with Rob and Manish, and we have agreed to back her campaign for this. We already have some City Council funding lined up for it and are now pressing the Town Council to match fund the project. If they meet their side of the bargain, then this could be done within the next few months

Alison Jolley: Traditionally New Year is a time for new beginnings with many people looking to implement changes in their daily lives, large or small. With this in mind I would like to draw attention to three local groups that I myself have visited recently or been involved with.

As most of you will agree Boldmere High Street is alive with activity every day of the week, but many people in the Banners Gate region may not be aware of activities that

are only a short bus ride away from this area of Vesey Ward.



Firstly, The Smilers group meet every Thursday 10.00- 12.00 at Boldmere Methodist Church Hall on Boldmere High St. From speaking to them at one of their recent meetings, I can vouch for the fact that this is a particularly friendly and vibrant group for retired people who enjoy

meeting up together for light refreshments. They often listen to a local speaker, with day trips on the agenda throughout the year.

The same venue is also a place of welcome every Friday morning from 10.30 until 12.30pm. This is open to anyone who would like to drop in and enjoy Informal light refreshments and a chat. Great if out and about at the shops.

At Banners Gate, The Pit Stop Cafe at St Columba's Church has also reconvened since Christmas. This new venture is very popular and is open on the first Saturday of every month, 09.00-12 noon.

All are welcome, so out in the park or just passing by, do drop in for excellent coffee, cake and good company. This is proving particularly popular with the Park Run participants who need to re-fuel post exercise!

Mindfulness is certainly gaining in popularity and the Carpenters Arms on Boldmere High Street is the venue for a group that meet every Thursday during term time, 7.30 - 8.45pm A couple of residents have mentioned to me how they find this activity so beneficial.

It is great that Vesey Ward has many varied activities on offer for residents to enjoy. The Communita Cafe also on the High Street, now has a wide fan base that is encouraging visitors of all ages from other local areas and beyond to visit regularly in a friendly and warm atmosphere.



Jan Cairns: I have spent a lot of time most recently helping local residents with local issues and opportunities and I have also enlisted the help of Andrew Mitchell our MP for Sutton Coldfield.

I am the Chair of the SCTC Health and Wellbeing Partnership that has a strong local

membership of all of the public services and the voluntary sector. We have had three very productive meetings that have investigated the challenges for our local public services especially out of hours and we have investigated how SCTC can contribute to local solutions that will ease the demand on our public services such as the NHS, Police and the Fire Service and will respond to the needs of our residents.

SCTC continues to push forward with the Regeneration Partnership for our Town Centre instigating a consultation on what residents want in our town. In Vesey we know that there is a strong sense that we have to preserve our Town Centre and to redesign and rebuild. The Town Council hears this and supports this. This work continues and remains a priority for the Town Council.



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.

Apologies. Hazel Pollock, Alison Jolley, Jan Cairns, Rob Pocock, Dave Cockbill and Sandra Hughes. (no councillors because of general election.)

Minutes. Agreed.

Matters Arising. None.

Correspondence. Dementia Friendly community event.

Vesey Ward Action Plan. Sixteen pages of the whole plan was compiled at Ward meetings. Please email for the Sutton Vesey Ward Plan: bgatepost@gmail.com

Tablets Course: This has not always been about Tablets. Instruction has been given on iPhones, iPads and other mobile phones. We have had funding for the six Androids and three Apples tablets that we use, and also three instructors. Home visits are also possible, if needed. The courses for the year 2020 will be run at AgeConcern's Communita Café in Boldmere from 2.30 p.m. on Mondays in January; Tuesdays in February and Thursdays in March. Girl Guides have offered to help for their community service awards.

Future Gatepost. The middle pages, in colour, have been used to promote the Boldmere Fair before Christmas. The next one, January/February, will be in black and white, also the March/April issue, but the May/June issue will, hopefully, be in colour again for the Boldmere Summer Festival. We are looking for funding to bring Vesey and Boldmere communities together.

Coffee mornings. The third Tuesday of the month there is a coffee morning at Banners Gate Community Hall. The next will be on 10th December at 10.30 – 12.30 p.m.

Blog. It is at bannersgateneighbourhoodforum.com and is instead of the website. Look there for information and the link to magistrates' information.

AOB None.

Date of next meeting is 27th January, 2020

Date of Gatepost deadline is 12th March.

Date of Gatepost folding is 19th March.

The speakers were Jayne Westley and David Warner who are magistrates at the Birmingham Court.

For 650 years there have been magistrates or Justices of the Peace, although similar their jobs are not quite the same. You can become a magistrate from the age of 18 to 70 although 20 is usually the youngest age and 65 is the oldest when you can be trained. All criminal cases go through the magistrates' court and 95% are dealt with by this court, although London takes all the terrorist cases. Six months is usually the longest sentence from a magistrates' court but murder cases go on to the crown or high court. The youth court is for 10 – 17 years old and the longest sentence given is 2 years.

