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Editorial

Have you taken any interesting or unusual photographs around Birlingham recently? If so, the *Birlingham Bystander* team would love to hear from you.

It seems hardly any time since the Autumn edition of the *Bystander* was published last October but now the copy date for the spring edition, to be published in April, is only a week away.

So if you have any photographs or articles that you would like included in the next edition, please let the team know at bystander@birlingham.org as soon as possible.

We are also always pleased to receive photographs and topical articles for *Birlingham News*. Just send your pictures and text to news@birlingham.org at any time.

Birlingham IW

Thursday 19th March

by Caryl Mills



Our March meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. This will be a social evening, wine may be available!

Looking forward to seeing you.

The Swan Inn Closed for Race Week



The Swan Inn will be closed due to Cheltenham race week from today (Wednesday 11th March) and reopen as usual at lunchtime on Wednesday 18th March.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th March

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 18th March 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_2026-03-18.pdf
and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 21st January can be viewed at:
http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2026-01-21.pdf.

Birlingham Village Hall

100th Annual General Meeting to be held on

Monday 30th March 2026 at 7.00pm

at Birlingham Village Hall

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 99th Annual General Meeting held on 24th March 2025
3. Treasurer's report
4. Annual Report (Secretary from minutes)
5. Election of Trustees

Trustees to stand down and be re-elected

KF, DG, VG, WY, PB



Getting ready for Christmas already? A surprising box of baubles at the entrance to Jubilee Wood, 6th March

(Photo: Sue Harris)

West Mercia POLICE

Safer Neighbourhood Team Drop-in Sessions

by PC Alex Prentice, Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team

Your Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team will be holding several drop-in sessions this month. Please do pop along if you have anything you'd like to discuss, raise concerns about, or just to say hello.

Saturday 14th March, 1.30pm – Abbey Park, Pershore

Wednesday 23rd, 10.00am – Eckington (outside the village shop)

Tuesday 24th, 10.00am – Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall

We look forward to seeing you and talking about what matters to you in your community.



(Above) Wendy and Finn enjoying an outing on a fine spring day (Photo: Ian Yates)

(Below) Flooding at Eckington Bridge, 1st March (Photo: June Hiden)





Cyclamen in the churchyard, 1st March
(Photo: June Hiden)

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Bakers Bridge virtually submerged, 16th February
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Bystander Archives



The Spring 2022 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* begins with celebrations for Alexander and Nicholas Mills, the wedding of Hamish Perks and Gemma Whiting, and Ian and Wendy Yates' ruby wedding.

Church events included Remembrance, Carols and Christingles, and Bulb Sunday. There are articles on the BOGGS Christmas lunch, the Burns Night supper and the restoration of the phone box.

Planning was under way for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and there was a bric-a-brac sale in aid of Ukraine. There is an update on the works at St James' and a report of its flower arrangements. In an eclectic issue, other articles covered the church organ, a caterpillar, Hairy Spotter and bomb disposal.

Welcomes were for Sam Luce and Nigel Haddock, the Lunnon family, and Tom and Lucy Roe.

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www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander087.pdf

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Dates for your diary

March

Wed 11–Wed 18	Swan Inn closed
Wed 18	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 19	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Mon 30	Birlingham Village Hall 100th AGM, 7.00pm, Village Hall

April

Wed 1	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 5	Easter Day Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church
Thu 16	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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