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★ We are printing Gatepost in colour for the first time in a long time so we will need deliverers and counters. If you have an hour to spare on probably 29th June or 6th July afternoon, please ring me or email your interest. Many thanks. Tony ★

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Rob Pock: REVIVING SUTTON TOWN CENTRE

Many residents are in despair about the declining state of our Sutton Town centre. Retail shops are closing by the day, and we are in danger of becoming another 'ghost town'. The job of turning this round is a difficult one, because so many of our local residents, especially younger ones, are just not 'going shopping in town centres' any more. The rise of internet shopping was going on well before Covid, but has dramatically increased since then. Groceries, furniture, DIY stuff, clothes, fashion, kids stuff, entertainment – it's all just a click away, and you don't even need to go outside your front door and get cold.

None of this is going away. If anything, it will accelerate further. Those of us who enjoy 'going out shopping' are an ever-dwindling minority. So, town centres based on large retail shops are heading for disaster, here and across the country. Town Planners have a big job on their hands, to re-design the 'point' of towns, in such a way as to attract visitors to bother to go out for pleasures you can't get just clicking away in your bedroom!

Sutton is actually in quite a good place to lead the way in this new future. The City and Town Councils have worked together for once, to develop a long term development plan. The City Council bought up the 'Red Rose centre' as landowners several years ago – that's the slice of land where Sainsbury's used to be and the Library. This month they have also taken on the 'New Hall Walk' quarter, which goes all the way from TGI Fridays over to Lidl, which until now has been owned by the British Rail pension fund. So a large slice of the land ownership now falls to the local Council – the Gracechurch centre continues in private ownership. But between them, there is a real prospect of coordinated control of the future re-design of our Town centre.

Now we all have to put on our thinking caps and work out what its future economy should be based on. Big retail stores are of limited supply – but a nest of small independent specialist shops is possible? Plus leisure, eateries, entertainment and creative arts? Festive events and family attractions in the Town centre? If you have your own ideas just email me on:

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'TIP TRUCK' ON TOUR AGAIN!

If you read this before Friday 24th June, you are in time to use the next City Council 'mobile tip truck' visit! This month we're back at the Welshman's Hill site which was the first one to be used. Drop by between 7am and midday with any large items of rubbish, garden waste, loft and shed clearance etc. I'm hoping the next visit will be to the Parklands estate, to make sure that area gets a slice of the action too. For advance information just email me as above and I'll add you to the notification list.



Jan Cairns: Hello all, thank you for your trust in me and voting me back into Sutton Coldfield Town Council as a Councillor for Vesey Ward.

I do hope that you are enjoying the better weather and have some wonderful plans for the summer months ahead.

I was honoured to have been appointed as Mayor of the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield for the next twelve months. Since being elected as Mayor I have been fortunate to have already attended several events.

Firstly, I was thrilled to support Deputy Lieutenant John Craggs and our Sutton Coldfield

MP Andrew Mitchell at the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon which was held at Holy Trinity Parish Church. Many of our residents were there in celebration of our Queen's incredible devotion to 70 years of service to our Country.

I met with Ukrainian families and their Sutton Coldfield sponsors who have selflessly taken Ukrainian refugees into their homes. It was heart-warming to see the Ukraine family sponsors and supporters all working together to help each other out, to get the best they could for their families to enable them to get English lessons, to source employment and to get their children into schools. I am proud to say that Sutton Coldfield along with Moseley are the two areas in Birmingham that have taken the most Ukrainian families at this time.

I also attended the opening of a new business in our Town. Mere Green has welcomed a new beauty and cosmetic clinic, Aesthetics Company UK. The newly employed team were very enthusiastic and welcoming, and it was wonderful to see young employees excited about their career options ahead of them.

The Mayor's diary is quickly filling up with engagements including our town's annual Civic Sunday service taking place on 10th July. I look forward to meeting with many residents and community groups during my term in office. Thank you all for your support and I will ensure that I keep you updated as the year progresses.

Ten Hilarious Jokes For Nerds

1. I'm reading a book on anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
2. The past, the present and the future all walk into a bar at the same time. It was tense...
3. A neutron walks into a bar and orders a drink. When the barman gives it to him, he asks, "How much?" The barman replies, "For you – no charge."
4. I have a new theory on inertia but it doesn't seem to be gaining momentum...
5. Argon walks into a bar. The bartender says, "We don't serve noble gasses here!" Argon doesn't react.



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Don't you wish you had paid more attention in your science classes? The other five will appear next month.



Sunday Mornings at St Columba's

Rev Beccy invites you to a warm and welcoming
service at 10am

*The service lasts about an hour
with tea, coffee and a chat in the hall afterwards.*

All are welcome: everything is explained as we go
along and is on a big screen at the front.

Come exactly as you are - full of questions, full of faith,
full of doubts or completely empty and in need of an
hour of peace.

You are welcome.

More on Air Quality

We hear that churches and schools are showing their concern about vehicles that sit waiting with their engines running. But now they can take advantage of the Eco Sutton offer: a notice board paid for by lottery funding which encourages considerate behaviour.

If you are interested in putting up one of these notices you can get in touch via their website: <http://www.ecosutton.co.uk/>

**PLEASE STOP
IDLING YOUR
ENGINE...**

...think of the elderly
and the young



Thank you



Coffee Morning



*Last Friday of every month
10.30 - 12pm*

*St Columba's
Church Hall
Banners Gate Rd,
Sutton Coldfield,
B13 6TX*



St Columba's News

Celebrations and meeting up with family and friends is important and much valued by all of us whatever the reason. It gives all of us time to catch up with one another and quite often the chance to reacquaint ourselves with those we don't manage to see on a frequent basis. Here at St Columba's on Saturday 4 June we thoroughly enjoyed a right royal Jubilee afternoon tea in order to help and support our Queen celebrate her 70 years on the throne. An amazing person who has seen much change and continues to give faithful service despite her advancing years. Decorations with a regal twist adorned the tables along side plenty of flag bunting around the walls and ceiling. Everyone had a good time particularly as snippets from the original footage of the 1952 Coronation was seen via power point.

Coffee Morning update

Our monthly coffee mornings have restarted and are proving to be a huge success, we are greatly encouraged to see many new people from our local area popping along and joining us at this deservedly popular event. During May a busy plant sale took place alongside the usual cake and coffee on offer. Particular thanks to those who kindly donated perennials and also some of their own home grown vegetable and bedding plants in order to make this the success we knew it would be. Friday June 24 is our next meeting when we are expecting a speaker to come and visit us, so do pop along if you are able to between 10.30 - 12 midday in the Church Hall. Please note coffee morning will not be open during the holiday months of July and August, however it will be up and running again as normal on Friday 30th September 10.30 - 12 midday.

Church service arrangements for Sunday 31 July (Commonwealth Games weekend)

Due to road closures associated with the Commonwealth Games events in Sutton Park on the above date, the usual 10.00 Sunday morning service will not take place. A short Communion service will be offered at 08.00 instead.

The latest updates from our school



Welcome to our latest school newsletter!

In it you will find a round-up of the latest happenings in school and also those planned in the near future. It has been wonderful to see so many elements of school returning to 'normal' in this

past term. Staff in school are working hard to ensure the children continue to make progress all the way up to the end of this academic year, and plans are being made for the start of the new academic year too.

On Wednesday 8th June, we welcomed several senior executive leaders from PACT into school for our second quality assurance visit of this academic year. The day was extremely positive with clear recognition of the improvements made so far and the impact that these are having on our pupils, teaching and learning. Well done to all of the team in school!

Mrs Middleton, Head of School



Follow us on twitter @SuttonParkPri

Our home-grown garden: an update!

Our pupils have been busy working in our polytunnel and allotment plots with Mrs Holder from Roots to Fruit. We have our fingers crossed for a



bumper crop this year! Our pumpkins are ready for transfer, our wheat from our Greek-inspired lessons is standing tall and our

strawberries just need a little colour! We are so proud of how this enrichment opportunity has developed over the past two years.



A visit from Perry the Bull!

On Friday 10th June, KS2 had a surprise assembly with a VERY special guest! Perry the Bull came to visit Sutton Park to tell us all about the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. We heard all about the Queen's baton relay, the events we can expect to see in the games and the importance of Perry as the mascot. We even got to do a physical warm up with him too!



Schools across Birmingham entered a ballot to win this opportunity and Sutton Park were one of the successful schools.

We were honoured to host Perry and are now looking forward to our second Commonwealth-linked event on Monday 20th June. Our children will have the opportunity to meet some award-winning athletes and launch a week of sports-themed activities under the theme of 'belonging'.

The return of the Rock Kidz:

Thursday 7th July will see the return of the much-loved Rock Kidz to Sutton Park Primary!

All children will be accessing a high-energy, musically-inspired workshop focusing on 'perseverance, resilience, dreams and aspirations'.

This will then lead into our ACHIEVE values day on Friday 8th July.