Magistrates preside over the family court for adoption and child protection cases where they often give fines or a conditional discharge. They can also sit in the crown court as justices on appeal

cases. Magistrates take guided tours around the court buildings and help to run mock trials for school children. There is no financial reward for the job although there are meal allowances, travel expenses and, if necessary, reimbursements for the loss of money due to time taken off from employment. People become magistrates in order to give something back to the community. The commitment is at least twenty-six and a half days per year, usually in whole days. This often suits retired people who in fact may give three or more days per week.

A day may consist of:

10.00 a.m. - meeting at Lloyds House for a chair scrutiny panel.

12 noon - go across to court to check emails.

2.00 – 5.30 p.m. – sitting in court.

7.30 p.m. – addressing a community group.

Next day: Youngsters in for mock trial training.

Repetitive misdemeanours get harsher treatment.

Fines are decided by income and circumstances. If actions happened at the same time, then

sentences can run concurrently. There are 15 – 16,000 magistrates with only about 20 stipendiary magistrates who can take a court on their own.

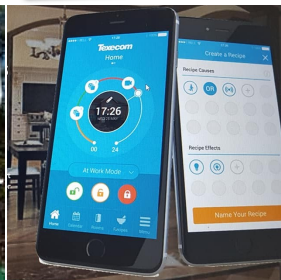
Usually two to three magistrates work together.

Jayne's journey to become a magistrate started after her retirement when she chose to volunteer as a Samaritan in Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country. She had been a personal assistant and assistant to the managing director in building project management. She applied in December and had the first panel interview in the following March. You are tested for characteristics such as rational thinking, common sense and an unbiased view. She had her second panel interview six months after that. She had 20 minutes to put 12 crimes in order of severity then another 20 minutes to study a case and pick out the salient facts. The final 20 minutes was spent discussing her answers with the panel. By October she was sworn in as a magistrate at the oak-panelled Heritage Court, making two oaths – one to the Queen and the other to the court. It had taken 10 months. Then there were three days to learn the mechanics of the job, the initial training, sentencing guidelines and be allocated a mentor. So, it takes a whole year to become a magistrate and your learning continues all the time, in order to know how to respond to domestic violence, modern slavery and knife crimes. You must be able to balance the views of the prosecution and the defence. Decisions are made by a majority of three, so you never make a decision on your own.

In 2011 local courts closed and they all have to go to Birmingham – reduced from 300 to 75 benches. Local justice has disappeared due to lack of local knowledge. The £120,000 a year District Judges are legally qualified and at Crown court the jury decides on the verdict, but the judge decides on the sentence. Barristers can earn more than the judge. The highest court in the land is the Supreme Court. There are fewer than 400 magistrates in Birmingham and applications are open for 30 more from January 2020.

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Date: Tuesday 28th January 2020

Time: 09:30 to 12:30

Location: St Giles Hospice, Lindridge Road, Sutton Coldfield, B75 6JB

Domestic abuse of older women is particularly under reported and recorded, and so we have invited Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid to run a session to raise awareness of the issues faced by women aged 55+ who are experiencing abuse, how to ask questions and how and where to refer those who want support.

The event is free to attend and is open to community groups and organisations in Sutton Coldfield.

If you wish to attend, please register via Eventbrite, using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raising-awareness-of-domestic-abuse-against-women-aged-55-tickets-86799765435>

Kind regards

Lynsey Hamilton

Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme Administrator

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Fri 28 Feb SOUND CLASH Northern Soul / The Interpreters SKA for QE Hospital Charity

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Thur 5 March THE LUTHER VANDROSS CELEBRATION

Fri 6 March LIVE AT THE TOWN HALL Comedy headlined by Paul Sinha (The Chase) £15

Fri 13 March BENEFIT GIG - Young bands for Brain Tumour Support inspired by Ben Sambrook

Fri 20 March AN EVENING WITH JEREMY VINE 'What the Hell's Going On?' £17 Selling Fast!

24-28 March TUDOR PRESENTS LEGALLY BLONDE On sale soon

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What's on next at Highbury Theatre?

Barefoot in the Park from 11-15 then 18-22 Feb

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FILM - Bohemian Rhapsody (cert 12A) 16 February

An award-winning performance by Rami Malek traces the extraordinary life of Freddie Mercury culminating in the outstanding Queen performance at Live Aid 1985.

Deep Cut from 17-21 then 24-28 March

Written by Philip Ralph and directed by Liz Parry. A docu-drama based on real life events. Some strong language.

Free glass of wine on 18 March!

FILM - Ice Cold in Alex (cert PG) 22 March

An epic journey across the Egyptian desert during the second world war.

