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Editorial

There are definite signs that Spring is upon us at last. This edition of *Birlingham News* contains photographs of young lambs and spring flowers, welcome signals that warmer weather is on the way. In addition, there are invitations to the AGMs of village organisations, further harbingers of the new season.

With the changing of the clocks, the evenings are suddenly much lighter, and the odd sunny days we have experienced recently have encouraged people to start getting out into the garden. If you can spare an extra hour or two, you would be welcome to join the churchyard tidy-up.

Meanwhile, the editorial team of the *Birlingham Bystander* has come out of hibernation and begun to compile the Spring edition – so if you have any articles or photographs you would like included you have about a week left to submit them.

Hopefully, by the time the next edition of *Birlingham News* is published, two weeks from now, the rain will have begun to subside and we will be able to enjoy some real sunshine.

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Corrections

There were two errors in the first edition of the most recent *Birlingham News* (No. 326):

- The Pilates classes in the Village Hall on Thursdays start at 12.00 noon (not 12.15 as previously stated).
- The Tree Service on Sunday 14th April will be held at the Court House (not St James' Church, as listed in 'Dates for your diary').

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward
(Tel. 01386 750936)

You are reminded that there will be a tree-themed service on **Sunday 14th April at 10.30am**. This will be an outdoor service to be held in the grounds of the Court House by kind permission of Rupert and Maryanne Day.

There will be contributions in words and music from several villagers and the service will be led by our Benefice Curate, Revd Jayne Parker and refreshments will be served afterwards.

There is some shelter from the rain but it might be advisable to bring an umbrella and wear boots or stout shoes!

All are welcome to attend and directions for parking and location of the service will be given at the entrance gate.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 17th April

by Pat Chinneck, PCC Secretary

The Annual Parochial Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April in St James' Church at 6.30pm.

Birlingham IW

Thursday 18th April *by Caryl Mills*



Thursday 18th April is the last meeting in the Village Hall until September, as in May we commence our outings and visits. We have John Platts coming to talk to us about 'A Policeman's Lot!'

Come and join us at 7.30pm for what will be an entertaining evening.

Friends of St James' Church AGM

Monday 22nd April ***Charity Registration Number 1094752***

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held on Monday 22nd April in St James' Church at 6.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

The agenda for the meeting, accounts for 2023 and reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Trustees were included in the last *Birlingham News* (No. 326).

Churchyard Tidy-up

Saturday 27th April *by Sue Hayward*

The spring churchyard tidy up is on Saturday 27th April, 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

If you've got a couple of hours (or less) to spare, we would love you to join us. Bring suitable clothing, gloves and any bits of gardening equipment you may need. The work usually consists of pruning, weeding, removing ivy etc.

There will be homemade cakes and hot drinks available.

Airband and BT Broadband Update

The problems with the new Airband broadband system, reported in the last edition of *Birlingham News*, were solved within 48 hours of Airband being contacted. Apparently the service has been more or less faultless since then, with a 99.5% continuous connection. A couple of individual problems in Lower End took a little longer to be resolved.

Meanwhile there was an interruption in the BT broadband service for 24 hours last Friday. This issue has also been resolved.



The road from the war memorial to Upper End and the junction with Defford Road will be closed periodically over the next two weeks. Please keep the road clear at all times until the work is complete



Newborn lambs in Birlingham (30th March) – it must be spring!

(Photo: Chris Hermon)

Pilates at Birlingham Village Hall

by Suzie Matty

There is a regular Pilates class in Birlingham Village Hall on Thursdays at 12.00 noon, lasting 50 minutes.

This is a small physio-led pilates class. We work on balance, core stability, flexibility and co-ordination with the aim of keeping you happy, healthy and able to enjoy life without being held back by aches and pains! (Suitable for those with injuries or back problems.)

A 5-week block is £50 or you can PAYG at £12/class.

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 12, but there are currently a couple of spaces. If you are interested, please call or message me on 07863 239927 or email: info@suziematty.com.

