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Editorial

After a wet, miserable winter and spring we have all been looking forward to the spell of warm, sunny weather we are currently experiencing. What a joy it was to have sunshine for the Village Fete for once! Nevertheless, there are already people declaring that "It's too hot!" and hoping for some cooler weather. We are never satisfied.

The same principle applies to the general election. It's been nearly five years since the last one – though admittedly we have had a series of short-lived prime ministers and consequent changes in policy direction. Even so, within a couple of days of the announcement, there were those who were already fed up with the wall-to-wall coverage and wanting it to be over.

The candidates for our constituency are listed on the next page. We have also included the results from 2019 for those who are new to the area and would like some idea of its political history.

Like most constituencies, there have been boundary changes but the vast majority of West Worcestershire remains unchanged; a few parishes have been added and some removed. However, this time we have two new parties joining the fray, with the addition of Reform UK in particular likely to make it a much more closely-run race than it has been in the past (according to the predictions).

Therefore, unlike previous elections in West Worcestershire, every vote really counts, so hopefully there will be a high turnout. This is our one chance to decide who is in charge for the next five years. You may be bored with all the election chatter and a sunny day in the garden may be more appealing but this is your opportunity to play a small part in what may turn out to be a historic election.



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Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 3rd July *by Sue Hermon*



Our next Cuppa and Chat will be held on the first Wednesday of Wimbledon, 3rd July from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Birlingham Village Hall. The cost is £3 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)



Services at St James' Church over the summer will be held at the following times:

* **Sunday 14th July**: A 'Hymns and Pimms' service will be held to celebrate our patron St James, led by Canon Claire Lording, at 3.00pm. Details below.
* **August**: No service.
* **Sunday 15th September**: Harvest Festival, St James' Church, 10.30am.

Hymns and Pimms

Sunday 14th July

A 'Hymns and Pimms' service will be held to celebrate our patron St James, led by Canon Claire Lording, at 3.00pm on Sunday 14th July.

Glasses of Pimms will be served and replenished during the service and other non-alcholic drinks will be available.

All are welcome to raise a glass to St James!

Songs of Praise

The Songs of Praise service held at St James on 9th June was a wonderful way to become acquainted with the Abbey's new Director of Music, James MacDowall Scott, as he was the guest organist. The organ has never sounded so good and the recessional music was even applauded.

A good number of the Abbey choir were also present and as well as enhancing the hymn singing they performed a motet, 'Thou visited the Earth' by Maurice Greene.

All present really enjoyed the service and the cake supplied for refreshments was a bonus!

Update from Revd Claire Lording

"This is just to let you know that my chemotherapy treatment begins on 25th June. It will be six cycles at three-weekly intervals. I have been made aware of the side effects of such treatment and how I must do everything I can to prevent the risk of infection. I am going to take things one day at a time, hopeful that there will be good days in amongst the more challenging ones.

I am still working and hope to be able to do some of the things that are in my diary, but I know I must also rest and be kind to myself. There is no plan for how this will all look and things will undoubtedly change as treatment progresses. Thanks, as ever, for all your love, support and prayers. Please continue to pray for me, all those on a similar journey and all health professionals. Thanks everyone for all the wonderful support you are giving me – can't imagine doing this without you all."

Claire

General Election
Thursday 4th July

The candidates for the General Election on 4th July are listed below. Voting takes place in Birlingham Village Hall, 7.00am until 10.00pm. Don't forget to take photo ID!
For those new to the area, the results from 2019 are also shown.

All information courtesy of BBC News

Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire

Candidates

Harriett Baldwin	Conservative
Seonaid Barber	Party of Women
Dan Boatright-Greene	Liberal Democrats
Christopher Edmondson	Reform UK
Kash Haroon	Labour
Natalie McVey	Green

What do they do?

MPs split their time between working in Parliament and working in their constituency - the area they represent in Parliament. In their constituency they will often hold meetings called surgeries, where local people can attend to discuss issues important to them. In Parliament they can raise these issues with other MPs or government ministers, as well as debate and vote on new laws.

