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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

20th May 2019

Village Hall, Ringmoor

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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



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BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Chairman: Kathryn Locke **Vice Chairman:** Roger Miller

Clerk: C Willingham

Parish Councillors: Ron Chatten, Antony Bell, Sheila Clark & Charles Kirk

District Council Members: , Mrs G Ogden

County Council Member: Mr B Young

Office Assistant & Newsletter Co-ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billingham Parish Council

COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

FEBRUARY 2019

Public Session

No members of public attended.

Clerk's Update

Most items had been circulated before the meeting, but the following matters were discussed:

Details were given regarding training for prospective Parish & District Councillors.

The Clerk agreed to deliver all applications received by her for the forthcoming Parish Council Election.

There is a workshop for Arts Projects in the Village Hall on 15 February (10.00 to 16.00) and attendance is open to everyone.

The Clerk had met with a representative of Lincolnshire County Council regarding the offer to the Parish to lease land at the Lafford School site behind the area for the proposed houses fronting on to Fen Road. This offer was part of the conditions for acceptance of the Planning Application. There is no option to buy but the Parish need not lease all the land (3.8 acres). Conditions applying in the lease would include:

- No erection of permanent buildings
- If land was required for expansion of the school, this would be taken albeit with reasonable notice
- The charge for leasing the whole area would start at £970 per annum (Not negotiable) and be reviewed on a regular basis.

The Clerk has been asked to respond to the

offer as soon as possible with details of proposed usage should the Council take up the lease. Ideas are needed as to possible use and, at present, ones put forward include the erection of a Community Building for use as a Scout Hut although available for other Organisations. This would have to comply with 1 above. Another idea is to create Garden Allotments.

It was agreed use the Newsletter and Facebook to request residents to put forward ideas. Councillors were also asked to put forward their ideas as soon as possible. Apparently, the Co-op no longer offer photocopying facilities and it was agreed to offer this service at the Parish Office (the charge per sheet would be 10p for mono and 20p for colour)

Planning Matters

Applications Received

19/0017 Old Pumping Station First Hurn Drove - Extension & Alteration
The Clerk was asked to comment on the probable exceeding of the weight restriction on the bridge on Hurn Drove. Also, reservations were expressed about the flood risk.

19/0089 46 Victoria Street – demolish existing extension and replace with new extension and double garage.
No comments

Approved Applications

18/1604 3 Shire Close - extension

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The plan goes to referendum on the 7 March with polling taking place at the Village Hall (7.00 to 22.00). NKDC are responsible for arranging and paying for the poll and residents eligible to vote should receive their polling cards soon. Copies of the final plan will be available for viewing in locations around the village. Details of the referendum will be given in the Newsletter and on Facebook.

Plans for Annual Parish Meeting

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting (not a Council Meeting) is the 20 May. It was agreed to invite all local Businesses, Clubs and Groups to attend and have a stall so they can impart information about their Organisation. Councillors have been requested to attend to discuss relevant local matters with the residents.

There will be an opportunity for residents to express their views on the usage of the Lafford School site for which a lease has been offered.

The village PCSO will also be invited to attend.

Highways and Police Matters

The long-standing problem with the manhole cover in Walcott Road has been fixed. Councillors were not happy with the work done along the High street and Walcott Road by the Road Contractors last year. They asked the Clerk to inform LCC Highways that there is a lot of loose grit on the road and footpaths.

The Speed Indicator Device has now been returned from Martin/Timberland and it was agreed that this be deployed along Mill Lane.

Finance

It was agreed unanimously to accept the accounts for the quarter ending 31 December 2018. These had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Burial Ground and Allotment Business

The Clerk is now acting on the problem headstones identified in the report prepared by the Councillors.

Councillors Reports

The following issues were raised:

- There is still a problem with the manhole cover outside 83 High Street
- One of the street lights in Ringmoor Close needs attention (already reported)
- The provision of a light on Ringmoor House to illuminate the area down to the High Street was requested. The Clerk will discuss with NKDC.
- A question regarding the privacy of residents in Ringmoor House relating to the effect of the Community Garden project was raised. The Councillor was assured that the plans included the fencing off their outside patio areas.
- Issues with dog fouling were raised and it was suggested that the dog warden be used to deter the offending owners. The Clerk will contact him.
- The Clerk advised that two new dog bins were being installed by a local handyman

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who was also going to renovate the Parish Noticeboards.

