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Cllr John Cooper

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There is a lot of chatter as to what it will mean to create a trust model for Sutton Park.

Firstly let's examine why a trust model has been proposed.

Many residents like me have looked at the decline of Sutton Park as very disturbing in the 50 plus years since we were taken into Birmingham in 1974, a lot has been said about the sticker residents used to be issued with to gain free entrance into he park. I suppose the more optimistic of us hoped that the extra financial clout of BCC would benefit the park and maintain it to a suitable standard and hopefully improve the facilities for the users who come from far and wide.

Sadly this has proven not to be so, the Commonwealth Games had concerns about water quality and it was touch and go whether the swimming events at Powells Pool would go ahead. So, the 52-year experiment of Birmingham managing the park to its betterment has failed miserably.

The talk of the freehold of the park being transferred to "unknown others" is premature no discussions have yet taken place and when they do, I sincerely hope that those scaremongers who see the future in this way will not be involved in deciding its future, keeping them away from the decisions, as they are now not involved in either council.

Sutton Park is in dire need of work and attention, just look at the fencing, not to mention money, a proper plan for its repair and ongoing maintenance and development needs to be considered. Only those caring for the park and town should be involved in its future. Those who have neglected it should be nowhere near its future.

On a positive note, it is pleasing to note new faces appearing in the Ranger service, a major step in the right direction to the benefit of all that love OUR PARK.

October '26



Cllr 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



SUTTON VESEY LOCAL RESIDENTS WARD MEETING

Please join us for a Sutton Vesey ward meeting on **Monday 9th November** from **1pm – 2.30pm** held at the beautiful premises at **Sutton Rose Care Home, St Michael's Road, B73 5FU.**

This includes updates and Q&A sessions with BCC officers from Waste & Street Scene, Local Highways Engineers and our Sutton Vesey police team.

Your Local Councillors will discuss ward priorities and give updates for the community.

CHAMPIONING OUR GREENBELT AND ADVOCATING FOR IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY

Anja, Husham and John want to protect the Green Belt fields between Pheasey and Streetly — land that directly borders and affects Vesey residents. They are challenging the current proposals, and thank every resident who submitted their comments and made their views heard.

They also advocate for improved road safety on Queslett Road East. They recently met with Streetly Councillors, Wendy Morton MP, the Headteacher of Streetly Academy and Local Highway engineers to look at possible options.





Email Anja via anja.pawson@birmingham.gov.uk Facebook: VeseyNews



From Alderman Pocock, Community Campaigner, Sutton Vesey

HIGH PRAISE FOR THE 'SUTTON BID'!

Attention Sutton residents! Here's a test of your local knowledge. Have you heard of the Sutton BID? No, it's not an application to host the next Commonwealth Games… nor an entry into an auction of Henry Tudor memorabilia….

No … it's the Sutton Business Improvement District – a scheme funded entirely through a levy paid by businesses and traders in the Sutton Town centre, with the aim of promoting visitor and shopper footfall into our local town.

Much has been said on the historic decline of our town centre and what can be done to turn things round. Planners, Councils, consultants etc have all had their say and still there is a long wait for radical re-investment. But in the meantime, ticking things along, the business-funded Sutton BID team have made a striking impact. Weekend festivals, exhibitions, kid's attractions have been gaining traction recently as innovative ways to pull new 'punters' into our town centre.

A recent initiative grabbing a lot of attention is their 'Public Art Project'. This has involved getting brightly painted mural sketches painted onto a range of the plain and often graffiti 'ed 'utility cabinets' around the town. See the picture here of the latest one on Duke Street. [pic]. You can go and spot 5 others – on Mill Street, Midland Drive, Lichfield Road, Queen Street and South Parade.

And to prepare for the coming festive season the BID are busily promoting an 8-day Victorian Christmas Market in the Sutton town centre – a bigged-up version of what you might have seen in Lichfield last Christmas. All lined up for Friday 11th – Monday 14th December and again the final weekend Friday18th – Monday 21st December. Here locally, it's a shame the Sutton Town Council are not funding the regular Boldmere Christmas Lights Switch-on this year, which has gathered large crowds in Boldmere for over 10 years. So, on a positive note, it's great to see something spectacular coming to the town centre to draw in the crowds for a fun day out.

The Sutton BID operates under a single brand message – **'Visit Royal Sutton Coldfield'.** Simple ambition and a solid bedrock for our town, they deserve a big round of applause!

Alright Brum, What's Next?

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- Empowering Communities
- Responsible Finances

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Other important services, including support for older people, public health and schools, will continue to be provided.

Warning issued following reports of police impersonation fraud

We are urging the public to be vigilant after reports that calls had been received from people claiming to be from West Midlands Police.

