





# Banners Gate & Parklands Community & Neighbourhood Forum

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Following my comment in the March Gatepost about advertisements free of charge, when space allows, I was asked if that also applies to stories, poems, etc. The answer is yes, providing they are of a nature that allows them to be read by grandparents and children together and does not have an adverse effect on the polite and sensitive inhabitants of Banners Gate and its environs.

We are a little short on content this month because some of our contributors insisted on going on holiday just because it's the holiday season, including my proof-reader, can you believe that?!

Be sure to read where the EYES below are pointing. We have been asked many times about when the Tip Truck is appearing again. Well, it is soon, Tuesday 26th April and, hopefully, you'll manage to read this in time and I'll manage to email it in time. So get your rubbish sorted.

Have a look at the huge map in the window of M & S opposite the buses.

Tony

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## Alison Jolley:

### Spring and trying something new!

As many of you will be aware I have made a point to visit the many groups and societies throughout Vesey Ward since restrictions have lifted. There's nothing like getting out and about and it's just the time to try something new!



A short time ago I caught up with the local Bridge Club on Boldmere Road, members are thrilled to be back in their comfortable and welcoming surroundings once again and are keen to welcome and

introduce others who may like to join or learn the game through dedicated classes.

Roy Smith, one of the members explained how the club is branching out with a new innovative project that aims to encourage families and other groups learn this historic game together with lessons given by the club.

Tournament opportunities within the club and also locally make for a unique competitive experience, I certainly hope this project takes off as this is a brilliant opportunity to try something new.

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## Rob Pocock: MOBILE TIP TRUCKS ARE VISITING BANNERS GATE NEXT WEEK!



As I mentioned in the last Gatepost, the new City Council 'mobile tip and recycling trucks are visiting our Banners Gate neighbourhood in the next few days! Many thanks to all readers who asked for details of the scheme, which I've now sent out by email.

I can now confirm the next 'mobile tip truck' visit to our Sutton Vesey Ward will be on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, operating between the hours of 7am till midday.** (See next page for how it looked the last time it came). The City Council Wastes Division have also confirmed the location at the foot of Reay Nadin Drive, B73 6UJ, this is the road leading off Chester Road North going up to the Banners Gate primary school (now called Sutton Park Primary). Please do not dump any items before or after the hours that they will be there – you can get fined!

You can deposit any type of general rubbish, loft / shed / garage clearance waste (but no car parts please), plus bring any extra garden waste, bulky household items, toys, small electrical goods etc for disposal or recycling. Please note, no hazardous



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items, fridges or building rubble please.

This new service 'rotates' around our Ward area, visiting every month or two, so each neighbourhood gets a fair 'bite of the cherry'. I'll let you know in a few weeks when and where the next one is coming!

### WHAT CAN YOU RECYCLE IN YOUR WHEELIE BIN?

While on my favourite subject of rubbish, people often ask me what kinds of items you can, and cannot, put into your blue recycling bin. To find out, please just click this link to the City Council website. [Recycling wheelie bin | What goes in my bins? | Birmingham City Council](#)

So, what dictates which items can and cannot be recycled? It all comes down to the technology used to sort out the individual items, and the waste recycling manufacturing companies that then re-process the items into new materials. The trucks that collect the recycling are divided into two compartments, one for paper / card, and the

other for the rest of the bin.

The contents of your 'paper pod' can include newspapers, wrappers and cardboard packaging, and these all go to a firm called Cappa based in Nechells, where they re-process the high-quality materials into recycled paper, and the lower grade fibres into cardboard and insulation packing material used commercially.

The recyclable items in the bin are taken to an industrial sorting site in Four Ashes over the Staffordshire border, where they are mechanically separated by a factory conveyor belt into the individual materials – steel cans, aluminium cans, glass, and various categories of plastics. These then go to the respective mills and foundries that re-make the materials back into the 'product lines' that re-appear in shops and trade outlets.

The technology for recycling is getting better every year and hopefully that will extend even more things we can all recycle in future. I'll keep you briefed!



I asked for flowers to cheer us up and here's one from Janet. It is a daffodil, as if you did not know, that has grown to a height of 43" or 110 cm "with no help from me." says Janet.





## School Newsletter—Half Term Highlights—Spring 2, 2022

Welcome to our end-of-term round-up of the awesome things that have been happening in school these past few weeks.

Mrs. Middleton and the Sutton Park team



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### Girl's Football Team Represent Aston Villa:

We are so proud of the girls' football team who attended a national competition and played their socks off! The team ethic and determination on show was fully representative of our school values: Believe, Inspire, Achieve.



### Swimming for Year 5:

Our Y5 pupils had so much fun and made such great progress by accessing our swimming pool daily. Ten days in total of swimming meant that many children gained confidence, skills and water safety skills which will equip them well for the future. We hope they all continue to swim as much as possible with this new-found confidence and high levels of interest! The swimming pool is now heading to one of our other schools within the PACT.



### Rock Kidz!

What a fantastic day we had transforming into rock-stars and learning all about YASBA! (You're Awesome So Be Awesome)



Our workshops focused on building self esteem and having confidence in our own identity. Pupils had an absolute blast learning new moves, new songs and rocking out!

Due to overwhelming demand, we are hoping to see the Rock Kidz return to Sutton Park in the near future... watch this space!

### Health for Life Award:

Four Y6 Prefects attended the Botanical Gardens to represent our school and collect our first award plaque for Sutton Park Primary. The Health for Life Award recognises school's hard work and commitment in providing outdoor enrichment opportunities for all pupils via Roots to Fruits. We look forward to seeing what we can successfully grow and harvest this season.



### Mother's Day Celebrations:

It has been amazing to throw open the doors and welcome our families back into school. The lifting of restrictions has meant that we can host events in school again and showcase all of the many improvements that have been happening in school over the past two years. We hope that family members enjoyed coming into school for their pampering and craft sessions. It was wonderful to see so many children sharing special moments with their loved ones.



### Easter Competitions:

Wow! A tremendous effort from everyone made the long-awaited return of our Easter bonnet parade and eggshow worth the wait! It was fantastic to see so many family members supporting these events too. A huge thank you to Mrs Dunning and Mrs Johnson for their judging support too. What a difficult job! Congratulations to all of our winners.



### Y4 attend Commonwealth Games event:

A group of Y4 pupils had so much fun at a Commonwealth Games themed event on Thursday 7th April.



They got to learn some new skills with Bhangra dancing, cricket, tag rugby, squash and speed-stacking all on the menu! Mr Lough and Miss Trowman were so impressed with the behaviour, teamwork and sporting attitudes shown. Well done to them all!

**- BELIEVE - INSPIRE - ACHIEVE**

## The Queen's Jubilee 2022

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952.

Throughout the celebration year Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the Country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion.

The focal point of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations will be the Jubilee Weekend in June 2022.

There will be an extended bank holiday from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

This Bank Holiday Weekend will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate this historic milestone.

Details of the official arrangements can be found at ;

<https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>.

But briefly the arrangements are as follows;

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

The Queen's Birthday Parade - **Trooping the Colour**. 1400 Soldiers, 200 Horses and 400 Musicians will parade from Buckingham Palace along the Mall to Horse Guards Parade.

There will be a number of Jubilee Beacons lit across the Country as well as in the Capital Cities of Commonwealth Countries.

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving in St Pauls Cathedral.

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

The Queen will attend the Derby at Epsom Downs.

Later there will be a Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace.

The BBC will produce a live concert to celebrate the most significant and joyous events in the Queen's seventy year reign.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June The BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours by holding local street parties.

Lunch can be big or small, with street parties, picnics, tea and cakes, barbeques.

The culmination of the Celebratory Weekend will be a Platinum Jubilee Pageant.

This will feature over 5000 people from across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth and will be held against the backdrop of Buckingham Palace. The Pageant will feature Street Art/ Theatre / Circus/Carnival and costume.

I hope everyone in our Royal Town will get involved and start planning now for this wonderful occasion.

