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Editorial

Welcome! If this is the first time you have downloaded *Birlingham News online*, we hope you enjoy the new format.

Please let us know what you like (or would change) about the new layout by emailing us at news@birlingham.org. We will be pleased to receive any comments or suggestions.

If, on the other hand, you are downloading *Birlingham News online* on Sunday morning, munching a bowl of cornflakes and listening to *The Archers,* and you are annoyed that it takes an extra couple of clicks to access your regular update of news in the village, we would also like to hear from you. We cannot promise to make life in Birlingham sound as exciting as that in Ambridge but we will use any feedback to make what improvements we can.

And, of course, we always appreciate any news, photos or other snippets of information for inclusion in the next edition. This week's *News* features several photos that have been sent to us, as well as notice of yet another closure to Eckington Bridge for maintenance, a *Worcester News* article about a flood rescue and, as usual, details of local events.

Meanwhile, we will let you get back to *The Archers*, as you are probably more concerned about what Alice is going to do about Harry and how her decision will impact poor, long-suffering Harrison's career in the police force . . .

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 6th March *by Sue Hermon*



Our next Cuppa and Chat will be held on Wednesday 6th March 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.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

St James' Church



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A big thank you to all of the village input into the Bulb Sunday Service. Madeleine Frost, Val Gilmore, Nick Baskerville and Kate Mori all contributed by reading poems and prose extracts, the flower arrangers made the church look beautiful to welcome the congregation and the bellringers gave us a cheerful arrival.

The Upton Parish Choir sang two items with Jayne Swann as their soloist and John Holloway, their Director of Music, was the service organist. The service was enjoyed by all who were there and visitors swelled the congregation to a creditable 65.

Dates for the diary:

* **Sunday 31st March**: Easter Day Holy Communion, 10.30am
* **Sunday 14th April**: Tree Service, 10.30am
* **Sunday 12th May**: Pet Service, 3.00pm
* **Sunday 9th June**: Songs of Praise, 3.00pm

Details to follow.



Snowdrops on 2nd February *(Photo: Nikki Hollier)*



The churchyard, 10th February *(Photo: Peter Luff)*

Eckington Bridge Closure

Saturday 23rd March – Sunday 7th April

Eckington Bridge will be closed for maintenance for 16 days from Saturday 23rd March until Sunday 7th April.

The official diversion between Birlingham and Eckington is shown as a route via Tewkesbury and Upton Upon Severn but obviously the quickest route is through Pershore and Nafford.

The notice of closure is given opposite and the official diversion map is at the bottom of the page. The shortest route between Eckington and Birlingham is shown immediately below.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
(B4080 Pershore Road, Eckington) (Temporary Closure) Order 2024

Proposed Order: to close that part of B4080 Pershore Road from its junction with C2271 New Barn Lane to its junction with U46445 Roman Meadow.

Reason: Bridge maintenance 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. **Access for emergency vehicles may not be possible, please use alternative route.**

Alternative route: B4080 Eckington Road, A4104 Defford Road, A4104 Baughton Hill, A4104 Baughton, A4104 Pershore Road, A38 Tewkesbury Road, (into Gloucestershire), B4080 Tewkesbury Road, B4080 Main Road, B4080 Eckington Road and vice versa.

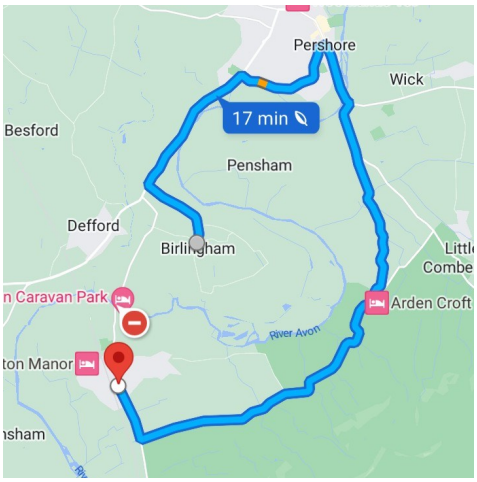
Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **16 days.** Commencing: **23 March 2024**

Thomas Pollock Head of Commercial Law (Legal & Governance) County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester