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11 February - Strategy & Resources

25 February - Town Council Meeting

3 March - Planning & Highways Committee

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24 March - Strategy & Resources

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Tuesday

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Adults & Juniors:
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Wednesday

Sutton Girls' School

(Dance Studio at the
Back of the building)
Adults & Juniors (12+):
7.00pm—8.30pm

Thursday

All Saints' Church Hall

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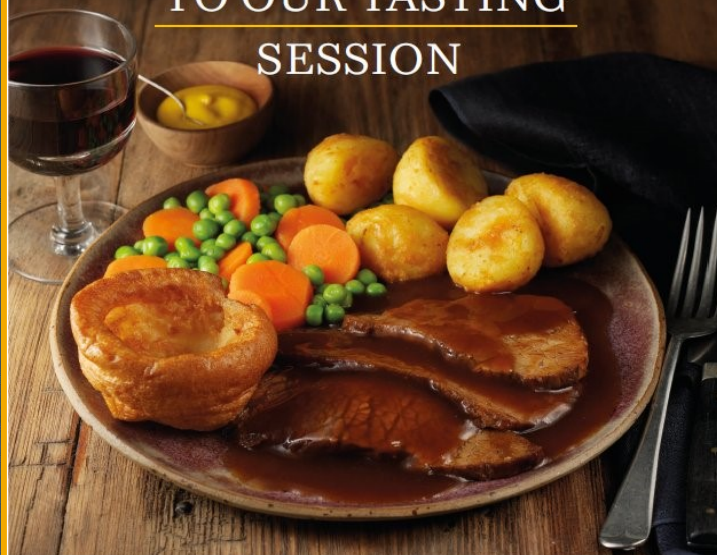


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CRIME REPORTING

**Sue Atkins is the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
for the Banners Gate area.**

Tel: 0121 354 6571

or email: sue_atkins@blueyonder.co.uk



An audience with Local Policing
Superintendent Sarah Burton
West Midlands Police

How the police and public work
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fear of crime, followed by an
open Q&A session



Sutton Coldfield Library
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Messy Church @ 4 p.m.
St Columba's Church Hall,
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12th January 2020



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Evenings 7.30 – 8.45 (term time only)

Contact Beth on 07719857450

TUESDAY

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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

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Mornings 10.30 - 11.15

Contact Jenna on 07540583283

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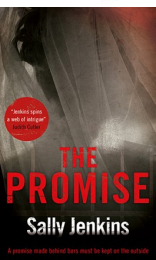
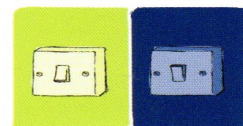
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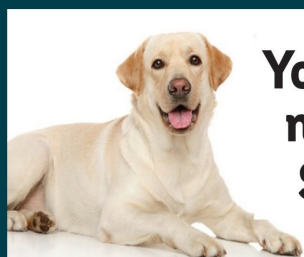
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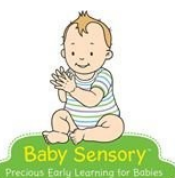
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Sun (1st) 11.30 – 2.30 pm 10.00 am For details see website 10.30 am 11.00 am	Create at Gate with K & S Family Communion www.saintcolumbas.co.uk Family Worship Chikara Karate Kai	Community Hall St. Columba's Banners Gate CC Scout Hall	Kathy Weston Terry 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	
Wed 9.30, 11.00 & 12.30 10.30 - 12.30 7.15—8.15	Baby Sensory Guide Dog Training I Yoga. Midlands	Banners Gate CC Community Hall Community Hall	Tracy Jones 0775 Madge Nightingale Angela Brookes 07939	82 56 22 360 0286 547392	
Thurs 10.00 am 10.00—11.00 am 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 Freestyle Martial Arts Zig Zag Dance Studio Bridge Townswomen's Guild Mothers' Union	St. Columba's Community Hall Community Hall St. Columba's Community Hall Banners Gate CC St. Columba's	Tricia 07954 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
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BOOKING SECRETARIES:
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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

To replace Jean who has retired through ill health. We meet six times a year, on the last Monday of every other 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 final minutes because they are not needed to be included in the next newsletter for at least four weeks. If you think you can manage it then why not try it for a meeting and see how you get on. There'll be no pressure for you to continue if it does not suit you, honest!



Patron HRH The Princess Royal GCVO

Thurs. 23rd January Howard Drury - To Maastricht & Back with a few gardening tips.
Thurs. 27th February Emma Barran-Scott - Sweet Heritage
Thurs. 12th March Home Entertainment
Thurs. 26th March Annual General Meeting
New members welcome.
If you wish to join our vibrant Guild please get in touch with Josie Orme 0121 352 1042.

Wanted, a Vice-Chair for the Forum

The job: mainly to stand in for the Chair, if absent - it has only happened once in 20 years. Also, to help generate new ideas and to assist in maintaining the variety of speakers we have for each meeting.

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

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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.



Girlguiding UK

Day/Time	Activity	Venue	Contact	Tel
Mon 6.00 - 7.30pm	39th Brownies	St Columba's Hall	Carol Gardner	354 5873
Tues 6.00 - 7.30pm	45th Brownies	St Columba's Hall		350 7191
Thurs 5.00 - 6.00pm	39th Rainbows	St Columba's Hall		354 5873