Cllr Terry Wood



## URGENT—TIME SENSITIVE



*I have booked the Newman Centre (formerly The Carpenters Arms) for Monday 25th, April at 7.30 pm. and invited all the candidates to attend and tell us what their aims are if elected. You are very welcome to come along and hear what they have to say.*

*Please pass this on to all your friends and neighbours that live in Vesey ward. I look forward to seeing you there.*

*Regards,*

*Ray Beech, Chair Boldmere Neighbourhood Forum*

### Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated for the election of FIVE Councillors on  
**Thursday, 5th May 2022 for the Vesey Ward.**

1. Cairns, Jan, 61 Morven Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6NE  
Conservative
2. Caserio, Maria, 212 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XP  
Conservative
3. Clarke, Rebecca Louise, 300 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XL  
Liberal Democrats
4. Davies, Peter Clive, 33 Egerton Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B74 3PG  
Liberal Democrats
5. Eperjesi, Frank, 52 Shelley Drive, Sutton Coldfield, B74 4YE  
Conservative
6. Hatton, Max, Flat 6, Longmore House, 102, Welshmans Hill, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6RS  
Labour Party
7. Jolley, Alison Mary, 81 Darnick Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6PF  
Conservative
8. Lewis, Mark Andrew, 28 Knighton Drive, Sutton Coldfield, B74 4QP  
Liberal Democrats
9. Masih, Brandon (address in City of Birmingham)  
Liberal Democrats
10. Parry, Liz, 65 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5QE  
Sutton Residents' Party
11. Pocock, Rob, 23 Hawthorn Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1ES  
Labour Party
12. Puri, Manish Kumar, 316 Jockey Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XL  
Labour Party
13. Richardson, Doctor Paul Benjamin (address in City of Birmingham)  
Liberal Democrats
14. Scott, Kath, 65 Britwell Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 5SW  
Labour Party
15. Simper, Samuel Alexander (address in City of Birmingham)  
Conservative

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## URGENT—TIME SENSITIVE

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Birmingham City Council

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## St. George's Day

# QUIZ

Calling all Quizzers! Banners Gate Community Association's

## St. George's Day Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper

**Saturday 30th April.**

Tickets are **£8 each** and will include  
**fish supper, all condiments, rolls and butter, and unlimited tea  
and coffee.**

Proceeds towards community celebrations of the Platinum  
Jubilee.

To express interest, call Tracy on **0780 329 3351.**

## Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinators

Birmingham City Council's Neighbourhoods Division- NDSU is looking for 10 Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinators as part of a new programme of work seeking to develop new ways of working with the residents, community groups and local partners such as the police. The work will focus on 20 areas of the city with the highest concentration of local environmental/ neighbourhood issues. The focus will be on partnership development and community capacity building to tackle neighbourhood priorities such as street scene and community safety issues as set out in ward plans etc.

The role will require the successful candidates to work closely with the police, ward councillors, residents and relevant stakeholders to link together groups, task council services and develop constructive solutions to the presenting issues. A small grants pot will also be available to support groups in developing ongoing solutions.

You will need the ability to engage with a wide variety of people and be action orientated.

The roles will initially be for a fixed 12 month period, however if the scheme delivers successful outcomes and future years budgets are confirmed there will be an option to make the roles permanent.

You will be required to develop, plan, organise and manage service responses, community activities, programme initiatives and ensure active participation of residents/communities. This will involve close working with the police and developing a neighbourhood tasking approach. You will need to negotiate and liaise with elected members, neighbourhoods forums, committees and voluntary groups to ensure all stakeholders have an input into the events/activities within their area.

You will write reports, action plans and strategies as well as identify and apply for external funding and support residents with grant applications.

You will be committed to motivate, support and influence at all levels through positive relationship building both internally and externally with neighbourhood and community groups to enable Birmingham's neighbourhoods to be thriving, optimistic and resilient.

You will have project development, co-ordination and management skills and have the ability to activate multi agency and community responses to priorities.

An understanding of community work, community safety and street scene issues is desirable. You will have an understanding of equal opportunities in practice and the community cohesion agenda.

You will be able to promote and develop governance arrangements at a local level and be able to communicate and negotiate with a wide variety of people.

You will have the ability to manage small budgets with the pilot having a £10k grant pot per area, as well as be able to draw up and deliver reports/presentations to local audiences.

You must be able to create and maintain effective working relationships with a wide range of stakeholders including elected members and senior officers. You will be able to plan and elevate work carried out.

**Informal enquiries to Claire Hardwick, Community Support & Development Officer on 07594 509 938 or email [claire.s.hardwick@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:claire.s.hardwick@birmingham.gov.uk)**

Full information - press the link below

Neighbourhoods Action Co-ordinator in Various Locations - 120486 | WMJobs Internal Opportunities

<https://internal.wmjobs.co.uk/job/120486/neighbourhoods-action-co-ordinator/>

## Commonwealth Games Update

In the last issue of Gate Post, I reported (correctly at the time) that the Familiarisation session 1 would be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July. This has since changed to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

As you will see from the graphic, the Triathlon takes place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. The triathletes will also be out cycling the route for familiarisation on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July early in the morning.

There will be 2,000 ticketed spectators at Boldmere Gate on each of the Triathlon days and an estimated 20-30,000 non-ticketed spectators, most of whom will be around the cycling route.

<b>Day 1</b> Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 11am to 4pm  Men's Individual Women's Individual	<b>Day 2</b> Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 11am to 4pm  Men's Para Women's Para Mixed Team Relay
<b>Familiarisation 1</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July early morning  Rolling road closure	<b>Familiarisation 2</b> Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> July early morning  Rolling road closure

We now know that the events will start at 11am and that the 'field of play' roads (those which the cyclists will be using) will be fully closed from 9am which means even permit holders won't be able to gain access from this time. All roads due to be closed (see last Gatepost) will be closed from 6am on each event day. The roads will re-open at the end of each day and during Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July. 'No stopping' restrictions will be implemented from 6pm on the evening before each event day (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July) and any vehicles remaining at 3am on the event day will be towed away. Streets will also be cleaned overnight.

## Flying the Flag for Boldmere Project

We have now started to promote our Flying the Flag for Boldmere Project which is going to be a trail of flags around the Boldmere area. This will incorporate 54 small hard-wearing flags of the Commonwealth on lampposts together with a full-sized flag in the heart of Boldmere and a commemorative plaque at Boldmere Gate in Sutton Park.

We would like to welcome residents and local organisations to adopt a flag. This simply means nominating a lamppost for the flag and promising to check and clean it twice a year and report any faults to us. There is no cost involved and the flags will be installed professionally. This is your chance to 'own' a small part of Boldmere's history. The lamppost (or other proposal if you wish to make one) does not need to be outside your house, in fact it's best if it's not near residential properties as it may upset your neighbours. Examples of good locations are a lamppost by a fence on the corner of a road, a lamppost by a park, a lamppost by a bus stop etc. We welcome adoptions from Banners Gate and New Oscott for those who have a connection with Boldmere. If you would like to adopt a flag, please complete the form at [www.boldmere.org/flags](http://www.boldmere.org/flags) by Sunday 8th May 2022. If you're interested in sponsoring the trail, please contact [paul@boldmere.org](mailto:paul@boldmere.org)

## Be Bold be Boldmere

We are also able to let you know a bit more about the Be Bold Be Boldmere project. This is going to include professional street bunting on Station Road between Sunnybank Road / Western Road and Wylde Green station which will include flags of The Commonwealth and will be installed in time for the Queen's Jubilee as well as being a welcoming feature to the thousands of visitors that will be arriving by train for the Triathlon. We are also progressing with the plans for cross-street banners across Boldmere Road, but as you can imagine, negotiations with landlords and Birmingham City Council take time.

To stay up-to-date with information about the Commonwealth Games and other news in Boldmere, please sign up to our newsletter at [www.boldmere.org/newsletter](http://www.boldmere.org/newsletter) and if you would like to volunteer to join our Commonwealth Games working party then please drop Paul Long an email to [paul@boldmere.org](mailto:paul@boldmere.org) indicating how you think you could help with preparations and how you could help on Triathlon days.



