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Editorial

With the Platinum Jubilee now only five weeks away, the plans are taking shape and it looks like being a varied and enjoyable weekend of celebrations.

As part of the Jubilee commemoration the gaps in the Jubilee Wood, planted ten years ago, were filled with a new batch of trees last November. These new trees are now all coming into leaf.

Tomorrow the phone box will be taken away for its refurbishment. The amount of work required was much more than originally anticipated but when it returns in July it will enhance the village centre.

In the meantime, the programme of events for the Jubilee weekend has been finalised. A large number of people have already volunteered to help but, as always, more are needed, as are prizes for the Jubilee raffle and sponsors for the events. If you can help in any way, get in touch at news@birlingham.org.

This is an opportunity for the community to join together in three days of celebration. Bring your family and friends and make this a truly memorable occasion.

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 4th May

by Sue Hermon



Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 4th May from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Birlingham Village Hall. The cost is £2.50 per person. Everyone is most welcome to come along for tea or coffee plus a cake or two. Hope you can join us.

For more information, or to request transport, please contact me on 01386 750096 or email sue.hermon@me.com.



Phone Box Restoration

by Maxine Cook

The phone box restoration begins on Thursday 28th April, as it is being collected and taken away to Spalding, Lincolnshire for approximately 10 weeks. The phone box will be stripped down and shot-blasted back to bare metal and then built back up, painted and re-glazed with new hand screen-printed TELEPHONE transoms added as well as gold-plated crowns. The PUSH/PULL safety glass panel will be restored, including the hinges and door pull. Once complete it will be delivered back and reinstalled.

The funding for the restoration of the kiosk is being made possible with support from County Councillor Adrian Hardman, the Jubilee Committee, the *Birlingham Bystander* and the Parish Council's project budget.



The phone box on 26th March

Platinum Jubilee Meeting

Monday 16th May *by Steve Morris*

Thank you to all those who turned up to a packed meeting on Monday to discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 2nd-5th June.

Thanks also to everyone who has volunteered to organise or help at one of the events. We still need more volunteers, so if you are willing to get involved in some way, please email us at news@birlingham.org.

The events confirmed are:

Friday 3rd June	**Quiz Night**	*Time & venue to be confirmed*
Saturday 4th June	**Street Party**	3.00pm–5.00pm Between Village Hall & Church
	Children's competition: "Fit for a Queen"	Baking/cooking competition To be judged during Street Party
	Music Night	*Time & venue to be confirmed*
Sunday 5th June	**Platinum Jubilee Celebratory Service**	10.30am. Organised by PCC
	Pram Race	12.00pm (after service) Around the church
	Treasure Hunt	Sunday afternoon

We will shortly be distributing a programme to every house.

There will, of course, be a raffle over the weekend - no village event would be complete without one! If you would like to donate a prize, please contact us.

We are also looking for local businesses who would like to sponsor the celebrations. We have options available ranging from £40 to £300. If you would like to sponsor the Jubilee events, please email news@birlingham.org.

The next meeting to discuss arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations has been set for Monday 16th May at 7.30pm, with wine or soft drinks and light refreshments available from 7.15pm.

