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Editorial

Despite the occasional drizzle, last Saturday's Flower & Produce Show and the accompanying cricket match were a resounding success. As usual, the marquee was packed with entries for the Show and we hope to publish the results in the next edition of *Birlingham News*. The cricket match, the last home game of the summer, may not have resulted in a win for Birlingham but it was thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators.

This Sunday is the Harvest Festival (full details opposite), and thus the transition into autumn continues . . . which provides us with the excuse to mention again that the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* is now in preparation, so any late submissions must be received in the next few days.



The churchyard after the previous Saturday's annual tidy-up, 3rd September

(Photo: Nikki Hollier)

Swan Inn Holiday Closure

Saturday 7th – Thursday 19th September

by Zoe Haines

A reminder that we are currently closed for staff holidays.

We will reopen at lunchtime on Friday 20th September.



St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward
(Tel. 01386 750936)

The annual **Harvest Festival service** is being held at St James' this Sunday, 15th September, at 10.30am and is being led by Revd Alma Organ. All are welcome to attend and stay for refreshments after the service.

Donations of fresh and dried goods and tins would be much appreciated and can be left just inside the church during the previous week. Those attending the service can bring their donations along with them.

As is our custom, all of the Harvest goods are then given to The Maggs Centre, Worcester – a charity that helps the homeless.

If you are unable to be at the service and would like to make a cash donation please contact Adrianne to do so. The money from the collection is being sent to Farm Africa, a charity that supports smallholders in Eastern Africa in sustainable practice.

Update from Claire:

Thank you all so much for all your continued kindness and support. I wanted to let you know that my fifth cycle of treatment is scheduled for 19th September. Please do continue to pray for me, for all those being treated for cancer and all health professionals. Thank you. Claire

Advance notice:

St James' Autumn village dog walk, Sunday 27th October at 3.00pm.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th September

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 18th September at 7.00pm in Birlingham Village Hall. During the meeting there is an opportunity to express your views on local issues, so please go along.

The agenda for the meeting is available at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_agenda_2024-09-18.pdf

and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 17th September can be viewed at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2024-07-17.pdf.

Quiz Evening

by Peter Luff

The Quiz Night due to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd November has been postponed as too many people have said they cannot come that evening

A new date will be announced as soon as possible.

Birlingham IW

Thursday 19th September

by Caryl Mills



The next meeting of Birlingham IW is at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th September in the Village Hall.

The meeting will be a demonstration and mini workshop.

Road Closure
Lower End

Monday 7th – Friday 11th October

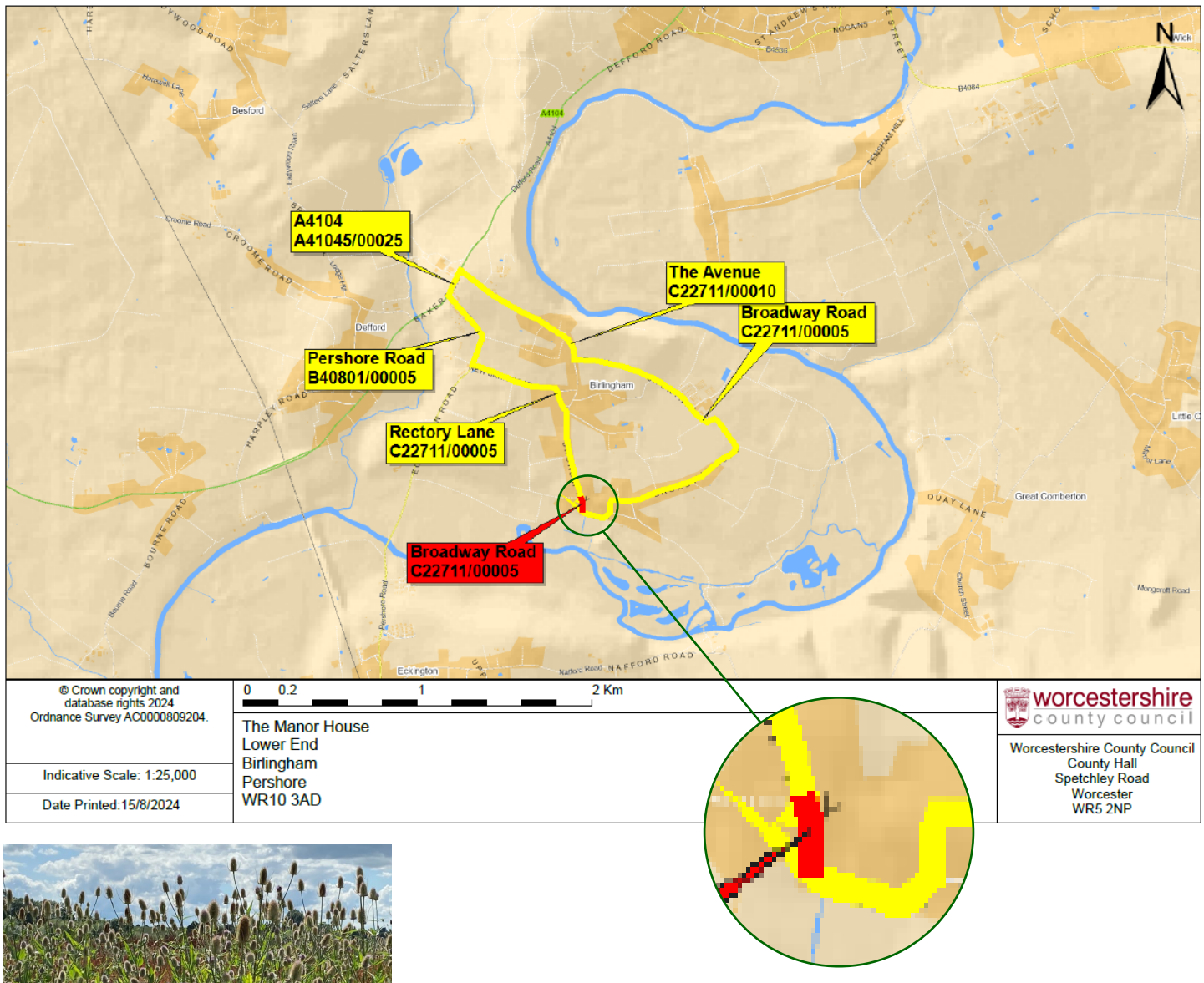
A small part of Lower End will be closed for five days from Monday 7th October for drainage work.