There is also more general information on my website: https://www.suziematty.com

Birlingham Bystander – Spring Edition

The Spring edition of the Birlingham Bystander is now being compiled.

If you have any articles, photographs or news that you would like included, please email the editorial team at bystander@birlingham.org by Wednesday 17th April.

The Bystander will be published in May.

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Every Tuesday I 10:30am – 12:30pm I The Pershore Allotments, WR10 1HU

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- Wanting to try your hand at gardening and learn new skills, or a seasoned gardener in need of a space to enjoy your hobby? All abilities are welcome!
- We have welcomed many new faces and created a passionate and welcoming community that meet weekly to maintain the space. Become part of the community.
- Share tips and learn from other local gardeners.
- Feel the sense of accomplishment by taking home produce you've helped grow, from fruit and vegetables to flowers and cuttings.

Get in touch:

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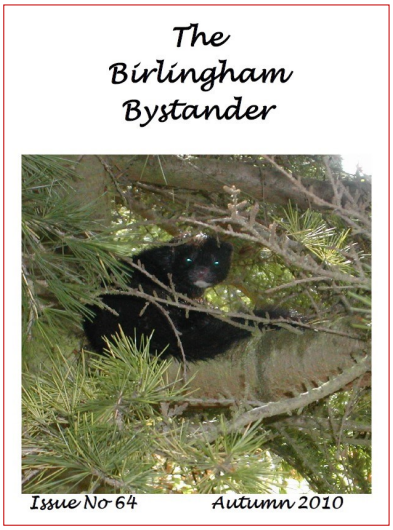
Letters to the Editors

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 Archives



The Autumn 2010 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* contains the usual eclectic selection of articles, including one about running on Bredon Hill, a review of Henry Porter's *The Dying Light*, a report on the church fabric and another by the village lengthsman, Carl Brassington, and articles by the choir and the bellringers.

There are accounts of the usual annual events: the litter pick, the Vintage and Classic Car Rally, the Flower & Produce Show, and the Village Evening (replacing the Fete).

Judith Ford describes trekking the Inca Trail and there is an article on the new John Bennett Wetland Reserve.

The Golden Wedding of Brenda and Barry Fletcher is recorded, along with the christening of their grandson, Noah. Two weddings took place: Ellie Collier and Keith Bowers, and Luke Stanton and Alexandra Bickerton. Among the welcomes is Val Gilmore and the goodbyes include Alan and Virginia Cooper. There is an obituary for Norman Wild.

Issue 64 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander064.pdf

Planning Applications

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

Broadgrove Nursery Farm Shop, Eckington Road: Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 4no. dwellings (Case No. W/23/02328/PIP). **Refused.** Full details and reasons for refusal can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/02328/PIP

The Parish Council comments are available at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_comments_23_02328.pdf



Spring flowers in Lower End, 24th March

(Photo: Nikki Hollier)

Personal Ads

Personal adverts should consist of one paragraph of text, maximum 100 words, and will be included in a single issue of Birlingham News. Please note that advertisement text will be published exactly as received. Personal ads should be sent to news@birlingham.org no later than the Monday before publication. Birlingham News is published on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Dates for your diary

April

Sun 14	Tree Service, 10.30am, The Court House
Wed 17	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 6.30pm, St James' Church
Thu 18	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Mon 22	Friends of St James' Church AGM, 6.00pm, St James' Church
Sat 27	Churchyard Tidy-up, 10.00am-12.00, St James' Church

May

Wed 1	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 2	Election of West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner
Sun 12	Pet Service, 3.00pm, St James' Church
Wed 15	Birlingham Parish Council Annual Meeting, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall (followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm)
Thu 16	Birlingham IW (details to be confirmed)

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Birlingham News online is open to any organisation or business within the parish to promote events. Inclusion of an event does not imply that Birlingham Jubilee Committee supports either the event or the views of the organisation promoting it.

The copy date for the next edition is Monday 22nd April (for publication on Wednesday 24th April). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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