

# The Billinghay Times & Advertiser



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Please contact Mrs Carol Willingham, Clerk to Billinghay Parish Council on **01526 861845** or, [info@billinghaypc.co.uk](mailto:info@billinghaypc.co.uk) to find out more and to check your eligibility.

Alternatively, please visit the "Join the Team" link on the Parish Council website for more information: [parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Billinghay](http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Billinghay)

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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



## **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

OPEN **Mon/Tue/Thu** 9.15am-3.00pm  
On Tuesday the office is closed to the Public except for pre-arranged appointments.  
CLOSED **Wed/Fri/Sat/Sunday**

## **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

**District Council Members:** Gill Ogden, Amanda Sanderson

**County Council Member:** Barry Young

**Office Assistant & Newsletter Co-Ordinator:** Lou Hird

**Editor:** Billingham Parish Council

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

### **March 2020**

Hello from Billingham Parish Council

It's been a couple of busy months at the office as the financial year draws to an end and planning for 2020 – 2021 comes into being. Considerable time has been spent working on budgets and calculating the precept with its ongoing effect on Council Tax. It seems likely that both LCC and NKDC will be seeking an increase not to mention the police.

This year the Parish Council have had to take the following factors into consideration:

- There will be no payment from NKDC for the Office acting as a Local Access Point for NKDC. Even so we anticipate that there will still be many residents who expect this service and we will do what we can.
- LCC and NKDC have passed on the grass cutting of verges etc. that they currently complete. Although we will receive a fixed payment for this, it does not cover the cost of a contractor. Still, the cutting will probably be done more regularly.
- So that work in the office can be done more quickly, an additional member of staff is being recruited. This will enable the Office to be open to the public more frequently.
- The cost of maintenance continues to rise and needs factoring into the budget.

Consequently, the Parish portion of the Council Tax will increase by £3.25 per year for the average house.

On 22 January, members of the Emergency Planning teams in Lincoln and NKDC presented training to councillors, volunteers and local businesses, on dealing with “the golden hour” in an emergency situation in the village. A buffet lunch, provided by The Ship, was enjoyed, and lots of advice was shared for Billingham’s own Community Emergency Plan. If you feel that



you could offer support in the event of a disaster / major emergency in the village, please get in touch with the parish office, without any obligation. The next training planned will be on managing the rest centre.

New volunteers for the community speed watch scheme have been trained and are ready to help reduce the incidences of speeding throughout our village.

Sadly, the proposed community venue for the playing fields is unable to go ahead, due to planning restrictions making the ideas unfeasible. However, the Parish Council will be supporting the village hall in its plans for an extension.

A member of NK Community Sport and Health Team gave a presentation at the January meeting and advised of opportunities to work with the parish council and the swimming pool to bring activities to the village. Questions were asked about the possibility of park runs for adults and children at the playing fields, but the field is not large enough.

Phil Orme continues to provide his security and enforcement services in the village and has given advice, and cautions, where required.

North Kesteven District Council has advised that it will no longer be cutting the grass verges they usually maintain therefore arrangements for this will now be undertaken by the parish council.

Please note the 18 May 2020 in your diaries. This is the Annual Parish Meeting, hosted by the chairman of the council, and is your opportunity to have your say about your village, meet your neighbours and enjoy a buffet supper. If you have a business or run a village group please do get in touch about having a free information stand at the event. There are still vacancies for parish councillors, so if you would like to represent your village, and make Billingham the best it can be, then please do get in touch for further information.

Please remember that a parish council is the grass root level of government, and councillors are volunteers who work hard to represent their electorate, manage community facilities, and promote community activities, so please let us know of any issues or concerns or tell us what you would like to see in the village.

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1. Is a jellyfish a fish? .....
2. Did the 30 years War last 30 years? .....
3. Did Chinese Crackers originate in China? .....
4. Did the Spanish Inquisition originate in Spain? .....
5. Is a black bean a bean? .....
6. Is a peanut a nut? .....
7. Is a shooting star a star? .....
8. Is a white rhino white? .....
9. Does horsehair come from horses? .....
10. Are refried beans fried more than once? .....

The answers will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

### Answers to November/December Quiz:

- |                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Lily the Pink     | 2. Only You              |
| 3. Can we fix it     | 4. Lonely this Christmas |
| 5. Mr Blobby         | 6. Hallelujah            |
| 7. Answer Me         | 8. Saviour's Day         |
| 9. Always on my Mind | 10. Moon River           |

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Billingham Medical Practice is keen to hear patients' views on the healthcare provided by this Practice and the South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

We would like to have more input from our patients, and look forward to welcoming new members to our friendly meetings. We meet here on the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December from 18.00–19.30.



### Meetings in 2020

3 March

2 June

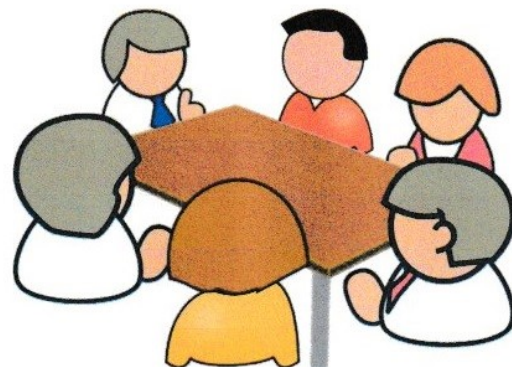
1 September

1 December

*Providing feedback on patients' needs, concerns and interests, and giving them a voice in the organisation of their care.*

*Influencing the provision of secondary healthcare and social care locally.*

*(From: Terms of Reference on Noticeboard).*

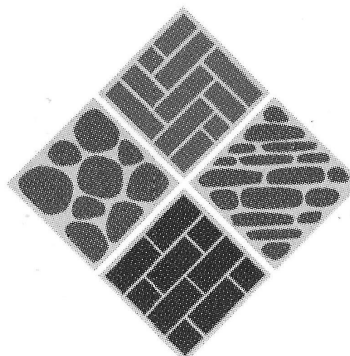


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## BILLINGHAY VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD

There are exciting times ahead for the Village Hall. Future aims include a major extension to the building enabling bigger and better events to be accommodated. Plans have been drawn up and will be submitted for Planning permission soon. Already improvements to the existing structure have meant that plenty of new bookings are being made.

