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Editorial

We hope you all had a very merry Christmas and we wish you a happy New Year!

This has been the warmest year on record, with extreme weather events occurring around the world. No one can doubt now that climate change exists.

Therefore, when making your New Year resolutions, perhaps you can include one to help improve our environment: for example, recycle more, use less plastic or walk short distances rather drive.

While the politicians may negotiate environmental treaties at a national level, in the end it comes down to how we behave as individuals. Just as a single vote may seem insignificant at an election but the combination of such votes can change a government, so the small actions taken by individuals can combine to create massive environmental improvements.

In the words of the ancient Chinese proverb, 'A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.'

Swan Inn Re-opening

Wednesday 11th January

The Swan Inn will re-open after its Christmas break at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11th January.



St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

The PCC and the churchwarden would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and extend a big thank you to all who offer their support to the life of St James', including the bellringers, brass cleaners, church cleaners, flower arrangers and readers and sidesmen . . . not to forget the young people who have sung and read for us during the past year: Ollie Aston, Will Cook, Madeleine Frost, Georgie Garle, Hettie and Martha Smith, and Matilda White.

Services during January will be held at the following times:

* **Sunday 1st**: There is no service at St James' but you are invited to attend a Benefice Sung Eucharist at the Abbey at 10.30am
* **Sunday 15th**: Holy Communion, 10.30am (led by Canon Claire Lording)
* **Sunday 29th**: Benefice Sung Eucharist at the Abbey at 10.30am

Please note that there will be no access to St James' on Wednesday 4th January as contractors are removing the asbestos from the church organ blower box. There will also be additional contractors' vehicles parked on the Pound. Hopefully the inconvenience will be minimal as the work is only scheduled for a day.

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 4th January *by Sue Hermon*



A very festive Cuppa & Chat was held in Birlingham Village Hall on 7th December. Our thanks to the Village Hall committee and team that ensured the hall was beautifully decorated with garlands, baubles and lights plus a very impressive Christmas tree! It was great that so many came along. The Christmas raffle was well supported and means that we will be able to send a sizeable donation to the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

Our next get-together will be on Wednesday 4th January from 3.00 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.

Snowdrop Teas 2023

by Caryl Mills

Snowdrop Teas will be held in the Village Hall on the four weekends in February: 4th/5th, 11th/12th, 18th/19th and 25th/26th.

As usual we are looking for help from villagers to raise money to help the Friends of St James' keep the fabric of the building in good order, keep the churchyard looking as fabulous as it does and to make improvements to the heart of the village. We are looking for people to serve teas, set up and take down the tables in the Village Hall and most importantly bake the cakes that we are renowned for.

If you feel able to help then please contact Caryl Mills at caryl-mills@hotmail.co.uk or 07766 657666.



Christmas Bin Collection

Monday 2nd January

The next bin collections in Birlingham will be on Monday 2nd January (as normal): green bins (plus any number of clear recycling sacks placed next to the bin) & brown bins. From January, all bin collections in Birlingham will be on Mondays.

Clear recycling sacks are available from Pershore Civic Centre but any clear sacks can be used.

Make sure that your bins are out by 7.00am as collections may be earlier than usual.

Wychavon's guide to what can and cannot go in your green recycling bin next week is shown below.



Poplar logs from Swan's Neck, stacked in the Jubilee Wood, 20th December
Assurances have been given that the ground will be restored and replanted
(Photo: Rupert Keys)

Your naughty and nice Christmas recycling guide

by Wychavon District Council

Here is our guide to help you get your recycling right and cut your waste this Christmas. Visit our recycling search to find out about all the items you can recycle at home.

The Nice List

These go in your green bin/clear sack or can be taken to a Household Recycling Centre where indicated.

Wrapping paper – if it is not glittery or metallic/plastic lined. Scrunch your wrapping paper into a ball and if it holds its shape it can be recycled

Cardboard packaging – please flatten before putting in your green bin/clear sack.

Glass bottles – all colours can go in your green bin. If on a sack collection, please take to a Household Recycling Centre or one of our bring banks.

Crackers – if the wrapper can be scrunched and holds its shape then it can be recycled along with the cardboard tube, paper joke, paper hat and the snapper. Any plastic prize inside needs to go in your black bin/sack.

Plastic bottles – all colours except black can go in your green bin/clear sack. Leave lids on.

Advent calendars – the outer cardboard and plastic inner can go in your green bin/clear sack if it is free from foil or chocolate and is not made of black plastic.

Plastic tubs – pots or trays, such as those used for nibbles or dips (as long as not black plastic), can go in your green bin/ clear sack.

Metal drinks cans – these go in your green bin/clear sack.

Tin foil – if clean and free from food this can be recycled at a Household Recycling Centre. Please do not put in your green bin/clear sack.

Cardboard takeaway boxes – if not too greasy and free from food these can go in your green bin/clear sack

Plastic or metal sweet/biscuit tins – these go in your green bin/clear sack.

Christmas cards – these go in your green bin/clear sack or save them to reuse as tags next year.

The Naughty List

These items go in your black bin/sack.

Tinsel and other non-paper-based decorations.

Black plastic – of any kind.

Polystyrene – like the kind used in packaging.

Paper napkins and plates.

Metallic or plastic-backed wrapping paper (do the scrunch test to check).

Glitter-covered products and bows or ribbons (unless you can save them to use next year).

Santa's Helpers

Additional ways to reduce and reuse.

Christmas trees – real ones can be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

Food waste – portion plan and use up leftovers. Visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for tips.

Clothing – if good quality donate them to a charity shop or put them out for collection with your black bin/sack in a plastic bag and we will take them to be reused or recycled.

Unwanted toys/gifts – donate them to a charity shop.

Batteries – take them to any supermarket or retailer that sells batteries and use their battery recycling point. You can also put them in a plastic bag and leave them on top of your **black bin** for recycling.

Missing Kitten

By Kat Jones

Please look out for a grey and white kitten that went missing from Avonside Cottage on Wednesday 28th December.

We can't understand how it may have got out of the house, but we can't find it. It will be very frightened. It is about 16 weeks old and is called Smokey.

Any news at all, please call 07935 671437.

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.

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Planning Applications

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

Hills Cottage, Upper End: First floor extension over existing carport. The enclosure of carport bay at ground floor level to create entrance hall and construction of zinc standing seam roof to link house to carport. Addition of PV solar panels

Planning Application Case No. W/22/02657/HP

Listed Building Consent Case No. W/22/02656/LB

Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council.

Consultation period ends on 20th Jaunary (Application); 2nd February (LBC)

Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/22/02657/HP (Application)

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/22/02656/LB (LBC)

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those of you who have contributed to *Birlingham News online* over the last year.

In particular, thanks to our regular contributors, who keep us up to date with news and events in the village: Sue Hermon, Caryl Mills, Adrian Woodward and Ian Yates.

Thanks also to those who keep us supplied with topical photographs for the online edition: June Hiden, Nikki Hollier, Julia Luff and Peter Luff.

Finally, thank you to the dozens of people who have made other contributions to *Birlingham News* over the last twelve months.

Dates for your diary

January	
Sun 1	Benefice Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Pershore Abbey
Wed 4	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 7 & Sun 8	Tiddesley Wood Log and Woodchip Sale, 10.00am–1.00pm
Sun 15	Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 18	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 21	Burns Night Supper, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 29	Benefice Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Pershore Abbey
February	
Wed 1	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 4 & Sun 5	Snowdrop Teas
Sun 5	Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Sat 11 & Sun 12	Snowdrop Teas

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