



## Banners Gate & Parklands Community & Neighbourhood Forum

205 June 2026

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It has now been 8 months since Sutton Coldfield Town Council took over the management of Boldmere Library, saving it from closure under the then labour controlled City Council. Not only did they take this library, Walmley library and Mere Green Library along with the community centres at Walmley and Mere Green were taken under its wing as well. This has resulted in investment in all three centres bringing the up to standard previously lost under the then City Council.

Those using the libraries have responded with increased usage, the extra day opening has been welcomed universally and the fact that these valuable community resources are no longer under threat is welcomed by all.

I felt uncomfortable from the start that the Town Ranger service was just filling the gap purposely created by the Labour City Council. As time has gone on I have

come to accept that the only way our town will be kept clean and safe is because of the service we now enjoy is provided locally by the Ranger Service, exclusively for the Town.

You might have noticed the gradual build up of bedding plants, in borders, in tubs and on railings and in hanging baskets throughout the Town in recent days. Another service provided exclusively for the Town by the Rangers.

In regard to waste collections, Residents will also;

- be receiving a fourth bin for paper and cardboard. with your existing recycling bin now only for glass, plastic, tins etc. (you will not have to use the paper hopper anymore)
- residual household (black bin) will move to fortnightly from next week.
- recycling collection should then restart on alternative fortnights (ie both recycling bins).
- be receiving a small food waste bin and caddy which will be collected weekly.
- the garden waste service is still suspended.

June '26



**Anja Pawson**

**City Councillor & Town Councillor for Sutton Vesey**

Vice-Chair of Friends of Boldmere Spinney, Primary School Teacher, School Governor, busy Mum of two

## Our Work in the Community

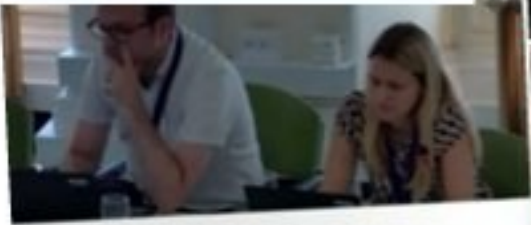


Cllr Anja Pawson is now a fully signed of Community Speedwatch volunteer and is able to advocate and support the police in these sessions. Anja, Makham and Amit are looking for more volunteers, so please get in touch if you feel passionate about this topic and would like to get involved.

Cllrs Anja Pawson and John Cooper held their first ward surgery at Sutton Rose Care Home, St Michael's Road. The next session will be on Thursday 16th July, 11am to 12pm. A great opportunity for individual conversations.



*Cllr Anja Pawson with Mr Andrew Mitchell*



**Cllr Anja Pawson**

Anja and John liaised with the council and the police regarding an unauthorised encampment on King George V Playing Field. Anja also spoke on this topic at a public committee meeting.



**Litter-Pick Action**

Cllr Anja Pawson brought up residents' concerns about some frightening incidents in Sutton Park, and Sir Andrew Mitchell MP raised this in his meetings with the Acting Chief Constable.

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# FOOD WASTE COLLECTED EVERY WEEK

## BROWN CADDY FOOD WASTE

**YES PLEASE**

	Fish, meat and bones
	Leftovers and plate scrapings
	Bread, rice and pasta
	Fruit and veg peelings
	Teabags and coffee grounds

**NO THANKS**

	Packaging of any kind
	Black bags
	Liquids such as milk
	Flowers or garden waste
	Oil or liquid fat
	Any item that is not food waste



**STEP 1**

Line your indoor kitchen caddy with a bag, kitchen towel or newspaper.

Put any peelings, raw food into your indoor kitchen caddy.



**STEP 2**

When full, remove from the indoor kitchen caddy.



**STEP 3**

Empty the contents of your indoor kitchen caddy into your outdoor brown caddy.

Then place it at the kerbside each week for collection.

# RECYCLABLES COLLECTED EVERY 2 WEEKS

## BLUE LID BIN GLASS, PLASTIC & METAL

**YES PLEASE**

	Plastic milk and water bottles with lids
	Household plastic bottles
	Plastic yoghurt pots, empty food tubs or raw meat trays
	Aerosol cans
	Clean foil and foil trays
	Aluminium drinks cans, food tins
	Glass bottles
	Empty jars
	Food and drinks cartons

## GREEN LID BIN PAPER & CARDBOARD

**YES PLEASE**

	Empty cardboard boxes and packaging
	Cereal boxes and food boxes
	Empty toilet rolls
	Newspapers and magazines
	Egg boxes
	Junk mail, envelopes and office paper

**PLEASE EMPTY AND RINSE ITEMS ONLY CLEAN, DRY PAPER AND CARD PLEASE**

**NO THANKS**

	Food waste
	Batteries and Vapes
	Nappies
	Greasy food boxes or pizza boxes
	Garden waste

- Coat hangers
- Light bulbs
- Drinking glasses
- Heat resistant glassware or cookware
- Paint tins
- Black food trays / hard plastic
- Textiles / clothes / shoes
- Gas bottles / canisters
- Electrical items



From Rob Pocock, Community Campaigner, Sutton Vesey  
**Can we kick-start more local devolution?**

With the words 'devolution' fresh on everyone's lips, it's a good time to take stock of how far this popular theme applies to the real world here in Banners Gate and Sutton Vesey.

From my many conversations with people during the recent elections, it's pretty evident the general public view is 'not much'. Neither the over-centralised and remote City Council, nor the disappointing and ineffective Sutton Town Council have inspired public enthusiasm. And having sat as your elected Councillor on both of these bodies in recent years, I agree. The existing arrangements are not working for people. It's definitely time for change.

So, should the massive empire of Birmingham Council be divided up into say, 4 or 5 separate local City Boroughs? Each of those would be easily the size of Solihull Council and well able to run itself more or less independently.

Similarly, the Sutton Town Council is a vast size for what is in effect (and in law) simply a local parish council. Imagine that instead of your present tax payments being swallowed up and lost inside this additional empire, the money went instead to local community or neighbourhood Councils – for example one for Banners Gate / New Oscott and for Boldmere – where local residents could have a real say on how their local precept funds were spent, locally in the areas where people actually live.

These are not the only options – other models for greater and better devolution are possible. But I firmly believe it's time to re-open the box and see what better ways there might be to run our local Councils.

About 15 years ago I started campaigning for better local devolution alongside a determined and independent Sutton resident, Ken Rushton, who was a passionate advocate for Sutton people having a greater say over their local affairs. Ken was not initially smitten by the idea of a Town Council – he wanted the bigger option of a separate local Borough – but he came round to the idea in the end as the best option available at that time.

Ken sadly passed away a couple of months ago but if he was still with us, I have no doubt he would now be saying – we gave it a go, but now is the time to re-open the question once again. What do you think? It's time to echo the national debate. Just drop me an email on [rob.pocock2020@outlook.com](mailto:rob.pocock2020@outlook.com).

## St Columba's "Goodbye Beccy" Friday Coffee Morning

Friday coffee morning on 12 June was a very different event than the normal pop in for friendly cheer, cake and coffee. Friday coffee takes place on a weekly basis and Rev Beccy has always been a firm and regular supporter. However, Beccy is moving forward to another clerical post in Sheffield. A surprise party took place to wish her the very best, and many thanks indeed for her warm friendship she has given so freely, during her time at St Columba's Church.