Pilates at Birlingham Village Hall

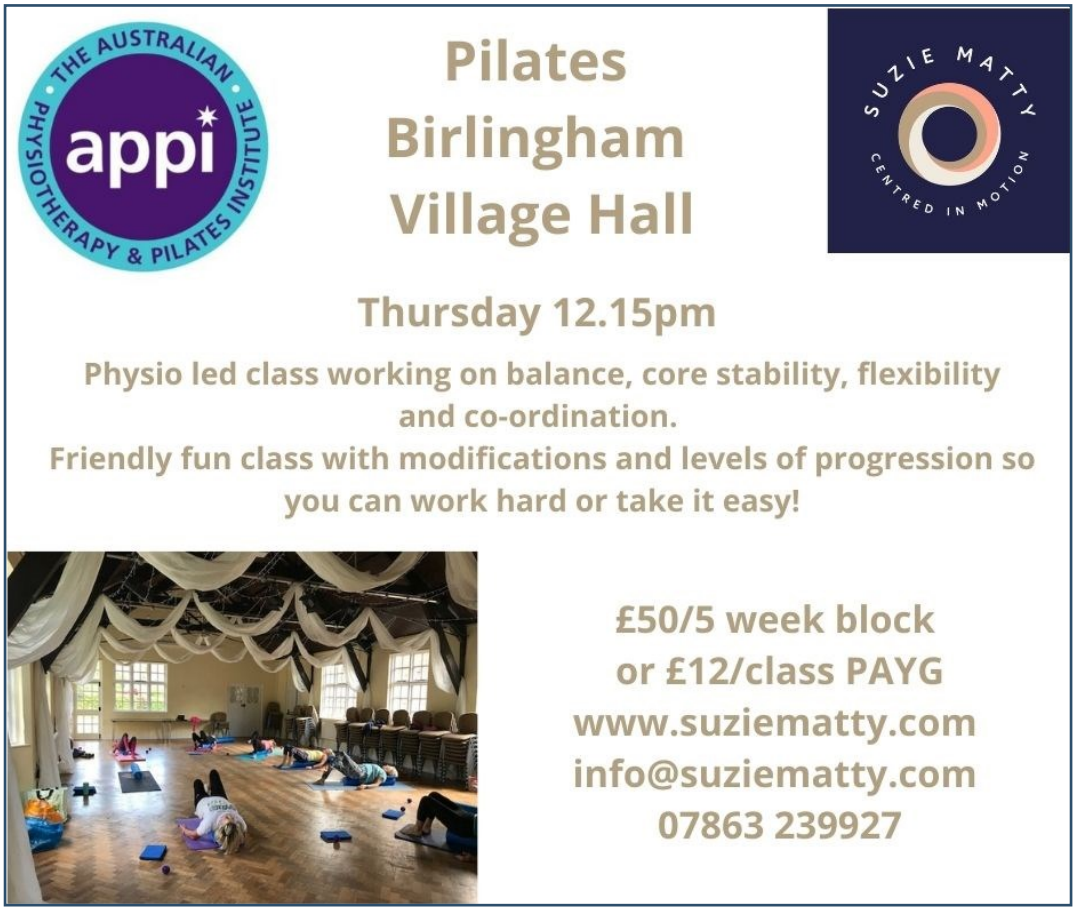
by Suzy Matty

There is a regular Pilates class in Birlingham Village Hall on Thursdays at 12.15pm.

This is a small physio-led pilates class. We work on balance, core stability, flexibility and co-ordination with the aim of keeping you happy, healthy and able to enjoy life with out being held back by aches and pains! (Suitable for those with injuries or back problems.)

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 12, but there are currently a couple of spaces. If you are interested, please call or message me on 07863 239927 or email: info@suziematty.com.

There is also more general information on my website: https://www.suziematty.com



St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

Services at St James' Church during May will be held at the following times:

- **Sunday 1st**: Morning Praise, 10.30am (led by Peter Stansbie)
- **Sunday 15th**: Holy Communion, 10.30am (led by Revd Claire Lording)

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served after the services.

Save the date and time!

- **Sunday 5th June**: Platinum Jubilee Celebratory Service, 10.30am (led by Peter Stansbie)

There will be contributions both in word and song by villagers of all ages. Details to follow.

Also, I am looking for villagers who have met the Queen or have personal anecdotes about seeing her as a child, or have family members who may have shared experiences about her etc. to contribute to an item in the Platinum Jubilee service. If you are able to help please contact me on 01386 750936 for further discussion.

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Whitehall Cottages, 15th April
(Photo: Nikki Hollier)

Curlews Nesting on Asham Meadow

by Ian Yates

Observers from the Curlew Forum have been busy in the Severn and Avon Vales in the last couple of weeks looking for possible nesting sites for this endangered bird. They have witnessed courtship chasing at times in the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust reserve at Coombe Hill (see photo opposite).

The breeding season is now underway and a nest with four eggs has been located on Asham Meadow. The position of the nest is shown in the map below and it would be very much appreciated that those walking with their dogs ensure that the nest is left undisturbed. The nest may not be immediately visible to those walking along the diagonal footpath (521B) as the Curlew Forum will not be fencing it off. They want to have a mixture of fenced and unfenced nests, so that they can compare the efficiency of fenced and unfenced nests in reaching hatching.



Courtship chasing: male Curlew in pursuit of his mate
(Photo: Sara Baldwin)



Position of the nest above the diagonal footpath (521B)


Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter:
Evesham and Pershore
Issue 3 - Bringing you updates from your local teams
January to March 2022
Welcome to your latest newsletter from the Evesham & Pershore Safer Neighbourhood Teams. We have been very busy working on various national campaigns, which include targeting drug dealers who use our area to supply and transport drugs across the
Local Policing Charter
The Local Policing Charter was launched in March 2021, outlining the ongoing commitment to improving the local policing delivery and providing a service that

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

The latest Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter, issue 3 covering January to March, is available at: www.birlingham.org/docs/safer_neighbourhood_team_2022_jan-mar.pdf

The issue includes items on theft of scrap metal, SmartWater, speed enforcement in Eckington and much more.

Parish Matters Newsletter

The April edition of the Parish Matters Newsletter, produced by Wychavon District Council, is available at: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWYCHAVON/bulletins/310edaf

The issue includes items on the bulky waste collection service, energy rebate payments and other Wychavon services.


Parish matters
WYCHAVON
News from Wychavon District Council for town and parish councils
April 2022
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If you have any items or suggestions of what you would like to see in the next edition please contact Tracy Perkins – tracy.perkins@wychavon.gov.uk

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Dates for your diary

May

Sun 1	Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 4	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 17	Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 18	Birlingham Parish Council Annual Meeting, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall, followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm

June

Wed 1	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Fri 3	Platinum Jubilee – Quiz Night (venue/time to be confirmed)
Sat 4	Platinum Jubilee – Street Party, 3.00–5.00pm
	Platinum Jubilee – Children's Fit for a Queen competition
	Platinum Jubilee – Music Night (7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall)
Sun 5	Platinum Jubilee Service, 10.30am, St James' Church
	Platinum Jubilee – Pram Race, 12.00pm, St James' Church
	Platinum Jubilee – Treasure Hunt (venue/time to be confirmed)

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