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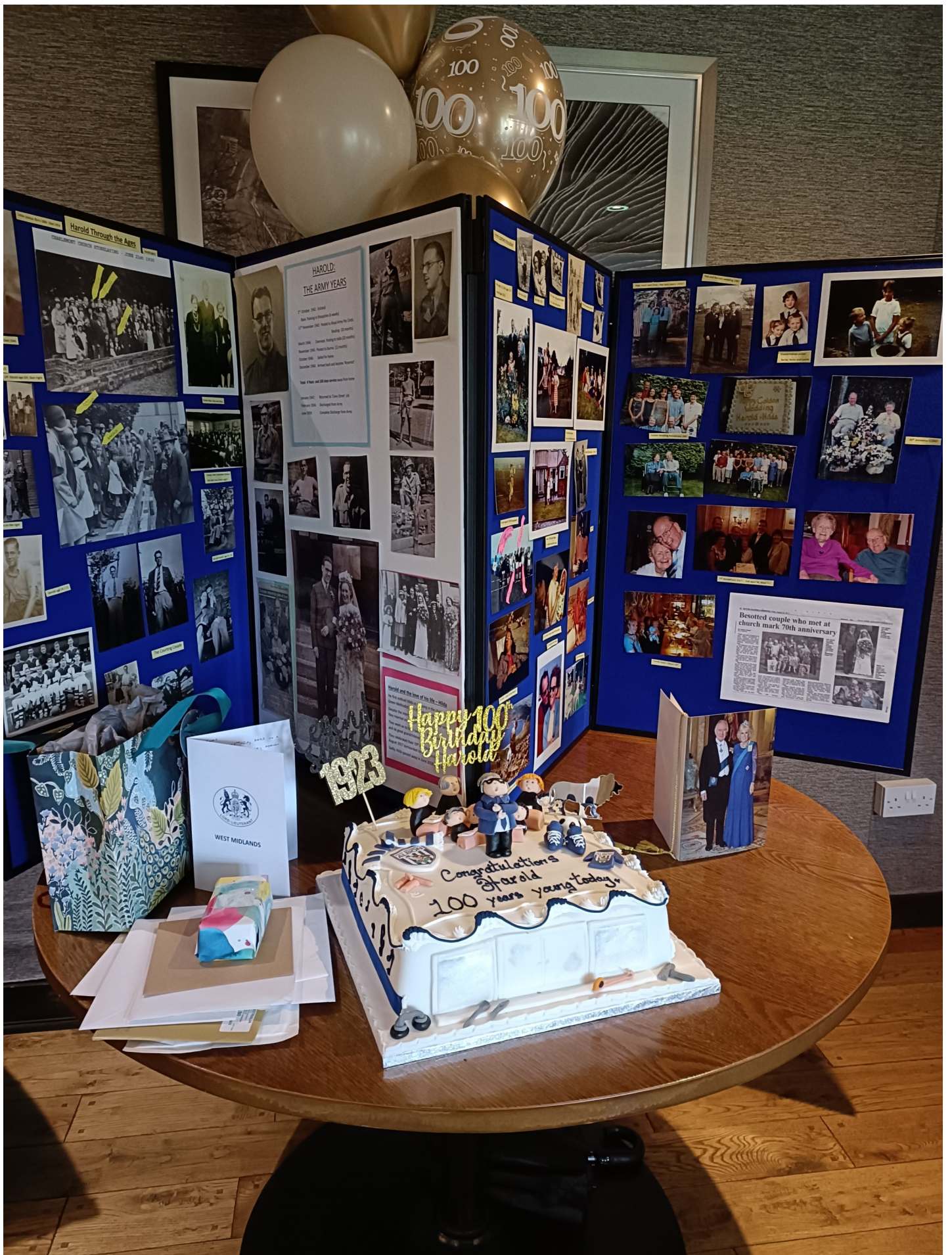
**172<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

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# Harold Through the Ages

Father Joshua: Born 1884 Died 1954

Harold age 6

CHARLEMONT CHURCH STONELAYING - JUNE 21st 1930



Mother Alice, Stan and Hilda



Mother Alice: Born 1886 Died 1946

Stan, Mother and Harold Age 4/5



Left: Harold age 3/4, Stan right



George Salter Secondary School  
Stan back row, 8 from right?