Helen Willis, local potter and coffee group member was commissioned by other visitors to produce an original piece of her work as a special farewell gift. Beccy has always admired Helen's ceramic angels, so it was the perfect present as it literally came through the hands of a fellow member who enjoys the friendship of St Columba's coffee morning.

It was a memorable weekend, after a special Sunday morning service, the church threw open the hall doors for a goodbye lunch. Cake stands and best vintage China, all suitably adorned with homemade cakes and other delicacies. We were reluctant to say goodbye, but we give joyful thanks for her time with us over the past eight years, and know she will be receiving a warm northern welcome very soon.

Coffee morning is always ready to welcome visitors on Friday mornings 10.30-12 midday. Please call in and visit, there's cake, coffee and warm friendship.

Alison Jolley



Beccy sitting next to 102 year old Harold.



Sunday morning, Becca on the top table on the left.



# Hire Banners Gate Community Hall



*A Center of Excellence within Banners Gate Community,  
For Children's Parties, Meetings, Seminars, Dance Classes and more !  
Banners Gate Community Hall has a fully equipped Kitchen, Disabled facilities,  
A Music and entertainment Hub*

[Book with us as below.](#)

35 Reay Nadin Drive, Sutton Coldfield B73 6UR, Tel: Jessica 07538794120

**The Banners Gate Community Association, who run the Community Hall, will be holding their AGM, to be held in the Hall, at 6.00 pm on 6th July.**

**All residents welcome to attend and exchange ideas.**

The film opposite will be shown in the Forum meeting on Thursday, 30th July at the hall at 7.30pm.



## People's Emergency Briefing

*On the climate and nature crisis*

Coming soon to Banners Gate  
Neighbourhood Forum

[www.nebriefing.org](http://www.nebriefing.org)

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**Dear Residents of Vesey Ward and the Wider Sutton Coldfield areas.**

We Trustees at Banners Gate Community Association and Community Hall had applied to Birmingham City Council and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for a grant to renovate the Community Hall with Ceiling Baffles in order to reduce echo within the Hall, a new Kitchen and grab bars within the disabled toilets and repairs to the rear fence and rear fire door.

The grant was awarded through our Chairperson Margaret Dilloway and works implemented by the Banners Gate Community Trust team.

We are pleased to say all work has now been completed to a high standard and the Hall is now a more pleasant facility to hire and use. We have had an abundance of positive feedback from our users in the form of our user survey.

The Hall is now available for hire for Children’s Parties, Classes, Meetings or Seminars.

**If you have a general enquiry for Banners Gate Community Association, please telephone: 07513 184845**

**Banners Gate Community Hall & Association, Sutton Coldfield | General Enquiries**

As our Hall is run by local volunteers who work during the daytime, please leave a voice message or preferably, if you are able, send a text message indicating the nature of your enquiry if your initial call is unanswered. Your call will be returned the same day unless it is picked up unsociably late, in which case it will be returned the following day.

Thank you for your interest in Banners Gate Community Association.

Business Secretary , Kind Regards, Gary Hall



## Older adults Day care in Sutton Coldfield

Our Day Centres are all about enriching the lives of older adults — we’re dedicated to meeting the individual care and support

needs of our citizens while providing a friendly, engaging space where they can truly feel part of a community. Every day, we aim to

create a positive, stimulating environment that promotes wellbeing, independence, and connection.

We’re proud to provide welcoming, well-established Day Centres for individuals aged 50 and over, located in Mere Green and Boldmere.

With over 14 years of experience, our team is passionate about supporting older adults to live fulfilling lives through personalised

care, engaging activities, and meaningful social connections.

Our daily rate is currently £45.50, which includes a light breakfast, a freshly prepared two-course lunch, and regular refreshments throughout

the day. Each day is shaped by the citizens themselves — with activities chosen to reflect their interests and abilities — ensuring

everyone can participate in something that brings them joy and purpose.

We understand that joining a new setting can be a big step, so we warmly offer a free trial session. You’re welcome to attend with

a family member or carer to get a real feel for what we do and to see whether it’s the right fit for your loved one.

Additionally, as a day centre service we are extending our current offers as we understand the demand and need in more flexibility

for both the cared-for and unpaid carers involved. I have put some more information regarding this below:

- **Flexi Days** – For those who find set days difficult, there will now be an option to book more flexible attendance to better suit individual needs.

- **Rest n Refresh Sessions** – New 2.5-hour sessions that can be booked the evening before or on the morning of attendance.

These shorter visits are perfect for carers who need time for appointments, shopping, or a short break. Cost: £25 (optional

lunch £6 and pudding £1.50).

- **Pay as You Go** – We are aware that citizens and their families may be hesitant to commit to contracts straight away. To

support this, we are offering a pay-as-you-go option for up to 4 weeks, giving people time to decide whether regular

attendance is right for them.

**Please find our current venues and days of operation below:**

Days	Venue	Location
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	The Laurels	Grange Lane, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield, B75 5JX
Wednesday	Sutton Rose	ST Michaels Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5FU

# St Columba's Hall Hire

Tables & chairs to accommodate 80 people in comfort

Hall 12m x 12m

Adjoining Kitchen 4.7m x 3.2m is also available for hire when booking hall

Ideal venue for leisure activities e.g., dance groups, keep fit, etc.

Available for one-off events as well as regular bookings

Bookings available 52 weeks of the year including Saturdays

## Facilities

Large easy access car park with 32 spaces

Ground level wheelchair access to all areas

Male / female/ disabled toilets

A Kitchen is available for hire. Suitable for light refreshments

Please contact Alison Jolley, email: [st.columbahall@yahoo.com](mailto:st.columbahall@yahoo.com)

for further details.





Age Concern Birmingham  
is now  
**Age Connects West Midlands.**

While our name has changed, our services, values, staff, and commitment to supporting our communities remain exactly the same.

The new name better reflects who we are today – a modern charity bringing people and communities together and celebrating ageing as a positive part of life.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the team.

Check our socials below



# communittea cafe

## What's On

### July 2026

**Opening Times**  
Monday to Saturday 8:30am - 4.15pm

Call us on 0121 362 3650  
For bookings, call us on 0121 630 2462  
[communittea@ageconnectswm.org.uk](mailto:communittea@ageconnectswm.org.uk)



Communittea Cafe is owned and managed by  
Age Connects West Midlands

## Monday

**Carers Hub drop-in: 9.30am until 12pm - weekly**  
Our advisors can provide information and advice today. Pop in and have a chat, no appointment necessary.

**Warm Welcome: 9:30am until 12pm - weekly**  
Come and join us in our cosy cafe!

**Knit and Natter: 10am until 12pm - weekly**  
Join our team of knitters and enjoy some great company along with a cuppa and maybe even a slice of cake.

## Tuesday

**Allotment Group: 10am until 12pm - weekly**  
Talk all things gardening with the Communittea Allotment group, you will find us at the allotment if the weather is nice.

**Dementia Carers drop-in: 10am until 12pm - weekly**  
Drop in advice and information for unpaid dementia carers.

**Stroke Support Group: 10am - 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Only**  
Bringing together friends and families who have experienced the impact of stroke through our supportive group.

**Warm Welcome: 10am until 12pm - weekly**  
Come and join us in our cosy cafe!

**Friends For Life Veterans Group: 12pm until 3pm - weekly**  
Our group aims to bring together all ex service personnel to make new friends.