It was reported that the calls appeared to be from a genuine West Midlands Police switchboard number, 0121 626 5000, but that the offenders had likely used caller ID spoofing.

The offenders claimed to be detectives from West Midlands Police.

One person was told they would receive an email with a link that they needed to click.

Using fake officer names, collar numbers, log numbers and crime references, the offenders asked questions in an effort to extract information.

An investigation is underway to identify who is responsible for making these calls.

There are a number of steps you can take to try to prevent this from happening:

• You can always ask a police officer for identification. All our officers have a collar number and a warrant card - if in any doubt, call 101 to check the details given to you are genuine.

• Never give personal information in response to an incoming call, particularly if the caller is asking you to do something that will affect you financially, including any personal bank information.

• We will never ask you to disclose your PIN number, card or bank details, either in person, on the phone or online.

• If you receive such a call end it immediately. Wait five minutes for the phone line to clear, or call from a different number, and contact the police by dialling 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Anybody who believes they have received one of these fake calls can report it on 101 or via our website.

Further fraud crime prevention advice can be found on the Report Fraud site at www.reportfraud.police.uk

Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbours who may be vulnerable to this scam.

Hello Tony,

A few people have got together in order to try and establish a historic dance group ahead of the 500th anniversary of the 1528 Sutton Coldfield Charter. Please see the attachment. Anyone interested is asked to contact the email address on the attachment. I attach an image of costumed participants at a public demonstration.

I must emphasise that this is very much a "have a go" group and not a dance academy. There are no experts, just people trying to experience heritage through dance. The activity is fun, social and good moderate exercise. Costumes are not essential, but some folk will be making their own versions of period clothing - and some folk will take up the option of demonstrating period dance as they did recently at the Trinity Church Heritage Week event.

The people in the image are in Tudor dress to hark back to the reign of Henry VIII. Henry was at that time still married to Catherine, his first wife but estranged, and spent the court Christmas of 1528 with Anne Boleyn. Dancing to Tudor music and to known Tudor routines provides participants with authentic experience in a way that facts, figures and records fail to do.

This is not solely about Tudor re-enactment as there are five hundred years of heritage available. If we make a start on looking at this now we will have something valuable to contribute to whatever commemorations take place in 2028.

So come on folks, let's dance the past!

Regards

John Porter





BANNERS GATE COMMUNITY ASSCIATION

We are holding a tabletop sale at our community hall on 28th November 2026.

Time from 10.00am to 2.00pm

If you would like to have a table, cost £5, please contact 07964 213 229.

So far, we have Children's toys, beauty products, bric-a-brac, Military Veterans, craft store and book table.

If you are interested, please apply for a table quickly as we have only a couple left



St Columbas Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December 2026

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Hi all,

This week's picture of the week was taken today at Dorridge looking towards Leamington Spa of Castle class 4-6-0 7029 "Club Castle." It's on the approach to the station passing the banner repeater for the next signal out of view to the drivers, and this indicates to them if the signal is clear or at danger. It is working 1Z25 for R. I.A the Railway Industry Association special from Stratford Upon Avon to Kidderminster and the Severn Valley Railway where I believe it will do a trip to Bridgnorth then return to Birmingham Snow Hill. Some nice Autumn colours on display as it powers up the gradient from Lapworth. To the right of the rear coach two long sidings disappeared into the distance and once used to keep long trains of cartics, car carrying wagons which were loaded north of the station. There was a train every weekday, one to Dover and one to Felixstowe for export, on alternate nights leaving around 23.00 which we worked to London, returning with the empties. Today they are still there but have been disconnected and now are overwhelmed by the trees that have grown amongst the tracks.

2nd November 2026.

