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Local Squirrels Scout Group Makes a Difference in Castle Bromwich

On 26 June, the Squirrels of 237th 1st Castle Bromwich Scout Group spent a busy hour collecting litter in their local community.

The group of enthusiastic 4 and 5-year-olds, demonstrated their commitment to caring for their environment and giving back to their community.

The Squirrels drey formed in November 2022 and have been enjoying a range of fun and adventurous activities.

Their litter-picking event was a great way to make a positive impact on their neighbourhood.

"We're incredibly proud of our Squirrels for taking action to make their community a cleaner and greener place," said leader Louise Hynds (AKA Amber). "It's wonderful to see young children developing a sense of social responsibility and caring for their environment."

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Cllr Martin McCarthy, Castle Bromwich Ward (Solihull MBC)

October update

Welcome to October in Castle Bromwich, all our verges and open spaces should now be trimmed and tidy. Please do report any that are not. We have now entered the SMBC Hedge management season, these should be done over the next few months.

With the nights now drawing in now is a good time to check the security of your gate and door locks and that security lighting is in good order. This should help to protect you from unwanted guests!

Deputy Mayors report

I have performed several Deputy Mayoral appointments recently, particularly attending the First Castle Bromwich Scouts AGM, it was wonderful to see the excellent facilities and meet those who give up their time to ensure that our young people share the values of Team comradeship and organisational skills in our area and witness the presentation of achievement awards to both Scouts and leaders.

There are however many more enthusiastic children than places at the First Castle Bromwich Scouts, child places are limited by the number of volunteer leaders available, so if you are such a person contact the Scouts via their web site.

I have also attended The recent Meet our army event, this was an eye opener, particularly show casing support for those looking to study STEM (Science, technology, Engineering and Maths) and so much more at university to support our increasingly Technical Armed Services.

The Castle Bromwich society.

The Castle Bromwich Society (tcbs.org.uk) is an independent resident's association that was formed earlier this year to coordinate your views on a broad range of subjects, making best use of our SMBC and Parish Councillors and planning for the future of the area.

Progress from the recent meeting is as follows:-

Early engagement on the local plan.

The Local plan has now been drafted and is now available to tcbs members for posting comments on the tcbs.org.uk website.

p.s. CB residents may join the Society using the website.

Castle Bromwich needs you Survey.

Have your Say about the future of our area on topics such as Shops, littering, Amenities, Public Transport, Historic Gardens, Trees, Recreation, Green Spaces, Housing Fly Tipping, Parks, our Natural Environment, Historic Buildings, Play Areas, Speeding and much more !

The survey link is on the tcbs website.

<http://tcbs.org.uk/>

The Castle Bromwich Society has now grown to 102 Members with a wide range of skills and backgrounds.

We also now have some Green paint for covering graffiti on many of the local utility boxes.

Road Safety

Further 20 MPH Speed limits are now in place around our schools to protect pedestrians and lower vehicle emissions.

Regular Councillor Surgery at Castle Bromwich Library.

The next monthly surgery is scheduled for Monday the 6th of October and takes place at the Library at 14:00, no appointment is required, please email, or call me if anything urgent comes up in the meantime.

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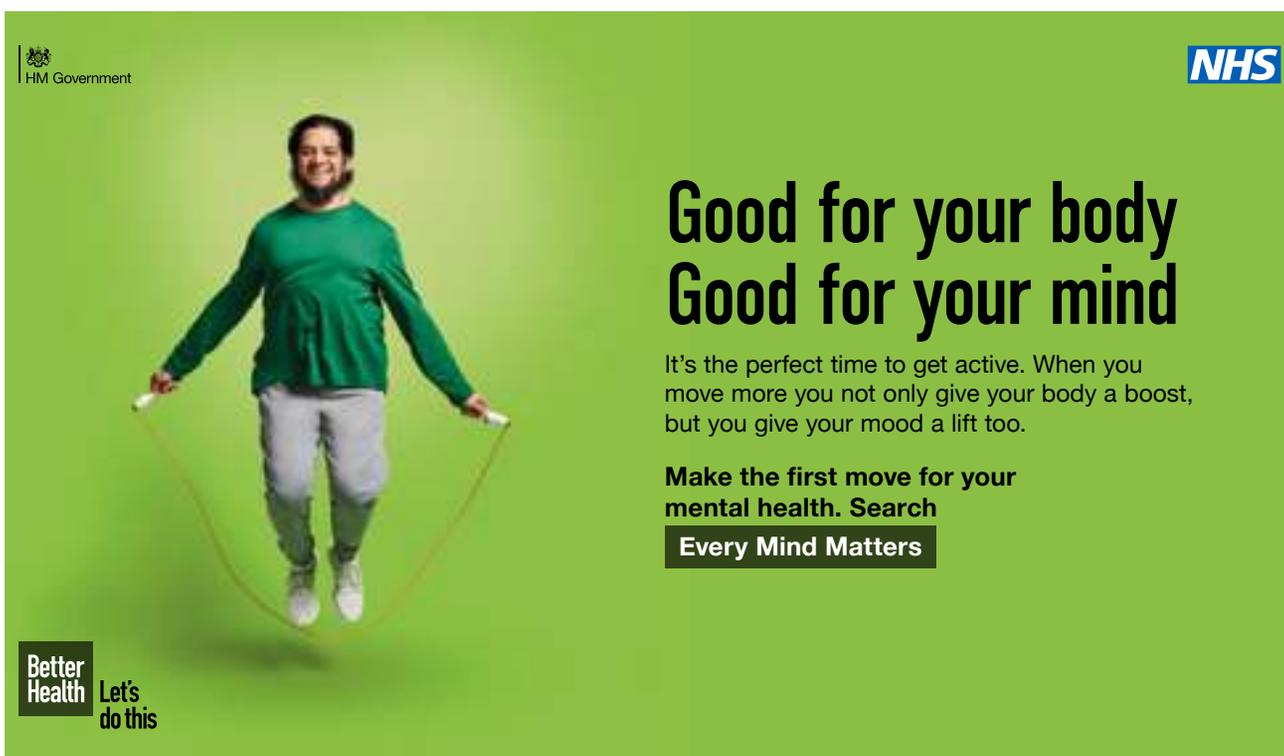
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Eating for Energy – Healthy, Affordable Meals for Busy People



Good food doesn't have to be expensive or time-consuming. For people in and around Coleshill, a few simple shifts in how we shop, cook, and eat can lead to more energy, better moods, and stronger bodies.

Shop Smart

- Buy local: Coleshill has farm shops and markets where fresh produce is often cheaper.
- Look for own-brand items: Often just as nutritious but more affordable.
- Plan ahead: Make a weekly meal plan to cut down waste and last-minute takeaways.

Build a Balanced Plate

Follow the 50/25/25 rule:

- 50% vegetables and fruit
- 25% whole grains (brown rice, oats, wholemeal bread)
- 25% protein (beans, chicken, eggs, fish)

Start Strong with Breakfast

- Overnight oats with fruit
- Scrambled eggs on toast
- Greek yoghurt with honey and nuts

All take less than 10 minutes and keep you full till lunch.

3 Budget-Friendly Meal Ideas:

1. Veggie stir-fry – frozen stir-fry veg, noodles, soy sauce.
2. Hearty lentil soup – lentils, carrots, tinned tomatoes, stock.
3. Baked sweet potato with beans – top with cottage cheese or salsa.

Energy-Boosting Snacks:

- Apple with peanut butter
- A handful of almonds
- A boiled egg and wholegrain cracker

Food is fuel. With a few smart tweaks, your meals can keep you going strong all day — without breaking the bank.

Correction & Apology: Coleshill Hub Story

In last month's edition, our article "Coleshill Hub: Where Community Spirit Finds a Home" contained incorrect information.

The Coleshill Community Hub does NOT 'GIVE ADVICE' they are a community support facility that gives 'INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND SIGNPOSTING.' If anyone needs advice they need to contact a Citizens Advice Bureau www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/. There is no member of staff nor volunteer named Mary Collins – and the Hub is not linked in any way to anyone with this name

We would like to apologise sincerely to both the Coleshill Hub team and to our readers for this error. The Hub continues to provide vital support and community services from its base in Coleshill Town Hall. The Arts Week was mistakenly described as a current feature of their work. We have since been informed that this event has not run for several years. Our intention was to highlight the Hub's importance to the community, and we regret that this mistake may have caused

confusion. We are grateful to the Hub staff and volunteers for the work they do every day to support residents.

"Kindly note that the Coleshill Community Hub IS an excellent place to find a kind and supportive listening ear, it is a not-for-profit facility, a one-stop point in your community for information, support, and signposting. A place to direct you to help with financial worries, health concerns or simply some company."

