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Editorial

The first open meeting to discuss the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was held on Tuesday in the Village Hall. A number of new ideas were suggested, such as a Jubilee-themed scarecrow competition, a children's 'Fit for a Queen' baking competition and a treasure hunt, as well as all the events the village enjoyed ten years ago.

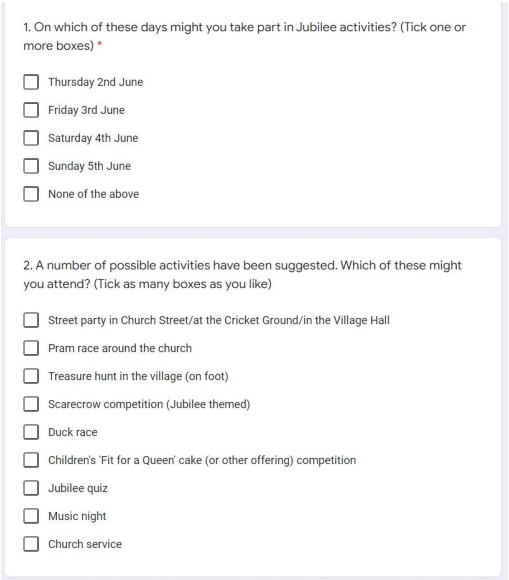
Obviously it is not possible to do everything, so it was decided to use an online survey to find out which of these ideas is greeted most enthusiastically by the village and which days are likely to be most favoured.

During the Diamond Jubilee festivities, a range of activities took place, all of which were well supported. Nearly 200 people attended the Big Lunch at the Cricket Ground despite the appalling weather; over the whole weekend 65 villagers were involved in running the events. It is hoped that this time, on such a historic occasion, there will be similar support.

After the last two stressful years, when we have all appreciated the importance of our community more than ever, we are all in need of a bit of simple enjoyment with our families and friends.

Jubilee Survey

Are you going to be in the village during the Jubilee weekend of Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June? If so, which of the proposed activities would you like to take part in?


1. On which of these days might you take part in Jubilee activities? (Tick one or more boxes) *

- [ ] Thursday 2nd June
- [ ] Friday 3rd June
- [ ] Saturday 4th June
- [ ] Sunday 5th June
- [ ] None of the above

2. A number of possible activities have been suggested. Which of these might you attend? (Tick as many boxes as you like)

- [ ] Street party in Church Street/at the Cricket Ground/in the Village Hall
- [ ] Pram race around the church
- [ ] Treasure hunt in the village (on foot)
- [ ] Scarecrow competition (Jubilee themed)
- [ ] Duck race
- [ ] Children's 'Fit for a Queen' cake (or other offering) competition
- [ ] Jubilee quiz
- [ ] Music night
- [ ] Church service

An online survey is available from now until 22nd March. It takes only a minute to complete and it will be a great help to those planning the Jubilee weekend if they have some idea of which events will be best supported. The survey is anonymous so you are not committing yourself to anything! Please complete the survey even if you are going to be away that weekend or will not be taking part.

To start the survey, go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJMvrRTaWx-rstVOmvya1IcxhREfhe16VpFj94NJBW0qaxmw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you are unable to access the survey or would like to make more general points, please email us at news@birlingham.org or phone Steve Morris on 07801 368953.



Crocus and snowdrop display, 25th February
(Photo: Peter Luff)

Snowdrop Teas

by Caryl Mills

The Friends of St James' would like to thank everyone who helped make the Snowdrop Teas such a success this year, despite storms and power cuts. The donated cakes were much appreciated and many compliments given. It was good to be able to welcome visitors again, both old friends and those coming for the first time.

Over £2,200 was raised to help install water in the church and undertake other essential maintenance.

Stray Cat

by Caryl Mills

Do you own a black male cat with yellow eyes? He is visiting houses with cat flaps in Church Street and at the back of the church which also have cats.
Please contact me on 01386 751748, as we wouldn't like any animals to be harmed.

