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Editorial

We all complain about Christmas arriving in the shops far too early, with seasonal songs being played and displays of festive decorations all around – but then suddenly, December is upon us and the holiday season seems to hurtle towards us all too fast.

So this edition is packed with reminders of the Christmas services at St James', the New Year's Eve Party at the Village Hall and photos from the festive Cuppa & Chat – not to mention the request for volunteers for the Snowdrop Teas in February, which will be upon us all too soon.

As the next edition of *Birlingham News* will appear a few days after the big day, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Birlingham News – Next Edition

This month, the fourth Wednesday falls on Christmas Day, so the next edition of *Birlingham News* will be published on **Saturday 28th December**.

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward
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* A warm welcome awaits at St James' for our annual all-age **Carols and Christingles service** on Sunday 15th December at 6.00pm. The service will be led by Revd Jayne Parker, our curate. Do join us after the service for seasonal refreshments in the Village Hall.
* Get your Christmas celebrations off to a fitting start by attending St James' **Holy Communion Service** held on Christmas Morning (Wednesday 25th December) at 10.30am. The service will be led by Revd Jayne Parker.
* The **first service of 2025** will take place on Sunday 12th January at 10.30am. Details to follow later.

St James' Church, Birlingham

CAROLS & CHRISTINGLES



SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER
18:00
St James' Church

JOIN OUR FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE!

Take part in our traditional Christingle service and sing along to your favourite carols, followed by mulled wine and seasonal refreshments in Birlingham Village Hall

ALL WELCOME

New Year's Eve Party

Birlingham Village Hall, 8.00pm – late, £5pp

BRING YOUR PARTY TO THE VILLAGE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

Why not bring your own friends and family along and enjoy a great night out as Birlingham welcomes 2025?

You get to bring your own food and drinks, so so that you enjoy just what you like!

We will supply the cutlery, crockery and glassware which lightens your load –PLUS we do the clearing up!

What's not to love?

Tickets are £5pp and available from Angela Fitch on 01386 751682 or 07585 904636

Snowdrop Teas

by Sue Hayward & Julia Luff

Preparations for the much-loved Snowdrop Teas are beginning. Once again, every weekend in February the Village Hall will be open, offering teas, coffees and home baked cakes to visitors. They come from far and wide to admire the snowdrops in the churchyard, the flowers in the church, to buy snowdrops to take home and then to enjoy the teas. It is an important fundraiser for the Friends of St James'. Without this month of weekend teas the village would be a hungrier, poorer and even quieter place.

So please, start thinking about volunteering to join the tea rota in February, and plan to bake a cake or biscuits for sale. But right now, do you have any jigsaws you need to clear out? We will be running a jigsaw sales table so please let us know if you would like us to collect anything from you?

Further details about rotas and contributions nearer the time.

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Snowdrops in blankets: pots of snowdrop bulbs getting ready for the Teas, 19th November

(Photo: Ali Jowett)



Snowdrop Teas Volunteers



Swans in the floods, 30th November *(Photo: Nikki Hollier)*





Festive Cuppa & Chat, 4th December

Cuppa & Chat on Wednesday 4th December had a Christmas quiz and a raffle in aid of Crisis at Christmas.
Cuppa & Chat wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

(Photos: Chris Hermon)





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Christmas Bin Collections

Dates for bin collections in Birlingham over the Christmas period are as follows:

- **Black bins**: Saturday 21st December (replacing Monday 23rd December) plus up to two extra black refuse sacks placed next to the bin

  Monday 6th January (as usual) – **no** extra black refuse sacks

- **Green bins**: Monday 30th December (as usual) plus any number of clear recycling sacks placed next to the bin

- **Brown bins**: Monday 30th December (as usual)

Clear recycling sacks will be available from Pershore Civic Centre but any clear sacks can be used.

Make sure that your bins are out by 7.00am as collections may be earlier than usual.

The bin collection calendar for next year is shown opposite, Wychavon District Council's useful guide to what can and cannot go in your green recycling bin over Christmas is on the next page.