- The poor state of some of the litter and dog bins was mentioned and it was agreed that any action required would be based on the Risk Assessment that is due to take place.
- The Clerk mentioned that she is discussing the possibility of one large Black bin at the cemetery as visitors do not seem to be able to place the rubbish in the correct bins currently in use.

MARCH 2019

As the County Councillor had to attend another meeting later in the evening it was agreed that he could address the meeting first. He advised that:

- The question of illegal signage that had been referred to him was really a matter for NKDC to enforce and he suggested that the Office contact the Enforcement Officer at the District Council.
- The reported grass verge damage between the Convenience Store and Shire Close had been marked for “no further action” by Highways. He agreed to check if anything further could be done.
- Highways had been checking plans for 2019 and surface dressing for the following areas was included – Field Road, Meadow Way, the Causeway.
- The drain cover at Walcott Road has been fixed.
- He reported that LCC Highways were changing their process for Traffic Regulation Orders and intended to get more input from local residents and councils.
- Improvements were planned for the A153 junction with the A17 (work to commence April 2020 estimated 3 months) and the Holdingham Roundabout on the A17 (work to commence after the above was completed).

Public Session

Two residents attended the meeting to ask questions and make observations about the Neighbourhood Plan with the referendum date being close.

Concern was expressed about the impact of the planned housing on:

- The poor state of the current roads and the impact of more traffic
- How would the school cope with the increased number of children?
- The ability of the Medical Centre to cope with an expanded population
- Lack of transport links

There was considerable discussion of how the Plan related to these aspects and what the adoption of the plan would give to the village if NKDC had to take its provisions into account when making their decisions.

The relevance of the planning process involving each of Central Government, District and Parish was explained.

Clerk's Update

The Clerk left details of the items she wished to report, and these are detailed below:

- Two dog bins on the Skirth Bank and the Playing Field have been replaced
- Some waste bins and dog bins needed repair or replacement but as a risk assessment was to be carried out shortly on these items, it was agreed to await the outcome of this.
- Electoral nomination packs have been requested and will be distributed when received.
- High Street, Walcott Road and King Street are to be resurfaced this year.
- NCS want the village to host another project and Councillors agreed to support this.
- Details of the NKDC Electoral Briefing meetings were circulated

Planning Matters

Applications

19/0237/House Twenty Foot Farm Tattershall Bridge – installation of French doors and use of the existing roof as balcony and erection of balustrade and privacy screening (part retrospective) – No comments to be made and application has already been approved.

1867/OUT 38 High Street – erection of two dwellings – the following comments were

made:

The Parish Council commented as follows:

- The plot seems too small for two three bedroomed semis
- Proximity to existing buildings and type of building proposed means that it is bound to be intrusive on privacy
- There does not appear to be suitable parking for two houses as the driveway would be blocked by just one car.
- There are already parking issues on the High Street that the drive opens onto. More cars would exacerbate the problems.
- Bin collection can be a problem in that area too as the footpath is often blocked by bins awaiting collection.
- Visibility from the access to the drive is very poor especially when large numbers of vehicles are parking there.

Approved

Anglian Pottery Church Street Apartments.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Date of referendum confirmed, and Councillors volunteered to attend.

Plans for Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to:

- Send invites to Village Businesses and Organisations requesting their attendance and possibly having a stall
- Invite the PCSO
- Invite the different churches
- Obtain an estimate for a buffet for 20 people
- Obtain some display boards so information can be disseminated.

Finance

Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that a suitable candidate for the position of Internal Auditor (Julie Stevenson) had been found and she is forwarding details of her usual contract etc. Her appointment was agreed unanimously.

Consider purchase of Parish Map

This was discussed but the Council did not feel that the expense was something they wanted to incur.

Burial Ground & Allotment Business

A problem related to removal of wreaths and floral tributes was discussed and it was agreed that residents could be compensated if the Clerk felt it was warranted.

