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HOT OFF THE PRESS AGAIN

It was thought originally that this publication would not be produced due to problems with:

- ◆ Our printers not being able to work
- ◆ Our “paper boys” being in lock down

However, the Council felt it was essential to communicate with residents and to this end have produced this online edition. We realise that not all residents will have access to the media but it was felt that this was the only way we could get the news out.

People with access to a computer will be able to view the Newsletter under the News Section of the Parish website detailed above. Alternatively, you can send a request by email to lou.hird@billinghaypc.co.uk We will then forward a copy as an attachment (you will need to be able to download pdf documents to view this). Once we have sent you a copy, we will not be retaining your contact details.

Please bear in mind that some of the businesses advertised may not be working during this difficult period and any events still detailed may not be taking place Please contact the Businesses/Organisers if in doubt.

A note for advertisers - we will not be charging you for this issue and will be extending the expiry date of your advert to allow for this.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Ringmoor House **When:** 1st Monday of month
Time: 7.00pm (except Bank Holidays)
See Parish Notice Boards for Committee Meetings



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Currently closed due to the present pandemic. See page 3 for contact details.

BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Chairman: Kathryn Locke **Vice Chairman:** Tom Cassidy

Clerk: C Willingham

Parish Councillors: Ron Chatten, Antony Bell, Sheila Clark, Jim Jackson, Frankie Harvey & Alice Walters

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County Council Member: Barry Young

Office Assistant & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billingham Parish Council

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Billingham Covid-19 Mutual Aid UK group

Local organising to support the most vulnerable in our communities

Are you self-isolating? Do you need help?

If you live in village, are self-isolating and are in need of shopping or assistance, please call this number:

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Or, alternatively, contact Richard Hilliard at:

richard@billinghambaptistchapel.co.uk

M: 07717392628



Hello from Billingham Parish Council and welcome to the July/August edition of the Billingham Times.

It is with a sense of relief, expectation and positivity for the future that this newsletter is being written. After weeks of lockdown, restrictions are gradually being lifted and we emerge, a little shaken and slightly stunned from our enforced hibernation into, hopefully, a bright new world. As a fiercely independent village, renowned for its community spirit, resilience and inclusivity, residents have pulled together effectively and efficiently and got on with things with no fuss, no pomp and ceremony, and no hitting the headlines.

It is also a time for reflection and to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone. To those who supported others in a myriad of different ways during the pandemic, to those who organised volunteers or volunteered to support others, to those who checked on neighbours and friends, to those who made masks, scrubs and PPE, to those who shared ideas, books and produce, to those who managed buildings and facilities, to those who ran clubs and activities remotely, to those who gave their time to raise money for good causes and find funding for our community, to those who sat on committees, to those that selflessly served others and to those who responded to local emergencies and helped kept us safe, to those who worked in the front line, key and essential agencies, to those who adapted to working from home and those who worked cheerfully in the village businesses providing provisions and much needed services.

Finally, thank you to **EVERY ONE** in the village for making Billingham such a pleasant place to live and stay during lockdown and to all those who stayed in and followed the government guidelines.

For businesses about to reopen, or are planning for their re-opening, good luck and best wishes. You have been much missed.

Although the Parish Office remains closed for the foreseeable future, council business is continuing as usual. The Council added to its long history by successfully holding its very first remote meeting on Monday 22 June in order to carry out essential business. It is not yet known when face-to-face meetings will resume, but members of the public and press remain welcome to participate in all council meetings. Please look out for details on the noticeboards and social media, and please advise us.

To keep everyone safe (Covid-19 has not gone away) and our village clean and tidy please continue to scoop the dog poop and drop your litter in a bin or take it home. If bins are full, they can be reported to NKDC or to the Parish Clerk for emptying. Leaving items around bins is fly-tipping and could result in a fine or even prosecution.

Information on parish matters, local news and Covid updates can be found on the Parish Council Facebook page: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Billingham-Parish-Council-685279794963740/>

The Clerk can be contacted by phone on 07483346143 or by email on billinghampc@gmail.com on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.15am and 3.00pm.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter.

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THE QUIZ

Answers to last issue Quiz

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| 1 | The leaf of which plant is said to relieve nettle stings? Dock |
| 2 | Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto are all moons of which planet in our solar system? Jupiter |
| 3 | Which fictional character uses the expression 'Eat my shorts'? Bart Simpson |
| 4 | Port Said stands on which canal? Suez Canal |
| 5 | In the nursery rhyme, who journeyed to Gloucester during a period of precipitation? Doctor Foster |
| 6 | According to Greek mythology, who opened a box out of curiosity and let out all the evils of humanity? Pandora |
| 7 | Pic - what is the connection? Shakespeare Plays |
| 8 | An ortolan is what type of creature - lizard, bird or fish? Bird |
| 9 | Austrian monk Gregor Mendel discovered the Laws of 'what'? Genetics |
| 10 | The 'Aurora Australis' is also known by what name? Southern Lights |
| 11 | What connects Paddington Bear with a Royal Reporter and a brand of writing paper? Bond |
| 12 | Pic - where is this? Lincoln Castle |
| 13 | In which Andrew Lloyd Webber musical does the cast wear roller skates? Starlight Express |
| 14 | Which ancient Greek is known as 'The Father of Medicine'? Hippocrates |
| 15 | Apollo Creed, Clubber Lang and Ivan Drago are all opponents of which boxer? Rocky Balboa |
| 16 | In 1979 who had a love and it was a gas but soon turned out to be a heart of glass? Blondie |
| 17 | John and Edward Grimes, who first appeared on ITV's 2009 X Factor, are known by what name? Jedward |
| 18 | Pic - what is his character surname? Dewhurst |
| 19 | What does the medical acronym HIV stand for? human immunodeficiency virus |
| 20 | What is the capital of Ecuador? Quito |
| 21 | Which drink is known as 'The Wine of Islam'? Coffee |
| 22 | Who does a paediatric doctor specialise in treating? Children |
| 23 | Apart from white, what colour are the other two 'triangles' on the BMW logo? Blue & Black |
| 24 | Pic - who is he? Rick Stein |
| 25 | In the game of darts, what score is known as 'Breakfast' or 'Bed and Breakfast'? 26 |
| 26 | The Asian Tsunami or Boxing Day tsunami that hit Thailand, Indonesia and many other countries happened in what year 2001, 2004 or 2007? 2004 |
| 27 | In cooking, what is calamares? Squid |
| 28 | The disease rickets is caused by the lack of which vitamin? Vitamin D |

