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Editorial

We all enjoy those regular village events that come round most years – Bulb Sunday, the village fete, the Flower & Produce Show and all the Christmas events, for example – but spare a thought for all those who work tirelessly, often all year round, to make those occasions such a success time after time.

Unless you are involved in one of the teams that put these amazing activities together, you probably have little idea of how much work is involved. It is particularly those events that run smoothly and effortlessly that require the most effort!

The same is true of the other organisations that work behind the scenes to provide us with our village institutions: the Village Hall Committee, Parochial Church Council and Cricket Club (not to mention the teams that produce the *Bystander* and *Birlingham News*!) Then there are the IW, Cuppa & Chat – and so it goes on.

The Flower & Produce Show are currently asking for new recruits. They have been working hard to create memorable shows, in some cases for the last twelve years. It's no wonder they would like to take a back seat for while!

So if you can spare a little time, please consider joining their committee. If that does not appeal to you, think about getting involved with one of the other village organisations, who are always glad of a helping hand.

Birlingham Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 3rd September

by Caryl Mills



With the rain, hopefully your gardens will pick up and you can start to think about your entries for the Flower & Produce Show on Saturday 3rd September on the Cricket Ground. You should have received your schedule so have a look through and prepare your entry form, which needs to be submitted to 4 Church Street by Thursday 1st September at 8.00pm. Entry cards can be collected from 4 Church Street on Friday 2nd September between 6.00 and 8.00pm and from the Show Tent on Saturday morning from 8.30am. There is a charge of 10p per item for all entries except for the children's classes.

Don't worry if you think that your entries are not up to standard; enter anyway as everyone is in the same boat!

If you enjoy the Flower & Produce Show and want to see if continue from year to year then do consider joining the Committee. The current Committee members have been managing the Show for up to 12 years and feel it is time for new blood to take charge and bring new ideas to maintain the standard. Please talk to one of us on the day or contact Caryl at caryl-mills@hotmail.co.uk or Dave at davidkew20@gmail.com.

The full schedule for this year's Show is included on the following pages.

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 6th April

by Sue Hermon



Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 7th September 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.



Moon and rooks over Bredon, taken from Lower End, 9th August (Photo: Peter Luff)

BIRLINGHAM SHOW ENTRY FORM
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED ON THIS FORM
Closing date for all entries – **THURSDAY 1st September 2022 at 8pm**

MARK YOUR ENTRY THUS : (1) ENTRY : (2) ENTRIES

Section A

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Section B **Section C**

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25A 25B 25C 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

Section D **Section E**

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

Section F **Section G**

46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

Section H **Section I**

58a 58b 58c 58d 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69

Section J: Please enter date(s) of birth: _____

70 71 72 73 74 75

You will be given an ENTRY CARD for EACH entry

Name: (BLOCK LETTERS)

_____

Address:

_____

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Completed Entry Forms will be accepted at 4 Church Street during the week commencing 29th August until 8:00 pm on Thursday 1st September 2022.

If you have any queries please contact the committee via info@birlinghamshow.co.uk

ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON. Photocopies will be accepted, or additional forms can be acquired from Caryl Mills at 4 Church Street, Birlingham, WR10 3AQ.

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FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 2022



