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## Editorial

Happy St George's Day!

Preparations for the VE Day Street Party are in full swing and at the moment it is looking like we will have a warm, partly sunny day.

Many people have already told us they will be coming but if you have not yet filled in the online invitation, please do so, or email us – full details given below. This will help us to plan for the day and make sure we have enough tables for everyone!

It goes without saying that if you are able to offer some help, either on the day or beforehand, we would love to hear from you.

## Election of County Councillors

**Thursday 1st May**



There are five candidates for the Bredon Ward of Worcestershire County Council (which includes Birlingham).

We are awaiting statements from the candidates and these will be included in an extra edition of *Birlingham News* next week.

Voting will take place on Thursday 1st May from 7.00am until 10.00pm in Birlingham Village Hall. You will need to show photo ID (such as driving licence or passport) to vote in this year's local elections.

## VE Day Raffle

**Monday 5th May**

The VE Day activities on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May will be accompanied by a raffle – of course!

There are some great prizes from local businesses. So far we have:

- ◊ Birlingham Nurseries
- ◊ Border in a Box
- ◊ Jayne Brassington
- ◊ Martin's Meats
- ◊ Revills Farm Shop
- ◊ The Swan Inn

Tickets will be available on the day or can be bought in advance from Pat Chinneck at patchinneck02@gmail.com.

## Cuppa & Chat

**Wednesday 7th May**

*by Sue Hermon*



Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 7th May 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.

## VE Day 80th Anniversary

**Street Party, Monday 5th May**

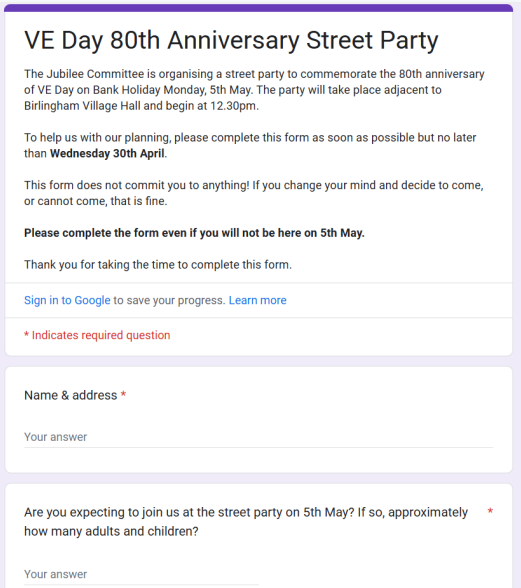
The Jubilee Committee is organising a street party to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on the Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May. The party will take place adjacent to Birlingham Village Hall and begins at 12.30pm.

If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to complete our invitation 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

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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.

Sign in to Google to save your progress. Learn more

* 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

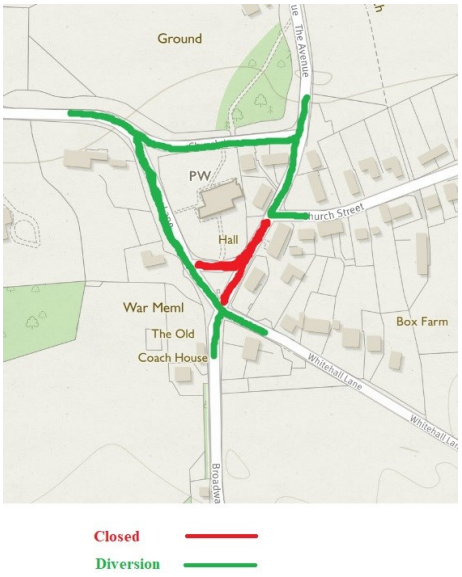



# VE Day Road Closure

**Monday 5th May**

Please note that the road in front of Birlingham Village Hall (between the junctions with Whitehall Lane and Church Street) will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May between 9.00am and 5.00pm. This is to allow for the Street Party to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

The alternative route between Whitehall Lane and Church Street is via Church Lane (at the back of the church).






*(Above) Virgin hot air balloon on its way to landing near Swans Neck, 11th April (Photo: Peter Luff)*

*(Below) Spring sunshine warming a Peacock butterfly in Berwick Lane, 22nd April (Photo: Julia Luff)*





*(Above) Nafford sluice, 17th April (Photo: June Hiden)*

*(Below) Spring swans relaxing, 4th April (Photo: Nikki Hollier)*



# St James' Church



*Churchwarden:*
*Adrianne Woodward*
*(Tel. 01386 750936)*

St James invites everyone to join us for a Spring Walk around Birlingham led by Canon Claire. We will meet up at the War Memorial, outside the church, at 3.00pm on Sunday 25th May.