Stan on the right



Stan and Harold - age 19 / 20



Harold age 14 / 15



The Courting Couple



Hawthorne United 1939/40 age 16/17  
Won Villa Cup at Hawthorne ground







## HAROLD: THE ARMY YEARS

1<sup>st</sup> October 1942: Enlisted  
Basic Training in Shropshire (6 weeks)  
11<sup>th</sup> November 1942: Posted to Royal Army Pay Corps,  
Reading (18 months)  
March 1944: Overseas Posting to India (20 months)  
November 1945: Posted to Burma (12 months)  
October 1946: Sailed for home  
December 1946: Arrived back and became 'Reservist'

**Total: 4 Years and 100 days service away from home**

January 1947: Returned to 'Civvy Street' job  
February 1954: Discharged from Army  
June 1959: Complete Discharge from Army



### Harold and the love of his life – Hilda

He first noticed Hilda as she sang in the choir at Greet's Green Methodist Church when he was 17 (1940)  
Despite the interruption of his 4 years of war service, they married on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1947.  
They went on to have two sons, three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.  
They celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August 2017 surrounded by close family.  
Sadly, Hilda passed away in June 2018 aged 94.





Here comes trouble!



Baby Chris 1949



Baby Peter 1952



With Twins - 'We used to bath You!' Jenny and Pauline.



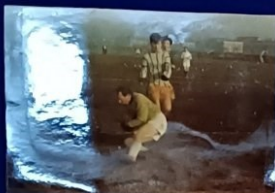
Note the hand-me-down costume!!



Pete age 2 /3, Chris age 5/6  
Harold age 32/33



Two families as one!  
Jones's and Micklewrights



Harold age 42? Still the goalie!



New home - 758 Chester Road.  
1958...Needed some work doing!



Harold in Church play - 1953?



Bra-vo!



40 winks - notice his beachwear!!



Church Social - slow to wean off the bottle!!

Jack Nicholson and Midge



Archbishop Harold



Pete and Dad on Cader Idris.



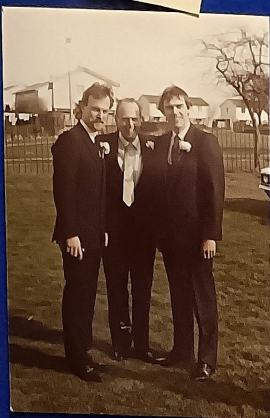
Dops! Another fashion disaster!



Pete, mom and Chris – the hairy years! 1970?



Pete and Bernie's wedding 1985



Grandchildren arrive!  
Becky, Nicky and Louise



Golden Wedding Anniversary 1997



60th Anniversary 2007



70th Anniversary 2017 - Dad aged 94, Mom 93!!



Family meal – Chris's 70th

24 BUTTON COLDFIELD OBSERVER, Friday, August 25, 2017

## Besotted couple who met at church mark 70th anniversary

By Ashley Preece  
Staff Reporter

"They are still as besotted by each other" proclaimed a Harry Colman news reporter as he met up Harold and Hilda Jones marked their 70th wedding anniversary this week. The jubilation was first out at their local church youth club in 1947 as young men aged 17 and over, seven years ago, Harold and Hilda tied the knot on August 23, 1947.

Both grew up in West Bromwich, going to the same school – George School – before leaving to go into work as 14-year-olds.

"Harold served in the army for just over four years, and Hilda, who is now currently resides at The Hargrave Care Home between College Road and Witten Lodge Road.

"We were married for just under three years, while he was serving in India and I used to work as a printer in West Bromwich when I left school, Harold & Jefferey. During the war I was making irregularly hours.

"Those had to be made with our local dealer to prevent the contents from being lost into London."