If you read the B.A.D.Ass page, you will see that the sound and lighting systems have been fully modernised, making show productions more enjoyable for the audiences.

Discussions are ongoing concerning holding a Summer Show at the Village Hall next July. Also there is still a chance that we may be holding **V.E. celebrations for May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 (the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**.

Anyone interested in either of these events please contact a member of the Village Hall Committee with suggestions or offers of help.

The "**100**" Club winners for the last four months were:

December 2019	Alan Lawson
January 2020	June Davies

There are still 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.

To book the hall, contact: **June Davies**  
**01526 861652 / 07506000416**

# 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  
Email: info@billinghaypc.co.uk  
Address: Mrs C Willingham (Parish Clerk)  
Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billinghay, Lincs  
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## MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Please note that the van now visits Billinghay on **MONDAYS**:

The van will visit Billinghay fortnightly on **MONDAYS** on the following dates and times.

	<b>9 March</b>	<b>23 March</b>	<b>6 April</b>	<b>20 April</b>		
Stop 1		Library Site in the High Street		<b>12.30</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>14.30</b>
Stop 2		Spar Shop Car Park		<b>14.45</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>16.00</b>

For enquiries and renewals, please ring **01522 782010**

## BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE:

CONTACT NO **01526 860490**

## **CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

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 Office. Access for the equipment is obtained by dialling 999 and you will then be given a code to open the case.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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. **See the Events page for the exact dates of the meetings.**

## WALCOTT ROAD CEMETERY

<b>OPENING TIMES</b>	Summer	8.00am	to	8.00pm
	Winter	9.00am	to	5.00pm





## **BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP**

**SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER, WE HAVE HAD A LULL IN PRESENTATIONS.**

**WE ENJOYED OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE SHIP - MANY THANKS TO LEE AND INGA AND THE GIRLS SERVING THE FOOD AND DRINK.**

**OUR FEBRUARY MEETING HAD TO BE CANCELLED AS THE VENUE WAS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO HOLIDAYS. SPECIAL FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE LINCS FILM ARCHIVES SHOW AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WERE NONE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME. WE HAVE RE-ARRANGED THE SHOW FOR LATER IN THE YEAR.**

**WE ALREADY HAVE THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARRANGED FOR THE FUTURE AND OTHERS ARE IN THE PIPELINE.**

**FULL DETAILS OF EACH EVENT WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE PARISH NOTICE BOARDS AND IN THE BILLINGHAY EVENTS DIARY ON FACEBOOK.**

**ANY PERSONS WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION BY EMAIL OR SNAIL MAIL CAN CONTACT THE SECRETARY PER THE DETAILS BELOW.**

<b>TUES, 24 MARCH</b>	<b>PETER SKIPWORTH - HISTORY OF BOLINGBROKE CASTLE</b>
<b>WED, 22 APRIL</b>	<b>TOM LANE - LINCOLNSHIRE CUSTOMS</b>
<b>TUES, 19 MAY</b>	<b>LYNDA HOTCHKISS - TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>
<b>WED, 24 JUNE</b>	<b>CHRIS HEWIS - LIFE OF JEAN BEAUMONT, A 1ST WORLD WAR NURSE BASED IN ETAPLES</b>
<b>WED, 29 JULY</b>	<b>JANETTE MERILION - VICTORIAN GARDENING</b>
<b>WED, 26 AUGUST</b>	<b>TICH RIVETT - FAMOUS LINCOLNSHIRE PEOPLE</b>
<b>WED, 23 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>LINCS FILM ARCHIVES</b>
<b>WED, 28 OCTOBER</b>	<b>SYLVIA GIBSON - INTERNATIONAL BOMBER COMMAND</b>

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# BILLINGHAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE – MARCH & APRIL 2020



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Learning Together Toddler</b> From walking and upwards</p> <p>Learning together offers a variety of activities as well as a Talk Time, songs and stories to support children's development, by building their confidence as they learn to explore</p> <p><b>10.00 – 11.00am</b></p> 	<p><b>Childminders Hub</b></p> <p>For childminders and the children they care for</p> <p><b>9:30 – 11:30am</b></p>	<p><b>Health Visitor Clinic</b> Health Led (appointment only) Call 01522 843000 to book</p>	<p><b>ESCO</b></p> <p>(Early Support Co-ordination Care) Drop in appointment – Call: 01522 782111 to book <b>Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month</b></p>	<p><b>Learning Through Play</b> 0 – 5 year olds</p> <p>Drop in session providing a variety of activities for children to explore. The session offers an opportunity for parents, carers and children to discover and explore a wide range of play activities together, encouraging children's independence, confidence and social skills</p> <p><b>10.00 – 11.00am</b></p> 
<p><b>Let's Get Active</b> 0-5 Year olds</p> <p>An active session offering a variety of activities to support children's physical development and promote a healthy life style. A variety of fun learning opportunities are offered to support children's gross motor skills, co-ordination and teach them that being active is fun!</p> <p><b>1.00-2.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Health Visitor Clinic</b> Health Led (appointment only) Call 01522 843000 to book</p>	<p><b>Breastfeeding Support Group</b> <b>Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month</b> - Health Led For expectant and breastfeeding mums with babies <b>10:00-11:00am</b></p>	<p><b>Little Explorers</b> 0-5 Year olds A sensory and messy play session providing materials for children to explore, supporting their development and growing confidence <b>10.00-11.00am</b></p>	<p><b>Please note that the Centre will be closed for the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March for staff training</b></p>
<p><b>Learning Together Babies</b></p> <p>For babies not yet walking Baby Learning Together offers a variety of activities as well as a Talk Time, songs and stories to support babies' early development, by building their confidence as they learn to explore</p> <p><b>1:30 – 2:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Top Tips 3 - 4 months</b></p> <p>Information session for babies up to the age of 6 months <b>Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month</b> Health Led - Book on Please contact the centre for information and bookings <b>11:00am - 12:00noon</b></p> 	<p><b>Rhyme Time</b> 0 – 5 year olds A music and rhyme themed session where children can develop their language and communication skills by singing along to their favourite songs and nursery rhymes <b>1:00– 1.45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Rhyme Time</b> 0 – 5 year olds A music and rhyme themed session where children can develop their language and communication skills by singing along to their favourite songs and nursery rhymes <b>1:00– 1.45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Don't forget we are open during school holidays (except bank holidays)</b> Older siblings up to 8 years welcome to our 0-5 groups</p> 



## Additional Information

Our Children's Centre offers:

- Child and family health services
- Advice and information for families
- Support for parents on a range of issues and parenting programmes
- Training and employment advice
- Adult learning and volunteering opportunities
- Stay and play sessions to support your child's development
- Outreach services to children and families not attending the Centre
- Strong links with local childcare and education

Please see the timetable or contact the Children Centre for more information around these offers.