## Wednesday

**Stop Smoking Drop in: 10:45am until 12:30pm - 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
Drop in to speak to a representative from Stop Smoking.

**Community Police drop-in: 11am until 12pm - 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Only**  
Come along to meet and chat to a Police officer

**Advice Cafe: 11am until 1pm - weekly**  
From benefits advice to saving energy at home. No need to book, just drop in.

**Friendship Group: 11am until 1pm - weekly**  
Come down for a chat and a cuppa - everyone welcome!

**Digital Inclusion: 3pm until 4pm - weekly**  
Joe will be in the cafe lending a hand for all your tech needs!

## Thursday

**Social Worker drop-in: 10am until 1pm - weekly**  
Come along to meet and chat to a social worker - ask us anything

**Parkinson's UK: 10am until 12pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Only**  
A group welcoming those with Parkinson's and their families and carers.

**Knit and Natter: 2pm until 3:30pm - weekly**  
Join our team of knitters and enjoy some great company along with a cuppa and maybe even a slice of cake.

**Craft and Knit Group: 10am until 12pm - weekly**  
Come along to our new craft group, previously held at the Sutton Library. Don't forget to get yourself a cuppa and maybe even a slice of cake.

## Friday

**Art Group: 10am until 11.30pm - weekly - Waiting list to join**  
A friendly art group working with various mediums from charcoal and acrylic paints to lino printing. We create artwork in a relaxed positive environment. Contact Angie for availability 07789 408956 or email [angie@therecoveryfoundation.org.uk](mailto:angie@therecoveryfoundation.org.uk)

**Advice Cafe: 11am until 2pm - weekly**  
One of our friendly Advice and Information team will be on hand to help with your queries - from benefits advice to saving energy at home. No need to book, just drop in.

**Chatty Cafe: 2pm until 4pm - weekly**  
Come down for a chat and a cuppa - everyone welcome!

## Saturday

**AWOC Support Group: 10am - 11:30am - 18<sup>th</sup> Only**  
Are you growing older without children nearby - or without children at all? Our Ageing Without Children group offers a warm, welcoming space to share experiences, build friendships and support one another.

**Legal Services Drop In: 10am until 12pm - 4th July Only**  
Drop in to speak to our legal partner Jane from Wills Made Clear if you need advice on a will, lasting power of attorney or trusts!

## Birmingham's Mobile Library Service

For over 30 years the Mobile Library has taken library services out into many diverse communities across the city.

Everyone is welcome to join the Mobile Library. You can register with us, or you can use your existing Birmingham library card on the vehicle. You can borrow a maximum of 10 items at any one time (including items borrowed from our other libraries). The Mobile Library vehicle carries over 3,500 items of stock for adults, young people and children of all ages. The stock is changed frequently, and new items are added regularly.

The Mobile Library has access to the full library catalogue. It operates a free reservation service for any items you may wish to order. You can return items from other Birmingham libraries at any Mobile Library stop too. The Mobile Library vehicle is also fitted with a lift allowing for easy access.

Did you know that the service comes into the heart of our community?

It currently operates **every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday between 10.00 – 11.00 parked** outside Sutton Park Academy on Coppice View Road, B73 6UE.

Go along and see what's on board. Use it – Or lose it!

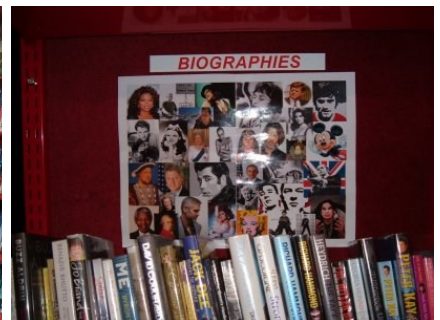
For more information, please use one of the methods detailed below -

Phone: 0121 464 6171    Mobile: 07766 923344

Email: [mobile.library.service@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:mobile.library.service@birmingham.gov.uk)

FaceBook: Mobile Library Service - Birmingham UK    Twitter: bhammobilelib

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/mobile-library](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/mobile-library)



## What's On at Streetly Community Library Spring/Summer 2026

Tuesday 19th May 11-12 Crime Club Reading Group

Wednesday 20th May 10-12 Knit, Stitch & Chat

Saturday 23rd May 2-3 Drop-in Help with your Mobile Phone

Tuesday 26th May 10-12 Chess Club for Adults

Wednesday 27th May 10.30-11.30 Drop-in Half Term Crafts

Wednesday 3rd June 11-12 Adult Reading Group

Saturday 6th June 10.30-12 Lego Fun

Tuesday 9th June 10-12 Chess Club for Adults

Wednesday 10th June 10.30-12 Poetry Group

Tuesday 16th June 11-12 Crime Club Reading Group

Wednesday 17th June 10-12 Knit, Stitch & Chat

Saturday 20th June 9.30-10.30 Mental Health Drop-in - *no appointment needed*

Tuesday 23rd June 10-12 Chess Club for Adults

### Plus

Reading Friends Social Group every Friday 10-11.30 - *join us for a cuppa and a chat*

Story & Rhyme Time for pre-school children every Friday in term time 10.30-11

Blackwood Road, Streetly, B74 3PL

01922 654864    [streetlylibrary@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:streetlylibrary@walsall.gov.uk)

# Sutton Coldfield Repair Cafe



This Repair Cafe is a free community meeting event where skilled volunteer fixers will help repair various items, give advice, skill share or you can just come along for a cuppa and a chat. The event is to bring people together to reduce waste and help the environment.

**The Repair Cafe** is held at Wylde Green United Reformed Church 72 Britwell Road, Boldmere, B73 5SW on the **Second Saturday of each month** between 10:00am to 1:00pm, last repairs at 12:30

See Facebook for more details (Search "Sutton Coldfield Repair Cafe").

Next events:-

11<sup>th</sup> October at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

8<sup>th</sup> November at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

13<sup>th</sup> December at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

Maria Mitchell. Tropic Skincare Ambassador. 07400894034.

F1f7b@yahoo.co.uk.

Contact me to discuss products, book a pamper party or discuss possibilities for fundraising events.

Tropic is an ethical company that is certified vegan and organic.



# Sutton Coldfield Family Hub at Holland House Children's Centre

## Holland House Children's Centre

Holland Road, B72 1RE  
Telephone, 0121 752 1860  
Open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Limited parking is  
Pay and Display



**Emmanuel Church**  
Corner of Little Green Lane  
and  
Birmingham Road, B72 1YG  
  
Car park available

**Falcon Lodge Methodist Church**  
Newdigate Road, B75 7ER  
  
Street parking only



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# Sutton Coldfield Family Hub at Holland House Children's Centre

18/08/2025 — 22/08/2025

## Tuesday

**Music and  
Movement**  
1:30pm-2:30pm  
(0-5 years)

Holland House CC



## Wednesday

**Play and Learn**  
9:45am -11:15am  
(0-8 years)

Emmanuel Church



Thank you  
for spending  
the summer  
with us!



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# WOMEN'S CONFIDENCE CIRCLE

A supportive weekly space for women ready to reconnect with themselves, grow, and feel grounded again.

