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Editorial

In the last edition we were talking about the importance of bridges for crossing rivers, and in particular our reliance on Eckington Bridge – especially for those who have a daily commute to the other side of the Avon.

This time the topic is roads, another essential part of the infrastructure that allows us to move around freely with our hectic modern lives. Apparently August is an ideal month for shutting off our highways.

We can understand why it has been necessary to close Eckington Bridge in order to rebuild the damaged parapet. What seems less understandable is why the County Council are allowing the closure of Bourne Road in Defford to coincide with the last week of the Eckington works. Although there is a relatively simple, if long-winded, diversion it seems particularly harsh on those who have decided to travel that way in order to avoid the bridge.

Add to that the resurfacing works planned for the next couple of weeks on the road past Tiddesley Wood, cutting off our escape to Pershore, and one might be forced to conclude that it would be better to stay at home in Birlingham during August and make the most of the summer. If only we had the summer weather . . .

Safer Neighbourhood Team Surgery

Wednesday 9th August

by Molly Keeler, Safer Neighbourhood Team

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Eckington Recreation Ground at 11.00am on Wednesday 9th August.

Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what we are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

The team has also provided tips on improving home security, which are included on the next page.

Birlingham Art Live

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th August *by Angela Fitch*

Birlingham Art Live takes place in Birlingham Village Hall on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August from 11.00am until 5.00pm. Free entry.

Come and meet local artists, see what they do and how they do it.

There will be homemade cake!

Got a question? Phone Angela Fitch on 07585 904636.

Hope you can make it.



Replanting at Swan's Neck

by John Sansome, Revills Farm Manager

Over the next few weeks we will be beginning work to prepare for the replanting of Swan's Neck. This will involve treating the regrowth of poplar to prevent it shading out the new trees and becoming a problem again in future years.

The planned species for replanting in the autumn/winter include oak, downy birch, small-leaved lime, bird cherry and common alder.

Toast the Harvest

Friday 22nd September *by Peter Luff*

To say a big thank you for the support of villagers, the committee of the Friends of St James' invites everyone to TOAST THE HARVEST with a glass of wine & canapés on Friday 22nd September from 6.30pm to 8.00pm in St James' church.

The event will provide an opportunity to see the decorations for the Harvest Festival Service (to be held on Sunday 24th September, 10.30am), to hear the restored organ and to play the Great St James' Birlingham quiz.

To help plan catering, it would be appreciated if you could RSVP to:

saintjamesfuture@gmail.com

OR by ringing Peter Luff on 01386 751412.

There will be no charge for admission but donations to support the work of the Friends will be very welcome.

Birlingham Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 2nd September

by Caryl Mills

The Flower & Produce Show will be taking place on Saturday 2nd September on the Cricket Ground. The Schedules for the Show have now been delivered around the village. The Hanging Basket Competition was judged at the end of July.

The Committee is also looking for volunteers to join the committee or even just to help on the day. If you are able to assist please contact Caryl Mills caryl-mills@hotmail.co.uk or Dave Kew davidkew20@gmail.com.

A copy of the Show Schedule is included on the following pages.



West Mercia POLICE

NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS



For the latest crime prevention advice visit:
www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crimeprevention/

For crimes in progress call 999.

For non emergencies report online:
www.westmercia.police.uk/report

Keeping your home safe – Home Security

Home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled

A lot of burglaries are spur of the moment, as a burglar may see an open window or other easy points of entry and take their chances.

