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Editorial

Three and a half years ago, in January 2019, we began to publish early editions of the *Birlingham Bystander* on the village website. Starting with the first issue from Autumn 1982, we have been uploading one edition a month. This month we have reached the halfway point, the first issue from the new Millennium.

It is fascinating to compare the editions from the last part of the 20th century with those being produced today. In many ways, few things have changed: the same annual events, many of the same concerns and a significant proportion of the cast of characters continue to play their parts in village life.

Some things have changed, of course. Forty years ago there were no mobile phones or personal computers and the *Bystander* was produced on a photocopier (at the same cost as today's full-colour editions). The Bystander now forms part of a group of complementary publications, – including the website, birlingham.org, and the twice-monthly *Birlingham News* – but its role in reporting the major events of the village and providing a historical record of life in Birlingham remains undiminished.

And by December 2026 we will have completed the task of uploading previous editions to the website!

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 20th July

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 20th July 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_2022-07-20.pdf
and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 18th May will be available shortly at:
http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2022-05-18.pdf.

False Widow Spiders

A relatively uncommon spider, the false widow spider, has been spotted in Birlingham. Although the subject of tabloid scare stories a few years ago, this spider rarely bites humans and when it does the effect is usually no greater than that of a wasp sting.





However, there have been occasions when bites have caused more serious injuries and you should not handle these spiders if you come across one.



Bredon Hill from Broadway Road, 12th July – taken from the same viewpoint as the photograph in the previous edition
(Photo: Nikki Hollier)

Letters to the Editors

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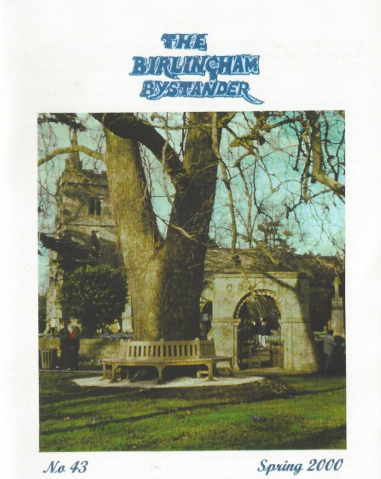
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Gardener required for house in Lower End. Please contact news@birlingham.org for more details.

Bystander Archives



We are now halfway through our tour of old Bystanders and have reached the new Millennium. The Spring 2000 edition of the Birlingham Bystander inevitably concentrates on the Millennium celebrations, with reports of the Millennium Eve festivities and bell ringing the following morning, along with plans for summer activities and a play at the Village Hall at the end of the year.

Other articles include progress in the Gwen Finch Wetlands Reserve, the arrival of painter Michael Bibby, 40 years of fishing on the Avon, racing at Donnington Park by Simon Ford, the Bulb Sunday service, Nafford Lock repairs and the installation of the long-awaited 30mph signs. There is an obituary for Charles Bennett.

Issue 43 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander043.pdf

President's Day

by David Clasen

The President's XI vs Birlingham CC game was a great success, played in amazing weather. The event was also to raise funds for the Dnipro project in Ukraine. Donations were made through Eventbrite and together with a raffle held on the ground over £2,000 will be raised. The donation will be made by Henry Porter, our President, and all funds will go directly to the Ukraine charity.

The game was 30 overs per side and nearly 400 runs were scored, with Birlingham eventually chasing down the President's XI's impressive total of 195. The game was well supported by a number of villagers, who enjoyed their cricket tea together with some excellent music to round off a great day.

Dates for your diary

July

Sun 17	Holy Communion, 10.30am
Wed 20	Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall

August

Sun 7	Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Sun 17	Holy Communion, 10.30am

Birlingham Cricket Club fixtures – July

Sat 16	Birlingham Saturday XI vs Ombersley CC, 12.30pm
Sun 17	Fossils TBC
Tue 19	Worcestershire Seniors 60+ vs Somerset 3rd XI, 12.30pm
Sat 23	Birlingham Saturday XI vs Stourport on Severn CC, 12.30pm
Sat 30	Bredon CC 3rd XI vs Hanley Castle CC, 12.30pm

The bar will be open from 6.00pm for all fixtures

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The copy date for the next edition is Sunday 24th July (for publication on Wednesday 27th July). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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