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Editorial

The first event of the autumn, the annual Flower & Produce Show last weekend, was a great success, as always. Congratulations to those who won cups and classes, and thanks to the hard-working organisers. As ever, though, the real success of the Show was due to the many people who took the time to enter their exhibits and make the competition worthwhile. A full list of results will be included in the next issue of *Birlingham News*.

The autumnal traditions continue this Sunday with the Harvest Festival and we have Birlingham's Music Night in November to look forward to. Details of that event appear in this edition.

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

St James' is holding its annual **Harvest Festival** on **Sunday 14th September** at 10.30am. The service will be led by David Bray.

Donations of tinned, dried or fresh goods can be put in the church any time between 9.30am and 5.30pm daily or brought to the service.

The donated goods will be given to Maggs Harvest Appeal.

Maggs Harvest Appeal 2025

This harvest, your donations will help Maggs Day Centre support people experiencing homelessness across Worcestershire through the winter months. With shelves at their thinnest after summer, your gifts of food and essentials will make a real difference. Thank you for helping Maggs continue its work of compassion and care in our community.

Churchyard Tidy

Saturday 13th September

by Pat Chinneck

A reminder that 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.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 17th September

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 17th September 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_2025-09-17.pdf

and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 16th July can be viewed at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2025-07-16.pdf.

Birlingham Bystander

Copy date 15th September

Last call for *Bystander* articles!

The copy date for the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* is Monday 15th September.

If you have any articles or photographs that you would like included in the next edition, please email them to:

bystander@birlingham.org.

The *Bystander* will be distributed in October.

Funeral of Ian Winnard

The funeral of Ian Winnard will be at Peopleton church at 2.30pm on Monday 22nd September.

Swan Inn Re-opening



The Swan Inn is now open again after its summer holiday.

20mph Advisory Signs Update

by Rupert Day

Due to problems at the printers, the implementation of 20mph advisory signs will be delayed until the end of the week, Friday 12th September.



Defibrillator Code

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

C1234

Birlingham's Music Night

Saturday 8th November, 7.30pm

This cabaret-style event in Birlingham Village Hall includes live music by the absolutely amazing local duo Mel & Him plus a little recorded music.

Birlingham's Music Night includes music from the 1950s right up to today and is the perfect night out for anyone who enjoys the odd jive, a bit of rock and roll, or just a simple shuffle with that special person. Space is limited so early booking is recommended.

Tickets are £10 each and available from Chris Hermon and Angela Fitch – 07796 070310 and 07585 904636 respectively.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Proceeds from ticket and raffle sales (please bring cash for the raffle) will be donated towards the maintenance of our Village Hall.



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- 0600 to 1800 Saturday
- 0600 to 1300 Sunday

John, Sue and Mark
Tel 01386 750266

Birlingham IW

Thursday 18th September

by Caryl Mills



We are back to our evening meetings from Thursday 18th September when we meet back in the Village Hall with a talk from a member of the John Moore Museum volunteers.

The subject of the talk is a little risqué but should be fun. See you at 7.30pm.

(Below) Parched earth in Birlingham, 1st September
(Photo: Jayne Mackenzie)



HARVEST FESTIVAL

St James' Church, Birlingham



SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
10:30

ALL WELCOME

Come along to the Harvest Festival taken by David Bray.

Refreshments will be available afterwards and, as is our tradition, all donations of harvest goods will be given to Maggs Day Centre in Worcester - a charity working with the homeless.



Moon rising over Bredon Hill, 4th September *(Photo: Nikki Hollier)*



A Sunday morning at Nafford Lock, 10th August

(Photo: Ann Maxwell)