For this second visit we are also inviting children to dress as rockstars. Originally, we planned for just one workshop from Rock Kidz but as a result of overwhelming demand and positive feedback, we are facilitating a second visit.

The Rock Kidz will be available afterschool on Thursday 8th for photo opportunities and merchandise sales.

We are sure the children will love this day and look forward to seeing their best rockstar poses!



- BELIEVE - INSPIRE - ACHIEVE

Baby and Parent Groups

My daughter is one now and I am due to return to work in July but we have spent the last year together visiting the many fabulous playgroups and classes around Sutton Coldfield so I thought I would share them with you. These are either based on my personal recommendation, or ones that have been recommended by friends. It is by no means an exhaustive list, and most only operate in term time.

They are a great way to get out of the house each day, for babies and children to socialise. The stay and play groups are a great way to meet other adults and to socialise too, and you may even be able to enjoy a hot cup of tea (usually included in the play group admission donation/fee).

I will also share the timetable for free classes funded by Spurgeons Children's Charity. The 30 min "Story/Singing session" at Boldmere library on Tuesdays at 09:30, 10:00 and 10:45 is lovely.

Monday:

Messy Tots at Sutton Coldfield URC [1, Brassington Ave, Sutton Coldfield, B736AA](#): 10:00-11:30

Tiny Talk (sign language) at Chester Road Baptist Church, Chester Road, B735HU
Baby group 11:15-12:15 and Toddler group 09:45-10:45

Tuesday:

All-Star twinkles at St Peters Church, Maney Hill Road, B72 1JJ: 9.45-11.15

'Moo Music' at Deanery C of E Primary School, [Fox Hollies Road](#), Walmley, [Sutton Coldfield B76 2RD](#): 11:35-12:10

Soft Play at the Indoor Big Play Barn, [The Children's Farm](#), Middleton Lane, Middleton (free for 12 months and under before 11am)

Wednesday:

Britwell Toddler Group, Wylde Green United Reform Church, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5SW: 09:30-11:30

Soft Play at the Indoor Big Play Barn, [The Children's Farm](#), Middleton Lane, Middleton (free for 12 months and under before 11am)

Thursday:

All-star twinkles at St Peters Church, Maney Hill Road, B72 1JJ: 9.45-11.15

Four Oaks Play Group, [155 Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B74 2UU](#): 09:30-11:15

Moo Music at Boldmere Methodist Church, Boldmere Rd, Sutton Coldfield: 11:35 - 12:10

Soft Play at the Indoor Big Play Barn, [The Children's Farm](#), Middleton Lane, Middleton (free for 12 months and under before 11am)

Cllr. Amy Millichope (Sutton Coldfield Town Council)
amy.millichope@suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk

Monday am

9.30-11.30am
KID's West Midlands
Support Group
Referral only
Castle Vale

9.30-10.30am
First Word's
(12-24 months)
Lakeside- call to register
interest

10.00-11.00am
Walking For Wellbeing
Lakeside

10.00-11.30am
Family Support Drop-In
1st and 3rd Monday of
each month
Lakeside

HIGH IMPORTANCE

* Please ensure that you bring NHS number's with you for anyone attending each week, this is highly important to ensure that staff can sign you in and out effectively *



Tuesday am

9.30-11.00am
Play and Learn
under 5's
Castle Vale

9.30-10.00am
10.10-10.40am
10.45-11.15am
Story/Singing Session
Under 5's
Boldmere Library

10.00-11.00am
Walking For Wellbeing
Lakeside

10.00-12.00pm
The feeding Lounge
Lakeside

For any Breastfeeding advice please contact any of the Children's Centres or come along for support to one of the groups.



Wednesday am

9.30-11.00
Hug in a Mug—Adults only
Referral only
Holland House

9.30-11.00am
Play and Learn
under 2's
Lakeside

9.30-11.00am
Play and Learn
over 2's
Lakeside

DID YOU KNOW?

... National recommendations are that pregnant women and young children should take vitamin D supplements.

ASK FOR YOUR FREE VITAMINS AT RECEPTION OR CALL YOUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Thursday am

9.30-11.30am
KID's West Midlands
Support Group
Referral only
Lakeside

9.30-11.00 am
Hug in a Mug—
Referral only
Castle Vale

Start date to be confirmed-
9.30-11.00 am
Stepping Stones
Referral only
Featherstone

9.30-11.30am
Employment and Training
Drop-In
Castle Vale

Family Support

Need some advice and support? Ring to speak to our Duty Family Support Worker who can help and advise. If we cannot, we will help to identify a service that can.

Friday am

9.30-11.00am
Play and Learn
over 2's
Holland House

(Start date to be confirmed)
9.45-11.15 am
Play and Learn
Under 5's
Falcon Lodge Community Centre

9.30-10.30am
First Word's
(12-24 months)
Castle Vale

Adult Education
Register your interest in Survival English- This looks at those basic skills needed to help with communication early on. A creche will be provided.



We would love to receive some feedback about a service or group you have attended - this will help us to identify future groups and activities.

*Please turn over for the afternoon activities...

Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS

NHS Foundation Trust

Monday pm

12.40-2.40pm
Hug in a Mug-Referral only
Lakeside

1.30-4.00pm
Employment and Training
Drop-In
Lakeside



Lakeside Children's Centre
Lakes Road, Erdington,
Birmingham, B23 7UH
Telephone: 0121 752 1970
Open 9am - 5pm
Some car parking space
available, disabled parking plus
plenty of on street parking

Featherstone Children's Centre
29 Highcroft Road,
Erdington, Birmingham,
B23 6AU
Telephone: 0121 752 1870
Open 9am-5pm
On street parking available

Castle Vale Children's Centre
372 Yatesbury Avenue,
Castle Vale, Birmingham,
B35 6DG
Telephone: 0121 752 1920
Open 9am - 5pm
On street parking available

Tuesday pm

12.45-2.15pm
Hug in a Mug-Referral only
Featherstone

12.45-2.45pm HENRY
Sutton Venue
(Venue to be confirmed)

1.00-3.00pm
Employment and Training
Drop-In
Holland House

Holland House Children's Centre
Holland Road,
Sutton Coldfield,
Birmingham, B72 1RE
Telephone: 0121 752 1860
Open 8.30am-4.30pm
Parking on Duke Street- 2 hours
without pay and display

Boldmere Library
119 Boldmere Road,
Boldmere, Sutton
Coldfield, B73-5TU
On street parking available

Falcon Lodge Community Centre
Church Hill Road,
Sutton Coldfield, B75 7LB
On street parking available

Facebook Pages
Erdington Children's
Centre
Sutton Coldfield Children's
Centre

www.startwellbirmingham.co.uk

Wednesday pm

1.00-2.00pm
Walking For Wellbeing
Holland House



Please note - We offer Baby Massage, please enquire with your local Children's Centre

Need support with your wellbeing? Contact your local Children's Centre to enquire about Walking for Wellbeing or Hug in a Mug.

Employment, Training and Volunteering
Get support with CV writing, interview skills and accessing courses such as Survival English, Crafts, Introduction to Childcare and many more. We also have a range of volunteering opportunities within the Children's Centre Contact: Zaheer on 07974 255788 or Natalie on 07870 981272

Health Activities Call In

We can support you with:-

- Introduction to solid food
- Oral health
- Bottle to cup transition
- Fussy eating
- Safety in the home
- Healthy eating and nutrition

Contact Tal on: 07816 364241
or Paula on: 07816 364232

Thursday pm

1.00-2.00pm
Walking For Wellbeing
Castle Vale

1.15-2.45pm
Play and Learn
under 2's
Featherstone

1.30-4.00pm
Employment and Training
Drop-In
Featherstone

1.00-2.30pm
Family Support Drop-In
2nd and 4th Thursday of
each month
Holland House

Friday pm

1.15-2.45pm
Play and Learn
over 2's
Featherstone

1.00-2.30pm
Play and Learn
under 2's
Holland House

We offer a number of courses including:-

- Promoting Happier Parenting
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Solihull Approach
- Healthy Eating Nutrition for the Really Young (HENRY)
- Incredible Years Parenting Programme

Please call your local Children's Centre to enquire or/and book on.

Language Through Play

If you have concerns around your child's speech and language development, we offer sessions to help support and enable parents/carers to optimize their child's speech and language skills. The support is through our Little Talker's sessions and home learning with talking tips and activities from the 'Wellcomm Toolkit'.

Please enquire at any of our Children's Centre's to find out how to access support.



Banners Gate Townswomen's Guild was founded 50 years ago.