Tips to consider

- A home that looks empty is far more likely to be targeted by a burglar, so it's worth making sure your home looks occupied.
- If you are installing new doors and windows get ones that are certified to the latest British Standard.
- Securely lock all doors and windows before leaving the house. It's easy to forget when you're in a hurry, but it's the simplest way for a burglar to enter your home.
- Window locks especially on older windows will help stop people getting in.
- Never leave keys anywhere near the front door, including your letterbox; burglars know where to look.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn on a light and perhaps a radio when it goes dark, even if you are just out for a couple of hours.
- Visibly and permanently marking your belongings help you and the police to identify them if they are stolen.
- Fit padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors.
- Ask a neighbour or relative for help could they clear the post away from the door mat and open and close the curtains.
- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home by installing locked gates, two metre minimum fencing or walls. Trellis topping also make climbing difficult.
- Security lighting can be used to make offenders feel vulnerable and observed. It is suggestion that you use dusk to dawn lighting.
- Visible burglary alarms are a deterrent.
- Remove and secure items that may be used to break in or climb up such as ladders and garden tools.
- Beware of bogus callers; use you spy hole and a door chain until you have seen their ID and are satisfied you want to let them in.
- Never discuss your security requirements or existing arrangement with a doorstep caller or salesperson.
- Work with your neighbours to keep an eye on each other security. Neighbourhood Watch groups are good for this.

BIRLINGHAM SHOW ENTRY FORM
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED ON THIS FORM
Closing date for all entries – **THURSDAY 31st August 2023 at 8pm**

MARK YOUR ENTRY THUS : ① ENTRY : ② ENTRIES

Section A

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Section B

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 34

Section C

25A 25B 25C 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

Section D

35 36

Section E

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

Section F

46 47 48 49 50 51 52

Section G

53 54 55 56 57

Section H

58a 58b 58c 58d 59 60 61 62 63 64 65

Section I

66 67 68 69

Section J: Please enter date(s) of birth: _____

70 71 72 73 74 75

You will be given an ENTRY CARD for EACH entry

Name: (BLOCK LETTERS)

_____

Address:

_____

_____

_____

Completed Entry Forms will be accepted at 4 Church Street during the week commencing 28th August until 8:00 pm on Thursday 31st August 2023.

If you have any queries please contact the committee via info@birlinghamshow.co.uk

ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON. Photocopies will be accepted, or additional forms can be acquired from Caryl Mills at 4 Church Street, Birlingham, WR10 3AQ.



Show Rules

1. Closing date for receipt of entry forms: **Thursday 31st August 2023 at 8pm.** Space permitting, additional entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee on Saturday between 9 am and 11 am at double fees.
2. Entry forms will be accepted at 4 Church Street during the week commencing 28th August up to 8:00pm of Thursday 31st August 2023. No responsibility can be made for non-receipt.
3. Entry cards will be issued from 4 Church Street on Friday 1st September 2023 6pm – 8:00pm and on Saturday 2nd September at Birlingham Cricket Club from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.
4. Payment must be made at the same time as collection of Entry Cards. Cheques should be made payable to "Birlingham Flower and Produce Show". No entries will be accepted without payment.
5. All exhibits must be staged between 8:30 am to 11:00 am on Saturday 2nd September 2023.
6. All produce exhibited in Sections A, B and C must have been grown in the garden or allotment of the exhibitor. All entries should be identified by variety.
7. Each entrant will be responsible for displaying their own entries and for placing their assigned entry cards. These should be attached to the entry where possible.
8. A fee of 10p per entry on the entry form will be made for Sections A – I. No entry charge is made for Section J – Children.
9. TWO ENTRIES ALLOWED IN EACH CLASS, but points will only be awarded for the highest placed entry.
10. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor in any of the classes if, in their judgement, any unfair means have been used to win a prize.
11. Public viewing from 2pm. No exhibits to be removed from benches until 4:00pm. Exhibits to be donated for sale to be handed over by 4:15pm.
12. Presentation of trophies at 4:30pm, followed by Sale of Produce and Raffle.
13. Prize money Section J (Children's Category):
    First 4 points £4.00 Second 3 points £2.00 Third 2 points £1
14. The allocation of points and prizes in each class is at the Judge's discretion. The Judge's decision is final. No appeals permitted.
15. All trophies are perpetual and must be returned to the Show secretary at 4 Church Street Birlingham by 24 August each year.
16. Any damage to the trophy during the period of ownership will be the responsibility of the recipient.
17. The Committee will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to any article.
18. Hanging basket competition: Points awarded will be carried through into the main show competition

Contribution of surplus produce and unwanted exhibits will be welcome for the produce sale.

