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Editorial

Since the first event 40 years ago, the Birlingham Flower and Produce Show has gone from strength to strength. Villagers and friends continue to fill the marquees each year, not only with flowers, fruit and vegetables but also with a range of other exhibits, such as artwork, photographs, upcycled items and even Lego.

Originated by the Birlingham Gentlemen's Club in the early 1980s, the Show has seen many committee members come and go. For any organisation, change is good and those who carry the baton inevitably become tired after a few years and wish to pass it on.

The current incumbents have mostly been in position for over ten years and, not surprisingly, some wish to stand down after their years of dedication. If you would like to help this village tradition thrive into the future, the existing committee would love to hear from you.

Birlingham IW



Thursday 21st September

by Caryl Mills

The next meeting of Birlingham IW is on Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The topic is Scams (how to stay safe on and off line). If you have examples of any scams you have received then please come and share.

Swan Inn Holiday Closure

Sunday 10th-Tuesday 26th September

by Zoe Haines

We are now closed for staff holidays and will reopen lunchtime on Wednesday 27th September.

Also, we are having to reduce our Sunday hours when we return, due to staff shortages, and shall be closing at 4.00pm until further notice.

Sorry for any inconvenience.



Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 20th September

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 20th September at 7.00pm in Birlingham Village Hall. During the meeting there is an opportunity to express your views on local issues, so please go along.

The agenda for the meeting is available at:
http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_agenda_2023-09-20.pdf
and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 19th July can be viewed at:
http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2023-07-19.pdf.

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.

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

Future services in Birlingham

* A warm welcome awaits at our annual **Harvest Festival**, which is being held at St James' on **Sunday 24th September** at 10.30am. Canon Claire Lording will be leading the service and refreshments will be available afterwards.

  Donations of fresh, dried or tinned produce are welcomed and can be left in the church or the church porch during the preceding week. Donations can also be brought to the service.

  All donations will be given to the Maggs Day Centre, which supports the homeless and the vulnerable in Worcester. St James' has traditionally supported them over many years.

* A **Benefice Eucharist** is being at St James' on **Sunday 29th October** at 10.30am. More details to follow.

Birlingham Flower & Produce Show

by Caryl Mills



The Flower & Produce Show held on 2nd September on the Cricket Pitch was another successful afternoon. We had plenty of entries and the flowers made the centre of the marquee look very joyful and colourful. The prizes and cups were awarded and produce sold at the auction. We were able to provide a wonderful raffle due to the generosity of local businesses; thanks go to the Swan Inn, Birlingham Nurseries, Cornerhouse Crafts, Adrian Pawsey, Number 8 and Border in a Box.

Many thanks go to all who helped erect and take down the marquees and helped out on the day. Caryl Mills and Clare Kew are standing down from the Committee and Dave Kew put out a call for volunteers to take on the roles necessary to keep the Show going. If you are interested and have not already given your name to Dave and would like to help, then please speak to Dave, Caryl or Clare.

Put the 2024 date in your diary: first Saturday in September – 7th September 2024.

There is one raffle prize which has not been given out as no name was on the ticket. The winning number is Yellow 276. Please email Caryl at caryl-mills@hotmail.co.uk if you have the winning ticket.

The full list of winners for each of the cups and classes is included below.

Birlingham Flower & Produce Show 2023
CUP WINNERS

Cup	Winner
The M&B Shield	James Garland
The Harold Herbert Cup	Kris Mills
The Swan Inn Cup	Sue Hayward
The William Jowett Trophy	Hannah Taylor
The Mrs Ann Porter Cup	Kris Mills
The George Wilson Revill Cup	Kris Mills
The Gerald Taylor Cup	Hannah Taylor
The Butler Trophy	Hannah Taylor
The Court House Salver	James Garland
The Children's Cup	*Not awarded*
The Birlingham Nursery Rose Bowl	McKenzie, October House
The Betty Hughes Cup	Neil Lightbody
William Trow-Poole Trophy	Donna Mills
Joan Hollier Plate	James Garland