### Want to have your say about what the families in your area want?

At your Childrens Centre we hold Parent Forums and Advisory Boards for parents and representatives from the community to have their say about how we can all do the best to meet the needs of families in the area.

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## BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome! We are now well into Term 3 and nearly half way through another academic year at school. Between now and Easter the children in Years 3/4 have their residential visit to Rand Farm Park. We are all looking forward to this and hope for fine weather.

During a busy half term since Christmas and upcoming events:

- All classes have carried out work focusing on e Safety (to coincide with the national Safer Internet Day on the 11th February).
- Our School Council are looking at ways as to how the school can help to reduce the amount of plastic that is used in our lives and how we can help to save the oceans. They are focusing on single use plastics and are striving to reduce the use of single use plastics in school. They have carried out a survey of single use plastics in lunch boxes and are now launching a competition for children to design posters aimed at encouraging the whole school community to limit using single use plastics with the aim to encourage the use of plastic reusable boxes or beeswax in lunch boxes.
- As a whole school we took part in Children's Mental Health Week on the 3rd February to help support our children with their own mental health and well-being. The week focused on how our brain works, feelings, emotions, our best qualities and 'finding our brave'. School organised a number of workshops; understanding the human brain and how that impacts on our emotions and well-being, meditation, play therapy, positive relationships, car safety, cycle helmet safety and workshops from Supporting Minds which focused on your inner superhero.
- The Year 6 Hawk class visited The Collection in Lincoln as part of their History topic on Ancient Egypt.
- Our children have taken part in the following sports competitions since Christmas: gymnastics, water polo and goalball.
- We have the NSPCC coming into school on the 5th March to carry out their Speak Out Stay Safe assembly with KS1 and KS2 and then to lead a workshop with Y5/6 pupils.
- Week beginning 23rd March will be science week in school.
- Our Easter Service will be at St Michael's Church on the 31st March at 10am.

We look forward to continued success in the remainder of the spring term and the lead up to Easter.

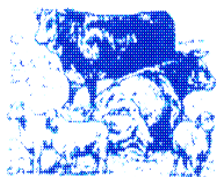
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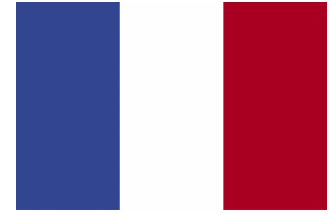
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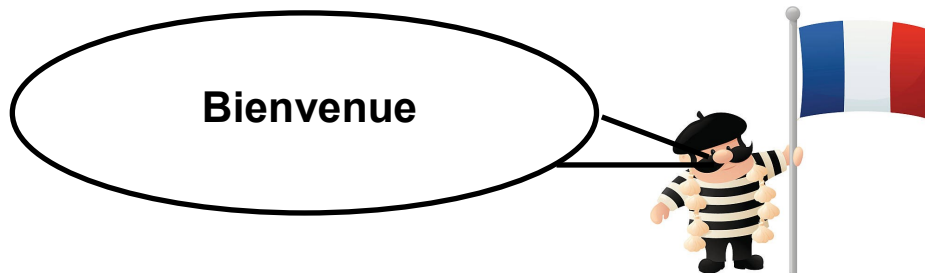


There is little to report on the “Twinning” front at present. We have had a small influx of new members which will spread the cost of the Coach and Ferry for the forthcoming trip. The Coach had been booked and a pace has been reserved on Brittany Ferries sailing from Portsmouth to Ouistreham.

Plans for the visit have been formulated by our French counterparts and the programme looks very interesting and also very hectic. Bearing in mind the late return on the homeward leg, there will be a lot of sleep to catch up on.

The Christmas Raffle raised a considerable sum to offset costs for travel and we are having another Quiz Night, the proceeds of which will be shared with the Billingham & District Swimming Pool as part of our aim to help deserving organisations in the Village.

A full report on the visit will be included in the July/August edition of the Newsletter



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## BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

Once again the Methodist Church are organising their Shoebox appeal. We are hoping to continue our splendid record on sending an increased number of boxes each year. We have to beat last year's splendid effort when 364 boxes were sent to Moldova.

This is all thanks to the generosity of so many friends, either donating items to be included in a box, or attending our coffee mornings raising money for the transportation costs.

**Coffee morning dates for 2020 are Tuesdays - March 3, May 5, July 21 and October 6**  
**They are held in the schoolroom between 10.00 and 11.30am and everyone is welcome.**

The response to my appeal last year for empty video cases was overwhelming, these make great pencil cases (we can use more this year if anyone has any) also the fronts off Greetings Cards which I made into little books. Please think of us again before you discard them.

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**Beavers/Cubs/Scouts  
Bethel Baptist Chapel**

**Billinghay CEP School  
Billinghay Tuesday Club  
Bowls Club  
British Legion**

**Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup> Billingham)  
Children's Centre  
Coffee Morning**

**Community Rooms  
Daisy Chain**

**Darby & Joan  
Girl Guides**

**Lighthouse Youth Club**

**Line Dancing  
Methodist Church**

**Methodist Church  
Night Owls Book Club  
Past Times**

**Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)**

**Scout Group  
St Michael's and All Angels  
Church**

**Tennis Club  
Tuesday Club  
Twinning Association**

**Village Hall  
Voluntary Car Service**

**YPF Children's Club**

**Thursdays** at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome

**Tuesdays** 5.30-9.15pm Scout Hut Roger Miller 860539  
**Sundays** 10.30am & 6pm **Tuesdays** 7pm Pastor James Mansfield 861439

