Birlingham News

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Editorial

This seems to be a year for weather records being smashed. Hot on the heels of the May heatwave, so to speak, we have another one this week, with temperatures in Birlingham today or tomorrow expected to reach 34°C, beating the 1976 record for June.

With a rare Red Weather Warning, the advice is to avoid travel, stay out of direct sun and keep hydrated.

And please, when we get to September, no grumbling about the lousy summer!

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 1st July

by Sue Hermon



The next Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 1st July from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Birlingham Village Hall. Villagers past and present are most welcome to come along to meet new arrivals or catch up with old acquaintances.

There will be tea, coffee and a selection of cakes and as it will be the first week of Wimbledon there might even be cream tea! The cost is still only £3.00 per head, which includes a chance to win the mystery prize!

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



St James' Church

Churchwardens: Adrianne Woodward & Pat Chinneck (Tel. 01386 750936)

On **Sunday 19th July** St James' is holding a Patronal Holy Communion Service to mark the special saint's day in honour of our patron, St James the Great. The service starts at 10.30am and will be led by Revd Jayne Parker. All are welcome to attend and to enjoy the refreshments after the service.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 23rd August, 3.00pm: A Walk Around Birlingham – led by Canon Claire

Poppies for Remembrance Day

by Pat Chinneck

Members of the Art & Craft Group in the village have been busy knitting and crocheting poppies in readiness for a display at St James' Church for Remembrance Day in November.

We have made a great start but now need help from the wider village. If you feel that this is something you could help us with then please contact Pat Chinneck, one of the churchwardens, on patchinneck02@gmail.com. We have the wool and patterns to follow if needed.

Churchyard Tidy-up

Saturday 4th July

by Pat Chinneck

We had a very successful churchyard working party on Saturday with lots of strimming and raking. However, there is still lots to do and everyone seemed keen to reconvene in a few weeks, so the next working party will be on Saturday 4th July at 10.00am. There are jobs for everyone. Please bring whatever tools you can. We usually spend a couple of hours tidying and then stop for a welcome brew and a piece of homemade cake (which was very well received last time).

If you would like to help but can't make the date please contact me directly and I can give you some jobs which can be done in your own time.

Email: patchinneck02@gmail.com.



Churchyard tidy-up, 20th June

Missing Cat



Milly

Please call: 07775335996 / 07515898735

Have you seen our little Milly cat? Shes very friendly and will come when you call her name or whistle.

Features: Shes quite small (3.5kg), fully black with a little white mark on her chest.

Her home: Field Cottage

PATRONAL SERVICE

St James' Church, Birlingham



SUNDAY 19 JULY
10.30AM

Come along to our holy communion Patronal service, led by Revd Jayne Parker.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments together after the service.





Nafford Lock update, 15th–22nd June

(Above) Downstream gates in place but still no beams

(Above) Upstream gate refurbishment almost complete

(Below) Upstream gates back in place

(Below) Beams being worked on

(Photos: Top left – Nikki Hollier, Others – June Hiden)





Safer Neighbourhood Team

by PC Alex Prentice, Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team

The Local Team

Your local Neighbourhood Police Officers are PC Alex Prentice, PC Shaquille Lakin and PC Eve Marshall. Your local Police Community Support Officers are PCSO Jasmine Hill and PCSO Lee Stirling. Please feel free to contact the team via email, eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk.

The team is known as the Evesham and Pershore Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team. The team have two Facebook pages, 'Evesham Police' and 'Pershore Police'. Please follow these to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/engagement sessions are.

Speed Enforcement

TruCam has officially arrived in Evesham, Pershore and the surrounding villages. Your local Safer Neighbourhood Officers are now fully trained and equipped to use this speed enforcement device as part of ongoing efforts to keep our communities safe.

What you need to know:

- TruCam is used to detect vehicles exceeding the speed limit
- Offences are recorded digitally
- Data is downloaded automatically
- Anyone caught speeding will receive a ticket by post

Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters!

Drop-in sessions are held weekly around the patch. If you have anything you wish to discuss, please pop along to one of these sessions. These sessions are advertised on Neighbourhood Matters. Neighbourhood Matters is a free service which allows you to receive updates regarding crime in your area and also allows you to message your local officer. Take a look at the website for further information:

https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/

Please feel free to come to any session you see advertised, you do not have to live in the village to attend. If you know people who do not have access to the internet, please feel free to share the information. The more people who know about these drop-ins, the better!

Reporting Incidents

Please remember to report crime and any incidents via 999, 101 or on the West Mercia website. Please do not email/ring/text individual officers if a crime has happened, this needs to be reported officially through the correct channels.