Schedule of Classes

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize Cards will be awarded for each Class
Only 1 entry in each class to be counted as Points for Cups

Section A: Vegetables

1 White Potatoes	dish of 5
2 Coloured Potatoes	dish of 5
3 Onions,	Utility 4
4 Carrots	3
5 Beetroot	3
6 Edible Squash/Gourd/Marrow	1
7 Runner Beans	6 pods
8 Longest runner bean	1
9 French Beans	6 pods
10 Cherry Tomatoes, any variety	a single truss
11 Tomatoes	dish of 5
12 Courgette	3
13 Cucumbers	2
14 Shallots	9
15 Any other vegetables not included in classes 1 to 14	3 of any kind
16 Capsicums including Chili Peppers	3
17 Container of Mixed Vegetables	Minimum **5** different varieties

Section B: Fruit

18 Apples, Dessert	dish of 3
19 Apples, Culinary	dish of 3
20 Plums	dish of 6
21 Damsons	dish of 12
22 Pears	dish of 3
23 Soft Fruits	10 berries
24 Any other fruit not included in classes 18 to 23	3 large fruit One bunch

Please note that Section A to B must be labelled with their Variety

Section C: Flowers, Foliage and Herbs

25A	Pompom Dahlias	3 blooms for display
25B	Cactus & Semi Cactus Dahlias	3 blooms for display
25C	Decorative Dahlias	3 blooms for display
26	Roses Floribunda	3 stems
27	Roses, H/T	3 blooms
28	Single H/T Rose	1 bloom
29	Sweet peas	5 stems
30	Gladioli	3 spikes
31	Pot plant, Flowering, including Cactus	
32	Pot Plant, Foliage, including Ferns	
	(*Classes 31 & 32 to have been in competitors ownership 2 months*)	
33	Cut Flowers	1 vase, 5 assorted blooms
34	5 cut herbs in a container	Collection in named bunches in a container

Section D: Floral Art

35 Arrangement of Foliage **(may include berries)**
36 Arrangement of Flowers
(*all displays to be 18" x 18" or 45 cms x 45cms with no height limit*)

Section E: Cookery

37 Hand baked Bread - *No Bread-makers allowed!*
38 Bread-maker bread - Only bread-makers allowed!
39 Traditional Plain Shortbread (5 Pieces)
40 Sticky Gingerbread Cake (max 8")
41 Lemon Drizzle Cake (max 8")
42 Fruit Cake (max 8")
43 Classic Coffee Cake (max 8")
44 5 Plain Scones
45 Peppermint Creams

Section F: Preserves & Jams

46 1 jar of Strawberry Jam
47 1 jar of Marmalade
48 1 jar of Fruit Jelly
49 1 jar of Stone Fruit Jam
50 1 jar of Jam not included in classes 46 to 49
51 1 jar of Chutney, including Piccalilli
52 1 jar of Pickles

Section G: Home Produce

53	Home laid Eggs (any variety)	5 on a plate
54	Homemade Beer or Cider	1 Bottle
55	Homemade Spirit or Liqueur	1 Bottle
56	Homemade Wine	1 Bottle
57	Homemade Cordial	1 Bottle

Section H: Leisure Craft **(All exhibits to have been taken / completed in the last 12 months)**

58 Any Photograph, colour or B&W, maximum size 7" x 5"
a) Anybody b) Animals c) Anywhere d) Arty
(*open to members of the Birlingham Camera Club*)
59 Cushion in any Medium, (*maximum size 18" square*)
60 An Original Artwork maximum including frame is A3
61 An Original Line Drawing maximum including frame is A3
(Classes 58 & 59 *Open to members of the Birlingham Art Class*)
62 A Piece of Quilting or Patchwork - maximum 1 metre Square.
(*Open to members of the Pershore Patchwork & Quilting*)
63 Handmade greetings card
64 An "Upcycled' Item
65 A Piece of Poetry

Section I: Novelty Section

66 Garden in a Seed Tray
67 A character made from Fruit or Vegetables
68 Most Misshapen Vegetable
69 Scene from history made from Lego (no sets allowed!)