3rd September 2022

Entry from 2pm

Show Rules

1. Closing date for receipt of entry forms: **Thursday 1st September 2022 at 8pm.** Space permitting, additional entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee on Saturday between 9 am and 11 am at double fees.
2. Entry forms will be accepted at 4 Church Street during the week commencing 29th August up to 8:00pm of Thursday 1st September 2022. No responsibility can be made for non-receipt.
3. Entry cards will be issued from 4 Church Street on Friday 2nd September 2022 6pm – 8:00pm and on Saturday 3rd September at Birlingham Cricket Club from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.
4. Payment must be made at the same time as collection of Entry Cards. Cheques should be made payable to "Birlingham Flower and Produce Show". No entries will be accepted without payment.
5. All exhibits must be staged between 8:30 am to 11:00 am on Saturday 3rd September 2022.
6. All produce exhibited in Sections A, B and C must have been grown in the garden or allotment of the exhibitor. All entries should be identified by variety.
7. Each entrant will be responsible for displaying their own entries and for placing their assigned entry cards. These should be attached to the entry where possible.
8. A fee of 10p per entry on the entry form will be made for Sections A – I. No entry charge is made for Section J – Children.
9. TWO ENTRIES ALLOWED IN EACH CLASS, but points will only be awarded for the highest placed entry.
10. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor in any of the classes if, in their judgement, any unfair means have been used to win a prize.
11. Public viewing from 2pm. No exhibits to be removed from benches until 4:00pm. Exhibits to be donated for sale to be handed over by 4:15pm.
12. Presentation of trophies at 4:30pm, followed by Sale of Produce and Raffle.
13. Prize money Section J (Children's Category):
    First 4 points £4.00
    Second 3 points £2.00
    Third 2 points £1
14. The allocation of points and prizes in each class is at the Judge's discretion. The Judge's decision is final. No appeals permitted.
15. All trophies are perpetual and must be returned to the Show secretary at 4 Church Street Birlingham by 24th August each year.
16. The Committee will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to any article.
17. Hanging basket Competition: points awarded will be carried through into the main show competition.

Contribution of surplus produce and unwanted exhibits will be welcome for the produce sale.

Schedule of Classes

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize Cards will be awarded for each Class
Only 1 entry in each class to be counted as Points for Cups

Section A: Vegetables

1 White Potatoes	dish of 5
2 Coloured Potatoes	dish of 5
3 Onions,	Utility 4
4 Carrots	3
5 Beetroot	3
6 Edible Squash/Gourd/Marrow	1
7 Runner Beans	6 pods
8 Longest runner bean	1
9 French Beans	6 pods
10 Cherry Tomatoes, any variety	a single truss
11 Tomatoes	dish of 5
12 Courgette	3
13 Cucumbers	2
14 Shallots	9
15 Any other vegetables not included in classes 1 to 14	3 of any kind
16 Capsicums including Chili Peppers	3
17 Container of Mixed Vegetables	Minimum **5** different varieties

Section B: Fruit

18 Apples, Dessert	dish of 3
19 Apples, Culinary	dish of 3
20 Plums	dish of 6
21 Damsons	dish of 12
22 Pears	dish of 3
23 Soft Fruits	10 berries
24 Any other fruit not included in classes 18 to 23	3 large fruit One bunch

Please note that Section A to B must be labelled with their Variety

Section C: Flowers, Foliage and Herbs

25A	Pompom Dahlias	3 blooms for display
25B	Cactus & Semi Cactus Dahlias	3 blooms for display
25C	Decorative Dahlias	3 blooms for display
26	Roses Floribunda	3 stems
27	Roses, H/T	3 blooms
28	Single H/T Rose	1 bloom
29	Sweet peas	5 stems
30	Gladioli	3 spikes
31	Pot plant, Flowering, including Cactus	
32	Pot Plant, Foliage, including Ferns	
	(*Classes 31 & 32 to have been in competitors ownership 2 months*)	
33	Cut Flowers	1 vase, 5 assorted blooms
34	5 cut herbs in a container	Collection in named bunches in a container

Section D: Floral Art

35 Arrangement of Foliage **(may include berries)**
36 Arrangement of Flowers
(*all displays to be 18" x 18" or 45 cms x 45cms with no height limit*)

Section E: Cookery

37 Hand baked Bread - *No Bread-makers allowed!*
38 Bread-maker bread - Only bread-makers allowed!
39 Traditional Plain Shortbread (5 Pieces)
40 Sticky Gingerbread Cake (max 8")
41 Lemon Drizzle Cake (max 8")
42 Fruit Cake (max 8")
43 Classic Coffee Cake (max 8")
44 5 Plain Scones
45 Peppermint Creams

Section F: Preserves & Jams

46 1 jar of Strawberry Jam
47 1 jar of Marmalade
48 1 jar of Fruit Jelly
49 1 jar of Stone Fruit Jam
50 1 jar of Jam not included in classes 46 to 49
51 1 jar of Chutney, including Piccalilli
52 1 jar of Pickles