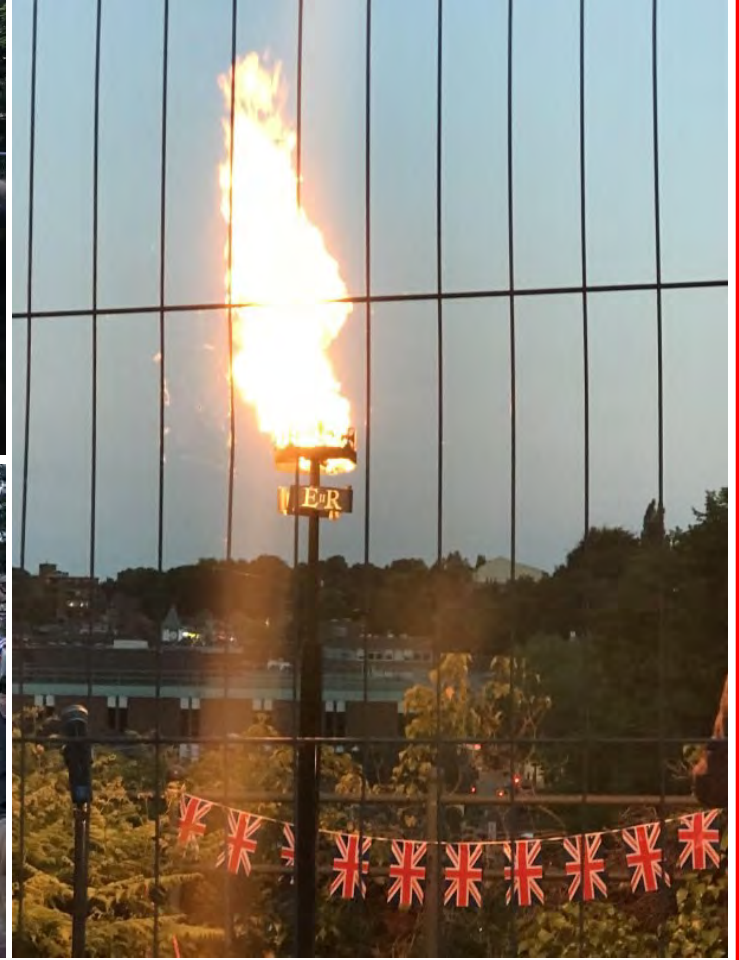
It has survived changes of venue, rules, regulations and leadership. The Guild has continued to flourish and is there to offer friendship, fun and a variety of speakers and activities. The Golden birthday party was to be celebrated at Fairlawns Hotel. Then Covid struck! We celebrated on Wednesday 6th April 2022, two years later!

We would like to congratulate our four founding members: Sandra Perry; Val Turner; Pat Greeves and Jean Sturch. 50 wonderful years of lasting friendships and memorable experiences.

Banners Gate TG meet every third Thursday of the month at 7pm at Banners Gate Community Church on Westwood Road. There is a warm welcome for anybody and any age.



Moira was at the lighting of the Sutton Coldfield beacon, along with the Deputy Lieutenant John Craggs, Andrew Mitchell MP and our new Town Mayor, Jan Cairns.



NOSTALGIC

Last Thursday of every month - Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
1.00 pm - 3.30 pm



See
advert on
page 34





**ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL**

Future Meeting Dates

Full Council

17th May 2022

Agenda Item 20

Meeting	Date	
Planning and Highways Committee	Tuesday 7 th June 2022	✓
Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee	Thursday 16 th June 2022	✓
Strategy and Resources Committee	Tuesday 21 st June 2022	
Full Council	Tuesday 28 th June 2022	
Planning and Highways Committee	Tuesday 5 th July 2022	
Full Council	Tuesday 19 th July 2022	
Planning and Highways Committee	Tuesday 2 nd August 2022	
Planning and Highways Committee	Tuesday 6 th September 2022	
Amenities, Leisure and Community Services	Tuesday 13 th September 2022	
Strategy and Resources Committee	Tuesday 20 th September 2022	
Full Council	Tuesday 27 th September 2022	
Planning and Highways Committee	Tuesday 4 th October 2022	
Strategy and Resources Committee	Tuesday 11 th October 2022	
Full Council	Tuesday 18 th October 2022	
Planning and Highways Committee	Tuesday 1 st November 2022	
Amenities, Leisure and Community Services	Wednesday 9 th November 2022	

Neighbourhood Forum: Commonwealth Games update

With only a handful of weeks to go until the Commonwealth Games Triathlon comes to Boldmere, excitement is really building up.

Each race will have 4 laps and so there will be plenty of opportunity to see the cyclists.

Boldmere's high street will be buzzing but won't be able to accommodate all 30,000 expected visitors so we are hoping that residents along the course will prepare in a big way for this once in a lifetime event.

Some suggestions of how you can get involved.

Use a long coaxial TV lead and put your TVs in the front garden so neighbours and others can enjoy watching the swimming and running.

Decorate the pavement and your driveways and walls using pavement chalk (chunky) with flags and pictures.

Putting up flags or bunting outside your house for the team(s) you are supporting and getting small flags to wave. (bunting only on private land not pavements)

Put out some chairs on the pavement for both yourselves and visitors to the area and welcome visitors with a hot or cold drink.

Charge your phone ready to take lots of photographs that can be shared on the Boldmere Facebook group – www.facebook.com/groups/boldmere

Friday 29th July

Men's Individual Race - start 11.01am
(cycling round Boldmere around 11.25am)

Women's Individual Race - start 14.31pm
(cycling round Boldmere around 14.55pm)

Sunday 31st July

Para Individual Race - start 11.01am
(cycling round Boldmere around 11.25am)

Mixed Team Relay Race - start 14.31pm
(cycling round Boldmere around 14.55pm)

Boldmere Futures have used funding from Triathlon England to provide street entertainers around the cycling course before and between races around the residential areas and then after the races in Boldmere's high street. This will include a magician, stilt walker, Spider Man, balloon modeller and a clown. Look out for them as they will be moving around the course.

Please see the website www.boldmere.org/b2022 for further details about the races and for how road closures will affect you. There is a link on that page for the Birmingham 2022 Get Set page where you can find out more about how to apply for

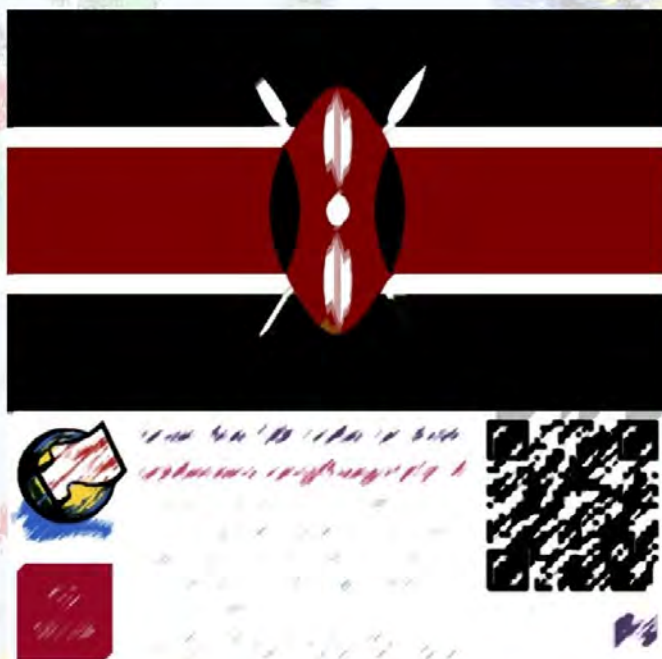
parking permits to access your property before roads are fully closed.

Boldmere Neighbourhood Forum are also excited that we will soon be able to reveal a top secret new feature arriving in Boldmere at the beginning of July. Watch this space and keep an eye out on the streets.



Flying the Flag for Boldmere

Boldmere Futures are delighted to present a trail of 59 flags around the Boldmere area that will be launched in early July. Each flag will be attached to a lamppost or signpost and will include a flag of the Commonwealth and a QR code. Anybody can participate and it doesn't all have to be done on one day, in fact it's a great trail to spread out over a few evenings.



The trail starts by Powell's Pool at Boldmere Gate where there will be a commemorative plaque to form part of Boldmere's new history of hosting the Triathlon for the Commonwealth Games. The trail then finishes in the heart of Boldmere where there will be a new 8m high flagpole installed.

Scanning a QR code (just use your mobile phone camera app) will take you to a web page which will tell you what the country is and some more information about that country's flag. We've shown a sample of what the flags will look like, but in order not to spoil the surprise, we've blurred out some of the content.

There will be two trail maps available. One will be in a printed format which we hope to distribute to all homes in Boldmere, but will also be available from local shops in Boldmere. This map will also be available as a printable download on the website www.boldmere.org/flags where you can also find out more about the project.

The other map will be an interactive map that you can use on a mobile device to see the locations in real-time and monitor your own position using GPS. Clicking on a flag will tell you about the location of the flag including a photograph of the location.

Pippa Goode & Paul Long of Boldmere Futures have managed the project "We're now hoping that members of our community will now contribute artwork, videos, dances, poetry or personal stories related to each country (or flag's physical location) that can be shown on each flag's web page. "

Please email Hannah on commonwealthflagproject@outlook.com if you are able to make a contribution to the digital art.