This circle helps you -

- \* Build confidence from the inside out
- \* Feel calmer and more centred
- \* Connect with like-minded women
- \* Grow without pressure or judgement

Banners Gate Community Hall, 335 Reay Nadin Dr, Royal  
Sutton Coldfield B73 6UR

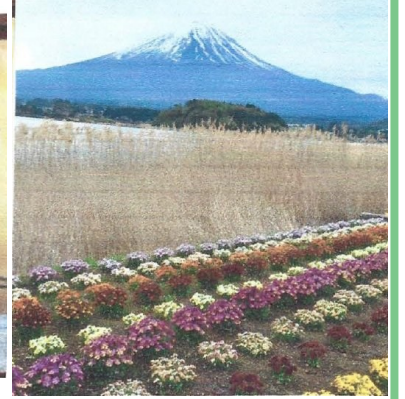
Every Wednesday — 7pm

07564 750526

Limited spaces — message for more information & to  
reserve your spot.

£5 per  
person

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Circle



### **An Adventure in Japan**

MY wife and I thought long and hard about travelling to Japan, we are both of a certain age and we thought the travelling might be too much for us. However, we "took the plunge " and we were more than rewarded with such a magnificent Country and People.

We decided to travel in April to see the Cherry Blossoms in bloom, we were more than rewarded with the magnificent blossoms and we also witnessed the start of the Apple Blossom season.

Japan is a cultural paradox, a rich history of emperors, samurais and martial arts contrasting with a place of tranquillity of geishas, colourful kimonos and exquisite gardens, palaces, temples and shrines.

We travelled on the Bullet Train (Shinkansen) between Tokyo and Osaka and then onto Hiroshima. The train travels at more than 200mph without you noticing the speed because of the amazing smooth ride. The only negative is that you only have 2minutes to get on/off the train. The train doesn't wait and is never more than 20 seconds late and the timetable is guaranteed.

We saw the famous sites of Tokyo including the world-famous Shibuya pedestrian crossing, Tokyo's most photographed road intersection and rumoured to be the busiest in the World. The Tokyo Tower and a boat trip around Tokyo Bay.

We enjoyed astonishing views of Mount Fuji, Lake Kawaguchi and the hot spring Mountain Spa of Hakone. Onto the City of Hiroshima and the horrors of war and the atomic bomb, numbing.

A Japanese Tea ceremony, where a cup of green tea takes 45 minutes to make! But what a ceremony to witness with all the exquisite detail and art.

The shops are bright, and colourful, the restaurants and places to eat cater for tastes from all around the World. The longest escalators I have ever seen at Kyoto Railway Station, they seem to go to Heaven.

My overwhelming memory is one of a wonderful clean Country of extremely polite people, no litter, graffiti. No one eats in the Street, and no loud voices are heard.

And so, a return to UK, what a shock in the contrast between the two Countries.

## Travellers on King George's Field

The travellers left the field on Tuesday morning but left all their rubbish behind. There's a caravan which appears to be abandoned, litter all over the field, in the hedge and in the Millennium Wood, including two loads of fly tipped gardening rubbish, one mainly turf and one red concrete paving slabs – someone had a path or patio taken up - general litter and an area of filthy detritus near where they were parked plus an apparently abandoned white van with Irish plates near the entrance. Fortunately the heather has largely survived apart from a few tyre tracks which may have been made by the illegal motor bikes reported regularly on the field.

The council, local councillors and police have all been kept informed and kept us up to date with their actions. Hopefully council workers will quickly clear up the rubbish. Friends of King George V Playing Field have resecured the entrance as best they can and we hope to have the flattened notice board reinstalled.

We have a meeting later today (25<sup>th</sup> June) with Councillor John Cooper to assess the situation and discuss what can be done to improve security. There's also a group meeting this evening when security improvements are on the agenda.

The Midsummer Evening which we had to postpone has been rescheduled for Saturday 11th July, 7.30pm. Please come and talk to us see what we're about and, hopefully, enjoy the sunset.



**Boldmere Falcons FC**, established in 1974, have just set up a new Walking Football group in Boldmere for anyone affected by any type of cancer, be it prostate, leukaemia, bone, breast, bowel, skin or any other form of cancer.

Everyone is welcome, gents and ladies, whether you have been diagnosed, undergoing treatment, are under surveillance, in recovery, in remission or supporting someone who is.

The weekly sessions are free to attend every Tuesday and started on 16th June 2026 at 12.30 to 2.30pm at Boldmere Sports & Social Club, B73 5HQ. They have had a great response so far from the local community and still have places available for new players or if you wish to go along to see what is going on please feel free to call in one Tuesday at 12.30pm.

Hour1 starts with a gentle set of warm up exercises, followed by a warmup game and then a game of Walking Football all supervised and run by our on-site Cancer Rehab Exercise Practitioner Mark aided by volunteers from Boldmere Falcons. You do everything at your own pace. You don't need to have played football before and very quickly you soon start to enjoy the camaraderie that quickly develops between everyone.

Hour2 is then held in their clubhouse for tea, coffee, a beer and a chat for general discussion, World Cup especially at the moment, or if you have a health question for Mark he will be there for you. The other group members are also happy to share experiences to help you where they can if you need advice.

They have been supported by Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust and Sutton Coldfield Group Practice and they are very grateful to them for their funding help, so it is a real Team Sutton effort!! Further support has been given in many different ways from Birmingham County FA, Sutton Coldfield Prostate Cancer Support Group, Prostate Cancer UK, Blood Cancer UK, Macmillan Cancer Support and Good Hope Hospital and many more.

For more information please contact Richard Cotterill on 07840 059348 or email [ckbwfc@gmail.com](mailto:ckbwfc@gmail.com) or alternatively please scan either of the two QR codes to register or for more information.





# CANCER KICKERS BOLDMERE WALKING FOOTBALL COMMUNITY



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT:**  
  
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Email: ckbwfc@gmail.com  
www.boldmerefalconsfc.co.uk

FREE Walking Football Sessions for those affected by Cancer

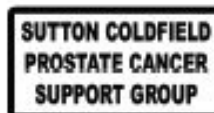
**WHO IS IT FOR?:** Open to anyone affected by any type of cancer, be it prostate, leukaemia, bone, breast, bowel or any other form of cancer. Everyone is welcome whether you have been diagnosed, undergoing treatment, are under surveillance, in recovery or supporting someone who is... Join us at Cancer Kickers Boldmere Walking Football Community - A welcoming, supportive session designed specifically for individuals impacted by cancer.

**GENTLE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY:** Our session starts with a low-level warm-up, then physical activity to get moving at a comfortable pace.

**WHAT IS WALKING FOOTBALL?:** Experience an introduction to walking football - a fun, non competitive way to enjoy the sport at a slower pace, whilst still keeping active on our 3G AstroTurf mini soccer pitch.

**SOCIAL HUB:** After 1 hour gentle session, relax with tea, coffee and conversation in our friendly social hub in our clubhouse

**ON-SITE SUPPORT:** We have a dedicated cancer rehabilitation exercise practitioner available throughout the session to support you



# Cartoons from Chris. Thank you Chris W



Be careful where you shop online. We ordered a german shepherd and now this guy lives with us.



Filled my car up last week, cost £110, but drove off without paying. Today I was in court, got fined £75. I'll be back with more money saving tips later.....