Birlingham Flower & Produce Show 2023
CLASS WINNERS

Class	Winner	Class	Winner
1 White potatoes	Colin Greene	40 Gingerbread	Kris Mills
2 Coloured potatoes	Charlotte Baskerville	41 Lemon drizzle	Sadie Yeomans
3 Onions	Sue Hayward	42 Fruit cake	Sadie Yeomans
4 Carrots	Kris Mills	43 Coffee cake	Kris Mills
5 Beetroot	Caryl Mills	44 Plain scones	Enid Caldicott
6 Edible squash, gourd or marrow	Sue Hayward	45 Peppermint creams	Hannah Taylor
7 Runner beans	Neil Lightbody	46 Strawberry jam	Caryl Mills
8 Longest runner bean	Sue Hermon	47 Marmalade	Enid Caldicott
9 French beans	Sue Hayward	48 Fruit jelly	Kate Morl
10 Cherry tomatoes	Kris Mills	49 Stone fruit jam	Enid Caldicott
11 Tomatoes	Sue Hayward	50 Any other jam	James Garland
12 Courgettes	Sue Hayward	51 Chutney	James Garland
13 Cucumbers	Caryl Mills	52 Pickles	James Garland
14 Shallots	*No entries*	53 Eggs	*No entries*
15 Any other vegetable	Clare Kew	54 Beer or cider	*No entries*
16 Capsicums inc chillis	Kris Mills	55 Spirit or liqueur	Caryl Mills
17 Container of vegetables	Caryl Mills	56 Wine	James Garland
18 Apples – Dessert	James Garland	57 Cordial	Caryl Mills
19 Apples – Culinary	Val Gilmore	58a Photograph – Anybody	Molly Salt
20 Plums	Sue Hayward	58b Photograph – Animals	James Garland
21 Damsons	Dave Kew	58c Photograph – Anywhere	Dave Kew
22 Pears	Marion New	58d Photography – Arty	Joy Salt
23 Soft fruit	Neil Lightbody	59 Cushion	Sadie Yeomans
24 Any other fruit	Colin Greene	60 Artwork – Original	Sue Hayward
25a Dahlias – Pom pom	Colin Greene	61 Line drawing	Sue Hayward
25b Dahlia – Cactus	Kris Mills	62 Quilting or patchwork	Sadie Yeomans
25c Dahlia – Decorative	Kris Mills	63 Greetings Card	Donna Mills
26 Roses – Floribunda	Charlotte Baskerville	64 Upcycled Item	Donna Mills
27 Roses – H/T	Marion New	65 Poetry	James Garland
28 Single H/T rose	Marion New	66 Garden in a seed tray	Donna Mills
29 Sweetpeas	Colin Greene	67 Fruit or veg character	Donna Mills
30 Gladioli	Enid Caldicott	68 Misshapen vegetable	Marion New
31 Pot plant – Flowering	James Garland	69 History Lego model	Kris Mills
32 Pot plant – Foliage	James Garland	**Children's Classes**	
33 Cut flowers	Jean Williams		
34 5 cut herbs	Clare Kew	70 Fairy cakes – Under 12	*No entries*
35 Arrangement of foliage	Hannah Taylor	71 Garden Flowers – Under 12	Nicholas Mills
36 Arrangement of flowers	Hannah Taylor	72 Artwork – Under 12	*No entries*
37 Home baked bread	Marion New	73 Garden in a seed tray – U12	Brooklyn Garland
38 Breadmaker bread	Dave Kew	74 Photograph – Under 12	*No entries*
39 Shortbread	Hannah Taylor	75 History Lego Model – Under 12	*No entries*







Balloon over Birlingham, 6th September:

(Top left) Approaching the church (Photo: Nikki Hollier)
(Right) Floating over St James' (Photo: Ann Maxwell)
(Bottom left) Coming down (Photo: Ann Maxwell)