Boldmere Summer

After three long years the Boldmere Summer Festival returns to Boldmere high street on **Sunday July 17th 2022.**

The event will run from 1-6pm and Boldmere Road will be closed to traffic. The stage will offer a diversity of musical acts.

The festival will be looking forward to welcoming the Commonwealth Games to Birmingham and the triathlon event to the high street on 29th and 31st July.

A variety of street food traders including Chocolate Treats, Grill Brazil, Project D Doughnuts, Thirsty Farmer, Aperitivo etc.

There will also be over 40 stalls plus fairground rides including the popular ferris wheel and children's rides. There will be a voluntary entrance fee asking for just £2 per adult, £1 per child or £5 for a family ticket. Organised once again by Boldmere Futures CIC and supported by Sutton Charitable Trust.



Look out for **Flying the Flag in Boldmere** coming soon. Signs of individual Commonwealth nations flags erected on lampposts in the Vesey Ward with interactive website giving insights into the nation and neighbourhood involvement. Also a new flagpole on the high street and triathlon memory plaque in the park.



Second half of this centre spread for the printed Gatepost is on the next page.



Here is a small collection of photos taken at the Hollyhurst Road celebrations of HM 70 years on the throne. There were many, many more taken but permissions were had to be sought, which is time consuming. Apart from food and drink there was music, singing and games, even a sack race. A great time was had by all and the weather played its part.



When I lost the fingers on my right hand in a freak accident, I asked the doctor if I would still be able to write with it. He said, "Probably, but I wouldn't count on it 😂"

**I have many hidden talents.
Just wish I could remember where I hid them.**

I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. I asked him "Are you the friar?" He replied "No, I'm the chip monk..."

A man and a woman were traveling in a train.

Woman : Every time you smile, I feel like inviting you to my place.

Man : Awwww! Are you single ?

Woman : No, I am a Dentist....

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner...

So I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!

Sometimes, not saying anything is the best answer. You see, silence can never be misquoted.

Thank you for these wise words, Hazel.

This woman is accused of attacking her husband with several of his guitars.
The judge asked "First offender?"
She replied, "No, first a Gibson, second a Fender"



We're looking for someone who can do the work of six men

That's a shame, I was looking for a full-time job!



I still think I got it right and the teacher's wrong.



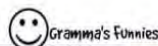
"Some of the biggest cases of mistaken identity are among intellectuals who have trouble remembering that they are not God."

Felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery. The gps blurted out you have reached your final destination.



A Man asked a Fairy to make him desirable and irresistible to all Women.

She turned him into a credit card.



My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

"BE CAREFUL OF THOSE INTERNET DATING SITES..."



...HIS PROFILE SAID HE TRAVELS A LOT AND ALSO OWNS HIS OWN HOME!!

HUSBAND:

I want you to have this bracelet. It belonged to my Grandmother.

WIFE:

Why does it say, "Do not resuscitate?"

I went to visit a psychic.
I knocked on her front door and she yelled...
"Who is it?"
So I left.

Aren't animals amazing? I just passed a hospital and there was a sign saying 'guard dogs operate at this hospital'



Sutton Trust plant Yew tree to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

[Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust](#) was joined by the local community to plant a Yew tree at Manorial Wood, as part of the Queen's Canopy tree planting initiative to mark her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Chairman of Sutton in Bloom Terry Wood joined SCCT staff and Keith Dudley, Chair of Trustees to plant the commemorative Yew tree, as well as two long-serving almshouse residents, children from Little Sutton Primary School, West Midlands Police Cadets and two local chartered foresters.

Tina Swani, chief executive of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust, said: "It's fantastic that we were able to be part of the Queen's Canopy planting at Manorial Wood, and what a great way to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

"We'd like to thank everyone who was involved in the project and for helping us plant the Yew tree, which will be here and part of Sutton Coldfield for generations to come."

The tree planting commemorated a significant milestone in the Queen's reign, celebrating 70 years on the throne, and within that time the Trust - which has origins that can be traced back to the Tudor times – has achieved its own milestones that align with royal events.

1528 – The Royal Charter established the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield in 1528, during the reign of Henry VIII - father to the first Queen Elizabeth. Four years before she was born, the first ever almshouses were also built at a total cost of £608.

1558 – Queen Elizabeth came to the throne, when Royal Town Sutton Coldfield was celebrating its 30th birthday.

1926 – 10 Almshouses in Walmley were being built, just as Queen Elizabeth II had been born and electricity was installed three years later.

1971 – Princess Anne opened a new Residents' Lounge and 13 dwellings on Walmley site. Trustees decided to rent a TV and buy a piano for the lounge.

Silver Jubilee in 1977 – Sutton Coldfield officially became part of the city of Birmingham. Around this time, the first grants to educational organisations were being made and included awards to five primary schools, a school music association and a sports association.

Ruby Jubilee 1992 – The Trust hit the £1 million mark for grants awarded that year. This is the first time the Trust granted this amount of money, which was a total of £1,357,163 to help individuals and organisations across Sutton Coldfield.

Diamond Jubilee 2012 – The name of the Trust was changed to Sutton Coldfield

Charitable Trust, to reflect the Trust's role more appropriately, within the town, as an independent charity which no longer has a direct association with the local authority. This year, Princess Alexandra opened new warden's flats in Walmley, and more trees were planted to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

To find out more information about Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust, please visit:

www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.com/almshouses.htm



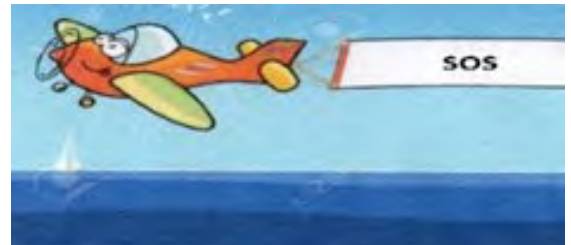
Another saga in the life and times of Eric

My wife had always wanted to holiday in Cuba, so a few years back we investigated and found we could fly from Heathrow on a two-centre holiday location on the island, a beach location followed by Havana City. We duly purchased a holiday and when the details arrived discovered we were flying in a Russian [Ilyushin aircraft](#). On telling my pals, they all jested that the aircraft was used way back by Khrushchev when he was alive, it's so old. Do they still have outside toilets etc were one of many jibes? Who needs friends eh!

We boarded the Cuban-owned aircraft and were surprised at how casually the cabin crew was dressed, also no safety briefing so we assumed you just had to read up on it yourselves. The Ilyushin was originally designed as a wide-bodied four-engine transport plane adapted for passenger flights, we had to almost stand on the seats to use the overhead locker.

We took off and instead of the steep climb we were on a very shallow ascent. As I was nearest to the window, I looked out and after about 10 minutes cows in the field below were not getting any smaller. I thought perhaps this is a new method to save fuel and we are going to fly a few hundred feet above the sea to Cuba, interesting.

Not wanting to worry my wife with any comment, we then started to dip from side to side as if checking the wing ailerons. After around 15 minutes or so we were over the sea and my wife asked me if I could smell paraffin, I glanced out and noticed we were dumping fuel for an emergency landing. An announcement was made that due to a technical problem we must return to Heathrow.



We duly landed followed by emergency vehicles charging down the side of the runway, very unnerving. It was late evening on a Sunday, so the airline put us up at Heathrow for the night saying there was another flight coming in from Paris tomorrow which they could try to fit you on. My wife said, "No way am I flying with this airline ever!" She duly got on the telephone, and we were reimbursed from the travel company and went directly home. I told my wife not to unpack and see if she could get us another flight and hotel, my second in command!!! did a great job while I stayed out the way playing golf. I returned to a booked holiday with the flight from Birmingham via Paris to Havana. OK, we did not get the beach resort as well, just a straight week in Havana City.



Havana City is just as you see in travel documentaries. It's like being on a perpetual film set from the 1950s, old cars of the period on the main streets. Musical groups outside all the bars and restaurants created a great atmosphere. It was our first night so, tired, my wife decided to turn in and read her book, leaving me in the front of the hotel to finish the last Mojito. My wife had only been gone 10 minutes when a charming young lady came and sat opposite me asking my name and where I was from. She very shortly propositioned me to which I replied that my wife was in the hotel, while gesturing a cut-throat motion. She said, "We no be long only 20 minutes." On my return home, my friends commented that I should have asked her what you should do with the other 15 minutes.

I gave her five dollars, said, "Good night," and beat a hasty retreat. On telling my wife she said, "I can't leave you out on the front in future, you're not safe." We did have a wonderful holiday and Havana is just how you see it on travel programmes, a mixture of lots of 1950s American cars, old fine buildings in desperate need of maintenance, where the majority of the poorer live or squat. When we were there, the poorer citizens still had ration books for certain free food items and for certain basic food such as potatoes and cooking oil.

