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If you feel you are able to join us in folding and collating Gatepost, or delivering (it takes about half an hour six times a year) when we restart, whenever that may be, I will be very happy to hear from you to fill in any details. The contact details are at the bottom of this page. **Tony**



Alison Jolley: Mamma Mia! Graffiti is here again. You will see from looking at the before and after photos that I have been out and about targeting graffiti all around Vesey and getting it sorted ASAP. As you know the Sutton Coldfield Town Rangers are a fantastic resource for our Town and after a quick call they swiftly came along and put things to rights again as you can see by looking at the pictures.



Unfortunately, they are very often required to target ugly graffiti spots like this but can you imagine how scruffy and down at heel our town would be if we hadn't got this fast responding service? The Town Council launched and totally finances this service which not only targets graffiti but also clears overgrown vegetation, clears litter from our streets together with other general cleaning activities.

Clearing graffiti drains public funds, research shows Britain spends several million pounds per year repeatedly clearing it, think of all that money which

could be better spent on all manner of local community initiatives and improvements. Graffiti hurts business and many people associate graffiti with general decline of an area, even if it's not true. Consequently, businesses often lose custom as the area is no longer pleasing to visit.

I have also been meeting up with local residents in Boldmere to chat about the implications of lockdown and also caring for loved ones with lifelong conditions. We spoke about dementia and the new support group meeting up together over coffee, please see the accompanying details with regards to this. A friendly welcome is assured.

Best wishes, Alison Jolley.

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Rob Pocock: According to recent research, there are now 3.5 million extra dogs in the country since the pandemic. That's an extra dog for every 8 households. Given that Gatepost covers 2,500 households in the Banners Gate and Parklands neighbourhood, then at a

guess that means 300 more dogs in the area. Dogs and other pets have helped guard people against loneliness and isolation in recent times, so from that angle all is good news.

Many new dog owners are fresh to the game, and so it's not surprising we're also getting a few problems.

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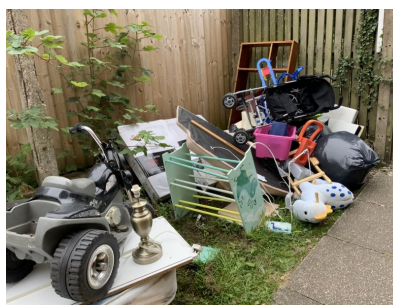
To any new dog owner, a reminder – it's illegal to allow your dog to foul the pavement. If your new doggie should 'drop one' on the pavement then you should pick it up with gloves or a plastic bag and take it home with you. If there's a litter bin handy you can use this (no need to just use dog waste bins) but all in all, it's best to take all deposits back to the household.

You can let dogs off the leash in parks, but they must always be under control. Once again, it is illegal to allow dogs to roam out of control in parks. And when walking on the pavement or roadside grass verge, all dogs should be on a lead at all times.

Another troublesome issue hit my inbox over the summer period. The grass on the Lapworth Drive island, on the Parklands, had been left to grow long at the request of some residents around it. However, others of their neighbours were not impressed as the grass grew uncut and raised complaints. Fortunately, I think we have now got a compromise, with the grass cut back again now, and the options for a proper wildflower area in the middle of the island to be considered next year. All in all, the lesson seems to be, with changes of this sort, it's best for residents to come to a broad consensus on what's preferred, before the decisions are made. I guess this is called democracy!

Alison Jolley: Many thanks indeed to a vigilant resident who made contact with me only recently, regarding a large and growing heap of trash on public land in Vesey ward. Yes, it's a fact of life, an unloved location or overflowing bin area attracts the attention of other tipplers and before long the heap is twice the size and three times as smelly, hence the importance of early detection and

subsequent removal.



I am glad to say I was able to have this particular stack cleared rapidly due to the rapid response of the City Council fly tipping team after my initial contact with them. Councils in England are having to pay millions of pounds a year in street cleaning to combat litter and fly tipping. This prevents finite resources reaching vital services that all communities need in order to grow and flourish. Rubbish dumping is illegal which can lead to a fine of £50,000 along with imprisonment. Birmingham City Council has a clear web page that details how to report fly tipping but do please get in touch regards to issues like this if required.

We are fortunate in Sutton that we have a vast number of residents and workers who are keen to keep our town a great place to live. Grateful thanks indeed to the many residents and also schools who organise and partake in local litter picks for dropped paper, cans etc, It makes a massive difference particularly as lockdown has seen an increase in litter amongst hedges, parkland and roads.

I can always be contacted by email:
alison.jolley@suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

Banners Gate Community Church, Westwood Road Calendar for October

Baby Phonics every Monday morning, all day Thursday and Friday morning.

Contact jenna@robotreg.co.uk for full details and availability.

Baby Sensory every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Contact Tracy at suttoncoldfield@babysensory.co.uk for full details and availability.

Friday afternoon coffee cake and chat on the 8th and 22nd from 2.30 till 5.00. All ages welcome.

Sunday Worship 3rd, 17th, 31st 10.30 am until 11.45 am

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.

Hello From St Columba's Church:

Well, the new term has well and truly started. The schools are back, traffic jams have reappeared as a part of daily life and here at St Columba's we are getting back to some kind of normal. The service rota is completed and our plans for Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, and of course Christmas, are beginning to take shape. It feels good to be looking ahead, but at the same time there is always the question of 'what if something changes?' because as we well know, the uncertainty has not gone away.

And the uncertainty isn't just about Covid. Like many of you, my gas supplier went bust last week. We see food and petrol prices going up, environmental concerns are in the news again and to be honest the news headlines don't always offer reassurance, do they? For many Furlough will end very soon, whilst for others grief and disappointment dominate life. All these things cause anxiety, and these are just some of the concerns that people carry, so if that is how you feel today, please know that you are not alone.

At St Columba's we encourage people to bring their real lives, their worries, their concerns, their celebrations, and their joys through the church doors each time we gather. For some people it's a new experience to gather in a church and not have to pretend that everything is 'fine.' We don't promise that as a church we can make everything better, but we do believe that faith in Jesus can help each one of us live, love and see things differently.

Jesus says these words to anyone who will listen and to anyone who is looking for a different way to live. It is an invitation to all.

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Matthew 11:28-30 The Message Bible

You will always be very welcome at our weekly service – why not come visit us.

We meet every Sunday @10am and this term we have the following special services which are all at 10am unless otherwise stated.