Councillors Reports

The following were reported:

- There is a pothole outside Emma's Hairdressers
- A new sticker is required for the garden waste bin at the cemetery if we are to continue separating waste rather than acquire one large bin.
- Lafford land – a plan for possible use of land as Scout Hut/Community Meeting place was produced.
- The streetlight at Ringmoor House was still not functioning
- Creative projects could put forward a funding bid in East Midlands
- Councillors were reminded of requirements for completing their Election packs when received.
- The "tip" near the Mill Lane Building site has been inspected by NKDC Environment people but nothing has been done as yet.
- District Councillors mentioned that the recent Cluster Group meeting was interested in bringing Gas into their areas.
- They also discussed Emergency Resilience Plans and recommended that the Council approach the County Emergency Planning Unit to update Billingham plans.
- Electoral procedural changes were being introduced so that ID was required

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Hello from the BCP team!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the residents who took the time to vote in person, by post, or by proxy at the referendum for Billingham Neighbourhood Plan on 7 March 2019. Billingham, yet again, had the opportunity to have its voice heard.

334 people voted, of which, 269 voted “yes” to the NKDC taking the neighbourhood plan into consideration when deciding planning applications, 63 voted “no” and 2 votes were spoilt.

This is a great result for Billingham and is the outcome of much hard work, extensive public consultation, lots of researching, writing, more writing, and even more re-writing! And we could not have done any of this without YOU. So, thank you for answering surveys, for attending events and meetings, for sharing your thoughts and views, for providing evidence, for reading and commenting on the developing plan, for critiquing and proof-reading, and most importantly for voting.

As a committee there were times when we thought we would never reach the referendum stage, and the process has taken a couple of years longer than we ever anticipated. However, we have laughed and cried, developed new skills, made new friends, brought funding to the village, learned a whole new planning-speak vocabulary, and put Billingham on the map – for all the right reasons. We listened and created the vision that Billingham requested.

There is one final hoop to be jumped through – the Plan has yet to be formally adopted by NKDC, which should take place at the next full meeting of NKDC at the end of April 2019.

The last BCP meeting was held on 20 March to ensure the committee was closed down correctly and any loose ends tidied up. The Facebook page will stay open as a source of reference for new residents who may like to find out more about how the Plan was developed over the last few years, and also to help other communities as they undertake their own neighbourhood plans. The website is to be closed, and the email will direct residents and other interested parties to the Parish Council.

The remainder of the BCP funding is ring-fenced within the Parish Council budget and will be used towards projects identified within the Plan.

And then there will be the review of the Plan in about 2 years’ time
Wishing you all a warm and sunny spring!

Thank you.
The BCP Team.

BCP Mission Statement: To sustain, preserve and enhance the quality of life, environmental attributes, economic growth and special historical characteristics of the neighbourhood through the empowerment of local people and communities.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

North Kesteven District Council

Billingham Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

I, Ian Fytche, being the Counting Officer for North Kesteven District Council at the above referendum held on Thursday 7 March 2019 under the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, do hereby give notice that

The Question in the Referendum was
Do you want North Kesteven District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Billingham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

And that the result of the votes cast is as follows:

	Votes Recorded
Number cast in favour of a Yes	269
Number cast in favour of a No	63

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more than one answer	2
C writing or mark by which the voter or proxy could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	0
Total	2

Electorate: 1767 Ballot Papers Issued: 334 Turnout: 18.90%

And I do hereby declare that more than half of those voting have voted in favour of North Kesteven District Council using the Neighbourhood Plan for Billingham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.

