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Editorial

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete our Birlingham News survey. There was a tremendous response and we will be publishing all the results shortly, as well as letting you know our plans for the future.

In the meantime, we have another survey! This time it relates to the VE Day commemoration. It is vey short – just two questions! – and its aim is to find out roughly how many people we expect to join us on Monday 5th May.

There is a link to the survey on the next page. Please take a few moments to help with our planning by filling it in.

Roger Smith



We are sorry to announce that Roger Smith, of Eckington Road, passed away peacefully at home on 27th March, aged 79 years. Much loved husband of Ann, a loving father and grandfather.

Some of you will remember Roger walking Evie around the village for years. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at St James' Church on Wednesday 16th April at 2.00pm, followed by a burial. Please wear a splash of colour in Roger's memory.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Dementia UK may be left at the service or made online via www.ehillandson.co.uk.

St James', Birlingham

EASTER DAY

April 20 2025



0600 Dawn Service and First Eucharist of Easter *(Pershore Abbey)*
followed by breakfast of boiled eggs and rolls at St Andrew's Centre. (Please bring an egg cup with you!)

0800 Eucharist *(Pershore Abbey)*

1030 Sung Eucharist *(Pershore Abbey)* *with* ***LIVESTREAM***

1030 Holy Communion *(St James', Birlingham)*

ALL WELCOME

JOIN US IN CHURCH OR ONLINE THIS EASTER

Facebook: @pershoreabbeycom YouTube: Pershore Abbey Community

Birlingham IW

Thursday 17th April

by Caryl Mills



Birlingham IW will be holding its next meeting on Thursday 17th April when the local Fire Brigade will give a talk about home fire safety.

All welcome.

West Mercia Police Drop-in Sessions

CANCELLED

by PC Alex Prentice

Unfortunately we need to cancel the two drop-in sessions we had planned for the **13th April** due to an operational commitment. These were:

Revills Farm Shop – 10.00am

Bredon – 11.30am

Apologies for this. We shall look at rearranging and will send a message out with these new dates.

VE Day 80th Anniversary
SURVEY

Street Party, Monday 5th May

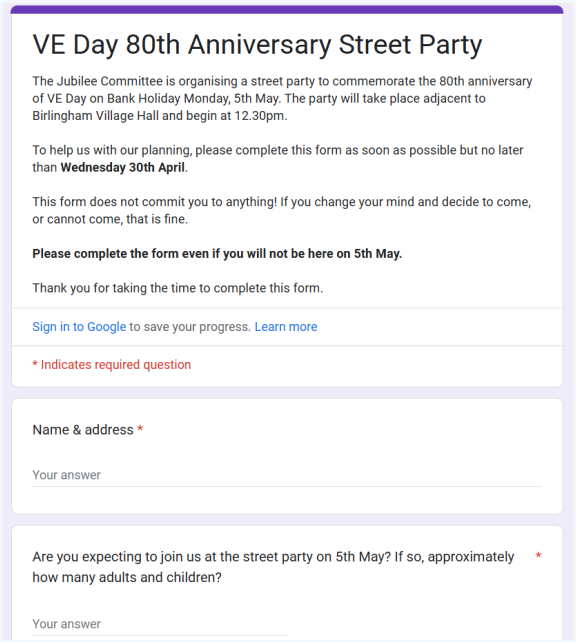
The Jubilee Committee is organising a street party to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on the Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May. The party will take place adjacent to Birlingham Village Hall and begin at 12.30pm.

Please take a few moments to complete our survey at:

https://forms.gle/6n3LtnahBCfrEhrc9

This will not commit you to anything but will help us with planning the event.

If you would like to help in any way, please get in touch at news@birlingham.org or phone/text 07801 368953.



VE Day 80th Anniversary Street Party

The Jubilee Committee is organising a street party to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May. The party will take place adjacent to Birlingham Village Hall and begin at 12.30pm.

To help us with our planning, please complete this form as soon as possible but no later than **Wednesday 30th April**.

This form does not commit you to anything! If you change your mind and decide to come, or cannot come, that is fine.