This once in a lifetime event where Boldmere is on the world stage will inevitably cause some disruption. I

can now share with you an overview of roads that will be affected by road closures and other restrictions.



### Other closed roads:

Boldmere Road (part)  
Carnwrath Road  
Corbridge Road  
Dakeith Road  
Denholm Road  
Falstone Road  
Fir Tree Grove  
Gate Lane  
Halton Road  
Heathlands Crescent  
Heathlands Road  
Highbridge Road (at Wrekin Road)  
Ivy Road  
Matfen Avenue  
Melrose Avenue  
Monmouth Drive (part)  
Redacre Road  
Stirling Road  
Union Drive

All roads on the Triathlon route will be closed. In addition to this, the roads highlighted in red will also be closed:

All residents in these roads will be contacted and given details of how to apply for a permit to exit their road before and after the events. Emergency services will still have access

and registered carers will be able to gain access by

## Permit access only:

Monmouth Drive  
(between Stonehouse Road & Somerville Road)  
Morven Road  
(between Monmouth Drive & Roxburgh Road)  
Stonehouse Road (Boldmere Gate)

### No stopping:

Braemar Road  
(between Roxburgh Road & Somerville Road)

Jockey Road  
(between Somerville Road & Birmingham Road)

Roxburgh Road

Somerville Road  
(between Jockey Road & Braemar Road)

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There will be a diversion that runs from the Chester Road North at Banners Gate, along Chester Road, then Birmingham Road at The Yenton, through to Jockey Road at The Horse and Jockey. As locals, you will of course be able to work out some of the quicker routes that avoid the junctions at Chester Road Baptist Church and The Yenton, or you'll be leaving your car on the drive and enjoying the fun of the Triathlon.

In future updates, I'd like to let you know about exciting projects that will be delivered through Commonwealth Games funding, details of how you can brighten up your front gardens to celebrate the Commonwealth Games, the Queen's Baton Relay and further details relating to times and restrictions for those affected by road closures.

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It is not only puns and Marmite that annoy some people, Roman numerals do too! (Quickly, without counting, which number is the one beginning with Earthquake?) These puns are for the young lady behind the counter in Sutton Coldfield library, because she likes them. They are from Ed in California.

- i. Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- ii. When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- iii. What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- iv. I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- v. Broken pencils are pointless.
- vi. What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- vii. England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- viii. I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- ix. All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.
- x. I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- xi. Velcro - what a rip off!
- xii. Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.
- xiii. Venison for dinner? Oh deer!
- xiv. Earthquake in Washington obviously the government's fault.
- xv. I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.



Trustees from [Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust](https://www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.com/) have started the next phase of their progressive plans, to replant English deciduous broadleaved trees at Manorial Woods.

Keith Dudley, Tina Swani and Jane Mosson joined the planting of more than 4,000 trees at the site, assisted by children from Little Sutton Primary School, following the recently harvested Corsican Pine.

The entire site is due to be restocked with 4,500 trees of both UK-grown hardwoods and an intimate mix of conifers to aid the establishment of the crop. The next phase of planting will take place in May, ahead of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, where a central feature Yew Tree will be planted.

The Trust will enlist the help of local schools again later in the year to help with a further phase of planting in the autumn. This aims to engage the local community in a project that will benefit Sutton Coldfield for generations to come.

Tina Swani, Chief Executive of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust, said: "It's hugely rewarding to see our long-held plans come to fruition at Manorial Wood, which will support a greater mix of woodland plants and wildlife. The previous Corsican Pine trees were in dire need of harvesting and replanting, due to the stock reaching its potential, lack of undergrowth and ongoing fire risk."

"We are delighted that Little Sutton Primary School is involved, the woods are big part of the environment of Sutton and what a way to get the next generation involved in helping to improve the future of the town."

Rachel Davis, headteacher at Little Sutton Primary School, said: "We are very excited about being part of a project to plant 4,500 trees that will create a broad-leaved, biodiverse woodland to benefit generations to come.

"At Little Sutton we feel it is really important to prepare our pupils to be good citizens, so we work hard to instil positive values and opportunities for them to make an impact in our community. Our pupils are passionate about playing their part in making the world a better place, and this fantastic project will enable them to do this by looking after the local environment."


An environmentally sustainable approach is being taken at Manorial Wood that includes biodegradable tree protectors being used, instead of plastic, to prevent damage from small animals as the trees become established.

To find out more information about Manorial Woods or Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust, please visit: <https://www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.com/news/manorial-woods/17.htm>






Eric is away but he left these.




The best times in our lives were not about what we had, but who we were with.




THE DOG TOLD ME THE ELECTRIC SOCKET TASTED LIKE TUNA

**I just paid for a 12 month gym membership. My bank called to see if my credit card was stolen.**




You're a chocolate lab? Lemme check...




I KNEW ITALIANS WOULDN'T STAY QUIET MUCH LONGER

Before my surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle...  
It was an ether/oar situation.



HOW TO FRIGHTEEN THE NEW GENERATION. PUT THEM IN A ROOM WITH A ROTARY PHONE.  
AN ANALOG WATCH AND A TV WITH NO REMOTE. THEN LEAVE DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO USE IN CURSIVE.

There's nothing scarier than that split second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think "THEY ARE GOING TO FIND ME NAKED."



[Open box before eating pizza.]

When was the exact moment you realized humans were not going to make it as a species?

Sherman\_Bearman · 1.3k points 2 years ago  
The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.

madamplease · 13.7k points 1 year ago  
Pronouncing words that end in 'ough'. Cough, bough, rough, dough, through, though....

Vaxtin · 4.7k points 4 years ago  
Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?

Adventurouskian · 4.4k points 4 years ago  
Why does fridge have a "D" in it, but refrigerator doesn't?


bjimieboy · 24k points 1 year ago  
Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe aren't?

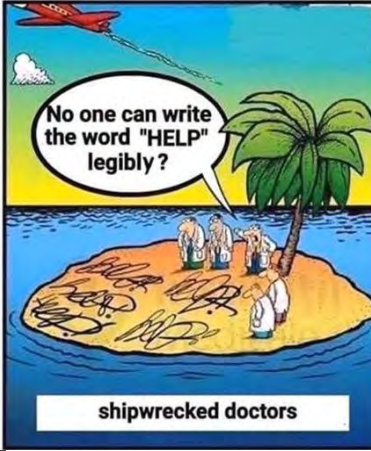
MundaneRiot · 2k points 4 years ago  
You can drink a drink but you can't food a food.


cherishPanda · 7.1k points 4 years ago  
The word "queue" is just a Q followed by four silent letters

Saranovitz · 1 point 10 years ago  
Why is a "w" called a "Double-U" when it is clearly a "Double-V"?

My wife said when I pass she would go the extra mile to give me the burial I deserve...







**SPRING PLANT SALE.**

Sat 21 & Sun 22 May 10.30 to 2.30 pm.


Donegal Road Allotments B74 2AA

Vegetables, bedding plants, herbaceous plants, shrubs.  
Shop open selling fertilisers, compost weedkiller, etc.

Refreshments available.

All welcome

For more info phone 07796 553 616

 Our green waste bins are not being collected, they should have been collected on the 7 March 22 and they were missed, then on 4 April 22 when they were missed again. I have made a complaint on both occasions, but I have had no satisfactory reply from BCC. This was not just my green bin but many in the Vesey ward were not collected. We pay £45 to £50 (depending on when you ordered) and they could not even deliver the bin sticker on time. Please can you print this as it is important to us residents due to high cost of living. When we pay for a service we deserve to have the service carried out.  
Thank you, GH, resident of Coppice View Road.

