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Editorial

There was no need to travel to Norway or Iceland to see the Aurora Borealis the weekend before last; there was a splendid show of the Northern Lights here at home in Birlingham, as the images in this issue demonstrate.

Sadly, it was for one night only – much to the disappointment of those who had decided to have an early night for once. It is likely to be another twenty years before we have the next chance of seeing such a rare night-time display from our back gardens.

However, we are lucky that some of our residents were out with their cameras and were able to record the event for us.

Northern Lights in Whitehall Lane, 10th May
(Photo: Matt Dormer)



Get Darren Back

by Carl Brassington

If you are a new resident you may wonder what the fuss is about.

I think most of us were surprised and a few dismayed to discover that our postie, Darren, had been re-assigned to another route. Darren has been delivering the mail in the village for 30 years so has been here longer than most of the residents.

He is also more than a postman. Recently he alerted me to a neighbour who was not emptying their postbox. Luckily the person in question was already being taken care of but he was kind enough to raise the concern.

I'm sure many in the village have similar stories about Darren going the extra mile for the residents, so it was with much regret that I learned that he was being moved.

I floated the idea that we should petition Royal Mail to get Darren returned to the village and this has met with a large positive response.

If you feel that you would like to lend your support to this petition, please mail me and I will add your name to the list.

I would like to see him back on the round as he really does care about the village.

Email me on cwbrassington@gmail.com.

Cuppa & Chat



Wednesday 5th June

by Sue Hermon

Our next Cuppa and Chat will be held on Wednesday 5th June from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Birlingham Village Hall. Due to rising costs we have had to increase the price to £3.00 per person which, we hope you agree, is still very good value. 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 look forward to seeing you.

St James' Church



Churchwarden:
Adrianne Woodward
(Tel. 01386 750936)

St James' is holding a Songs of Praise service on **Sunday 9th June** at 3.00pm, led by Peter Stansbie.

We are fortunate to have James MacDowall Scott, the Abbey's newly appointed Director of Music, for our organist and hopefully some members of the Abbey Choir will be there too. After the service there will be refreshments, including cake!

An invitation is extended to all to join us for what is expected to be a lovely afternoon service, but sadly there won't be any TV cameras present!

Summer Fete

Saturday 22nd June

by Paula Aston

With just a month to go till the Summer Fete at the Cricket Club, preparations are well under way.

We are still in need of some wonderful volunteers to run stalls in particular the tea and cake stall.

If you are able to help, please let either myself or Becca know.

Also, if there are any small businesses in the village that would like to set up a stall to sell their wares, please let us know. The more the merrier.

If you can't help then then that's fine too, just please just come along and join us for a beer on a (hopefully!) sunny afternoon.

Spring Bystander

The Spring edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* is about to go to the printers and will be delivered shortly.

Meanwhile, if you have any articles or photos that you would like to see in the Autumn edition, to be published in October, please start sending them to bystander@birlingham.org.



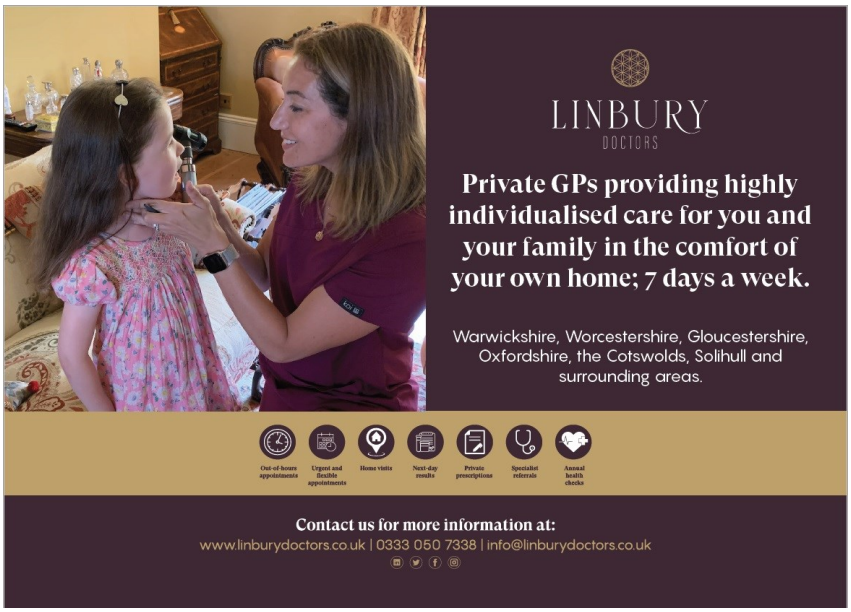
This wonderful picture of a scarecrow competition on the village green has been provided by Joan Hollier.

Can anyone tell us when it took place or what was the occasion, or provide any other details?

If you have any recollections of this event, please let us know at news@birlingham.org

Annual Parish Meeting

A report from last night's Annual Parish Meeting will be included in the next edition of *Birlingham News*.



Northern Lights Over Birlingham

10th May 2024





(Above) Northern Lights over Tiddesley Wood at 11.00pm
(Photo: Ian Yates)

(Left: top and bottom) Whitehall Lane
(Photos: Matt Dormer)

(Below) Lower End cottages at 11.25pm
(Photo: Mark Smith)







Nafford Weir, after a great effort by Smiths Angling Club, 7th May

(Photo: Peter Luff)

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news@birlingham.org

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Dates for your diary

June

Sat 1	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Martley CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm
Wed 5	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 8	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Ledbury CC 1st XI, 12.30pm
Sun 9	Songs of Praise, 3.00pm, St James' Church
Thu 20	Birlingham IW (details to be confirmed)
Sat 22	Village Fete (details to be confirmed)
Tue 25	Birlingham Village Hall Committee Meeting, 7.00pm, BVH

July

Wed 3	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 4	General Election, 7.00am-10.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 13	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Burghill, Tillington & Weobley CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm
Thu 18	Birlingham IW (details to be confirmed)

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