Bring your dog, a friend or both! There will be refreshments and a dog blessing in the church after the walk.

**Dates for your diary:**

* Thursday 22nd May, **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** – see opposite
* Saturday 24th May, **Churchyard Tidy-up** – see opposite
* Sunday 25th May at 3.00pm, **St James' Spring Walk**.
* Sunday 8th June, **Outside Eco Service** – details to follow

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**Thursday 22nd May**

*by Pat Chinneck, PCC Secretary*

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Election of Churchwardens is to be held at St James The Great Church on Thursday 22nd May at 10.00am.

All residents of the parish are welcome to attend.

## Churchyard Tidy-up

**Saturday 24th May**

*by Sue Hayward & Pat Chinneck*

The next churchyard tidy-up will be held on Saturday 24th May at 10.00am. There will be lots of jobs to do in the churchyard so your help will be very much appreciated. Some tree work has been done recently, which has created opportunities to work further in these areas. However, we have jobs for all ages and abilities whether you are a keen gardener or not.

If you have loppers, secateurs and rakes please bring them along but we will have some you can borrow too. We usually spend about two hours tidying and then stop for a welcome brew and a piece of cake. It's an enjoyable morning, spent in the fresh air – why not give it a try!

## Road Closure in Eckington

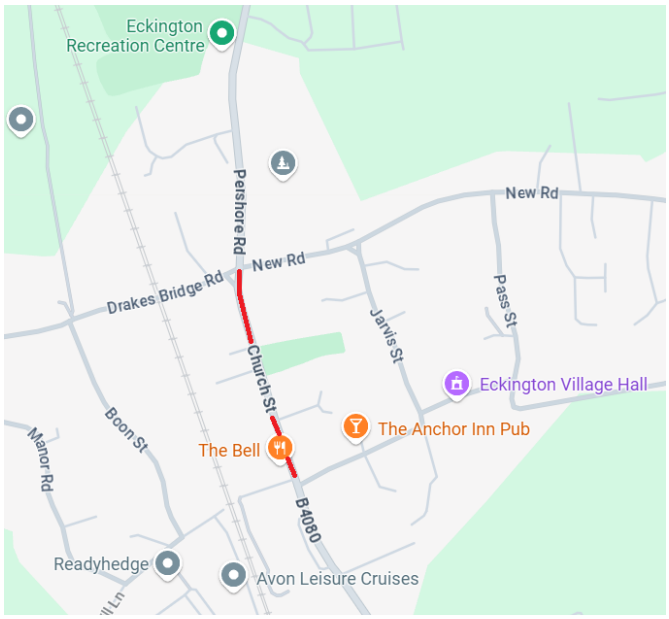
**Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th May**

Church Street, Eckington will be closed for work by Severn Trent Water for four days from Tuesday 13th until Friday 16th May.

The official diversion from one end of Eckington to the other is given as a route via Tewkesbury and Upton Upon Severn. (This is because the Council are required to specify an alternative diversion along B roads, rather than the most obvious routes.)

It should be possible to avoid Church Street via New Road, Jarvis Street and Cotheridge Lane; however, this route is not suitable for lorries or other heavy vehicles.

The notice of closure is given opposite and a map of Eckington is shown below.




**WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
**PUBLIC NOTICE**
**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**
**(B4080 Church Street, Eckington) (Temporary Closure) Order 2025**

**Proposed Order:** to close that part of B4080 Church St from its junction with U46421 New Rd to its junction with U46431 Station Rd.

**Reason:** Utility work by Severn Trent Water

**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.

**Alternative route:** B4080 Tewkesbury Rd, B4080 Eckington Rd, B4080 Main Rd into Gloucestershire, A38 Tewkesbury Rd, A4104 Worcester Rd, A4104 Baughton Hill, A4104 Woodmancote, A4104 Defford Rd, B4080 Pershore Rd and vice versa.