- 29 Which fictional character has a set of interchangeable turnip, mangel wurzel and swede heads? **Worzel Gummidge**
- 30 Pic - who is she? **Cate Blanchett**
- 31 What connects the worlds first nuclear powered aircraft carrier with Captain Kirk?
- 32 A conchologist studies what? **Shells**
- 33 In 1966, what were the Kinks doing after the taxman had taken all their dough? **Lazing on a Sunny Afternoon**
- 34 Michael Hutchence was the lead singer in which Australian band? **INXS**
- 35 Which Cadbury's chocolate bar was named after a bus? **Doubledecker**
- 36 Pic - who is he? **Lionel Messi**

CHEERS

The Quiz for this issue is specially aimed at those people who have missed their occasional visit to the local and have stayed safe at home trying various alternative concoctions. The questions are not easy but can be looked up on the Internet if you need a little help or want to find out the answers before the next issue of the Newsletter.

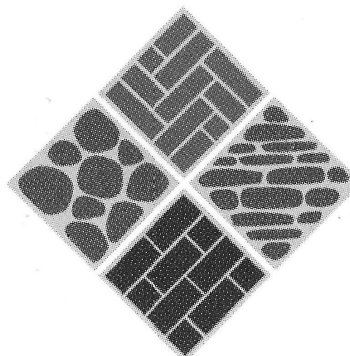
- 1 Which was the earliest civilization to brew beer?
- 2 Which country produces Zelta beer?
- 3 Tepache is a Mexican drink made of the fermented rinds of which fruit?
- 4 Shinshu, Koshu and Genshu are all types of which alcoholic drink?
- 5 What is the minimum alcohol content of wine according to EU law?
- 6 Belgian monks at places like Chimay and Orval brew beers given which name?
- 7 Which spirit is used to make a Lemon Drop cocktail?
- 8 What type of fruit traditionally does a bartender use to garnish a Manhattan?
- 9 What type of drink is Armagnac Dry?
- 10 Chablis is made with which grape variety?
- 11 The town of Golden in Colorado is home to which American beer?
- 12 Frangelico is a liqueur flavoured with what?
- 13 Laphroaig whisky is made on which Scottish island?
- 14 J and B is a very popular Scotch whisky in America what does J and B stand for?
- 15 In which town are the brewers Timothy Taylor based?
- 16 Which English bottled beer is known as Dog to the locals?
- 17 In what month does Beaujolais Nouveau come on sale?)
- 18 What are the barrels made from that are used to age Spanish Rioja?
- 19 What does OBJ stand for in the beer Brakspear OBJ?
- 20 What was the first brand of sour mash whiskey made in the USA?



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BILLINGHAY VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD

Lots of the planned events at the Village Hall have had to be put on hold like every where else.

The "100" Club

The next 100 Club Session which was due to start in May 2020 has been delayed until November when hopefully things will be back to normal. Participants will be asked to pay £6 each to cover the draws until April 2021 when that session will end.

There will still be some numbers available for those willing to gamble £1 a month and support their Village Hall.

Contact Kate Harlow 07799617674 or Marjorie Richards 01526 860346.

Future Developments

We particularly need your continued support now as we have submitted plans for a large extension. No additions have been made to the Village Hall since it was built in the 60,s, and with the population of Billingham increasing all the time it was decided by the Committee that now would be a good time to improve what we have to offer.

The improvements will include extending the small meeting room and inviting small groups such as Scouts to use this. We could possibly then run two meetings simultaneously. The larger building will bring an increased capacity allowing larger functions to be held bringing greater viability and efficiency.

Residents wishing to see the detailed plans can view these on NKDC Planning website

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building/planning/planning-applications/view-an-application/>

Plan Reference No is 20/0429/FUL Billingham Village Hall & Playing Field

BILLINGHAY PARISH OFFICE NEWS



As you are aware, the Parish Office has to deal with a wide range of issues and the staff try their very best to be helpful. Varying topics are raised and we intend publishing information where we can offer help, point you in the right direction or where we need your help.

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

Telephone: 01526 861845 or **07483 346143**
Email: info@billinghaypc.co.uk
Address: Mrs C Willingham (Parish Clerk)
Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billinghay, Lincs

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MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE
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Full details of the dates for the Mobile Library visiting Billinghay can be seen on Page 12. The dates will only be relevant when the service resumes. We hope to bring news on that in later issues.

