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Editorial

"For the rain it raineth every day." Thus Feste, the fool, concludes *Twelfth Night*, one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies. We might well feel that this sentiment is as apt now as it was 420 years ago.

Not only does the incessant rain make walking a chancy matter and waterlog village gardens, more importantly its effect on the River Avon and the consequent floods makes life difficult and worrying for some of those in Lower End.

The flooding also renders Eckington Bridge frequently impassable. As if the bridge has not been closed enough recently, this edition of *Birlingham News* includes a reminder of the forthcoming closure for maintenance, lasting 16 days from Saturday 23rd March.

Perhaps after that we can hope that the rain will raineth on a few less days.

Tree Work in the Avenue

by Judi Glover

On Wednesday 13th March we will be having emergency tree work carried out on the large lime tree adjacent to the field in the Avenue (next to Field Cottage).

The road will not be closed, but at times there may be a little waiting to pass. I would be grateful if you could bear with us during this period, or possibly use one of the alternative routes to/from Lower End.

The work may continue into Thursday.

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 20th March

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 20th 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 will shortly be available at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_agenda_2024-03-20.pdf

and the draft minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 17th January will be available at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_minutes_2024-01-17.pdf.

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Visiting Cat

by Nick Baskerville

There is a cat that comes through my garden at the Old Post Office most days and does a lot of meowing outside the door. Not a problem, just want to make sure it isn't straying. It's quite large with long black and white fur: more white than black and with a black splotch on its chest.

If you have any information about this cat, please let Nick know at the Old Post Office or phone 07540 247216.

Snowdrop Teas 2024

by Caryl Mills

I cannot believe we were so lucky with the weather and that it did not rain at the weekends even if the week days were not so good! The fact that Eckington Bridge was closed for three weekends did not deter visitors either.

It was a good year although not beating last year's fantastic result. We took £2,772.47 on teas with jigsaw sales raising £157.00. So a fabulous amount to help keep the fabric of the church in good order.

None of this would happen without the support of the villagers, so thank you to everyone for the cakes, flowers, washing up, serving the appreciative visitors and table shifting. Give yourselves a big pat on the back.

Here's to next year and to whoever comes forward to take it on.



Birlingham IW

Thursday 21st March

by Caryl Mills

On Thursday 21st March, Birlingham IW will welcome Ellen Honeybun from Number 8 to the Village Hall at 7.30pm to talk about past and future plans.



Road Closures (March/April)

Two road closures are planned in the next few weeks:

- Upper End and the Avenue for one day between Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th March, and a further day between Friday 12th and Tuesday 30th April.
- Eckington Bridge for 16 days from Saturday 23rd March until Sunday 7th April.

Details of both closures are given on this page.

Road Closure – Upper End, The Avenue and Church Lane (March/April)

Upper End and the Avenue, from the junction with Defford Road to the junction with Whitehall Lane, and Church Lane, will be closed for one day between 17th and 24th March, and a further day between 12th and 30th April. This is to allow for pre surface dressing and carriageway surface dressing.

The notice of closure and the diversion map are shown opposite.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

(C2271 Upper End/U46414 The Avenue/U46415 Church Lane, Birlingham) (Temporary Closure) Order 2024

Proposed Order: to close that part of: **Closure 1: C2271 Upper End** from its junction with A4104 Defford Road to its junction with C2271 Rectory Lane. **Closure 2: U46414 The Avenue** from its junction with C2271 Upper End to its junction with C2271 Rectory Lane. **Closure 3: U46415 Church Lane** from its junction with U46414 The Avenue to its junction with C2271 New Barn Lane.

Reason: Phase 1: Pre surface dressing patching by WCC. **Phase 2:** Carriageway surface dressing and sweeping, lining and cats eyes by WCC.

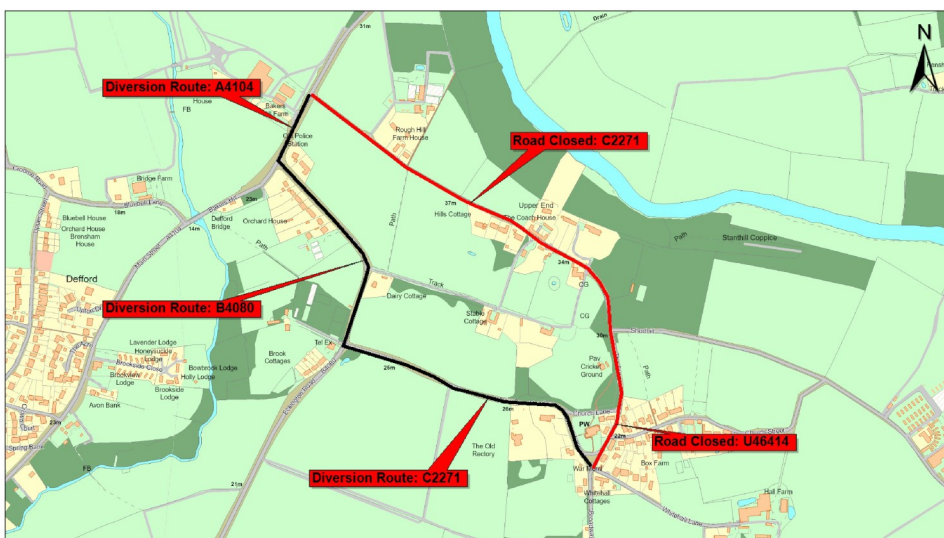
Exemptions: to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the works to be undertaken.