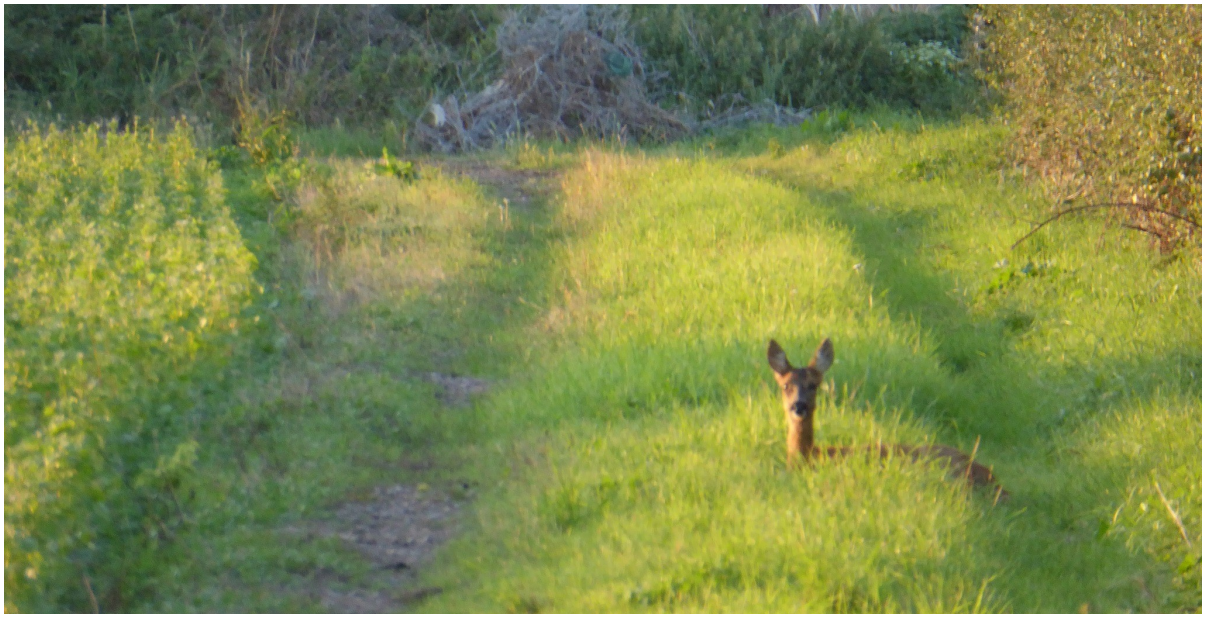


Pershore Abbey from Broadway Road, 4th September (Photo: Nikki Hollier)

Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

Our News (www.birlingham.org/docs/neighbourhood_watch_2023_09.pdf) is the latest newsletter from Neighbourhood Watch.





Deer in the sun, 4th September (Photo: 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.

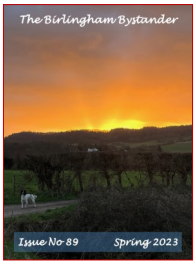
Please send letters to:
news@birlingham.org

Last Call for the *Birlingham Bystander* Autumn Edition!

The copy date for the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* has now passed but there is still time to include something if you are quick.

If you have any articles, photographs or other information that you would like to include in the next issue of the *Birlingham Bystander*, please let us know straightaway and send them to bystander@birlingham.org as soon as possible.

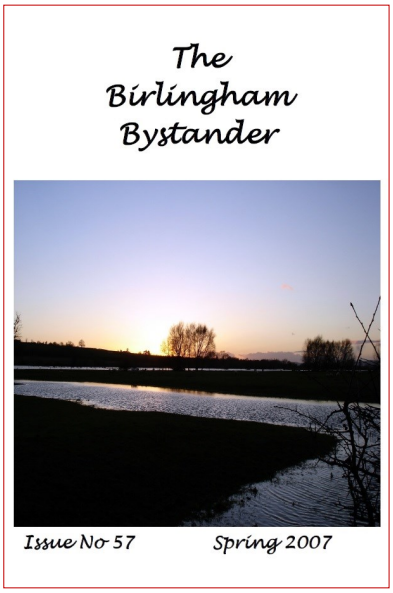
The Autumn edition of the *Bystander* will be published in October.



Personal Ads

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Bystander Archives



For the Spring 2007 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander*, the editorial team is joined by Edward Farrar and Mary Sadler. The issue begins with memories of Birlingham by Ian Winnard.

Reports include one on the Cricket Club written by Mark Yeomans and another on the Friends of St James' by Alan Callender. Perhaps most surprising is the historic announcement by June Barke and Trudy Callender that the WI had transformed itself into the IW. Events covered are a musical duo at the Village Hall, the Carol Service and Bulb Sunday.

There is an article about Stuart Crowther's work as Tree Warden and Rosanna Reynard continues her series on bee keeping.

Historical articles include the village school's centenary pageant in 1956 and a repeat of the piece on the Birlingham Forger (who was arrested in 1932). The forger article is a great read, with lines such as, "PC Beatup had come from Upton and was only standing in because the entire Pershore Division were away on their annual outing to Weston."

This was a period of considerable change in the village population. Following the welcomes for seven households in the Autumn edition, this issue adds a further six: Nick and Paula Aston, Richard and Vicky Devenish, Arthur Pritty, Jean Williams, David and Judy Glover, and Richard Morgan and Vicki Ardran. The corresponding goodbyes are for Wally and Rose Wood, Mr and Mrs James Quinn, Christine Hiden, and Ian and Sue Winnard.

Issue 57 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander057.pdf

Dates for your diary

September

Sun 10 – Tue 26	Swan Inn Holiday Closure
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
Sun 29	Benefice Eucharist, 10.30am, St James' Church

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 25th September (for publication on Wednesday 27th September). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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