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BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE:
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CONTACT NO **01526 860490**

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CHILDREN'S CENTRE
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Please note that the defibrillator located at the Children's Centre on Fen Road is maintained by the Billinghay Parish Council. If you notice any issues with the defibrillator, please contact the Parish Clerk. Access to the equipment is obtained by dialling 999 and you will then be given a code to open the case.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS (See Page 3 for current situation)
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Please note that Parish Council Meetings will be held in the lounge at Ringmoor House and not in the Village Hall. They start at 7.00pm and there are 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting when the members of the public can speak and raise issues they feel need addressing.

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WALCOTT ROAD CEMETERY
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OPENING TIMES	Summer	8.00am to	8.00pm
	Winter	9.00am to	5.00pm

Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

DATES THAT WILL APPLY WHEN SERVICE RESUMES.

The timetable below shows when the mobile library will be in your area from

April 2020 – March 2021

Monday Route 2 & 4 (Rural North)

April	May	June	July	August	September
27 th	11 th *	8 th 22 nd	6 th 20 th	3 rd 17 th 31 st	14 th 28 th
October	November	December	January	February	March
12 th 26 th	9 th 23 rd	7 th 21 st	4 th 18 th	1 st 15 th	1 st 15 th 29 th

*Sorry no service on Bank Holidays

The mobile library stops at the following places:

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Billinghay	Library Site	13.15	14.45
Billinghay	Spa Shop	15.00	16.00

Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time.
For the latest news on this route, enquiries or renewals please contact the
Customer Service Centre on 01522 782010



BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

DUE TO THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS CRISIS, ALL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED TILL A LATER DATE. HOPEFULLY IT WILL NOT BE TOO LONG BEFORE NORMAL SERVICE IS RESUMED. ADVANCE DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN OF THE NEXT PRESENTATION BY NOTE, EMAIL OR FACEBOOK.

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IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS

ASKmyGP means that you can request help from the Practice when, where and how it suits you. Enjoy feeling more in control as you ask for help securely from your smartphone, tablet or computer. Bookmark the link in your browser so you don't forget. [Access AskMyGP](#).

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS

You can contact the Practice by telephone and your request will be sent to the clinician who will contact you that day and you will be managed by phone or invited in to see the clinician. Contact us on 01526 860490.

DISPENSARY CHANGES

During this outbreak, the Dispensary is no longer accepting paper copies of prescriptions. To request your medication, please go online and order (speak with reception if you do not have an account). **If you do not have internet access**, phone the Dispensary on 01526 869806. Dispensary may not be able to answer the phone so please leave a CLEAR message with your **NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, CONTACT NUMBER and REQUEST**. If you are unable to pronounce the name of the drug you can spell it out. Your medication will be available as soon as possible but may not be within the normal 72-hour turn-around. Please **DO NOT** order medication if you have unopened boxes. Adequate supplies are available if everyone orders normally.

Patients are no longer being allowed into the Dispensary to collect medication. Please go to the side window to collect. Please have **ID** with you if you are collecting for someone else. The Practice has created a make-shift queuing system to help maintain Social Distancing (2m).

Please look at the website daily www.billinghaymedicalpractice.co.uk if you have internet access, as new information is added regularly.

Care Quality Commission (Annual Review)

The Practice was inspected in late 2016, when the rating was “Good”, but the aim is to be “Outstanding”. A telephone call with the CQC was arranged to take place late February which involved answering 19 ‘set’ questions. This was carried out by our Practice Manager and GP Partners. The outcome is that the rating remains “Good”. There will be another review in 2021.

Veteran Friendly GP Practice Accreditation

Over the next five years, NHS England and NHS Improvement, together with the Royal College of Practitioners, are rolling out the veteran friendly GP Practice accreditation scheme across England. This scheme, which is intended to help ensure Practices are best equipped to care for veterans and their families, has already accredited over 700 surgeries. Billingham Medical Practice is working towards this accreditation, and will code Patient’s records if they are a known military veteran.

Our Mental Health

The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak means that life is changing for all of us for a while. It may cause you to feel anxious, stressed, worried, sad, bored, lonely or frustrated. It's important to remember it is OK to feel this way and that everyone reacts differently. Remember, this situation is temporary and, for most of us, these difficult feelings will pass. Please speak to someone about your worries. In the first communicate with your GP via **ASKmyGP** service, or call 01526 860490 if you do not have access to the Internet.

You can also speak with the following, as suggested by the NHS Mental Health Helpline:

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ANXIETY UK: 03444 775 774. www.anxietyuk.org.uk

SANE: 0300 304 7000. www.sane.org.uk/support

Age UK

When this pandemic is over (and it WILL pass) people may look for new activities with which to become involved, see below. Age UK also has a new initiative called “connect to support Lincolnshire” which has information and advice for all residents who are looking for support in the community. This includes information to help you manage your wellbeing and plan for your care and support needs, a provider directory with information about providers of services in and around Lincolnshire, a section on home care agencies and residential and nursing homes in the area, and an activity and events calendar. Their website is: www.lincolnshire.connectosupport.org but they can also be contacted by phone on 0300 303 8789.

Subject to the Coronavirus restrictions being lifted, future PPG meetings for 2020 will be held on Tuesday 2 June, Tuesday 1 September and Tuesday 1 December. The friendly meetings are held from 18.00-19.30 in the waiting room at the Practice. We welcome new members, so please either speak with Reception or go the Patient Participation Group on the website if you would like to join.