Regards

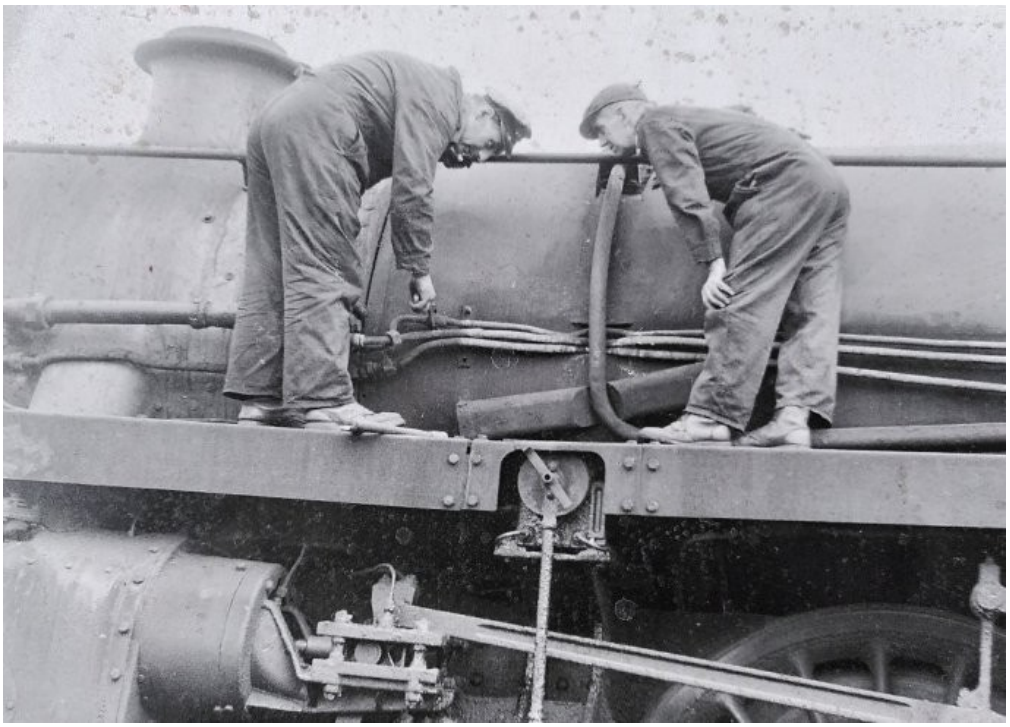
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From Dr. Paul Salveson: three more from the archives. Bolton 1967







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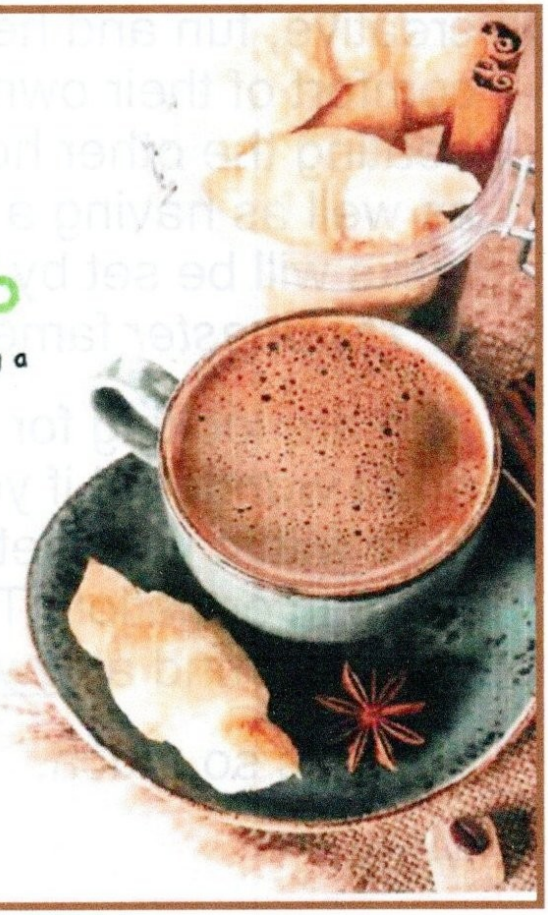
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• **Flexi Days** – For those who find set days difficult, there will now be an option to book more flexible attendance to better suit individual needs.

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

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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:-

11th October at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

8th November at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

13th December at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

Maria Mitchell. Tropic Sk
Flf7b@yahoo.co.uk.
Contact me to discuss pr
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1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
2) The farm was used to produce produce.
3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse ..
4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10) I did not object to the object.
11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13) They were too close to the door to close it.
14) The buck does funny things, when the does are present.
15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.
19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England; or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies; while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But, if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square; and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea, nor is it a pig.

And, why is it that writers write - but, fingers don't fing; grocers don't groce. and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth?

One goose, 2 geese. So - one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends, but not one amend?

If you have a bunch of odds and ends, and get rid of all - but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes, I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what language do people recite at a play, and play at a recital?

Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run, and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same; while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up, as it burns down; in which you fill in a form by filling it out; and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

Thank you Terry W

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 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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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.