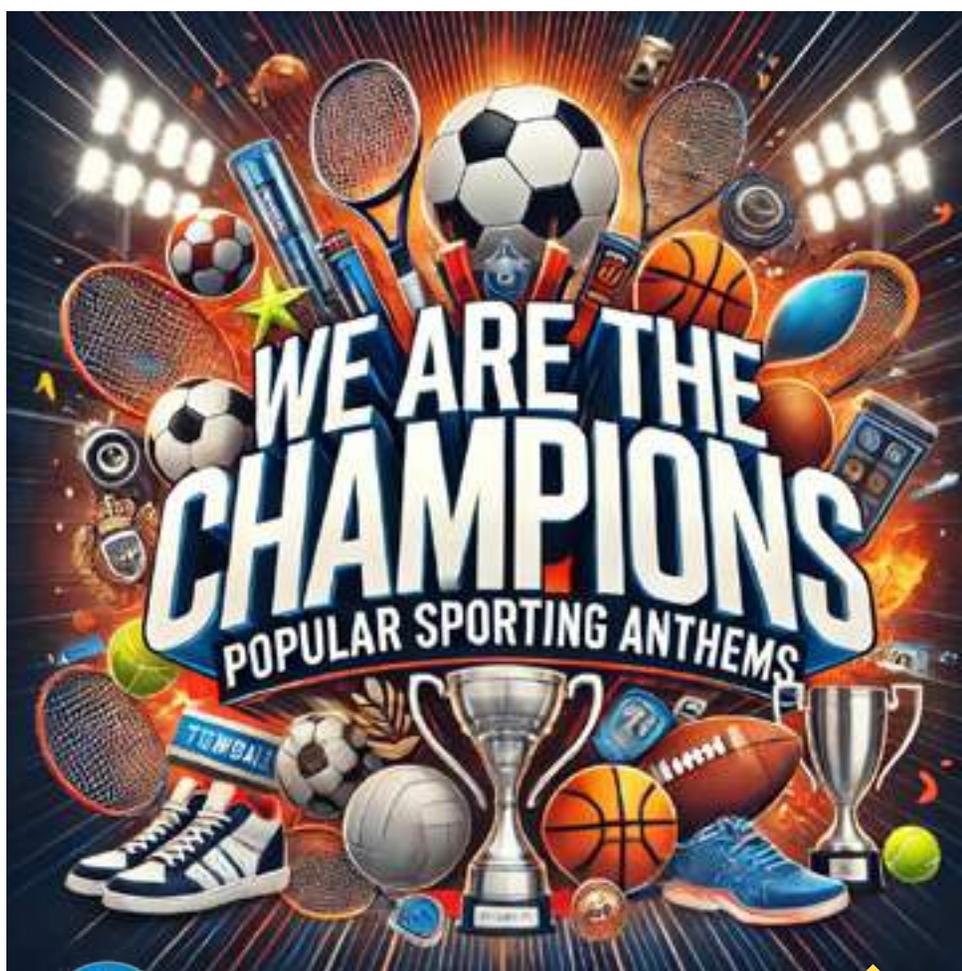
In a time when many small towns worry about losing their sense of togetherness, the Coleshill Hub is proof that with the right people and the right space, community spirit does not just survive – it thrives.

Please keep using us – we are here to support you."

THE HUB

We remain committed to celebrating community life in Coleshill, Castle Bromwich, and beyond, and we thank our readers for keeping us accountable when we get things wrong.

— The Editorial Team



Mackadown Sports and Social Club
Friday 17 October Doors 19:00

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Curdworth Village Hall
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Next Town Council Meeting
15th Oct 7pm at
Coleshill Town Hall

GROUPS

Parkinson's Cafe
Memory Cafes
(Coleshill/
Water Orton)
Young at Heart
Stitch Sewing Club

Signposting to many groups, partner services and agencies – see some examples in boxes.

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U3A
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Coleshill Drama Group new production

Killers on The Croft 3 - Hitler's Henchman and the Disappearing Box

This is the play the town of Coleshill has been looking forward to since last November and the November before that. Written especially for the Group by Jon Pegg, it forms the third and final part of the Coleshill trilogy, with local history and legends included and settings in the High Street, Coleshill Hotel, Blyth Hall and on The Croft. It is however a "stand alone" play, so even if you had the misfortune to have not seen "Killers on The Croft" or "The Homicidal Highwayman", "Killers on The Croft 3" will have you intrigued and enthralled from start to finish.

With the subtitle "Hitler's Henchman and the Disappearing Box", the Group will perform this play in Coleshill Town Hall on Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th November at 7.30pm with a matinee performance on Saturday 8th at 2.00pm. The last two November plays about Coleshill have been huge audience successes and this play will not disappoint.

Directed by the playwright himself with producer, Debbie Wall, the main characters reprise their roles from previous plays, but there are several newcomers who have come to Coleshill to take over and who are hoping to become mega-rich by swindling the local residents with dodgy deals. To add to the excitement, there is a "treasure hunt" and many of our Coleshillian audience members will bring their local history knowledge to bear to work out the clues.

Tickets £12 (under 16 years £10) are already in great demand. Book yours now online www.coleshilldrama.co.uk, call into Coleshill Library or Gascoignes of Coleshill or telephone Sue Wallace on 01675 462674. The usual free car parking at Chantry House opposite the Town Hall, licensed bar and interval tea/coffee will all be available to ensure you enjoy this exciting evening with Coleshill Drama Group, entertaining Coleshill since 1933.



North Warwickshire
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Press Release

High Court Extends Kingsbury Oil Terminal Injunction for 12 Months

On 18th September 2025, at the Review Hearing at the High Court in Birmingham, the Judge decided that the Kingsbury Oil Terminal Injunction will continue and will be reviewed again in 12 months.

The injunction was first granted in April 2022 to North Warwickshire Borough Council following repeated protests by climate activists, particularly Just Stop Oil, at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal. Kingsbury Oil Terminal is one of the largest inland oil storage depots in the UK and has been a frequent target for environmental protests.

The purpose of the injunction is to prevent unlawful protest activity at and around the terminal. It grants police enhanced powers, including the power of arrest, for anyone breaching the terms of the injunction.

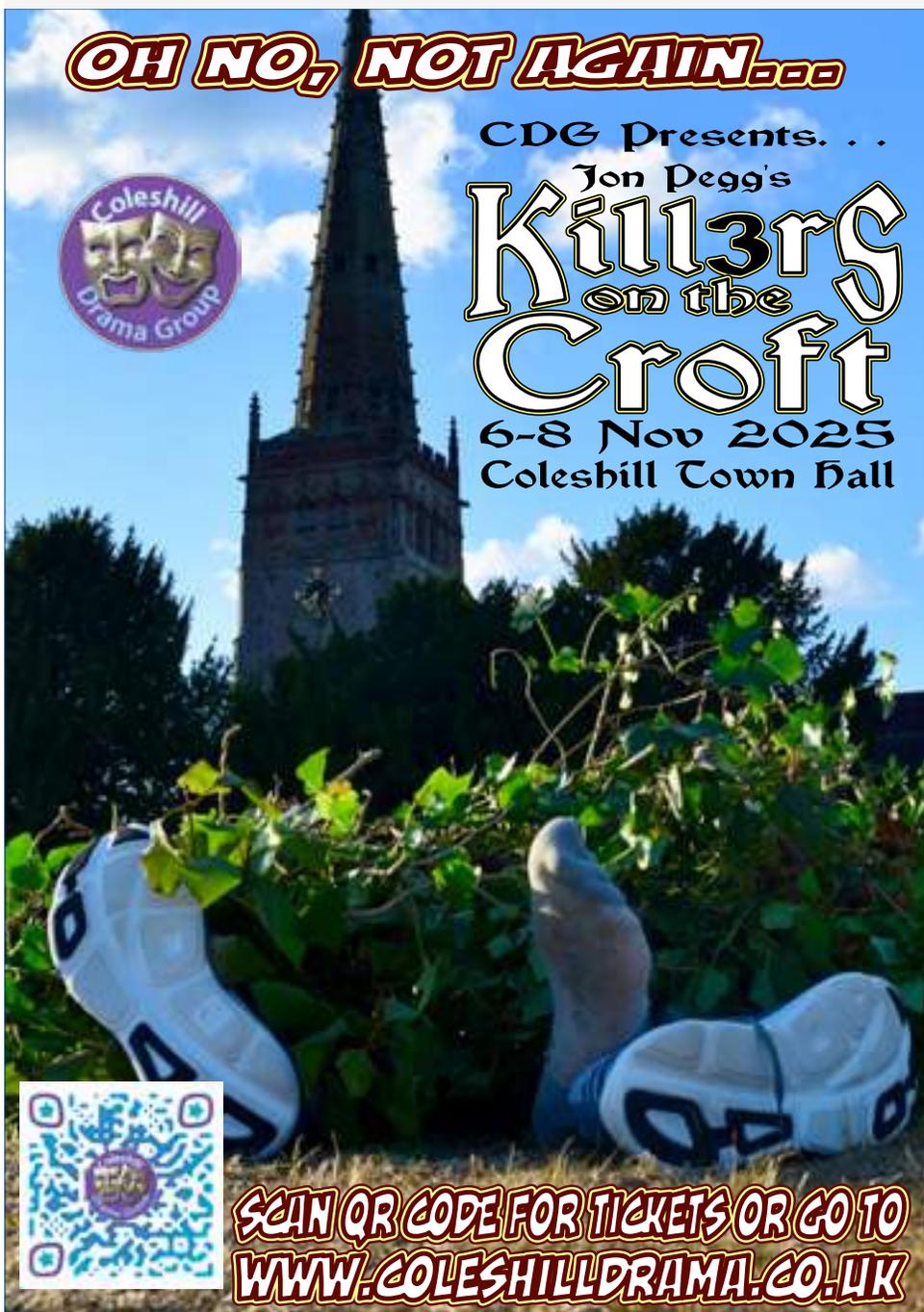
The Court heard that the injunction helps protect residents and businesses from disruptive and potentially dangerous

protest activity at a site considered a national fuel depot.

Previous incidents have included tunnel digging, highway blockages, and tampering with critical infrastructure. Maintaining the injunction sends a clear message that unlawful protest actions will not be tolerated, while also helping to deter repeat offences and prevent escalation.

By continuing the existing legal order, the Council avoids restarting legal proceedings, ensuring there is no gap in protection and that enforcement powers remain in place should further activity arise.

Leader of the Council, Councillor David Wright, said: "I welcome the decision to continue the Kingsbury Oil Terminal injunction for a further 12 months. The safety and well-being of our residents remains the Council's top priority, and this extension provides continued protection against disruptive and potentially dangerous protest activity."