I think it's disgraceful that after 50 years, people don't know who Neil Armstrong is, or the type of trumpet he played



## Here's your quiz - something for you to get your teeth into..

1. If a dish is described as "a la Florentine", which vegetable is it likely to contain?
  2. How does Double Gloucester Cheese differ from Single Gloucester?
  3. From which tree is the spice MACE obtained?
  4. What innovation was introduced in the UK by Tetleys in 1953?
  5. From what part of a pig is a "Bath Chap" made?
  6. Who was the hen-pecked husband of Fanny Craddock?
  7. Which chef featured in the recent TV series "A Very Hungry Frenchman"?
  8. What is the Chinese dumpling stuffed with meat or vegetables and often served in a clear broth called?
  9. From which European country does the fruit cake like bread called BABKA originate?
  10. What type of food is a pomelo?
  11. From which flower are vanilla pods obtained?
  12. What type of foodstuff is Monterey Jack?
  13. In which country was the children's favourite cheese BabyBel invented?
  14. From which animal's milk is Pecorino cheese made?
  15. In which area of Italy is Chianti Classico produced?
  16. What spirit is used to make the "Mai Tai" cocktail?
  17. What is the scientific name for the Cabbage family?
  18. What flavour is the bestselling soup in the UK?
  19. In which country did the rice and vegetable dish Bibimbap originate?
- If an Italian dish is described as "al forno", how has it been cooked?

*Answers 1. Spinach. 2. It's twice as big. 3. Nutmeg. 4. The Teabag. 5. Its Cheek. 6. Johnnie. 7. Raymond Blanc. 8. Wonton. 9. Poland. 10. (Citrus) Fruit. 11. Orchids. 12. Cheese. 13. France. 14. Sheep. 15. Tuscany. 16. Rum. 17. Brassica. 18. Tomato. 19. Korea. 20. In the oven.*

Are you a good guesser?  
What are these objects. Answers on the bottom of next page.

**This set of hinged metal claws with a hook inside found at a flea market in Paris.**



1

**These long, wavy wooden sticks that a previous tenant left in someone's kitchen.**



2

**This spring-shaped item found at a local thrift store.**



3

# DANCE ARGENTINE TANGO



*with Franco & Julia*

Now at: Oscott Social Club  
Witton Lodge Road. B23 5LX

**Thursdays 8.30—8.45pm**

Fundamentals and techniques with  
practise time

**8.45—10pm**

With practise time

Improvers / intermediate level

Taking your tango to the next level

**\*Please wear non-rubber sole shoes\***



**Contact: Julia 0779 008 4218**

Answers from last page

1. Looks like they are [pheasant tongs](#).

2. Our Abelskiver pan came with these for turning the abelskivers. [Here's an example](#).

3. Google Lens answered it in one second.  
A magazine rack. When another user asked why it had rounded ends, [u/gnuoyedonig](#) replied, "Art Deco: [because they could](#)."

## Things you may not know in Wales

[Book](#) Zip World tickets for the fastest zip wire in the world, Velocity  
How's this for a new way to get the adrenaline pumping: fly 500ft high at speeds of 125mph on Zip World's thrilling Velocity!

The zipline, near Bethesda in North Wales, is the longest in Europe with over an entire mile for you to whizz down.

Pull on your warmest clothes, your red flying suit, adjust your goggles and helmet, feel the wind at the top of the quarry...and get ready for the flight of your life.

Take a deep breath as you're strapped into the Velocity zipwire, hear staff counting down before your release. Suddenly you'll feel your body zipping down the mountain so quickly - you'll feel as free as a high-flying bird!

Seeing the view is an unforgettable experience. It will sooth your soul to pass over the shimmering blue lake beneath and catch the sunlight hitting the summit of the extraordinary mountains. Once you get to the end, you'll want to do it all over again.

And don't worry, the team will be on hand to give you a safety briefing before they let you loose.

### Velocity Zip Wire Facts

- How fast? Over 100mph (it's the world's fastest!)
- How far? 1,555 metres
- How many? 4 people at one time
- How zippy? 2 zip lines - the little and big zipper
- Duration? 2 hours





WELCOME TO OUR

# June Newsletter

HELLO FROM SUTTON COLDFIELD NNS!

Welcome to our monthly Newsletter



Hello All!

Hope you are well. Last month we were marking Mental Health Awareness Week with visits to assets whose work within the community have been making great inroads in improving mental and physical health. Here you can see Manjit learning the harmonium, singing ragas in Sutton Park as part of Drumatised Holistic Healing sessions taking place in the great outdoors.

We've also been working on our 2025/26 Impact Report, exploring all the great work Sutton Coldfield NNS has achieved over the last financial year further details below.

As usual, if you have any relevant snippets for our July newsletter, or would like to share an NNS 'Story of Difference' please get in touch at [nns@ageconnectswm.org.uk](mailto:nns@ageconnectswm.org.uk)

**THANK YOU!**

From Pete, Rachel, Suzy, Joe, Manjit, Kamleish and Cathy

## CONGRATULATIONS

To the recipients of our latest Grants Panel

★ **Cancer Support Centre**

The Cancer Support Centre have been awarded funding for a bereavement support package for citizens affected by Cancer, including: bereavement workshops, prehabilitation appointments and a new 'Moving Forwards' support group.

★ **Midland Mencap**

Midland Mencap will be providing accessible racket sport sessions at Sutton Coldfield Tennis Centre, with sessions designed to improve physical and mental health for disabled adults.

CAPACITY BUILDING  
**First Aid Training**

This month Sutton Coldfield NNS commissioned First Aid training. The session was delivered at the Trinity Centre by PGL Training. It was a fully booked with five assets and ten people taking part.

Feedback has been positive: *"It's been really interesting. It has been great to get a thorough overview but also be able to ask questions specific to our organisation."*

NNS are considering coordinating a further course, due to high demand - please get in touch if you are interested.



**SPREAD THE WORD**

**Holiday at Home – Wylde Green URC Church**



**HOLIDAY AT HOME**

Created For the Over 50's

Join us as we set sail for a week of activities and fun!

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August

10.30am – 3.30pm

At Wylde Green United Reformed Church

Britwell Road Boldmere B73 5SW

Includes

Food & refreshments, craft, Reminiscence, Desert Island Discs, Films, Puzzles & Games, Paper Airplane & lots more!

PLEASE CONTACT BEV FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK. A

PLACE

EMAIL: [WGURCcommunity@protonmail.com](mailto:WGURCcommunity@protonmail.com)

PHONE: 0121 241 1229

Wylde Green URC are offering a free 'Holiday at Home' for the over 50's, involving cruise ship style activities, plus food and refreshments.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am-3.30pm**

**Wylde Green URC, Britwell Rd, B73 5SW**

To book please email

[WGURCcommunity@protonmail.com](mailto:WGURCcommunity@protonmail.com) or call 0121 240 1229

**EcoGrow – Sunnybank Allotments  
 Multi-generational Gardening Club**

**EcoGrow** run a Multi-generational Gardening Club at Sunnybank Allotments.

Saturdays 10am

9<sup>th</sup> May through to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Pass on tips, spend time outdoors, grow foods and make new friends!

Email [ecogrowcic@gmail.com](mailto:ecogrowcic@gmail.com)  
 or call 074213 29836

**Multi-generational  
 Gardening Club**

Sunnybank Fields Allotments,  
 Sutton Coldfield, B73.

- ✔ Pass on tips
- ✔ Spend time outside
- ✔ Grow food
- ✔ Make friends



Saturdays 10am

9<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May  
 16<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June  
 14<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July  
 11<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
 8<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September  
 6<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October



NEIGHBOURHOOD  
 NETWORK SCHEME

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 Message: 07421329836

## SPREAD THE WORD

### Purposeful Active Living Strength & Balance




**Strength & Balance**

**What's involved:**

Standing and seated activities to improve your strength, balance, coordination and cognitive ability. Ideal for anyone wishing to live more independently and healthier in later life.