Breakfast Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall  
**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106  
Indoor Bowls start September every Monday  
Contact Dawn Studd, Branch Secretary for details of membership and meetings on 01526 268671

**Wednesdays** 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324  
Fen Road 9am to 5pm **Monday to Friday** 869248 or 869271  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** of month 10-12 Baptist Chapel, Ann Hall 01205 365689

**Bookings** Jayne Pannell 01526 861382  
Pre-school **Mon-Fri** 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281

**Tuesdays** (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732

**Wednesdays** 6.45pm  
Contact Emma 07557354981

2nd & 4th **Fridays** in Month 7.45 to 9.15pm Age 12+ at Baptist Chapel

**Thursdays** 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall  
**Bookings** Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682  
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**Sundays** 10am Val 860614,  
**4th Tuesday of month** Kylie Cozens  
History Group The Ship Inn as advertised  
Lou Hird 869086

**Tuesdays** (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm  
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1<sup>st</sup> Billingham Roger Miller (Scout Leader) 860539

**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.

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Contact: Reverend Steve Holt 01526 580654  
Gwen Tonge 01526 860330

Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com  
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**Fridays** in term time 6.00 to 7.30pm at Baptist Chapel,



Dear Billingham Residents.

## **KEEP CALM AND HANG UP!**

Lincolnshire Police have received a number of reports in the North Kesteven region where people have been victim of scams or receiving unwanted/nuisance phone calls.

Scams come in many forms; uninvited contact is received by email, letter, and telephone or in person making false promises to con victims out of money. There are many of these sorts of scams but some of the most common are, unpaid bills, fake lotteries, fake purchases, deceptive prize draws, Courier Scams, computer virus, and romance scams.

The criminals attempt to trick people with flashy, official looking documents or websites, or convincing telephone sales patter, with the aim of persuading them to send a processing or administration fee, pay postal or insurance costs.

One of the most common methods in this area is for a fraudster to pose as your bank or the Police to assist in a Police investigation over the phone. They claim your bank account has been fraudulently accessed, and that in order to protect your account you must act quickly. They say the solution is for you to transfer your money to a so-called 'safe account'. But actually, this account is controlled by the fraudster. When you move the money, they steal it.

Some instances they suggest that you hang up and ring the Police/Bank back to ensure the call is genuine. – Don't be fooled – they stay on the line!

Some occasions they ask you to attend your bank/ post office and withdraw your money, even in euros and send cash through MoneyGram's.

Fraudsters often use a tactic called 'number spoofing', in order to make their call appear genuine. The number you see on your phone display matches that of your bank or local number. But in fact the fraudster has manipulated this number, by disabling the actual number they are calling from. Should you query who they are and if they are genuine, they ask you to check your handset display in an attempt to convince you it's a real call.

The fraudster, often claiming to come from some well-known computer company, will try to convince you that your computer has a virus, or that your internet connection is running slow. To 'fix' the problem the fraudster will ask you to allow them to take control of your computer in order to work on it. Once on your computer, they install software which steals your personal data. Also, if the fraudster asks you to access your online bank account for payment, they can see you enter all your login details.

Remember Police and banks will never ask you to withdraw money and send it to them.

Don't discuss money or your bank information over the phone!

Nuisance call blocking technology can be very effective if you want to protect yourself or your older members of your family from scam calls.

**Steps to take:**

- **Keep calm and hang up.**
- **Don't give in to the pressure.**
- **Telephone your bank or the Police to give them the details.**
- **Report to Action fraud.**

If you or you know of anyone who has been a recent victim of a scam please report this to Lincolnshire Police on 101.

**Useful numbers:**

Crime Stoppers: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) Tel: 0800 555 111

Action Fraud – 0300 123 2040 - [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

Citizen Advice consumer Helpline – 03454040506

Lincolnshire Police Non- emergency -101

Lincolnshire Police emergency – 999

Friends against scams page below provide good advice and information about scams. [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)

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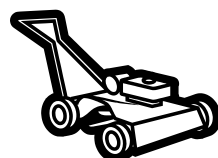
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# LETTER PAGE

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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).

We have received our usual contribution from our Skirth Road resident this month taking aim at unsolicited phone calls and emails.

*Telephones and email and post that allow people to communicate with you are wonderful inventions if you want to hear from these people but not so good if you don't. Most of the phone calls I get nowadays are unwanted as they come from corporate bodies trying to relieve me of my money or waste my time on a survey. Any relief from these phone calls is welcome and on 29th August 2019 at one second to midnight I celebrated by opening a bottle of lemonade and cheering loudly as the final , final deadline for claiming a PPI rebate had passed (I think that there had been several earlier deadlines announced in an attempt by many groups to persuade people to get on with their applications but this was definitely the last time to claim the rebate) . So although I may still have to consider in future whether to renew a warranty on a Dyson vacuum cleaner that I have never owned or whether to claim compensation for an accident that I have not had and give serious thought to how to clear a virus on a computer that is working perfectly I would not have to worry about Payment Protection Insurance.*

*I can remember in the 1980s having taken out a credit card receiving my first statement that contained a item between £4 and £5 for something called Payment Protection insurance. On querying this it was apparent that I had not ticked a box saying that I did not want it and there was no way I could avoid paying it. I said that if that was the case I would pay it and cut up my credit card and return it to the provider. The PPI payment for that month and all future months were cancelled almost immediately. I then had no thoughts about PPI for many years until it became apparent for many years PPI had been mis-sold and huge sums of compensation were available. I was amazed at how poor my memory had become as I received frequent phone calls promising me considerable sums of money as PPI on loans that I had forgotten all about. There was one particular call when the caller said that he had obtained my records and on being questioned assured me that in 2008 I had taken out a loan from Lloyds Bank for £5000 over 3 years and I was entitled to reclaim PPI. I said that I was surprised that I could not remember the loan and as it was now 2013 I was even more surprised that Lloyds Bank had not contacted me in the last 5 years to find out why none of the loan had been repaid. The caller terminated the call before I could ask how he was going to benefit from trying to claim a rebate on a loan that never existed.*

*Another phone call came on afternoon when a caller rang to say that I was entitled to £3200 PPI compensation. I said that I was delighted and asked for clarification as to if that was part of the £4300 I had been told about the same morning or if I actually had £7500 coming to me. Unfortunately the phone went dead and dialling 1471 had the effect of*