Section J: Children up to 12 years

(age to be attached to exhibit)

70 Decorated Fairy Cakes (3 per plate)
71 Garden Flowers in a Jam Jar
72 A piece of Artwork using Recycled Material
73 Garden in a seed tray
74 Any Photograph taken during the current year, colour or B&W, maximum size 7" x 5"
75 Scene from history made from Lego (no sets allowed!)

A small charge is made to cover the continued running costs of the show

Any questions regarding the entry process can be made by email to the committee via

caryl-mills@hotmail.co.uk

or telephone:

Secretary of Committee
Caryl Mills: 01386 751748

Members of the organising committee

Caryl Mills

Clare Kew

David Kew

Kristian Mills

Birlingham Flower and Produce Show

We appreciate you suggestions and ideas to help improve the show. Please send us your comments to 4 Church Street Birlingham or email the show secretary @ caryl-mills@hotmail.co.uk

comments: _____

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We are always looking for new volunteers to help on the day, or to join the show committee. To help please contact the show secretary for more details.

Thank you for your support from the Birlingham Show Committee

CUPS

THE WILLIAM TROW-POOLE TROPHY
For the highest number of points in Section H

THE JOAN HOLLIER PLATE
For the highest number of points in Section F

THE M & B SHIELD
for highest number of points in the show

THE HAROLD HERBERT CUP
for Decorative/Cactus Dahlia in Classes 25B and 25C

THE SWAN INN CUP
for the Best Vegetable exhibit in Classes 1 to 17

THE W JOWETT TROPHY
for the best Floral Arrangements in Classes 35 and 36

THE MRS ANN PORTER CUP
for winner of Class 16

THE GEORGE WILSON REVILL CUP
for best Root Vegetable in Classes 4 and 5

THE GERALD TAYLOR CUP
for best exhibit in the Show

THE BUTLER TROPHY
for highest number of points in Classes 37 to 45

THE COURT HOUSE SALVER
for highest number of points in Classes 18 to 24

THE CHILDRENS CUP
for highest number of points in classes 66 to 72

THE BIRLINGHAM NURSERY ROSE BOWL
for winner Hanging Basket Competition.

THE BETTY HUGHES CUP
for Resident of The Row gaining highest number of points in Show.

THE COMMITTEE WISH TO THANK ALL WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THE SHOW IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS

Road Closures

We have been notified of two further road closures during August, at Bourne Road, Defford and Meadow Lane, Lower End. Full details, including closure notices and diversion maps, are included on the following pages.

Eckington Bridge

Eckington Bridge will remain closed until Friday 25th August. However, pedestrian and cycle access is still possible.

Photos taken on 1st August are shown here.





Scaffolding erected on the bridge, 1st August
(Photos: Ann Maxwell)



Closure of Bourne Road, Defford

Monday 21st – Saturday 26th August

Bourne Road in Defford will be closed for six days from Monday 21st until Saturday 26th August. The closure is from Revills Farm Shop to Lower Strensham. This is to allow for the laying of electricity cables.