OH NO, NOT AGAIN...

CDG Presents...
Jon Pegg's
**Kill3rs
on the
Croft**
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Water Orton WI



Our Summer afternoon tea and flower demonstration was wonderful. NAFAS demonstrator, Joanne Davis, was a delight and so talented!

Her theme for the afternoon was 'women, who have made a lasting impression' – a really apt subject choice for WI! She produced, seemingly effortlessly, although we know years of study and exams are behind her, beautiful arrangements, themed to names, we all recognised. To name just a few - Octavia Hill who began the National Trust, Ann, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, whom we thank for the custom of afternoon tea, Coco Chanel who made 'the little black dress' such a must have in our wardrobes,

Emmeline Pankhurst, who paved the way for 'votes for women', Madge Watts, who started WI in this country and Lesley Hornby, better known to us all as Twiggy. All the beautiful arrangements were prizes in the raffle, and many ladies went home with a beautiful floral reminder of the afternoon. And delicious scones, jam and cream finished the afternoon off.

We're now into the autumn part of our WI year – the ever popular Trivial Pursuit Quiz is on Friday, October 3rd at Curdworth Village Hall, 7.30pm (doors open 7pm), fish 7 chips, BYO drinks and glasses, tickets £12, from Sandra 01675 470079 / 07884 034410.

In October, we're getting a bit serious – Silver Time Legal is coming along, to answer those queries and questions we all have, about wills, inheritance tax, power of attorney, trusts and codicils etc – in questions on any legal subject will be answered!

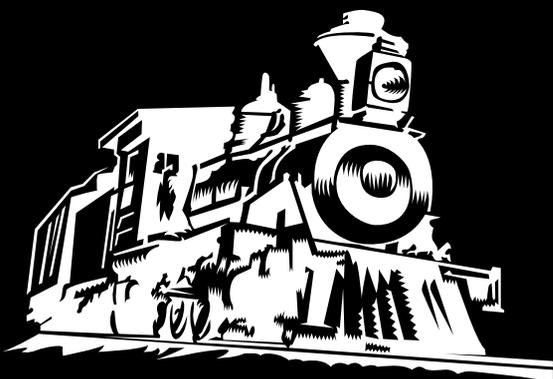
In November, we welcome back NAFAS demonstrator, Joanne Davis, to show us ways to make lovely Xmas floral displays and then it's Christmas and our Party Night, always fun and with lots of lovely food and drink! Don't forget, if you're curious and want to find out what WI is all about, just pop in and say hello – we're just a friendly ladies club, right on you doorstep!

Water Orton Ladies

Just a quick hello, especially to all those ladies in our area, who haven't yet dropped by to have a cuppa with us on one of our Thursday afternoons in The Pavilion in Openfield Croft.

We meet there every third Thursday of the month between 2 and 4pm – always an interesting speaker and always, fun, friendship and most importantly, tea and cake! We're half way through our year now and very much looking forward to the Autumn and Winter part of the programme. In September, we'll be going out for afternoon tea

and at our September Thursday meet up, our speaker, a beekeeper will be telling us about the joys of beekeeping and how important those little insects are to us - and I'm sure there will be honey!! In October we'll be getting advice about scams and frauds, which are seemingly everywhere and in November, we'll all be making a lovely sparkly angel for our Christmas trees. Then it's December and Xmas celebration afternoon! Why not drop by – we love having visitors. Every third Thursday, 2 – 4pm at The Pavilion, Openfield Croft, Water Orton B46 1RE. Any queries, just give me a call! Liz Tranter 07811 147728



**The Birmingham
Model Railway Club**

Model Railway Exhibition

Model railways appeal to a wide range of people all ages male and female. The Birmingham Model Railway Club is based in Castle Vale and holds its annual exhibition at Arden Hall Water Orton Rd, B369PB. This Year it is on Saturday Oct 25th from 10.00am until 4.00pm with an entry fee of £6 adult £1 child. There is a large free car park and bus X12 stops outside while buses 94, 96, 71 and X13 are all near, train station is at Water Orton 1 mile (X13 bus).

Refreshments are available all day. There will be approx 17 layouts and 10 trade stalls including BMRC stall with membership information. The club itself currently has 28 members of all ages, male and female and is undergoing a large regeneration. New members are very welcome find out more at the BMRC stall Tel: Bob on 07766923361



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Imagine this...

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This is an upsetting scenario... and unfortunately, it could happen to any of us without the right protection.

The sad truth is that around 200,000 family homes are sold every year to pay for care fees. Estates are drastically reduced- sometimes to nothing at all- to pay for care, leaving beneficiaries with little to no inheritance. The lower limit for care fee means testing is currently set at £14,250. However, your loved ones' inheritance could be even less than this simply because the home and other assets were not protected in the right way.

Don't leave your home open to any risks.

All of this can be avoided- with careful planning and professional advice, you can protect your home and savings so that your children can benefit as much as possible. Putting yourself in control means you'll prevent government authorities and other parties getting their hands on your assets.



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This plan of action is applicable even if you have a mortgage!

Future stress and heartache for your family and beneficiaries can be avoided, but you must act sooner rather than later. If you fall ill and require permanent care, or if you unfortunately lose mental capacity for any reason, it will be too late to protect your home and assets.

Act now!

Sadly, many people put off planning for the future until its too late, leaving children and loved ones devastated to realise that the situation could have been easily avoided. The sooner planning is put into effect, the more effectively we can help you ensure that your assets go to those you love ... not those you don't!

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Water Orton Boys' Brigade and Girl's Association

Water Orton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, met on Friday 12th September for their annual awards evening. We were treated to a report of the year's activities and the young people then receive their badges in recognition of their work through the year.

Our four Seniors were congratulated on being close to completion of their King's Badge. This, the highest award in the organisation, sits somewhere between DoE Silver and Gold. Other members received awards to mark their progress at their respective levels. The evening finished with challenge games between members and adults and the usual refreshments.

In the last year we have: been away camping, spent a day at Drayton Manor Amusement Park, taken part in games and competitions against other companies in Birmingham Battalion, enjoyed football, Unihoc, dodgeball, rounders, chess, art and craftwork, enjoyed an evening following a trail by torchlight, joined the Remembrance Day parade, collected for Christian Aid, learned about road safety and fire safety, learned to use

basic tools and learned more about Christian faith and The Bible. Part of the latter has involved us in acting out "Open The Book" style stories at the Methodist Church family services.

When I talk to People about Boys' Brigade they say "it sounds a bit like Scouts". This is not surprising as The Boy Scouts emerged from the Boys' Brigade 25 years after Sir William Alexander Smith started "The BB". Baden Powell, an officer in The Boys' Brigade wanting to do more "scouting" activities formed what was initially "The Boys' Brigade Scouts" which eventually became a separate organisation.

I think it fair to say that both organisations offer young people opportunities that they might otherwise miss; having fun together, learning together and generally becoming better members of our society.

We meet in Water Orton Methodist Church Centre on Friday evenings. Young people from the age of six and above will be made very welcome. For more information please contact Kim Smith (07940 541121)



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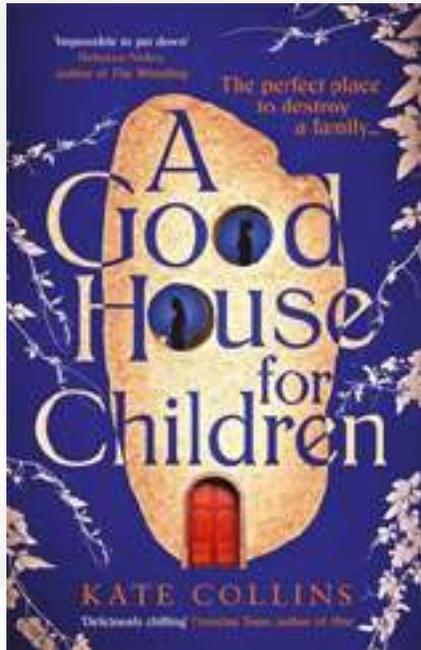
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A Good House for Children by Kate Collins

The Reeve stands on the edge of the Dorset cliffs, awaiting its next inhabitants. Despite Orla's misgivings, her husband insists this house will be the perfect place to raise their two children. In 1976, Lydia moves to Dorset as a nanny for a family grieving their patriarch. She soon starts to hear and feel things that cannot be real, but her bereaved employer does not listen when Lydia tells her something is wrong. Separated by 40 years, both Lydia and Orla realise that the longer they stay at the Reeve, the more deadly certain their need to keep the children safe from whatever lurks inside it. Nothing is quite what it seems at the Reeve, and with its pervasive atmosphere of claustrophobia and dread, Kate Collins' gothic creation will chill you to the core.

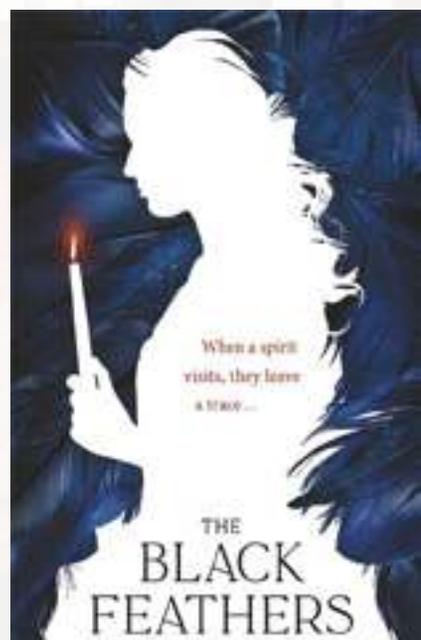


A ghost story that had me reading late into the night. This isn't a terrifying read, it's chilling and atmospheric and a slow burner (this all adds to a real sense of unease). It's a brilliant gothic tale which is thought-provoking and creepily ghostly in equal measure. Unputdownable!!