*informing me that they did not have the caller's number so I missed out on a lot of money.*

*As the final adverts came on TV warning of the final deadline I realised that I had booked to play a squash league game that evening. Although I try to do things in good time I am aware that many people leave things to the last minute. I considered ringing my opponent to check if he had heard of the deadline to avoid being let down on that evening as he filled in his PPI forms. I decided against as I would probably not win anyway and if he did not turn up I would claim the points. On arriving at the club I found my opponent there along with many other players in a packed changing room. I was amazed. I thought everybody would be at home filling in PPI forms on-line. I have no idea if they had forgotten or if they were organised to have done it in good time.*

*I hope that all of the many people who were hoodwinked and misled and genuinely entitled to compensation have received their compensation by sending their application in themselves and avoided paying 30% of it to some helpful telephone caller. PPI mis-selling is no more but there is bound to be another scam along soon.*

We have also been asked to print a note of thanks from Mrs Hagger of Brunswick Square.

*Sometime in October last year, she lost her purse on Walcott Road and despite searching was unable to locate it.. She would like to thank the gentleman who found and returned the purse to her and also Mrs Madelaine Maplethorpe who helped in her search*

## **OVER £2000 RAISED FOR MARIE CURIE**

**The Billingham Ladies branch of the Louth Farm Women`s Club, held their Annual Charity Lunch recently.**

As in the past, one of the active ticket sellers for the raffle was Marilyn Nicholson. She has asked us to let people know that this is the last year she will be involved.

Marilyn would like to express her sincere thanks to the residents of Billingham and District for their generosity over the years in giving numerous raffle prizes, their donations, those who bought raffle tickets and thanks also to the ladies who have attended the lunch.

**A total of £2020 was raised and the total amount has been forwarded to Marie Curie (Lincolnshire) to be used in Lincolnshire.**





# **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**18th May 2020  
Village Hall, Ringmoor  
7.00pm Start**

**This is your opportunity to:**

- **Meet your Parish Councillors and:**
  - **Have your say on village matters**
  - **Find out what's happening in the village**
  - **Put forward your ideas for future projects**
  - **See whether you feel you could be a Councillor and help improve your village**
- **If you are a local business, club or local organisation, promote your activities by having a stall at the meeting.**

**Stalls will be available for local organisations to promote their projects and recruit new members. Please contact Kathryn Locke ([kathryn.locke@billinghaypc.co.uk](mailto:kathryn.locke@billinghaypc.co.uk)) or the Parish Office if you are interested in having a stall.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
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## **DARBY & JOAN CLUB JUMBLE SALE**

**9.00 am to Noon Saturday, 9th May in the Community Rooms**

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**Tea and Coffee**



# WHAT'S ON IN BILLINGHAY

## DARBY & JOAN CLUB

Forthcoming Meetings:    24 March    24 March  
   21 April    19 May

Forthcoming Outings:  
   Tues 7 April    Lincoln  
   Tues 5 May    Mystery Tour plus Afternoon Tea  
   Tues 2 June    Norwich

If anyone wishes to join us on our outings or attend meetings, they would be most welcome.

Contact Details: Shirley on 860732 or Mobile 07903008308

## BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

Forthcoming events:

Tues, 3 March                      The Sleaford Train Crash - Mark Bamford  
Tues, 7 April                        Spring Gardening - Christine Casey  
Tues, 5 May                         St. Barnabas Community Care - Sheena Ambler

## BINGO

Every Monday                  Regular Bingo Sessions  
1.30pm start                      The Whyche Community Rooms  
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## METHODIST CHURCH LENDING LIBRARY

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   Relax the Reiki Way

The Scout Group have been busy again since Christmas, with all three sections working towards their Skills Challenge Award. This challenge covers many areas and has included building catapults and marble runs, playing some new games and some problem-solving exercises. Over the next half term we will also be looking at healthy eating and exercise and some practical skills for helping around the home.



In addition to our Skills Challenge all sections have been working towards their international badge by finding out about Scouting in other countries and learning about food and festivals from various places around the world.

The Scouts are now preparing for their annual competition incident hike by brushing up their map reading and first aid skills.



**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.**



The past few articles have looked at ways to help you save money for the future. So, this month I thought it would be interesting to look at how to spend it, wisely.

For many people they have saved their whole working lives, sacrificing for their future. We find many people who come to us for advice actually find it difficult to change that mindset, and also come to terms with the fact their money may gradually reduce over time. Our conversations focus on how people would like to spend their money, what their priorities are and what is on their bucket list.

We generally see three periods of spending: the early period tends to be dream holidays, home improvements and larger one-off spending. Then spending slows down and is fairly level for many years. The final period is where people tend not to go too far from home but need more help around the house and perhaps even care.

So, what tips can we give for spending that hard-earned money:

1. Have an emergency fund of at least the first years' extra expenditure – you won't earn a lot of interest on it but you know it's there – peace of mind is far more valuable than investment returns
2. Keep an eye on your expenses – its easy to get carried away once you are in the flow of retirement and have time to spend more
3. Spend on things that make you happy – it seems obvious, but experiences create memories – nice handbags don't
4. Don't forget there may be still one-off expenses that need accounting for; children's weddings, a new kitchen etc
5. Spend money on things that can improve your health; yoga classes, swimming and gym memberships etc. It may pay for itself in the long run as you save on healthcare costs later
6. Don't over support family members – we all like to help where we can but you need to remember it is a finite pot once you retire so consider what you may be sacrificing in the longer term
7. Spend money on new technology – learning new skills is great for mental health and being able to access the internet can save time and money if you know how to use it safely.

If you need any assistance with looking into the future we have software which can help forecast your finances and work out how much you afford to spend throughout retirement.

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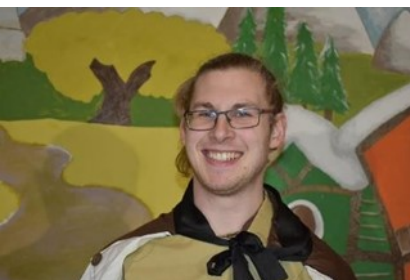
## Being a B.A.D.Ass – Act 3.