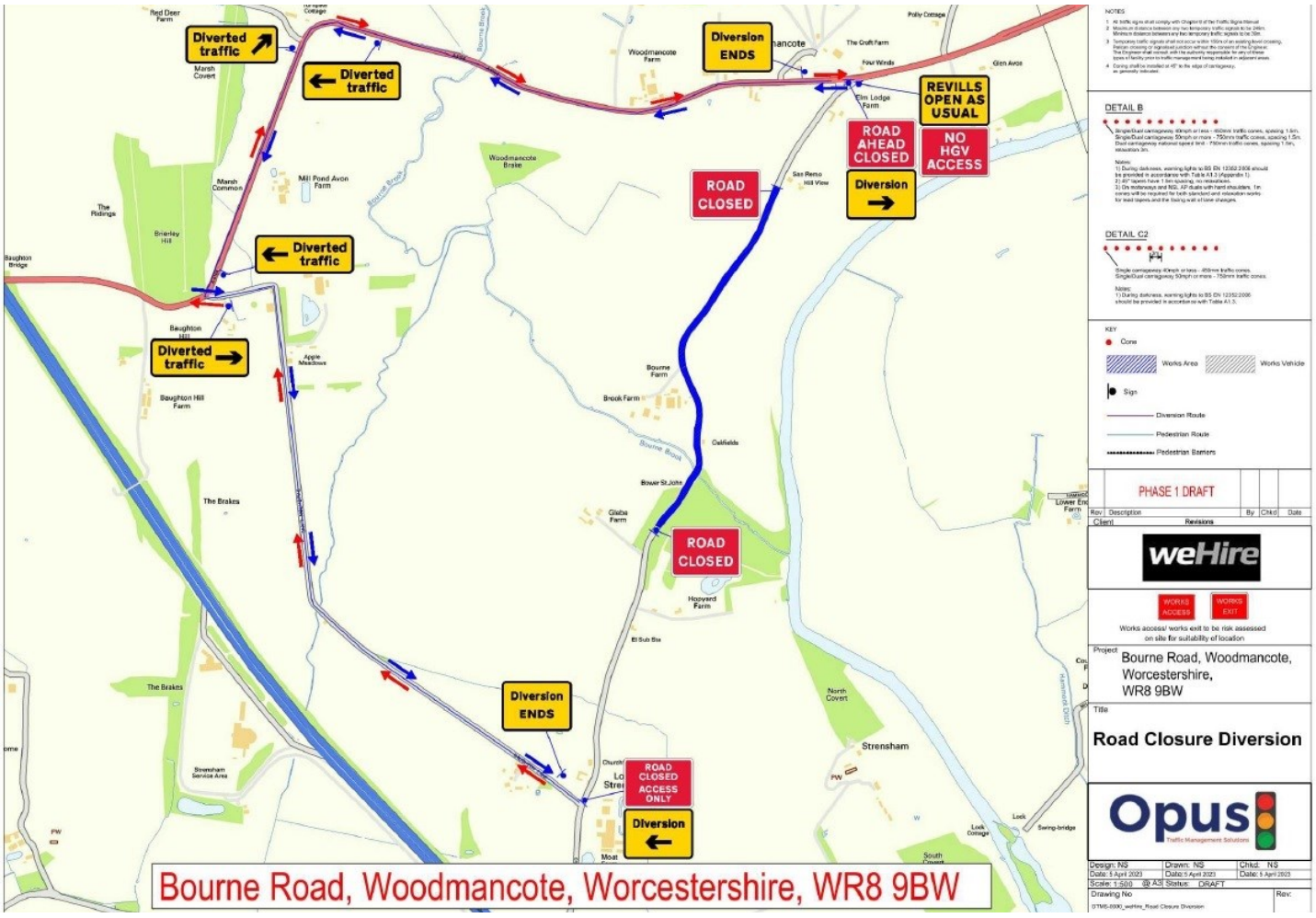
Revills Farm Shop will remain open throughout this period and access from Birlingham is as normal.

The notice of closure is given opposite and the diversion map is below.

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WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
(C2104 Bourne Road, Defford) (Temporary Closure) Order 2023
Proposed Order: to close that part of C2104 Bourne Road from its junction with A4104 Woodmancote to its junction with U60406 Baughton Lane.
Reason: New/replacement electricity cable by WeHire Ltd.
Exemptions: to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the works to be undertaken.
Alternative route: A4104 Woodmancote, A4104 Baughton Hill, U60406 Baughton Hill, U60406 Baughton Lane and vice versa.
Maximum duration: 18 months. Anticipated duration: **6 days (24hrs)** Commencing: **21 August 2023**
Thomas Pollock Head of Commercial Law (Legal & Governance) County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester
27 July 2023

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Streetworks Admin - WCPO00059177