Review by Castle Bromwich Library member

The Black Feathers by Rebecca Netley

When Annie marries widower Edward Stonehouse and arrives at Guardbridge, his estate on the Yorkshire moors, she thinks she has finally put darkness behind her. She is mistaken. Edward's sister, Iris, still lives in the family home. A taxidermist and medium, she urges Annie to watch out for black feathers - claiming that they mark the spot where a spirit has visited. At first, Annie dismisses her warnings. But, before long, she begins to feel haunted. What exactly happened to Edward's first wife? Why is Iris so disturbed? And should Annie really be watching for signs from the dead - or is she the one being watched?

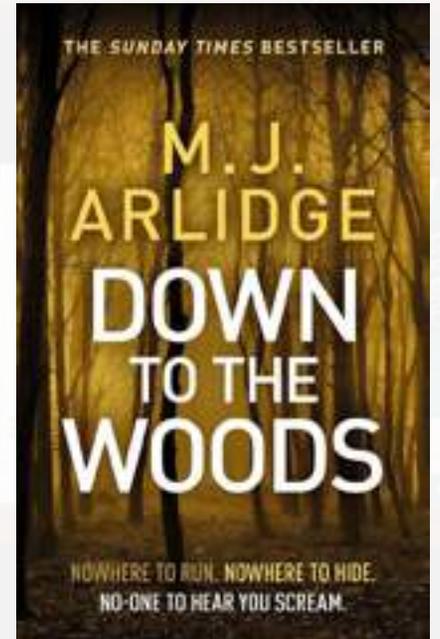


This book is hauntingly beautiful and extremely atmospheric. I was completely gripped with the suspense and tension that just keeps building as you turn the pages. The Black Feathers is a glorious gothic thriller to dim the lights and cosy up with on a dark night.

Review by Castle Bromwich Library member

Down to the Woods by M. J. Arlidge

There is a sickness in the forest. First, it was the wild horses. Now it's innocent men and women, hunted down and murdered by a faceless figure. Lost in the darkness, they try to flee, they try to hide. In desperation, they call out for help. But there is no-one to hear their cries here. DI Helen Grace must face down a new nightmare. The arrow-ridden victims hang from the New Forest's ancient oaks, like pieces of strange fruit. Why are helpless holidaymakers being targeted in peak camping season? And what do their murders signify? Is a psychopath stalking the forest? Is there an occult element to the killings? Could the murders even be an offering to the Forest itself? Helen must walk into the darkness to discover the truth behind her most challenging, most macabre case yet.



I was drawn into this book from the first page. Down to the Woods is a seriously thrilling, dark, edge of your seat read, brilliantly fast paced, wonderful characters and with heaps of twists and turns. A really great read.

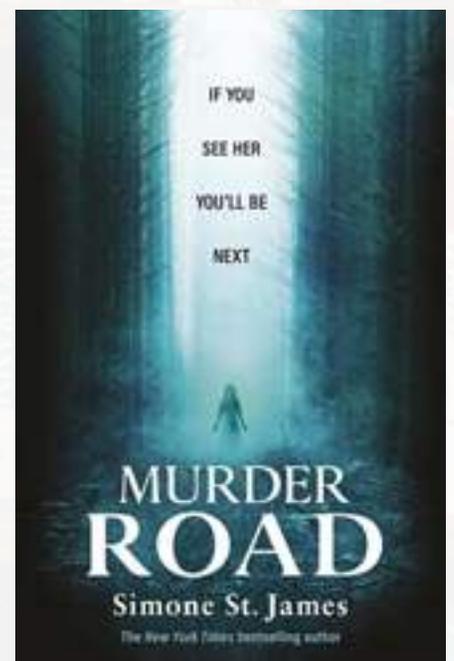
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Murder Road by Simone St. James

April and Eddie have taken a wrong turn. They're on a long dark road, late at night, and they see a woman up ahead, clearly in trouble. They stop and pick her up. It's only once she's in the car that they see the blood. And then they see the headlights, and at last, the woman speaks, her voice faint. 'I'm sorry, he's coming.' Ingeniously plotted and heart-stoppingly terrifying, are you ready to uncover the secret of Murder Road?

This is a brilliant spine-tingling, supernatural thriller with amazing genuine characters and a dark creepy storyline that will completely grip you. Highly recommended - you will be perched on the edge of your seat and have shivers going down your spine.

Review by Castle Bromwich Library member





School Games Platinum Award for the Coleshill School



The Coleshill School are delighted to announce that they have been awarded the prestigious School Games Platinum Mark Award for their contribution to sport in 2024/2025.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Every year schools can apply to be considered for bronze/silver/gold/platinum award marks from School Games. Platinum is awarded to schools who have achieved gold for the previous 5 years. The School Games adjudicators judge schools against stringent criteria in the areas of sport, participation, competition, staff and clubs.

With lots of young people competing in local inter-school competitions last year, The Coleshill School are extremely proud of their students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made their competitions possible.

Rick Wilkinson, Head of PE commented: 'Being awarded the School Games Platinum Award for a second time is an amazing achievement. It recognises the strong extra-curricular offer available to students provided by the PE department at The Coleshill School. These include a wide range of sporting fixtures, school games events, primary school sessions and sports leadership events. I am fortunate to lead a fantastic team of outstanding professionals who often go above and beyond for our students. I am extremely proud of all the team and would like to thank them for their continued dedication and hard work over many years.'

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Castle Bromwich Parish Council News

Tabletop Sale

On Saturday 4th October 10:00am – 12:30pm – our doors will open for the public for our monthly tabletop sale. There will be lots of local sellers with a variety of items to purchase, you will struggle to find better bargains! Also, the Chair of the Parish Council will be there selling her self-grown plants to raise money for the Chairman's Charity Fund. October is sold out but if you require a table for later months, then please contact Arden Hall front office on 0121 747 7150. Tables are £10 or £15 for a larger pitch with space for a rail, we are not able to reserve tables without payment. We will be back on November 1st and December 6th, tables will sell out quickly! All packaging and unsold items to be taken home. Please note that there will only be access to Arden Hall from the rear car park on 4th October.

Coffee Morning with Bingo

Held each week on Thursdays in the Spencer Lounge at Arden Hall, an ever-growing group of friendly people meet to chat and play bingo. Tea and barista quality coffees are £2, and bingo is £1 for a sheet. 10am-12pm Please come down and join us! Email Dylan Faultless-Hodgson, Community and Leisure Officer for more information. leisure@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk

Knitted Poppies

The Parish Council was overwhelmed with the support last year for the beautiful poppy display on Arden Hall's roof. We have washed and cared for all the poppies, but we would still appreciate more so we can fill some gaps and make this year's display even better. Please contact leisure@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk if you can help. 0121 747 7150

Lamppost Poppies

If you would like to sponsor a lamppost poppy at £10 to go up around the local area, then please contact leisure@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk by October 20th.

Remembrance Day Service 2025

We are pleased to announce we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day Service this year on Sunday 9th November 2025 on The Village Green, Castle Bromwich. A parade consisting of Veterans, RBL, Military and Police Cadets, Emergency services, Parish Councillors, SMBC Councillors, 237th Scout Group, Guide Association and Local Schools will begin around 10.15am. Please come down and join us for a day of remembrance. Please note that there is very limited parking as The Green and Old Croft Lane will be closed to vehicles. We'd really appreciate your help in ensuring no drones are in operation on this day – they can be very triggering for veterans.

Tribute Acts

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Arden Hall Forecourt

Please be aware that we are having the path on the forecourt removed and tarmacked between the 26th September and 4th October. During this time there will no access to the front of the building for functions, viewings and bookings; please come to the rear of Arden Hall. Please contact the council office with any queries on 0121 747 6503. counciloffice@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk

Pavilion Refurb

We are very excited to share news of the refurbishment of the Parish Council's Pavilion to the rear of Arden Hall. The space is being upgraded with new electrics, heating, ceilings, floor, furniture and decoration. Look out on our social media for updates and we hope the newly renovated community space will be available in the New Year. It will be perfect for kids' parties, community groups to meet and exercise classes.

Bikes in the park

We ran a successful 'Action on Bikes in the Park' initiative which lasted a week commencing 18/08/25. We took this time to educate people who were riding bikes and e-scooters into the park about the legal status of their vehicles. We had support from the Chair of the Council and the local police team.

Please be aware that riding any kind of bike in Arden Hall Playing Fields is not permitted under our byelaws. Many of the E-Scooters you see on the road are not legal and some people are unaware of the penalties that come with riding them in public including points on your license, loss of license, arrest and seizure of vehicle.

We would appreciate your support in helping to educate those who ride these vehicles.

In this operation we also noticed the lack of people who wore a helmet, safety is vital and a helmet can save your life. Please protect yourself and wear a helmet.

WMP information-

Electric scooters-

Most privately owned electric scooters are illegal to ride on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes unless specifically approved for use by the DfT

Electric Bikes-

If the bike can go faster than 3.7MPH unassisted, or over 15.5MPH assisted, or if the motor produces more than 250 watts, it's classed as a motor vehicle and riders must comply with road traffic.

Party in the Park 2025

We would like to thank everyone that braved the weather on the 19th July 2025 to come and join us for our annual party in the park. Your support was amazing. We would also like to thank all the stall holders, volunteers and performers for their hard work in the challenging conditions. We are busy planning next year's Party in the Park, watch this space!