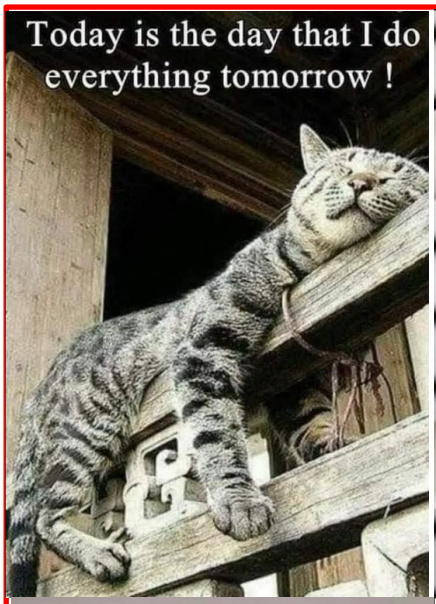
WHAT IS WALKING FOOTBALL?: Experience an introduction to walking football - a fun, non competitive way to enjoy the sport at a slower pace, whilst still keeping active on our 3G Astroturf mini soccer pitch.

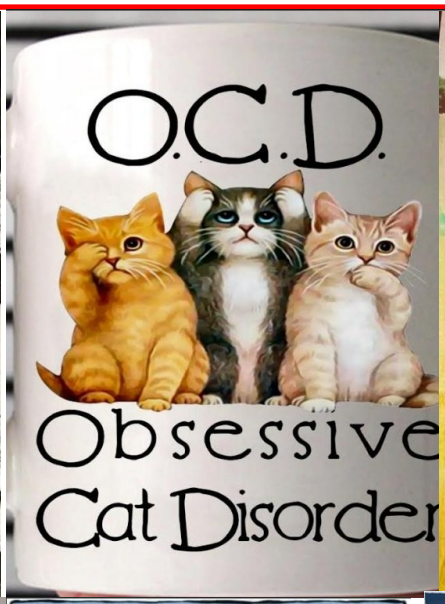
SOCIAL HUB: After 1 hour gentle session, relax with tea, coffee and conversation in our friendly social hub in our clubhouse

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

Supporting Prostate Cancer UK · Good Hope Hospital Charity · Sutton Coldfield Prostate Cancer Support Group · Football Foundation

Cartoons from Chris. Thank you Chris W







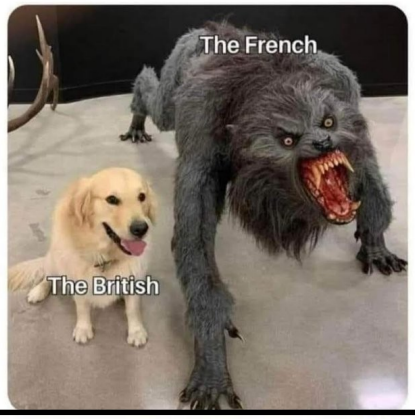




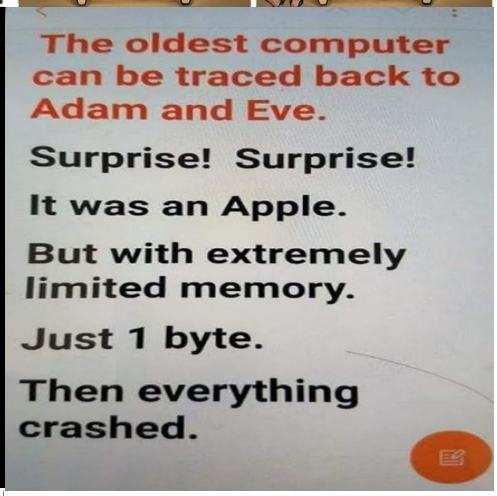


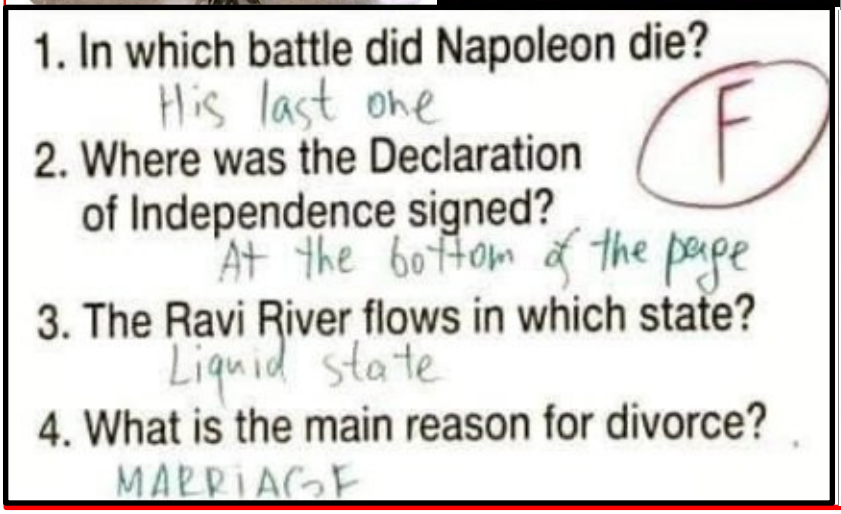
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RETIREMENT AGE RAISED TO 64











Estate Planning

Dave was a single bloke living at home with his father and working in the family business. He knew that he would inherit a fortune once his sickly father died.

