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Editorial

The 300th edition of the *Birlingham News* email contains all you need to know about the preparations for the Coronation weekend, the May local elections and several other village events planned for the next few weeks.

Two months ago we urged you to volunteer your help for village organisations and it has been very encouraging that so many people have offered to help out with Coronation activities.

Now you have another opportunity to volunteer your services, either as a parish councillor or as district councillor. All our councillors work hard on behalf of the community and this is your chance to have a greater say in what happens in Birlingham. So please think carefully about whether either of these roles would suit you.

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St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

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

* **Sunday 2nd**: Palm Sunday Morning Praise, 10.30am (led by David Bray)
* **Sunday 9th**: Easter Day Holy Communion, 10.30am (led by Bishop Michael Hooper)
* **Sunday 16th**: **No service** at St James' but the church will be open

There will also be a full programme of services leading up to Easter, held at the Abbey. For details see the church noticeboards.

Friends of St James' Church AGM

Charity Registration Number 1094752 **Monday 27th March**

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held on Monday 27th March in St James' Church at 6.00pm.

All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

The agenda for the meeting, accounts for 2022 and reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Trustees were included in the previous online edition of *Birlingham News*.

Churchyard Tidy-up

Saturday 22nd April

by Sue Hayward

Calling all villagers! The Churchyard is in need of its spring tidy-up. The jobs include cutting back the fuchsias, sorting out the self-seeded elders, ridding walls and gravestones of ivy. If you would like to join us, please assemble in the churchyard on Saturday 22nd April at 10.30am armed with secateurs, loppers etc. Depending on the number of volunteers, it shouldn't take more than a couple of hours; less hopefully.

Tea and coffee will be available, together with homemade cake!

For further information and registering your interest, please e-mail me on dennett90@aol.com.

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 5th April

by Sue Hermon



Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 5th April from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Birlingham Village Hall. The cost is £2.50 per person and 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!

Our May Cuppa & Chat will be held in Coronation Week, which should be a memorable village occasion! Hope you can join us.

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

Coronation Celebrations Open Meeting

Tuesday 11th April

by Steve Morris

The second meeting to discuss the Coronation celebrations was held on Monday 20th March. Full details of the plans under consideration are included opposite.

The meeting decided to launch a brief survey to gauge the likely support for the activities being planned – details below. A final decision on the programme will be made at the next meeting.

The final meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th April** in the Village Hall, to which everyone in the village is invited. A glass of wine or a soft drink will be available.

The meeting will begin at 7.30pm and, as usual, the aim will be to complete it within an hour. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm.

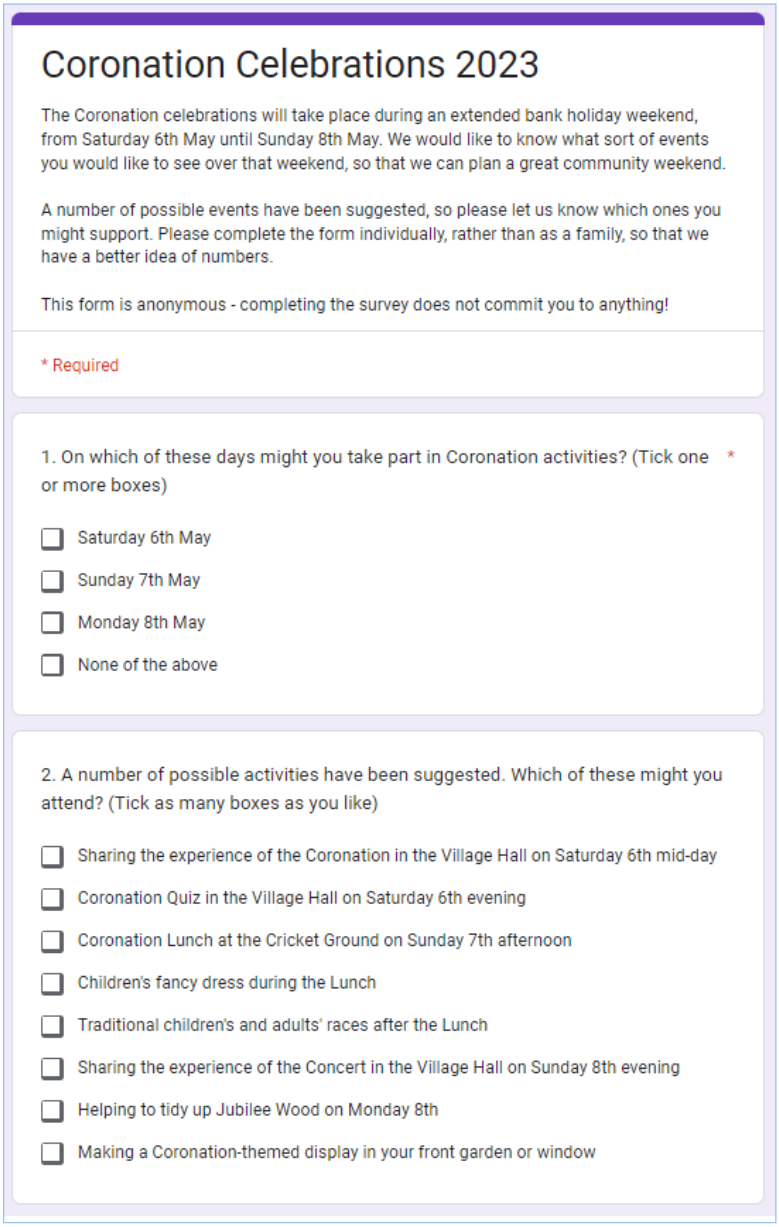
Please come along if you would like to be involved in some way, no matter how small, or have some suggestions for Coronation activities. If you are unable to make that date but would like to be kept informed, please let us know at news@birlingham.org.