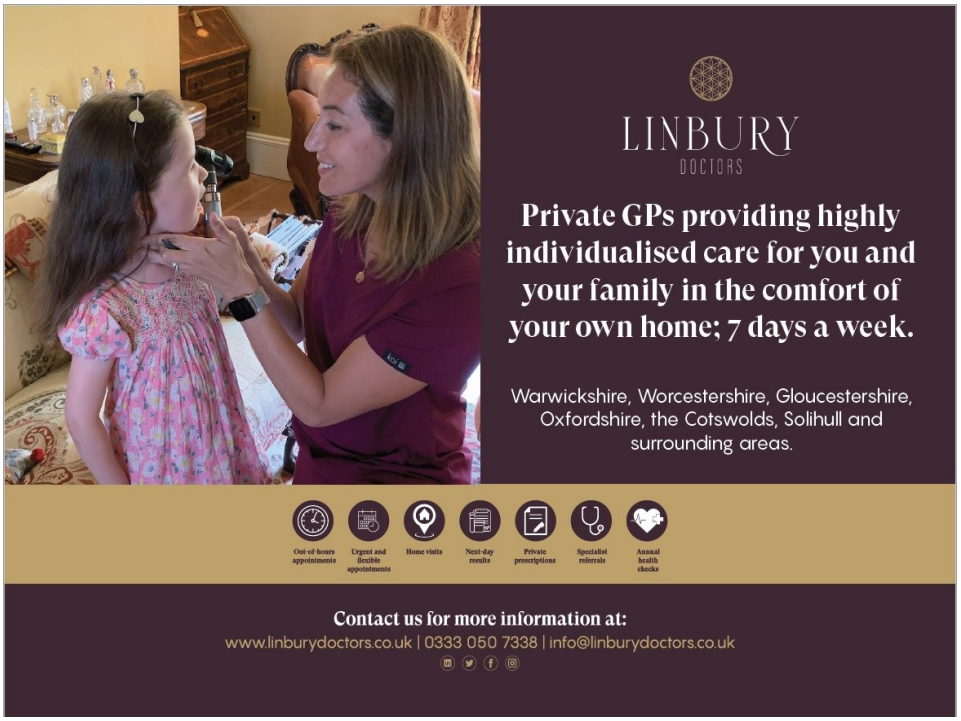
Support for Families Living with Dementia

by Doug Langdon

We have a small group of people who run a 'Memory Impairment Group'. The group is supported free of charge by the Bell, Eckington. and is run monthly on the third Wednesday of each month from 11.30am until 1.00pm. We provide complimentary coffee and cake for anyone who attends.

We are extending an invitation to Birlingham residents.

The group is open to anyone who is having to cope with dementia or any other condition which impairs memory, as a person with the condition, a carer or family member who would just like a bit of support.



Planning Applications

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

1 Court Cottages, Upper End: Removal of internal cementitious renders and replacement with lime hemp plaster, removal of stud partition wall, removal of fireplace facias and installation of log burner and flue, reinstatement of fireplace facias in bedrooms, installation of an air source heat pump to replace existing LPG boiler, removal of extension and replacement with timber-framed porch, and replacement of rear doors (Case Nos. W/26/01072/HP & W/26/01073/LB). Awaiting decision by Wychavon District Council. (Consultation period ends on 17th July.) Full details can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/26/01072/HP
(Householder Planning)

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/26/01073/LB
(Listed Building Consent)

Personal Ads

*FOR SALE: **eFOLDi Explorer** electric foldable scooter, £900. Excellent condition, hardly been used. Bought new.*

Contact ksmith@elonex.com.



MOUSTACHE OF THE MONTH

NO. 2 *RESULTS*

BY HAIRY SPOTTER





DID YOU NAME THIS FAMOUS MOUSTACHIST?

We can announce that the winner of this month's Moustache of the Month competition is again

Adrianne Woodward

Lucky Adrianne wins a free packet of **Spotter's Organic Moustache seeds**. Guaranteed success! Courtesy of

The Birlingham Moustache Farm Shop

The answer is of course Oliver Hardy.

Advertisement Feature

The Birlingham Moustache Farm Shop

Visit our farm shop and see our range of specially selected products
Fresh moustache rounds clipped this morning before sunrise
Grow your own moustache with our organic seeds
Feed the new-born moustaches in our petting shed
Moustache incubators for guaranteed germination
Moustache trowels and rakes
Moustache 'instant' vending machine, open 24 hours

Dates for your diary

June	
Sat 27	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Luctonians CC 1st XI, 12.30pm
July	
Wed 1	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 4	Churchyard Tidy-up, 10.00am, St James' Church
Sat 4	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Challengers Hereford CC 1st XI, 12.30pm
Wed 15	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 16	Birlingham IW, details TBC
Sat 18	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Worcester Nomads CC 3rd XI, 12.30pm
Sun 19	Patronal Holy Communion Service, 10.30am, St James' Church
August	
Wed 5	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 8	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Malvern CC 2nd XI, 12.30pm
Sat 15	Birlingham CC 1st X1 vs Fownhope Strollers CC 1st XI, 12.30pm
Thu 20	Birlingham IW, details TBC

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