Dave wanted two things:
to learn how to invest his inheritance and,
to find a wife to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen.
Her natural beauty took his breath away.

"I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars."

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card.

Two weeks later, she became his stepmother.

Women are so much better at estate planning than men...

Here’s your quiz, in two parts

Which planet has the satelite Europa?
Which UK act first scored the dreaded 'nul points' in the Eurovision Song Contest?
Who is the most famous manservant created by PG Wodehouse?
Who wrote 'It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet’?
Which biblical character had the second name Iscariot?
In which sport would you wear a judogi?
'Bridge on the River Kwai' prisoners are imprisoned by whom?
What is the middle name of Sarah Parker, famed for 'Sex and the City’?
For which sport was Fatima Whitbread famous?
What were supporters of James II and his Stuart descendants called?
Which green stone was buried by the Chinese with their dead?
Which song gave Elvis Presley another No. 1 in 2005?

Which volcano erupted in 1883 and lies between Java and Sumatra?
What type of crazy cops were created by Mack Sennett?
Who produced the Communist Manifesto with Friedrich Engels?
Who wrote 'Help Me Make It Through The Night’?
What is Africa's highest volcano?
Which 1980s female hitmaker is a celebrity gardener this century?
What shape is the approved mark of the British Standards Institution?
In Hindu mythology, who was goddess of destruction and death?
Who duetted with Peter Gabriel on 'Dont Give Up’?
Whose one and only hit was 'Little Things Mean A Lot’?
As which character did David Cassidy shoot to fame in the 1970s?
'The Flame Trees of Thika' was set in which country?

Answers

1. Jupiter 2. Jemini 3. Jeeves 4. James Blunt 5. Judas 6. Jude 7. Japanese 8. Jason 9. Jurchin 10. Jacobites 11. Jute 12. Jailhouse Rock 1. Tadalafil 2. Daughter 3. Just Jesse 4. Two Timothy 5. Tchaikovsky 6. Jim White 7. The Shakes 8. Tide 9. The Book 10. Judy Dallen 11. Death Sentence 12. Kenya

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

1

This old, cylindrical leather case with a handle and strap.



2

This heavy, brass, hand-sized item found under the floor of an old home in England.



3

This round, three-inch plastic container with a rough disc inside:



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With practise time
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Please wear non-rubber sole shoes

Contact: Julia 0779 008 4218

Answers from last page

1. Clarinet case. I have an old military band clarinet in a very similar case.

2.This looks very much like a crest from a Royal Navy ship. A brief Google (of 'HMS UNA') shows a crest that looks the same as this. I strongly suspect it is a commemorative artifact from HMS Una."

3. Nail file.

Things you may not know in Wales

The Smallest House in Great Britain (Conwy): A bright red wooden house measuring just 10 feet by 6 feet, located on the quay in Conwy.

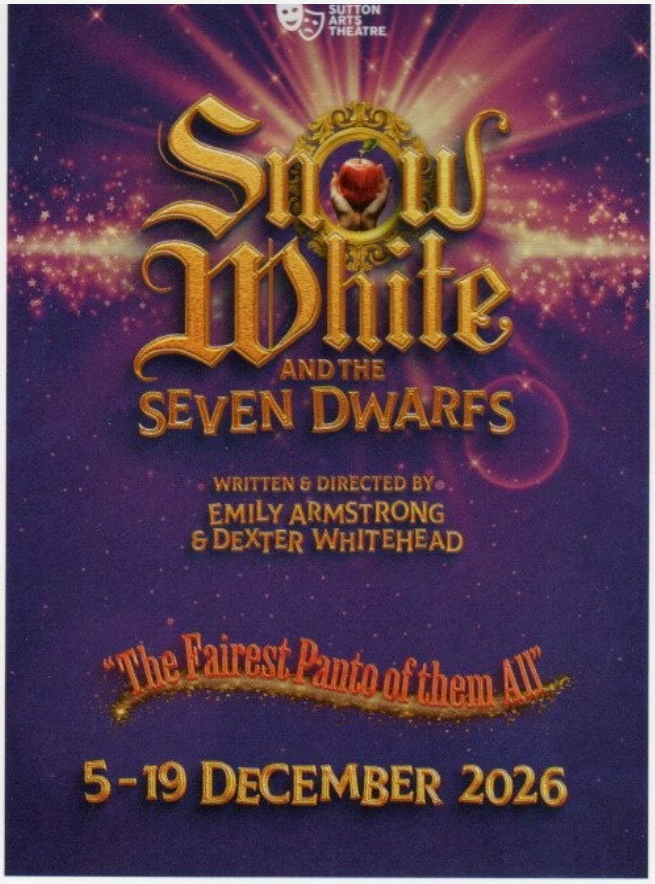
Dimensions: Measures 72 inches (1.8 meters) wide and 122 inches (3.1 meters) high.
History: Built in the 16th century, it was lived in until May 1900. Its final resident was a 6-foot-3-inch fisherman named Robert Jones.
Current Status: Declared unfit for human habitation in 1900, it is now a preserved tourist attraction run by the family of its historic owners.
Exterior: Painted a distinct, bright red, it sits near Conwy Castle