"I later went into the land army and worked on a dairy farm during for and milking cows in Colman (West). I was killed by one cow but it was my first."

"The first I was trying to rescue from the soldier was Harold, aged 16, now lives in Colman's (Colman Coldfield and visits his with every day."

"He's still driving."



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Harold and his sons Chris and Peter





Harold and his six great-grandsons



Outside Harold's house - left by a neighbour.



# The following advertisements may benefit you, or people you know.

## Grace Cares is a not-for-profit organisation

which has been set up to support older people, their families and care workers across the UK.

We collect, donate and sell pre-loved care equipment to enhance people's quality of life, support care workers and older people in need with grants and community groups and leave a better planet for future generations.

One of the ways we support our local community of Lichfield is by holding monthly tea parties for the over 75's which provide vital, life-enhancing social connections for older people at a time in their lives when their social circles are diminishing.



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Council are completing  
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Occupational Therapy  
Assessments  
in your community**

# Occupational Therapy Clinics

Drop-in clinics are running daily  
across Birmingham, from  
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No need to book.

For more information about  
clinic venues visit:

[https://birmingham.connecttosupport.org/  
occupational-therapy/occupational-therapy-  
clinics-in-the-community/](https://birmingham.connecttosupport.org/occupational-therapy/occupational-therapy-clinics-in-the-community/)



**Birmingham  
City Council**

**Tuesdays: Boldmere Clinic, Newman Community Centre,  
13a Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5UY. 9.30 - 3pm**

## **ERDINGTON WELLBEING HUB**

196 High Street, Erdington B23 6SJ

Tel: 0121 827 6295

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**Jordanne Francis**  
Health and Wellbeing  
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## **WITTON LAKES ECO HUB**

Witton Lakes, Gypsy Lane, B23 7XX

Tel: 0121 227 3200

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event

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**Coffee, cake &  
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**First Tuesday of every month  
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Join us at Sutton Park Grange for our Dementia Friendly Cinema.

Join us with your carer, partner or friend where you will be welcome to watch an appropriate film and enjoy popcorn and refreshments.

For more information please call please call Karen on **01217 562 174** or email: [sutton.enquiries@cinnamoncc.com](mailto:sutton.enquiries@cinnamoncc.com) to reserve your space.



Sutton Park Grange Care Home Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, B72 1LY  
[www.cinnamoncc.com/suttonparkgrange](http://www.cinnamoncc.com/suttonparkgrange)



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CINNAMON LUXURY CARE

## LUXURIOUS CARE HOME IN SUTTON COLDFIELD

Sutton Park Grange has been designed with the people we care for in mind – whether it is the personalisation of their care plans, the careful selection of the décor in their room, their dining experience, hobbies or personal preferences...

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[www.cinnamoncc.com/suttonparkgrange](http://www.cinnamoncc.com/suttonparkgrange)







## *British Sign Language (Birmingham)*

# FREE BSL EVENING CLASSES STARTING SEPT 2023

**Banners Gate Community Centre, Sutton Coldfield B73 6UR**

**The Great Barr Community Hub**

*A **10-week** workshops, Virtual learning(online) and face to face(centre) providing you with basic conversational BSL skills to communicate effectively. No experience needed or Level of signing. Come join for some fun learning. Refreshments included. Please phone or email to reserve place **HURRY!** Limited places*

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**Lucy**

**Calling all cat lovers ..**  
**Can you help?**  
**Can you adopt?**  
**Can you foster?**



**Terence**



**Polly**

All the cats featured here are now - August 2023 - looking for their forever home - for a host of reasons. Maybe their owner has died as with Lucy, some are in dire straits, having to move into rented, losing their partners or jobs - all sorts of situations and changes of circumstances.

If any one of these lovely cats appeals to you - or if you could foster - contact Lynne of Team Cat Rescue on 0121 373 4596.



**Jo Jo**

### DEAF ITALIAN BOOK KEEPER

A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000.

His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing so he would never have to testify in court.

When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about his missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer who knows sign language.