Worcestershire West Parliamentary constituency



Results

Conservative — Harriett Baldwin

Votes:	34,909
Vote share %:	60.7
Vote share change:	-0.8

Liberal Democrat — Beverley Nielsen

Votes:	10,410
Vote share %:	18.1
Vote share change:	+8.7

Labour — Samantha Charles

Votes:	9,496
Vote share %:	16.5
Vote share change:	-7.2

Green — Martin Allen

Votes:	2,715
Vote share %:	4.7
Vote share change:	+1.9

Change compared with 2017

Road Closure

Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th July

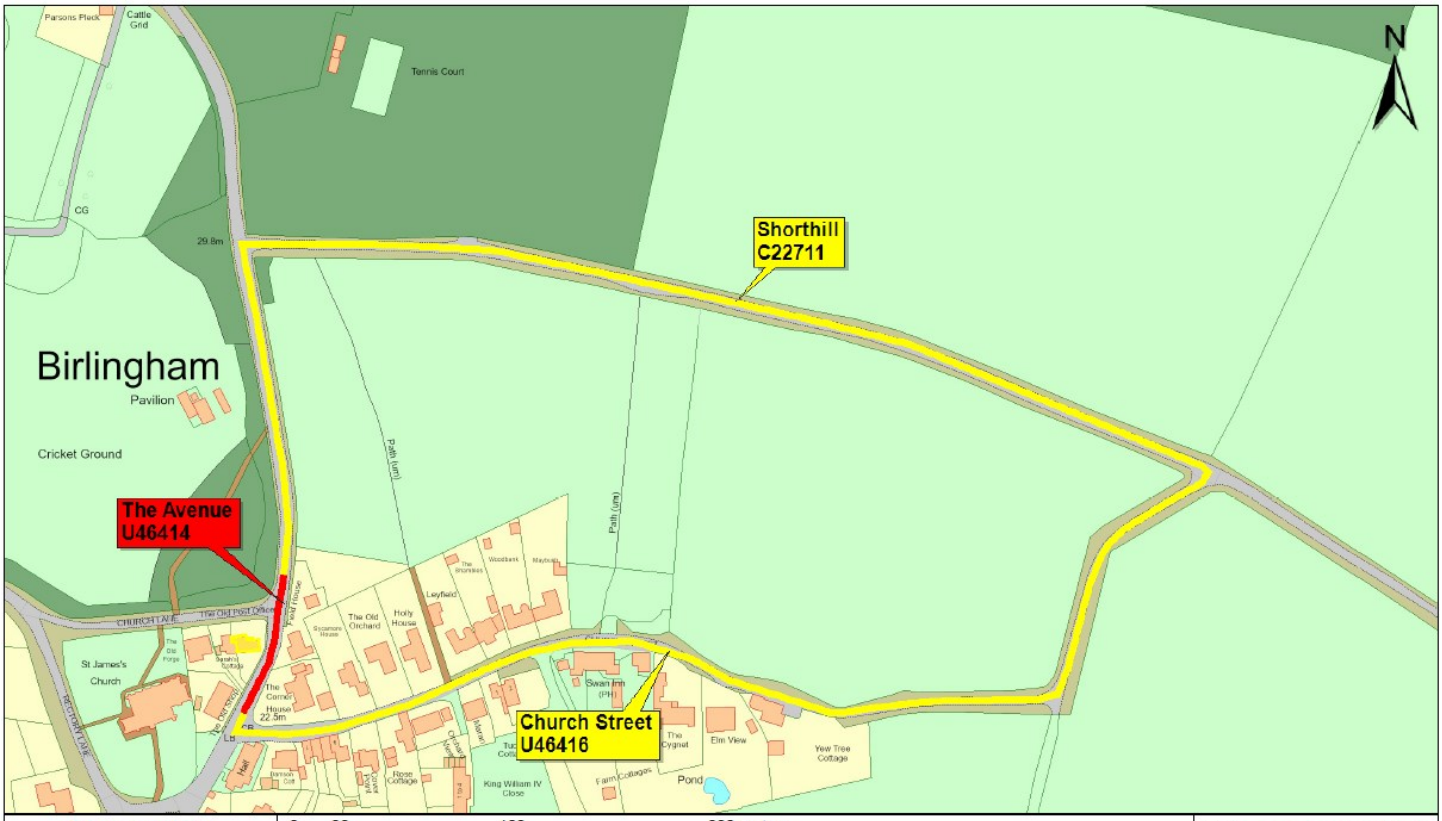
The Avenue from the end of Church Street to just above Church Lane will be closed from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th July for drainage works by the County Council.

The notice of closure is given opposite and the official diversion map is below.

Church Street can be accessed either via Upper End and Shorthill or via Eckington Road and New Barn Lane.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
(U46414 The Avenue, Birlingham) (Temporary Closure) Order 2024
Proposed Order: to close that part of U46414 The Avenue from its junction with U46416 Church Street for a distance of 95 metres in a northerly direction.
Reason: Drainage/flood alleviation works 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.
Alternative route: U46416 Church Street, C2271 Broadway Road, U46414 The Avenue and vice versa.
Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **3 days.** Commencing: **17 July 2024**
Thomas Pollock Head of Commercial Law (Legal & Governance) County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester
20 June 2024

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Please send letters to:

news@birlingham.org

Annual Parish Meeting – Reports

Full reports from the Annual Parish Meeting will be included in the next edition of *Birlingham News*.

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Birlingham Village Fete

by Paula Aston

It was so lovely to see so many people come together on Saturday to enjoy an afternoon of fun in the sun, catching up with each other in aid of our village church. A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising and running the stalls and activities; the Cricket Club for hosting the event and running the bar and BBQ; and of course whoever sent the sun to shine down on us.

We are still in the process of a final count but early indications are showing that we managed to raise over £1000 for the church funds, so thank you again for a wonderful afternoon and everyone's generosity with both time and donations.



(Photo: Mandy Mouzer)

Dates for your diary

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
Sun 14	'Hymns and Pimms' service for St James, 3.00pm, St James' Church
Wed 17	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 18	Birlingham IW (details to be confirmed)
Sat 27	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Barnards Green CC 3rd XI, 12.30pm

August

Wed 7	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 15	Birlingham IW (details to be confirmed)
Sat 17	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Canon Frome CC 1st XI, 12.30pm

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