Oct 10th – "Harvest Festival" we give thanks for all that we have.
Oct 31st – "Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow"
(A Memorial Service that will allow us to remember those we have loved and lost.)
Nov 14th - Remembrance Day.
November 28th – Rise and Shine Breakfast Church @9am
Dec 12th Christingle Service.
(It involves an orange, some sweets, red ribbon, and a candle – don't worry we will explain everything!)
Dec 19th Carol Service @ 4.30pm
Dec 24th Crib Service @ 4pm, Midnight Communion @11.30pm
Dec 25th Christmas Day service @10am

Contact us: vicar.bannersgate@gmail.com; 01213545873; www.stcolumbasbannersgate.co.uk

Our school is growing from strength to strength. We have been so glad to welcome new families into school for the new academic year. From our newest Nursery and Reception cohorts to new pupils across Years 1 to 6, it has been wonderful to see our school grow!

We have been blown away by how our children have settled into their new classes, how smart they look in their uniforms and how hard they are working for their new teachers. We look forward to seeing this embed in the coming weeks.

The year ahead looks bright with some new curriculum content and enrichment planned, along with the continuation of our improvement journey across school. We are pleased to be able to offer tours of school to new and prospective parents again. Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

Mrs Middleton, Head of School

Phone: 01214647355

Email: enquiry@suttonparkprimary.co.uk

Spotlight on... READING

Reading continues to be an area of high focus for us as a school. We are pleased to report that the library is now open and 'Snuggle Up and Read' is back! Each Friday, teachers will be choosing a superstar reader to bring home the snuggle suitcase.

We hope that you enjoy sharing the high-quality books inside over the weekend and ask that the suitcase is returned to school on Monday.

As part of our home-school agreement we ask all children to read regularly at home and to an adult at least three times per week. Home reading journals will be sent home soon for you to record any home reading in. Prizes are available for pupils committed to developing their reading skills and reading for pleasure.



Art Gallery:

In the summer term, every year group participated in a whole-school art project. Each year group was assigned a focus artist and worked hard to replicate their artistic techniques. They then created their own masterpieces in the style of their assigned artist.

The end results are AMAZING! We chose a sample of final pieces and have displayed these in our new gallery. This runs the length of our main school corridor and looks stunning.

Well done to all year groups for working so hard, honing their artistic skills and expressing themselves so well.



Outdoor learning and enrichment:

We are pleased to announce that we are continuing to work with Roots to Fruits this year on our outdoor learning enrichment sessions.

We are so lucky to have our very own polytunnel and plan to use it to its full potential!

Music:

Years 4 and 5 have started learning a musical instrument this September. Our school instrument of choice is the ukulele and children are having lots of fun learning how to play it in their weekly lesson! We look forward to showcasing their new skills across the academic year.



Keep in Touch



Have your say on Birmingham City Councils customer services principles and themes



[An invitation to have your say](#)
from Councillor Brigid Jones,
Deputy Leader of
Birmingham City Council

Birmingham City Council, invites you to give us your feedback on the principles and themes for a new Customer Service Strategy.

Every single resident, business and visitor of Birmingham is our customer. We know we can do better in making you feel valued and want to ensure that in the future our resources are organised in such a way that your needs are met and that you have the full focus of our attention.

To do this, we want everyone to tell us what they think of the strategy. Your views will help us make sure we get the customer experience right for everyone.

We have developed a set of customer service **principles**, and we will hold ourselves and partners, that deliver services on our behalf, accountable to ensure we deliver on them. The principles are:

We will work better together with you
Make quicker decisions for you
Reduce your need to contact us
Tell us once
Taking a proactive approach to Customer Services

To support our principles we have created four **themes**. These themes set out the types of things we will do to improve our customer service to you. The themes are:

A customer focussed council
A connected council
A smarter council
A connected city

We need you to tell us if we have got these right.

The survey closes on Monday 27 September.

[Link to Survey](#)

Useful Birmingham City Council phone numbers

Council service	Contact number
Adults social care	0121 303 1234
Adults Out of Hours Home Care Service	0121 464 5001
Anti social behaviour	0121 303 1111
Benefits (includes Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support)	0121 464 7000
Cemeteries (out of hours emergencies only)	0121 464 8728
Child protection - concerned about a child?	0121 303 1888
Council tax	0121 303 1113
Domestic violence	0121 303 0368 or 0121 303 0369
Emergency duty team	0121 675 4806
Environmental health	0121 303 6007
Highways/Flooding/Transportation (out of hours only)	0121 303 4149
Homelessness	0121 303 7410
Housing repairs	0121 216 3330
Parks emergencies	0121 464 8728
Planning	0121 303 1115
Pollution of brooks and streams or report an environmental incident	0800 807060
Register office	0121 675 1000
Rubbish (Waste and Recycling)	0121 303 1112
School admissions and pupil placements	0121 303 1888
Switchboard	0121 303 9944
Transportation emergencies	0121 303 4149

SignVideo BSL interpreting service for deaf people

Read about how you can use [SignVideo BSL interpreting service for deaf people](#) to contact Birmingham City Council.

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Next Generation Text

If you have a speech impairment, are deaf or hard of hearing you can contact Birmingham City Council by **Next Generation Text** (also known as **Text Relay** and **TypeTalk**).

Dial 18001 before the full national phone number.

Minicom: 0121 303 1119 or 0121 675 8221

You can call the council's Contact Centre using your own advocate to translate for you without written notice. If you need to arrange for this service, go to [Brasshouse Translation and Interpreting Services](#)



Alert- Vehicle Crime

We have seen an increase in reports of vehicle crime in Birmingham in recent weeks. There are steps that you can take to help to protect your vehicle.

Keyless theft: When vehicles are stolen using an electronic device to access the signal to your key fob. You can prevent this by purchasing a signal blocker bag to store your key fob in once you have parked up <https://faradaybag.com/key-shields/>. Alternatively you can store your keys in a foil lined tin to stop the signal being picked up by a relay tracker device that has the range to pick up signals from outside your home.

Theft of High Value Vehicles: When storing a vehicle in a locked and secure garage isn't possible, then secondary security measures are advisable. Criminals want to steal your vehicle as quickly as possible so putting layers of security in place will help to deter them. Consider using a Disklok <https://www.disklokuk.co.uk/>.

Theft from vehicles: After parking up at your destination or at home for the evening remove all valuables from your vehicle and make sure it is locked and secure. Opportunist thieves go out in the early hours trying car door handles to see what they can find. Items such as tools, sat navs, laptops phones, sunglasses and loose change are just what they are hoping to steal. So please take a minute before going to bed to check your vehicle is locked.

There's lots of really useful vehicle crime prevention advice on our website <https://west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/theft-motor-vehicle-0>

For all other crime types visit <https://west-midlands.police.uk/crime-prevention>
We'd like to thank residents that have been in touch with information and CCTV footage to help our investigations. Our officers are out on active patrols to target known offenders and speaking to residents to gather intelligence.

