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Editorial

There are very few village events planned for the next few weeks but no doubt there is still plenty going on!

So we welcome any articles, snippets of news and, of course, photographs from around the village to brighten up the next few editions of *Birlingham News*. Anything for inclusion may be sent to news@birlingham.org.

The Autumn edition of the *Biringham Bystander* is also now being prepared, so articles and photographs for that issue can be sent to bystander@birlingham.org.

Birlingham IW



Thursday 17th July

by Caryl Mills

On Thursday 17th July, Birlingham IW will be visiting the Needle Museum in Redditch.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 16th July

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 16th July 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_2025-07-16.pdf
and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 21st May can be viewed at:
http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2025-05-21.pdf.

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

St James' is holding a Patronal Holy Communion on **Sunday 20th July** at 10.30am. The service is being led by Revd Jayne Parker.

All are welcome especially those who contribute to the functioning of the church in many ways . . . the bellringers, the flower arrangers and the cleaning and churchyard volunteers. Refreshments will be served at the end of the service.

Date for your diary:

Sunday 24th August: Hymns and Pimms, 3.00pm – details to follow

Gulls in Lower End, 3rd July

(Photo: Rosanna Reynard)



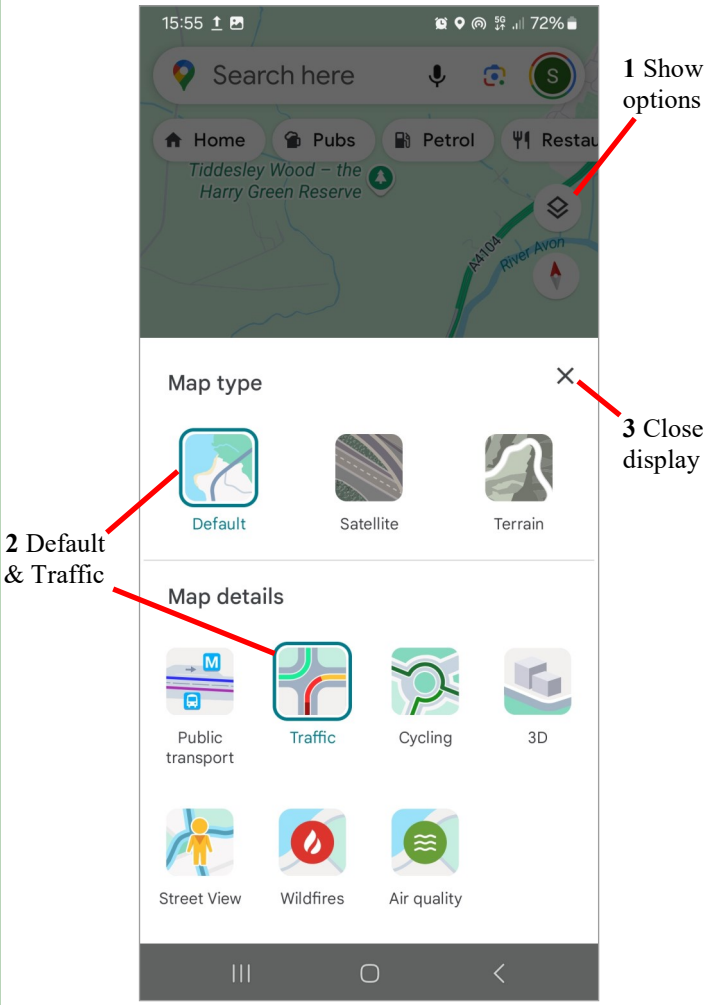
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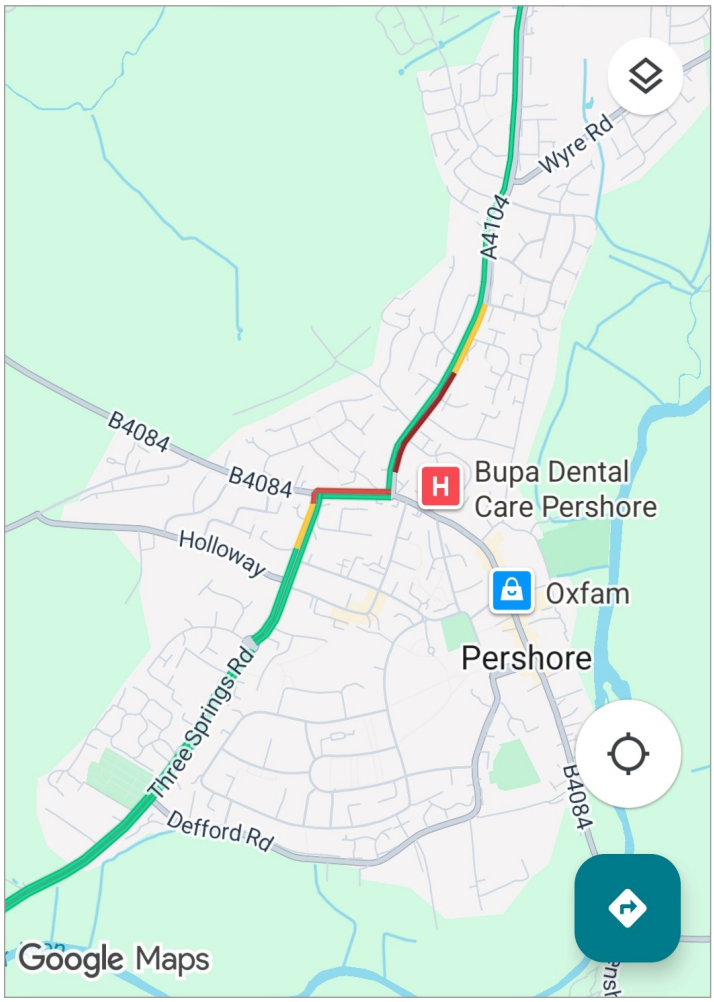
The recent chaos on Three Springs Road caused by the intermittent roadworks and the lack of detailed advance notice from the County Council prompted quite a discussion on the Village WhatsApp Group. This resulted in information being provided on how to use Google Maps to check whether or not a road is open, courtesy of Paul Darby.