STAY HOME* * * * PROTECT THE NHS* * * * SAVE LIVES

Activity Centre

Timetable



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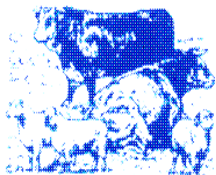


*On behalf of the PPG and patients,
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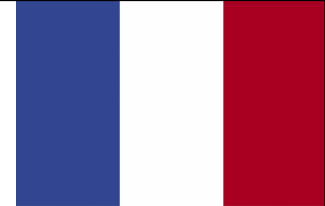
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Any plans for the future are, of course, dependent on the situation both here and in France. The current position is that the trip is now planned for 28 May to the 2 June 2021.

Lets hope that this can go ahead but, by then, we may still be confined a la maison.

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Activities in Billingham

Please check with the organisation to see if the activities have been cancelled and when they will re-commence

B.A.D.ASS (Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association)	Thursdays at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Tuesdays 5.30-9.15pm Scout Hut Roger Miller 860539
Bethel Baptist Chapel	Sundays 10.30am & 6pm Tuesdays 7pm Pastor James Mansfield 861439
Billinghay CEP School	Breakfast Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall
Billinghay Tuesday Club	1 st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106
Bowls Club	Indoor Bowls start September every Monday
British Legion	Contact Dawn Studd, Branch Secretary for details of membership and meetings on 01526 268671
Brownies (2nd Billingham)	Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324
Children's Centre	Fen Road 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday 869248 or 869271
Coffee Morning	3rd Monday of month 10-12 Baptist Chapel, Ann Hall 01205 365689
Community Rooms	Bookings Jayne Pannell 01526 861382
Daisy Chain	Pre-school Mon-Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281
Darby & Joan	Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732
Girl Guides	Wednesdays 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
Lighthouse Youth Club	Now meeting via Zoom - every Friday at 6.00 to 7.00pm Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
Line Dancing	Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall
Methodist Church	Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £15 for 3 hours
Methodist Church	Sundays 10am Val 860614,
Night Owls Book Club	4th Tuesday of month Kylie Cozens
Past Times	History Group The Ship Inn as advertised Lou Hird 869086
Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)	Tuesdays (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Karen 01526 860715 Mobile 07812207929
Scout Group	1 st Billingham Roger Miller (Scout Leader) 860539
St Michael's and All Angels Church	1st/2nd Sundays 9.30am Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday 9.30am Communion 4th Sunday 11.00am Said Communion 5th Sunday United Service - please ring to check place of worship. Church open from 9.00am to 3.00pm weekdays Contact: Reverend Steve Holt 01526 580654 Gwen Tonge 01526 860330
Tennis Club	Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com
Tuesday Club	First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms
Twinning Association	Chairman John Toulson 01526 860262 Secretary Megan Clark (meganclark@hotmail.co.uk) Website www.bdta.eu.
Village Hall	Bookings June Davies 861652
Voluntary Car Service	Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency)
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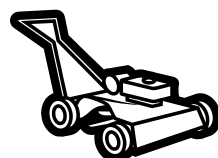
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Please note that the views expressed in the letters pages do not necessarily reflect those of the Parish Council and are only published where the Name and Address of the Contributor is given (but not necessarily published - we will pass on correspondence where applicable).

In spite of the current National crisis we have received our usual contribution from our Skirth Road resident. This month he gives his views on the pandemic.

There is no doubt that 2020 will be remembered for Covid-19 or coronavirus. When I first saw a report of a coronavirus in China I thought of a soft drinks firm of my childhood called Corona and thought that they had probably broken into the Chinese market and sold some dodgy pop. When I investigated further I realised that the Corona soft drinks firm had gone out of business many years ago and this was a very serious virus killing many people in China. I still did not worry too much as there have been several outbreaks over the years for example SARS or Swine Flu which although fatal for some people turned out to be nowhere near the widespread killer particularly in the UK that the media led us to believe they would. There is an unfortunate tendency in our media to over-hype. I can think of one newspaper that constantly warns us that we are about to experience a terrible disaster. It could be the worst drought in living memory one week and the next week it will have changed its tack and say we are going to have the worst floods we had ever known. They seem to me to be the twenty-first century boy crying wolf and I must admit I was so used to this over-hype style of reporting that I initially had no appreciation of the seriousness of the situation,

However as time went on and I had to take the matter increasingly seriously as people started dying and younger and healthier people than me were falling foul of the virus. All of the things I did were cancelled as pubs and restaurants were closed along with gymnasiums squash clubs and village halls. This as every body knows culminated in us being told to stay in as much as possible so I had to settle for a new way of life. There was no sport to watch on TV so I paused my Sky Sports subscription and quickly became addicted to ITV3. Like many people though I switched over to BBC for the daily tea time coronavirus briefing.

I sat in front of the TV listening to a government minister and scientific and medical experts giving the latest information and then it was the turn of some newspaper and tv journalists to ask questions. These people probably earn a very good salary and it seems to have given them an air of self-importance to make them more interested in making news than reporting it, It seemed to me that one after another would be determined to find fault with something that had happened in the past rather than question the experts on where they go next. It reminded me of a story a friend of mine told me about his birth. His parents were holidaying when his mother unexpectedly went into early labour. His father hurriedly set off with her in the car to the local hospital but was unfamiliar with the area and had to ask the way. A good job he was not asking our current journalists as they would have spent 20 minutes asking him where he had come from and why he had gone

on holiday at that time.