Platinum Jubilee Meeting

by Steve Morris

Thank you to those who turned up for the first Platinum Jubilee meeting on Tuesday. It was a constructive yet sociable evening at which a number of ideas were put forward. With four days over which activities can take place, it was decided to canvass opinion in the village to find out which events would be most likely to be supported. To that end, there is an online survey where you can express your views (full details below).

Thank you (in advance) to those who were unable to join us in the Village Hall but have offered help over the Jubilee weekend.

The next meeting has been set for Monday 28th March at 7.30pm, with wine or soft drinks and light refreshments available from 7.15pm. Please come along, or let us know at news@birlingham.org if you would like to be involved.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 16th March

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm in Birlingham Village Hall. During the meeting there is an opportunity to express your views on local issues, so please go along.

The agenda for the meeting is available at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_agenda_2022-03-16.pdf

and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 17th January can be viewed at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2022-01-17.pdf.



Daffodils at Birlingham Village Hall, 8th March (Photo: Nikki Hollier)

Bring and Buy Sale for Ukraine

Saturday 26th March

by Adrianne Woodward

There will be a Bring and Buy Sale, with refreshments, held in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th March from 11.00am to 4.00pm. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds will go to the appeal for Ukraine.

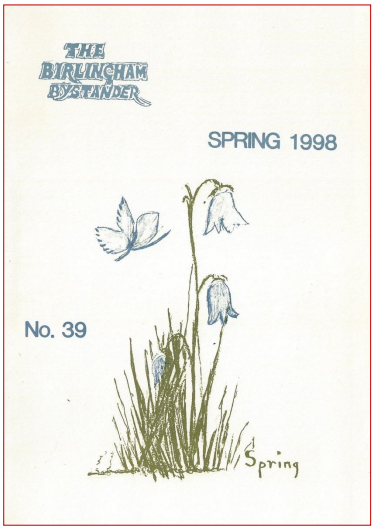
Any donations of bric-a-brac, clothing, plants, gifts, cakes - in fact anything that can be sold - will be most appreciated. Donations can be taken directly to the Hall on the 26th from 10.00am onwards or Paula Aston (01386 751425) will be happy to collect beforehand.

It is recognised that some of you will have already made charitable donations to Ukraine but as there are Ukrainian workers living in Birlingham it was felt that would be good to have a village event to assure them of our support.

It is to be hoped that as many of you as possible will call in to the Hall for coffee/tea and cake and who knows, you may find a bargain!

If anyone is unable to attend but would like to make a monetary donation please contact me on 01386 750936.

Bystander Archives



With the departure of Ian Dawes, the previous edition of the Birlingham Bystander threatened closure if no one stepped forward to help out. The threat clearly had the desired effect and for the Spring 1998 edition the previous editors, Harry Porter and Pat Taylor, were joined by Wimpy Bennett, Pat and Mike Farey, Di Saville and Geof Taylor.

This edition has articles on Ferraris, the Quiet Garden at the Manor House and Anna Bennett's new role in the Okavango Delta. The Millennium Map is beginning to take shape. There are photographs of the Christmas Party, the Bulb Sunday Concert and the WI Children's Tea Party.

There is also some discussion about the pros and cons of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's plans to create a wetland nature reserve down towards Nafford.

Issue 39 of the Bystander can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander039.pdf

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Cleaner required for a regular house clean, coming through recommendation of local residents. Please contact Mat; 07816 928353.

Dates for your diary

March

Wed 16	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 20	Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
Sat 26	Bring and Buy Sale for Ukraine, 11.00am-4.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Mon 28	Platinum Jubilee open meeting, 7.15pm, Birlingham Village Hall

April

Sun 3	Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 6	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 17	Easter Sunday, 10.30am, St James' Church

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The copy date for the next edition is Sunday 20th March (for publication on Wednesday 23rd March). We regret that we will not be able to include any items submitted after that date.

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