Coronation Plans

The plans provisionally agreed by the meeting include:

- Quiz on Saturday 6th May at 7.00pm in Birlingham Village Hall, hosted by Brian Chinneck
- Picnic lunch/tea on Sunday 7th at the cricket ground
- Children's fancy dress for the afternoon
- Traditional races for children and adults after lunch
- Clearing around trees in Jubilee Wood by volunteers on Monday 8th as part of the 'Big Help Out'
- Coronation-themed public art in village gardens or front windows
- Shared experiences: watching the Coronation on the 6th or the Concert on the 7th at Birlingham Village Hall

Please complete the online survey so that the organisers have an idea of the level of support for each activity.



Coronation Celebrations 2023

The Coronation celebrations will take place during an extended bank holiday weekend, from Saturday 6th May until Sunday 8th May. We would like to know what sort of events you would like to see over that weekend, so that we can plan a great community weekend.

A number of possible events have been suggested, so please let us know which ones you might support. Please complete the form individually, rather than as a family, so that we have a better idea of numbers.

This form is anonymous - completing the survey does not commit you to anything!

* Required

1. On which of these days might you take part in Coronation activities? (Tick one or more boxes) *

- Saturday 6th May
- Sunday 7th May
- Monday 8th May
- None of the above

2. A number of possible activities have been suggested. Which of these might you attend? (Tick as many boxes as you like)

- Sharing the experience of the Coronation in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th mid-day
- Coronation Quiz in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th evening
- Coronation Lunch at the Cricket Ground on Sunday 7th afternoon
- Children's fancy dress during the Lunch
- Traditional children's and adults' races after the Lunch
- Sharing the experience of the Concert in the Village Hall on Sunday 8th evening
- Helping to tidy up Jubilee Wood on Monday 8th
- Making a Coronation-themed display in your front garden or window

Coronation Weekend Survey

Closing Date 10th April

Are you going to be in the village during the Coronation weekend of Saturday 6th May to Monday 8th June? If so, which of the proposed activities would you like to take part in?

An online survey is available from now until 10th April (see opposite). It takes only a minute to complete and it will be a great help to those planning the Coronation weekend in Birlingham if they have some idea of which events will be best supported. The survey is anonymous so you are not committing yourself to anything! Please complete the survey even if you are going to be away that weekend or will not be taking part.

Please complete the form individually, rather than as a family, so that we have a better idea of numbers.

To start the survey, click on the picture opposite or go to the link shown below it.

If you are unable to access the survey or would like to make more general points, please email us at news@birlingham.org or phone Steve Morris on 07801 368953.

Coronation Memories

Do you have any memories of the last Coronation in 1953 (not necessarily in Birlingham)? Or do you have stories told you by your parents or family? Do you have memorabilia from that year or from previous coronations or jubilees?