Dated Thursday 7 March 2019

Ian Fytche
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Sat, Sun & Bank hols	2pm-5pm	2pm-5pm
Adults and other sessions only (from 3rd June)		
Mondays	Babies and tots 9.15am -10.15am Adults only	
Tuesdays	7.45pm-8.45pm	
Thursdays	7.45pm-8.45pm	
Fridays	Adults only 9.15am -10.15am Babies and tots	
Laned swim Sundays 9.15am-10.15am Aquacise Mondays 7.45pm -8.45pm Please contact us direct for party bookings		

Saturday 25 th May- Saturday 31 st Aug 2019		
Prices	Public swim	10 swim pass
Adult 16yrs+	£4	£32
Youth 10-15yrs	£4	£32
Child 5-9yrs	£3.50	£28
Spectator	50p	£4
Pre-school 3-4yrs	£1	-
Babies	Free	-
Adult only sessions		Laned swim
Adults £3 OAPs 65+ £2.50		£3.00 per swim

Season Ticket	
Adult 16yrs+	£70
Youth 10-15yrs	£70
Child 5-9yrs	£60
Spectator	£20
Family Ticket: Any 4 or more season tickets purchased	-10%

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phone 01526 861383 from early
May).

“Provisional” party bookings being taken now!



Hello from all of us at Billingham Pool!

The committee is now up and running and we would like to say a big thank you to Hayley Rear who has stepped down as secretary and member after a number of years with us. Thank you, Hayley, for your all your hard work, we will miss you very much!

This season we are really happy that Marissa Murray has agreed to host her fabulous aqua-cise again this year and currently we are hoping to squeeze the sessions in on Monday evenings so please come and support them as Billingham won an online poll against Metheringham pool so we really would like to show her it was worth it as she travels a fair distance to host these exercise classes.

We are also really pleased to announce that since our “babies and toddlers” sessions were so popular last year we have decided to not only keep them for this season, we have increased them to two sessions a week! Seeing the littlest ones splash about last season without any hassles from the older children and spending some quality time with mum and dad (and granny of course) was absolutely lovely.

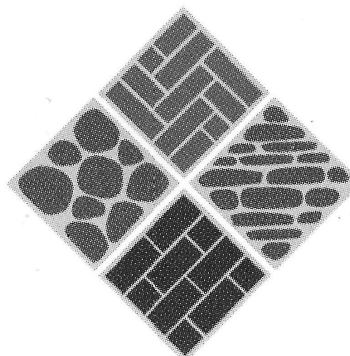
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BILLINGHAY VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD

The A.G.M. was held in the Village Hall on Wed.10th April. Only 3 members of the public attended but we are very pleased to welcome 3 new "young" (under 40) members onto our Committee. The previous officers and committee members all agreed to remain for another year.

The Treasurer announced that although we were £3,000 down on the year due to many expensive purchases, the books were in a very good condition. We have many bookings already for the year ahead and thanks to the favourable reports we keep receiving from people having used the Hall and its facilities we are confident of more.

The new shelter attached to the building near the side door is now completed. The original plan for this was brought to the Village Hall committee last year, the idea was to give the youth of the village somewhere safe, dry and away from people to congregate.

The "100" Club winners for the last draws of the year were:

March	Val. Thompson
April	Alison Laws.

The new year will start in May - 12 monthly draws for £12. Half the takings goes into Village Hall funds, half as prize money. There are a few numbers available for people who like a flutter as well as supporting their Village Hall.

Contact Kate Harlow or any member of the Committee if you are interested

To book the hall, contact:

June Davies
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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.

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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.

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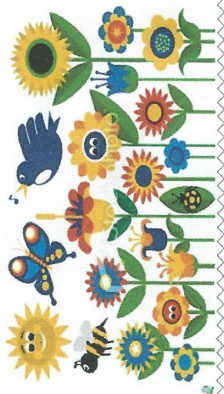

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BILLINGHAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE TIMETABLE



