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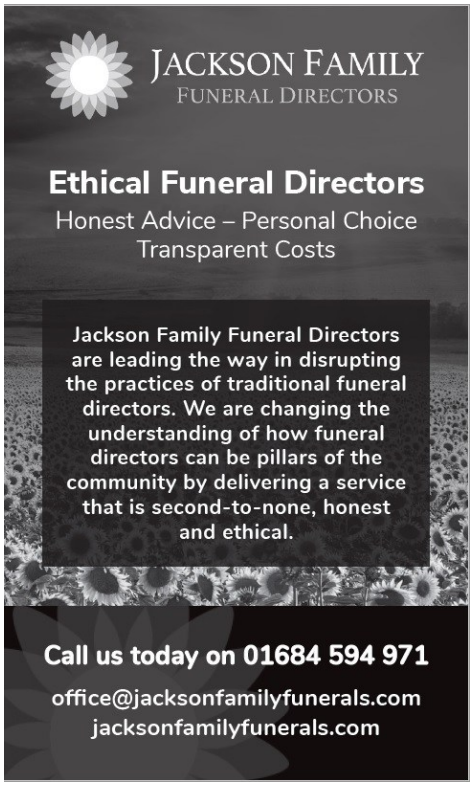
Editorial

Another resounding success for the Flower & Produce Show brings the curtain down on a summer dominated by heatwaves.

We are now into the start of the autumn events, with the Harvest Festival, copy date for the Autumn *Bystander*, September Parish Council Meeting and first of the IW autumn gatherings all happening in the next eight days – and trailed in this issue.

This edition of *Birlingham News* also includes a letter from Wychavon District Council relating to a consultation on the creation of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) for Dog Control. The council would welcome your views.

Finally, as mentioned above, this is the last call for articles, photos or other content for the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander*. Please send any offerings to bystander@birlingham.org.



St James' Church



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

All are welcome to attend the St James' annual Harvest Festival service being held on **Sunday 13th September** at 10.30am and led by Peter Stansbie.

Donations of fresh, dried and tinned goods can be left in the church during the preceding week or brought to the service. As usual, all donations will be gifted to Maggs, a charity that helps the homeless, based in Worcester.

NB There is a wedding in the church on Saturday 12th September at 11.30am – so no donations on Saturday morning please!

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 11th October: Outside Tree Service 10.30am on Birlingham Cricket Ground

Wednesday 11th November: Armistice Day. Remembrance Service, 10.45am, War Memorial

Birlingham Bystander

Copy date 15th September

The copy date for the Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* is next Tuesday, 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

Alternatively, please contact a member of the *Bystander* team. We welcome any topical or Birlingham-related articles.

The Autumn edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* will be distributed in October.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 16th September

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 16th 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_2026-09-16.pdf

and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 15th July can be viewed at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2026-07-15.pdf.

Birlingham IW

Thursday 17th September *by Caryl Mills*



Unfortunately due to work commitments our speaker for 17th September, who was going to talk about the work of the Meningitis Trust, is unable to speak to us. As an alternative we will be having a quiz evening – nothing too taxing but fun with a glass of something fizzy to accompany it.

Our October Meeting is an Open Meeting with the Vintage Garden Store coming to show the history of garden tools. Put it in your diary for Thursday 15th October and bring your family and friends along.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St James' Church, Birlingham



SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
10:30

ALL WELCOME

Come along to the Harvest Festival taken by Peter Stansbie.

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.

WYCHAVON
Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, Worcs. WR10 1PT
T: 01386 565000 www.wychavon.gov.uk

By Email

5th October 2026

Dear Clerk

Re: Consultation on Creation of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) for Dog Control

Wychavon District Council would like to seek your views on the potential creation of the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) related to dog control.

Wychavon District Council are considering the creation of a PSPO, which, if approved, would allow the council to tackle dog control and dog fouling offences.

The creation of the proposed PSPO includes the following provisions:

- Failure to pick up dog faeces while in control of the dog.
- Failure to carry a poop bag or another means to clean up after a dog.
- Failure to keep a dog on a lead in designated areas.
- Failure to exclude dogs from children's playgrounds.

We would greatly appreciate your feedback on this proposal. You can share your views through our short survey at https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ProtectionOrderDogs/

Please note that the consultation will be open until **Monday 5th October 2026**

If you require additional information regarding the proposed PSPO, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Lewis or Rob Rich, via email at tim.lewis@wychavon.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Lewis, Head of Client Services, Wychavon District Council

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Gulls over Tadpole Cottage, 15th August *(Photo: Nikki Hollier)*





Bakers Bridge, 1st August *(Photos: June Hiden)*

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 determined 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). **Approved**. Full details and conditions 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)

Brockham, Upper End: Fell one oak and twenty six Leyland cypress, as detailed on the application form and any accompanying information (Case No. W/26/01835/TPOA). **Approved**. Full details and conditions can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/26/01835/TPOA

Bystander Archives



The Spring 2025 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* begins with a series of events from the previous autumn: the Church Musical Evening, Festive Cuppa & Chat, Cheese and Wine Tasting and, of course, the Carols and Christingles Service.

There was a New Year's Eve Party at the Village Hall, followed by the Village Quiz, Snowdrop Teas and the Bulb Sunday Service. Chris Ludlow came to talk to the IW with his old photos and tales of Birlingham. Meanwhile Birlingham Village Hall celebrated its first 100 years.

David and Jane Williams-Thomas shared their memories of the village and Hairy Spotter provided us with another colourful view of life in a village not dissimilar to Birlingham.

There are welcomes for Rosie and Harry Tobiassen, and Paul and Caroline Darby. Finally, the death is reported of Revd Canon Martin Coombs, who was Vicar at St James' from 1977 until 1992.

Issue 93 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:

www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander093.pdf

MOUSTACHE OF THE MONTH

HAIRY SPOTTER is taking a well-earned break to concentrate on his new *Bystander* piece but will be back later in the autumn.

Personal Ads

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

September

Sun 13	Harvest Festival, 10.30am, St James' Church
Wed 16	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 17	Birlingham IW – Quiz, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

October

Wed 7	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sun 11	Outside Tree Service, 10.30am, Birlingham Cricket Ground
Thu 15	Birlingham IW – history of garden tools, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

Birlingham News is available at www.birlingham.org. Details of future editions will be emailed to subscribers of *Birlingham News*. These emails are available to residents of Birlingham, their families and friends. If you know anyone who would like to receive these emails, or have any comments or items for inclusion in *Birlingham News*, or wish to be removed from the mailing list, please write to news@birlingham.org.

Birlingham News is open to any organisation or business within the parish to promote events. Inclusion of an event does not imply that Birlingham Jubilee Committee supports either the event or the views of the organisation promoting it.

The copy date for the next edition is Monday 21tt September (for publication on Wednesday 23rd September). We regret that we cannot guarantee to include any items submitted after that date.

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