*Hi Residents of Banners Gate and elsewhere,*

*When I received the email above, I asked Cllr. Rob Pocock, our city councillor, if he could comment on the situation. He suggested it could be covid absences through illness and isolation and sent me the following from Cllr, John O'Shea, Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Parks.*

*Tony*

**Subject:** Refuse Collections

Hi all,

I know that residents across the city have been reporting missed collections and I wanted to explain the pressures that we are working under.

We cover staff absence through the use of agency HGV drivers and we are currently about 14 drivers short of the numbers that we need, as the agency is struggling to recruit them. As you will be aware, there is still a national shortage of HGV drivers, which has affected businesses and local authorities across the country and continues to be an issue.

We have increased the rate that we pay the agency drivers and the agency is more hopeful of finding people to fill the requirement. Beyond that, we are working to put over 30 current employees through the driver training process, but this is not a quick fix, as the training and testing process will take some time.

In the interim, we have been sending crews over from other depots and providing additional cover at weekends to clear backlogs. I would advise that if residents have had their collections missed, then they should leave their bins out and the collection should be made the following day or on the Saturday. Every effort will also be made to avoid the situation where a round is dropped twice in a row and the depot managers have been briefed to do all that they can to avoid this.

Again, I'm sorry that this is affecting our residents. We are doing all we can to find additional drivers, but it is likely to remain challenging for a while.

Regards,

John

Cllr John O'Shea  
Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Parks  
Birmingham City Council





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## WYLDE GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM PUBLIC MEETING

**Thursday 12th May 2022 19:30**

Wylde Green Community Hall, Emscote Drive. B73 5NE

**“Life after Covid”**

**The Director of Birmingham Public Health  
Dr. Justin Varney**

**Ward update and introduction to new councillors.**

For more details contact The Secretary, Wylde Green Neighbourhood Forum, c/o Wylde Green Community Hall, Emscote Drive, B73 5NE; or e-mail the secretary at [p.brown148@btinternet.com](mailto:p.brown148@btinternet.com)



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**As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.**

**~ John Glenn**

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**When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land.**

**~ Desmond Tutu**

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**America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real, but the moon landing was faked.**

**~ David Letterman**

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**I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire.  
dammit, I'm a billionaire.**

**~ Howard Hughes**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.**

**~ Italian proverb**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.**

**~ Jean Kerr**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage.**

**~ Zsa Zsa Gabor**

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**You know you're a redneck if your home has wheels and your car doesn't.**

**~ Jeff Foxworthy**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.**

**~ Prince Philip**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing.**

**~ Emo Philips**

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**Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.**

**~ Harrison Ford**

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**The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.**

**~ Spike Milligan**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**Thank you John S**



## FOLIO'S FUN FESTIVAL FOR ALL

The full festival programme, from 9th to 30th April, can be found at <https://shakespeareinsutton.org.uk/>

### PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

#### Shakespeare in Sutton - FOLIO's fun festival for all

Shakespeare in Sutton - FOLIO's fun festival for all Sutton Coldfield residents will get a rare opportunity to see a world treasure, first-hand and on their doorstep as part of a special arts festival in April 2022: FOLIO Sutton Coldfield will be hosting an event in Sutton Coldfield Library to see an original Shakespeare First Folio, and one that belongs to the people of Birmingham, the first collected works of William Shakespeare, published 399 years ago. Appropriately, this takes place on the Bard's birthday, April 23!

This is just one of more than 20 events in 9 different venues around the town across April as part of Shakespeare in Sutton, FOLIO's fun festival for all (<https://shakespeareinsutton.org.uk/>). With film showings and the chance to meet Falstaff, music performances and a newly commissioned map of Sutton in the time of Shakespeare, spoken word and street theatre, community group collaborations, costumes, competitions, local history events and online literature talks there really is something for everyone.

Booking is now open for all events and activities (9 -30 April) which require booking (some events are drop-in). Over 400 free tickets for different events were booked in the first weekend after publishing the full programme.

Shakespeare's First Folio is being displayed thanks to FOLIO's collaboration with the 'Everything to Everybody' Project, an ambitious celebration of one of the UK's most important cultural assets: the vast Shakespeare Memorial Library housed within the Library of Birmingham.

Continued.....

Birmingham's copy of the First Folio is unique because it is the only one bought with the aim of improving people's lives through culture and education. It was purchased in 1881 for all the people of Birmingham - no matter their background, wealth or occupation and with the First Folio Tour the

Everything to Everybody project wants to take this resource to as many people as possible. The First Folio's first outing is to Sutton Coldfield Library. It is then touring across Birmingham over the next two years with stops at a range of locations including the Black Country Living Museum, Sense Touchbase Pears, Selly Manor, Highbury Hall, Gap Arts and The Hive in the Jewellery Quarter. The Folio will visit more locations in 2023.

In order to ensure as many people as possible can view the Folio, which will be open on the page of Henry IV part 1 which mentions Sutton Coldfield, people are advised to book a timed slot to visit Sutton Coldfield Library on April 23. That day will also see historical dance and music performances, a family puppet making session, a display of costumes from the Royal Shakespeare Company and other activities suitable for all ages to have fun with Shakespeare.

The streets of Sutton will also be coming to life on April 23 with walking performances, full of surprises, of the specially commission 'Shakespeare Undone' but the Natural Theatre Company.

FOLIO's festival kicks off on April 9 with creative writing and spoken word performance workshops in Sutton Coldfield Library, with participants able to take open mic slots at Mouthpieces, a spoken word special in Highbury Theatre, on April 29, with headliners including Jemima Hughes and Dreadlock Alien.

A brand new map of Sutton in the time of Shakespeare by Sutton Coldfield born children's book illustrator John Shelley will be on display in the Gracechurch Centre, whilst local expert Dr Mike Hodder will give a talk (Holy Trinity Church, April 20) and a guided walk (meeting at Vesey Gardens, April 30) on the same topic.

Shakespeare experts Dr Simon May and Ella May McGrail will be giving online talks about different aspects of the plays of the greatest writer in English. Local theatre groups The Highbury Players and Raw Talent Youth Theatre will be performing their own takes on the bard. Sutton Coldfield Movie Maker's brand new feature film, Falstaff - a Naughty Knight in Sutton Coldfield - will receive its premier during the festival.

Liz Parry, FOLIO Trustee, said: "Although the main focus is Sutton library, one of the lovely things about the festival is that events are happening in several different places, giving people an opportunity to see parts of our town that they may not have visited before."

Jenny Wilkinson, FOLIO Trustee said: "I am particularly excited by the wide range of different activities we have on offer - written and spoken word, art, music, dance, drama. There really is something for everyone."

Noran FLYnn, FOLIO Trustee said: "The Shakespeare festival is bringing a range of exciting activities to Sutton Coldfield that will be accessible to everyone. It is amazing to think our town featured in Shakespeare's writings and that we are now celebrating that in 2022 !"

The full festival programme can be found at <https://shakespeareinsutton.org.uk/>

FOLIO Sutton Coldfield is very grateful to all our funders of the festival, in particular the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council.

Images available at [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cVtG\\_1kVYWJ\\_GVBFR2aMEf2caa0q9uQ5?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cVtG_1kVYWJ_GVBFR2aMEf2caa0q9uQ5?usp=sharing).

1. Shakespeare in Sutton Logo
2. The First Folio held by the Shakespeare Memorial Library (please credit: Everything to Everybody)
3. Gloriana Living History
4. Passamezzo (please credit: Eric Richmond )
5. Raw Talent Youth Theatre
6. Film poster for Falstaff - a Naughty Knight in Sutton Coldfield (please credit: Sutton Coldfield Movie Makers)



Take a look at the huge map of Sutton Coldfield in the window of M & S opposite the buses







## Vacancies...

If you have a couple of hours to spare, once a month, to attend our friendly local meetings, and discuss ways to make a difference in our community, we would love to hear from you. You may have expertise such as IT, or just enthusiasm to support our team, which will be great, especially now Covid restrictions have been lifted for us all.