Heritage Day 2025

On the 14th of September we held our annual Heritage Open Day organised by Chair Cllr. Pauline Allen. It was an amazing day, filled with many historical articles from all around Castle Bromwich. We would like to thank everyone that attended and helped run the event. Special thanks must go to the dedicated group of volunteers we worked with to bring this event and the history of Castle Bromwich to life. We hope you will join us for our 2026 Heritage Day; dates will be released in due course.

Youth Parish council-

Our Youth Parish Council has been working hard to bring new ideas to life. They are busy planning their stall at Lolly's Events Halloween Craft Fair & Pop-up Market on the 26th October 12-4 at Arden Hall. Do come down and join us!

They will have a stand at our Remembrance Day Parade on November 9th plus one of our youth councillors will also be doing a heartfelt reading.

If you are interested in joining then please contact Dylan leisure@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk

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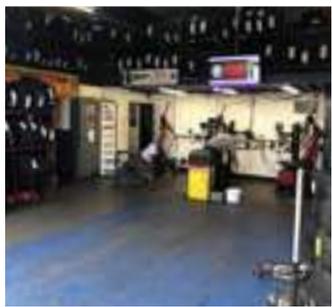
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October in the Gardens



Apples and Orchards

We will have very few pumpkins again this year. In 2024, the wet and warm Winter allowed for a blossoming of slugs and snails which devoured the plants in their early stages. This year, it is wanton destruction by unwanted visitors that has led to us having none. Probably outside of hours in late August, a person or persons unknown entered the Gardens and threw whatever pumpkins they could get their hands on over our walls, smashing them in the process, and even venturing round to finish the job! Once again, that fixture of Autumnal adornment will not be seen in our Gardens.

Gardener's Tips for October

October is a splendid time of year to celebrate the end of the bright, long days with bountiful produce and welcome in the crisp air, cosy nights and sample the last delights of the Garden before Winter.

For the first two weeks in October, our Gardener's will be feeding the citrus with a weekly seaweed feed to get them good and strong before they go under cover before the first frosts arrive. A nice cool porch or an orangery/greenhouse is best to keep them frost free but allow for plenty of airflow. Citrus really hate sudden changes of temperature and an overly dry environment.

There will be plenty of bulb planting as we plant all bulbs in October. Flowers like daffodils, muscari and crocus are planted whilst the ground is good for working over, however we keep the tulips back till

November as we want to reduce the risk of tulip fire.

Leaf collection starts in earnest and with so much space in the garden, we concentrate on the paths and removing leaves from the base of plants. We do not want any crown rot from a warmer damp leaf environment. A quick tip - as the leaves come down, you can mow them on a lawn and they will quickly disappear, but you have to do it quite regularly else it doesn't work as the leaf cover gets too thick!



Harvest Moon Circles - Tida Mon Coven Return this autumn

On the evening of Sunday 5th October we'll be looking upwards to the sky and celebrating the spiritual healing qualities of the moon. The TÍD MÓNA Coven are excited to be working with Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens to bring to you their 'Harvest Moon Circle'.

The TÍD MÓNA Coven is a traditional, closed UK-coven based in Birmingham. As well as being a fully working closed coven they work hard within the pagan community to bring pagan knowledge and ceremony to the public.

The Sacred Moon Circles events have been very popular over the last couple of years, so to avoid disappointment make sure you book before the date!

All Hallows' Eve and October Half Term



It's a spooky spectacular across Half Term this October. With plenty of family activities to get involved in, we hope the week will be packed. Across the nine days you can expect Woodland Wizard Workshops, Potions Classes and a Halloween-themed trail to really tire out those little energetic legs. There will also be the chance to engage in some craft sessions, themed around autumn

and Halloween, run by our wonderful volunteers. This is all topped off by our famous Spooky Disco which will take place on Halloween itself. Double double, toil and trouble, Stretch Tent, music, and hot chocolate bubble! Of course, if you want to come dressed up then please do! It's any opportunity for us at the Gardens to don costumes so we'd love to see you do the same. It's a great excuse to bring out your old witch's hat, the vampire teeth and boogie through the evening of Souls and Ghouls.

All this can be booked on our website, but spaces are limited so please do keep an eye out!

Looking ahead

What will the late Autumn bring? November is a bit of a lull in the Gardens, and often the time when we finally get the opportunity to take stock of the summer and the year that has been. But, as we reach late November, and Advent begins, you can certainly expect (shush, it's to be whispered this early) our exciting Christmas events to start populating our calendar, as well as some new things too!

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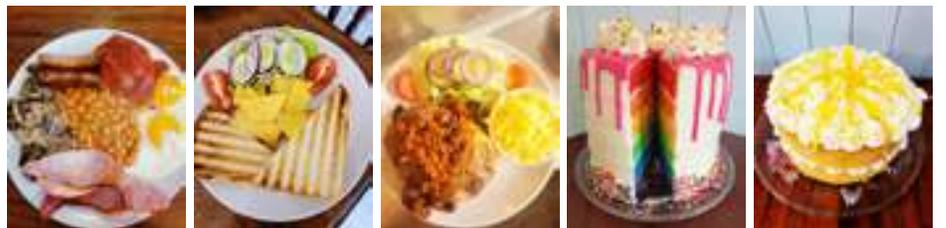
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Why Dominance Theory in Dog Training is Outdated – and What Works Instead

Why I'm Writing This

Recently, one of my training clients asked me about dominance theory. She was studying a behaviour course and was concerned that some of the material still echoed these old ideas. She remembered me saying they were outdated and approached me for references.

That same week, someone I bumped into outside of work mentioned “showing the dog who’s boss.”

It really brought home how deeply this myth still lingers, even though science has moved on. I’ve even been there myself — long before I became a trainer, I attended a course that talked a lot about being “alpha,” eating before your dog, and never letting them walk through the door first. I went because I loved my dogs and wanted to learn. I didn’t know then that the information was wrong.

So if you’ve heard these ideas or even tried them, this isn’t about judgement. It’s about sharing what we now know, and hopefully making life better for you and your dog.

Why Dominance Theory Became So Popular

- **The early spark:** In the 1930s and 40s, Swiss biologist Rudolf Schenkel studied wolves in Basel Zoo. These wolves were unrelated, crowded, and stressed. Unsurprisingly, he saw tension, posturing, and scraps over resources. He described one wolf as “alpha” and suggested it dominated the rest.
- **Easy story to tell:** The “pack leader” idea was simple and tidy. It made sense to families and was easy for trainers to explain.
- **Limited information:** At the time, people had books, magazines, and just a handful of TV channels. Without today’s instant access to updated science, the first story people heard often stuck.
- **Authority reinforced it:** In 1970, respected wolf biologist David Mech published *The Wolf: Ecology and Behaviour of an Endangered Species*, using “alpha” language. That gave the idea credibility.
- **The media cemented it:** Over the years, books and TV shows repeated the same “pack leader” message, spreading it far and wide.

That’s why dominance theory still lingers today: it was the first widely shared story about dog behaviour, and old ideas can be hard to shake.

What We Know Now

Research has since painted a very different picture.

Mech corrected his own work: By the 1990s, field studies showed wolf packs are families, led by parents raising pups. In 1999, Mech published a paper saying “alpha” was misleading and should be retired.

Modern wolf research: Wolves cooperate far more than they fight. Parents guide the pack; pups learn and follow. It’s about family, not battles for control.

Training has moved on: Reward-based, science-led training is now recognised as the most effective and ethical approach. It teaches dogs what to do, builds confidence, and strengthens trust.

Across the UK, leading charities and training organisations are clear: reward-based methods are best. Punishment may stop a behaviour in the moment, but because it works by creating fear, it often makes things worse. Many unwanted behaviours come from stress, anxiety, or confusion — not a desire to “dominate.”

Clearing Up the Confusion

It’s easy to see why dominance myths still crop up in everyday advice. Here are a few common examples:

- **Valuable things aren’t about rank**
If a dog doesn’t want to give up their favourite ball or toy, it isn’t because they’re trying to take over the house. It’s because that toy is valuable to them. In that moment, the behaviour is about holding onto something important — not running the household. The answer isn’t to snatch it away. A simple “swap” or “leave it” game, taught with rewards, builds trust and shows the dog they don’t need to worry.
- **Rituals don’t set hierarchy**
You may have heard you should always eat before your dog, or walk through doors first. But these routines don’t establish rank. Dogs repeat what works — if a behaviour is reinforced, they’ll do it again.
- **Punishment doesn’t build respect**
Pulling leads, shouting, scruff shakes, shocking, or forcing dogs into positions may stop a behaviour briefly. But they do so by creating fear. Fear damages trust and can increase the very behaviours families want to stop.

Dogs Are Not Wolves

Although dogs and wolves share a common ancestor, they are not the same species.

- Dogs diverged thousands of years ago through domestication.
- Dogs adapt to human households, not wolf-style packs.
- Dogs have developed unique ways of communicating with us — including those famous “puppy-dog eyes.”

Moving Forward Together

Dominance theory started from flawed wolf studies, spread through books and media, and has been kept alive more by tradition than evidence. But science and welfare organisations are clear: it’s time to move on.

Dogs aren’t trying to dominate us. They’re trying to feel safe, secure, and understood.

If this message helps even just one person — or makes a difference for one dog — then it’s worth it. And if it reassures you that the science is on your side, then it’s a great step in moving the narrative forward together.

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The Castle Bromwich Lucombe Oak (part 2)



As I wrote last time, by 2016 we had been maintaining this tree, opposite the Parish Church, at the front of our garden, for forty-one years.