Full details of Christmas collections and other information about waste and recycling are available at:

https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/christmas-waste-and-recycling





Bredon Hill from Lower End, 20th November

(Photo: Nikki Hollier)

Your naughty and nice Christmas recycling guide

by Wychavon District Council

Here is our guide to help you get your recycling right and cut your waste this Christmas. Visit our recycling search to find out about all the items you can recycle at home.

The Nice List

These go in your green bin/clear sack or can be taken to a Household Recycling Centre where indicated.

Wrapping paper – if it is not glittery or metallic/plastic lined. Scrunch your wrapping paper into a ball and if it holds its shape it can be recycled

Cardboard packaging – please flatten before putting in your green bin/clear sack.

Glass bottles – all colours can go in your green bin. If on a sack collection, please take to a Household Recycling Centre or one of our bring banks.

Crackers – if the wrapper can be scrunched and holds its shape then it can be recycled along with the cardboard tube, paper joke, paper hat and the snapper. Any plastic prize inside needs to go in your black bin/sack.

Plastic bottles – all colours except black can go in your green bin/clear sack. Leave lids on.

Advent calendars – the outer cardboard and plastic inner can go in your green bin/clear sack if it is free from foil or chocolate and is not made of black plastic.

Plastic tubs - pots or trays, such as those used for nibbles or dips (as long as not black plastic), can go in your green bin/clear sack.

Metal drinks cans - these go in your green bin/clear sack.

Tin foil – if clean and free from food this can be recycled at a Household Recycling Centre. Please do not put in your green bin/clear sack.

Cardboard takeaway boxes – if not too greasy and free from food these can go in your green bin/clear sack

Plastic or metal sweet/biscuit tins – these go in your green bin/clear sack.

Christmas cards – these go in your green bin/clear sack or save them to reuse as tags next year.

The Naughty List

These items go in your black bin/sack.

Tinsel and other non-paper-based decorations.

Black plastic – of any kind.

Polystyrene – like the kind used in packaging.

Paper napkins and plates.

Metallic or plastic-backed wrapping paper (do the scrunch test to check).

Glitter-covered products and bows or ribbons (unless you can save them to use next year).

Santa's Helpers

Additional ways to reduce and reuse.

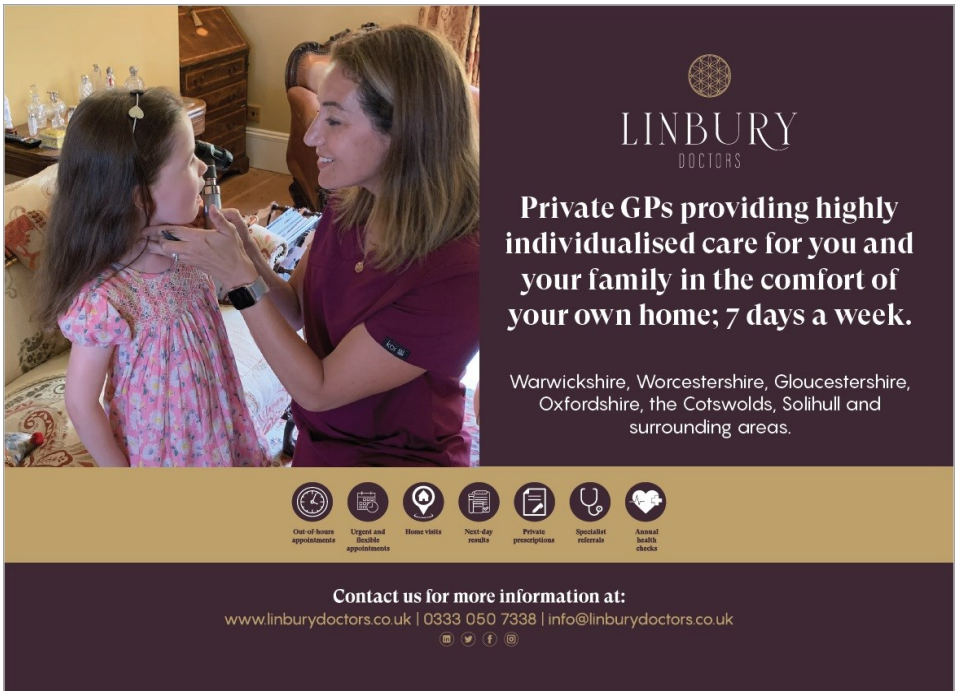
Christmas trees – real ones can be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