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<p>Learning Together Toddler 10:00 – 11:00am Once walking Session offers varied activities: messy play, talk time, songs & stories to support children's development by building their confidence as they learn to explore</p> <p>Little Explorers 1:00 – 2:00pm 0-5 years Sensory & messy play session providing materials of differing textures, temperatures & consistencies for children to explore, supporting their development & growing confidence</p> 	<p>Let's Get Active 10:00-11:00am This is a fun active session offering a variety of activities to support children's physical development and promote a healthy life style, during the session a variety of fun learning opportunities will be offered to support the development of children's gross motor skills, coordination and teach them that being active is fun!</p> <p>Learning Together Babies 1:30 – 2:30pm For babies not yet walking Offers a variety of activities including messy play, talk time, songs & stories to support babies' early development by building their confidence & they learn to explore</p>	<p>Health Visitor Clinic (appointment only) Call 01522 843000 to book Members of your local Health Visiting Team are available to discuss with you any issues relating to your health or to the health & development of your child/children</p> <p>Top Tips 3 - 4 months 10:00 - 11:00am Information session for babies up to the age of 6 months Every 1st Wednesday of month Please contact the children centre for information and bookings</p> <p>Breastfeeding Support Group 9:00-10:00am Every 1st Wednesday of month Relaxed & informal group for breastfeeding mums & babies</p>	<p>Childminders Hub 9:30 – 11:30am For childminders and the children they care for</p> <p>Learning Through Play <u>VENUE: RAF DIGBY</u> 10:00am – 11:00am For military families with children 0-5 years old Come along & stay & play</p> <p>Rhyme Time 1:00- 1:45pm 0-5 year olds A song & rhyme session focusing on supporting early communication skills. During the session children will have the opportunity to sing along to their favourites using a variety of props & resources</p> 	<p>Learning Through Play 10:00 – 11:00am 0 – 5 year olds Varied activities for children to explore supporting their changing needs and interests. Session offers an opportunity for parents/children to explore a wide range of play activities together encouraging children's independence, confidence & social skills</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>At the Centre you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy one of our many free groups Attend our health supported Breastfeeding support groups or Top Tips for Babies sessions Meet new friends (& so can your little one) Borrow one of our children's book bags or parent books or why not try out one of our new Strong Finger Bags Help yourselves to our wide selection of free pre-loved baby clothes Get advice/signposting on a range of issues regarding children and young people Get information and help with childcare options Parenting advice on a wide range of issues or enrol on one of our free courses Attend local appointments with a member of your health team, ESCO, EDAN </div>				
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Community Activities, Interests & Opportunities in Billingham

B.A.D.ASS (Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association)	Tuesdays 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	Wednesdays Contact Dave Ingrey, Branch Secretary for details of membership and meetings on 01526 861359
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	3 rd 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	2nd Friday in Month 7.45 to 9.15pm Age 12+ at Baptist Chapel
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 Rev. Ann Lett 830192, Val 860614,
Night Owls Book Club	4 th 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	1 st /2 nd Sundays 9.30am Morning Prayer 3 rd Sunday 9.30am Communion 4 th Sunday 11.00am Said Communion 5 th 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)
YPF Children's Club	Fridays in term time 6.00 to 7.30pm at Baptist Chapel,



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If anyone is interested in helping or setting up their own youth team please get in touch. The more help we get the more ages we can offer training for.

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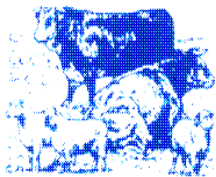
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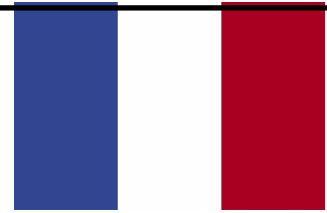
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Once again we would like to express our gratitude for the support that we receive for our fund-raising events that enable us to provide an entertaining program for our visitors. Because of this, we do like to support the other organisations in the village. .

The programme is as below:

Wed, 29 May	French arrive at approx. 5.00pm. at the Village Hall Tea and coffee will be available and any person interested in meeting our French friends is welcome to attend. Evening with families
Thurs, 30 May	Trip to Doncaster Zoo Evening meal at the Olde Barn Marston
Friday, 31 May	Free day with families Evening - Gala Dinner
Sat, 1 June	Free day with families
Sun, 2 June	Morning departure for France



NEARLY £2000 RAISED FOR CHARITY

The Billingham Ladies branch of the Louth

Farm Women`s Club, held their Annual Charity Lunch on Tuesday 19th March at the Abbey Lodge, where 73 ladies sat down to a lovely meal followed by an excellent raffle.

The organisers were Margaret Shepherdson, June Kirk, Audrey Chambers and Marilyn Nicholson. Ticket sellers were Audrey, Marilyn and Shapes, Hairdressers.