Message Sent By

Anthony Wilkes (Police, Engagement & Consultation Officer, Partnerships Lloyd House)



Snaplock and Bogus Officials

I am sorry to say that there has been 2 Burglaries in the Vesey Ward in the past few days.

The first one I want to make you aware about, relates to 2 white Males in their 30's managing to convince a frail elderly person that they were Fire Safety Officers and needed to do a fire survey. They gained entry and said that the resident needed a service and took the vulnerable persons bank card 'to pay for the service' and made off.

The second Burglary is where persons unknown have gained entry to a property by snapping the lock to a UPVC door. fortunately the residents dog scared them off before they got anything of value

Please:-

Change any 'Eurolock' type for an Anti-Snap lock and never leave your keys in the door.

Also:-

Please do not let Anyone into your home who cannot prove who they are and even if they have an ID card and you are still not certain, get their details and call the organisation they are representing with a telephone number you have found to confirm the caller is genuine. (if they are genuine, they should not mind waiting)

Message Sent By

Ian Willetts (Police, PCSO, Sutton Coldfield)

Streetwatch Volunteers Required

The Vesey Neighbourhood Team are looking for more volunteers to join our existing Streetwatch schemes in Boldmere and its neighbouring areas.

StreetWatch is a community led initiative which allows you to make a difference where you live.

StreetWatch groups are made up of volunteers from local communities. They carry out street patrols, but have no police powers.

Streetwatch is about local residents promoting good citizenship and supporting a better neighbourhood by patrolling their own streets. They provide visible reassurance and appropriately engage in local issues that matter most to your community.

As a Street Watch member, you will patrol your local area for at least **two** hours every month, at times which suits you.

Your local street watch co-ordinator will give you day to day support, so you know what to look out for and you will also have support from your local police.

If the group sees suspicious activity, they report it to the policing team, but do not get involved.

For more information please email streetwatch@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk or email the Sutton Vesey Policing Team at suttonvesey@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regard,

PCSO Singh 31410

MORE MEMORIES OF SCOTLAND - A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE



Ballater

We had been staying in Ballater, Aberdeenshire for some years and had remained friends with Laura, a member of the Balmoral staff since first arriving in the Balmoral area. 1986 was the 100th Anniversary since Queen Victoria inspected the Black Watch Regiment at Ballater Station on her way to Balmoral Castle, built in 1866 and was the end of the line as H.M. would not permit the railway company to go through her estate to reach Braemar. To celebrate this event Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth planned to repeat this. We wished to go and watch as it promised to be something of interest.

The night before this event we received a phone call from our friend Laura, mentioned in a previous article. She had obtained permission from H.M.'s Personal Security officer for us to go to the Castle and witness a professional 'prank' which the staff and estate workers, along with Prince Charles, had contrived for the Duke & Duchess of York's arrival from honeymoon. This was to be performed within the castle grounds. Of course, we didn't hesitate as this was to be a once in a lifetime event. On arriving we were told where to park (within the grounds) hidden behind some trees and then make our way to the first cross-roads in the middle of the woodland where we joined the Balmoral and Buckingham Palace staff already assembled.

Prince Charles walked down from the Castle wearing an RAF cap back-to-front, an RAF tunic, his kilt, plus Biggles-type goggles. He mingled with the crowd awaiting the arrival of Her Majesty's car with Andrew and Sarah. The Princess of Wales arrived first, driving William and Harry (both small children) with Nanny Barbara Barnes. The Royal Car carrying the Queen and the Duke & Duchess were next to arrive and Prince Charles stood in the middle of the road, stopping the car, holding up his arms, policeman-like. He ordered the Duke & Duchess out while Her Majesty was then driven to the castle to be greeted by the Factor, the Minister, the Doctor and the Lord Lieutenant of the County after which she met with all the ghillies (gamekeepers).



Balmoral Castle

The 'prank' arrived through the trees to the tune of the 'Dambuster's' March. An open truck covered with blue and white sheeting, (representing sky and clouds) and on the back a bright yellow helicopter complete with rota blades, dials etc. The couple were 'encouraged' to climb aboard. It was the most amazing sight with a red, white and blue crown on front and back, a blue flashing light on top and the words 'DUCHYYORKIE' printed on each side along with the date of their wedding. Once aboard, they donned Biggles-type helmets along with goggles and with the Queen's Piper leading the way, they were ready for the slow drive up to the castle. Both thought it great fun.

The Prince & Princess of Wales began to follow with their children, while the rest of us also followed the procession to the Castle. After alighting the Duke and Duchess were greeted by the dignitaries.

At this point, the Queen, wearing a peacock blue coat and hat, suddenly knelt and kissed a corgi on its lead. (Apparently, we learned later, she had given this dog as a puppy the previous year, to the daughter of a staff member).

After all the introductions the Royal Family bade a temporary farewell to the staff assuring them they would be seeing them again throughout their stay.

We continued on our day, hardly believing the spectacle we had witnessed, the royals relaxed. This was the beginning of their holiday.



Bank Manager and his ladies

The Ballater residents also celebrated the 200th anniversary by holding a 'Victorian Week' where shopkeepers and residents donned Victorian clothes and dressed their shop windows accordingly. Bunting draped across the street and from people's houses flags flew in the breeze. Highland Nights were held on the village green and in the Victoria Hall in Station Square. During the evening we saw people strolling the streets in top hats and frock coats, the ladies wearing crinolines, creating the Victorian atmosphere. The large church on the village green held a Victorian flower festival with Victorian artefacts included. The festive atmosphere provided us with some unexpected interest to our holiday.

Unfortunately the station was destroyed by fire in the early hours of an August day in 2015, a terrible shock to the community as it was a regular coffee shop and restaurant. In 2018 it was restored, the restoration team being led by Halliday Fraser Munro.

Ann Tomes

FOLIO - Friends of Libraries In Our Sutton Coldfield ...

... held three events recently, and there was another on Saturday during the EXPO event in Sutton Coldfield's Parade, did you see it?

On display are very old maps, old books, old photos and even old matchboxes.



Thank you for the photo, a.c.g.

The first picture is the event at Age Concern, Boldmere on 11th August.

The second was taken at Banners Gate Community Hall on 14th September and the third is Helen, totally absorbed.

The last picture was taken at Trinity Church on 18th September.

Elizabeth Allison, BEM, Cllr John Cooper and Zoe Toft are behind the tables, from left to right.



Banners Gate Community Hall



Happy Helen



Trinity Church, Mill Street

Many years ago, I had to travel across to Normandy in France for my company to inspect equipment they were manufacturing. My company duly telexed the hotel located in a small village local to the factory, explaining I would be arriving late evening, around 11.30 pm for a two-night stay, and they duly received confirmation of the booking.