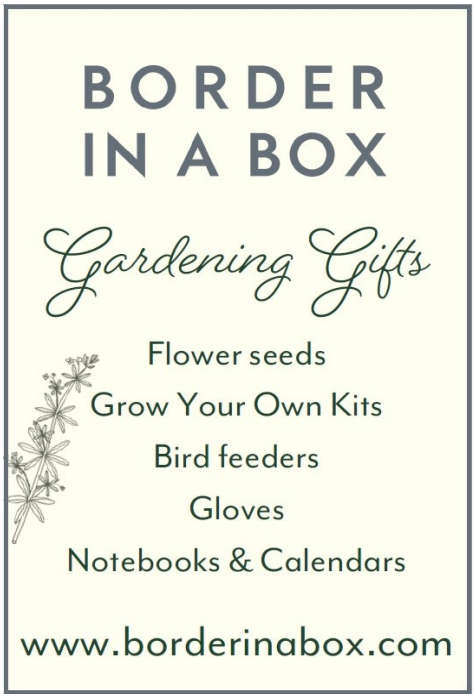
Food waste – portion plan and use up leftovers. Visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for tips.

Clothing – if good quality donate them to a charity shop or put them out for collection with your black bin/sack in a plastic bag and we will take them to be reused or recycled.

Unwanted toys/gifts – donate them to a charity shop.

Batteries – take them to any supermarket or retailer that sells batteries and use their battery recycling point. You can also put them in a plastic bag and leave them on top of your **black bin** for recycling.





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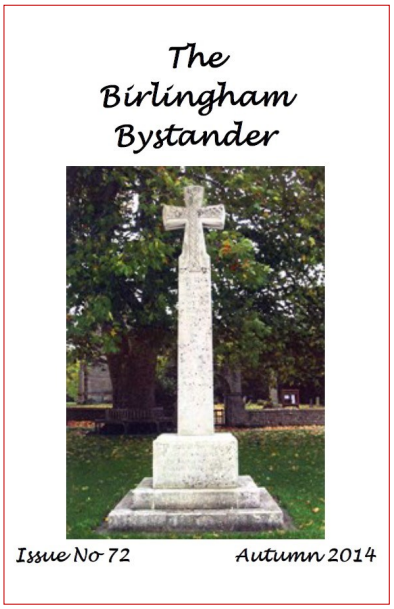
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Bystander Archives



The Autumn 2014 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* begins with a charity cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats. Later, there is an article by the new owners of the Swan, Will and Zoe Haines.

Chris Reynard writes about the Birlingham casualties of the First World War and Sue Jeavons talks about the Defford Pathfinders.

Village reports include the Flower & Produce Show, the Cricket Club, the Car Rally and the Evening Fete at Brockham.

The wedding of Katherine Sadler and Brian Rice is recorded. There are obituaries for Nancy Welland, Virginia Leonard-Williams, Olive Mence and Alan Cooper.

The new arrivals to the village included Will and Zoe Haines, Rupert and Maryanne Dyer, Alan Williams and Stuart Allen, Alex and Charley Brown, and Alan and Margaret Barke. There were farewells to Charlotte and Amber Butler, and Nic and Imogen Carson.

Issue 72 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
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Dates for your diary

December

Sun 15	Carols and Christingles, 6.00pm, St James' Church
Wed 25	Christmas Day Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
Tue 31	New Year's Eve Party, 8.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall

January

Wed 1	**NO** Cuppa & Chat
Sun 12	Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 15	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 16	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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