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

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BYGONES

FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE OFFICE WE HAVE MANAGED TO RETRIEVE A COPY OF THE SLEAFORD STANDARD FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 1973. THIS CONTAINS SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHS UNDER THE TITLE OF "SHOW TIME AT BILLINGHAY".

BELOW WE ARE INCLUDING A COUPLE OF EDITED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SHOW. WE ARE SURE NUMEROUS RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PEOPLE SHOWN.



Some of the competitors in the Fancy Dress Contest



Inspecting the Produce Stall

SAMARITAN CHURCH SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again, we at the **Methodist Church** have been filling shoeboxes to go to under privileged children in Romania. In November children from the Primary School came along with their boxes to a dedication service before 284 boxes set off to Grimsby to be checked, once checked they set off for Romania.

This is the 12th year we have supported this charity and each year we send more boxes. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of so many friends sharing their talents, either knitting or sewing, friends donating raffle prizes or items to be included in a box. Not forgetting those who supported our coffee mornings raising money for transportation costs. **Thank you to each and everyone of you.**

We plan to continue supporting this charity in 2019 with coffee mornings arranged on the following dates: **July 16th** **October 1st**

We meet in the Schoolroom between 10.00 and 11.30am

On a recent visit to the Ice House in Grimsby where all the boxes are checked and dispatched, I noticed empty video cases had been made into pencil cases, what a good idea I thought. So if anyone has any unwanted video cases I would appreciate them. Also the fronts off used Christmas Cards (I make them into little books) and any scraps of material or wool can be put to good use, so think of us before you discard them.

Thank you again for your support in 2018 and hopefully we'll meet up again in 2019.

Val Beckett (860614)



THE QUIZ

The Clues below are all anagrams of popular film titles.
Can you solve them?



1. **FREAK GOONS GWYN**
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3. **CAGE MINI TINY LOSS**
4. **ATHENA FLEET POP**
5. **GARCIA HENS SELL**
6. **CON BITES MALE FLESH**
7. **GLINT HILTON**
8. **HATBAND BEAN EMERY**
9. **BUG SHOT RESTS**
10. **A GRIT LOAD**

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

Answers to March/April Quiz:

1. 7 Colours in a Rainbow
2. 50 Ways to leave your Lover
3. 3 Volumes in a Trilogy
4. 16 Ounces in a pound
5. 27 is 3 x 3 x 3
6. 4 Suits in a Pack of Cards
7. 3 Colours on the Union Jack
8. 200 Pounds for passing Go
9. 72 Pints in a Firkin
10. 10 Green Bottles hanging on a wall



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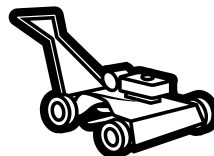
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LETTER PAGE

If you wish to reply to any views expressed in these letters or wish to get anything else 'off your chest' , please write to LOU`S LIVELY LETTER PAGE or e-mail Carol_Willingham@n-kesteven.gov.uk or post it through the Parish Office letter box by the 2nd December 2018.

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).

Our correspondent from Skirth Road has been splashing his cash on raffles as can be seen below:

It would seem that a social event or fundraising event is not complete without a raffle. People seem to love them. There is a real gambling culture in this locality and to be fair in most others as well. Any organisation can confidently organise a function at cost price knowing a healthy profit will be made when customers shell out for raffle tickets and happily donate prizes. Money handed over for a raffle somehow never seems the same as money that is paid as an admission fee. Very similar to paying by card. It never strains the tear ducts as much to stick a card in a machine as it does when forced to extract actual notes from a wallet.

"Are we going to the pictures tonight luv?"

"Nah let's go to the bowls club quiz. Its only a fiver and we can give 'em a bottle of whisky for the raffle".

If you go to functions in the locality you will see many prizes appearing again and again (and again) as they are re-donated to other raffles . "Recycling" as a good friend of mine calls it. It would be interesting (to some people) and revealing to give each prize its own passport to accompany it around the locality where each organisation stamps and dates its appearance as a raffle prize.