Contact the secretary at: [P.Brown148@btinternet.com](mailto:P.Brown148@btinternet.com)

Also, look out for our next PUBLIC MEETING, which we are delighted can now resume, face to face, with our friends and neighbours, as before, in our Community Hall, Emscote Drive, Wylde Green, 673 SNE. It will be good to see everyone again and share community matters, hopefully this May, date to be arranged. Watch *this space*.

These photos are from my daughter Fay, who works on (and off) the Air Ambulance. The portrait picture was south east of Uttoxeter, edging the Needwood Forest. The other one west of Stafford on the way back from Stoke trauma centre. I hasten to say she did not have a patient on board on either occasion!! Staffordshire is a surprisingly booful place. Makes one wonder how lovely the Black Country was before the industrial revolution. I'm a Staffordshire girl so maybe prejudiced.

Hazel



# Big Garden Birdwatch results

What do they tell us?

[Birdwatch findings 2022](#) ➔

Hello, and welcome to Notes on Nature

Earlier this year, an amazing 697,735 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch, counting an astonishing 11.5 million birds. But what do all your sightings reveal about how birds are faring?

We already know that 2021 was a poor breeding year for birds such as tits, thrushes and finches – will this be reflected in the Big Garden Birdwatch results? And is a place on the Big Garden Birdwatch leader board enough to guarantee that a particular bird is doing well?

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and I hope you enjoy finding out about the results



Siân Duncan  
Notes on Nature editor

# Which?

With gas and electricity prices soaring, this month we're helping you save energy and bring your bills back down to earth. We point you to the Eco Buys that save you money, the fast boiling kettles that use less energy, and alternative ways to heat your home. We also want to know what's in your home toolkit.

## Cut your energy bills with our appliance tips

If you're keeping a closer eye on your energy meter this month, we've calculated exactly how much each appliance costs to run. If you've got the most energy-hungry appliances, the electricity cost has gone up by £138 a year; with the most efficient appliances the increase is only £41 a year.

It's never been more crucial to save energy - for the planet and for our wallets. Even if you're not in the market for a [new Eco Buy](#), we've got loads of valuable tips for using your existing appliances more efficiently. Plus, find other ways to [save on your bills](#).

## Is the new Boiler Upgrade Scheme right for you?

The [Boiler Upgrade Scheme \(BUS\)](#) has launched, with grants of up to £6,000 for installing [air source heat pumps](#), [ground source heat pumps](#) and [biomass boilers](#). You'll still need to pay some costs, and there's work to be done to make sure EPCs reflect the improvements. Find out if it's right for you.

## Is a quicker cuppa more expensive?

There's no better way to start the day than with a morning brew. But pick the wrong kettle and your daily ritual could cost you more than it needs to. Our testing shows that you don't need to compromise between speed and efficiency. In fact, fast-boiling kettles are more likely to win our [Eco Buy awards](#).

## Don't bin it - fix it

The next time you go to chuck something out, consider reaching for your screwdriver or sewing kit instead. With a bit of time and research you may find fixing a loose hinge or a damaged coat is easier than you think. And it could save you a pretty penny.

What tools are essential to your toolkit? We'd love to know.

## Stay safe with electric heaters

Electric heaters are good at warming up a room, but they're not cheap to run. More importantly, they can be dangerous - electric heaters have caused nearly a thousand fires in the past five years.

Newer heaters are safer and more sustainable. When we're testing, we look for heaters that get hot quickly, use minimal energy and have a good thermostat. You'll need to use them responsibly though. We've put together our top tips to save you money and keep you safe.



 **Brownhills Musical Theatre Company** presents



Book by Harvey Fierstein  
Music & Lyrics by Cyndi Lauper

Original Broadway Production  
Directed and Choreographed by Jerry Mitchell

**Tuesday May 10th to Saturday May 14th 2022**

**At**  
**The Lichfield Garrick Theatre**

For tickets call 01543 412121 or online  
@ lichfieldgarrick.com/whats-on

Based on the Miramax motion picture Kinky Boots Written by Geoff Deane and Tim Firth. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe))



Kinky Boots is a true story. It's a joyful tale of overcoming prejudice, living up to your father's expectations and discovering the values that matter. Charlie Price is trying to find a way to save the shoe factory he has inherited from his late father. The quest takes him to London where a chance meeting with a woman, who is actually a big lad in drag, leads to a conversation about shoes, or boots in particular, and specifically sexy thigh-high boots. 'Lola' laments that he cannot get them for big lads with 5 inch heels that do not bend under the strain. Charlie laments that his company cannot survive, and that he will fail his father and his loyal workforce. He needs a new market. Eventually they conquer the doubts and prejudices of the workforce, and bring their story to a spectacular climax, taking the journey from an untidy factory office, to the catwalks of Milan. It's a gritty, glamorous glorious experience.

It's joyous, a musical to fall head over sexy heels in love with.

Book online @lichfieldgarrick.com/whats-on

		Quantity	Cost
Tuesday Evening	10th May 7.30pm	£23	-----
		£21	-----
Wednesday Evening	11th May 7.30pm	£24	-----
		£22	-----
Thursday Evening	12th May 7.30pm	£24	-----
		£22	-----
Friday Evening	13th May 7.30pm	£24	-----
		£22	-----
Saturday Matinee	14th May 2.30pm	£23	-----
		£21	-----
Saturday Evening	14th May 7.30pm	£24	-----
		£22	-----

Reduced price seats. Rows Q & R in the stalls; E, F, G in the circle

ALL TICKETS PRICES INCLUDE A £2.50 THEATRE LEVY AND ARE NON REFUNDABLE

 Brownhills Musical Theatre company  @brownhillsmtc  
Brownhillsmtc@gmail.com

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Lichfield, Sutton Coldfield & Walsall District NSPCC  
Invite you to join them for a

**Spring Extravaganza**



on  
**Monday 25 April 2022**

at  
**Moor Hall Hotel & Spa**  
Moor Hall Drive, Sutton Coldfield B75 8LN

Shopping opportunities from a variety of stalls  
Fashion Show by Swanky J  
Prize Draw

**From 11am**  
Followed by  
**Afternoon Tea**  
Commencing at 1:30pm

**Tickets £25**

For tickets contact  
Carol on 01922 860451/casmikethompson@icloud.com  
or Alison at Lichfieldnspcc@gmail.com

Special Dietary Requirements Respected  
Please notify us at time of purchasing tickets

1. Name the artist famed for painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling?
2. My Bed' was exhibited at the Tate Gallery in 1999 and consisted of a bed with bedroom objects in an abject state; who was the artist?
3. The Tate is a network of four art museums; two are based in London, give the other two English locations?
4. What's the well known name for a painting on a freshly plastered wall?
5. In which decade of the last century did the British artist Francis Bacon die?
6. Which artist painted the *Poppy Field* in 1873?
7. Which artist was the first living person to have art displayed in the Louvre?
8. In which British city would you find the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, and the Ikon Gallery?
9. What is the meaning of the art term impasto?
10. In 2011, whose 1969 sculpture *Two Forms* (Divided Circle) was stolen from its plinth in South London? And can you name the park it was stolen from?
11. Which artist founded the Cubist movement in collaboration with Pablo Picasso?
12. Which painting was stolen from the National Gallery in Oslo in 1994 and held to ransom for \$1 million? And who was the artist?

Michelangelo Tracey Emin Liverpool, and St. Ives, Cornwall  
Fresco 1990s Claude Monet Georges Braque Birmingham  
Thickly applied paint Barbara Hepworth's, Dulwich Park  
Georges Braque (again!) The Scream, by Edward Munch



Courses & Taster Workshops

## Young Community Drop-In Sessions

Wed 27 Apr - Wed 29 Jun  
FREE

**YOUNG  
COMMUNITY**

Birmingham Hippodrome's new Young Community Drop-In Sessions have been developed by our [Young Advocates](#).

The sessions will run on the **last Wednesday of the month, 5.30 – 7.30pm**.

Suitable for anyone aged 14+, these sessions have been designed to be creative outlets for young people and offer spaces to relax, connect with others **and** feel welcome.