Closure of Meadow Lane, Lower End

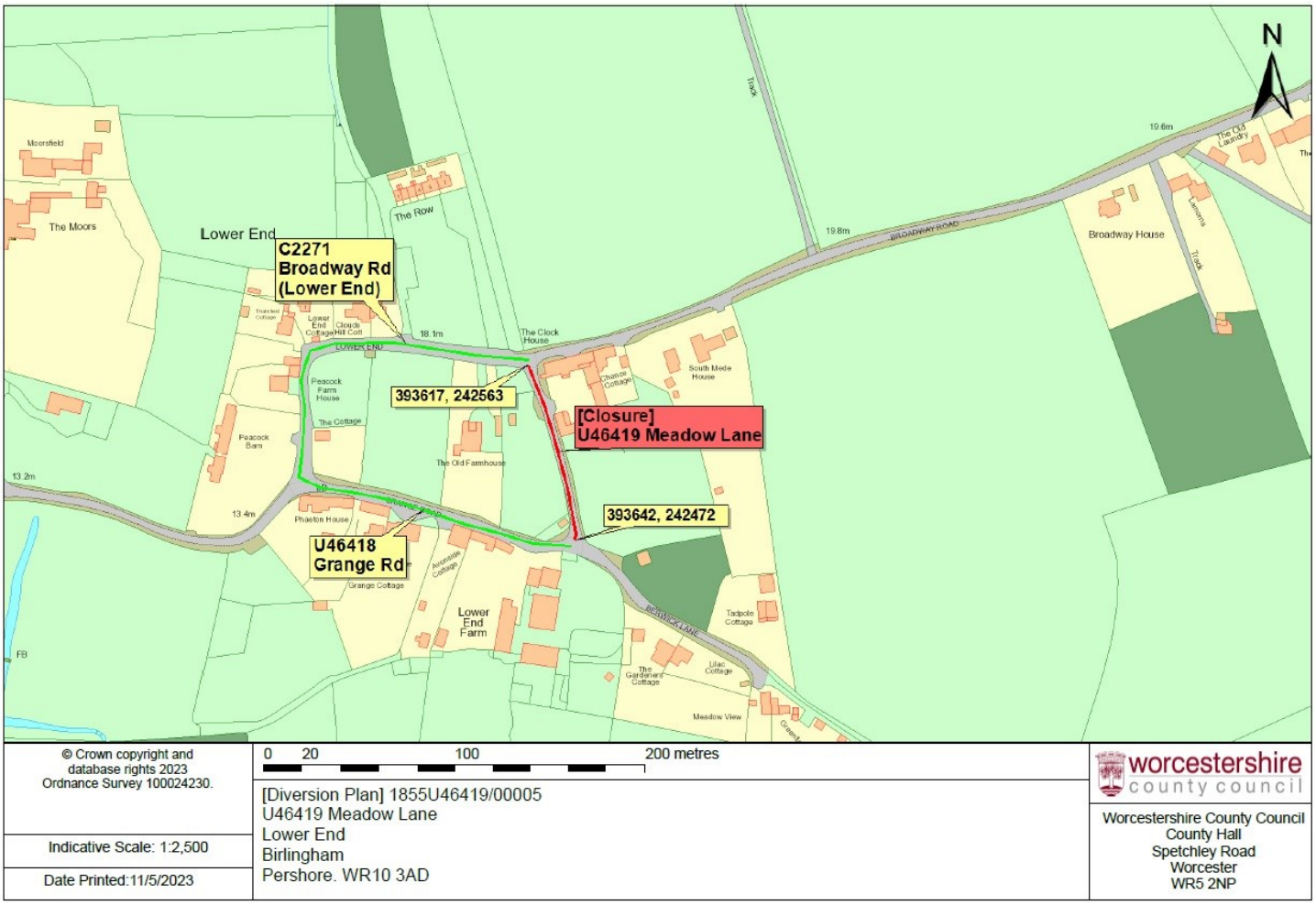
Monday 28th August – Friday 8th September (for one day)

Meadow Lane (which runs alongside the Clock House) will be closed at some time between Monday 28th August and Friday 8th September. The works are for carriageway patching and should be completed in one day.