It was a long tiring drive and journey, with me duly arriving around 11.45pm at the hotel. The hotel was in darkness with the reception door locked, this made me feel uneasy, particularly when no one answered the door to me despite knocking and some yells. My initial thoughts were this is just what I need a night on the backseat of the car.

Bienvenue
en
France



There was a security keypad alongside the door and, no word of a lie, I just in frustration punched a group of numbers onto it and bingo the door clicked, and I was in. I went to the reception desk, I was on a roll now, looked at what room keys there were left on the board at the back of reception. I took room 30 and wrote a message for receptionist, explaining what I had done and climbed the stairs. The corridor had all these light push switches which hardly gave you time to walk the corridor before they went out. Undaunted I found room 30 got in easily this time!!!

The room was small and basic it had the appearance of emergency accommodation. Not for



me. I remembered there were other rooms available on that key rack. So down I trip and select another key modifying my message to room 27.

Bingo a lovely room big double bed and nice bathroom. So, I minimally unpack and collapse into bed, just before I drop off, I think, "Am I in the right hotel?" but sleep quickly overtakes me.



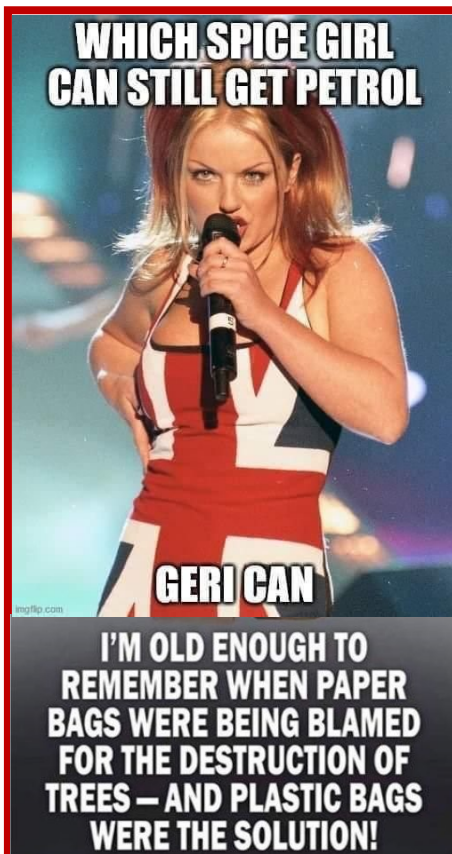
The next morning, I breeze into the dining room and order petit déjeuner. As I am eating a lady approaches my table looking very fretful and says "Bonjour messier Jzones I am so sorry I completely forgot you were coming so I lock up and live just a block away. How did you get into Zer otel you are so clever? Not only that, you even picked ze room I had reserved for you." I tried to not look too James Bond-ish and said, "It all ended OK."

She said, "When you dine tonight ze drinks will be on ze otel."

In the evening, I saw her and the chef peering through the oval window of the kitchen door. She was pointing me out to him, he probably thought more Houdini than James Bond. It was quite hilarious. On arriving home and relaying the story to my wife she said, "I bet the first thing she did when you drove off the car park was to change the door security code."



Thanks Eric, will you pick some lottery numbers for me please? Tony



I can see them tossers queuing for petrol from my bathroom 😊



The annual Expo was held today, Saturday 25th September, in the Parade in Sutton Coldfield. There were thirty-two (at least, that is how many business cards, leaflets, booklets, etc., that I managed to collect) organisations, businesses, clubs, supports groups, etc., that risked the weather (it was warm and dry) to display and advertise their presence in and around Sutton Coldfield.

On the following page is a hastily constructed montage of the aforesaid leaflets, etc., (too many etc) that I managed to collect. They are all small but, fortunately, with the pdf format you can enlarged them. At 500% you should be able to read all of them. If you still cannot read part of one of them, drop me an email and I'll send you the complete item.

Tony

Streety Flower Arrangers Club

We are a friendly club and promote the Art of Flower Arranging by holding Flower Arranging Demonstrations and "Hands On" workshops with qualified tutors.

We meet at 2pm on the second Tuesday of the month at Streety Community Centre, Foley Road East, Streety, Sutton Coldfield B74 9JH

The next meeting on Tuesday 14th October with Linda Barry "Creating Rainbows"

Tuesday 16th November with Emma Birmingham "Christmas Cards"

Refreshments and free drinks are served

For more details contact Chris Brown 0121 354 1494

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ProMobile

Hey Pretty Lady.

I hope this booklet finds you happy and well.

My name is Emma Caine and I am your local personal stylist. I work with every day clothes to empower them into confidence in their everyday life by helping them to style themselves in a way that makes them feel good about themselves when they get dressed in the morning, and then through the rest of the day as well.

We can help you to develop your style confidence, whether they're related to your confidence, body image, organisation or even how to shop. Because I truly believe that every single woman deserves to feel confident, good about themselves when they get dressed in the morning, and then through the rest of the day as well.

For people my website and social media handles below, so you can get more ideas and how we can help you. Please, come to speak soon!

Emma Caine

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Trinity Photography Group

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What we do: We are a group of girls who love to dance, sing, and have fun. We are looking for new members to join our group.

What we need: We need girls who are aged 10-16, who are interested in dance, singing, and having fun. We are looking for girls who are confident and can work well in a group.

What we offer: We offer a fun and friendly environment where girls can learn to dance, sing, and have fun. We also offer a chance for girls to perform and to be part of a team.

What we want: We want girls who are interested in dance, singing, and having fun. We want girls who are confident and can work well in a group.

What we can do: We can help girls to learn to dance, sing, and have fun. We can also help girls to perform and to be part of a team.

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What's the focus?

- The masterplan focuses on the main commercial and residential areas of the town centre, including the area around the town hall.
- The masterplan aims to improve the quality of the environment, including the streets, the buildings, and the public spaces.
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A guide to choosing and using your bike

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Future generations depend on us acting today. Our government ministers can work to achieve the international agreement that is needed to prevent our planet from flooding, drought, wild fires and crop failure.

Please follow the lead of the churches and ask your MP to take the climate emergency seriously.

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What we do: We are a local charity supporting communities across Sutton Coldfield and North Birmingham. We are looking for volunteers to help us with our work.

What we need: We need volunteers who are aged 16 or over, who are interested in helping others, and who can commit to a regular schedule of volunteering.

What we offer: We offer a fun and friendly environment where volunteers can learn and grow. We also offer a chance for volunteers to make a difference in their community.