**Maximum duration:** 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **4 days** Commencing: **13 May 2025**

Thomas Pollock Head of Commercial Law (Legal & Governance) County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester

**17 April 2025**

1675201 -1- B4080 Church Street, Eckington
Streetworks Admin WCPO00066857

# STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

**Worcestershire County Council**

# Election of a County Councillor

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a County Councillor for

Bredon Division

| Name of Candidate | Home Address | Description (if any) | Reason why no longer nominated* |
|---|---|---|---|
| DAVIN<br>Joe | (address in Wychavon) | Reform UK | |
| FORREST<br>Margaret Jean | Bank House, Jarvis Street, Eckington, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 3AS | Green Party | |
| GIBBONS<br>Sharon Joy | (address in Wychavon) | Liberal Democrats | |
| HARDMAN<br>Adrian Ingleby | Dormers, Oak Lane, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Glos, GL20 7LR | Conservative Party Candidate | |
| MCGAHAN<br>Hannah Louise | (address in Redditch) | Labour Party | |

*Decision of the Deputy Returning Officer that the nomination is invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated.

The persons above against whose name no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

[1] If a candidate has requested not to make their home address public, the relevant electoral area in which their home address is situated (or country if their address is outside the UK) will be provided

Dated Thursday 3 April 2025

Vic Allison
Deputy Returning Officer

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# Quilts Unfolded

***An exhibition of quilts by***
***The Comberton Quilters***
***and Pershore Patchers & Snowdrop Quilters***

Quilting, the stitching together of layers of padding and fabric, existed in ancient Egypt, dating back as far as 3400 BC. Evidence suggests that it also existed in India, China and Mongolia from early times. It was seen in Europe during the Middle Ages, and travelled to America with the early settlers during the 17th century.

Initially all constructed by hand, quilting became more popular with the invention of the sewing machine in the 1840s. Quilting Bees, a social gathering of women to complete a quilt for a bride in a day, were common during the 19th century.

For much of its history, quilting was primarily a practical technique used for warmth and protection, with early examples found in clothing, jackets, and bedding, but has now evolved from a purely functional craft to a recognised art form.

As well as being pleasing to the eye, quilts often depicted family history and national events and are therefore a valuable way of recording our past. Did you know that quilts were used as a form of communication directing runaway slaves to safe houses? This was known as the Underground Railroad.

The craft of piecing and quilting has been passed down from generation to generation and with the easy availability of bright and beautiful fabrics, patchwork and quilting is once more seeing a revival with many joining social groups to continue this absorbing and fascinating tradition as our forebears once did in The Sewing Bees of the past.



The Comberton Quilters along with The Pershore Patchers & Snowdrop Quilters are proud to be mounting an exhibition of quilts in St Peter's Church, Little Comberton during the annual Street Market on Saturday 24th May 2025, between 2pm - 5pm.

'Cottage Garden' is an award winning quilt made by **The Comberton Quilters** who are a local group of ladies who, in the tradition of the sewing bee, make quilts in a day for charity. A number of our quilts will be for sale, raising money for **Acorns Children's Hospice**, our adopted charity this year.

**Pershore Patchers and Snowdrop Quilters** are a local quilting group who meet in Birlingham Village Hall twice a month to learn and develop their skills and enjoy a good chat with likeminded friends.

So if you'd like to know more about the art of quilting, joining a group, supporting a charity or simply to enjoy the exhibition, then come along to St. Peter's Church, Little Comberton during their Street Market on Saturday 24th May from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

By Pauline Jamieson

*Nafford, 8th April*
*(Photo: Nikki Hollier)*




## Eckington Stores

Shop locally from our large range of products:

- Grocery and household items
- Bread and milk
- Ham, cheese, bacon and eggs
- Fruit and vegetables
- Newspapers and magazines
- Frozen food and ice cream
- Alcohol and cold drinks
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## *Dates for your diary*

**May**

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| 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 13 – Fri 16 | Church Street, Eckington closed |
| 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) |
| Thu 22 | Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Election of Churchwardens, 10.00am, St James' Church |
| Sat 24 | Churchyard Tidy-up, 10.00am, St James' Church |
| Sat 24 | Quilts Unfolded, 2.00-5.00pm, St Peter's Church, Little Comberton |
| Sun 25 | St James' Spring Walk, 3.00pm, St James' Church |
| Sat 31 | Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Harvington CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm |

**June**

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| Wed 4 | Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sun 8 | Outside Eco Service – details to follow |
| Sat 14 | Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Bredon CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm |
| Thu 19 | Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |


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