WELCOME TO SUTTON ARTS THEATRE 2026-27 SEASON



SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, which panto is the most magical of all?"

This festive season, Sutton Arts Theatre invites you into a world of laughter, magic and mayhem with the spectacular pantomime Snow White, a wickedly fun adventure for the whole family.

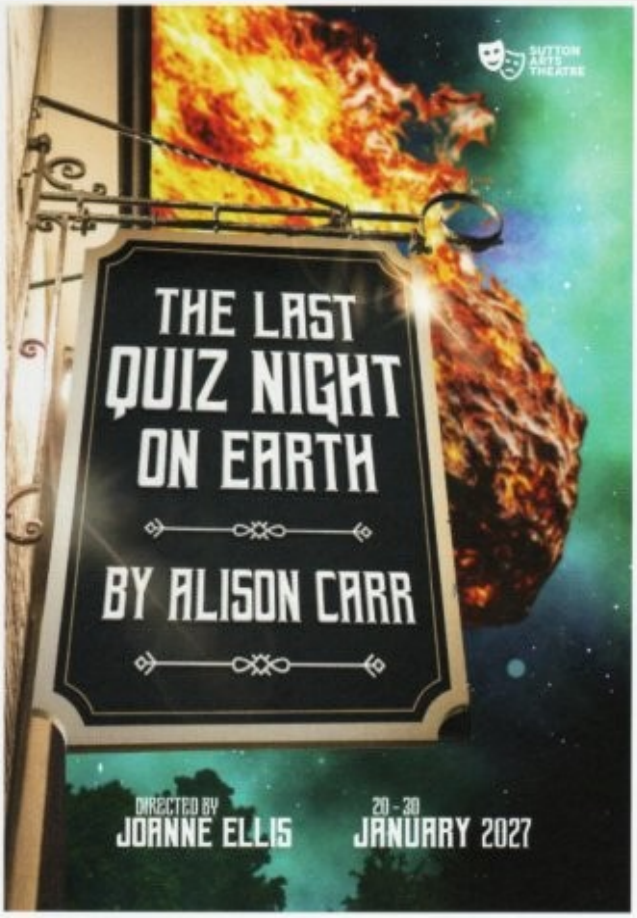
Join Snow White as she journeys through an enchanted forest filled with magic, mischief and music. Along the way, she'll meet unforgettable characters, face the schemes of the wicked Queen and discover that friendship, kindness and courage can conquer all.

Packed with dazzling dance numbers, spectacular songs, colourful costumes and heaps of hilarious jokes, this spellbinding pantomime promises festive fun for audiences of all ages.

So gather your friends and family and make memories together with a Christmas tradition full of boos, cheers and magical moments galore!

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY: **EMILY ARMSTRONG & DEXTER WHITEHEAD**

SUITABLE FOR: **AGE 3+ (NO BABES IN ARMS)**
SPECIAL EFFECTS INCLUDING: **FLASHING LIGHTS, SMOKE, PYROTECHNICS & LOUD SOUND EFFECTS**



THE LAST QUIZ NIGHT ON EARTH

It's the last night on earth...fancy going out with a bang?

A massive asteroid is hurtling towards Earth and there's absolutely nothing anyone can do about it. So what's left to do? Head to the pub, of course!

As the world counts down its final hours, landlady Kathy and quizmaster Rav are hosting the pub quiz to end all pub quizzes, literally! But as the clock ticks closer to apocalypse, a pair of unexpected guests arrive: one hoping to reignite a long-lost teenage romance, the other determined to settle old scores before time finally runs out. Alison Carr's critically acclaimed comedy-drama is packed with laughs, heartbreak and surprises right up until the bitter end. Warm, witty and wonderfully human, this explosive pre-apocalyptic story explores what really matters when there's no tomorrow.

And the best part? The quiz is real, and the audience is invited to play along. Whether your specialist subject is film and television, world flags, pop culture or simply coming up with the best team name, grab a drink, pick up a pen and prepare for a truly unique interactive night out.