Alternative route: A4104 Defford Road, B4080 Eckington Road, C2271 New Barn Lane, C2271 Rectory Lane and vice versa.

Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **(Phase 1) 1 day (Sunday) between 17 March 2024 and 24 March 2024. (Phase 2) 1 day between 12 April and 30 April 2024**

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22 February 2024



Eckington Bridge Closure

Saturday 23rd March – Sunday 7th April

Eckington Bridge will be closed for maintenance for 16 days from Saturday 23rd March until Sunday 7th April.

The official diversion between Birlingham and Eckington is shown as a route via Tewkesbury and Upton Upon Severn but obviously the quickest route is through Pershore and Nafford.

The notice of closure is given opposite.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

(B4080 Pershore Road, Eckington) (Temporary Closure) Order 2024

Proposed Order: to close that part of B4080 Pershore Road from its junction with C2271 New Barn Lane to its junction with U46445 Roman Meadow.

Reason: Bridge maintenance by WCC.

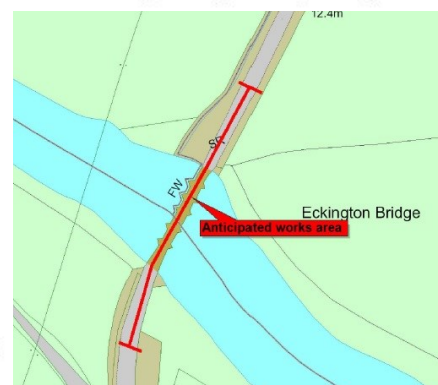
Exemptions: to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the works to be undertaken. **Access for emergency vehicles may not be possible, please use alternative route.**

Alternative route: B4080 Eckington Road, A4104 Defford Road, A4104 Baughton Hill, A4104 Baughton, A4104 Pershore Road, A38 Tewkesbury Road, (into Gloucestershire), B4080 Tewkesbury Road, B4080 Main Road, B4080 Eckington Road and vice versa.

Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **16 days. Commencing: 23 March 2024**

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29 February 2024



1542241 – 1 - B4080 Pershore Road, Eckington
Chris Thomas CA00304



(Above) Early morning sky on 27th February (Photo: Judi Glover)

(Below) Seat washed up in Asham Meadow after the floods retreat, 28th February (Photo: Julia Luff)



Letters to the Editors

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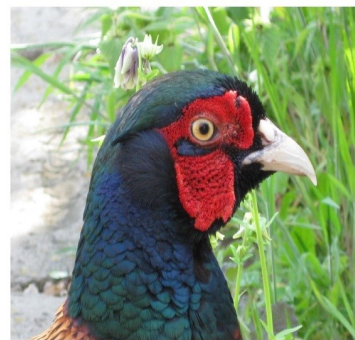
The Spring 2010 edition of the *Birlingham Bystander* takes us into a new decade and begins with reports on the IW and the Bulb Sunday Service. There are articles about the opening of Croome Court, musical events organised by the Drama Group, a barbecue on Bredon Hill and the Birlingham Christmas Show. There is an article about the Birlingham Shoot and the restoration of the Village Map is reported.

The wedding of Paula and Nick Aston is recorded. There is an obituary for Beryl Taylor.

Issue 63 of the *Bystander* can be viewed at:

www.birlingham.org/village/bystander/issues/bystander063.pdf

The Birlingham Bystander



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Planning Applications

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

Brockham, Upper End: Erection of single storey and two-storey extensions, and garage, with internal and external alterations, to include modified access (Case No. W/23/02237/HP).

Approved. Full details and conditions can be viewed on the Wychavon DC website at:

<https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/W/23/02237/HP>

The Parish Council comments are available at:

http://www.birlingham.org/pc_info/pc_comments_23_02237.pdf

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Dates for your diary

March

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| Wed 20 | Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Thu 21 | Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sun 31 | Easter Day Holy Communion, 10.30am, St James' Church |

April

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| Wed 3 | Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |
| Sun 14 | Tree Service, 10.30am, St James' Church |
| Thu 18 | Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall |

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