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Editorial

As the summer draws to an end, with the weather predictably improving, there is plenty starting to happen in the village.

After a couple of quiet months, this weekend sees the Birlingham Art Live take place in the Village Hall. Ten local artists will be exhibiting their work and will be present throughout the event.

The following Saturday we have the annual Flower & Produce Show at the cricket ground. You have until Thursday of next week to get your entry forms in.

Meanwhile, the trial of the new tower floodlight at St James' Church is drawing towards a close. There is an opportunity for you to take part in a survey and give your views on the new light.

Finally, Eckington Bridge has re-opened, so it feels like Birlingham is coming back to life after its summer hibernation.



(Below) Reflections on River Avon, 16th August (Photo: Julia Luff)



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. *(The artists are listed above.)*

There will be homemade cake!

Got a question? Phone Angela Fitch on 07585 904636.

Hope you can make it.

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 6th September

by Sue Hermon



Our next Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 6th September 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!

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

Birlingham Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 2nd September

by Caryl Mills



Not long to go now, so we are hoping you are sorting out your entries for Saturday 2nd September.

Please remember to submit your entry forms to 4 Church Street by 8.00pm on Thursday 31st August; there will be a box on the porch table! You can also email entry forms to caryl-mills@hotmail.co.uk. Your entry tickets will be ready for collection from 4 Church Street on Friday 1st September between 6.00 and 8.00pm or on Saturday 2nd September from 8.30am at the Cricket Pitch.

If you were a cup winner in 2022, please could you ensure that your cups are returned to 4 Church Street as soon as possible.

Dave Kew will be contacting his team of marquee erectors soon but if you are able to help with putting up the tents on 31st August please contact Dave on 07855 255654 to volunteer. Anyone able to help the team on the day would be very welcome; please let Caryl or Dave know.

A copy of the full Show Schedule was included in the last edition of Birlingham News Online at:

www.birlingham.org/village/bn/bn310.pdf

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

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

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You will be given an ENTRY CARD for EACH entry

Name: (BLOCK LETTERS)

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Address:

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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.



St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

- There are **no** church services in August at St James' but Pershore Abbey offers a full programme of services throughout the rest of this month.
- Our annual **Harvest Festival** service will be held on Sunday 24th September at 10.30am, led by Canon Claire Lording. Donations of fresh, dried or tinned produce will be welcome ... more details to follow.
- The Churchyard is gradually being mown as weather and Eco-church ideas dictate. A work party will be needed in Autumn to get the churchyard tidied in readiness for Winter.

More news on falling masonry opposite and the church floodlight below.

Falling Masonry

by Adrianne Woodward

There have been several grapefruit-sized pieces of masonry that seem to have fallen from St James' church tower.

A roofer has been to inspect the damage but was unfortunately unable to directly access the site without scaffolding.

The 'danger area' below the tower has been cordoned off but anyone visiting the church is warned to be extra vigilant.

Tower Light Consultation

closing date Friday 8th September

by Peter Luff

The new tower light at St James' Church has been operating for four months at different times and on different days of the week on a trial basis. If you have views on when the light should be on in the future, please respond to the consultation survey (*see below*) before Friday 8th September, using this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SNT5JT2



Lighting the tower of St James' Church, Birlingham

Have you seen the new light?

This short survey is intended to inform the PCC's decision on when the new light on the tower of St James' Church is turned on and off. ANSWERS ARE REQUESTED BY FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER. Thank you.

* 1. This survey is for residents of the parish of Birlingham; do you live in Birlingham?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No - your answers will be noted

* 2. The new light (a 50watt LED with a colour temperature of 3000 Kelvin) consumes a tenth the electricity of the previous light and does not impact on nocturnal creatures such as bats. In principle do you think lighting the tower in this way is a good idea?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Unsure - please comment in the box

I am unsure because ...

* 3. Over the last four months, from May to August, the new light on the tower of our church has been operating at different times on different days of the week. Have you seen the tower light on at any time in these four months?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Unsure

* 4. The light comes on automatically at dusk but the time it goes off can be varied. Currently it is set to go off at 10pm (22.00hrs). When do you think the light should go off?

- ◯ 10pm (22.00hrs)
- ◯ 10.30pm (22.30hrs)
- ◯ 11pm (23.00hrs)
- ◯ 12 midnight (24.00/00.00hrs)
- ◯ Other (please specify)

* 5. The light can be programmed for any combination of days of the week. When do you think the tower light should be on?

- ◯ Seven days a week
- ◯ Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- ◯ Saturday and Sunday
- ◯ Sunday only
- ◯ Special occasions only
- ◯ I would like the light to be on....

Done

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(Above) Repairs continuing on 12th August
(Photo: Ann Maxwell)

Eckington Bridge

The repairs to the bridge were completed last week and the bridge is now fully open again

(Left) Repairs on 13th August
(Photo: June Hiden)





(Above) View from the bridge towards Bredon Hill

(Left) Repairs completed, 21st August

(Photos: Nikki Hollier)

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.

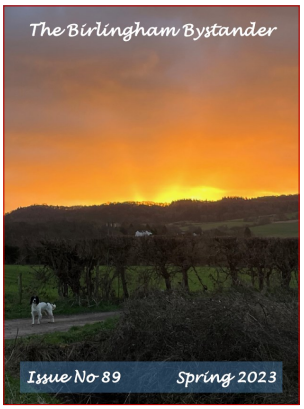
Please send letters to:
news@birlingham.org

Bystander Copy Date

Thursday 7th September

The copy date for the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* is Thursday 7th September. If you have any articles, photographs or other information that you would like to include in the next issue of the *Birlingham Bystander*, please send them to bystander@birlingham.org as soon as possible.

The Autumn edition of the *Bystander* will be published in October.





The John Bennett Wetland Reserve, 15th August
(Photo: June Hiden)

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Dates for your diary

August

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

October

Wed 4	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 19	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 11th September (for publication on Wednesday 13th September). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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