Another day some promised PPE equipment from Turkey had not arrived and Health Secretary Matt Hancock was asked by our distinguished journalists when it was going to arrive. How could he know? He was not loading or piloting the plane Do these journalists not live in our world? Have they never ordered something that did not arrive on the promised date? Surely they know that despite what you may be told you only know when an order is going to arrive when it actually arrives, Mr Hancock dealt with them very patiently by saying that they were asking good questions (possibly because he could not answer them) but I did not share this view of the quality of the questions and switched the TV off and did not listen to many journalists on subsequent days,

Some good things did occur as people pulled together to help others and turned out at 8pm on a Thursday to applaud all workers who were going beyond the call of duty to keep us fit and well. Hopefully this community spirit will continue.

We have also received the following news of the death of an old Billingham resident and his relatives have asked us to pass the sad message to anyone who remembered him.

We are sorry to report the death in hospital in Boston on April 4th of Richard (Dick) Coole at the age of 83.

Dick spent much of his childhood in Billingham where he lived with his grandparents Horace and Laura Ashby who owned the Butchers shop on Victoria Street. Dick had many happy memories of Billingham where he went to the village school. It was where his uncle, Stan Ashby who later took over the Butchers shop, taught him to ride horses in the fields behind the Co-op.

Dick spent the latter years of his life in Fleet Hargate, near Holbeach where he ran the garage and a haulage business.

And finally a well deserved pat on the back for one of our local businesses.

Over the past few months I have regularly visited the shop on Walcott Road. Throughout the lockdown period this village shop has offered many residents, myself included, 2 important things:

- *essential items to avoid having to queue for the supermarket, and*
- *a friendly face.*

Every visit has been an opportunity to speak to someone outside the household, in a safe environment, for a chat as well as picking up a pint of milk. They have always had what I want and always had a smile on their faces. They remind me when I need to pick up the fishing magazine and provide advice on the latest new lines in the shop.

So thank you to all the staff for their hard work, from The Markhams at 43 Walcott Road

We would also like to add a word of thanks to the Co-op who also have been appreciated by many for their efforts to keep the village safe but well supplied.

WHAT'S ON IN BILLINGHAY

DARBY & JOAN CLUB

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Contact Details: Shirley on 860732 or Mobile 07903008308

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

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GENERAL

Scouts



1st Billingham

Along with the rest of the world this last couple of months for the Scout Group has been somewhat different. Whilst we have been unable to meet face to face we have done our best to continue Scouting.

Beavers Cubs and Scouts have all managed to gain badges through lockdown, we have had Cubs camping at home, either in tents or in dens and being part in a world record breaking largest camp involving Scouts from around the globe. We have also had young people making watering stations for insects and learning their NATO alphabet. Some of the Scouts have managed to complete their Personal Challenge Badge, and we have had at least one Scout who learnt to use his Mum's sewing machine and made a number of scrub bags for our frontline workers.

Since all three sections are missing out on planned camps this term, we organised a virtual campfire for them so we could get together and sing some campfire songs together.

Hopefully, it will not be too long before we are all back meeting together and enjoying each other's company.

If you know of any child aged between 6 and 14 years who would like to come along and join in the fun, or if there are any adults who are willing to help out at all, please contact myself on **01526 869141** or Roger on **07831 264554** for more details.

BEAVERS

6 – 8 years

cubs

8 – 10½ years

Scouts 

10½ - 14 years

VE DAY

The current pandemic meant that VE Day Celebrations were very limited although the media did their best to commemorate the Event. The TV presentation outside Buckingham Palace was beautifully done and in accordance with safety guidelines. Throughout the country street parties were organised but restricted due to the regulations. Nevertheless people did their best to celebrate and rekindle the fighting spirit that existed then and is needed now. In Billingham, we know that several events took place and below are photos of people participating in these.





Lincolnshire
Road
Safety
Partnership



Could you help your village with Community Speed Watch?

The proposed scheme is aimed at supporting the existing measures introduced by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. (LRSP)

The current scheme where passive and active speed indicating devices are displayed has been in action since 2014 and been very beneficial to those communities who have adopted it. The new scheme is being proposed to support the existing scheme by empowering communities to carry out speed checks in a controlled and authorised manner, educating motorists to moderate their speed.

Aims of the Scheme

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a scheme to allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their communities.

The schemes report the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speed is of concern.

These speed monitoring reports enable the Police or Road Safety Partnership to:

- Send advisory letters to the registered owners to confirm to them the speed at which their vehicle was travelling and that the speed was in excess of the speed limit.
- Use the data gathered to inform Police and others on the allocation of resources and general road safety issues.

Community Speed Watch will only operate in 20, 30 and 40 mile per hour areas during hours of daylight. Speed watch teams will only be deployed to areas where the Town/Parish Council (or similar) or the Police have identified a community concern.

LRSP Community speed watch scheme allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood.

It is used in areas where speeding has been identified as a concern. The scheme is administered by the LRSP, but run by local communities.

Community Speed Watch is not an enforcement tool. It is about educating motorists in the law in relation to speeding, monitoring trends in speeding in neighbourhoods, and raising awareness of the dangers of speeding.

Trained volunteers will operate on behalf of their respective communities. These volunteers are not employees or agents of Lincolnshire Police or the LRSP.

Parish and City councils carry public liability insurance which must cover speed watch activity and volunteers must therefore act in accordance with their training and the relevant speed watch guidelines for this cover to be valid.