The sessions are open to young people of all levels and abilities and our Young Advocates are ready to support anyone who would like a buddy during the session or to have a chat in advance to find out more about the sessions. Please email [participation@birminghamhippodrome.com](mailto:participation@birminghamhippodrome.com)

In Akram Khan's brand new dance-theatre production based on the original story of Rudyard Kipling's much-loved family classic, Akram and his team reinvent the journey of Mowgli through the eyes of a climate refugee.

Featuring an original score, ten international dancers and state-of-the-art animation and visuals, Jungle Book reimagined is a beautifully compelling and vital piece of storytelling about our intrinsic need to belong and bond with others, and placing the importance of connecting with and respecting our natural world at its heart.

Jungle Book reimagined brings together a stellar creative team, with script by Tariq Jordan, dramaturgy by Sharon Clark and original score by Jocelyn Pook. With sound design by Gareth Fry, lighting by Michael Hulls, visual stage design by Miriam Buether, video design and animation by YeastCulture, and the insight of film director Andy Serkis, the visual technology will turn the stage into a magical world that dives into the myths of today.

Presented as part of the Birmingham 2022 Festival. In association with Birmingham Hippodrome.

Litmus, Main House  
Akram Khan Dance Company

## Jungle Book: Reimagined

A magical dance-theatre re-imagining of Rudyard Kipling's classic story

Fri 29 Apr - Sat 30 Apr

Tickets from £15

[Book Now](#) [View Trailer](#)

Akram Khan's  
**JUNGLE BOOK**  
reimagined

Musicals, Main House

## MAMMA MIA!

The sensational feel-good musical returns!

Tue 3 May - Sat 14 May

Tickets from £32

[Limited Availability](#) [View Trailer](#)

BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN ULVÆUS'

**MAMMA MIA!**  
THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL  
BASED ON THE SONGS BY ABBA



The sensational feel-good musical MAMMA MIA! will return to Birmingham Hippodrome as part of a UK Tour celebrating 20 years since MAMMA MIA! premiered in London in April 1999.

From West End to global phenomenon, MAMMA MIA! is Judy Cramer's ingenious vision of staging the story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs with a sunny, funny tale of a mother, a daughter and three possible dads unfolding on a Greek island idyll.

Produced by Judy Cramer, MAMMA MIA! The Movie became the highest grossing live action musical film of all time upon its release in 2008. A second film, MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN, opened in July 2018 and is the most successful live musical movie sequel of all time.

With music & lyrics by Benny Andersson & Björn Ulvæus, MAMMA MIA! is written by Catherine Johnson, directed by Phyllida Lloyd and choreographed by Anthony Van Laast. The production is designed by Mark Thompson, with lighting design by Howard Harrison, sound design by Andrew Bruce & Bobby Aitken, and musical supervision, additional material & arrangements by Martin Koch.

The MAMMA MIA! 20th Anniversary Tour is produced by Judy Cramer, Richard East & Björn Ulvæus for Littlestar in association with Universal and NGM.

This production was affected by Birmingham Hippodrome's temporary closure. The performances due to take place between **Tue 12 - Sat 30 May 2020** have been rescheduled to **Tue 3 - Sat 14 May 2022**. Ticket holders for the original dates have been contacted. For further information, [please click here](#).

Hit the Ode is a unique performance poetry night bringing world-class spoken word artists to the heart of Birmingham to perform alongside open mic-ers.

In May, we'll be joined by Canongate Books as they prepare for the launch of [More Fiya: A New Collection of Black British Poetry](#).

To celebrate this launch we're mixing up the line-up with Malika Booker as host, with guests Nick Makohia, Karen McCarthy Woolf and Dzifa Benson. Join them for a pre-event discussion on Black British poetry, readings from the collection, and the usual open mic slots.

More Fiya is a scorching new anthology of Black British poetry, edited by Kayo Chingonyi, following in the footsteps of Lemn Sissay's seminal collection The Fire People.

Spoken Word, Patrick Studio

## Hit the Ode - May 2022

Live poetry at Birmingham Hippodrome

Fri 6 May

£5 in advance, £8 on the door

[Book Now](#)



**A HIT THE ODE**

## Gathering: Residency with Talawa & MAIA

Tue 10 - Thu 12 May  
FREE

**TALAWA**

A Hippodrome Creatives Residency With & For Black\* Creatives

Curated with [Talawa Theatre](#) and [MAIA](#)

Gathering is the first collaborative residency of our planned work together to nurture, celebrate and support the progress of Midlands Black Creatives over the coming years.

We invite Black Creatives to express their interest in joining us from Tuesday 10 May - Thursday 12 May to explore their creativity, take part in workshops and make new connections working with the teams from Birmingham Hippodrome, Talawa Theatre and MAIA.

Bursaries will be available to support the costs of accessing the residency for those who need them, including the ability to support specific needs and compensate for lost income for the days you commit to the residency. Please discuss this with us once your place is confirmed.

"Treat yourself to a slice of five-star musical pie" (The Times) as **Chelsea Halfpenny** (9 to 5, BBC's Casualty, ITV's Emmerdale) stars in the hit musical comedy **WAITRESS** as Jenna joined by **Matt Willis** (Busted, A Christmas Carol, Wicked) as Dr Pomatter.

Meet Jenna, a waitress and expert pie-maker who dreams of some happiness in her life. When a hot new doctor arrives in town, life gets complicated. With the support of her workmates Becky and Dawn, Jenna overcomes the challenges she faces and finds that laughter, love and friendship can provide the perfect recipe for happiness. Brought to life by a ground-breaking, female-led creative team, this 'warm, witty, wise and hilarious' (EXPRESS) hit features 'one of the best scores in years' (THE STAGE) by the Grammy award-winning **Sara Bareilles** (Love Song, Brave) a book by acclaimed screenwriter **Jessie Nelson** (I Am Sam) and direction by Tony Award-winner **Diane Paulus** (Pippin, Finding Neverland).

Having received standing ovations night after night in London's West End and on Broadway, **Waitress** is 'the real deal' (INDEPENDENT) musical comedy 'made from the finest ingredients' (TIME OUT).

Book now and get your tickets to this 'joyously life-affirming celebration of love and friendship' (EXPRESS).

This production was affected by Birmingham Hippodrome's temporary closure. The performances due to take place between **Tue 11 - Sat 15 May 2021** have been rescheduled to **Mon 16 - Sat 21 May 2022**. Ticket holders for the original dates are being contacted. For further information, [please click here](#).

Musicals, Main House

## Waitress

The perfect recipe for happiness

Mon 16 May - Sat 21 May

Tickets from £28

[Book Now](#) [View Trailer](#)

EVERYONE DESERVES A SLICE OF HAPPINESS



**WAITRESS**  
AS DR POMATTER  
MATT WILLIS

Courses, Patrick Studio

## Confessions Of A Cockney Temple Dancer

(Booked before the show is open to the public)

Wed 18 May - Thu 19 May

Tickets £10

[Book Now](#) [View Trailer](#)

**CONFESSIONS OF A COCKNEY TEMPLE DANCER**



We all present different faces to the world, but some are more different than most. In this funny and visually stunning solo show, Shane Shambhu reveals the secret life he kept from his school friends, growing up in the cultural melting pot of East London.

Follow Shane's transformation from "fat kid" to international performer as rips up ideas of race, language and culture in a bedazzling mix of theatre, dance and film.

This is no Bollywood "rags to riches" story, this is the real deal.

*Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer* was originally developed with support from Arts Council England.

Presented as part of the Birmingham 2022 Festival.

Back with their biggest comedy catastrophe to date, multi award-winning Mischief (The Play That Goes Wrong, BBC One's The Goes Wrong Show) return to Birmingham Hippodrome with their hilarious new show created with magic legends, Penn & Teller.

A hapless gang of magicians are staging an evening of grand illusion to raise cash for charity. But as the magic turns to mayhem, accidents spiral out of control and so does their fundraising target!