Click on the diamond-shaped symbol in the top-right corner of Google Maps to display an options screen. Click on Default and Traffic to select these options. Then click on the X icon to close the display.

The data comes from phones in vehicles actually using the road at that time, so is very accurate. It shows green for free flowing, yellow for moving but slow, red for very slow or stationary, and dotted red for road closed.

This would also be a useful technique for checking whether Eckington Bridge is open at times of flooding.







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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:

Woodfield House, Broadway Road: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed extensions (Case No. W/25/01379/CLPU). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 23rd July.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/25/01379/CLPU



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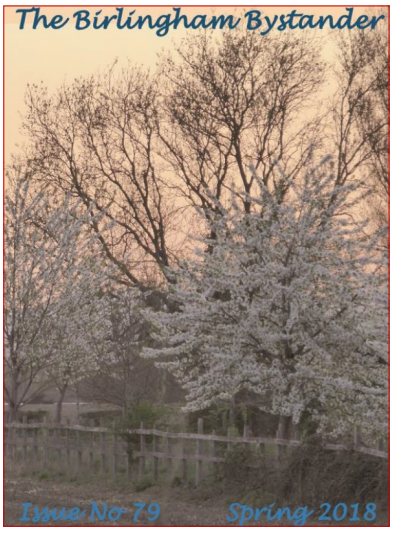
The code to unlock the defibrillator at the front of the Village Hall is:

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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 2018 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* contains a record 56 pages.

Village events include the Carol Service, Christingle and Bulb Sunday Service at the church, the annual litter pick and the Black Country Evening. There are reports from the Darts Team, Birlingham IW and the Photography Club. Birlingham's Village Design Statement had been adopted.

There are many photos of the snow, of course, including one from the blizzard of 1947.

The issue also features articles on the John Bennett Reserve and the 'Ringing Remembers' campaign, which later that year would commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Kieron Jeavons celebrates his 18th birthday, Peter and Julia Luff are welcomed to the village and there are obituaries for Ernie Mence, Anne Porter and Brenda Fletcher.

Issue 79 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander079.pdf

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Dates for your diary

July

Wed 16	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 17	Birlingham IW, Needle Museum, Redditch
Sun 20	Patronal Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
Sat 26	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Avoncroft CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm

August

Wed 6	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 9	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Feckenham CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm
Thu 21	Birlingham IW – details to follow
Sat 23	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Cookhill CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm
Sun 24	Hymns and Pimms, 3.00pm, St James' Church

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 21st July (for publication on Wednesday 23rd July). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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