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## Editorial

Elected parish councils were first established by the Parish Councils Act of 1894, which removed all non-ecclesiastical functions from church councils and passed them to the new parish councils.

The role of the parish council is to raise money for activities within the parish (through a portion of the Council Tax) and to provide a forum for local concerns. Some councils do a great deal to change their parishes; others are happy just to let things tick over. It is very much dependent on who are its members.

Birlingham Parish Council has seven councillors but currently three of these positions are vacant. If you would like to have a greater say in what goes on within the village, now is the time to put your name forward.

## Recent Thefts of Car Parts

A catalytic converter and silencer was stolen from a car parked on the pound (opposite the Village Hall) on Tuesday 23rd May, probably at around 9.30pm.

A spare tyre was stolen from a Land Rover Defender in the centre of the village on the evening of Monday 5th June.

Please be aware that thieves have been active in the village in recent weeks and be on the lookout for suspicious behaviour.

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## Rake & Cake

**Saturday 24th June** *by Pat Chinneck*

Calling all villagers! The Churchyard needs raking. As you will have noticed, the Churchyard was not cut during May. Carl is now busy cutting and strimming the long grass but needs additional help with the raking. If you would like to join us, please assemble in the Churchyard on Saturday 24th June at 10.30am armed with your rakes. 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: patchinneck02@gmail.com.

## Parish Council Vacancies

As previously reported, the Parish Council is going through a re-election process. There are seven members on Birlingham Parish Council. The new members are Ian Yates, Paula Aston, Steven Byrne and Katie Parsons.

The Parish Council will therefore be looking to co-opt members to fill the three vacancies that now exist. Serving on the Parish Council is an important activity which deals with issues of concern to residents and it is an opportunity for those involved to give something back to their community. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact the Parish Council Clerk, June Hiden, before the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 19th July at birlingham_clerk@yahoo.co.uk.

The Notice of Uncontested Election Result for the recent (second) election is shown below.

**NOTICE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION**

**Wychavon District Council**

**Election of Parish Councillors for Birlingham on Thursday 22 June 2023**

I, being the Returning Officer at the above election, report that the persons whose names appear below were duly elected Parish Councillors for Birlingham.

| Name of Candidate | Home Address | Description (if any) |
|---|---|---|
| BYRNE<br>Steven Gerard | The Manor House, Common Lane, Birlingham, WR10 3AD | |
| PARSONS<br>Katie | (address in Wychavon) | |

Dated Friday 26 May 2023

Vic Allison
Returning Officer

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## Have your say on planning in Worcestershire

The planning consultation database for the county is being refreshed and Worcestershire County Council would like to invite residents and businesses to register so that they can have their say on planning matters.

The Council plays a significant planning role across the whole of Worcestershire including policies and strategies about minerals and waste and major infrastructure projects like new railway stations and bridges.

Councillor Marc Bayliss, Worcestershire County Councillor with Responsibility for Economy Infrastructure and Skills, said:

"Community engagement plays a vital role in the way we make our plans, and I cordially invite residents and businesses to register to participate and influence this process.

Our work includes developing important strategies relating to ecology and biodiversity that make Worcestershire distinct and special, as well as planning for infrastructure such as schools and highway projects.

This is a great way for people to hear about what is going on and get involved in the planning work we do."

You can find out how to sign up to be consulted about the topics you are interested in and see a more detailed explanation of what each topic area covers by visiting:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/get-involved-planning




### Planning roles of local councils

Wychavon District Council is the local planning authority that residents can apply to for planning permission if they want to make changes to their property.

Worcestershire County Council's planning role includes policies and strategies about minerals and waste and major infrastructure projects like new schools, railway stations and bridges etc.

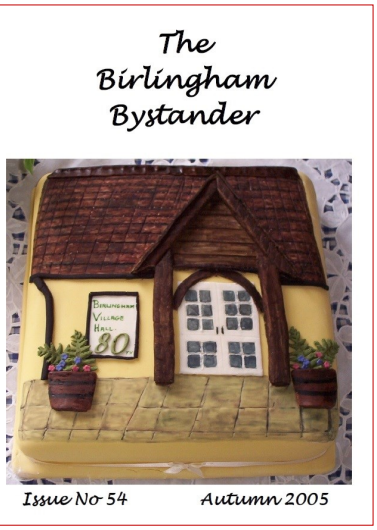



## Letters to the Editors

*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

## Bystander Archives

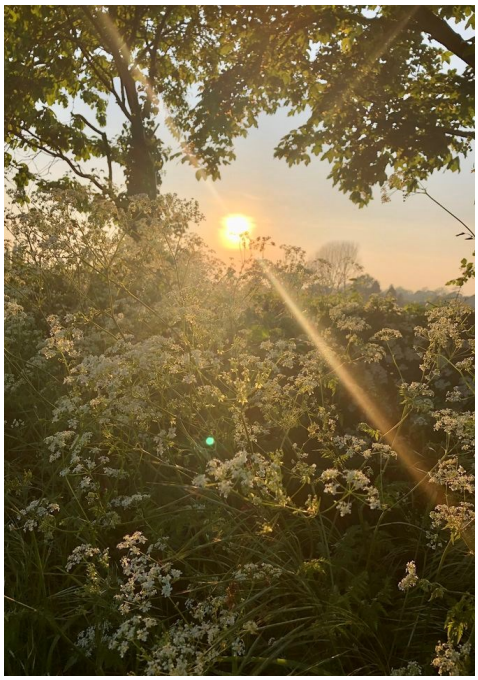



The bumper 52-page Autumn 2005 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* begins with the first half of the Village Hall's 80 years' history, compiled by June Barke, and is followed by Pat Lightbody's recollections of Zimbabwe. There is a report of a two-day outing by Birlingham's classic car enthusiasts to Wales.

Events include a jazz band and visiting theatre group at the Village Hall, the summer fete, the Flower & Produce Show and the Harvest Festival. There are reports from the Friends of St James, the WI, the Birlingham Tappers and the Cricket Club.

The weddings are reported of Simon Montgomery and Kirsten Lawrence, and Stephen Cook and Maxine Sherwood. Ernie and Olive Mence celebrated their golden wedding. Obituaries include Geoff Clarke, Andrew Pagett and Adrianne Downes. Nick and Mary Sadler are welcomed, along with David and Tussie Myerson; Pat Farey, one of the *Bystander*'s editors, left the village.

Issue 54 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander054.pdf



*(Left)*
*Sunset on 13th May*

*(Right)*
*Sheep enjoying the shade, 15th May*

*(Photos: Nikki Hollier)*



## Personal Ads

**Babysitting/garden watering.** Georgina Cook (age 16) is available to babysit for both daytime and evenings from 28th June onwards. Contact details are georginacook07@icloud.com or mobile 07774 988 959. Happy to water gardens too if anyone is away on holiday!

*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

**June**

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| Thu 15 | Birlingham IW outing, 2.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sat 17 | Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Old Elizabethans 3rd XI, 12.30pm |

**July**

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|---|---|
| Sat 1 | Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Harvington CC 1st XI, 12.30 |
| Wed 5 | Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sat 15 | Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Ombersley CC 3rd XI, 12.30pm |
| Wed 19 | Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Thu 20 | Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sun 23 | St James' Day Service, 3.00pm, St James' Church |
| Sat 22 | Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Worcester CC 3rd XI, 12.30pm |

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