Please complete the form even if you will not be here on 5th May.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

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* Indicates required question

Name & address *

Your answer

Are you expecting to join us at the street party on 5th May? If so, approximately how many adults and children? *

Your answer

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward
(Tel. 01386 750936)

Church news for the rest of April and dates for May:

- The **Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service** will be held on 20th April at 10.30am. It will be taken by Revd Jayne Parker and there will refreshments, including eggs, after the service.
- Saturday 24th May, **Churchyard Tidy-up** – details to follow.
- Sunday 25th May at 3.00pm, **St James' Spring Walk** – details to follow.

County Council Elections

Thursday 1st May

There will be an election for the County Councillor for the Bredon Ward (which includes Birlingham) on Thursday 1st May.

Voting will take place in Birlingham Village Hall from 7.00am until 10.00pm.

Full details of the candidates will be included in the next edition of *Birlingham News.*

Nesting Birds on Asham Meadow

We are very lucky to have curlews, skylarks and redshanks nesting on Asham Meadow. These birds are declining in numbers so we need to do all we can to protect them.

If you must cross Asham Meadow, please keep to the footpath across the middle of the meadow and keep your dog on a lead.

If possible, please walk around the edge of the meadow.

Keep dogs on leads at all times!







Signs of Spring





(Top left) River Avon, 19th March
(Photo: Nikki Hollier)

(Top right) Newly ploughed field, 19th March
(Photo: Julia Luff)

(Bottom left) Willow catkins, 15th March
(Photo: Nikki Hollier)

(Bottom right) Nafford, 27th March
(Photo: June Hiden)

(Right) Nafford Weir, 15th March
(Photo: Nikki Hollier)



Planning Applications

The following planning application has been received by Wychavon District Council:

Brockham, Upper End: Erection of single storey and two-storey extensions, and garage, with internal and external alterations, to include modified access. Variation of condition 2 W/23/02237/HP (Case No. W/25/00647/HP). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 25th April.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/25/00647/HP

The Old Orchard, Church Street: Undertake tree works, as detailed on application form and in any accompanying information (Case No. W/25/00746/CAN). 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/25/00746/CAN

The following planning application has been determined by Wychavon District Council:

St James' Church, Rectory Lane: Undertake tree works, as detailed on application form and in any accompanying information (Case No. W/25/00336/CAN). **No objection**. Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/25/00336/CAN

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 2016 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* was the last one produced before it was taken on by the Jubilee Committee. The editorial team were Edward Farrar, Clare Kew, Jayne Mackenzie and Pat Taylor; Jayne was to continue with the new editorial team. Stuart Crowther had been responsible for the compilation and publishing of the magazine for many years.

This edition reports on the Songs of Praise service and Brunch Party to mark the Queen's 90th birthday, the Vintage and Classic Car Rally, the Harvest Festival, IW History Walk, Cuppa & Chat, Flower & Produce Show.

Other articles include the new Village Design Statement, a new bench in the churchyard, the Village Hall, the Skittles team and the Wychavon Parish Games Cross Country team, led by Jon Komor.

The christening of Katie and Jessica Hill is recorded, along with the weddings of Jon Komor and Helen Wyatt, Alex Brown and Charlotte Newcombe, and Bruce Hayward and Sue Dennett. Geoffrey and Pat Taylor celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. There is an obituary for Charles Kirkland. Welcomes included Deborah, Martin and Madeleine Fox, Vicky and Clare Bilton, and Katherine Jones and Matthew Williams.

Issue 76 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander076.pdf

Dates for your diary

April

Thu 17	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 20	Easter Sunday Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church

May

Thu 1	County Council Elections, 7.00am–10.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 3	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Pershore CC 4th XI, 12.30pm
Mon 5	VE Day Street Party, 12.30pm, adjacent Village Hall
Wed 7	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 8	VE Day 80th Anniversary
Sat 10	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Five Ways Old Edwardians CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm
Thu 15	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Wed 21	Birlingham Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall (followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm)
Sat 24	Churchyard Tidy-up, St James' Church
Sun 25	St James' Spring Walk, 3.00pm, St James' Church
Sat 31	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Harvington CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm

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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 21st April (for publication on Wednesday 23rd April). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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