Expect the unexpected... and let's get quizzical, quizzical!

DIRECTED BY: **JOANNE ELLIS**

SUITABLE FOR: **AGE 12+**
SOME STRONG LANGUAGE

Please note: Seating for this production will not be available in the auditorium and will be staged in our Charter Room (lounge/bar area)

Sutton Coldfield TOWN HALL

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COMEDY

Highbury Players present

a VICAR OF DIBLEY Christmas

THE SECOND COMING

A stage adaptation by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter
Based on the original TV series
Written by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer
Produced by Tiger Aspect Productions

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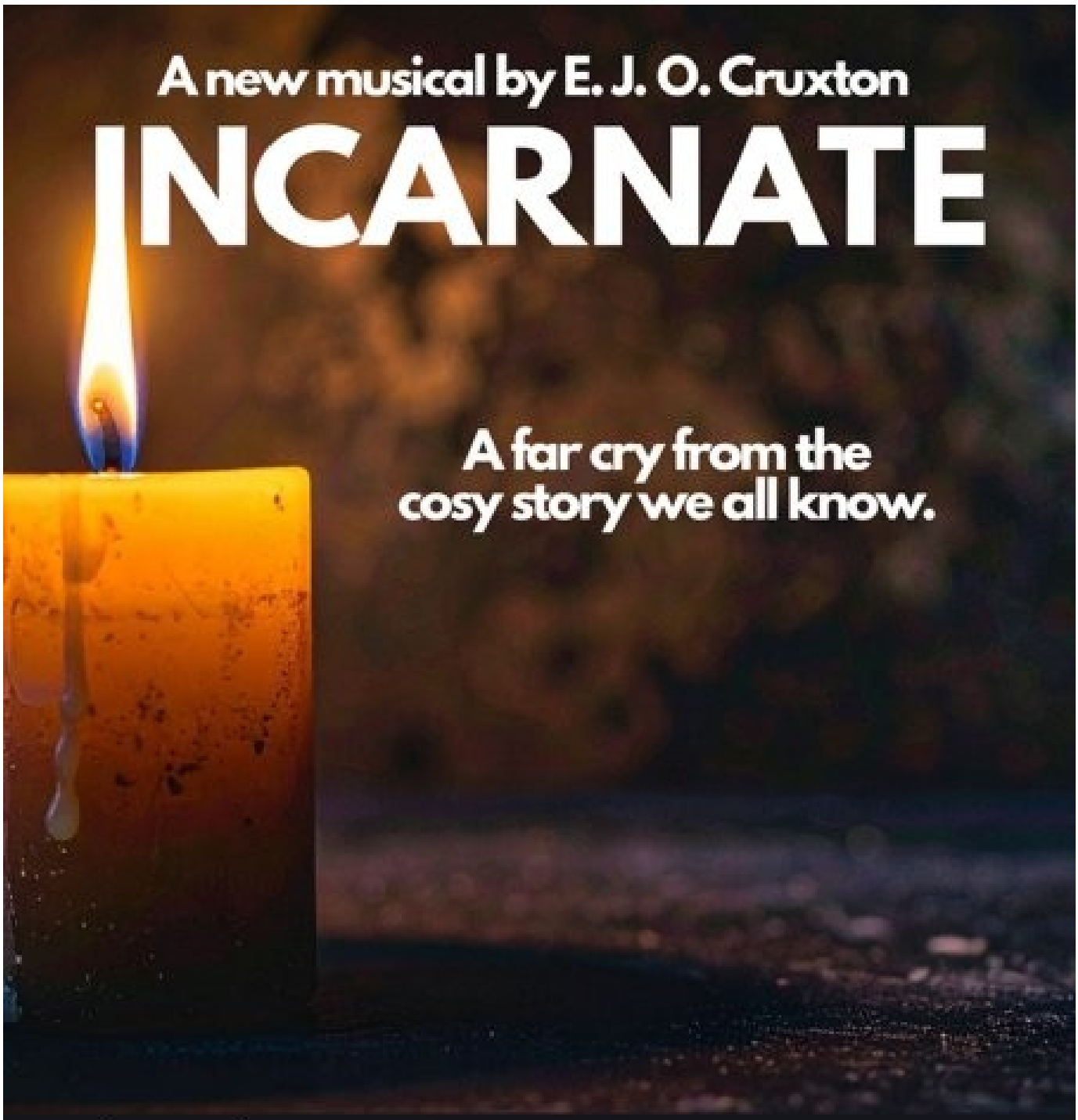
Sprouts, puddings and Christmas spirit!