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Eating in the 50s

1. Pasta was not eaten.
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
5. Crisps were plain: the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on, or not.
6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
7. A Big Mac what we wore when it was raining.-
8. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
9. Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.
10. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
11. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
12. Fish didn't have fingers.
13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
15. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
16. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
17. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
18. Cooking outside was called camping.
19. Seaweed was not a recognised food.
20. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
21. Prunes were medicinal.
22. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
23. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughingstock!
24. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!

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SHARED READING AT SUTTON COLDFIELD LIBRARY

A weekly opportunity to get together for a short while to enjoy reading or listening to stories and poems with others



**A collaboration between FOLIO Sutton Coldfield,
Sutton Coldfield Library and The Reader**

Everyone is welcome, there is no preparation or pre-booking required, and there is no pressure to take part on a regular basis. Come whenever you are able, to listen and participate as much as you would like.

How Shared Reading Works

A small group of people, one of them a trained Reader Leader, reads an extract from a great novel or short story and a poem aloud. From time to time we pause to reflect on what we have read so far and exchange reflections and opinions. Nobody is obliged to say anything or read aloud, you are welcome to sit back and listen to others if that is what you want to do, or participate with your own observations if you feel you have anything to add.

Sessions are held in Sutton Coldfield Library every Thursday from 9th September 2021 at 2.15pm and last approximately 90 minutes, led on alternate Thursdays by FOLIO Sutton Coldfield volunteer Sally and by Library staff member Richard. Sessions are free, and refreshments will be provided

Come along and try it, and see if it's something you might enjoy. If you enjoy reading we think you will enjoy this! For more information, please email Sally at sharedreading@foliosuttoncoldfield.org.uk or Library staff member Richard at Sutton.coldfield.library@birmingham.gov.uk, or ask to speak to Richard in person in the library.

An uncertain future

How will wildlife cope with the changing climate?



[Find out](#) >

The evenings are drawing in, the leaves are beginning to turn and there's a chilly nip in the morning air – it can only mean one thing. It's officially autumn! I don't know about you, but I love this time of year: the gorgeous changing colours, the beauty of morning dew illuminating a spider's web, and the hustle and bustle as many of our summer migrants leave our shores and other birds start arriving.

It can seem like the familiar rhythms of nature continue unaltered around us, but report after report has shown that our world is changing. The climate is warming, which is affecting everything from sea temperatures and the severity of our weather to the timing of the seasons – and this is affecting many of our best-loved species. Swallows (like the one pictured above) are returning earlier to the UK and blue tits can't always find enough food for their chicks. Worryingly, for some birds such as puffins, these changes are having a serious effect on their numbers.

That's why the RSPB has joined with The Climate Coalition for the Great Big Green Week, which takes place from 18 to 26 September. Together, we'll be highlighting the dangers climate change poses for nature here in the UK – and what we can do to tackle it and protect wildlife, people and the planet.

Read on to find out more, as well as how you could get involved with Great Big Green Week.



Jamie Wyver
Notes on Nature Editor



It's Great Big Green Week

There's still time to get involved!

[Get Active](#) >

Before I introduce this week's Notes on Nature, I wanted to share some **exciting news** with you... the Secretary of State has listened to your calls for improvements to the Environment Bill. Yesterday Defra announced England would be the first country ever to have legally binding targets to halt the decline of wildlife – a huge win for Revive Our World and for nature. Thanks to each and every one of you for your support, you've been instrumental in securing this change.

If you've been reading Notes on Nature over the past few weeks, you'll know we're really excited about Great Big Green Week. Today's the first day! We hope you're keen to get stuck in. It will be the UK's biggest ever event for nature and the climate, so we'd love you to get involved.

If you hadn't heard, [Great Big Green Week](#) is a week of action when we celebrate nature and the climate, as well as call on ambitious laws to protect the planet. What will you be doing this week? I'll be doing wildlife gardening, and checking out the fascinating panel discussions that the RSPB is running.

If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time to get involved. Simply click the link below and make your actions count.



Have a great (big, green) week!

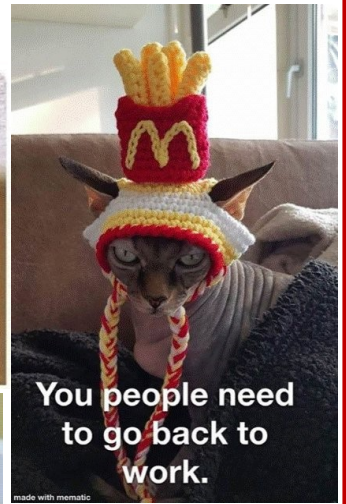
Jamie Wyver
Notes on Nature Editor

Have your lockdowns been like this?

NO, I'M NOT COMING DOWN!
We've been on 20 walks today. Leave me alone.



Day 18 of lock down. Filled the dog with helium.



Bob cat



15 days containment I'M FINE
THANK YOU

13:20



Please don't walk me again. Find something to watch on Netflix, read a book. But leave me alone.



HEARD THE NEIGHBOR COUGH



**When your human is a
hairstylist in quarantine!**



After 2 weeks of not going out, this bear came to check if everything is ok.

Sutton Coldfield Society of Artists



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Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older

1. What you do today may be like a jar of Jalapeno Peppers and be a burning issue tomorrow.
2. In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
3. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
4. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital dying of nothing.
5. Give a person a fish and you can feed them for a day. Teach a person to use a computer or mobile phone and they won't bother you for weeks or maybe years.
6. Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
7. Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which you can die.
8. Life is sexually transmitted.
9. Death is the number one killer in the world.

The last 18 months have changed our lives, but look what time has done to the price of a house in Westwood Road.

I believe the estate was bounded by Chester Road North, Banners Gate Road, |George Frederick Road and Sutton Oak Road.

It begun 1935/36 and it was uncompleted when war broke out in 1939 (I have a photograph taken in 1947 Of Chester Road North – free of houses at one point.

As regards the houses themselves, we live in Type C £525. Several of the houses in Westwood Road are Type A, £615, Type B, £575 and Type C, £525. Type D, £650, can be seen in Reay Nadin Drive between Westwood Road and Chester Road North. A lot of houses have been modified and extended since they were built.

Banners Gate School was here when we came to live in the area, but a number of residents then, who bought their houses new, as they were built, have told us that the school had been set aside for tennis courts.

Hope this may be of interest.

David Fleming

GENERAL SPECIFICATION

DAMP COURSE.	Welsh slates set in neat cement.
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LIGHTING.	Wired throughout complete with switches, pendants and lampholders. Power points in Kitchen, Hall, Landing, Dining room and 3rd Bedroom.
GAS.	Points in all main rooms, also point for cooker in kitchen. Gas boiler supplied and connected complete.