Raising the bar with their dare-devil stunts, jaw-dropping feats an irresistible comedy genius, Mischief's Magic Goes Wrong comes to Birmingham Hippodrome direct from the West End. Book your tickets now, before they vanish out of sight (or sellout!).

Penn & Teller are co-creators of the show and won't be appearing on stage.

Courses, Patrick Studio

## Magic Goes Wrong

Booked with Penn & Teller currently on tour to date

Tue 24 May - Sat 28 May

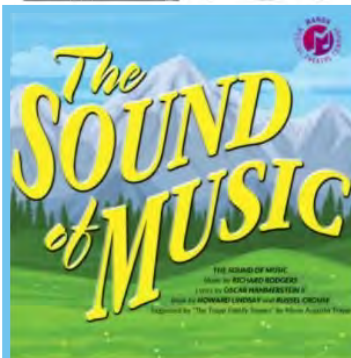
Tickets from £20

[Book Now](#) [View Trailer](#)

**MAGIC GOES WRONG**  
by MISCHIEF and PENN & TELLER



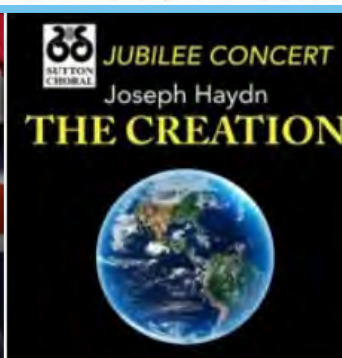




WEDNESDAY 27TH  
APRIL - SUNDAY 1ST



FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2022



SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2022



SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2022



SATURDAY 21ST MAY 2022



SUNDAY 22ND MAY 2022



TUESDAY 31st MAY - SATURDAY



TUESDAY 7TH JUNE - SATURDAY  
11TH JUNE 2022

If you live in England, you can use this service to find a walk-in coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination site. You can get a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine from a walk-in site without an appointment. You do not need to be registered with a GP.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccine-walk-in>

### You can get these at walk-in sites:

- ✓ 1st and 2nd doses for people aged 5 years old and over
- ✓ boosters for people aged 16 years old and over, plus at-risk children aged 12 to 15 years old
- ✓ spring boosters for people aged 75 years old and over, plus people aged 12 years old and over with a weakened immune system
- ✓ additional primary doses for people with a severely weakened immune system aged 12 years old and over

# NHS



## SUPPORT US

On the 3rd April 2019, Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Hall was transferred back to the people of Sutton Coldfield and gave management of the building to Royal Sutton Coldfield Community Town Hall Trust. Now a fully-fledged charity-run venue, with your support we can continue to transform and build Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Hall back to its former glory...



[Book online](#) or Box Office 0121 355 5355. Mon, Tues, Thursday, Fri. 7:30 - 9:00.



26<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

# COMPANY

A MUSICAL COMEDY

music & lyrics by  
STEPHEN  
SONDHEIM

directed by  
EMILY ARMSTRONG  
& DEXTER WHITEHEAD

book by  
GEORGE  
FURTH



*It's modern day New York and Bobbie is turning 35. Surrounded by best friends, who are all "happily married" or soon to be; this is a time to contemplate the future. This hilarious musical comedy provides a sneaky peak into other people's marriages, the pros and cons of relationships and commitment and asks us to consider what life is really about, without love.*

Written by George Furth

Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Directed by Emily Armstrong & Dexter Whitehead

Box Office: 0121 355 5355

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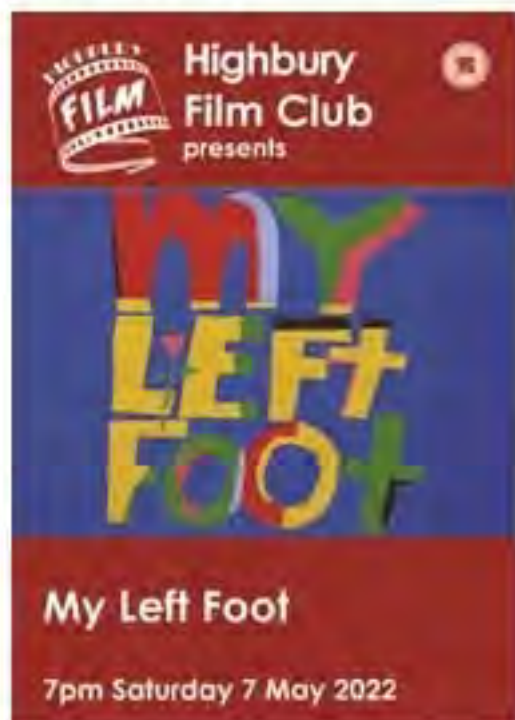
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## What's on next at Highbury Theatre?



### My Left Foot

**7 May 2022** Start time 7pm  
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The true story of Christy Brown, born with cerebral palsy into a family of 15. He learns to paint and write with his only controllable limb and becomes a writer and artist.

### Northanger Abbey

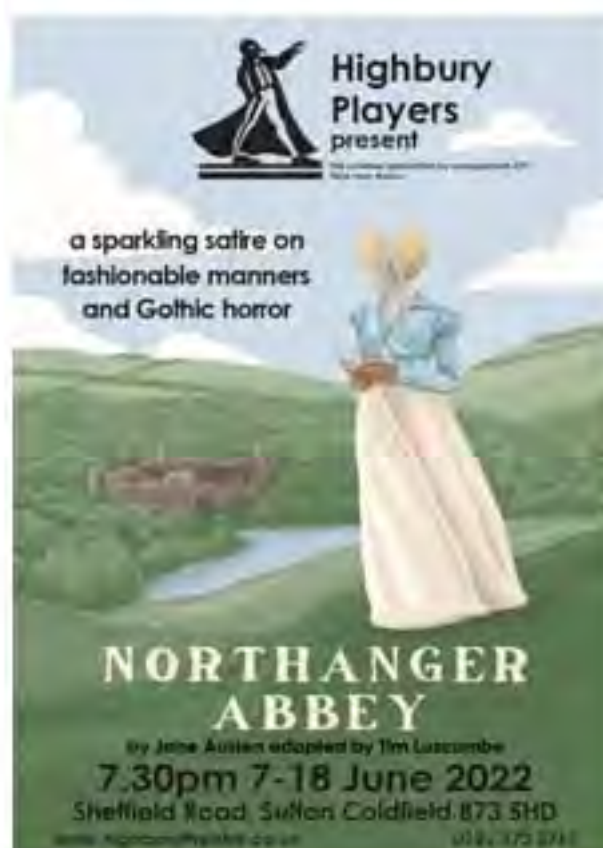
**7-18 June 2022**

Start time 7.30pm

Jane Austen's sparkling satire on fashionable manners and Gothic horror adapted by Tim Luscombe. Catherine Morland is so excited to think she is going to a house where foul crimes and dark secrets may be discovered.

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**Portrait of a Lady on Fire**  
**25 June 2022** Start time 7pm  
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### Nomadland

**16 July 2022** Start time 7pm  
Released 2020  
Duration 1h, 48m  
Certificate 12A

Could well be the best film released in 2020. Frances McDormand is Fern: recently widowed, out of work, and now on the road.

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Streetly for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations,  
Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June.

Flower Festival with Live Music including Children's Activities.  
Look out for the posters with more information.

## The Sutton Coldfield Fuchsia Society & Gardening Guild.

At our April meeting we were delighted to welcome Stan and Vicki from Craig House Cacti. They have been growing cacti since being introduced to them as children, but for the past 15 years have exhibited at all the major flower shows around the country and are the proud owners of 9 Chelsea gold medals! They are renowned for their amazing cacti themed outfits, and we were very pleased when they came resplendent in their waistcoats and matching jackets!

They took us through the difference between cacti and succulents, including overwintering, feeding & watering, and of course the thorny issue of how to pot on, not the easiest of tasks when you are dealing with spikey plants! There were plenty of cacti on sale, along with many varieties of fuchsias, now the season is getting underway.