The notice of closure is given opposite and the diversion map is below.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
(U46419 Meadow Lane, Birlingham) (Temporary Closure) Order 2023
Proposed Order: to close that part of U46419 Meadow Lane from its junction with C2271 Broadway Road and C2271 Lower End to its junction with U46418 Berwick Lane.
Reason: Carriageway patching by WCC.
Exemptions: to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the works to be undertaken.
Alternative route: C2271 Lower End, U46418 Berwick Lane and vice versa.
Maximum duration: 18 months. Anticipated duration: **12 days.** Commencing: **28 August 2023.**
Thomas Pollock Head of Commercial Law (Legal & Governance) County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester
3 August 2023

1456573 – 1 – U416419 Meadow Lane, Birlingham
Nick Macpherson CA48425



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U46419 Meadow Lane
Lower End
Birlingham
Pershore. WR10 3AD

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Worcestershire County Council
County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
WR5 2NP

Parish Council Report

by Ian Yates

Birlingham Parish Council held its meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19th July in the Village Hall.

Elections and new members

Following the elections in May, Paula Aston and Ian Yates were re-elected uncontested. However, the Parish Council was inquorate so a second election was held, resulting in Katie Parsons being elected and Steven Byrne re-elected, again uncontested. This allowed us to co-opt back Michael Porter along with new member David Glover, giving us six members in total. There is therefore still one vacancy so if you are interested in joining the Parish Council please contact our clerk, June Hiden (birlingham_clerk@yahoo.co.uk) or myself (ian.yates@sipeda.com) for more information. We meet six times a year so it's not an onerous commitment and is an opportunity to assist with issues that are important to residents.

At the meeting Ian Yates was re-elected as Chair, Paula Aston as Vice-Chair and Financial Support Officer, and Steven Byrne as Head of the Planning Group. Under the Council's scheme of delegation, Carl Brassington was re-appointed as Lengthsman, Bruce Hayward as Footpath Warden and Rupert Day as Tree Warden. Last but not least, June Hiden agreed to continue as Clerk for the 18th year in a row! We are very grateful to everyone who volunteers their time in support of the Parish Council.

A full set of minutes will be published shortly but a couple of items of interest follow:

- **Full Fibre Broadband (Fibre to the Premise – FTTP)**

  The Parish Council has received an update from Airband. They have recently completed installations in Pershore, Wick and the Combertons and are currently working in Eckington. They have advised us that they will be starting the installation of the fibre infrastructure in Birlingham in September. The revised design means that full fibre connections will be available to all properties in the parish (should you want it) except for those at Nafford Lock. These will be connected separately at a later date from Eckington. Despite the pole notices that went up last year, our understanding now is that there will be very few if any new poles required in the village. The intention is for the fibre cables to be installed alongside the existing copper telephone cables. You may recall that last year the Parish Council submitted to Airband a list of 69 residents who had expressed interest in their service. They have now started to contact some on this list with the following email:

  Dear Defford & Birlingham Resident,

  Thank you for registering your interest for our FTTP Broadband.

  As part of Airband's promise to transform connectivity for people and communities who deserve better, we plan to build and deliver speeds of up to 900Mbps in the area around Defford & Birlingham.

  Over the coming months you will see lots of activity from our teams in the area from Planning & Design, Civils & Engineering. We really are proud of what we deliver, and we hope you will see the benefits of the infrastructure we are building. Airband would like to encourage as much interest as possible, please pass our details on to friends, family & neighbours whom you may think would also benefit from our FTTP build.

  Please call 01905 676121 select option 1 and option 1 for residential or 2 for business to speak with our sales team or alternatively please go to the website www.airband.co.uk and enter your postal code in the availability checker box and submit.