It had become gigantic – the canopy stretched virtually from the Churchyard to the gable of our house.

We were concerned that in high winds the weight could disturb and weaken the root structure.

Collection of the prodigious quantity of leaves shed at all times of the year took up much of my time or, if left, caused a blight on the area's pavements.

I tried to discuss these problems with the Council's Tree Officers but they rejected my suggestion of replacement.

In early 2017 I applied to reduce the size of the canopy but this was refused and I appealed.

In due course we were informed this would be heard in December – but a "sideshow" had arisen!

The council suddenly realized that this "very important" tree was actually not included in a Preservation Order.

They immediately sought to rectify this and I and our neighbours objected.

I think we made a strong case for replacement with a more suitable species but this was quashed and a new Order made.

The main Appeal was chiefly heard in our front garden on a very snowy December day.

The Inspector was Ms. Amanda Blicq, a very decisive lady from the Department of

the Environment in Bristol.

She rapidly assessed the problems we had earlier outlined to her over the enquiry table and judged that a considerable quantity of internally crossing branches needed removal. She went through this work in detail with the Council Officers.

The tree surgeons we employed to do the work, at a cost of almost £1000, commented that they had never been so closely supervised when doing high-level cutting work – from the ground of course.

The timber brought down was brittle and useless.

The photograph with this article shows the tree after the work was done, early in 2018.

My wife and I are glad that we have been able to considerably reduce the load on the tree's structure and hope that it has not been adversely affected by this year's excessively hot summer.

We also hope that everyone appreciates the great benefit it brings to this part of Castle Bromwich.

Personally I still feel much as I did when I wrote the accompanying poem.

Whoever wrote – "I think that I shall never see a thing as lovely as a tree" Had obviously never lived beneath That arboricultural sick joke The Lucombe Oak!

Two hundred years or more Before we moved onto this plot Lucombe, a Devon nurseryman Had crossed a "Turkey" with a Portuguese cork oak Whatever for?

The age of Novelties indeed - But neither tree is English stock Small wonder then, that when in Midlands soil the hybrid grows it is An undesirable Alien!

This blasted Oak - This cursed devil's spawn Disfigures footpaths, roofs and lawn With countless useless leaves And other graceless muck that falls Throughout the year

We have stood this, fifty years and more But no-one yet has knocked our door And said "I love this tree of yours" The neighbours equally abhor the mess As much as us

No one here enjoys this hateful bane Or feasts their eyes upon its beauty Certainly not we, who now for fifty years plus

Have cleared up all its excrement Swept the pavement, raked the lawns And done our "civic duty"

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News from St Clement of Alexandria Green Lane, Castle Bromwich (*known locally as St Clements Church*)



"With a few flowers in my garden, half a dozen pictures and some books, I live without envy".

I first came across this wonderful quote on a visit to Marie Curie in Solihull with a colleague, when we handed over money collected by St Clements Church. We were given a bookmark with these words, and the simplicity of the message made me want to know more. The quote is by the Spanish playwright Lope de Vega from his work La Gatomaquia. It expresses a philosophy of contentment and the beauty of a simple life filled with nature, art and literature.

In Luke 12:15, we read "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for a person's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions," is a warning from Jesus against the dangers of greed and the pursuit of material wealth. Another saying reminds us, "Family is where life begins, and love never ends." I'm not sure who wrote it, but it echoes the words of Jesus: "Love one another as I have loved you."

This summer we had four heat waves, with the only real rain on Saturday 19th July. Taking time to sit outside, even if you just have an old chair or bench (and a cup of tea or coffee), brings real benefits for your health. It can lower stress, lift your mood, improve sleep and encourage you to get up and walk. Watching and listening to the birds is a joy — have you ever wondered what they are saying? Nature never lets us down, whatever the season.

Well our Groups are well and truly back, having taken time off during August its full steam ahead. Our joint Crafternoon and Twenty21 Group(s) during August were a great success. Twenty21 re-opened on 9th September and both groups are now back to their usual every-other-week slots.

Mary Bridgeman Tea and Coffee lounge re-opened on the 8th September and has now been completely re-decorated, it really does look smart. It's surprising what a coat of paint can do — refresh the space, add colour, lift the spirits — and of course the food is good. We didn't stop there; the Chapel was also re-painted and deep cleaned.

Our Forget Me Not Memory Café re-opened on 11th September. It runs from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, for those with memory loss and their carers. If you have been a carer or are caring for someone then do come along. There will always be someone to chat to and if you need any advice or help then we can point you in the right direction. Thanks to the Trustees of the Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust, we now have our own laptop for music, games and even perhaps bingo during sessions.

On the last Sunday of each month, St Clements hosts Cake and a Cuppa after the service. It's a lovely chance to chat and put the world to rights. For £2 each, it also supports Church finances — and keeps the treasurer smiling as those winter bills approach!

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday 4th October from 11am. This is now a regular part of our Church calendar. People often ask why we hold it in October rather than September. The simple answer is: it fits better with everything else we do, and by October most other groups have already held theirs.

From Wednesday 1st October to Friday 31st October, St Clement's along with many other churches will celebrate Black History Month. The UK theme for 2025 is Standing Firm in Power and Pride. On Saturday 25th October we will come together to celebrate with Caribbean food, music and a good old fashioned quiz or maybe even bingo? Gus will be chef for the day, with Clara assisting, and there will be a vegetarian option too. Most importantly,

there will be plenty of laughter and fun. Tickets are £7.50 and available through the Church, but numbers are limited.

On Monday 8th September the 4th Castle Bromwich Brownies and Guides returned after their summer break. We hope they all had a brilliant summer and look forward to hearing about their adventures and plans for the coming months. Watch this space!

VE and VJ Day were both celebrated by St Clements with money raised going to Troup Aid. Our display in the foyer of the Church will remain for Remembrance Sunday which this year is on Sunday 9th November. Remembrance Sunday always falls on the second Sunday of November. The first Sunday closest to the 11th of November is chosen every year as the day to remember the fallen and injured. In the Memory Garden at the front of the Church, we have a red rose for Remembrance. When this was planted 3 years ago a member of the Royal British Legion was there and joined in our small act of worship. It's a reminder of how much we owe for the freedoms we all enjoy today.

I recently looked up what it means to volunteer as a Churchwarden. The role is described as follows: "Churchwardens are elected lay officials who represent their parish and assist the clergy in the Anglican Communion. Their responsibilities include the care of the church building and its community, financial matters, and promoting unity and peace within the parish. They act as guardians of the church's property, hold positions on the Parochial Church Council (PCC), and are accountable to the diocesan bishop. The role is voluntary and involves management, maintenance and the spiritual flourishing of the parish."

However, it is important to remember, that at St Clement's we have many "Teams" all made up of volunteers, that come together, from the Café Team, Holy Dusters, Group leaders, Event Organisers,

after service tea and coffee makers, Fund Raisers, Openers and Closers, Facebook and Poster Organisers, flower arranger(s), church greeters - without whom our Church could not thrive.

Volunteering is huge in the UK and without it many organisations would struggle. At St Clements we don't have rotas for groups like the Holy Dusters — we simply say "come along" and do what you can.

A lot happens quietly in the background each week. Toilets are cleaned, the Ticquet Room is swept and ready for hirers, and the altar is set up for Wednesday and Sunday Holy Communion. There is no "I" in team, and at St Clements we really show that. Working together is the backbone of our Church. After the pandemic, we perhaps appreciate each other's gifts even more. As Jesus said: "Do good to others." How powerful that is! While money contributions are always needed, we value the time and talents of our volunteers every day. Thank you.

Dates for your diary: Saturday 25th October - a Caribbean Evening - music, Caribbean food ... Saturday 6th December - Ian's Beetles 2 - 4pm a good social all-ages dice game, where you have to roll the dice to draw parts of a beetle and most importantly those "puds"

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- 20 Defends their country
- 22 Lunges
- 24 Flurry
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- 33 Liners
- 35 Rio de Janeiro
- 36 Surpass
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- 38 Tiny particles
- 40 Fib
- 41 Plant trunks
- 43 Ramble
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- 45 Type of music
- 46 Crimes

47 Tuber

- 49 Dashed
- 50 Tutor
- 53 Madman
- 57 Shelter under branches
- 58 Kiln
- 60 Prank
- 61 Purple fruit
- 62 Pit noise
- 63 Brand of sandwich cookie
- 64 Sugar-free brand
- 65 Long
- 66 Apply a varnish

DOWN

- 1 Wilted
- 2 Realm
- 3 Cake
- 4 Entry
- 5 What children attend
- 6 Rigid
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- 8 Curbs
- 9 Louis' partner
- 10 Netherlands' capital
- 11 Wading bird
- 12 Shed
- 13 V.P.'s boss

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- 26 Elf
- 27 Arched
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- 30 Ten cent coins
- 31 Optimistic
- 32 Tiny body part
- 33 Sauna (2 wds.)
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- 39 Twisters
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Interiors & Decorating



Platinum October Update

Hi everyone, welcome back to our monthly decorating and interior design article.

An area that can sometimes cause confusion is that of varying sheen levels of paint. These days it seems like an endless list so we thought it would be useful to explain the differences and benefits of each of the main ones.

When discussing emulsion what is generally meant is the paint you will be using on your walls and ceilings. This comes in a variety of sheen levels, the main ones being matt, eggshell, soft sheen and silk. In terms of woodwork, or trim paint for things such as skirting boards and doors, the most commonly used sheen levels are eggshell, satin and gloss.

Manufacturers and professional decorators will discuss sheen levels as a percentage. So matt would be anything less than a 10% sheen, eggshell is 10 - 15%, soft sheen is 15 - 25%, satin and silk are 26 - 40%, semi gloss is 41 - 69% and full gloss is 70 - 90%. These levels aren't set in stone and can vary between manufacturers.