Next month we have Neil Tyers, a specialist on auriculas, and I know Neil will be bringing plenty of plants for sale.

Each month we hold a small competition, to try to get members happy to put plants into our annual show, and again this month were delighted with the fabulous display, all based on an Easter theme.

We are building a lovely, friendly group of people, and we would be delighted to see some new members. We meet the second Thursday of each month at The Banners Gate Community Church in Westwood Rd. Doors open from 7.30 till about 9.45.

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### CONTACT

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On 27th March we rehomed 60 cages hens to be saved from slaughter. The British Hen Welfare Trust Charity have teamed up with Wylde Green United Reformed Church along with volunteer Coordinator Will Thornton and Volunteers Cat Donovan-Barnes, Naomi with her mum Sian.

The history of the charity <https://www.bhwt.org.uk/about-us/>





## **Digital Future- Learn Digital Skills For Free!**

Age Concern Birmingham will be working alongside Good Things Foundation in an exciting new project. As part of the Government funded Community Renewal Fund, many 18-65 year olds living in the West Midlands will be eligible to receive free digital skills sessions at Age Concern Birmingham on Boldmere Road.

Over half of participants will also be eligible for a tablet that they may keep free of charge. If you would like to develop employability skills, progress to further education or simply learn more online skills and you meet the following criteria then please get in touch!

### **Eligibility criteria:**


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## Hope Food North Birmingham

Hope Food have taken over the management of the food donation point at the Town Hall.

The driving force behind the donation point set up two years ago was Town Hall volunteer Terry Dockery, pictured here holding the Tesco sign with Town Hall manager Julie Rennison.

Terry and Julie were on hand to meet Hope Food trustees and local residents who regularly donate food at the Town Hall point.

The main picture shows Joan James (who collects food from her neighbours and donates weekly) and Hope Food trustees Teresa Clements, Brian Woolcock and Deb Middleton. Another regular food donor, Nikki Wright, was also on hand to see the handover.

Moving forwards Hope Food will oversee the distribution of food donations to the same existing local foodbanks who already benefit from the donations, including Hope Food itself.

The Town Hall donation point will be open every Friday from 10am to 2pm. If you can drop off any of the following it would be most appreciated by those in need in our community: tinned food, rice, pasta, noodles, sauce jars, cereals, squash, long life milk tinned fruit and desserts and biscuits.

Thank you.





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##### Falcon Lodge

Wednesday 2pm - 3 pm  
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##### Mere Green

Friday 12 - 1pm  
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**Mere Green**



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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?

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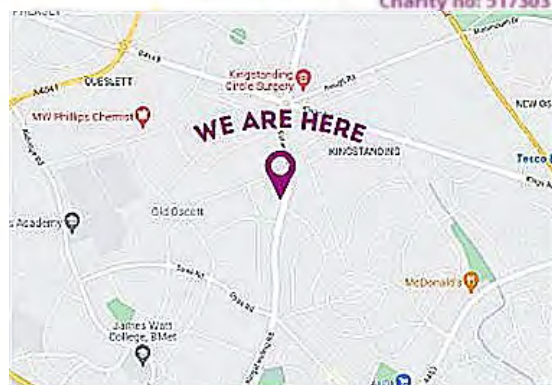




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**Welcome,**



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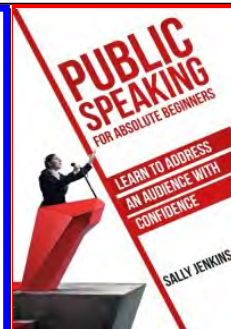
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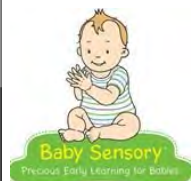


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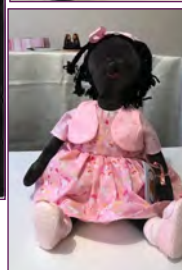


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For details see website at <a href="http://www.stcolumbasbannersgate.co.uk">www.stcolumbasbannersgate.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.bannersgatechurch.com">www.bannersgatechurch.com</a>					
Mon 6.15am - 7.15am 9.15 - 10.15 11am - 1.00pm 7.30 – 9.00 pm	Stay in Focus Fitness Imagi-Play Dementia Care Line Dancing	Community Hall St Columbas Community Hall Community Hall	Ellie Smith Barbara H-Walker Diane Pursall	553 6483 747 4659	
Tues 6.15 am—7.15am 3rd in month 9.15 - 12.00pm 6.30 – 7.30 & 7.30 – 9.00 7.45 pm	Stay in Focus Fitness Coffee Morning 3rd Tuesdays Line Dancing Chikara Karate Kai	Community Hall 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 1.15 - 2.15 6 pm - 7 pm 7.15—8.15 7.00 pm	Baby Sensory Guide Dog Training Imagi-Play Mid-week Service Bible Study I Yoga. Midlands SlimmingWorld	Banners Gate CC Community Hall St Columbas Community Hall Community Hall St Columba's	Tracy Jones 0775 Madge Nightingale Ellie Smith Ola Samuel 07565 Angela Brookes 07939 Karen 07759	82 56 22 360 0286 65 27 62 54 73 92 17 02 89	
Thurs 6.15 am - 7.15am 10.00—11.00 am 12.45 - 2.45 4.30—6.30 6.30 – 9.45 pm 7.15 – 10.15 pm (3rd of each month) 7.30 pm	Stay in Focus Fitness Holy Communion Yoga Kiddibops Teachitright Zig Zag Dance Studio Bridge Townswomen's Guild	Community Hall St. Columba's Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall St. Columba's Community Hall Banners Gate CC	Tricia 07954 Rachel 07807 07809 Warren 01902 Sylvia Cunningham 07870 Josie Orme	40 39 43 55 16 61 61 43 10 897 900 82 98 37 352 1042	
Friday 7.00 - 8.00 pm Saturday 8.30—9.30 am	Sign Language Classes Soul Yoga	Community Hall	Shakila Kosar		
<b>BOOKING SECRETARIES:</b> 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		<b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS:</b> Scouts: Margaret Drummond, 33rd GSL 353 5203 Girlguiding: Carol Gardner, Vesey West District Commissioner 350 7191			

**The Townswomen's Guild**  
 Patron HRH The Princess Royal GCVO

**Thurs. 19th May** Chit Chat Evening plus Plant Sale  
**Thurs. 16th June** Queen's Jubilee Celebration  
**Thurs. 21st July** Howard Drury

Our vibrant Guild meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Westwood Hall, Banners Gate Community Church at 7.30pm.  
 Contact Sue nation on 353 4114

**Banners Gate Community Church, Westwood Road**

**Upcoming events**

**27 MAR** What is Valuable to us?  
 Sunday, March 27, 2022  
 10:30am-12:00pm  
 Steve leading

**Wanted, a Vice-Chair for the Forum**  
 The job: mainly to stand in for the Chair, if absent, but also to help with new ideas and to assist in maintaining the wide range of speakers we have for each meeting. For further details please call 605 4947.

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

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sutton Coldfield Scout Group,**  
 H.Q. Coppice View Road

Monday Beavers 5.30 p.m. – 6.45 p.m. ages 6 – 8 years  
 Scouts 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. ages 10 ½ – 14 years  
 Tuesday Beavers 5.40 p.m. – 6.40 p.m. ages 6 – 8 years  
 Cubs 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. ages 8 – 10 ½ years  
 Thursday Cubs 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. ages 8 – 10 ½ years  
**Contact 0121 353 5203**  
 Email: margaretdrummond1@btinternet.com



**Girlguiding gives girls and young women a voice.....has done so for 100 years.....be part of the next 100**  
 Could you spare 1½ hours a week to help with the St Columba's Guide unit? Gain real satisfaction in volunteering and helping to ensure girls in Banners Gate aged 10 – 14 can continue to enjoy games, projects, badges and outings at Guides.  
 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.

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 7191
Thurs 5.00 - 6.00pm	39th Rainbows	St Columba's Hall		354 5873