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Editorial

Here is your first comprehensive look at Christmas events in Birlingham.

This page contains all the main events for the festive season, beginning with the Christmas Cuppa & Chat on the 7th and carrying on through the Christmas Meet and Greet at the Village Hall on the 17th, the Carol and Christingle Service on the 18th and, of course, the service at the church on Christmas morning. Just for good measure, we have also included the opening times at the Swan Inn – more opportunities to catch up with family, friends and neighbours.

The next page contains all the other boring stuff – but there is also a great picture, taken today, of the River Avon close to flooding at Swan's Neck.

As one of our correspondents said, 'Hope you are ready to start thinking about Christmas! It certainly doesn't seem like a year has passed – I'm sure it comes around sooner every time!' Indeed it does.

For the first time since 2019, Christmas should be back to normal. So, with just 32 more sleeps (and one *Birlingham News online*) to Christmas, it's time to start planning your holidays.

Christmas at the Swan

by Zoe Haines

Join us this festive period to celebrate with friends and family with our two and three course menu, starting next Wednesday 30th November, featuring dishes to get you in the Christmas spirit.

We shall be open all day on Christmas Eve from 11.30am through to 11.00pm, serving food 12.00-2.00pm and 6.00-9.00pm. Christmas Day we shall be open for drinks 12.00-2.00pm for a cheeky tipple while the turkey is cooking!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and shall reopen the pub 6.00pm Wednesday 11th January after a few weeks of hibernation with the boys!

Thank you for your support this year.

Love *Will, Zoe, Jacob & George* xx



Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 7th December *by Sue Hermon*



Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 7th December from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Birlingham Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome to come along for a festive get-together to get us into the Christmas spirit! The cost is £2.50 per head.

Tea, coffee, mince pies and more plus a glass of mulled wine or two will be available.

There will be a raffle of prizes provided by Cuppa & Chat, with proceeds going to the Midlands Air Ambulance. Hope to see you there.

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

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

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

* **Sunday 4th**: Morning Praise, 10.30am (led by Peter Stansbie)
* **Sunday 18th**: Carol and Christingle Service, 6.00pm (led by Angela Gerrard)
* **Sunday 25th**: Christmas Day Holy Communion, 10.30am (led by Revd Alma Organ)

See below for details of the Carol and Christingle Service.

Carol and Christingle Service

Sunday 18th December *by Adrianne Woodward*

The Carol and Christingle Service takes place at St James' Church on Sunday 18th December.

This will be a family-friendly service with the chance to sing well-known carols and listen to the contributions of villagers of all ages as they take us through the story of the First Christmas. Children (and adults if they so wish!) can help to make the Nativity scene around the stable and receive Christingles.

We are hoping to conduct this service by candlelight . . . so perhaps it would be a good idea to bring a torch in case the light is too low to read the service sheet!

After the service there will be seasonal refreshments served in the Village Hall. So do come and raise a glass (or a cup) to the start of Christmas Celebrations at St James'.

Christmas Meet and Greet

Saturday 17th December *by Ruth Keys*

On Saturday 17th December, from 7.00pm in Birlingham Village Hall, there will be 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!

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

Planning Applications

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

The Manor House, Lower End: Construction of a single storey orangery infill extension (Planning Application Case No. W/22/02341/HP; Listed Building Consent Case No. W/22/02342/LB). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 22nd December.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/22/02341/HP
(Planning app)

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/22/02342/LB
(Listed building)



The river is getting close to flooding so it was a surprise to see this plucky boat and its small crew making good headway against the current! (23rd November)
(Photo: Peter Luff)

Parish Council Report

Birlingham Parish Council held its meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th November in the Village Hall.

A report of this meeting will appear in the next edition of *Birlingham News*.

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Dates for your diary

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
Sun 18	Carol and Christingle Service, 6.00pm, St James' Church
Sun 25	Christmas Day Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
January	
Sat 7 & Sun 8	Tiddesley Wood Log and Woodchip Sale, 10.00am–1.00pm
Wed 11	Swan Inn reopens, 6.00pm
Sat 21	Burns Night Supper, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 12th November (for publication on Wednesday 14th November). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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