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## Editorial

The countdown to Christmas has begun – we can no longer pretend otherwise. It is time to fetch those Christmas decorations down from the loft and dust them off.

This edition contains details of all the usual December events, to get you in the mood for the festivities to come.

## Autumn Bystander

You should now have received the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander*. Many thanks to all those who contributed to making it such an interesting and diverse issue.

The copy date for the Spring edition is 15th March 2026 and any articles and phtographs will be gratefully received.

## Festivities at the Swan

*by Zoe Haines*



Join us this festive period for celebrations and cheer with our Christmas menu starting Wednesday 26th November, running through to Christmas Eve.

Service shall be as normal on Wednesday 24th December, serving food and drink at both lunch and in the evening, and we are open for our usual couple of hours of drinks on Christmas Day, 12.00–2.00pm.

We shall then be closed for staff holidays, and reopen for lunch on Wednesday 7th January.

We would both like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind company and custom over the past year.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*.Love,*

*Will, Zoe, Jacob and George*

## Cuppa & Chat

**Wednesday 3rd December** *by Sue Hermon*



The next Cuppa and Chat will be our Festive Christmas get-together on Wednesday 3rd December 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 including mince pies and the cost is still only £3.00 per head!

There will also be a raffle of prizes provided by Cuppa & Chat in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance; tickets are £1 per strip.

For more information, or to request transport, please contact me on 01386 750096 or email sue.hermon@me.com.

## St James' Church



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

### Christmas Church News

St James' will be holding its annual Carols and Christingles Service, led by Peter Stansbie, on **Sunday 21st December at 6.00pm**. The service is suitable for 'young and old' and will have contributions from villagers of all ages. After the service a variety of seasonal refreshments will be served in the Village Hall.

Also, you will be welcome to attend **Christmas Day Holy Communion in St James' at 10.30am**, led by Revd Jayne Parker. There will be sherry and mince pies served after the service.

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 17th January: An evening musical concert in St James'. Details to follow.



*The farm replanting 120 of the 350 trees at Swans Neck during Storm Claudia. With thanks to the passing dog walker for the photo.* John Sansome

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St James' Church, Birlingham

# CAROLS & CHRISTINGLES



## SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

## 18:00

## St James' Church

**JOIN OUR FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE!**

*Take part in our traditional Christingle service and sing along to your favourite carols, followed by mulled wine and seasonal refreshments in Birlingham Village Hall*

**ALL WELCOME**

*Graham Chidlow tending the ground at Birlingham Shooting Club (Photo: Chris Hermon)*



## 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 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/25/02208/CAN). **No objection**. Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/25/02208/CAN

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## Dates for your diary

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| **November** | |
| Sat 29 | Village Quiz, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| **December** | |
| Wed 3 | Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sat 6<br>Sun 7 | Christmas Wreath Workshops, Defford Village Hall |
| Thu 18 | Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sun 21 | Carols and Christingles, 6.00pm, St James' Church |
| Thu 25 | Christmas Day Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church |
| **January** | |
| Wed 7 | Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sat 17 | Evening Musical Concert, St James' Church – details to follow |
| Wed 21 | Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Thu 22 | Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |

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