29 February 2024

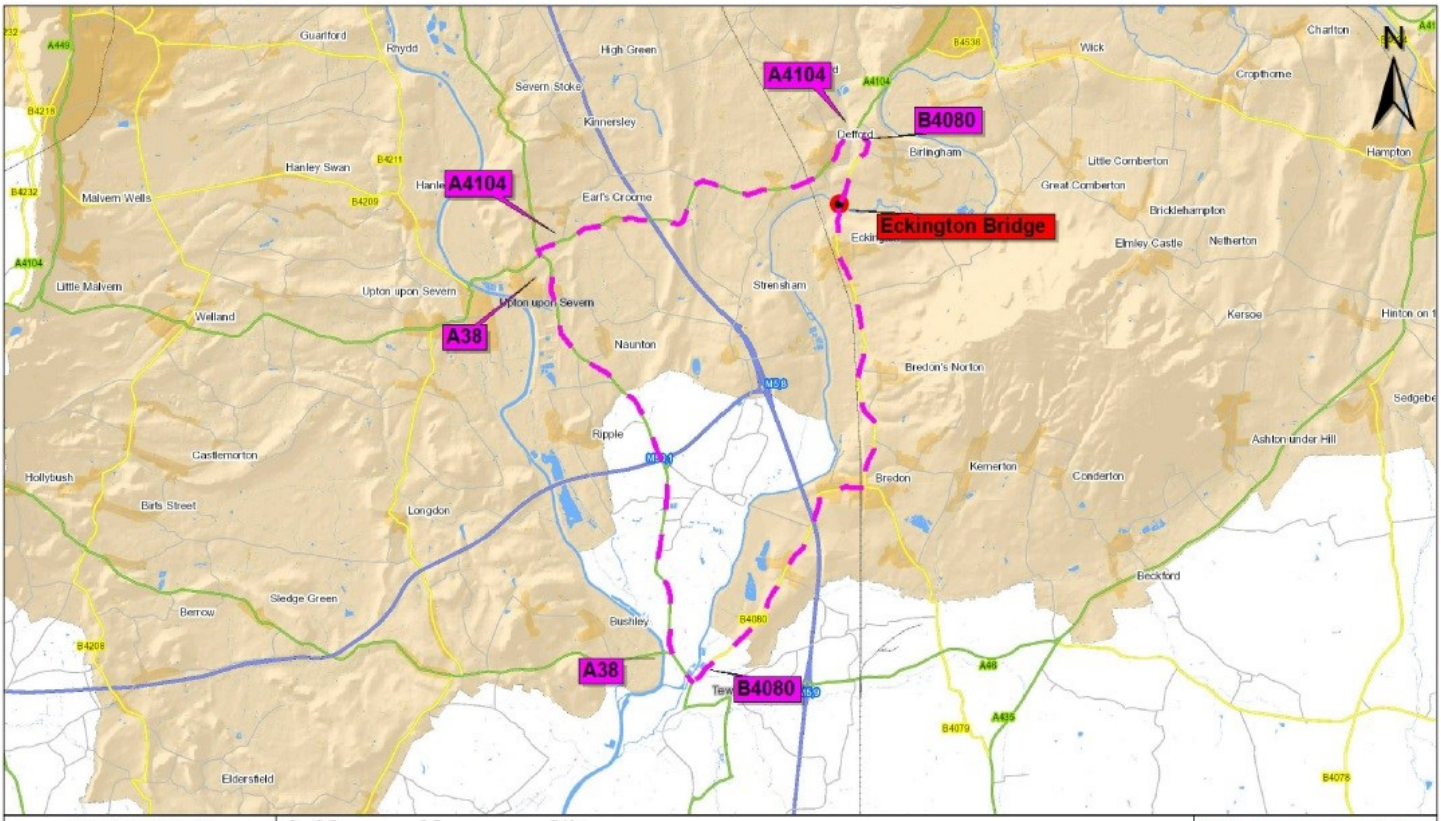


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Chris Thomas CA00304



Shortest route between Birlingham and Eckington

Official diversion between Birlingham and Eckington



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Indicative Scale: 1:100,000

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Diversion Route (Clockwise)
- B4080 from Eckington Bridge (Pershore Road), south, to junction with A38 (Mythe Road).
- A38 (Mythe Road), north-northwest, to A4104 (Upton Roundabout).
- A4104 (Pershore Road) from Upton Roundabout, east, to juntion with A4080 (Eckington Road).
- B4080 (Eckington Road) from junction with A4104 (Bakers Hill), south, to Eckington Bridge.

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HWFR Use Tractor to Pull Car Stuck at Eckington Bridge

Article courtesy of Worcester News, 12th February



Fire crews were called to remove a car submerged in flood water at Eckington Bridge, which was closed last week due to flooding.

No one was trapped in the car, and crews had help from a tractor driver to pull the vehicle from the water.

A spokesperson for Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service said: "A HWFR crew from Pershore Fire Station and the boat crew from Worcester Fire Station were called at 6.33am on February 10 to a vehicle in water at Eckington Bridge, Eckington, Pershore.

"A car was submerged in water, but no occupants were trapped. Fire service personnel gave assistance to a tractor driver to pull the vehicle from the water.

"The incident was marked as pending closure at 8.08am."



The regular flooding this season makes walking around the village increasingly difficult. Here is a mud bath which is the footpath that takes you along the edge of the fields to and from the Eckington Road to Birlingham village

(Photo: Julia Luff)



West Mercia PCC's latest newsletter from the Police & Crime Commissioner can be viewed at:
https://mailchi.mp/westmercia/pcc-newsletter-february-6455516

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Phlowery phone box: Is this a way forward for our village phone box?
(Photo: Julia Luff)

Dates for your diary

March

Wed 6	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Wed 20	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 21	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 31	Easter Day Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church

April

Sun 14	Tree Service, 10.30am, St James' Church
Thu 18	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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