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Editorial

"Amidst the continuing turmoil of British politics, life seems to proceed at a relatively serene pace in Birlingham!"

So said one of our correspondents this week – and how true it is. Some of us have been glued to the news bulletins on the radio over the past few weeks with a dedication usually reserved for 'The Archers'. But others, no doubt, have neither the time nor the inclination to follow the national news; the soap opera that has been our Government will have passed them by. Perhaps they are the sensible ones.

While Prime Ministers, Chancellors of the Exchequer and Home Secretaries come and go at a dizzying rate – most with a lifespan shorter than a damselfly – the long-term effects of their tenure on the rest of us will be minimal. A few months from now, all this drama will be but a distant memory: much like an episode of 'Midsomer Murders', the plot vaguely remembered but can you recall who turned out to be the villain in the end?

Meanwhile here in Birlingham there are far more pressing issues: such as, when will the Burns Night Supper tickets go on sale and who will be the new churchwarden? These are the essential topical questions brought to you by *Birlingham News online*.

Cuppa & Chat



Wednesday 2nd November *by Sue Hermon*

Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 2nd November 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 and a chance to win our free Mystery Entry Prize! Hope you can join us.

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



Broadway Field, 13th October

Farm Manager, John Sansome, says, 'The purple flowers are phacelia, which is one of the species we plant as our over-winter cover crop mix. The field opposite was barley this year and will be going into veg in 2023, so rather than leaving bare we've planted it with phacelia, crimson clover, vetch, rye and oats. Unfortunately, due to the very dry summer, the cover crops haven't come very well generally this year. We had an underground irrigation main leak in the area of the photo, which illustrates how all the cover crops would look if we'd had sufficient rain! Pretty – and also doing a wonderful job of improving the soil.

(Photo: June Hiden)

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

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

- **Sunday 6th**: Tree Service, 10.30am (led by Canon Claire Lording) – see opposite for details
- **Friday 11th**: Armistice Day Remembrance Service, 10.50am (led by Peter Stansbie) – see opposite for details
- **Sunday 20th**: Holy Communion, 10.30am (led by Revd Alma Organ)

There will be refreshments available in the Church after all these services. Fingers crossed for good weather . . .

New Churchwarden Needed

by Revd Canon Claire Lording

After serving faithfully for four years as our Churchwarden, Adrianne has decided not to stand again as Churchwarden next April. We are all indebted to Adrianne for her cheerful and encouraging way of going about her responsibilities. It has been a challenging few years, as we have dealt with a pandemic and its consequences, but Adrianne has kept us all going.

If St James the Great is going to be able to look hopefully to the future we really need someone who feels able to be our next Churchwarden to step forward! In an ideal world we would have two people, which would help with sharing out the responsibilities. The PCC are committed to keeping St James' open, but we are a very small PCC and we cannot do it on our own.

If you would like to know more about the role and what the role really entails, please contact either Adrianne (Tel. 01386 750936) or me (vicar.pershoreabbey@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

Tree Service

Sunday 6th November

by Adrianne Woodward

The Tree Service will be held outside in the Jubilee Wood. A tree has kindly been donated by Rupert Keys on behalf of his new training company 'TASK'. The service will be led by Canon Claire Lording.

The wood is situated on the right-hand side of the main road leading down to Lower End, just past Birlingham House (the one currently being renovated).

There is parking for only a couple of cars so it is suggested that people park at the church and walk down. Sturdy shoes are advisable and please bring a chair if you would like to be seated.

Refreshments will be available afterwards in the church.

Remembrance Service

Friday 11th November

by Adrianne Woodward

Birlingham will be commemorating Armistice Day on Friday 11th November at an outside service taken by Peter Stansbie.

People are asked to assemble by 10.50am around the War Memorial on the Village Green for the short service of remembrance.

Refreshments will be available afterwards in the church.



Autumn at Nafford, 20th October (Photo: June Hiden)

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

Events at Birlingham Village Hall

by Ruth Keys

Dates for the diary for events at Birlingham Village Hall:

- **Saturday 17th December**, from 7.00pm – a **Christmas meet and greet** with carols, mince pies and mulled wine. A chance for 'new to the village' residents to meet the 'old timers' for a bit of festive cheer!
- Back for another year, our very popular **Burns Night Supper**, **Saturday 21st January 2023**, starting at 7.00pm. An enjoyable evening of food, music, poems and dancing to celebrate the life and poetry of Robert Burns. Tickets will be available soon.

Planning Applications

The following planning application has been received by Wychavon District Council:

Lower End Farm, Berwick Lane: Demolition of garage (with planning approval) and construction of replacement visitor accommodation as alternative (Case No. W/22/01882/FUL). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 10th November.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:
https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/22/01882/FUL.

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

Dates for your diary

October	
Sat 29 & Sun 30	Tiddesley Wood Log and Woodchip Sale, 10.00am–1.00pm
November	
Wed 2	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 6	Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Fri 11	Remembrance Service, 10.50am, Village Green
Wed 16	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 20	Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
December	
Sat 3 & Sun 4	Tiddesley Wood Log and Woodchip Sale, 10.00am–1.00pm
Sun 4	Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 7	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 17	Christmas Meet and Greet, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
January	
Sat 7 & Sun 8	Tiddesley Wood Log and Woodchip Sale, 10.00am–1.00pm
Sat 21	Burns Night Supper, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 7th November (for publication on Wednesday 9th November). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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