We have just started using [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org/) in the hope that we can continue putting Gatepost through all the letterboxes in Banners Gate every other month. Using [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org/) is easy when you shop online. It cost you nothing and it raises funds for us for very little effort. Please give it a go when you next shop online. We have started with two supporters at the time of typing, let's see how many we recruit by this time next month.



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They turn everyday online shopping into funds for good causes like us. When you use the easyfundraising website or app to shop online, the retailer sends us a free donation at no additional cost.



Which retailers will donate?

Over 6,000 retailers including Booking.com, John Lewis & Partners and eBay. It means that no matter what you're buying online it helps us raise funds.



When will we receive the donations?

Every three months easyfundraising will tot up how much you've all raised and (providing it is over £15,) will make a payment direct into our bank account. If the amount raised is less than £15, they carry it forward to their next payment-run.

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27 May 2022

Welcome to Birmingham Bulletin, with the latest news and events from Birmingham City Council.



GOLD for our Games-themed Chelsea Flower Show display!

We've notched-up our TENTH triumph in a row for our Cofton Nursery team. [FIND Out what Team England athletes thought HERE!](#)

Queen's Platinum Jubilee BOOST

The Queen's Baton returns to England on 2 June: for an INCREDIBLE, four-day visit in London, coinciding with the Platinum Jubilee weekend. [Find out where the Baton will be heading NEXT!](#)



Platinum Jubilee: head for the city centre!

A [Birmingham Platinum Jubilee city centre celebration](#) is all set to take place from 2-5 June, too! Look forward to a funfair, games and entertainment right in the HEART of Brum!

Get up-close-and-personal with the BRILLIANTLY revamped Alexander Stadium!

Our official Alexander Stadium Redevelopment Correspondent – GB athletics star, Nathan J Douglas – has appeared now in [SIX blogs which show you EVERYTHING at the NEW Stadium.](#)



Have YOU applied for Tax-FREE Childcare?

YOU could be [eligible for help towards YOUR childcare costs.](#)

Picture PERFECT!

Legendary photographer Vanley Burke has launched his '[Blood & Fire](#)' [exhibition](#) at Soho House Museum in Handsworth, as part of the Birmingham 2022 Festival. DON'T miss it!



Breath of fresh air!

Since its launch last June, Brum's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) has already had a positive impact on our city. Find out [more about the CAZ](#) – and how YOU can make a BIG difference!

FIRST Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Big Quiz: are YOU game for it?

Feel like a lifetime since YOU had a good night out? Enter the Lord Mayor's Big Quiz on 16 June, 6pm-10pm, at Millennium Point: and raise money for a GREAT cause! Book YOUR tickets for the [Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Big Quiz HERE.](#)

Like to HELP someone with a health challenge?



Like to provide public health information to YOUR community? Become a Public Health Peer

Mentor! Email:

PeerMentorProgramme@Birmingham.gov.uk

BIRMINGHAM

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10 June 2022



Innovative partnership between two councils to tackle health inequalities within Black communities

Birmingham and Lewisham councils have jointly published a ground-breaking report identifying 39 ways to [tackle health inequalities faced by people of Black African and Black Caribbean heritage](#).

Community Games weekend event

The Birmingham Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay is coming to Birmingham next month! This Saturday, 11 June, we are celebrating the route the Baton will travel through our city with a Community Games family fun day, hosted by broadcaster Ed James, at Victoria Common, Northfield, from 12-5pm. Come along and join in the fun!



Find out all you need to know about the Commonwealth Games

Do you have questions about what's happening during the Commonwealth Games and how it will impact your area? There are a host of [Frequently Asked Questions about the Games](#) on the Games' website!

Clean Air Zone sees city centre air quality improve in its first year

[Air quality in central Birmingham has improved](#) since the Clean Air Zone was implemented a year ago, and has seen a significant fall in the percentage of most polluting vehicles entering the city centre.

City's new Lord Mayor takes up office following ceremony

[Birmingham's new Lord Mayor](#), Cllr Maureen Cornish, has taken up the office of First Citizen after a Mayor Making ceremony during the Annual Meeting of the City Council last month.

Crowdfunding initiative to bring community project ideas to life

The council has launched an exciting new digital crowdfunding initiative, [Be Bold Crowdfunding](#), to enable community-led ideas that matter to local people and local communities.



Supporting those in need through Household Support Fund

The city council has set out how it will support those in need using a further allocation of the [Household Support Fund](#). The council has again been given £12.79m from government to use until 30 September 2022 with the focus on essential goods, food, energy and water and those in crisis arrears.



Big Creative Birmingham Conversation consultation starts

Birmingham's residents and visitors are being urged to take part in a public consultation – the [Big Creative Birmingham Conversation](#) – to help shape the city's creative vision for the next decade. The consultation runs over June and July.

[Get set for Birmingham Black Business Show](#) Birmingham Black Business Show is a one-day event, on 18 June, at the NEC, created to inspire Black business owners and professionals in the West Midlands.





What is this, at a table in Botanicos café in the House of Fraser? It is a group knitting and crocheting. Apparently, they have been in every Wednesday for 6 months, knitting and crocheting away, between eating and drinking.

Nellie the Bean is in charge. Nellie is third from the left. She says they are knitting and

crocheting for the Commonwealth Games and the Jubilee. It is mainly flowers but there were also other decorations. It is to decorate Wylde Green and Chester Road train stations to welcome visitors arriving for the Commonwealth Games, explains Nellie.

The group is from all over the area, Banners Gate, Whitehouse Common, Minworth, Erdington. Can anyone join in? Yes, there is also an element of instruction and several have increased their skills levels since the group was formed.

There's more about Nellie the Bean [here](#).



Here is another group seeking sanctuary in Botanico. They had been singing in the Gracechurch centre and came in for refreshment.

Apparently few of them can sing but that did not seem to dampen their enthusiasm. They have a [website](#) and here is an extract from it.

At Tuneless Choir, there's no pressure to hit the right note or get it right, no judgement, no need to improve – just confidence-boosting fun and plenty of laughs if we get it wrong, it's very liberating! It gives us lots of smiles, laughs, community and a feeling of 'upliftedness' – essential ingredients as we emerge from a pandemic and see a return to normality. We enjoy an extensive mix of popular songs from Abba and the Beatles to Coldplay and Elbow – and just about everything in between so always something for everyone!

They meet every Tuesday during term time between 7.30 and 9.00 pm at Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church on Brassington Avenue.

1. Nostradamus was famous for making what?
2. In mythology, Romulus and Remus were brought up by which animal?
3. What is the main source of vitamin C?
4. Insulin is commonly used to treat which condition?
5. In which country did the first Football World Cup finals take place in 1930?
6. Cricket. In 1995, Jack Russell took how many catches in a Test to create a new world record?
7. What was the nationality of Eugenio Monti, a bobsleigh driver who won 11 world titles?
8. In 2012 Lewis Hamilton announced he was leaving McLaren to drive for which other Formula 1 team?
9. 'When I find myself in times of trouble Mother Mary comes to me.'
10. 'Mutual misunderstanding after the fact. Sensitivity builds a prison in the final act.'
11. 'No clouds in my storms, let it rain, I hydroplane into fame.'
12. 'I'm in California dreaming about who we used to be. When we were younger and free, I've forgotten how it felt before the world fell at our feet'
13. Who plays a predatory femme fatale and the FBI agent tracking her down in the 1987 thriller 'Black Widow'?
14. 'God Bless America' was a 2012 movie made by which comic film-maker and actor?
15. Which film concerns the declaration of war by Freedonia against neighbouring Sylvania?
16. Who starred in the defining 1958 Hammer Horror version of Dracula as the urbane but terrifying Count, and who played his nemesis, Van Helsing?
17. In which year did the Battle of Waterloo take place?
18. Which volcano erupted in 1906, causing huge damage and over 100 deaths in the city of Naples?
19. Whose rebel army threw the Spanish out of Venezuela in 1821?
20. Which country became the first to give women the vote in 1893?
21. The chemical symbol Y denotes which uncommon metal?
22. Particle accelerators were first devised so scientists could reproduce what conditions?
23. What is the measure of electrical charge?
24. An absence of the SRY gene means what for a human being?

Answers

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Would you like to be a Forum

'Gardening Buddy' ?

If you enjoy gardening, and have a little spare time to enjoy a little enhancement to our local area, then we would love to hear from you.

Contact: Secretary
p.brown148@btinternet.com
Wylde Green Neighbourhood Forum

Butterflies, bats and baby birds

[What's happening in nature now](#) >

Welcome to Notes on Nature

Summer's here and, just as the weather hots up, so do your chances of experiencing some really wonderful wildlife. In this month's Nature's Calendar, we're looking at the new kids on the block, from baby birds to bat pups, as well as enjoying all that time in nature can offer

Head outside to discover wildflowers coming into bloom, savour the heady scent of elderflowers, and watch for butterflies such as peacocks and commas. Plus, find out about the colourful moths that you could see, while sitting outside on a warm summer's evening.



Siân Duncan
Notes on Nature editor

Which?