Offering benefits without added risk to reduce mobility risks. Participants who are at risk of a fall suffering from long term health conditions.

**Find out more:**

Every Tuesday 10-11am - 11-12pm

Trinity Centre, Church Hill, Hill St, Sutton Coldfield

Just turn up and join in.



**PAL - Purposeful Active Living**  
[www.purposefulactiveliving.org.uk](http://www.purposefulactiveliving.org.uk)

Event independently organised by Sutton Council 2019/20




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Offering benefits without added risk to reduce mobility risks. For anyone who is at risk of a fall suffering from long term health conditions.

**Find out more:**

Every Monday 10am - 11am

Mere Green Community Centre, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield, B67 4JL

Just turn up and join in. Carers join in for FREE!



**Mere Green Community Centre**

**PAL - Purposeful Active Living**  
[www.purposefulactiveliving.org.uk](http://www.purposefulactiveliving.org.uk)

Event independently organised by Sutton Council 2019/20

Purposeful Active Living are offering Strength and Balance sessions, involving standing and seated activities to improve strength, balance, co-ordination and cognitive ability. Ideal for any one wishing to live more independently and healthier in later life. Just turn up and join!

**First session free**  
**£8 per session thereafter**  
**or £25 per month**  
**Carers join in for free**

**Every Tuesday 12.30-1.30pm**  
**Trinity Centre, Church Hill**

**Every Monday 10-11am**  
**Mere Green Community Centre**

## Midland Mencap Learning Disability Community Wellbeing Service



**Learning Disability Community Wellbeing Service**

This service is support adults with a learning disability to:

- Develop skills to live safely in their own home.
- Stay healthy and live independently.
- Access and be included in the local community.

Our Lead Workers are trained and experienced. They can meet in person, at a time and place to suit.

For more information  
Scan here or  
[visit midlandmencap.org.uk/wws/](http://www.midlandmencap.org.uk/wws/)



**Who Can We Support?**

- Adults with a diagnosed learning Disability under Section 47(1)
- Must live within the Birmingham City Council area
- Must not currently have an assessed package of care
- Ability to consent to participating in health assessments

**Good To Know:**

- You'll have a regular, named Lead Worker
- You can pick the time and place for your support
- Access to an Outreach service
- Up to 5 hours of support per week
- The service is free

What Can We Support With?		
<b>Independent Living Skills</b>	<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	<b>Information, Advice &amp; Guidance</b>
Managing your home (including anti-social behaviour)	Registering and attending health appointments (GP, optician, dentist and all other health checks)	Understanding information, forms, letters or documents that affect you
Managing your money and budget, support to access shops to purchase items	Understanding health information	Registering to access your online bank details, credit and all financial decisions that you can do
Understanding appointments and help with applications or forms	Understanding health checks and supporting attendance at appointments	Understanding decision made by professionals and authority that you can challenge the way it applies
Accessing the state funded care and independent living facilities and quality of care	Planning transport, activities and leisure opportunities when needed	
<b>Employment Support</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Safety and Personal Wellbeing</b>
Understanding your rights and responsibilities in a team	Finding and accessing services and activities in your local community	Enabling you to feel safe and supported, with things you request
Help with understanding your history and presenting history clearly	Support to healthily and confidently in the community when opportunities	Support with relevant independent applications





The Learning Disability Community Wellbeing Service is a free service to support adults with a learning disability to:

- Develop skills to live safely in their own home.
- Stay Healthy and live independently
- Access and be included in the local community

To find out more please click [here](#)

SPREAD THE WORD

Minworth Community Engagement Event  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**MINWORTH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY**

An opportunity to see what is on offer in other parts of Sutton Coldfield, to inspire potential projects in Minworth

**SATURDAY 25TH JULY 2026  
12-4PM**

SAMPLE FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD.  
ARTS & STORYTELLING PLUS IRISH TREATS  
AND LIVE MUSIC

**ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR  
CHURCH HALL, B76 9BU**

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT  
DISCOVER BELLBOATING, TRY A NEW CRAFT,  
EXPLORE LOCAL SERVICES

Organised in partnership with Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Network Scheme and St. George the Martyr Church, Minworth

The Pioneer Group | Birmingham City Council | age connects west midlands

Sutton Coldfield NNS is currently working in partnership with St. George the Martyr Church in Minworth and is pleased to launch the **Minworth Community Engagement Day**. The event will take place on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 26, 12-4pm.**

The afternoon will provide the opportunity to see what is on offer in other in other parts of Sutton Coldfield, to inspire potential projects in Minworth.

There will be free food from around the world, bellboating, try a new craft, live music, storytelling, irish treats and explore local services!

**Minworth Community Engagement Day**  
📅 **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
🕒 **12-4pm**  
📍 **St George the Martyr Church Hall, B76 9BU**

Dementia Cafe  
Age UK Birmingham / Sutton Park Grange

**Dementia Cafe**

Our Dementia cafe are safe and friendly environments for those living with Dementia or anyone worried about their memory as well as their family or carers. It's a relaxed group setting and has a different activity each month.

No need to book, just show up! Tea and coffee provided.

**When:** 2pm - 3.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month

**Where:** Sutton Park Grange Care Home, 135 Birmingham Rd, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, B72 1LJ

To more information, please email [dementia.cafes@ageukbirmingham.org.uk](mailto:dementia.cafes@ageukbirmingham.org.uk)

Tobacco Accessible Free parking

Age UK Birmingham Limited is a registered charity. (2044466) and company limited by guarantee. Registered in England. No. 02068268. Registered office is Age UK Birmingham, Sutton Park Grange, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, B72 1LJ.

Age UK Birmingham and Sutton Park Grange are offering a new Dementia Cafe on the second Thursday of every month. The cafes are safe and friendly environments for those living with dementia or anyone worried about their memory as well as their family or carers.

No need to book, just show up. Tea and coffee provided.

🕒 **2-3.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month**  
📍 **Sutton Park Grange Care Home, 136 Birmingham Rd, B72 1LJ**

For more information, please email:  
[dementia.cafes@ageukbirmingham.org.uk](mailto:dementia.cafes@ageukbirmingham.org.uk)

## STORY OF DIFFERENCE

### Purposeful Active Living



Sutton Coldfield NNS has had an ongoing relationship with Purposeful Active Living (PAL) since 2024 when we originally funded the organisation to deliver weekly Strength and Balance training at Wyndley Leisure Centre. We are not just about funding, we cultivate our community relationships and encourage partnership working between different organisations as we want the best for the long term. In the photo we can see Networker Joe at a PAL MOT Assessment Day in partnership with Sutton Coldfield U3A which took place at Trinity Centre. Around 20 attendees took part in a number of exercise activities and gained tailored insight and information to improve their strength and balance from PAL's experienced team, some signed up for future sessions too.

PAL and the U3A made the connection at our Lunch and Learn event in December - a space designed to encourage networking and the development of positive mutually beneficial relationships with other organisations. As the event was also an opportunity to meet funders, PAL made connections with Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council who have subsequently provided further funding.