The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where's the money?"

The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido where's the money?

Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about."

The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about."

The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's temple and says, "Ask him again!"

The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him."

Guido signs back, "OK!!!! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house."

The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?"

The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the guts to pull the trigger."

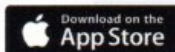
Don't you just love lawyers.

*Thank you, Mike*



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# A photography competition celebrating Sutton Coldfield's heritage

Sutton Coldfield Heritage Network wants to celebrate Sutton's heritage and we need your help!

Submit your beautiful, eye-catching photos featuring any aspect of Sutton Coldfield's heritage and together we'll showcase the best and most interesting aspects of Sutton's heritage for all to enjoy.

The 12 best images will be used to create a 2024 calendar, which will be sold to create funds enabling Sutton Coldfield Heritage Network to put on community events. Every entrant whose photograph is included in the calendar will receive 2 free copies of the calendar.

Perhaps you'll take a picture of one of Sutton's gorgeous buildings, or maybe you'll find some quirky architectural detail to highlight. Whether you're taking pictures of Sutton's archaeology, natural landscape or a photo inspired by a story from Sutton's past, we'd love to see your skill and creativity. Sutton's heritage isn't restricted to 500 or even 100 years ago – it can be anything that you value and enjoy about Sutton now and would like to see documented or preserved for the future.

There are two categories for this competition – (a) Photos taken by children and young people aged 15 or under and (b) photos taken by people aged 16 or over.

**Deadline for entries: Midnight Sunday 17th September 2023**

## Terms and Conditions

- Photos must be taken in Sutton Coldfield (B72, B73, B74, B75, B76 postcodes). When you submit your photo you must state where in the Sutton Coldfield it was taken and what it is a photo of e.g the name of the building.
- Photos do not need to have been taken this year.
- By submitting a photo you are confirming the photo is your own.
- Photos must be submitted as a digital image via email (see How to Enter, below).
- Photos MUST BE landscape and must be big enough to print, at good quality at postcard size. This will probably mean your image is at least 2 Mb big, and / or at least 1500px on the long side. Images which do not meet these criteria cannot be considered. Please do not send any image larger than 20 Mb.
- Photos submitted must be original work and must not have been previously published or entered into other photographic competitions.
- Photos can 'natural' or processed with post-camera effects. Photos can be black and white or colour. Cropping is allowed as long as the image submitted meets the size criteria above.
- If people are identifiable in your photo, please make sure they are happy to be in your photo and understand that it may appear online or in print.



- Copyright for any image submitted for this competition remains with the entrant who submits it. However, by submitting a photo you are giving permission to Sutton Coldfield Heritage Network for the image to be used free of charge in its literature and publicity, including social media, and in the limited run calendar which will be sold to raise funds for Sutton Coldfield Heritage Network.
- Photos must be suitable for a universal audience.
- Deadline for entries Midnight Sunday 17 September 2023. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.
- Only winners (12 in total) will be contacted by the organisers. There will be at least one winner from each age category. Winners and runners up will be informed by Monday 1 October 2023 and prizes (2 calendars per winning photograph) will be posted out as soon as they arrive back from the printers (which we anticipate being late November)
- A panel of judges will select the 12 winning photos. Photos will be anonymised when judging takes place.
- The entries will be judged according to the following criteria: (1) clearly depicting an aspect of Sutton's heritage (2) overall impact (3) composition and arrangement and (4) originality.
- The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

### **How to enter**

Email your entries in high resolution to [suttoncoldfieldheritagenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:suttoncoldfieldheritagenetwork@gmail.com) and include:

(1) Your full name

(2) Where in Sutton Coldfield the photo was taken

(3) A sentence or two on how the photograph celebrates Sutton's heritage. For example, this may be as simple as stating that it is a picture of an old building (please name the building), or it may be an explanation of the story from Sutton's past which has inspired the photo, and

(4) Whether you are 15 years old or under, or 16 years old or older. Parents can submit photos on behalf of their children.