What the percentages are describing is how much light is reflected, so matt will reflect almost no light whereas gloss will reflect a lot of light. Think of gloss as being closer to a mirror finish. Sheen levels are also much affected by the condition of the surface, the smoother or flatter the surface, the more effective the sheen. A useful way to understand this is to imagine a reflection on the surface of a lake- when the water is very still and flat the

image is very sharp and clear. Once the water has been disturbed with ripples the image becomes distorted and less focused. This will be the same for your paint work at home. If you're using gloss and achieve a perfectly smooth finish it will appear to have a much higher sheen than if there are lots of brush marks or other imperfections. The door of number 10 Downing Street is a good example of decorators achieving a very high level of sheen, this is helped by it being constructed by bomb proof metal so it is perfectly smooth. It is removed and replaced with a spare then taken off site to paint. The process used includes building up many layers of high gloss paint and buffing in between each coat. Similar to the process used when restoring high gloss, black pianos. As well as the obvious aesthetic differences in sheen levels, there are also practical reasons for choosing higher or lower sheens. Traditionally, the higher the sheen, the more durable and robust the surface of the paint. Gloss was traditionally used for woodwork due to it being very hardwearing, so things like skirting boards and dado rails that get knocked all the time benefited from a gloss finish. These days satin and eggshell finishes are probably more commonly used on woodwork and due to improvements in paint technology are just as durable as gloss. The same can be said of emulsion for walls and ceilings. Eggshell, soft sheen and silk paint are often used in high traffic areas where there is a need to be able to wipe down the surface without damaging the finished paint work. Most manufacturers now produce what are known as durable matt finishes. These are matt emulsions

that you are still able to wipe or sometimes scrub without any serious detriment to the finish. This means that you can now have a matt, low sheen finish but still benefit from being able to wipe off scuff marks and keep your walls looking as good as new for longer.

Another reason to have a mid to higher sheen finish is in areas of high humidity such as bathrooms. Most matt paint won't stand up well to moisture in a poorly ventilated bathroom. This can result in the paint flaking or peeling off the wall or ceiling. Paints with a higher sheen contain more vinyl, this makes them more resistant to moisture permeating into the paintwork.

Finally, another often overlooked aspect of different sheen levels is the effect they have on the perceived standard of finish. Due to them reflecting more light, higher sheen levels will exacerbate any imperfections in the painted surface. Walls that aren't perfectly smooth can benefit from being painted with a very matt finish as this can to a certain extent make them appear smoother. The same can be said for things such as window sills, if they haven't been sanded completely smooth then gloss will highlight the imperfections whereas eggshell or satin will make them appear less obvious. Some manufacturers now produce matt paint specifically for ceilings that has an extremely low sheen. This can be of great benefit when faced with a poorly plastered or uneven ceiling as it will go some way to reducing the impact of any imperfections. Hopefully this will help you decide which type of paint will be most suitable for your own projects.

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GBCC Awards 2026: Region's top celebration of business returns



All of the 2025 award winners

The region's flagship celebration of business success- the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce annual dinner and awards – is set to return in 2026.

A revamped set of 11 new award categories will be up for grabs at the ICC in Birmingham on Thursday, 14 May 2026.

Among them is the Business Ambassador Award, voted for by GBCC members in recognition of an individual or organisation who make a difference to the regional business community.

'Earlybird' ticket prices for the event have also been announced – with a table of 10 costing £999 (plus VAT). Individual tickets are priced at £170 (plus VAT).

Businesses will be in with a chance of winning 11 sector awards, as well as the overall Greater Birmingham Business of the Year.

This year's categories are:

- **Non-Profit Champion 2026**
- **Community Builder 2026**
- **Workplace Champion 2026 - sponsored by University College Birmingham**
- **Pioneer 2026 - sponsored by Sandwell College**
- **Sustainability Trailblazer 2026**
- **Digital Revolutionary 2026 - sponsored by Gateley PLC**
- **Breakthrough Business 2026 - sponsored by runyourfleet**
- **Business without Borders 2026 - sponsored by Gowling WLG**
- **Customer Commitment 2026 - sponsored by Translift Bendi**
- **Influencer Award 2026**
- **Business Ambassador 2026 - sponsored by Turkish Airlines**

The Greater Birmingham Business of the Year - picked from the winners of the above categories - is sponsored by Crowe LLP .

Applications for the category awards must be submitted through the awards application portal on the Chamber website. Applications close on Sunday, 12 December.

Last year's overall GBCC Business of the Year was The Listening Centre, who also won the award for Excellence in Customer Service category.

Speaking about the impact of winning, Sharon McCormick, owner and managing director of The Listening Centre said: "Winning the awards has given our entire team tremendous pride and confidence, reinforcing that our trauma-informed approach to workplace wellbeing truly makes a difference.

"The recognition has opened doors to new partnerships and elevated conversations about the importance of genuine mental health support in the workplace.

"Be authentic in your application - let your passion for what you do shine through, and don't be afraid to highlight what makes your approach unique.

"The judges appreciate genuine insight into your business impact rather than generic corporate speak."

Speaking about the awards, GBCC events manager Marcella Meehan said: "We are so excited to launch the GBCC Awards 2026. It comes round so quickly!

"The awards really are the biggest celebration of business in our region, shining a light on the outstanding work that goes on.

"From one-man bands to multinational firms, it is amazing to bring the business community together in this spectacular celebration. We really can't wait!"

A range of sponsorship opportunities are also available.


 North Warwickshire
 Borough Council

Press Release

Lloyds Tour of Britain Men

Stage 4 starts strong in Atherstone

Top cyclists from all over the world got on their bikes as Atherstone was proud to host the fourth stage of the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men's Cycle Tour on Friday 5th September 2025. Hundreds of spectators flocked to Atherstone Town centre to welcome the riders and see the start of the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men Cycle Tour, which headed through North Warwickshire up to Burton Dassett Hills Country Park.

Before setting off, the cyclists stepped onto the stage in the Market Square to introduce their teams to the gathered crowd. After the final announcements, they made their way to the starting line outside St Mary's Church, ready to begin the challenge ahead.

As the signal was given, the cyclists surged forward, wheels spinning and the crowd cheering behind them. In a matter of seconds, they were out of the square and onto the open road.

The cyclists made their way through the streets of

Atherstone, heading into the first stretch of the route. Spectators, including students and their teachers, lined the roads as the riders passed through, cheering and waving flags, marking the beginning of this stage of the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men.

Heading deeper into Warwickshire, the riders began to face the long and testing route toward Burton Dassett Hills.

Atherstone's Market Square was buzzing with activity, a large screen allowed spectators to follow the action live and keep the excitement going to its conclusion.

Free health checks were also offered in the Market Square by Atherstone Leisure Complex staff, which were popular with visitors. Nearby, the Leisure Complex ran a fun competition, challenging people to see who could cycle 1km the fastest, with prizes for the top male and female riders.

Atherstone's mascot, Arthur Stone, joined the event, happily taking photos with visitors and enjoying the lively atmosphere throughout the day.

That excitement was shared by a number of local businesses along Long Street, who decorated their shop fronts with a cycling theme, as part of North Warwickshire Borough Council's Window Dressing Competition, which was judged by the Mayor, Councillor Debbie Bates. The winner, Bargain Box, was chosen on the 3rd of September.

Leader of the Council, Councillor David Wright, said: "It has been truly remarkable to witness the community unite for this outstanding event in our town. With its historic charm, the Market Square makes the perfect setting, and it's a real honour for North Warwickshire to be part of such a prestigious sporting event. The buzz in the town and excitement on everyone's faces truly show how much this race means to Atherstone and North Warwickshire Borough Council hopes the event will inspire people to become more active, given the great opportunities for sport and recreation that exist in North Warwickshire. Congratulations to all the riders for their incredible effort and determination today."



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Monday 13th October 1.30 - 3pm
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Wednesday Drop In
8th & 22th October 10.00 - 11.30am
Community Hall
 Join us for a cuppa and a chat - everyone is welcome!

Soup & a Roll Lunch
Wednesday 8th October
12.00 - 1.30pm Community Hall
 Join us for our monthly Soup & a Roll Lunch for a £1 donation, on every 2nd Wednesday of the month following our Family Service and Wednesday Drop In

Mothers Union Friendship Afternoon
Wednesday 15th October
1.30- 3pm Community Hall
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Wednesday 8th October
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 6.45 for 7pm - Wave of Light
 Baby Loss Service

Sunday 19th October
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 Cafe Worship Light Party (Community Hall)

Wednesday 22nd October
 9.30am Family Communion

Sunday 26th October
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Police News

Operation Rosepool

OPERATION ROSEPOOL kicks off to an impressive start....

Over the weekend of 8th August, officers from North Warwickshire SNT, Staffordshire Police and West Midlands Police came together to tackle the illegal use of off-road bikes and nuisance bikes in our towns and villages.



The results included:

- 5 warrants completed
- 10 people were arrested
- 18 vehicles were seized
- 1 vehicle was recovered seven hours after being stolen.
- 1 motorbike was found seven minutes after being stolen
- 1 bike seized which was involved in drug supply
- 2 E-bikes that were not road legal seized

PCSO Demi Smith said: "We know how concerned people are about nuisance bikes and we will continue to tackle the problem.

"You can provide information through the Dob Em In reporting system (link in the comments below) or by contacting us directly.

"Future operations are planned and the information you provide will help us target these."

**Help us get rid of
NUISANCE
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OP PLENTY

#OpPlenty has now launched in Atherstone, Coleshill and the surrounding villages.