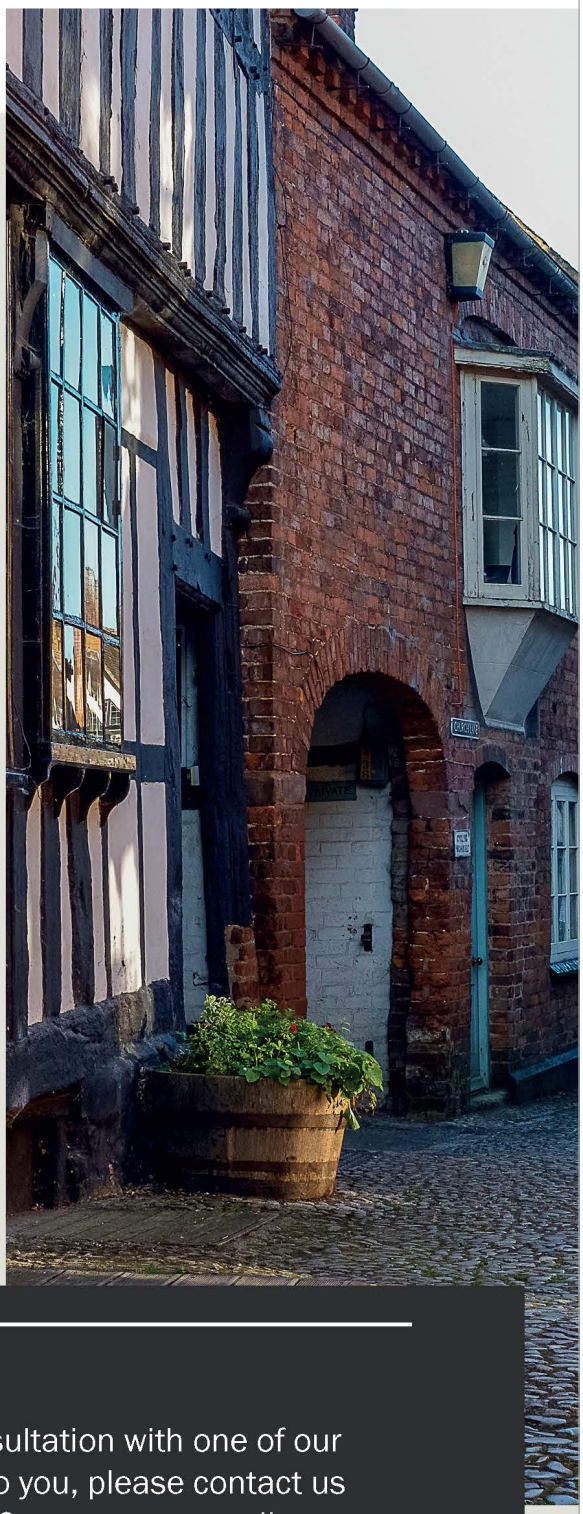


Elderberries near Nafford Lock, 1st September

(Photo: Peter Luff)

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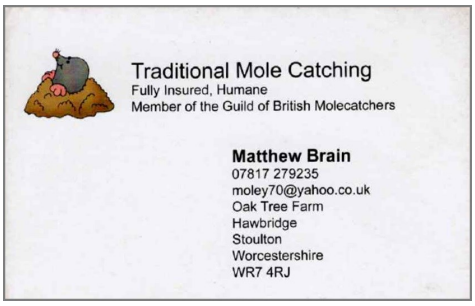
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Planning Applications

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

The Manor House, Lower End: Undertake tree works as detailed on the application form and any other accompanying information (Case No. W/25/0415/HP). **No objection**. Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/25/01661/CAN



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Bystander Archives



The Spring 2019 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* begins with a selection of celebrations: Enid Caldicott's 80th birthday and Horace Hewitt's 90th, the birth of George Haines and the baptism of Monty Bennett, the wedding of Edward Mackenzie and Catherine Stokowska, and Joan and Des Hollier's 60th wedding anniversary.

Articles include the People's Postcode Lottery win, a piece about Miss Duke and the bulbs, Birlingham's footpaths, John Hill and his work at Perryfields, and the Millennium Bench. There are also reports from the skittles team and darts team.

Events recorded are the Carol Service, Christingle, Burns Night, Bulb Teas and Pet Service. There is much coverage of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Armistice.

Joanna Stylianou and family are welcomed back to Nafford House, and Tom and Lorna Yates to Lower Farm. Shirley Billson arrived in Gravelly Hill and there are goodbyes for Andrew Wichmann and Terry Johnson.

Issue 81 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:

www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander081.pdf

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Dates for your diary

September

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

October

Wed 6	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 21	Birlingham IW – details to follow

November

Sat 8	Birlingham's Music Night, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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The copy date for the next edition is Monday 6th October (for publication on Wednesday 8th October). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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