Currently Billingham CSW volunteers are out in your community 2 to 3 sessions per week. Each session depends on volunteers available. The more volunteers the scheme can get the more they can be visible reducing the speed of vehicles travelling through your village. Volunteering your time can be as much or a little as you wish. There are no heavy commitments or weekly demands.

If you are over 18 and interested in becoming a CSW volunteer or would like some more information on volunteering for the scheme please email or call Tom Cassidy on the details overleaf:

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Regards

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Over the past month I have spoken to a lot of people, clients and people looking for guidance. It has been a chance to catch up and see how they're managing throughout the current situation. Many of these conversations naturally circled around personal finances. Generally, however, they centred around a common theme: how they were doing personally and how they were filling time during the lockdown. Never before in history have so many people across the world been forced to stay at home. These measures have caused an incredible shift in public perception of many things—not just financial management, but perspective of the future.

People are naturally anxious about the changes that have come over the world during this time. They're concerned about economic stability. They're worried about their retirement—and for many people, it's not just financial stability that is posing a worry. Many people are suddenly faced with concerns about how they will fill their time during retirement. Thanks to the current lockdown, people see more than ever how hard it can be to fill a day when you aren't heading in to work every day.

The longer the lockdown goes on, the more people will question what is important to them—not just from a financial viewpoint, but also from a sense of wellbeing. Momentous events in life make us realise more than ever what is important to us. It both brings us together and sets us apart, shaping the way we choose to handle everything from our daily job tasks to our retirement needs. Many people are facing significant anxiety related to retirement—and wondering not only whether they will have the funds they need for their retirement years, but how they really want to shape those retirement hours. Retirement planning remains as critical as ever—but the goal may have changed from endless days without a clock to punch to fulfilling experiences and opportunities that can help positively develop retirees' futures.



We continue to offer free support to those in Lincolnshire who do not currently have an adviser but would like to discuss their savings in further detail. There will be no charge for this service as advice will not be provided, only factual information and hopefully reassurance to those in need. If you or someone you know would like to book a slot, please contact me on:

clm@fhmanning.co.uk or ring me on 07511 156440.

Stay safe and look out for each other. We are all in this together.

BILLINGHAY DIARY OF EVENTS

Due to the current coronavirus crisis we are not publicising any events as we cannot be sure whether they will take place. As soon as the situation returns to normal, we will be resuming the publication of dates for current and future events.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The dates and start times for each such Group are given below:

Please check with the organisation to see if the activities have been cancelled and when they will re-commence

B.A.D.ASS	Thursdays	7.00pm Ship or Village Hall Phone Kate 07799617674 for info
Beavers/Cubs & Scouts	Tuesdays	5.30 to 9.15pm
Bingo	Monday	1.30pm The Whyche
Bowls (Indoor)	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
British Legion (Men)	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
Car Boot Sale	Sunday am	Coach & Horses Field
Coffee Morning	Thursday	10.00 to 12.00 Community Rooms
Community Plan	3rd Wednesday of month	7.00pm Coach & Horses
Community Connections Cafe	Look for announcements	Methodist Church Hall
Football Club	Saturdays	10.30 to 11.30am Junior Training Sessions
Girl Guides	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
Keep Fit	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm Village Hall
Lighthouse Club (Secondary School Children)	Fridays	6.00 to 7.00pm via Zoom
Market & Car Boot Sale	Sunday	From 6.30am Coach & Horses
Methodist Lending Library	2nd Tuesday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
Mobile Library	Alternate Mondays	- see Parish Office page for details
Night Owls Book Club	3rd Tuesday of each month	
Rainbows	Tuesdays	5.30 to 6.30pm
Saturday Market	Saturday	Community Hall 9.30 to Noon 14 Mar, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 14 November, December t.b.a
YPF Children's Club	Fridays	6.00 to 7.00pm Via Zoom
Youth Club	Every Monday	Village Hall

BYGONES

With the closing of shops during the pandemic, people have been commenting about the lack of facilities nowadays especially in outlying communities. This has prompted favourable comments about the shops in Billingham that have kept open supplying essential items to residents. Our thanks go out to them - well done!!

One of our older residents has a special knowledge of the shops that used to exist in the village and we are setting out the details that Richard supplied below:

BILLINGHAY SHOPS ETC. IN THE FORTIES AND EARLY FIFTIES.

HIGH STREET (From the Bridge end)

S TOFT - Draper (Bought in late Forties by Roger Annesley, Ironmonger)

MARJORIE POPPLE - Ladies Hairdresser

F. SAXBY - Builder -- W. Flatters built Newsagents shop on this site.

F. CHAPMAN - Cycle Shop --Roger Annesley built his new shop on this site.

C. GRIMES -- Boot and shoe repairs.

SHIP INN-- Landlord - Mr. Bashforth - Gerry and Betty Yeates became landlords in early Fifties.

B. REEVES -- Grocer -- Later Dons (Grocer) and Osbournby Butchers.

W. HANSARD --Saddler -- Later B. Jewers Radio and Television Sales and Repairs.

A. HAW -- Butcher -- Now, Fish Shop (Same family)

A. GRESSWELL -- Vet. Surgeon --Later Doctors Surgery Doctors Horton and Hill)

W. CLARKE -- Builder and Funeral Director.

F. TWELLS -- Haulage Contractor and Motor Mechanic. Now Vauxhall Main agent.

W. TWELLS --Blacksmith.

C. ROBINSON -- Grocer --Now, Robert Walker Ladies and Gents Hairdresser

COSY CINEMA -- Prop. Mr. Brennan --Now Twells Car Showroom.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

ERIC WILSON-- Farm Trailer Maker and Funeral Director.