Section G: Home Produce

53	Home laid Eggs (any variety)	5 on a plate
54	Homemade Beer or Cider	1 Bottle
55	Homemade Spirit or Liqueur	1 Bottle
56	Homemade Wine	1 Bottle
57	Homemade Cordial	1 Bottle

Section H: Leisure Craft (All exhibits to have been taken / completed in the last 12 months)

58 Any Photograph, colour or B&W, maximum size 7" x 5"
a) Anybody b) Animals c) Anywhere d) Arty
(*open to members of the Birlingham Camera Club*)
59 Cushion in any Medium, (*maximum size 18" square*)
60 An Original Artwork maximum including frame is A3
61 An Original Line Drawing maximum including frame is A3
(Classes 58 & 59 *Open to members of the Birlingham Art Class*)
62 A Piece of Quilting or Patchwork - maximum 1 metre Square.
(*Open to members of the Pershore Patchwork & Quilting*)
63 Handmade greetings card
64 An "Upcycled' Item
65 A Piece of Poetry - Jubilee themed

Section I: Novelty Section

66 Garden in a Seed Tray
67 A character made from Fruit or Vegetables
68 Most Misshapen Vegetable
69 Scene from history made from Lego (no sets allowed!)

Section J: Children up to 12 years

(age to be attached to exhibit)

70 Decorated Fairy Cakes (3 per plate)
71 Garden Flowers in a Jam Jar
72 A piece of Artwork using Recycled Material
73 Garden in a seed tray
74 Any Photograph taken during the current year, colour or B&W, maximum size 7" x 5"
75 Scene from history made from Lego (no sets allowed!)

CUPS

THE WILLIAM TROW-POOLE TROPHY
For the highest number of points in Section H

THE JOAN HOLLIER PLATE
For the highest number of points in Section F

THE M & B SHIELD
for highest number of points in the show

THE HAROLD HERBERT CUP
for Decorative/Cactus Dahlia in Classes 25B and 25C

THE SWAN INN CUP
for the Best Vegetable exhibit in Classes 1 to 17

THE W JOWETT TROPHY
for the best Floral Arrangements in Classes 35 and 36

THE MRS ANN PORTER CUP
for winner of Class 16

THE GEORGE WILSON REVILL CUP
for best Root Vegetable in Classes 4 and 5

THE GERALD TAYLOR CUP
for best exhibit in the Show

THE BUTLER TROPHY
for highest number of points in Classes 37 to 45

THE COURT HOUSE SALVER
for highest number of points in Classes 18 to 24

THE CHILDRENS CUP
for highest number of points in classes 66 to 72

THE BIRLINGHAM NURSERY ROSE BOWL
for winner Hanging Basket Competition.

THE BETTY HUGHES CUP
for Resident of The Row gaining highest number of points in Show.

THE COMMITTEE WISH TO THANK ALL WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THE SHOW IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS

A small charge is made to cover the continued running costs of the show

Any questions regarding the entry process can be made by email to the committee via

caryl-mills@hotmail.co.uk

or telephone:

Secretary of Committee
Caryl Mills: 01386 751748

Members of the organising committee

Caryl Mills

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Birlingham Flower and Produce Show

We appreciate you suggestions and ideas to help improve the show. Please send us your comments to 4 Church Street Birlingham or drop it into the village show hub at the old telephone box.

comments: _____

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We are always looking for new volunteers to help on the day, or to join the show committee. To help please contact the show secretary for more details.

Thank you for your support from the Birlingham Show Committee

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

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

- **Sunday 4th**: Morning Praise, 10.30am (led by Revd David Bray)
- **Sunday 18th**: Harvest Festival, 10.30am (led by Revd Alma Organ)

The Harvest Festival will be a family service with contributions from all ages, followed by refreshments.

Donations of harvest goods (fresh, dried and tinned produce) can be placed during the preceding week in the church or the box in the church porch - or if you are planning to come to the service do bring your donation along on the day. The donations will be given to the Maggs Day Centre – a charity that feeds the homeless.



