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Editorial

In some years, few or no properties change hands but this summer has seen an influx of new arrivals in Birlingham. We are always sorry to see old friends leave the village but it is equally a delight to welcome new residents. All these comings and goings will be recorded in the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander*.

Our newcomers will have received a copy of the St James' Welcome leaflet through their letter boxes; for everyone else, who might need to brush up their local knowledge, we are including the leaflet in this edition of *Birlingham News*.

Gradual change is always a good thing and we are sure that our newest residents will become as valuable to our community as have many generations of newcomers before them.

Musicians Needed!

by Charlotte Baskerville

Are you a first-class flautist, superb singer or even a mind-blowing mandolin player? We are looking for musicians to play at an event in the evening of Friday 18th October at St. James'. Birlingham has a huge amount of talent and it would be lovely to include performances showcasing a range of ages, instruments and genres. Join us for an evening of music making!

We are also hoping to put together a handbell group for this event. If any children (or adults!) are keen to get involved, please get in touch. It should be a lot of fun!

Please get in touch with me via email if you are interested in taking part: charlotte@baskerville.in.

'Welcome to Birlingham' leaflet

If you are a new arrival to the village, you will have received a Welcome leaflet from St James' Church. The information in the leaflet inevitably changes over time, so for those who are already here we are reproducing this leaflet on the next page (courtesy of St James', with thanks to PCC Treasurer, Sue Hayward).



2024 saw the 200th year of life at The Row and to celebrate there was a little get-together on 26th July and the presentation of a commissioned gate to mark this magnificent milestone. The full story will appear in the Autumn Bystander

Left to right: Julia Luff (Trustee), Belinda Scott, David Scott, Neil Lightbody, Patricia Lightbody, Bruce Hayward (Chairman of the Trust), Valerie Gilmore and Chris Reynard (Trustee)

(Photo: Angela Fitch Photography)



Welcome to Birlingham

Welcome to Birlingham. We hope the information in this Welcome Leaflet will help you to enjoy our village. We have tried to gather as much useful, up-to-date and relevant information as possible in this guide.
Much of the information is on our village website: http://www.birlingham.org/

The name Birlingham is derived from the Old English *Byrla–inga–hamm*, meaning "Land, in a river-bend." The civil parish of Birlingham had a population of 359 at the 2011 Census.

St. James Church

Our beautiful Church dates back to the 12th century. The church is usually unlocked each day between about 9-30am and 4pm and is available for anyone to visit. St. James is one of four churches in the Pershore Benefice, which consists of the parishes of Pinvin, Wick and Pershore Abbey. Within the Benefice there is a wide selection of styles of service, catering for different people's preference. The Church is a beautiful venue and we do welcome couples who wish to marry here. Contact the Abbey Office, Pershore for further details.
Church Services are held throughout the year; details can be found on the churchyard notice board.
Contacts: Churchwarden is Adrianne Woodward, Tel: 01386 750936
Vicar: Revd Canon Claire Lording vicar@pershoreabbey.org.uk 01386 552071

Friends of St. James

The Church and churchyard are supported by the Friends of St James; a charitable trust that raises funds to maintain and improve the building. Recent projects made possible by the Friends include installing a water supply, replacing the tower light and repairing damaged masonry. Whether or not you go to church, you would find a warm welcome on the committee of the Friends of St James' or at the social events they organise. Please contact the Chair, Andrew Jowett andrew.jowett55@btinternet.com if you would like to know more.

Village Hall

Birlingham Village Hall is managed as a charity by volunteers; extra help and new ideas are always welcome. The village hall hosts various events and offers a range of facilities. It is available to hire at reasonable prices and the hall has been a venue for wedding receptions, birthday parties, club competitions, quiz nights, pantomimes, exhibitions, dances, concerts, club events and many social gatherings.
Bookings: http://www.birlinghamvillagehall.org/

Defibrillator:

Can be found at the right hand side of the village hall entrance. The Code to open the case is C1234.