Selection of grates and decorations left to the purchasers.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Subsoil—Sand.	
Sutton Coldfield Rates	... 10/2 in the pound.
Estate is served with water from Birmingham Corporation Mains.	
Water Rate	... 12½% of rateable value.
Gas supply is laid on from mains of Birmingham Gas Dept.	
Charges	... 3/2 per 1000 cu. ft. or 8d. per therm.
Electric supply from Sutton Coldfield Electricity Dept.	
Charges:—Lighting	... 4½d. per unit.
Power	... 1½d. "

ACCESS TO THE ESTATE.

7 minutes walk to the terminus of the 33, 29 and 29a B'ham Corporation Bus Services at the corner of Rough Road and Kings Road. During the week end the 29 and 29a Buses run to the entrance of Sutton Park, which is one minute's walk from the site and it is understood that this service is to be continued regularly throughout the week after the end of the summer of 1937.

Fares—5d. single to city.
5d. workmen's return.



TYPE "A."

PRICE £615 LEASEHOLD.	Ground Rent £8 0. 0.
Rateable Value £28. 0. 0.	
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Building Society Repayments	... 16. 5.
Rates	... 5. 5.
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Ground Rent	... 3. 1.
Total Weekly Outgoings	... 25. 10½.

This type is a really fine large detached house on a large plot of land with a frontage of 12 yards. The accommodation comprises Covered Porch entrance to large hall with useful cloakroom off if desired. Power plugs fitted in the hall and landing.

KITCHEN size 8 ft. 6 in. x 7 ft. 6 in. tiled half way up the walls. Fitted with a bay window in which are a Gas Boiler and a deep white Glazed Sink. Vitreous enamelled Ideal Boiler supplied here for the hot water supply. Power plug installed in convenient position for Iron, etc.

BATHROOM. Tiled walls. Built in square bath. Pedestal Wash basin. Heated linen cupboard. Separate W.C.

DINING ROOM excluding large French bay with door

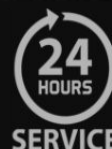
LOUNGE excluding large bay window	... 11ft. 6in. x 12ft. 7½in.
BEDROOM K	... 11ft. 6in. x 12ft. 7½in.
BEDROOM 2	... 11ft. 6in. x 12ft. 7½in.
BEDROOM 3	... 7ft. 9 in. x 8ft. 3in.

Large brick built garage and coals. Concrete paved yard and drive. Artificial stone wall to front boundary. Other boundaries securely fenced.



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Sept Our News - The Neighbourhood Watch National Newsletter

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We are delighted to bring you the [September OUR NEWS edition](#) – a monthly newsletter for all Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales.

This edition introduces you to our Neighbour of the Year Awards 2021 - open for nominations from 14th September, the no-excuse approach to gas safety, fraud trends, rural crime reporting, discount offers from ERA and Patlock for our readers, and much more.

We hope that you will enjoy reading our newsletter and share it with your community. Why not share this newsletter link: <https://bit.ly/OurNewsSept21> with your street WhatsApp groups, community Facebook groups or neighbourhood email groups to keep your neighbours safer and more connected.

Best wishes,

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK, Central Support Team

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Central Support Team (NWN, Neighbourhood Watch Network, England and Wales)



Fraudulent celeb endorsements and fake shipping tracking

Fraudsters peddling health supplements are still using famous faces, such as Dragons' Den's Deborah Meaden, to lure victims. They create fake courier websites and sometimes even go to the extent of an elaborate customer service experience such as a fake shipping tracker to disguise the scam.

[Here's what happened with a member of the public who had £198 taken from their account](#) after purchasing a '£5 sample size CBD supplement' after clicking on an online advert for it.

Fake Wetherspoon meal voucher competition

Fake meal vouchers for Wetherspoon pubs are being promoted on Facebook, despite the chain shutting all its social media accounts in 2018.

Users who comment on the posts published by the pages imitating the pub chain are told that they will win meal vouchers if they receive comments from Wetherspoon. But these comments come from scammers who have set up the pages.

[Here's what the posts look like and more about how the scam works.](#)

HMRC scams double in a year

Tax-related scams have continued to rise during the pandemic and HMRC responded to more than 1m scam reports in the past 12 months.

Fraudsters often try to mimic HMRC's messages so they look authentic – be it through scam phone calls or fake web pages – as victims are more likely to transfer money to an institution they recognise and trust.

Here are the [most common ways scammers are trying to commit tax scams](#) and how to protect yourself from them.

Fake NHS Covid-19 PCR text

There have been several scams circulating throughout the pandemic using the NHS's name and/or logo. This time it's a fake text message demanding that you 'order a PCR testing kit'. It's made to look like you've been pinged by the NHS Covid-19 app, but is another example of fraudsters seeking to panic you into following a URL leading to a fake website.

[Here's what it looks like](#), and how to differentiate between genuine and fake NHS communications.

You've been supporting our campaign work to improve consumer protection from unsafe and illegal activities occurring on major online websites, specifically, the sale of unsafe products, fake reviews or scams.

We hope that we've armed you with the knowledge and tools to help protect yourself and your loved ones. But it's important you know that **it's not 100% on you to make sure you're safe online.**

These harms are symptoms of one underlying cause - a lack of online consumer protections borne out of the way regulations of online businesses have evolved.

This means **online sites and tech giants are failing to protect you from online scams, dangerous products and fake reviews.**

We'll break down the puzzle, explaining each issue and how it all comes together to big tech firms needing to take responsibility for your online safety.

Product safety

Our latest investigation into the sale of unsafe products on eBay, Wish.com and AliExpress found listings of diet pills and supplements containing substances that could be



potentially dangerous. We found little evidence to suggest measures to prevent items from being listed were effective, or that marketplaces were monitoring and responding quickly enough to new postings.

Here are [our calls for action against unsafe products](#).

Fake reviews

Fake online reviews are influencing people across the UK into purchasing billions of pounds worth of products and services every year. Our research showed three in ten of us have bought products off the back of 'excellent' online customer reviews only to be chronically let down when they arrived.

We think tech giants are more than capable of enforcing their own policies to detect and prevent [misleading reviews](#).

There's now a much easier way to make us aware of scams directly with our [scam sharer tool](#). Tell us your experiences of phishing emails, fake texts, cold calls and other types of fraud.

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Scam alert service

More than £355m lost to bank transfer scams in the first half of 2021.

Of the £355.3m lost to bank transfer scams in the first half of the year, just £121.7m was reimbursed to victims – just 42.4% of the overall losses. Not only is more money being lost, but less money is being repaid to fraud victims.

UK Finance says fraud is 'now at a level where it poses a national security threat', and is calling on the government for coordinated action, and to ensure that all economic crime is brought within the scope of the Online Safety Bill.