Kieran from PAL writes: *"I wanted to share the wider impact your funding has had on PAL's development in Sutton, which has been significant. Your support has enabled us to:*

- *Grow our reputation in Sutton Coldfield, establishing PAL as a trusted provider for strength, balance, and falls prevention work*
- *Deliver taster sessions to a variety of local organisations, which has directly led to increased demand – including the launch of an additional session as a result*
- *Build meaningful connections through NNS networking events, particularly with Sutton Town Council, who we are now working collaboratively with and have secured additional funding from*
- *Strengthen our organisational capacity, enabling us to secure further funding and confidently recruit a Sutton Programme Co-ordinator, who will be starting in Summer/Autumn 2026 to continue growing and developing our work locally*

*On top of this, the original programme itself has now transitioned into a self-sustaining model, which is something we are incredibly proud of and a testament to the strength of the initial investment from NNS. The funding has not only supported a successful project, but has acted as a catalyst for long-term, sustainable impact across Sutton, and we're really excited to continue building on this momentum."*

## SPREAD THE WORD

### Sutton Coldfield NNS Impact Report 2025/26

Sutton Coldfield NNS has recently published an Impact Report for 2025/26. The report outlines our areas of priority and shines a light on some of the success stories as a result of NNS funding and support.

Sutton Coldfield NNS prides itself on the relationships developed over the years with Sutton Coldfield based community groups and organisations built via our Networkers. We hope this report gives a sense of this.



## SPREAD THE WORD

### Apollo Healing Arts Showcase - Healing Arts Festival

**Healing Arts**  
→ Birmingham 27-28 June 2026

**Apollo Showcase**  
Saturday 27 June 12pm - 4.30pm  
Gracechurch Centre, Parade, Sutton Coldfield  
FREE participatory arts workshops & performances

**What's on...**

- Raag Singing / Table
- Art/Craft workshops all afternoon
- Tai-Chi / Yoga
- Health testimony performances
- All Age Folk Workshop
- Children's Workshops
- Final Concert at 3.30pm

Find out more at [www.apollouk.org](http://www.apollouk.org)  
[www.healingartsbirmingham.org](http://www.healingartsbirmingham.org) | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/apollouk) | [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/apollouk) | [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/apollouk)

Healing Arts Birmingham is a city-wide festival demonstrating how arts, culture, and heritage can transform health, wellbeing, and social justice. Supported by a coalition of organisations and communities across the Midlands, Healing Arts Birmingham brings together artists, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to tackle health inequalities and embed creative practice at the heart of public life.

As part of the festival Apollo have produced an 'Apollo Showcase' which will involve a programme of free participatory arts workshops and performances. Including, Raag singing, an all age folk workshop and art and craft workshops

📅 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 🕒 12.30-4pm  
📍 Gracechurch Centre, Parade

To find out more please visit <https://www.apollouk.org/healing-arts-showcase-saturday-27th-june-2026>

### Do you offer activities for older people or adults with additional needs?

Please get in touch to discover how we can support your local community group or organisation!

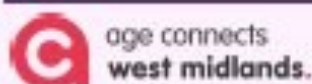
To find out more about the Sutton Coldfield NNS you can visit

🌐 <https://suttoncoldfieldnns.blogspot.com/>

☎ 0121 362 3650

✉ [nns@ageconnectswm.org.uk](mailto:nns@ageconnectswm.org.uk)

📘 [Sutton Coldfield NNS](https://www.facebook.com/SuttonColdfieldNNS)





Simply School Supplies C.I.C is a community interest company committed to reducing inequalities in the school environment. In our first six months of operating, we have helped over 300 children with school uniforms. We do this by collecting and sorting pre-loved school uniforms and making them available through pop-ups, an online second-hand uniform shop, partnerships with local schools, and a referral scheme for local children's charities. Everything we do is to promote equal opportunities in the school environment for all children.

This year, we aim to support 500 children, and we can only do this with your support. To meet our target, we need to raise £2,500 to purchase the branded items we do not have in stock. In the coming months, we will be fundraising at local craft fairs, conducting bucket collections at Asda Queslett, and partnering with local schools and charities to reach as many families as possible.

This is your invitation to join our appeal, whether by simply following us on Facebook to help spread the word or by donating your old uniform at one of our donation points. More information about our events, donation points and volunteering opportunities can be found on our website at [www.simplyschoolsupplies.co.uk](http://www.simplyschoolsupplies.co.uk).

Any support is greatly appreciated.

**Nearest Donation Points:**

- St Columbas Church Hall Entrance - Friday and Sunday mornings.
- ASDA Queslett - Trolley by Cafe Entrance, open 24 hours.

# Pilates

Mondays 735-825pm

Starts 15<sup>th</sup> June

£8 per class

07886089473



1

Traditional Pilates Exercises

2

Rehabilitation Exercises

3

Tone Up & Improve Strength

4

Improve Flexibility & Mobility

5

Improve Sleep & Well Being

6

Improve Balance & Coordination

**Lighthouse Church | St Mary's,  
Tyburn Rd, Birmingham B24 0TB**

# Book a household recycling centre appointment

Unite the Union is currently taking industrial action, which may impact collections and waste disposal.

[See how this may affect your bin collections and what you can do with your waste.](#)

If you would like to know more, you can find more details on our [Waste and recycling industrial action - FAQ for residents page.](#)

## **Sutton Coldfield**

Norris Way, B75 7BB

Monday to Friday: 7:00am to 9:00pm

Saturday and Sunday: 8:00am to 6:00pm

## **Booking**

You can book:

- not less than 2 hours before the time you want to attend the HRC
- no more than 3 days before your visit

2 visits at the same time - these could be on the same day or in the same week

Your confirmation should be emailed to you within an hour. This email will tell you the 15-minute slot that you have been allocated. If you cannot see this email in your inbox, check your spam or junk folder.

When you have 2 visits booked, you can book further visits from the day after you have attended the first visit. For example, if you book for Monday and Thursday then you can book your next visit from Tuesday.

From Monday 12 May, the booking system will be temporarily removed from the Castle Bromwich HRC, and a pre-booked slot won't be required to visit the site. This is subject to change. You still need to bring proof of address to show you live in Birmingham. The booking system remains in place for the other 4 HRCs.

## [Book an appointment](#)

You need to bring proof of address to show you live in Birmingham. This evidence could be:

- driving licence
- utility bill

Council tax bill - paper or digital

Read the instructions on the booking website carefully. For example, there are height restrictions at some sites.

**YOUR LOCAL AUDIO NEWSPAPER - a real lifeline for hundreds, yes hundreds! of people across Birmingham.**

[Birmingham Talking Newspaper For The Blind And Visually Impaired](#)

[btnbvi.org](http://btnbvi.org)

When my own mother-in-law's health was fading, we discovered this remarkable service and it gave her a new lease of life at 93!

Do you know anyone who is partially sighted or blind? If so, they may benefit from listening to a local audio newspaper. Or indeed a monthly magazine and a history talk? This is a completely free of charge service, including the loan of equipment to allow you to listen to these articles. It is enjoyed by many people of all ages, some of whom are housebound.

Blind and visually impaired people in the wider Birmingham area can obtain audio versions of local newspaper articles and a range of weekly and monthly audio magazines. These are provided free of charge for listeners who have registered with our service.

You can apply by filling out the registration form which can be found at [www.btnbvi.org](http://www.btnbvi.org). Or by contacting 0300 330 1404 for more information. We will then explain the service that we provide, all completely free of charge.

Please note that we never pass your information to anyone else and you can unsubscribe from our service at any time.