Mineral sun creams fail sun protection tests

Phoney BT direct debit email

BT is being impersonated by scammers in an email that asks you to change your direct debit details.

As fraudulent emails go, this is a convincing one. It includes BT's branding, logo and even BT's customer service phone number. But the link behind the button directs you to a fake website. If you receive a message out of the blue about payment details, please always check with your provider directly before you click.

[See what the email looks like](#) and what to do if you receive one.

New fraud measures announced

Hundreds of banks and building societies must soon introduce the name checking tool 'Confirmation of Payee' (CoP) to help prevent bank transfer scams. With victims losing £28,203 an hour, we have repeatedly warned that CoP is a crucial layer of protection. But what is CoP? Well, it's easy to assume that your bank will warn you if you make a mistake when sending an electronic payment. But this isn't always the case. Only with CoP can your bank tell you if the name you've entered matches the account details held by the receiving bank.

Find out more about this form of payment protection and [whether your bank offers it](#).

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.

Stay safe,

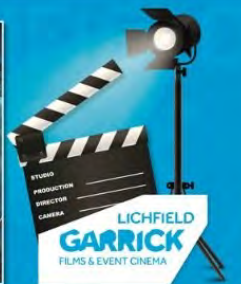
Which? scam alert team

PS Please share this information with your friends, family and neighbours - anyone who may find it helpful. Alternatively, they can [sign up here](#) to receive this directly to their inbox.



Housewives on Holiday

Main Auditorium, Friday 24th & Saturday 25th June - 7.30pm



FILM: Brave (U)

Studio, Saturday 25th June - 10.30am



Lichfield Cathedral School Production

Main Auditorium, Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th June - 7pm



Calling Planet Earth

Main Auditorium, Thursday 30th June - 7.30pm



The Nick Ross Orchestra - The Glenn Mi...

Main Auditorium, Friday 1st July - 7.30pm



FILM: The Lego Movie (U)

Studio, Saturday 2nd July - 10.30am



Bye Bye Baby

Main Auditorium, Saturday 2nd July - 7.30pm



The Addams Family (presented by Sutton...

Main Auditorium, Tuesday 5th - Saturday 9th July



Voodoo Room: A Night of Hendrix, Clapt...

Studio, Saturday 9th July - 7.45pm



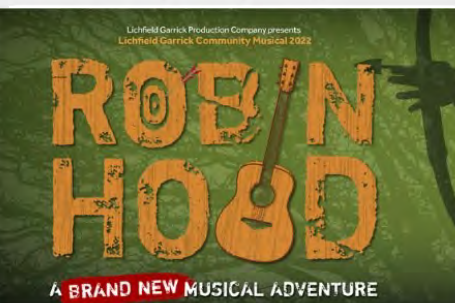
FILM: The Wizard Of Oz (Dementia Frien...

Studio, Tuesday 12th July - 2pm



My Friend, Miss Flint (presented by th...

Studio, Tuesday 19th - Saturday 23rd July



Robin Hood - Community Musical

Main Auditorium, Tuesday 19th - Saturday 23rd July

Ballet, Main House
Presented as part of the Birmingham 2022 Festival
Birmingham Royal Ballet
- On Your Marks

No adult cards here

Thu 23 Jun - Sat 25 Jun
Tickets from £16

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



All eyes are on Birmingham this summer for the Commonwealth Games – and to mark the moment, BRB's Director Carlos Acosta is bringing together three thrilling works for a triple bill presented as part of Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022. *On Your Marks* celebrates the expressive energy and gravity-defying athleticism of the company's world-class dancers.

Jorge Creces created the dazzling *12* for Acosta Danza, Carlos Acosta's company – and dancers from BRB and Acosta Danza will be teaming up for the first time to premiere a new version of this 'dance-sport' dive into the power of teamwork, retitled *24*. There'll be a **new work** inspired by the Games from brilliant young Brazilian choreographer Juliano Nunes, whose recent pieces include commissions for NDT2 and Marie-Agnès Gillot. And to close, a dynamic, ecstatic ode to the power of nature and the glory of movement: Will Tuckett's *Lazuli Sky*, set to John Adams's irresistible *Shaker Loops* and premiered by BRB to great acclaim in 2020. No false starts here!

EUROPEAN PREMIERE

In this new work, Canadian-Swedish creative alliance of **Emmanuelle LêPhan** and **Elon Höglund** combine elements of contemporary dance, street dance and martial arts in a physical score that echoes the subtle pulse of respiration – inhalations and exhalations sculpt the group's gestures and movements.

The interconnected bodies form striking human structures that shift, alter, and evolve in synergy with the music. The invigorating power of breath, and its circulation in our bodies, is magnified by the energetic, almost architectural dance. From technical feats to dreamlike sequences, *Ghost* is a welcome breath of air.

Presented as part of Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022.

Dance, Patrick Studio
Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022
Ghost by Tentacle Tribe

Striking human structures that shift, alter, and evolve in synergy with the music.

Fri 24 Jun
Tickets £12

[Book Now](#)



Dance, Patrick Studio
Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022
Blood, Water, Earth by Kaha:wi Dance Theatre
A multi-media experience channeling the ancestral, elemental and dream world.

Tue 28 Jun - Wed 29 Jun
Tickets from £12

[Book Now](#)



UK PREMIERE

Made within the lands of the Six Nations of the Grand River, Canada and Piha, Aotearoa (NZ), the performance affirms First Nations womxn's kinship relationship to all living entities.

Weaving performance, video and music, **Blood, Water, Earth** channels the ancestral, elemental and dream world. It is a physical incantation, traversing the sacred alignment from cosmos to womb to earth, a symbolic ritual renewal, and a conscious stripping away of colonial impacts. Blood, Water, Earth is an international First Nations womxn's collaboration, featuring collaborators from Turtle Island (aka North America) and Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Presented as part of Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022.

Infinite

Be guided through a powerful, mystical journey, a visionary dance theatre meditation. HUMANHOOD's **Julia Robert** and **Rudi Cole**'s first production to bring together their signature choreographic movement and shamanic practice, *Infinite* merges magical dance performed on stage by the exceptional company dancers with our internal awareness to highlight the infinite power that flows to and through us. *Infinite* opens a door and invites us to tap into the infinity we all contain within and the potential of our future becoming.

There will be a post-show talk.

Co-presented by DanceXchange and Birmingham Hippodrome as part of Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022.

Presented as part of the Birmingham 2022 Festival.

Dance, Main House
Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022
Infinite by HUMANHOOD
A visionary dance theatre meditation

Tue 28 Jun
Tickets from £10

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



Dance, Main House
Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022
Bygones by Out Innerspace Dance Theatre
A rigorous and hyper-detailed moment in flux.

Thu 30 Jun
Tickets from £10

[Book Now](#)



UK PREMIERE

Bygones celebrates how we are shaped by what we overcome and how something challenging can lead to something beautiful.

It explores a past that clings to the present, a connection that runs through space, people, objects and time.

Dancers are in flux. The movement is rigorous, hyper-detailed and virtuosic. Ghostly architecture, puppeteering and illusions create a world of phony things and supernatural selves. Change is the problem and the solution, earning transformation and the ability to reconnect.

Co-presented by DanceXchange and Birmingham Hippodrome as part of Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022.

UK PREMIERE

"For me, beauty lies in insubordination". Choreographer, singer and author **Dorothee Munyaneza** has created a dance and vocal performance for six female African or of African descent artists. Each of their voices and bodies tells a unique story of journey, commitment and strength. The artists on stage boldly and freely manifest an intimate and collective memory. Munyaneza weaves these stories together and creates a symphony of voices. In collaboration with artist and designer **Stéphane Coudert**, costume and fabric provide a common thread on stage and interrogate femininity and freedom of the body.

Presented as part of Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022.

Dance, Patrick Studio
Birmingham International Dance Festival 2022
Mailles by Compagnie Kadidi

A unique story of journey, commitment and strength.

Fri 1 Jul - Sat 2 Jul
Tickets from £12

[Book Now](#)



Dance, Main House
Oti Mabuse - I Am Here
An emotional night of dance that will see your heart racing.

Sun 3 Jul
Tickets from £28

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



Strictly Come Dancing 2019 & 2020 Champion **Oti Mabuse** is bringing her brand new production to Birmingham Hippodrome for just two performances.

Prepare for a show of electrifying choreography as the star of *The Greatest Dancer* and two time reigning *Strictly Come Dancing* champion Oti Mabuse is joined by some of the world's greatest dancers and the West End's finest singers and musicians.

Oti Mabuse - I Am Here is a whirlwind celebration of the influences and inspirations that took her on a journey from growing up in South Africa to following her dream.

From mesmerising Jives and pumping Sambas to South Africa's exhilarating Kwaito, this is an explosive night of dance and music that will set your heart racing.

This production was affected by Birmingham Hippodrome's temporary closure. The performances due to take place on **Sun 2 May 2021** have been rescheduled to **Sun 3 Jul 2022**. Ticket holders for the original dates have been contacted. For further information, [please click here](#).

