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Editorial

Having led the world on environmental issues for several years, the decisions of the UK Government over the last three weeks may seem rather curious: extending the sale of petrol and diesel cars for a further five years, scrapping requirements to replace oil and gas boilers, abolishing the committee only recently set up to advise on home insulation, granting new licences for oil and gas exploration, and more.

This will be confusing and depressing for the many people who strive daily to do their bit for the environment, by sorting their waste, re-using shopping bags, reducing car journeys and so on. Some will ask, 'What difference does the action of an individual make?' And, 'Will my bit of recycling really save the planet?'

These are similar to the age-old arguments that we hear at election time: 'Why should I bother to vote when my single ballot cannot possibly change the outcome?' While this appears at first sight to be a reasonable argument, the fact remains that candidates are elected only because large numbers of individuals *do* bother to vote; if few turned out, the results would be very different. Democracy only functions because millions of people choose to play an insignificant yet vital part in the process.

In the same way, the stunning murmurations that we sometimes see over Bredon Hill would be no less spectacular if a single starling chose to stay on its perch; but if the whole flock could not be bothered to turn out in the evening we would be looking at a very empty sky.

So it is with the environment. Each of us can only make a tiny difference to the environmental outcome, for better or worse. However, if we all play our own small part, the combined effects from the population as a whole can easily outweigh any negative effects of government policy.

In the end, it is not the policies of governments that will save us from the climate crisis; it is the determination of millions of individuals to do their bit.

Birlingham IW

Thursday 19th October *by Caryl Mills*



Join us on Thursday 19th October for the belated showing of 'Judy'. This film of the life of Judy Garland starring Renee Zellwegger should have been our meeting for March 2020 but was postponed because of the lockdowns.

All are welcome in the village hall at 7.30pm. Popcorn will be served.

Birlingham Churchyard – Autumn Tidy-Up

Saturday 28th October *by Pat Chinneck*

Calling all villagers! The churchyard is in need of an autumn tidy-up. There are lots of jobs to be done so, if you would like to join us, please assemble in the churchyard on Saturday 28th October at 10.30am armed with secateurs, loppers etc. Depending on the number of volunteers, it shouldn't take more than a couple of hours, less hopefully. We want it looking at its best for the Benefice Service being held the following day, where we will be hosting visitors from Pershore Abbey, Pinvin and Wick.

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.

Care with Fireworks



We are now approaching the time of year when people have firework parties. There are a number of thatched cottages in the village, some of them quite close to each other. Therefore please take great care when setting off fireworks and consider the direction in which they might travel and where they might land.

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Cover Crops

by John Sansome

These are a selection of the cover crops which are currently growing in the fields around Birlingham. Mixtures of crimson clover, buckwheat, vetch, phacelia, rye, berseem clover, oats and barley. They play an important role in our crop rotation, protect the soil, capture nutrients, support pollinators, feed the soil life and even look pretty whilst they do it!







Anti-social behaviour

We are working hard to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in and around the Pershore area.

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that causes harm to an individual, to their community or to their environment. This could be an action by someone else that leaves you feeling alarmed, harassed or distressed. It also includes fear of crime or concern for public safety, public disorder or public nuisance.

Examples of anti-social behaviour include:

Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting Street drinking Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandonment of cars Prostitution related activity Begging and vagrancy Fireworks misuse Inconsiderate or inappropriate use of vehicles

If you are experiencing problems with anti-social behaviour, or have any concerns about it, or other community safety issues, you should contact your local council or report this to us online. In an emergency, if you or your property are at risk or a crime is in progress call 999.

The police, local authorities and other community safety partner agencies, such as Fire & Rescue and social housing landlords, all have a responsibility to deal with anti-social behaviour and to help people who are suffering from it.

If you have information ASB please let us know using the online 'Tell Us About' form on our website www.westmercia.police.uk.

If you aren't comfortable contacting us directly, you can pass on information anonymously to the independent charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Thank you for your help. It is only by the police and the public working together that we can prevent and detect crime.



Message Sent By
Claire Doughty
(West Mercia Police, PCSO, Pershore Rural)

Newsletters Two newsletters have arrived

Parish Matters (www.birlingham.org/docs/parish_matters_2023_october.html) is the latest newsletter from Wychavon District Council.
West Mercia PCC's newsletter (www.birlingham.org/docs/pcc_2023_september.html) is from the Police & Crime Commissioner.