F. CHAPMAN --Blacksmith.

H. HICKLING - Sweets and Tobacco. Later Alice Harrod - Ladies Hairdresser.

TOOLEY'S -- Fish Shop --Over the years it has been owned by Olive`s, Bee`s, Lockey`s. Smith`s and Bailey`s.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL.

WALCOTT ROAD

W. ATKIN -- Tea and Fertiliser Salesman.

J. BEAULAH -- Vehicle Repairs and Petrol.

C. BARTON -- Ice Cream Maker.

R. RAVELL -- Miller.

W. FLINTHAM --Potato Merchant.

VICTORIA STREET

MIDLAND BANK --Later Library, Hairdressers

H. ASHBY - Butcher -- Later Tea Room

W. BARFIELD - Draper -- Later Millhouse

EVELYN WELLS - Ladies Hairdresser

H. DOVE --Plumber. Later - Sons and Daughters. Clothes Machinists

TRUSTEES SAVINGS BANK

E. FARNSWORTH -Barber, Greengrocer and Ice Cream Maker. Later Metheringham Vets.

E. BROUGHTON - Watch and Clock Repairs.

CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE --Sold and made into flats.

T. P. GILBERTS - Corn Merchants - Later Kenneth Wilson and then bought by A. C, Gilbert.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL

J. WRIGHT - Baker - Later Pygotts (Grocer), Tina`s (Hairdresser), Fish and Chip Shop.

LLOYDS BANK.

R. GROCOCK- Tobacco, Sweets, Boots and Shoes.

MR. HUNT -Cobbler and **MRS. HUNT** - Dressmaker.

M. AND F. INGRAM - Post Office and Grocer- Later R. Faulkner- Post Office and General Store.
Kebab Takeaway

VICTORIA STREET (Continud)

CREASEY - Coal Merchant.

W. HALL AND SON - Baker and Grocer, Later Marshall (Grocer) Ellis (Grocer)

A. HARROD - Barber and Newsagent.

W A. SOUTH - Straw Merchants and Hauliers.

WEST STREET

F. UNDERWOOD -- Firewood Dealer

A. C. GILBERT AND SON --Agricultural Merchants- Later Padley`s, Moy Park.

W. A. SOUTH -- Miller.

J. SARJANSON -- Chimney Sweep.

BOB KEY-- Fish and Chip Shop

MILL INN PUBLIC HOUSE

TED OLIVE -Small Fleet of Buses. Later C. F. Dickinson, Haulage and Storage.

C. LOCKEY-- Beet Haulage.

QUEEN STREET

B. WILSON -Sweets and Tobacco - Later K. Archer, T. Richards

MRS. K. TOMLINSON - Chemist -- Later G. Walton, Bentley (Both Chemists + Off Licence)

F. HOLLINS-- Tailor -Later Pet Shop.

W WILSON - Taxis and Pig Haulage.

F. HICKLING - Baker and Grocer- Later Hendersons. Anne`s Fashions, Rushby, Greengrocer/
Florist.

N. FARBON - Butcher - Later Markham (Butcher), Chinese Takeaway.

CHURCH STREET

G. CHAMBERLAIN - Threshing Contractor.

GOLDEN CROSS PUBLIC HOUSE

F. DICKINSON - Cobbler

H. BURROWS - Coal merchant.

BAPTIST CHAPEL

INFANTS AND GIRLS SCHOOL

B. TOMLINSON - Potato Merchant

FIRE STATION --Previously in Church Lane and now moved to Mill Lane.

CO-OP STORE.

BRIDGE STREET

BUTCHERS ARMS PUBLIC HOUSE

F. BARTON - Hay and Straw Merchant

KING STREET

F. NEWCOMBE -Fish and Chip Shop.

A. MERILION - Straw Merchant and Haulage.

A. PALMER -- Straw Merchant.

SKIRTH ROAD

DOCTORS SURGERY -Dr. Smallhorn Later Drs. Hill and Horton --Now -Blair House.

L. RUSSELL - Greengrocer.

FEN ROAD

T. ROBINSON - Haulage Contractor

R. FLATTERS - Plumber

If any of our readers are aware of other shops in this period, please let us have the details for the Past Times History Group Archives.



Being a B.A.D.Ass - Act 4

Mother Goose and the view from Backstage

Our journey to Mother Goose's house began 6 months ago when B.A.D.Ass members met to choose a script and a Director for the Spring Panto. We wanted a story we had not already produced, and would suit the number of players in our cast. Patricia bravely volunteered to be Director and after a bit of discussion we chose Mother Goose by Ben Crocker as our story. We had produced a number of Ben Crocker's plays so we were fairly confident it would have all the elements we needed. Advertising for new members to join the group, we found ourselves inundated with lots of young talent all eager to get on stage. So now the scene was set and we had to plan and agree the budget for the Panto including our expectations of costs and our hopes for receipts.

