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Editorial

How much do you value *Birlingham News*? Do you read the online edition when it is published every other Wednesday or just glance at it occasionally? Would you prefer to go back to the time before the online edition, when *Birlingham News* was a few short paragraphs of text in an email?

It is difficult for the team producing *Birlingham News* to gauge the impact it is having and these are questions that we would like answered. Occasionally someone will tell us they find it useful, or someone else will say they never look at it. The amount of genuine feedback we receive is very limited.

We know how many downloads there are of each edition but even then we have no idea how much of each edition is read – or whether anyone reads these editorials, for example.

So the latest survey is our attempt to find out what people really think. The responses are anonymous, so don't hold back!

Essentially, we need to know whether you are happy with the online edition or would prefer to go back to the simple, brief text email. Or perhaps you would like to have both formats available again – but we must emphasise that this would only be possible if we had additional volunteers to help prepare them. The team is already stretched enough and any further load would probably send them over the edge!

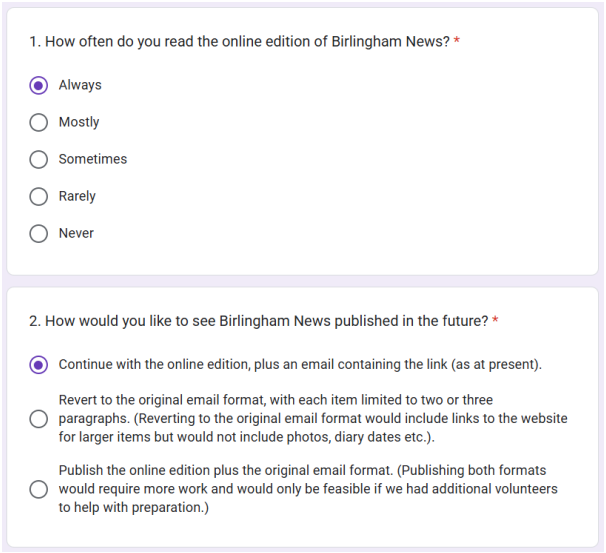
There is a link to the survey opposite and it is very quick to fill in.

So please spare the sixty seconds it takes to complete the survey and let us know what you really think.

Birlingham News Survey

Exactly twelve months ago we stopped publishing the email edition of *Birlingham News*, as it was becoming too time-consuming to produce both the email and the online editions.

We would now like to hear your views about the publication, so that we can decide whether we need to make changes to the way we present *Birlingham News* in the future.



This is your opportunity to tell us what you like (or don't!) and to guide us in the way the village newsletter develops over the coming months.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey.

The survey is at:

https://forms.gle/Qah37HDdnUVsriy67

The survey will be open for the next two weeks.

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

Church news for March and April is as follows:

* There are no church services at St James' in **March**
* **Sunday 23rd March**: Fairtrade Coffee Morning, 11.00am (full details on next page)
* **Sunday 20th April**: Easter Day Holy Communion, 10.30am

Also, St James' needs someone to take over the laundering of the altar linen. This entails washing and starching approximately three items twice a year. Anyone who is happy to take this on, please contact Adrianne Woodward on 01386 750936.

Update from Revd Claire Lording

Thank you all for your continued prayers and good wishes.

I have now started my post-surgery chemotherapy and am grateful that side effects seem to be minimal at the moment. I have had confirmation that my treatment should be finished by the end of June.

Please continue to pray for me, for all being treated for cancer and all health professionals.

Claire

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 5th March

by Sue Hermon



Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 5th March from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Birlingham Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome to come along.There will be tea, coffee and a selection of cakes and the cost is still only £3.00 per head!

For more information, or to request transport, please contact me on 01386 750096 or email sue.hermon@me.com.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Sunday 23rd March *by Adrianne Woodward*

There are **no** church services at St James' in March but you are all invited to a Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Sunday 23rd March at 11.00am in the church.

You will be welcomed by a cup of Fairtrade coffee/tea and a Fairtrade biscuit – try before you buy! There will be a short talk about the Fairtrade movement by Hilary Fowler and an opportunity to ask questions. You will have the opportunity to purchase Fairtrade goods, including tea, coffee, biscuits, chocolate, cards, hessian shopping bags and Mothering Sunday and Easter themed items. Cash or cheques only for purchases.

This event is open to all the village and is a very worthwhile cause.

Unwanted Office Furniture

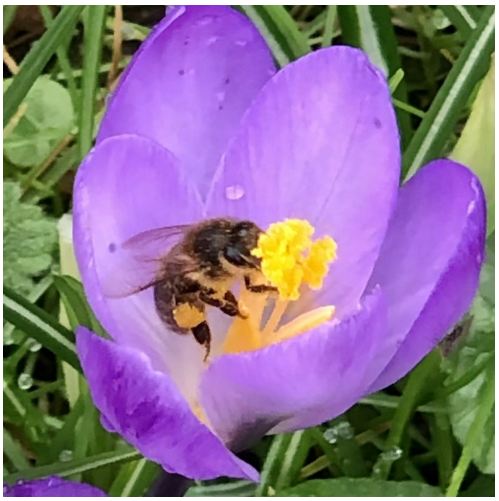
There are still several items of unwanted office furniture available, free to a good home!

Full details of the items on offer can be viewed in the previous edition of *Birlingham News*, which you can find at:

https://www.birlingham.org/village/bn/bn347.pdf







The Snowdrop Teas have finished but the churchyard still looks amazing!

Photos:
Left: Peter Luff
Above: Nikki Hollier

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West Mercia Police Drop-in Session

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Officers, PC Prentice and PC Trowman, will be at Holy Trinity Church, Eckington, tomorrow, Thursday 27th February, from 10.00am if anyone wishes to pop in to discuss concerns.

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 application has been received by Wychavon District Council:

Hills Cottage, Upper End: Undertake tree works, as detailed on application form and in any accompanying information (Case No. W/25/00285/TPOA). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/25/00285/TPOA

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.

LOCAL FINANCIAL PLANNERS

PK Prosser Knowles



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For more information visit: www.prosserknowles.co.uk

Dates for your diary

February	
Thur 27	Police Drop-in Session, 10.00am, Eckington Church
March	
Wed 5	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Wed 19	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 20	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall: Tales of Birlingham with Chris Ludlow
Sun 23	Fairtrade Coffee Morning, 11.00am, St James' Church
April	
Wed 2	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 17	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 20	Easter Sunday Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 10th March (for publication on Wednesday 12th March). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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