We look at [the scale of the problem](#) and what safeguards you have to stop you from falling victim to scammers.

Tackling the ongoing 'scamdemic'

Text scams are at their highest rate on record and over a 90-day period from May to July 2021, 53% of texts reported to the 7726 service - a free text service that enables you to report spam texts - were fake parcel delivery messages and 37% impersonated banks.

In this podcast episode, we hear from Adam French, our senior consumer rights editor, about the dirty tactics fraudsters are using to dupe us out of our data and money. We're joined by HMRC to hear how it's fighting back, and you can find out why we're asking businesses to change their behaviour.

For your listening convenience we've linked to this episode via Acast, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and Spotify. It's also available on the Which? website, [simply click here then scroll down](#).

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Sutton Coldfield Town Hall

PRESS RELEASE:

DANCE HALL TO RETURN WITH SOUND CLASH EVENT

Although world events shut down in March 2020, the sprung dancefloor at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, one of the largest in Birmingham, has not stood completely idle. Used for a dance school last Autumn and then featured in the filming of a major new release for cinemas, it was covered with carpet to protect it from heavy footfall during the first phase of NHS Covid-19 vaccinations in 2021.

It is set to be uncovered for the welcome return of dancing at the Town Hall in October. On Friday 8th October, the Town Hall welcomes the 6th 'Sound Clash' event, a highly successful series of dance events which alternate two styles of music. This time visitors will see the return of 7 piece band The Interpreters, playing two sets of adrenaline-fuelled classic ska and 2-Tone covers, plus uniquely blended sets from Northern Soul DJ Sean Taylor.

Although The Interpreters have played and sold out this event before, this promises to be their best yet as they are joined by local ska legend Tony Beet. In 1989, Tony became vocalist for The International Beat with former members of 2 Tone legends The Beat, going on to be part of the huge international ska revival in the early 90s which included an audience of 100,000 at The Earth Day Festival in USA.

To provide a safe space to dance, tickets for this event are strictly limited and will sell out, so early booking is advised at £10 advance from the Town Hall's website www.suttoncoldfieldtownhall.com. (<https://www.suttoncoldfieldtownhall.com/whats-on/concerts-shows/9583/>)

The Sir Doug Ellis bar will be open from 7pm with music from 8pm.

The following evening, Saturday 9th October, Ultimate Coldplay bring a festival feel to the Town Hall, plus an Indie After Show Party to keep the dancing going after the concert. Final tickets available from the Town Hall for £14. (<https://www.suttoncoldfieldtownhall.com/whats-on/concerts-shows/9154/>)



We are delighted to announce that we will be reopening our theatre for live performances from **Thursday 30 September 2021** with our long awaited production of *An Ideal Husband*, this will run until **Saturday 9 October**.

Existing ticket holders for this production have now been contacted to rearrange their bookings. If you have not heard from us please contact the **Box Office on 0121 355 5355** during opening hours and we will ensure that your tickets are rebooked.

Booking for *An Ideal Husband* is now open to the general public and can be booked online via our website or by contacting our Box Office. Opening hours are as follows:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 7.30-9.00pm and Wednesday morning from 10.00am – Midday (except Bank Holidays)

Our teams are doing everything possible to ensure your safe return. In accordance with government guidelines seating is not required to be socially distanced and we will not be enforcing the wearing of masks however patrons are welcome to wear them if they wish. The theatre will be cleaned regularly and hand sanitiser will be available on arrival and at various points throughout the theatre. We want to continue to keep people as safe and well as possible and kindly ask that you are mindful of other audience members and our volunteers; should you have any Covid symptoms we ask that you consider testing at home before coming to the theatre.

We owe a huge thank you to all of the volunteers that have worked tirelessly throughout the closure to make improvements to the theatre including front of house renovations and reorganisation across all departments behind the scenes. Most importantly thanks to all of you who have continued to support us over the last 18 months and to those members that have made kind and generous donations, it is greatly appreciated.

Whilst so much has changed since we closed our doors last year, we remain committed to providing a top class theatrical experience for all of our visitors. We are excited for our building to be buzzing with life again, filled with audience chatter, front of house bells ringing and of course, applause.

We look forward to welcoming you, your families and friends back to the theatre next month, you've been hugely missed by all of us here at Sutton Arts and we are all very happy to be back open, doing what we love!

Highbury Players announce 2021/22 season

We are absolutely delighted to announce a full season of plays and films for our 2021/22 year. We are keeping a close eye on the Covid-19 situation and will be checking that our arrangements maximise everyone's safety.

We are also in the final stages of developing our new website which will be at the same address of www.highburytheatre.co.uk and will provide you with more information about events taking place at the theatre and how to get involved.

PLAY	DATES (all at 7.30pm)
Nell Gwynn by Jessica Swale	14 th – 25 th September 2021
Maurice's Jubilee by Nichola McAuliffe	19 th – 30 th October 2021
House Guest by Francis Durbridge	30 th November – 11 th December 2021
How The Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn	18 th – 29 th January 2022
Handbagged by Moira Buffini	22 nd February – 5 th March 2022
Passion Play by Peter Nichols	5 th – 16 th April 2022
Celebrating Shakespeare: an anthology	18 th – 23 rd April 2022
Northanger Abbey by Tim Luscombe	7 th – 18 th June 2022
A production to celebrate the Commonwealth Games	(tbc)

FILM	DATE (all except Frozen II at 7pm)	CERTIFICATE
1917	Sunday 19 th September 2021	15
Harriet	Sunday 24 th October 2021	12A
The Dressmaker	Saturday 20 th November 2021	12A
Frozen II	Tuesday 28 th December 2021 (2.30pm)	U
Greyhound	Sunday 23 rd January 2022	12A
I, Daniel Blake	Saturday 12 th February 2022	15
Wind River	Saturday 19 th March 2022	15
Macbeth	Sunday 10 th April 2022	15
My Left Foot	Saturday 7 th May 2022	15
Portrait of a Lady on Fire	Saturday 25 th June 2022	15
Nomadland	Saturday 16 th July 2022	12A

The Scout Hut - Coppice View Road - Sutton Coldfield - B73 6UE.



Tai Chi Class



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The Sutton Coldfield Fuchsia & Gardening Guild



Finally, after a long 16 months wait, we had a meeting last night at our new venue, **Banners Gate Community Church, Westwood Road**. The fuchsia society has been running for almost 50 years, but the decision has now been made to change the format into a more general Gardeners Guild. Gardening has had a real resurgence during the lockdown, people realising more than ever how important our outside spaces are! Meetings are held once a month, the second Thursday. Doors open at 7.30 for an 8.00 start. We have a speaker each month on all topics gardening and wildlife related, and next month our Secretary Gail will be giving a demonstration on how to use hardy fuchsias in the garden.

