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Editorial

With yet another heat wave rolling over us, Birlingham continues in its peaceful summer way, as the pictures on the next page demonstrate.

We have Hymms and Pimms to look forward to this month, along with the last cricket match of the summer. Then it will be time for the Flower & Produce Show and the Harvest Festival.

Meanwhile, if you feel in need of some exercise, the back page features an excellent bike looking for a good home.

Rural Beat Newsletter

The Rural Beat Newsletter contains information on preventing thefts from vehicles , dogs and livestock, and other information relating to the Rural & Business Crime Team.

The newsletter can be viewed at:

www.birlingham.org/docs/ruralbeat_summer_2025.pdf

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

An invitation is extended to all to attend a 'Hymns and Pimms' service at St James' on **Sunday 24th August** at 3.00pm. The service will be led by Angela Gerrard and the organist will be James MacDowall Scot, Director of Music at Pershore Abbey.

Glasses of Pimms and nibbles will be served and replenished during the service and other non-alcoholic drinks will be available. It will be a lovely way to spend a summer afternoon with the added bonus of singing a selection of favourite hymns.

There will be a Benefice Sung Eucharist to be held in Pershore Abbey on **Sunday 31st August** at 10.30am to be led by Canon Claire Lording. All are welcome.

Date for your diary:

Harvest Festival on **Sunday 14th September** at 10.30am – details to follow later.

Churchyard Tidy

Saturday 13th September *by Pat Chinneck*

Saturday 13th September, 10.00am till 12.00, is the next churchyard tidy.

Lots of different jobs on offer, so bring a selection of gardening tools. For those who enjoy weeding, then it's your lucky day, as we will be making a start on weeding the paths.

Refreshments including home-made cakes will be provided.









Summer in Birlingham

(Top left) Harvest from Berwick Lane, 3rd August *(Photo: Peter Luff)*
(Top right) Swan's Neck Mooring, 2nd August *(Photo: Julia Luff)*
(Bottom left) Berwick Brook, 10th August *(Photo: June Hiden)*
(Bottom right) Flowers on the bridge, 10th August *(Photo: Nikki Hollier)*



Worcestershire Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Closing date 26th October

Worcestershire County Council are creating a new Rights of Way Improvement Plan and conducting a residents' survey to find out you views.

The current proposals and the survey can be found at:

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/RoWIPengage



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 applications have been received by Wychavon District Council:

Peacock Barn, Lower End: Removal of existing sheds and construction of outbuilding (Case No. W/25/01415/HP). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 29th August.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/25/01415/HP

Chance Cottage, Broadway Road: Discharge of Condition 3 (EMES) of planning permission W/25/00571/HP (Case No. W/25/01685/CCO). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 29th August.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/25/01685/CCO

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

Woodfield House, Broadway Road: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed extensions (Case No. W/25/01379/CLPU). **Application withdrawn**. Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

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

Bystander Archives



The Autumn 2018 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* begins with Gwyn Webb's birthday celebrations and three weddings, including that of Donna Greene and Kris Mills. Articles include the memories of Martin Coombs, the Severn Area Rescue Association, success for the Cricket Club and a history of the Women's Land Army and Prisoners of War in Birlingham by George Revill. Among other articles is one on Rough Hill Orchard and another on Gardening for Bees.

Events included the Royal Wedding, Village Hall Barbecue, Flower & Produce Show, Harvest Festival and 'Canapés and Fizz'.

Pam Robinson left Chance Cottage, with Emily Barke and Ben arriving, and Gwen Hill moved from Hills Cottage. There is an obituary for John Hill.

Issue 80 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:
www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander080.pdf

Personal Ads

Bicycle. I have a bicycle that I no longer use and it would be good to get something for it that I could forward onto a charity.

The frame is welded steel , 21-inch (535mm) with 21 gears, so it is an 'all terrain' type of bike, although at present the tyres are 'road style'.

If you are interested, please email: dsiservices89@gmail.com

Personal adverts should consist of a maximum of 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.

Dates for your diary

August

Thu 21	Birlingham IW
Sat 23	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Cookhill CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm
Sun 24	Hymns and Pimms, 3.00pm, St James' Church
Sun 31	Benefice Sung Eucharist, 10.30am, Pershore Abbey

September

Wed 3	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 6	Flower & Produce Show, 2.00pm, Birlingham Cricket Club
Sat 13	Churchyard Tidy, 10.00-12.00am, St James' Church
Sun 14	Harvest Festival, 10.30am, St James' Church
Mon 15	*Birlingham Bystander* copy date
Wed 17	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 18	Birlingham IW – details to follow

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 25th August (for publication on Wednesday 27th August). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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