Oooooow we are all getting excited as the date approaches for our Panto production of Mother Goose by Ben Crocker (oh no you're not! Oh yes we are!). The team have been working very hard on this production with Patricia as the Director and slave driver. Also our cast has benefitted from some new arrivals, both younger and older (more mature) and this will be their debut performance. It is unfortunate that our show doesn't take place until after the closing date for submission of articles in this newsletter so you will have to wait until next time for a blow by blow account of how it went – or better still, make sure you come to the Panto and see for yourselves.



Our preparations for the show, as always, include building and painting scenery and props, finding or making costumes to suit the roles, and of course learning and performing our lines. I am pleased to say that most if not all have chipped in to do the hard work of building and painting and its hats off to everyone who has given up their time to come lend a hand. We are especially pleased to have many young ones join us this year and their roles in the chorus as geese, snowmen, villagers and trolls will make a great addition to our play. Their participation is also a great benefit to them as they have to learn their lines and work as a team to get things just right. Furthermore, the

opportunity to stand up in front of crowds of people to perform their roles is a great confidence booster that will serve them well in life. Here are pictures of the cast and their roles.





### CAST LIST

**Mother Goose:** Ros King

**Smorg:** Alyss Casement

**Fairy Aurora:** Karen Smith

**Freya Goose:** Carla Casement

**Heidi the Goose:** Katie Harlow

**Baron von Rumpensmakka:** Lee Davis

**Gonk (The Baron's Manservant):** Stephen Taylor

**Sven von Rumpensmakka:** Tobias Downes

**The Grand High Snow Goose:** Nichola Downes

**Postlady:** Wendy Chatten

**Moose:** George Casson

**Cuckoo Clock:** Jonathan Wilcox

**Boss Snowman:** Kacy Prince

**Snowmen, Geese, Trolls and Villagers:**

Hayden Davies-Dickinson

Summer Davies-Dickinson

David Hood

Lili Ledua

Kacy Prince

George Casson

**Music & Sound effects:** Charlotte Hood

**Scenery Lights and Curtains:** David Hood

The Panto comes just in time to benefit from the completion of our Audio/Lighting Project. Early last year, Stephen (an Electronics Engineer and musician) suggested that the facilities of the Village Hall were badly in need of improvement. At that time there was no installed audio system and the stage lighting consisted of two very old flood lamps controlled by two very old dimmer boxes. Stephen proposed a project to replace it all with modern equipment, but first he needed to find the money. So most of last year was spent in sending out requests for funding and by the end of the year we had raised sufficient grants and contributions to get the project off the stops.

We received generous donations from FunkNK, Billingham Parish Council, Lincolnshire Co-op and Twells of Billingham, with B.A.D.Ass and the Billingham Village Hall Committee each contributing to make up the total needed for the project. We now have a



professional 1000 watt PA system installed behind stage which links wirelessly to a fully mobile sound mixing desk and two active speakers for the back of the Hall. There are now three chorus microphones to pick up songs and voices on stage together with four wireless microphone systems to be worn by performers. The lighting has been completely replaced with new LED spot lights and flood lights that are wirelessly controlled from a new mobile lighting panel. All of the mobile equipment has been kitted out with protective carrying cases to keep everything together and to avoid damage.

Of course, the proof of the pudding will be in the eating so we are looking forward to our Panto production where we will be using our new facilities for the very first time. We hope that they will add to the performance both in the new effects we can use and in the better enjoyment of our audience as they should now all get to hear what is happening on stage. I can report that all three performances are now sold out so we look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall. Don't forget that it is your job to shout "He's behind you" and "Oh no you don't" or whatever comes to mind.

See you there

Stephen Taylor  
Secretary B.A.D.Ass

## **Care Assistant Required**

**Disabled Lady in Billingham  
requires a Personal Care Assistant  
(experience an advantage)  
for  
Holiday & Sick Cover**

**Good Rate of Pay**

***For further information please ring***

**Guy:**

**07958 188257**

# Billingham Community Group

EVENTS COMING UP

## Live & Local Performances

**George Egg - DIY Chef**  
**Friday 1st November**

George Egg is a chef with a  
difference.

This show has come and gone and, if you missed it, bad luck! It was excellent and the food produced by the ingenious methods was delicious. If the Show in March is half as good, it will be well worth buying a ticket. Many thanks to the BCG for continuing to provide live entertainment in the Community

**Powered by Fairydust**  
**Friday 13th March 2020**

Since being 'retired' from the hair salon, Jane Barlow has tried all sorts of activities to keep busy, unfortunately none of these have turned out well. She is now the book volunteer for her community library, still unfulfilled she sets out armed with rollers, crystals and a basket of books on a quest to transform the lives within her community.

"A feel - good play looking at rural isolation right in the eye that will make you laugh and maybe shed a little tear".

Presented by Fishhouse Theatre

**Billingham Community Rooms**  
**Doors open 7pm**

**Ticket prices:**

**Standard - £10 Concession - £8.50**

**marketingofbcg@gmail.com/07956860062**



# BILLINGHAY DIARY OF EVENTS

## March & April 2020

Mon, 2 March	Parish Council	Meeting
Tues, 3 March	Patient Participation Gp	Meeting
Tues, 3 March	Tuesday Club	Sleaford Train Crash
Tues, 3 March	Methodist Church	Coffee Morning - Shoebox Appeal
Fri, 13 March	Billingham Community Group	Powered by Fairy Dust (Show)
Sat, 14 March	Twinning Association	Quiz
Tues, 24 March	Past Times History Gp.	Peter Skipworth - Bolingbroke Castle
Tues, 24 March	Darby & Joan Club	Meeting
Tues, 24 March	Car Dyke Community Choir	Church
Mon, 6 April	Parish Council	Meeting
Tues, 7 April	Tuesday Club	Spring Gardening -Christine Casey
Tues, 7 April	Darby & Joan Club	Trip to Lincoln
Tues, 21 April	Darby & Joan Club	Meeting
Wed, 22 April	Past Times History Gp.	Tom Lane - Lincolnshire Customs
Tues, 28 April	Car Dyke Community Choir	Church

