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Editorial

With the Flower & Produce Show and Harvest Festival bringing the summer activities to a close, it looks like we have a quiet month or two ahead.

As the evenings draw in (which always seems to take people by surprise), it's time to hibernate until the Christmas fun begins.

Cuppa & Chat



Wednesday 4th October

by Sue Hermon

Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 4th October 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.

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

The Harvest Festival service, taken by Canon Claire, was enjoyed by all who attended. Madeleine and Deborah Frost, Val Gilmore and June Barke were very proficient readers, Charlotte Baskerville skilfully played the organ and Nick Baskerville was the sidesman (and gofer).

Thanks go to Pat Chinneck who served delicious refreshments of Harvest Loaf and cheese; Peter Horsburgh who baked the Harvest Loaf (his best yet?) and Carl Brassington who set up the urn.

Sue Hayward then delivered the Harvest donations to Maggs in Worcester ... a very worthwhile cause.

Dates for your diary:

* **Sunday 29th October**, 10.30am: St James' will be hosting the Benefice Eucharist. Pershore Abbey choir will sing and its new Interim Director of Music, Paul Trepte, will be the organist. Canon Claire Lording will lead the service. It would be good to have as many Birlingham villagers as possible to swell the congregation.
* **Saturday 11th November**, 10.50am: An outside service, around the War Memorial, led by Peter Stansbie, to commemorate Armistice Day. Refreshments will be served in the church afterwards. There will be **no service on Remembrance Sunday** in St James' but services will be held in Eckington and at Pershore Abbey.



View from Sherpool Lane, 28th August (Photo: June Hiden)

District Councillor Report

At the Parish Council on 20th September, District Councillor Paul Middlebrough presented his report, which is reproduced below.

BIRLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Since you last met it has been a relatively quiet period at Wychavon though several important decisions have been made.

- **Worcestershire Housing Strategy 2023-2040** which sets out a long-term strategic approach for housing in the county has been endorsed the council. The long-term strategic approach to delivering housing is seen as a crucial part of a thriving, prosperous, sustainable and healthy county. The intended scope of the strategy is, therefore, very broad and identifies how housing can support wider objectives, such as economic growth and environmental sustainability.
- **New Changing Places Toilets** are to be provided at Pershore High Street, Broadway Activity Park and Lido Park, Droitwich Spa. These toilet facilities offer full access to toileting facilities to those with severe disabilities, including electric hoist, changing table and sink, along with all the other fittings associated with disabled toilets. Funding has been secured from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Development.
- **The South Worcestershire Development Plan Review documents are being finalised to submit to the planning inspectorate during September.**

On the political front things have been more dynamic.

Bradley Thomas, the Leader of Wychavon Council for the last six years has been selected as the prospective Conservative candidate for Bromsgrove at *coming general election*. He has therefore decided step down as leader of the council. He will remain as leader until the council meeting on 18th of October.

At the Evesham South ward byelection Peter Knight, retained the seat for the Green Party.

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Please send letters to:
news@birlingham.org

Planning Applications

The following planning application has been received by Wychavon District Council:

The Bungalow, Upper End: Change of use of land to residential garden (Case No. W/23/01802/CU). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 19th October.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at : https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01802/CU.



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Bike safe free on-line training

West Mercia POLICE

Be Skilful. Be Safe. Be Seen.

We have been working in conjunction with Bikesafe to deliver a modular training package for motorcycle riders to further training free of charge to West Mercia resident motorcyclists.

Scan the QR code which takes you to the Bikesafe home page where you will have access to modular training packages consisting of video message from police along with recorded footage.

Modules include overtaking, attitude, cornering, observation, hazards and system of motorcycle control.



Dates for your diary

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

November

Wed 1	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 11	Remembrance Day Service, 10.50am, Village Green
Sun 12	Remembrance services at Eckington and Pershore Abbey
Wed 15	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 16	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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