Church Cleaning

Tuesday 6th September

More volunteers are needed to help clean St James' Church before Harvest Festival. We will meet at the church on Tuesday 6th September at 2.00pm. Everyone welcome!

If you have any questions, contact Pat Chinneck at patchinneck02@gmail.com.

Churchyard Tidy-up

Thursday 8th September

by Sue Hayward

The Churchyard is ready for its annual tidy-up. A few volunteers are getting together at 9.30am on Thursday 8th September, armed with secateurs, loppers etc. to sort out the bushes and any troublesome ivy. Any other offers of help would be gratefully received. It shouldn't take longer than about three hours. Refreshments and cakes are on offer for the workers.

If you would like to help, please contact me by email at dennett90@aol.com or just turn up on the day.

Eckington Stores

We have a range of locally produced products:

- Fladbury meat pies
- LDA fresh meat
- Drapers bread and cakes
- La Parisienne French style bread & cakes
- Pegoty Hedge ready meals
- Pegoty Hedge organic beef
- Bennetts ice cream
- DJ Perks fruit and vegetables
- Meat Company sausage and bacon
- Happy Chucks eggs

We open 7 days per week:

- 0600 to 1830 Monday to Friday
- 0600 to 1800 Saturday
- 0600 to 1300 Sunday

John, Sue and Mark
Tel 01386 750266

Letters to the Editors

We welcome brief letters to the Editors on any subject relating to Birlingham. The Editors reserve the right to shorten letters and we cannot guarantee that all letters will be printed.

Please send letters to:
news@birlingham.org

French lessons for adults in Pershore



DID YOU KNOW that scientists have proved that learning a second language can delay the onset of dementia by up to five years?* Language lessons in small friendly groups in your community are a great way to keep your brain working and meet new people. This class is ideal for anyone who has previously studied some French and for those returning to French after a gap. The emphasis is on learning in a fun and interactive environment.

* https://www.nhs.uk/news/neurology/learning-second-language-slows-brain-ageing/

Currently enrolling for Sept 2022:

Intermediate French

Pershore Library, Thursdays 11.45-13.45

➢ For further information and to enquire about joining or to arrange a free trial lesson please contact the course tutor:
Louise Lilly: louiselilly49@gmail.com

Italian classes and other levels also available: contact Louise Lilly for more information.

Birlingham News Online – Survey Results

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete our short survey and provide us with some useful feedback.

Nearly 60% of those who responded said that they read the online edition most or all of the time and 80% said that we should continue publishing it. Therefore we have decided to continue for another six months, with a further review in the New Year.

The full results of the survey will be included in the next edition of Birlingham News Online, to be published on 14th September.

Personal Ads

Free piano available. For full details, please contact Matilda Clode on 07866 445159.

Personal adverts should consist of one paragraph of text, maximum 100 words, and will be included in a single issue of Birlingham News. Please note that advertisement text will be published exactly as received. Personal ads should be sent to news@birlingham.org no later than the Monday before publication. Birlingham News is published on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Dates for your diary

September

Thu 1	Closing date for F&PS entries, 8.00pm, 4 Church Street
Fri 2	Collection of F&PS entry cards, 6.00-8.00pm, 4 Church Street
Sat 3	Collection of F&PS entry cards, from 8.30am, Cricket Ground
	Birlingham Flower & Produce Show, 2.00pm, Cricket Ground
Sun 4	Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Tue 6	Church cleaning, 2.00pm, St James' Church
Wed 7	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 8	Churchyard tidy-up, 9.30am, St James' Church
Fri 16	Toast the Harvest, 6.30–8.00pm, St James' Church
Sun 18	Harvest Festival, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 21	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Village Hall
Sat 24 & Sun 25	Tiddesley Wood Log and Woodchip Sale, 10.00am–1.00pm

October

Sun 2	Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 5	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

Birlingham Cricket Club fixtures – September

Sat 10	Birlingham Saturday XI vs Barnards Green CC, 12.00pm
Sun 11	Fossils vs Alcester Ladies CC, 2.00pm

The Cricket Club bar will be open from 6.00pm for all fixtures

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