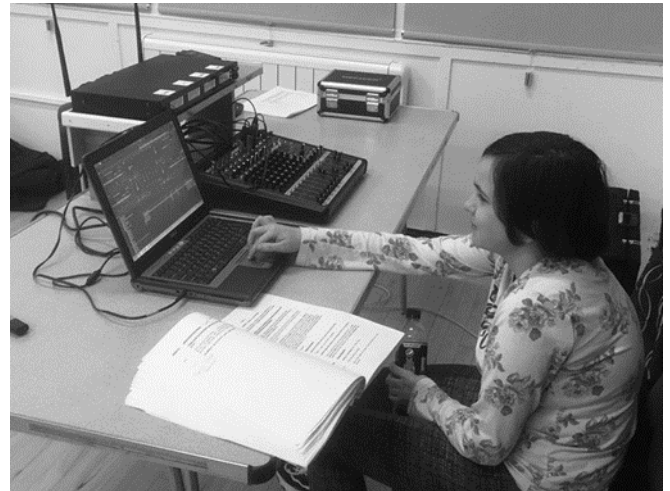
Rehearsals began in October, but learning our lines was just the first hurdle. We learned new songs, with lyrics adjusted to suit the Panto. We learned dance moves, our positioning on stage, our entries and exits and how we were to portray each of our characters. On top of this we designed and built scenery and props, whilst Katie, Roz and many others set to painting the back wall of the stage as our backdrop scene. Rehearsals ran once a week before Christmas and then after the New Year we moved to 2 rehearsals per week without scripts. This is when it starts getting sticky if you haven't learned your lines. Next we have costumes to consider and these are usually found in our extensive wardrobe (that's a pile of plastic boxes that we keep everything in) or we set out to make or buy what we need – Carla is particularly effective with needle and cotton. At the same time we advertised the Panto with banners, posters and on Facebook and then we walked around the village to post fliers through everyone's door and to chat to our neighbours to sell tickets



So now we have our lines and songs, our movements and actions sorted out, but the next thing we need is a production support team. Big Dave Hood is our Stage Manager and he looks after all of the scene changes. This means he has a detailed list of where everything goes for each scene – as well as where it is stored when not in use so that we don't lose things during the show. He works the curtains on cue and he is the man with the light control box. In the past we just had two old flood lights that were on/off or somewhere in the middle. However, last year we embarked on a new project to provide the Village Hall with a modern High Tech lighting system. So now, Big Dave has a control panel that provides wireless control signals to spot lights, Flood lights and coloured wash lights as well as a UV black light for special effects.

The lighting system was only finished just days before the Panto, so Dave had to put in extra hours to learn the new system and to set up his lighting sequences ready for the play. From the feedback of our audience he did an excellent job which set the mood for our production.

Another unsung hero is our Sound Manager. Every sound effect that you hear – a locking door, a thunder clap, a roaring wind, as well as our song backing tracks – has to be found or made and then tailored as sound clips ready to be used at just the right moment. Charlotte took on this task and did a great job in making the magic happen for us. She has to sit and watch the play very carefully, prepare the next sound clip, and then drop it in at just the right moment. She does this using a laptop computer linked to our new audio system. Audience feedback in the past was that people couldn't hear our voices from the back of the Hall. So this year, the sound mixing desk was situated at the back of the Hall with wireless links to new audio systems at the front and back of the Hall, making it possible for sounds to be adjusted to let everyone hear the performance.



Our Panto was performed to three sold out audiences on Saturday and Sunday 22/23 February. However, the worst part of being a player in the show is that – you never get to see the show!! What we do see is the enthusiasm of our audience as we call for their responses. It was hilarious on the Sunday performance when the Baron (Lee) asked the audience which way Mother Goose had gone. The grown-ups all took the lead and indicated the wrong way as is expected – but the kids in the audience shouted them down to say “No they went that way”. This and the applause we receive are the treasured bonuses for all the hard work as well as the ‘Feel Good Factor’ of delivering a production that our audiences enjoy.

Of course, what you don't see is 15 or more players packed into the tiny kitchen area trying to get changed for our next appearance. In fact, we have heard welcome news that the Village Hall Committee is considering extending the Hall with an annex. Perhaps this means we will have more spacious accommodation for our changing rooms in the future and more room for our audience. However, in our tiny cramped kitchen area, we normally arrive around 2 hours before the start time and begin with makeup, and then make sure we have our Wigs, costumes, makeup and props all organised so that we can find them each time we make a change. In this Panto ‘Mother Goose’ played by Roz had to change costumes and hair between almost every scene and she would come flying down the stairs off stage to get into her next ensemble. On the next page, there are a few pictures of us in the ‘Blue Room’.



On Monday following the show, a small group of B.A.D.Ass members made the trip to Sleaford Food Bank to hand over boxes of food that had been kindly donated by our patrons over the weekend. Also, as has been our custom for the past 6 years, proceeds from our performance are donated to local worthy causes. Last year our Advertising and Promotions Member (Lee) put out an appeal on our Facebook pages to ask if any local concerns wanted to be considered to receive a donation. Now maybe it was because this was our first time that we had asked, but the response was very meek and mild. After a little more prompting we finally made up the list, which we included in our advertising leaflets. I am happy to report that at our Wrap-up meeting in March, we made generous donations to: Wolcott KBC Rabbit and Guinea Pig Sanctuary, Coningsby (Dog) Rescue and Friends of Billingham Primary School. Suffice is to say that if you want your organisation to be considered to receive a donation next year, then please contact us and let us understand your needs.

Being backstage means that we never actually get to see our performance. Hopefully some nice person will write an enthusiastic and kind review of our Panto. In the meantime, B.A.D.Ass would just like to thank everyone that supported our efforts to make the show a success and not forgetting of course the people who provided teas and snacks, the Raffle sales (many thanks to Mick Burrows for his kind donation towards the prizes) and the ladies guarding the door. We hope to see you all again at our next performance.

**Stephen Taylor (or Gonk in Mother Goose)
Secretary**

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