  They are also offering some promotional pricing for those that sign up in the next month:

  * 150Mbps Download and 50Mbps Upload
    FOC Installation – Free router
    £25.00 (usually £30.00) per month for 18 months

  * 300Mbps Download and 75Mbps Upload
    FOC Installation – Free router
    £30.00 (usually £35.00) per month for 18 months

  If you are currently in contract with another broadband provider, Airband will pay £250 towards any cancellation fees when you switch!

  Please note: The Parish Council believes that full fibre (FTTP) broadband will be an essential technology for online access in the future and has therefore encouraged Airband to install their full fibre infrastructure in Birlingham. However it cannot make any recommendations regarding Airband's service. It is up to residents to decide whether to switch to full fibre or stay with their existing copper-based service.

- **New District Councillor – Paul Middlebrough**

  The Parish Council was pleased to welcome Wychavon District Councillor Paul Middlebrough to the meeting. He has taken over the Eckington Ward from Ron Davis, who retired at the election.

  Paul is one of John Campion's Assistant Police and Crime Commissioners for West Mercia. His role is to represent John Campion in communities across West Mercia, specifically Worcestershire and Herefordshire. In addition he has also taken on the role as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee at Wychavon DC. Planning and crime are both important issues for Birlingham residents so we look forward to working closely with Paul in future.

- **King's Coronation Celebration**

  This was an excellent village event and very well attended. The Parish Council thanked all the very many volunteers who gave up their time to make it such a success and in particular Steve Morris, without whose leadership and determination the event would have never happened.

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

Eckington Stores

Shop locally from our large range of products:

- Grocery and household items
- Bread and milk
- Ham, cheese, bacon and eggs
- Fruit and vegetables
- Newspapers and magazines
- Frozen food and ice cream
- Alcohol and cold drinks
- Confectionary

We are agents for:

- The National Lottery
- My Hermes Parcelshop

Please pop in to see our full range of products

John, Sue and Mark
Tel 01386 750266

Personal Ads

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.

Bystander Archives



The Autumn 2006 edition of the Birlingham Bystander begins with reminiscences by Brenda and John Worby of life in Birlingham when they arrived in 1985. There is news from the bellringers and a suggestion by Harry Porter of setting up a Village Green Trust.

The Drama Group organised a jazz evening and on a separate night the Worcestershire Youth Jazz Orchestra, featuring Chris Yeomans, played in the Village Hall. Richard White writes about his service in the Iraq War three years earlier.

The Harley Owners' Group came to the Village Hall for cream teas. There are reports of the Flower & Produce Show, the Birlingham Car Rally and the Fete, as well as reports on the cricket, the WI, the Friends of St James' and other village groups.

Iona Carson was christened, Charles Comins was married in the church, and Geoffrey and Pat Taylor celebrated their Golden Wedding, as did Roland Hill and Jennie Porter. There are obituaries for Murray Rainey and Winifred Mence.

Among several welcomes are Bryan and Joyce Broome, Stephen and Maxine Cook, Peter and Felicity Collier, Terry Johnson, the Meanwell family, Sally and Konrad Szymanski, and David and Ann Maxwell. Goodbyes included Harry and Jeanne Searle, Michael and Sue Carter, Sandra Hudson and family, and Doris Morgan. Last but not least, there is a farewell to Brenda and John Worby.

Issue 56 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander056.pdf

Dates for your diary

August

Wed 9	Safer Neighbourhood Team Surgery, Eckington Recreation Ground, 11.00am
Thu 17	Birlingham IW, 2.00pm, Spetchley Gardens (meet at garden entrance)
Sat 19	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Rushwick CC 2nd XI , 12.30
Sat 26 & Sun 27	Birlingham Art Live, 11.00am–5.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall

September

Sat 2	Flower & Produce Show, Cricket Ground
Wed 6	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 9	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Bartestree & Lugwardine CC 2nd XI , 12.30
Wed 20	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 21	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Fri 22	Toast the Harvest, 6.30pm–8.00pm, St James' Church
Sun 24	Harvest Festival Service, 10.30am, St James' Church

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 21st August (for publication on Wednesday 23rd August). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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