According to the County Council map, the part of the road to be closed appears to be the short stretch from Birlingham Manor down to the corner. (The official notice states that the road will be closed from Whitehall Lane to Berwick Lane but this does not appear to be the case.)

The map is particularly unhelpful with its diversion route, which suggests that access from one side of Lower End to the other should be via Eckington Road and Defford Road. The obvious route is along Church Street or Shorthill.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
(C2271 Lower End, Birlingham) (Temporary Closure) Order 2024
Proposed Order: to close that part of C2271 Lower End from its junction with U46417 Whitehall Lane to its junction with U46418 Berwick Lane.
Reason: Drainage Work / Flood Alleviation 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.
No access for emergency services diversion route must be followed
Alternative route: C2271 Lower End (part), C2271 Broadway Road, C2271 Upper End, A4104 Defford Road, B4080 Eckington Road, C2271 New Barn Lane, C2271 Lower End (part) and vice versa.
Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **5 days** Commencing: **7 October 2024**
Thomas Pollock Head of Commercial Law (Legal & Governance) County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester
12 September 2024

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More teasels down by the river, 26th July
(Photo: Jayne Mackenzie)

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

Planning Applications

The following planning applications have been determined by Wychavon District Council:

Peacock Barn, Lower End: Change of use from agricultural to domestic garden – including permission for garden room (Stuga). Retrospective (Case No. W/24/00948/FUL). **Approved.** Full details and conditions can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/24/00948/FUL

The Parish Council comments are available at:

https://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_comments_24_00948.pdf

Merriview, Upper End: Undertake tree works, as detailed on application form and in any accompanying information (Case No. W/24/01593/TPOA). **Application withdrawn.**

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 Spring 2013 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* begins with an interesting 1983 article from the *Berrows Journal* (supplied by Joan Hollier), detailing some of Birlingham's history. This is followed by an article by Steve McVittie on his time as a medic in other countries.

Articles on events in the village include the Carol Service, the Christmas Show, a visit to the Village Hall by the MP, New Year at the Swan, a concert at St James' and Bulb Sunday.

Other contributions include the Cricket Club's centenary year, growing for the Flower & Produce Show and the planting of the Jubilee Wood.

The diamond wedding of Brian and Peggie Heeks is reported and there are obituaries for David Maxwell, Ron Shale and Jennie Hill.

Issue 69 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander069.pdf

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.

Dates for your diary

September	
Sat 7 – Thu 19	Swan Inn Holiday Closure
Sun 15	Harvest Festival, St James' Church, 10.30am
Wed 18	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 19	Birlingham IW – details to be confirmed
October	
Wed 2	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 17	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Fri 18	Musical Evening, St James' Church – details to follow
Sun 27	St James' Autumn village dog walk, Sunday 27th October, St James' Church, 3.00pm

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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 23rd September (for publication on Wednesday 25th September). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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