Plants are always available for sale, along with other gardening paraphernalia. We are a small, but very welcoming group and would love to welcome new members, so please come along and join us. If you would like any more information, please give our secretary, Gail, a call on **0121 353 3373** or have a look at our Facebook page.

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Where are we in Falcon Lodge?

Every Wednesday, we will be at Falcon Lodge Methodist Church Hall. (rear entrance in Lingard Road) Falcon Lodge. B75 7LB

Opening times... Pop in between 2-3pm we'll be here.

The church is on the X14 bus route. This is what the front of the church looks like. Go to the rear entrance in Lingard Road.



Where are we in Mere Green?

Every Friday, we will be at Ark Community Church Centre, St James Road, Mere Green B75 5EH

Opening times... Pop in between 12 noon-1pm we'll be here.

From the centre of Mere Green, pass Lidl opposite Sainsbury's and turn left into St James's Road. Bus routes X3, X5 & 604 This is what the church looks like.



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Are You A Carer? Do you need support and advice?

Do you provide unpaid care to a friend, neighbour, or family member who couldn't manage alone?

Age Concern Birmingham run the Carer's Contact Centre as part of the Birmingham Carers Hub partnership. Our advisors are available to help carers with help, advice and information, we register carers and also offer a Statutory Carer's Assessment, wellbeing payments if eligible and information on a wide range of wellbeing services. We also provide advice on welfare benefits and can link carers to information about grants, legal advice on wills and power of attorney and other one to one support.

If you need advice in your caring role, please call us on:

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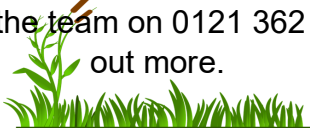


Do you need a gardener?

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Do you have any jobs around the house that need some attention?

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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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Moving into the beautifully colourful season of Autumn with the leaves turning from greens and browns to the richest of golds and deep reds and from late September to October, the sun is still shining down on us as we get back to some sort of normality at Café Oasis. The community based café is based in the Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church, Brassington Avenue and if you haven't yet paid us a visit now is a good time to pop in and taste our delicious homemade cakes and hot drinks. We are open between 10.00am and 2.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and are a dynamic and

welcoming hub run by a chef and a terrific team of volunteers that support our services. Throughout the recent pandemic, the team of volunteers have assisted in the running of our Home Food Delivery Service, reaching out to many who have needed help during the coronavirus lockdown and continue to need support. Café Oasis offers a two course freshly made lunch menu from 12noon in the light and airy café area – try our chicken with vegetables or duck & pork meatloaf followed by a selection of desserts including fresh cherry & chocolate sponge and fruit trifle.

If you are interested in helping us at Café Oasis we have various volunteering opportunities at the café if you are looking to make a difference in your community – the various roles include; waiting tables, working in the Food Bank (which is open every Tuesday), working as a cashier/receptionist and administration too. We support a wide range of volunteers including adults with learning difficulties. You can contact the Community and Volunteer Support Worker for more information on the email or phone number below. Additionally the United Reformed Church centre is fully opened up now and we are delighted to welcome back the various groups that use the wide selection of rooms we have available to hire. If you are looking to hire a room please contact the centre.

Moving forward and in order to keep all members of the community safe, Café Oasis and the church centre is still adhering to COVID-19 guidelines which include a track and trace and sanitising stations. We ask that all guests follow these regulations so that we can continue moving forwards in this positive way.



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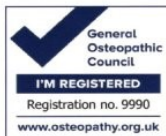
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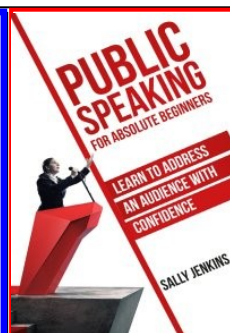
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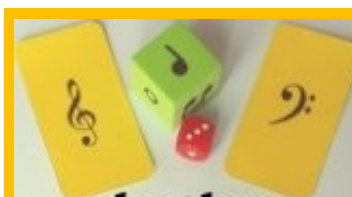
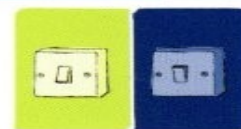
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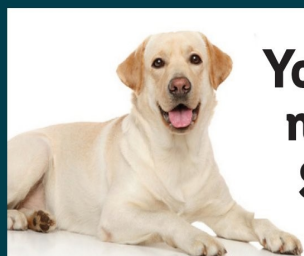
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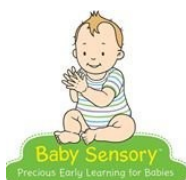
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Mon 9.00 - 10.30 11am - 1.00pm 7.30 – 8.30 pm	Imagi-play Dementia Care Line Dancing	Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall	Ellie 07919 Barbara H-Walker Diane Pursall	58 81 54 553 6483 747 4659	
Tues 9.15 - 12.00pm 6.30 – 7.30 & 7.30 – 8.30 7.45 pm	Coffee Morning 3rd Tuesdays Line Dancing Chikara Karate Kai	Community Hall Community Hall St. Columba's	When they restart Diane Pursall Paul Murphy 07837	747 4659 39 57 89	
Wed 9.30, 11.00 & 12 10.30 - 12.30 1.00 - 2.30 6 pm - 7 pm 7.15 – 8.15	Baby Sensory Guide Dog Training Imagi-play Mid-week Service Bible Study I Yoga. Midlands	Banners Gate CC Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall	Tracy Jones 0775 Madge Nightingale Ellie 07419 Ola Samuel 07565 Angela Brookes 07939	82 56 22 360 0286 58 81 54 65 27 62 54 73 92	
Thurs 10.00 am 10.00 – 11.00 am 12.45 - 2.45 4.30 – 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 Kiddibops Teachitright 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 Rachel 07807 07809 Warren 01902 Sylvia Cunningham 07870 Josie Orme Judith Fennell	354 5873 40 39 43 61 43 10 55 16 61 897 900 82 98 37 352 1042	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: Community Hall mobile: 075 65 54 68 21 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			Gatepost always needs volunteers, to cover illness and holidays, for deliveries of Gatepost - just 20 minutes every other month. Please call 605 4947 for further details if you think you can help us, when we are back to normal (whatever that turns out to be).

The Townswomen's Guild

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 21st October.** It will be a "Get Together" evening with Tombola. The following month, on **Thursday 18th November**, "A Taste of Burlesque". It is held in the **Westwood Hall at the Community Church**, Westwood Road. In future we will be meeting on the **third Thursday** in the month at 7.00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, **contact Sue Nation 354 4114.**

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