## EARLY NOTIFICATION OF FUTURE EVENTS

Mon, 4 May	Parish Council	Meeting (AGM)
Tues, 5 May	Tuesday Club	St Barnabas Community Care -Sheena Ambler
Tues, 5 May	Methodist Church	Coffee Morning - Shoebox Appeal
Tues, 5 May	Darby & Joan Club	Mystery Tour plus Afternoon Tea
Fri, 8 May	Village Hall	VE Celebration Day
Sat, 9 May	Darby & Joan Club	Jumble Sale - Community Hall
Sat, 16 May	Walcott Village Hall	Dance
Mon, 18 May	Annual Parish Meeting	
Tues, 19 May	Darby & Joan Club	Meeting
Tues, 19 May	Past Times History Gp	Lynda Hotchkiss
Fri, 22 May	Twinning Association	Start of Trip to France (Ballon)
Mon, 1 June	Parish Council	Meeting
Tues, 2 June	Patient Participation Gp	Meeting
Tues, 2 June	Darby & Joan Club	Trip to Norwich
Wed, 24 June	Past Times History Gp	Chris Hewis - History of World War I Nurse
Tues, 30 June	Darby & Joan Club	Trip to Cleethorpes
Mon, 6 July	Parish Council	Meeting
Tues, 21 July	Methodist Church	Coffee Morning - Shoebox Appeal
Wed, 29 July	Past Times History Gp	Janette Merilion - Victorian Gardening
Mon, 3 August	Parish Council	Meeting
Wed, 26 August	Past Times History Gp	Tich Rivett - Famous Lincolnshire People
Tues, 1 September	Patient Participation Gp	Meeting
Wed, 23 September	Past Times History Gp	Lincolnshire Film Archives
Tues, 6 October	Methodist Church	Coffee Morning - Shoebox Appeal
Wed, 28 October	Past Times History Gp	Sylvia Gibson - International Bomber Command
Tues, 1 December	Patient Participation Gp	Meeting

# REGULAR MEETINGS

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

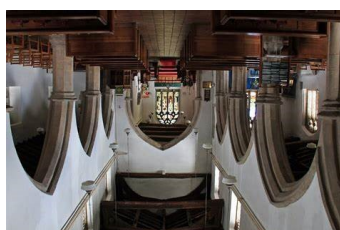
<b>B.A.D.ASS</b>	Thursdays	7.00pm Ship or Village Hall Phone Kate 07799617674 for info
<b>Beavers/Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>	Tuesdays	5.30 to 9.15pm
<b>Bingo</b>	Monday	1.30pm The Whyche
<b>Bowls (Indoor)</b>	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
<b>British Legion (Men)</b>	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm
<b>Brownies</b>	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
<b>Car Boot Sale</b>	Sunday am	Coach & Horses Field
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	Thursday	10.00 to 12.00 Community Rooms
<b>Community Plan</b>	3rd Wednesday of month	7.00pm Coach & Horses
<b>Community Connections Cafe</b>	Look for announcements	Methodist Church Hall
<b>Football Club</b>	Saturdays	10.30 to 11.30am Junior Training Sessions
<b>Girl Guides</b>	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
<b>Keep Fit</b>	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm Village Hall
<b>Lighthouse Club (Secondary School Children)</b>	2nd & 4th Fridays	7.45 to 9.15pm Baptist Chapel
<b>Market &amp; Car Boot Sale</b>	Sunday	From 6.30am Coach & Horses
<b>Methodist Lending Library</b>	2nd Tuesday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
<b>Mobile Library</b>	Alternate Mondays	- see Parish Office page for details
<b>Night Owls Book Club</b>	3rd Tuesday of each month	
<b>Rainbows</b>	Tuesdays	5.30 to 6.30pm
<b>Saturday Market</b>	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
<b>YPF Children's Club</b>	Fridays	6.00 to 7.30pm Baptist Chapel
<b>Youth Club</b>	Every Monday	Village Hall 6.30 to 8.00pm

## CAR DYKE PARISH GROUP WORSHIP TIMETABLE November & December 2019

DATE	PARISH	SERVICE	TIME
Sunday 1 Mar	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	South Kyme	Holy Communion	11.00am
	Martin	Morning Prayer	11.00am
Sunday 8 Mar	Timberland	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	North Kyme	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday 15 Mar	Billingham	Holy Communion	9.30am
	South Kyme	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Martin	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday 22 Mar	Walcott	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Timberland	Joint Anglican / Methodist Service	9.30am
	North Kyme	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Billingham	Holy Communion (said)	11.00am
Sunday 5 Apr	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	South Kyme	Holy Communion	11.00am
	Martin	Morning Prayer	11.00am
Sunday 12 Apr	Timberland	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	North Kyme	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday 19 Apr	Billingham	Holy Communion	9.30am
	South Kyme	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Martin	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday 26 Apr	Walcott	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Timberland	Joint Anglican / Methodist Service	9.30am
	North Kyme	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Billingham	Holy Communion (said)	11.00am

In addition, there are Morning Prayer services in each parish as designated below:

Mondays	Walcott	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Tuesdays	Martin	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Wednesdays	South Kyme	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Thursdays	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am



# DANCE

to the music of a live Group

# TWO SMOOTH

Performing your favourite Abba songs  
and hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s

Walcott Village Hall  
Saturday 16 May 2020  
7.30pm to 12.00

Tickets £10.00 per person  
(Includes hot food)

Bar & Raffle

Get your tickets from:

Darren	07525423332
Jo Jo	07815923399
Gillian	07788404161



These need to be purchased in  
advance for catering requirements



## BYGONES

**WE REALISE THAT THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER BRINGS BACK LOTS OF MEMORIES FOR NUMEROUS RESIDENTS AND WE LOVE TO PUBLISH THE OLD PHOTOGRAPHS AS THEY PROVOKE LOTS OF DEBATE AMONG PEOPLE AS TO WHO IS WHO.**

**UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE RUN SHORT OF SUITABLE PHOTOGRAPHS AND SO WE ARE HAVING TO RECYCLE TWO OLD ONES SHOWING BILLINGHAY'S PAST SPORTING PROWESS.**

**IF ANYONE HAS SOME OLD PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH WE COULD COPY COULD THEY BRING THEM INTO THE PARISH OFFICE. WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL.**