## Phone Scams

**Do you know that nearly a third of all fraud is committed over the telephone?**

Criminals are experts at impersonating people or organisations (like banks, the tax office or even the police).

They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. **Stop and think.** It could protect you and your money.

**Stop:** Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

**Challenge:** Could it be fake? It's OK to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

**Protect:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud here: [Action Fraud](#)

For more information please click on the link below or see the attached Phone Scams Booklet

[45788196-0bc9-42a4-87cc-371f2710914e.pdf](#)  
([neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](#))

### Attachments

[Phone Scams Booklet - Final.pdf](#)



**Message Sent By**

Stefanie Sadler

(West Midlands Police, Engagement & Consultation Officer, Birmingham Partnerships)



## STREETLY FLOWER ARRANGERS' CLUB



We meet monthly 2nd Tues 2.15 pm All Saints Church Hall, Foley Rd East, B74 3HR.



Next meeting Tues 14th July - demonstration with Chris Ramsey 'A trip to the Cotswolds' - all designs raffled at end of meeting.

Why not join us - we are an enthusiastic, friendly Club - visitors are always so very welcome.

Further details - Chris Reeves 0121 354 6264.





These ladies meet in the Botanico Café in House of Fraser every Wednesday at noon for a couple of hours of knitting, crocheting and other gentle sports. Full instruction given to beginners. Go on, give it a try, you may enjoy it, at least you'll learn something.

# Banners Gate Community Association

Our Community Hall in Sutton Coldfield is the perfect venue for your club, regular class, meeting and much more!



[welcome](#)

[what's on](#)

[hire our hall](#)

[view our hall](#)

[committee](#)

[contact](#)

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## Welcome to Banners Gate Community Hall & Association

Run by a team of volunteers and situated in Sutton Coldfield, Banners Gate Community Hall is the perfect venue for your club or regular class. Our room hire rates are very reasonable and come with refreshment making facilities. The Hall has the capacity to hold up to 70 people, it is level throughout with a wheelchair accessible toilet and all of our facilities are fully insured and risk assessed.

If you are looking for a venue, simply telephone our [Bookings](#) Secretary on 0751 318 4845.

There's always lots going on at Banners Gate Community Hall. Newcomers are always very welcome! We cater for all needs no matter what your background, including young people, senior citizens, mother and baby. The hall is situated on the junction of Reay Nadin Drive and Coppice View Road (B73 6UR). On street parking is available.

As a community hall we are trying to create activities for the benefit of the community so if you have any ideas in that direction, please get in touch and share those ideas with us—no obligation.

If you need any information please message on 07964 213 229

**Banners Gate Community Hall - Coffee Mornings, third Tuesday of the month  
The next is on 21st July - at 9.30 to noon, please note new times.**

DAY/TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	CONTACT	TEL.
Sun (last) 10.30 –2.30 pm 10.00 am 10.30 am (fortnightly) 11.00 am 7.30–8.30pm	Create at Gate with K & S Family Communion Sunday Gathering Chikara Karate Kai Soul Yoga –last Sunday	Community Hall St. Columba's Banners Gate CC Scout Hall Community Hall	Kathy Weston Nigel Willis Paul Murphy 07837 Cath Hussey	628 6651 354 5873 353 0230 39 57 89
Mon 11.00 to 6.45pm 7.30 – 9.00 pm	Sign Language Classes Sign Language Classes Sign Language Classes Line Dancing	Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall	Shakila Kosar 07825 Shakila Kosar 07825 Shakila Kosar 07825 Diane Pursall	255042 255042 255042 747 4659
Tues 6.00–7.00 9.15 - 2.00pm. 3rd Tues 9.15 - 12.00pm 11.45am - 12.45pm 6.30 – 9.00 7.45 pm	Soul Yoga Born to Spa, Baby Spa Coffee Morning 3rd Tuesdays Tai Chi Line Dancing Chikara Karate Kai	Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall Scout Hut Community Hall St. Columba's	Anna Madge 07833 Dave Cockbill Neil Rankine 07721 Diane Pursall Paul Murphy 07837	45 70 74 67 09 13 747 4659 39 57 89
Wed 9.30, 11.00 & 12 10.30 - 12.00 6.30 – 7.30 7.00 pm	Baby Sensory Guide Dog Training Dance Fitness SlimmingWorld	Banners Gate CC Community Hall Community Hall St Columba's	Tracy Jones 0775 Madge Nightingale Karen 07759	82 56 22 360 0286 17 02 89
Thurs 10.00–11.00 am 7.30 on last Thursday 6.30 – 9.45 pm (3rd of each month) 7.00 pm	Yoga Neighbourhood Forum Zig Zag Dance Studio Townswomen's Guild	Community Hall Community Hall St. Columba's Banners Gate CC	Tricia 07954 Tony Willis Warren 01902 Janice Jones 07955	40 39 43 605 4947 897 900 65 59 10
Fri 11.30 - 3.30 5.00–6.30pm 7.00 - 8.00 pm	Sign language Classes Repertoire Dance Studio Sign Language Classes	Community Hall Community Hall Community Hall	Shakila Kosar 07825 Chloe Lloyd 07729 Shakila Kosar 07825	25 50 42 47 79 46 25 50 42
Saturday 9–10am	Soul Yoga	Community Hall		

**Useful telephone numbers**  
Sutton and Kingstanding  
**Police: 101**  
Good Hope: 424 2000  
Outpatients: 424 2000  
NHS Health helpline:  
Call 111 it's 24/7  
Citizens Advice  
03444 111 444

**BANNERS GATE  
COUNSELLING CENTRE**

Accessible and Affordable  
Counselling to Adults in the  
Community. The Upper Room  
St. Michael's House  
198 Boldmere Road  
Sutton Coldfield  
Tel : 0121 354 6544  
For information or an  
appointment please ring after  
10 a.m. daily, except  
Wednesday

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**BOOKING SECRETARIES:**  
Community Hall mobile: 075 65 54 68 21  
Banners Gate CC - Nigel Willis 07711 284562  
St. Columba's - Alison Jolley [st.columbahall@yahoo.com](mailto:st.columbahall@yahoo.com)  
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

**Banners Gate Ladies Circle**

This is the name of the previously named  
Townswomen's Guild. Contact details,  
meeting days and times remain the same.  
Hopefully next month will let you know how  
we will be going forward as our new group.  
**Thurs. 16th July - Retro Clothes by Joanne**  
**Thurs. 20th Aug. Cheese & Wine Social**  
**Evening**  
Our vibrant Guild meets on the 3rd Thursday  
of the month, 7.00 - 10.00 in the Westwood  
Hall, **Banners Gate Community Church.**  
Janice Jones 07955 65 59 10

**Banners Gate Community Church**

Westwood Road. B73 6UH

We meet **weekly** on Sunday mornings from  
10.30am for fellowship, worship, prayer  
and learning together in an informal setting,  
with other gatherings throughout the week.

To find out more visit our website at  
[www.bannersgatechurch.com](http://www.bannersgatechurch.com).

**St Columba's  
Church**

**Coffee Morning**

**Every Friday of  
the month**

**10.00 - Noon**

**All Welcome**

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

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sutton Coldfield Scout Group,**

H.Q. Coppice View Road

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

**Contact 0121 353 5203**

Email: [margaretdrummond1@btinternet.com](mailto: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.



**Girlguiding UK**

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