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www.ticketsource.co.uk/broc or scan QR code.
Or on the door £12.50, card machine available.

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STREETLY FLOWER ARRANGERS' CLUB

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

Next meeting Tues 10th November - Xmas Demonstration by Maureen Pitt "12 Days of Christmas - the sequel" - all designs raffled plus Xmas Raffle.

"Autumn from Lavender cottage" a Demonstration by Dawn Keitly was as pretty as it sounds. Lots of lavender, beautiful roses and she even put cabbages and orchids together and they looked amazing.

We'd be delighted to welcome you.

Further details - Chris Reeves 0121 354







By popular demand -

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 12th December at

All Saints Church Hall, Foley Rd East, B74 3HR.

12.30 - 2.30 pm - £40

All materials supplied - just bring your scissors.

Tea /Coffee & Cake.


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For details see website at www.stcolumbasbannersgate.co.uk www.bannersgatechurch.com

		ACTIVITY	VENUE	CONTACT	TEL.
Sun	(last) 10.30 –2.30 pm	Create at Gate with K & S	Community Hall	Kathy Weston	628 6651
	10.00 am	Family Communion	St. Columba's		354 5873
	10.30 am (fortnightly)	Sunday Gathering	Banners Gate CC		353 0230
	11.00 am	Chikara Karate Kai	Scout Hall	Nigel Willis	39 57 89
				Paul Murphy 07837	
Mon	10.00 - 12.00	Sign Language Classes	Community Hall	Shakila Kosar 07825	255042
	1.00 - 2.00	Chair Yoga	Community Hall	Nikki 07411	157251
	4.30 - 5.30	Karate	Community Hall		
		Line Dancing	Community Hall		
				Diane Pursall	747 4659
Tues					
	3rd Tues 10.00 - 12.00pm				
	11.45am - 12.45pm				
	6.30 – 9.00				
	7.45 pm	Coffee Morning 3rd Tuesdays	Community Hall	Gary & Karen	
		Tai Chi	Scout Hut	Neil Rankine 07721	
		Line Dancing	Community Hall	Diane Pursall	67 09 13
		Chikara Karate Kai	St. Columba's	Paul Murphy 07837	747 4659
					39 57 89
Wed	9.30, 11.00 &12	Baby Sensory	Banners Gate CC	Tracy Jones 0775	82 56 22
	10.30 - 12.00	Guide Dog Training	Community Hall	Madge Nightingale	360 0286
	7.00 pm	SlimmingWorld	St Columba's	Karen 07759	17 02 89
Thurs	10.00—11.00 am			Tricia 07954	
	7.30 on last Thursday			Tony Willis	
	6.30 – 9.45 pm	Yoga	Community Hall	Warren 01902	40 39 43
	(3rd of each month) 7.00 pm	Neighbourhood Forum	Community Hall	Janice Jones 07955	605 4947
		Zig Zag Dance Studio	St. Columba's		897 900
		Townswomen's Guild	Banners Gate CC		65 59 10
Fri	5.00—6.30pm	Sign Language Classes	Community Hall	Shakila Kosar 07825	25 50 42
Saturday					

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

Banners Gate Community hall Coffee Mornings The next is on 17th October starting at 10.00a.m. until noon, please note new times.

BOOKING SECRETARIES:
Community Hall mobile: 075 65 54 68 21
Banners Gate CC - Steve Smith 07835 865983
St. Columba's - Alison Jolley
st.columbahall@yahoo.com
Scout Hall - secretary@33rdsuttoncoldfield.org.uk

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS:
Scouts: Dawn Hill 33rd Group Lead Volunteer dawn@33rdsuttoncoldfield.org.uk.
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. 19th November - Ghost Stories
Wed. 9th December - Christmas Party

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**.

St Columba's Church

Coffee Morning

Every Friday of the month

9.30 - Noon

All Welcome

33rd Sutton Coldfield Scout Group

H.Q. 34 Coppice View Road B73 6UE **Contact :-** enquiries@33rdsuttoncoldfield.org.uk

Monday Scouts 19:00 - 21:00 Aged 10½ - 14 Years
Tuesday Beavers 17:30 - 18:30 Aged 6 - 8 Years
Tuesday Cubs 19:00 - 20:30 Aged 8 - 10½ Years
Wednesday Explorers 19:00 - 21:00 Aged 14 - 18 Years
Thursday Beavers 17:30 - 18:30 Aged 6 - 8 Years
Thursday Cubs 19: 00 - 20:30 Aged 8 - 10½ Years
Friday Scouts 19:00 - 21:00 Aged 10½ - 14 Years
Saturday Squirrels 09:30 - 10:30 Aged 4 - 6 Years

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