If so, we would like to hear from you. The Birlingham Memories Group is putting together a collection of memories from the previous coronation and other royal occasions. If you have any royal memories, please email memories@birlingham.org.

To start the survey, go to:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflQdJOnkhodm-epDLb4tcf4QH0sCmGOT4Qc3hyFA9UWQ2-zg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Parish Council Report

The report of the Birlingham Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 15th March will be included in the next edition of Birlingham News, which is scheduled for Wednesday 12th April.

District Council Elections

Thursday 4th May

District Council elections also take place on Thursday 4th May. Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Civic Centre by **4.00pm on Tuesday 4th April**.

If you want further information about these elections, please email the Clerk to the Parish Council at birlingham_clerk@yahoo.co.uk.

Parish Council Elections

Thursday 4th May

by Ian Yates

Members of the Parish Council are elected every four years. The next election will take place on 4th May 2023. If you are passionate about your community and want to help make a difference or have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it then why not apply to become a councillor? Nomination Papers must be submitted by hand not later than **4.00pm on Tuesday 4th April**. They can be delivered between 10.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday to the Elections Team at the Committee Room at Pershore Civic Centre WR10 1PT.

For more information see the Guidance for Candidates and Nomination Papers.

The Notices of Election for Birlingham Parish Council and for the Eckington ward (which includes Birlingham) of Wychavon District Council are shown on the following pages.



A hoar frost at Nafford, 25th January
(Photo: Julia Luff)

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Wychavon District Council
Election of Councillors
for the Parish Councils (Parish Wards) listed below

Parish Council (Parish Ward shown in brackets if applicable)	Number of Parish Councillors to be elected	Parish Council (Parish Ward shown in brackets if applicable)	Number of Parish Councillors to be elected
Abbots Morton	Seven	Ashton-Under-Hill	Seven
Badsey and Aldington (Aldington)	One	Badsey and Aldington (Badsey)	Nine
Badsey and Aldington (Blackminster)	One	Badsey and Aldington (Bowers Hill)	One
Badsey and Aldington (Orchards)	One	Beckford (Beckford)	Seven
Beckford (Grafton)	One	Birlingham	Seven
Bishampton and Throckmorton (Bishampton)	Seven	Bishampton and Throckmorton (Throckmorton)	Two
Bredon and Bredons Norton (Bredon)	Nine	Bredon and Bredons Norton (Bredons Norton)	One
Bredon and Bredons Norton (Westmancote)	Two	Bretforton	Nine
Broadway	Thirteen	Charlton	Seven
Childswickham	Seven	Cleeve Prior	Seven
Cookhill	Seven	Cropthorne	Seven
Crowle	Nine	Defford and Besford (Besford)	Three
Defford and Besford (Defford)	Six	Dodderhill (Dodderhill)	Twelve
Dodderhill (Impney)	One	Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton (Drakes Broughton)	Eight
Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton (Pirton)	Three	Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton (Wadborough)	Three

1. Nomination papers must be hand-delivered to the Returning Officer, The Committee Room, Civic Suite at Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT on any working day from the date of this notice, Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm, but no later than 4pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023. No appointment is necessary.

2. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT. Hard copies can be collected by request, or copies can be emailed or posted by calling 01386 565437 or emailing elections@wychavon.gov.uk.

3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 4th May 2023.

4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT by 12 midnight on Monday 17th April 2023. Applications can be made online at https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes, and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the address above by 5 pm on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

6. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday 25th April 2023. Applications can be made online: https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the address above by 5 pm on Tuesday 25th April 2023, except in cases where unforeseen illness, incapacity, occupation, service or employment occurs after that time, in which case applications may be received by no later than 5pm on Thursday 4th May 2023.