Due to demand, we have added two extra weeks of performances for **We Will Rock You!** Performances from **Mon 18 until Sat 30 July** have the best availability.

The worldwide smash hit musical by **Queen** and **Ben Elton** returns to the UK. The multi-million-pound show dazzles all the senses in breath-taking style. Guaranteed to blow your mind, this musical phenomenon is not to be missed!

Since 2002 over 16 million theatre-goers in 19 countries have been thrilled by this awe-inspiring production. With 24 of Queen's biggest hits delivered in a show that boasts the scale and spectacle that marked the bands' legendary live performances.

This production was affected by Birmingham Hippodrome's temporary closure. The performances due to take place between **Mon 17 - Sat 29 May 2021** are being rescheduled to **Mon 4 - Sat 16 Jul 2022**. Ticket holders for these dates have been contacted. Please bear with us at this time and we thank you for your continued patience. For further information, [please click here](#).

Music, Main House
We Will Rock You
It's a kinda magic!

Mon 4 Jul - Sat 30 Jul 2022
Tickets from £31

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





FRIDAY 24TH JUNE

The Girl from Tiger Bay, tells the unique story of Dame Shirley Bassey's incredible rise to stardom and her magical career spanning 65 years. The ultimate 'rags to riches' tale, you will be dazzled by this epic musical show, chronicling this remarkable artist's journey from the back streets of Cardiff's Tiger Bay, to the glitz and glamour of Monte Carlo Bay. The Girl from Tiger Bay, features stunning dancers, spectacular replica costumes and a sensational saxophonist. Using powerful live performance, narrative and footage, this is a truly unmissable show. Burn My Candle, As I Love You, Kiss Me Honey, As Long As He Needs Me, What Now My Love, I Who Have Nothing, Big Spender, It's Wonderful, Never Never, This Is My Life, Goldfinger, Moonraker, Diamonds Are Forever, Living Tree, Get The Party Started, History Repeating, Apartment, Girl From Tiger Bay, I Am What I Am International tribute artist/vocal impersonator Joanne Copeman has been performing globally as Dame Shirley Bassey since 2002. During the last 2 decades, she has maintained her recognised status, as the most respected and sought after Dame Shirley Bassey impersonator in the business. She has performed her authentic portrayal of Dame Shirley Bassey worldwide in over 25 countries so far. "Surely Bassey is the best tribute to the Welsh singer!" ~ The SUN "Blew them away!" ~ Daily Mail "Fabulous!" BBC "Joanne is also author of best seller 'Bling, Boas and Balls!' This book is a comical memoir, describing life on the road impersonating one of the world's most respected and greatest divas, Dame Shirley Bassey. It is available from Amazon as an eBook or in paperback format.



SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2022



MONDAY 18TH JULY 2022



TUESDAY 16TH AND
WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST



SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 2022



SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
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MONDAY 18 JULY Free event

Supporting Sutton Coldfield's Nighttime Economy, we are proud to be presenting an evening of jazz as part of Birmingham Jazz Festival, which runs from 15th - 24th July 2022. On Monday 18th July, we are pleased to announce that we will be joined by a jazz quartet including Alex Clarke. "As a finalist in the BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year 2020, winner of the Rising Star category in the 2019 British Jazz Awards and nominee in the Parliamentary Jazz Awards 2021, Alex is known to be one of the most in-demand and versatile young saxophonists emerging on the British jazz scene."

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may be surprised by what you learn! Jennifer will discuss the typical differences between males and female serial killers, again, incorporating case studies to illustrate. You will also investigate the phenomenon of killer couples such as Fred and Rose West and The Moors Murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, as well exploring the Folie à deux syndrome a.k.a 'shared psychosis' and so much more! Tickets on sale now and available from: <https://www.suttoncoldfieldtownhall.com/whats-on/11763/>



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What's on next at Highbury Theatre?



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.

Tickets available from Highbury Theatre Box Office, Sheffield Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5HD
Tel: 0121 373 2761 or book online via [TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)



Portrait of a Lady on Fire

25 June 2022 Start time 7pm

Released 2019

Duration 2h

Certificate 15

Classy, subtle, romantic slow burn drama. Artist Marianne and her aristocrat subject Heloise. A love story



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Highbury Players announce new season



HIGHBURY THEATRE CENTRE



WHAT'S ON? HIGHBURY PLAYERS PLAYS FOR 2022-23



	It Runs in the Family by Ray Cooney <i>Hospital chaos and comedy. Funny? Hilarious!</i>	13 September 2022 to 24 September 2022 at 7.30pm
	Art by Yasmina Reza translated by Christopher Hampton <i>Painting unleashes a bitter war of words</i>	18 October 2022 to 29 October 2022 at 7.30pm
	The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson adapted by Nick Lane <i>Horrific, dark psychological fantasy</i>	29 November 2022 to 10 December 2022 at 7.30pm
	The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr <i>Bring tissues for tears of laughter</i>	31 January 2023 to 11 February 2023 at 7.30pm
	Love, Love, Love by Mike Bartlett <i>Contrasting successful baby boomers and struggling millennials</i>	20 February 2023 to 25 February 2023 STUDIO at 7.30pm
	Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller <i>The tragedy of the common man</i>	14 March 2023 to 25 March 2023 at 7.30pm
	Blood Brothers (play version) by Willy Russell <i>A tale of two brothers and the hand of fate</i>	25 April 2023 to 6 May 2023 at 7.30pm
	Di and Viv and Rose by Amelia Bullmore <i>Sometimes opposites make great friends</i>	22 May 2023 to 27 May 2023 STUDIO at 7.30pm
	Calendar Girls by Tim Firth <i>Friendship, fame and a calendar with a difference!</i>	13 June 2023 to 24 June 2023 at 7.30pm

Highbury Players' plays are performed Tuesday to Saturday over two weeks, with Studio plays performed Monday to Saturday.

All Highbury Players' plays are amateur productions presented by arrangement with the relevant licence holders as identified on each play's marketing materials. We reserve the right to amend the season if circumstances change.

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Highbury Cinema announces new season



WHAT'S ON? HIGHBURY CINEMA FILMS FOR 2022-23

	The Ladykillers (1955) <i>Classic crime comedy at its best</i>	Sunday 18 September 2022, 7pm	
	Parasite (2019) <i>A fascinating insight into how jealousy can corrupt</i>	Sunday 23 October 2022, 7pm	
	West Side Story (2021) <i>Successful update of the 1957 musical</i>	Saturday 19 November 2022, 7pm	
	Encanto (2021) <i>A magical, musical comedy about what it means to be family</i>	Wednesday 28 December 2022, 2.30pm	
	The Highwaymen (2019) <i>Persistent and stubborn pursuit of a notorious gang eventually succeeds</i>	Saturday 7 January 2023, 7pm	
	The Guard (2011) <i>The FBI are about to discover that things work differently in Ireland</i>	Saturday 21 January 2023, 7pm	
	Killers of the Flower Moon (2022) <i>Engaging and unexpected outcomes for a complex murder investigation</i>	Sunday 12 February 2023, 7pm	
	Chicago (2002) <i>Fast paced action that will have you rooting for one of the murderesses</i>	Sunday 19 March 2023, 7pm	
	The Last Duel (2021) <i>The true story of a woman who defied a nation and made history</i>	Saturday 15 April 2023, 7pm	
	House of Gucci (2021) <i>A family divided, reunited and exposed to betrayal, revenge and murder</i>	Saturday 20 May 2023, 7pm	
	Gran Torino (2008) <i>Disgruntled war veteran sets out to reform his teenage neighbour</i>	Sunday 18 June 2023, 7pm	
	News of the World (2021) <i>Another Tom Hanks masterpiece of engaging acting at its best</i>	Saturday 22 July 2023, 7pm	

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Contact: Colin – 07966-745741

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Why not join us - we are a friendly, enthusiastic Club "Bringing People & Flowers Together".

Our next meeting Tuesday 12th July
Demonstration 'Latitude 17 - Latitude 52' - Minh Lane.

Further details Chris Reeves tel: 0121 354 6264.

The Sutton Coldfield Fuchsia Society & Gardening Guild.