The scheme was already running in Nuneaton and Bedworth, and since last year, there were 35 people visited as a result of Op Plenty.

Op Plenty involves our Safer Neighbourhood Team officers dropping by the homes of vulnerable people in our community for a cup of tea and a chat to check whether they are OK and if there's any further support that can be provided.

Inspector Andi Gibbons of North Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhood Team said "We're very happy to announce our support of Op Plenty in Atherstone and the surrounding villages. "We are in quite a rural part of the county, and we're aware that this can sometimes make the loneliness of older people in particular who find travelling difficult more pronounced. "Op Plenty gives us a way of finding out where those who would appreciate us dropping by are, and a reason to check in."



If you know someone in your community, be it a neighbour, friend, or relative, who would appreciate a visit from one of our officers for a cup of tea and a chat, fill out a form and send it to sntreachout@warwickshire.police.uk. There is a link to the referral form in the comments.



Get Connected with Warwickshire Police

Atherstone and Coleshill SNT have been promoting Warwickshire Connected.

Get connected with what is happening in your local area, keep up to date and get involved in shaping what goes on where you live or work. Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police where you decide when and how you hear about the issues that matter most to you, whether that be getting regular crime updates, the latest information on ongoing incidents and emergencies or learning more about what your local police are doing.

This is also the place where you can get involved in helping to make your local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in your area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe and tell us what matters are causing your communities harm.

Follow the link to sign up today:

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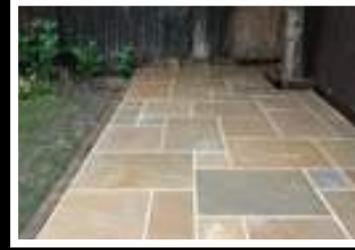


Also please follow our Facebook page where we put updates of what Atherstone and Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Teams get up to.

There are updates on going incidents, appeals and much more. We will be posting about upcoming events also so please take a look, see when they are and come along. We like to be as accessible as possible so using our social media page is a great way for us to communicate with our communities.

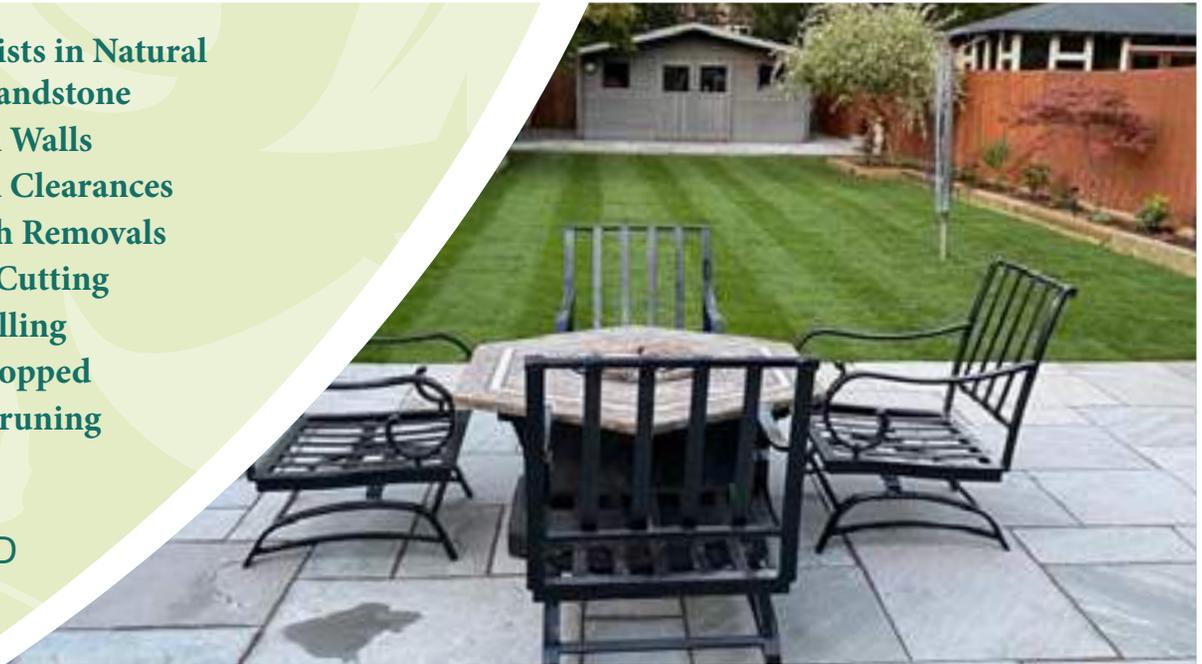
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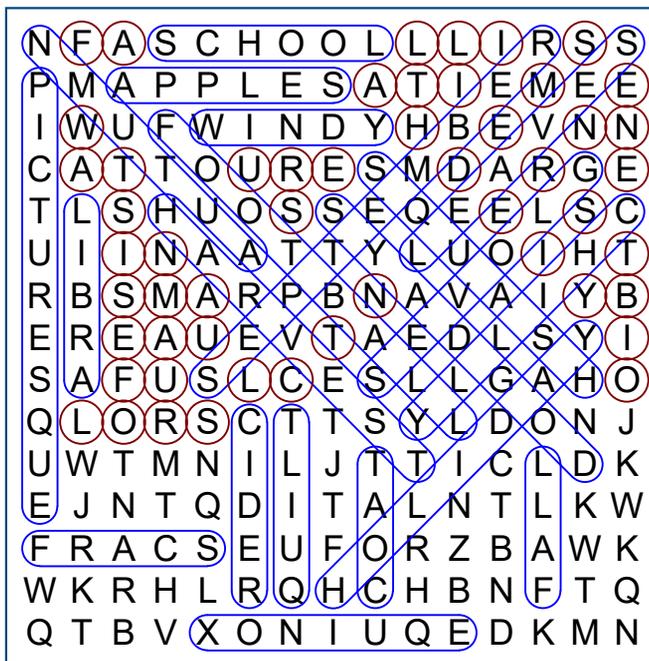


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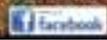
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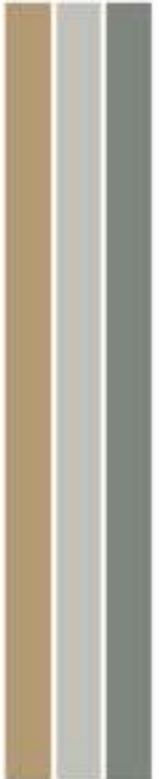
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Water Orton Cricket Club

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Saturday 25th October 2025

Quiz Night

Teams of 4/5/6 players £2-00 per player.

Please be there and have your team registered by 7.45pm.

Saturday 8th November 2025

Special Fundraising Evening

For Solihull Hospital Breast Cancer Unit.

With the fabulous Morgan Perkins and his Frank Sinatra Tribute.

A great show and for such a great cause.

Tickets now on sale £8-00 each Doors Open 7.15pm.

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Saturday 15th November 2025

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Pete Coles Tel 07812 241046 Paul Messenger 07538 601246

Thank you so much for supporting us in the past and hopefully we will see you at some of our future social nights. Keep watching for other great shows we have booked for 2026 for ticket prices and when they go on sale.



Coleshill Town F.C.

Weathering the Storm, Finding the Spark

Coleshill Town's late summer campaign has been a tale of grit, frustration, and eventual resurgence—proof that in football, momentum can shift in a heartbeat.

Early League Struggles

The final week of August saw The Coleman stumble in league action, despite performances that deserved more. A 1-3 home defeat to St Neots Town on August 23rd was a harsh reflection of a game in which Coleshill showed attacking intent but were undone by defensive lapses. Just two days later, they travelled to Boldmere St Michaels and again fell to a 3-1 defeat, with Alex McSkeane's goal offering brief hope before Boldmere pulled away.

Supporters agreed that "It wasn't for lack of effort, We played well in spells, but the results just weren't falling our way."

Cup Redemption

Momentum shifted in the FA Cup on August 30th, when Coleshill hosted Worcester Raiders. After trailing early, McSkeane equalised before Theo Rowe fired home a last-minute winner that sent Pack Meadow into raptures.

Confidence restored, The Coleman carried that energy into the FA Trophy on September 6th, where they edged Sporting Khalsa 1-0. The scoreline was modest, but the performance was anything but. Coleshill controlled the tempo, defended with discipline, and looked every inch a side rediscovering its rhythm.

League Bounce-Back

That renewed belief spilled into the league just two days later. Facing Loughborough Students on September 8th, Coleshill produced a blistering start to the second half, scoring three goals in quick succession. Though Loughborough mounted a late comeback, the hosts held firm to secure a 3-2 win and a vital three points.

FA Cup Exit to Hednesford

The next round of the FA Cup brought a formidable challenge in the form of Hednesford Town—a side brimming with experience from across the football pyramid, including players with Premier League pedigree. Two early goals from the visitors set the tone, and from that moment, it was always going to be an uphill battle.

Yet Coleshill never folded. They kept playing, kept attacking, and carved out several promising moves throughout the match. Ultimately, Hednesford's strength, depth, and travelling support proved too much, as they ran out convincing 7-0 winners.

Looking Ahead

Next up, Coleshill return to FA Trophy action on Saturday 20th September with a home tie against AFC Rushden & Diamonds. After that, attention turns back to the league, with the next scheduled home fixture on Saturday 4th October against Mickleover.

It promises to be a cracking contest, and it would be fantastic to see as many supporters at Pack Meadow as possible to get behind the lads.

For all the latest updates, match reports, and behind-the-scenes content, don't forget to visit ColeshillTownFC.com and follow the club on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and TikTok.

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