Dated Tuesday 14 March 2023

Vic Allison
Returning Officer

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Wychavon District Council

Election of District Councillors

for all Wychavon District Wards - listed below

Wards	Number of District Councillors to be elected	Wards	Number of District Councillors to be elected
Badsey & Aldington	One	Bengeworth	Two
Bowbrook	One	Bredon	One
Bredon Hill	One	Bretforton & Offenham	One
Broadway, Sedgeberrow & Childswickham	Two	Dodderhill	One
Drakes Boughton, Norton & Whittington	Two	Droitwich East	Two
Droitwich South East	Two	Droitwich South West	Two
Droitwich West	Two	Eckington	One
Evesham North	Two	Evesham South	Two
Fladbury	One	Hampton	Three
Hartlebury	One	Harvington & Norton	One
Honeybourne, Pebworth & The Littletons	Two	Inkberrow	Two
North Claines & Salwarpe	Two	Ombersley	One
Pershore	Three	Pinvin	One
Upton Snodsbury	One		

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Age UK Wellbeing Activities

by Carley Edge, Social Inclusion & Well Being Activities Co-ordinator, Age UK Herefordshire & Worcestershire

I am a Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Activities Co-ordinator for Age UK Herefordshire and Worcestershire. I am writing to you to inform you of some of our Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Activities we have in Pershore, near to you. We have Walking Netball and Walking Football – first session free, then £4.50 to cover venue hire and includes refreshments, Walking Cricket – free to attend, a Computer Café – free to attend with a small donation for tea and coffee, an allotment - free to attend, and a Dementia Café in Wick (Pershore) – free to attend. *Full details below*

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What's on in Pershore...

Walking Netball and Walking Football...

Keep active, make new friends, improve your health and wellbeing.

Walking Netball every Tuesday 12 – 1pm at Pershore Leisure Centre.

Walking Football every Thursday 11am – 12pm at Pershore Cricket Club.

First Session FREE!

£4.50 thereafter **to include refreshments.**

Contact Lorna on 07904 352642 **or email** freedomactivities123@gmail.com

www.freedomactivities.com

Computer Café...

Support for online shopping, online banking, sending and receiving emails, accessing health services or just browsing the internet and more.

Every Friday 09:30 – 11:30am at Pershore Library.

Free to attend with a small, suggested donation to cover teas and coffee.

Contact Justin on 07858 140462 **or email** justin@senioritsupport.co.uk

www.ageukhw.org.uk

Gardening Group...

Stay active and in the green gym! Enjoy some fresh air, meet new people, grow your own fruit and vegetables, improve your health and wellbeing and more! There are lots of benefits of gardening together.

Every Tuesday morning 10:30am – 12:30pm.

FREE to attend.

Contact Age UK H&W Referral Hub on 0800 008 6077 **or email** referralhub@ageukhw.org.uk

www.ageukhw.org.uk

Wick Dementia Café...

Come along to and enjoy activities in a supportive environment. The cafés are here to provide support and information for people living with mild to moderate Dementia, their carers, friends and family.

Every third Tuesday of the month 10:30am – 12:30pm. Wick Club, Main Street, Wick, Pershore, WR10 3PD.

FREE to attend

Contact Age UK H&W Referral Hub on 0800 008 6077 **or email** referralhub@ageukhw.org.uk

www.ageukhw.org.uk

Tree Felling

Last Sunday's Observer newspaper published an article by Henry Porter on the felling of trees in Plymouth, Sheffield and other towns and cities. The article (opposite) also refers to Swan's Neck.

The article can be viewed at: https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/mar/19/mass-felling-trees-england-cities-countryside?CMP=share_btn_tw.

The Observer
Environment

From city centre to riverside idyll, the massacre of our sylvan treasures has to stop

Henry Porter



Sun 19 Mar 2023 10.00 GMT

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Arguments in favour of roads always win, but we have reached a point where the crisis in nature can't be ignored



More than 100 trees were cut down in Plymouth during the night. Photograph: Courtesy of STRAW - Save the Trees Armada Way

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March

Mon 27	Friends of St James' Church AGM, 6.00pm, St James' Church

April

Sun 2	Palm Sunday Morning Praise, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 5	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 9	Easter Day, 10.30am, St James' Church
Tue 11	Coronation Celebrations Open Meeting, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 20	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 22	Churchyard Tidy-up, 10.30am, St James' Church

May

Wed 3	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 4	Parish & District Elections, 7.00am–10.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 6	Coronation Quiz, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 7	Coronation Celebration Service, 10.30am, St James' Church
Sun 7	Coronation Big Lunch, Cricket Ground
Mon 8	Coronation 'Big Help Out', Jubilee Wood
Wed 17	Birlingham Parish Council Annual Meeting, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall, followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm
Thu 18	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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