Please send only one image per email; if you are submitting more than one photo (noting you may submit as many as you) like please send each photo separately by email. Photos can also be sent by file transfer such as We Transfer.

By submitting a photo you agree to the competition terms and conditions.

### **Deadline for entries Midnight Sunday 17th September**

We are grateful to Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust for supporting the work of Sutton Coldfield Heritage (SCHN) this year. We will be facilitating a wide range of events during Birmingham Heritage Week in Sutton Coldfield, September 8th - 17th. You can find out more by following us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SuttonColdfieldHeritageNetwork/>) or Twitter (<https://twitter.com/SuttColdHN>) or Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/sutton-coldfield-heritage-network-50629663033>), or by keeping an eye on <https://birminghamheritageweek.co.uk/>





July has been a very interesting month despite the continuous rain much has been happening.

First, Birmingham Tree People have been busy surveying 490 random sample plots in the city using I-Tree Eco. This system collects a wide range of data on trees and their surroundings which provides information on the Urban Forest, its value for climate change adaptation and potential threats to it. Funding came via the Woodland Trust and the survey commissioned by WMCA. When complete with data from the rest of the WMCA area it'll be the largest survey of its kind in the UK. Birmingham has over 1 million publicly owned trees and was granted Tree City of the World Status last year and since then Coventry and Solihull have also been recognised as Tree Cities. This survey is to attempt to collate trees which are on private rather than public ground.

Between the 17th July and 14th August Alexander Stadium/Perry Park legacy consultation began with two meetings in the Stadium and a meeting available online for those unable to attend. This gave an in depth review of what it is hoped to be produced within the park area. A copy of the proposed consultation is produced below with the link to the online survey. Please do try to send in your thoughts to the council before the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

### The proposed updated legacy Plan 2023





# YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US

To have your say, you can:

- Fill in a feedback form and post it in the box provided if you're at a consultation event
- Complete the form online via Birmingham City Council's Be Heard Consultation website (see link below)

Alternatively, you can also drop your completed feedback form off at one of three locations (please ask at reception):

- Gymnastics & Martial Arts Centre (GMAC), Walsall Road, Perry Barr, B42 2LR
- Tower Hill Library, Tower Hill, Birmingham, B42 1LG
- Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2ND

**The feedback deadline is Monday 14 August 2023.**

Following submission of the planning application, you will have a second opportunity to review the updated design and submit your formal and final comments to Birmingham City Council.

If you would like help in understanding any of the materials, or a copy of the materials in an alternate format (in another language, braille or larger print), please contact the Stadium Engagement Team at the email address below.

## Indicative timeline

**17 July &  
23 July 2023**  
Public consultation events

**17 July -  
14 August 2023**  
Public consultation

**summer 2023**  
Design update

**late summer 2023**  
Planning application submitted to Birmingham City Council

Birmingham City Council statutory consultation period

**early 2024**  
Planning decision

**early 2024 -  
autumn 2024**  
Construction (if planning is granted)

## Contact us

Email: [Stadiuminfo@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Stadiuminfo@birmingham.gov.uk)

Visit our website:

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/axs-and-pp/>





On the 13th and 20th July I helped with a litter pick along the Tame Valley Canal we collected 3 bags of litter including some Asian pictures scattered under the Aldridge Rd bridge. On the 20th the Tame Valley walking group held a free art class in the Walsall Rd community building. This was well attended with about 17 persons taking part. The subject was canal art. We were trying to paint on this first occasion the Rose and Castle designs regularly seen on the sides of narrow boats.

This was theoretically easy starting with three circles and then filling in the spaces with lines and dots. The idea was to produce a picture which looks like Roses and Daisies. Castles are a bit more involved. All equipment and materials were supplied and we were allowed to take our finished items home.



The Art Group Gang on Thursday 20th July 2023



The proper Roses and Daisies disk  
20th July 2023



My effort at the art class on 20th  
July 2023





Some of prints dumped on the canal tow path 13th July 2013



The six bags of rubbish and two of the volunteers on 13th July 2013.