At the June meeting, we were pleased to welcome Robert Barlow from North Staffordshire Hostas. Robert holds a National Collection of Hostas, from his home in Endon, and has over 500 varieties for sale. Robert brought some incredible specimens along, including several varieties for sale. Will power was needed on my behalf, as hostas are a particular favourite of mine, so I was very restrained and purchased just the one! Robert took us through the natural habitats of hostas, and why they grow so well in our climate, including looking at the various sizes of plants and the leaf shapes. Of course, the main question from any hosta grower is 'how do you deal with slugs and snails'. Various barrier methods were discussed, egg shells, sharp grip, copper strip, Vaseline, garlic spray, to name just a few! There was a lovely atmosphere during the evening, its so lovely to greet new faces each month. Please come and join us, you will be made very welcome. Our next meeting is July 14th, when we welcome Mick Poultney-The Compost King!! Mick, from Halesown, has a reputation as a great speaker with a quick wit, so come along and see what you think. You can come as a visitor for just £2, or join our society for £10 a year. We only have a couple of months left to our show in August and need all the help we can get! We meet at Banners Gate Community Church, Westwood Rd on the second Thursday of each month, 7.30 for 8.00p.m. start. If you would like any more information, please give Gail, our secretary a ring on 0212 353 3373, or have a look at our Facebook page. Pictures shown 'Golden Meadows' 'Rippled Honey' & 'Half & Half'



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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:


Between 18-65 years old - Live in West Midlands - In insecure employment, such as part time or zero hour contracts, unemployed or a carer - Are not currently enrolled on a further education course - Have low skills or experience on a technological device.

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Sutton Area Walking Group



SAWG News, the Sutton Area Walking Group (SAWG) is a community walking group, which was thought of and is led by Janice Booker. It started in May 2021, via the local community App Next Door. There's a monthly Discussion Group Meeting to discuss walk timetables and Social Events. We raised nearly £100 for the Macmillan Charity by holding a Macmillan Charity Garden Family Tea Party and then coming together as a group at Christmas for a curry evening.

The purpose of SAWG is to promote healthy living, fitness and to have fun through the exercise of regular walking in the fresh air. It's group walks take place in The Sutton Coldfield Area every week and twice monthly away walks within 15 miles of Sutton Coldfield and it is open to all age groups, walking abilities, dog walkers with leads and wheelchair users.

The SAWG is a welcoming and friendly group that walks together throughout the year apart from winter. It is free to join, and members receive weekly emails with updates.

The SAWG has restarted its walks as of 10th February 2022, in line with the government's current Covid 19 guidelines.

We held a first birthday walk with a quiz challenge on Wednesday 18th May 2022, possibly more to come.

Come and join us!!

It's FREE and all welcome, including dogs.

We meet weekly at 6.30pm - Locally

Twice Monthly at 10.00 on a Sunday - Away walks (within 15 miles)

Leader = Janice Booker

Email SAWG2021@hotmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/SAWG-Sutton-Area-Walking-Group-110720591191275>

Please go onto Facebook, like and follow our page so that any new posts become part of your news feed.

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.





Hope Food is a local charity based in Mere Green which is helping to serve those most in need in our local community. We operate a 'pop-up' food bank service run by volunteers at community centres three times a week in Mere Green, Falcon Lodge and Erdington.

Anyone who comes along can collect a free bag of essential food, and can stay for a while afterwards to enjoy a hot drink and cake.

To enable us to run our Hope Food days we rely on surplus food collected from supermarkets, and generous donations made by the public. Unfortunately, in the midst of the current cost of living crisis, the need for our services is greater than ever and the numbers attending our food bank days are increasing every week.

We are therefore appealing for more donations from local residents to help us to help others in need.

All donations would be greatly received and the food products we need most are:

- * Tinned meals
- * Sauces that go with pasta
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- * Tinned vegetables and beans
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- * Longlife milk
- * Squash
- * Biscuits and kid's snacks



We have number of donation points located all over Sutton where you can just pop in and leave any donations in our wire basket stands. Our Hope Food donation points can be found in local convenience stores, churches and the Town Hall - as per the list printed here.

Thank you so much for your kind-hearted generosity and support. Every single item donated will help to make a real difference to those most in need in our local community in these challenging times.

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Welcome to



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WHERE YOU WILL FIND OUR WEEKLY FOOD BANKS

Erdington

Tuesday 10.00 am - 10.30 am
Stockland Green Methodist Church,
Slade Road, B23 7JH

we do not currently offer food bags here but are hoping to change this in the future

Falcon Lodge

Wednesday 2pm - 3 pm
the rear of Falcon Lodge Methodist Church,
Lingard Road, B75 7LB

Mere Green

Friday 12 - 1pm
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Mere Green



What we offer... Come along and collect a free bag of essential food and then help yourselves to a selection of fresh fruit and vegetables. Some days we'll even have bread and cakes. You're welcome to stay for a hot drink and a chat... whether in Falcon Lodge or Mere Green.

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.

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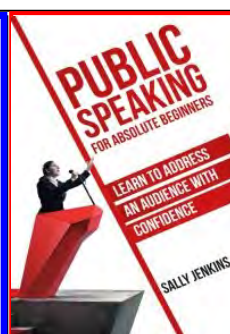
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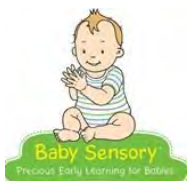
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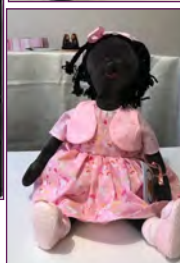


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Calebs Rainbows is the dream of Rosemary Ferrell a great grandmother with a passion for making beautiful dolls with a story. "Every doll is different". Rosemary loves all things creative, be it sewing, knitting, drawing, or baking and she has, having been to college, decided to turn her hobby into a business as there is a demand for her products. Initially, her hand drawn cards and posters sold quickly, then she was asked to make some Bible Characters for a friend, having seen these people requested more. This also gave Rosemary the incentive to start making Rag Dolls, which she makes with love and care and each one comes with its own story on a scroll.
at Bert & Gerts

St Columba's Church Hall

Hall letting for St Columba's Church.

Weekday lettings are available for the large Church Hall which includes a well equipped kitchen.

Entrance to the hall is step free and is suitable for wheel chair access throughout the premises.

Male, Female and disabled toilet facilities

All enquiries to Alison via email please.

st.columbahall@yahoo.com

Banners Gate Community Church - Events

Monday, Thursday, Friday - Baby Phonics

Contact email: Jenna@robotreg.co.uk for times and availability

Tuesday and Wednesday - Baby Sensory

Contact Tracy at email: suttoncoldfield@babysensory.co.uk for times and availability



Small Groups

*For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them*

Our ladies group is up and running and we are hoping to start a men's group shortly. Make new friends and learn about the bible in a more social and informal setting.

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

Tai Chi Class

Every Tuesday morning at 11.45 to 12.45.

The cost is £5 per person. Everyone is welcome and all abilities are catered for in a relaxing and enjoyable environment.

If anyone needs further details, please contact me on

01543 480151



DAY/TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	CONTACT	TEL.	<div>Useful telephone numbers</div> <div>Sutton and Kingstanding</div> <div>Police: 101</div> <div>Good Hope: 424 2000</div> <div>Outpatients: 424 2000</div> <div>NHS Health helpline:</div> <div>Call 111 it's 24/7</div> <div>Citizens Advice</div> <div>03444 111 444</div> <div>BANNERS GATE</div> <div>COUNSELLING CENTRE</div> <div>Accessible and Affordable</div> <div>Counselling to Adults in the</div> <div>Community. The Upper Room</div> <div>St. Michael's House</div> <div>198 Boldmere Road</div> <div>Sutton Coldfield</div> <div>Tel : 0121 354 6544</div> <div>For information or an</div> <div>appointment please ring after</div> <div>10 a.m. daily, except</div> <div>Wednesday</div> <div>Gatepost always needs</div> <div>volunteers, to cover illness</div> <div>and holidays, for deliveries</div> <div>of Gatepost - just 20</div> <div>minutes every other month.</div> <div>Please call 605 4947 for</div> <div>further details if you think</div> <div>you can help us, when we</div> <div>are back to normal</div> <div>(whatever that turns out to</div> <div>be) it is this month!</div>
Sun (1st) 11.00 –2.00 pm 3 - 7pm 10.00 am 1st Sunday of month 9.00-11 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 3.00—7.00 pm 7.30—8.30pm	Create at Gate with K & S Global Communion Family Communion Loveworld Church Family Worship Chikara Karate Kai Love world Church Soul Yoga	Community Hall Banners Gate CC St. Columba's Community Hall Banners Gate CC Scout Hall Community Hall Community Hall	Kathy Weston Pastor Chris 07565 Ola Samuel 07565 Nigel Willis Paul Murphy 07837 Ola Samuel 07565	628 6651 65 27 62 354 5873 65 27 62 353 0230 39 57 89 65 27 62	
For details see website at www.stcolumbasbannersgate.co.uk www.bannersgatechurch.com					
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 am 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		
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			

The Townswomen's Guild
 Patron HRH The Princess Royal GCVO
Thurs. 21st July Howard Drury - Gardens
No meeting in August
 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

24 JUN Coffee & Cake
 Friday, June 24, 2022
 2:30pm-5:00pm

3 JUL A Den of Lions - Daniel 6
 Sunday, July 3, 2022
 10:30am-12:00pm

8 JUL Coffee & Cake
 Friday, July 8, 2022
 2:30pm-5:00pm

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

33rd Sutton Coldfield Scout Group,
 H.Q. Coppice View Road

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