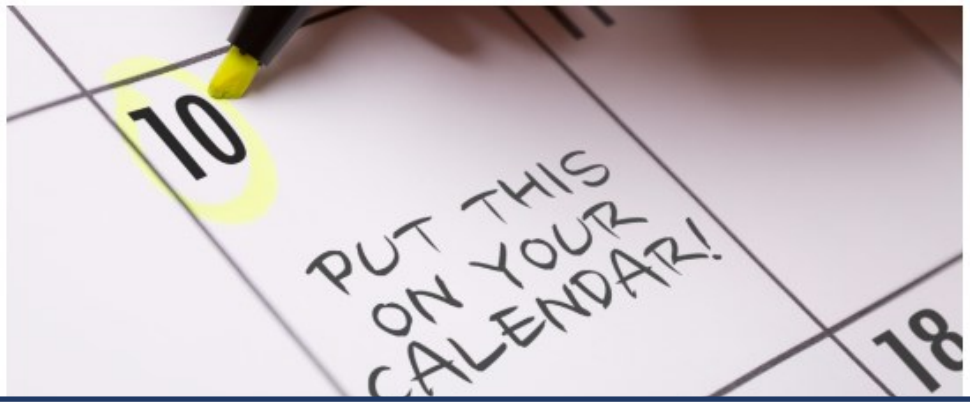
Parish matters

WYCHAVON

News from Wychavon District Council for town and parish councils

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John Campion
Police and Crime Commissioner
West Mercia

West Mercia PCC's newsletter

September 2023



Welcome to my September newsletter.

This month's edition includes news on the action I am taking to address firearms licensing delays, the return of my Pin your Poppy campaign and much more...

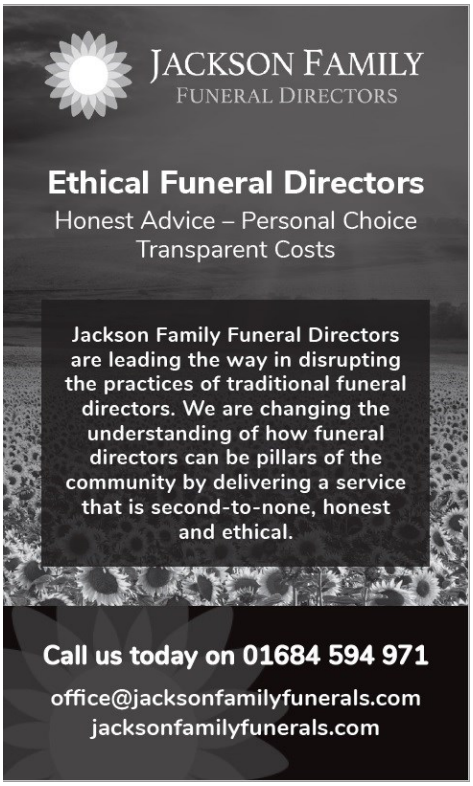


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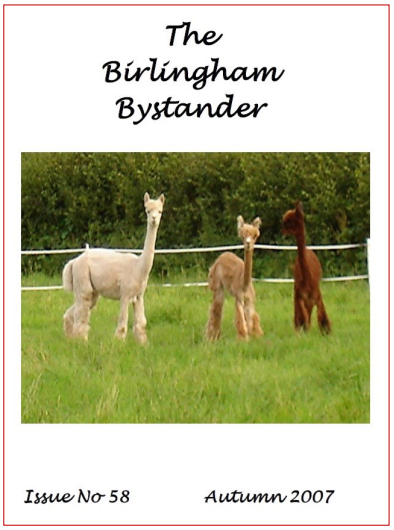
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Bystander Archives



The Autumn 2007 edition of the Birlingham Bystander is the first to be printed in full colour. By this stage, the editorial team consists of Wimpy Derbyshire, Edward Farrar, Jayne Mackenzie, Pat Taylor and Mary Sadler - Alan Callender and Carole McKenna having retired.

This issue begins with the Birlingham Drivers' Club Rally to Raglan. There is a piece about the bell ringers and an obituary for the Jack the cat (of the Corner House). Other articles cover fishing at Nafford, a drama production at the Village Hall and a celebration of 50 years of the Cricket Club on its present ground. There are some impressive aerial photographs of the recent floods. Chris Hermon recounts his charity walk with Dave Berry. There are articles on Rough Hill Orchard and the ash plantation near Nafford Lock.

Usual events include the Flower & Produce Show, the Fete and the Harvest Lunch. The christenings of Sophie Comins, Henrietta Smith and Georgina Cook are recorded. Welcomes are extended to David Kew and Clare Evans, and Kim Saint and Martin Mills. Goodbyes are for Sharon and Ella Gibbons, and Alan and Trudy Callender.

Issue 58 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander058.pdf

Planning Applications

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

Whitehall House, Whitehall Lane: Proposed front and rear single storey extensions (Case No. W/23/01943/HP). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 26th October.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:
https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/01943/HP

Dates for your diary

October

Thu 19	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 28	Churchyard Tidy-up, 10.30am, St James' Church
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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