Clubs and Societies

There are various groups/activities to get involved with such as Darts, Skittles, Photography Club, I.W and Bell Ringing. Visit the link below for details.
http://www.birlingham.org/organisations.htm

Birlingham Cricket Club

Birlingham is lucky enough to have one of the prettiest Cricket pitches in England and an active Cricket Club. Go to:
https://birlingham.play-cricket.com/

Keeping up to date with village life

Village News Online Can be found at www.birlingham.org/village/bno To receive notifications please send an email to: news@birlingham.org
Birlingham Bystander: Is a village magazine produced twice a year and distributed to every household. If you would like to subscribe or have something to contribute, please e mail bystander@birlingham.org

Cuppa & Chat: Is held every month on the first Wednesday 3 pm – 4-30. Everyone welcome and will give you the opportunity to meet some of the other villagers.
Village Forum: http://www.birlingham.org/forum/phpBB3/

Public transport

The nearest Train Station is Pershore. Other useful stations are Worcestershire Parkway and Ashchurch.
There is a limited bus service for Birlingham details can be found: https://www.firstgroup.com

Household waste collection

Waste collection is on a Monday morning and alternates between green/brown recycling and black landfill; bins should be put out on Sunday evening. For your collection timetable go to:
https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling

Village Businesses

For a small village, there is a lot going on and that includes local businesses. Far too many to include in this leaflet but more details can be found here:
http://www.birlingham.org/businesses.htm

Village Whatsapp Group

This is open to everyone and used to share useful information. If you would like to be added to the group send a message to Jessica Dormer either on 07939 695113 or at jessica@thedormers.net

Local Government

Birlingham Parish Council meetings are held bi-monthly in village hall on the third Wednesday from 7.00pm. See the link below for members and associate members
http://www.birlingham.org/pc_contacts.htm#pc
https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/
https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/

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Still time to have your say on air quality proposals



There is still time to comment on our proposals to limit the impact of housebuilding on air quality.

The South Worcestershire Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides detailed guidance to developers on how to implement pollution prevention policies in the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review.

Proposals in the SPD include increasing the distance between new developments and sources of air pollution, such as busy roads. Good ventilation should also be built into buildings, the layout of developments should encourage walking and cycling, while the use of trees, open spaces, green roofs and other green infrastructure should be used to block and filter air pollution.

Once adopted, planners will be able to use the Air Quality SPD to decide on planning applications. It will also strengthen their ability to seek air quality assessments and ask for additional measures to be put in place when new developments are proposed in areas where air pollution is already high. **The consultation closes on 27 August 2024**.

For more information, go to https://swdp-consult.objective.co.uk/kpse/event/D7B374DD-6D3D-42B2-8F19-5DA7E2CC7EBD

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



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.

Bystander Archives



The Autumn 2012 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* is packed full of reports during a very busy year for the village: a garden party at the Old Rectory, a cheese and wine party, the car rally, the Flower & Produce Show, a Zumbathon, a 20/20 cricket match, an asparagus lunch and a day out to Barry Island. On top of all this, the village found time to organise a whole array of events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

There are also articles about a Shooting Club cup, Gus Copson's exhibition at Number 8, the white duster flag, ringing for the start of the London Olympics and the Village Hall roof.

William Cook's baptism is recorded, as is Neil and Pat Lightbody's golden wedding. There are obituaries for Heinz Wichmann, Betty Hughes and Alan Gibbs.

Issue 68 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander068.pdf

Autumn *Bystander*

The copy date for the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* is Saturday 7th September. If you have any articles, photographs or other content that you would like included in the *Bystander*, please contact a member of the Editorial Team or email bystander@birlingham.org.

The *Bystander* will be published in October.

(Left) Teasel down by the river, 26th July
(Photo: Jayne Mackenzie)

Dates for your diary

August

Thu 15	Birlingham IW – no meeting
Sat 17	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Canon Frome CC 1st XI, 12.30pm
Sat 31	Rake and Cake in the Churchyard, 10.00-12.00am
Sat 31	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Pershore CC 3rd XI, 12.30pm

September

Wed 4	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 7	Birlingham CC 1st XI vs Worcester CC 3rd XI, 12.30pm
Sat 7	Flower & Produce Show, 2.00pm, Cricket Ground
Sat 7	Copy date for Birlingham Bystander Autumn edition
Sun 15	Harvest Festival, St James' Church – details to be confirmed
Wed 18	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 19	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 26th August (for publication on Wednesday 28th August). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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