# **St. Michael's Community Hall**

## **MONTHLY SATURDAY MARKETS**

**9.30am to 12.00 Noon**

**on the**

**14th March, 18th April, 16th May,  
20th June, 18th July, 15th August,  
19th September, 17th October,  
14th November, December tba**

**Currently we have booked stalls for  
Cakes, Local Honey, Crafts, Quiches,  
Sausage Rolls & Preserves**

**Tea & Coffee available - 50p a cup**

**There is room for a lot more stalls at just £5 per  
table (money raised for tables goes to the  
Church Fund).**

**Support had built up last year but we hope it  
will grow bigger so pop in and join in the chit-  
chat.**

**Contact Jayne Pannell 01526 861382 for further  
details.**

# BILLINGHAY COMMUNITY GROUP

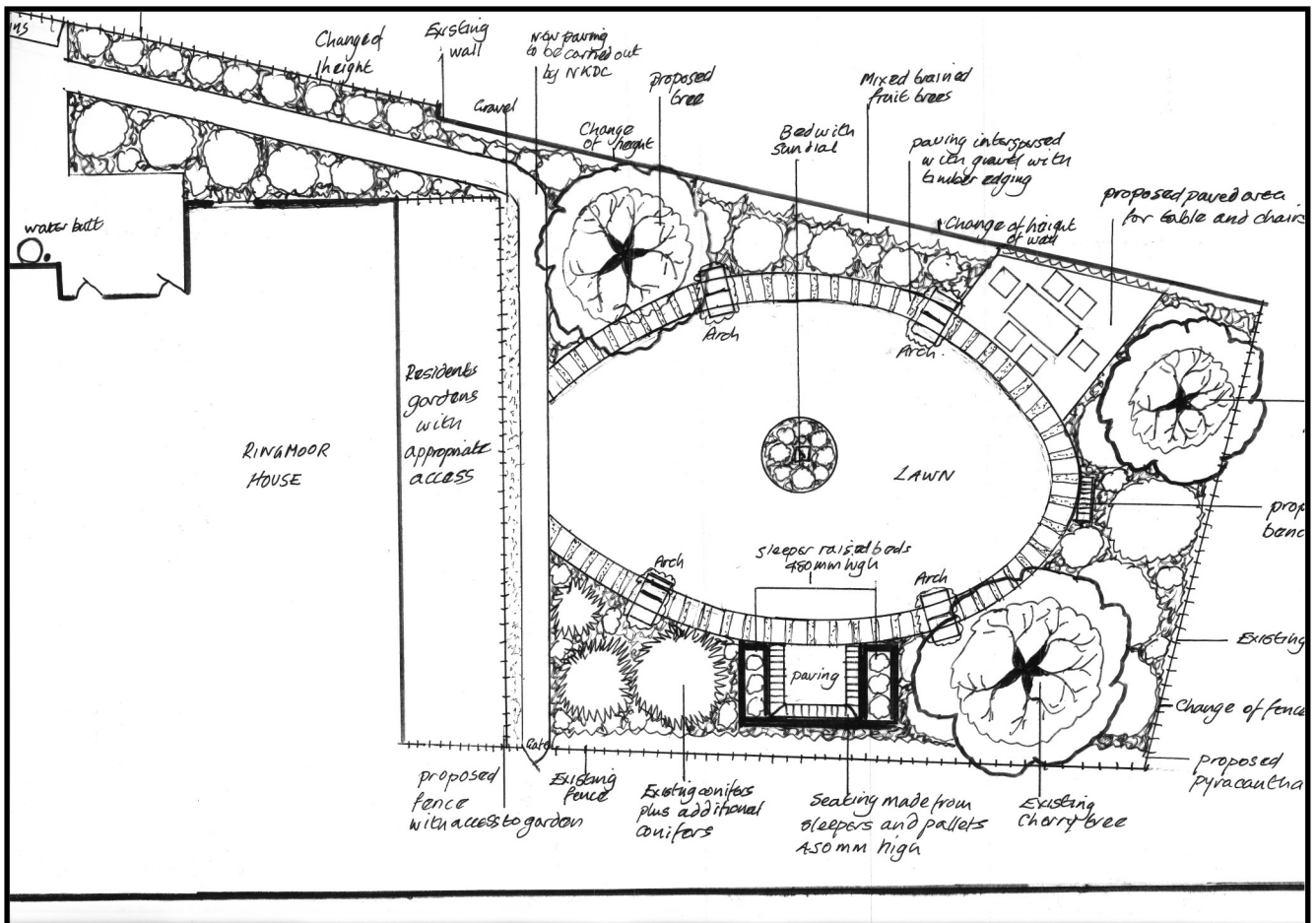
Hello and best wishes for 2020 from the BCG team.

We're pleased to let you know that in January we accepted receipt of 6 bare root fruit trees for the community garden (plum, pear, greengage, 2 apple and 2 pear). Huge thanks to Janette our garden designer (Concept Garden Design) for her support with ordering and looking after the young trees these until they could be collected. These trees will be located per the plan below.

Sadly though, we have to report that a garden bench and a selection of plant filled pots, kindly donated to the garden by a resident following a bereavement, have been taken from the garden without permission. If you have any information about this, please let us know by private message or by email to: [secretaryofbcg@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryofbcg@gmail.com) Hopefully these items will be recovered for the enjoyment of all the village.

Storms Ciara and Dennis willing, the landscaping of the community garden by Paul Rowson should begin in February after a very much delayed start due to the heavy rain at the end of last year.

In other good news, the publicity for the next Live & Local rural touring theatre production has also arrived. We're always excited to be able to bring live theatre to the village and to put Billingham on the map. Please look out for the posters on the village noticeboards and on the Billingham Community Group Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased from Eventbrite and from Kylie, the Marketing Manager of BCG.



# CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

HIGH STREET BILLINGHAY

01526 860419



## Opening Times:

Tuesday		4.30 - 7.00pm
Wednesday		4.30 - 7.00pm
Thursday		4.30 - 7.30pm
Friday	11.30am - 1.30pm	4.30 - 8.00pm
Saturday	11.30am - 1.30pm	4.30 - 7.30pm



**LOOK OUT FOR OUR TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY SPECIAL OFFERS**

**NEXT ISSUE May/June 2020 – DEADLINE DATE – 10 April**