By far the biggest raffles seem to appear in January as it is the first opportunity to dispose of all of those unwanted Christmas presents. I recall a recent January raffle where I was depositing an individual tea-set composed of a tiny teapot , cup, milk jug and sugar bowl. All very nice but a right faff. OK for people living on their own who consider themselves too posh to put a teabag in a mug. I was joined by a trim looking elderly gentleman depositing the 48 inch waist shorts that he had been given by his sister.

Of course not all of unwelcome Christmas presents can be given to raffles. Those of a more permanent and ornamental nature have to be stored in the loft within easy reach and carefully labelled so that they can be hurriedly retrieved and put on display when the relevant donors pay a visit. It is especially difficult if they arrive unannounced

" Sorry you have been standing there for 5 minutes in the rain. I was at the toilet and Fred was in the shower" The visitors are shown in and run into a wet haired Fred ,grumpy at having had to take a shower to keep up appearances especially as he had taken one 45 minutes earlier.

A disadvantage of these large post-Christmas raffles is the time it takes winners to choose between the Bart Simpson socks, the very bright kipper tie covered with illustrations of kip-pers and the Useless Box Fidget Desk Toy Stress Relievers Leave Me Alone Machine Toys Turns Itself Off ABS Plastic Pieces Gift amongst many others. Many organisers cut down this time by having designated numbered prizes where the winners have no choice but to accept what they get. This is loved by organisers as more people will end up with prizes they don't want and will take them to future raffles. I remember walking round with a purple teddy bear during the interval of a music evening and being asked 5 or 6 times.

“have you won that in the raffle?”. Why do they need to ask? Of course I had. It certainly shows how popular people think I am when they obviously think that there is a possibility that I have taken a teddy bear out with me for company.

A recent Countdown quiz night had what I thought to be an excellent rule that winners must take a prize. This does cut out the annoying “put it back” shout that wastes time and also shows disrespect to people who have donated prizes who are most probably in the room at the time. What some will see as an act of philanthropy will be interpreted by others as “everything left is rubbish and I don’t want any of it”

Better stop now before I do too much more moaning as I have to get ready for Scrabble Club and of course the mid evening raffle. Now where did I put that wobbly clown?

And now a note from the ladies who have chased us for money to keep our excellent Swimming Pool functioning:

BILLINGHAY SWIMMING POOL 100 CLUB

Thank you to all of those past and present for the continual support over the last seven years.

In that time we have raised over £7,000 for the pool but there is room for extra.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the inter-action with the people who attend St. Michael’s Community Hall Café every Thursday morning and from time to time we will still pop in for we will contact with them but also for updates on what we have missed and laughs,. They really are welcoming group of people.

Our thanks to all of them for allowing us to draw the numbers in their presence because a draw needs to be done in public.

Unfortunately, it’s time for us to hang our hats up!

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Cath Wood & Jayne Pannell



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Sunday 5 th May	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	Martin	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	South Kyme	Boat Service	11.00am
Sunday 12 th May	Timberland	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	North Kyme	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday 19 th May	Billingham	Holy Communion	9.30am
	South Kyme	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Martin	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday 26 th May	Walcott	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Timberland	Joint service at the Methodist chapel	9.30am
	North Kyme	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Billingham	Holy Communion (said)	11.00am
Sunday 2nd June	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	South Kyme	Holy Communion	11.00am
	Martin	Morning Prayer	11.00am
Sunday 9th June	Timberland	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Billingham	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	North Kyme	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday 16th June	Billingham	Holy Communion	9.30am
	South Kyme	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Martin	Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday 23rd June	Walcott	Holy Communion	9.30am
	Timberland	Joint service at the Methodist chapel	9.30am
	North Kyme	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Billingham	Holy Communion (said)	11.00am
Sunday 30th June		Group Service	



WHAT'S ON IN BILLINGHAY

DARBY & JOAN CLUB

Forthcoming Meetings: 28th May 25th June 23rd July
20th August 17th September

Forthcoming Outings:

Tues, 14th May Mystery Tour
Tues, 18th June Derbyshire Well Dressings Chatsworth House
Tues, 9th July Steam train from Holt to Sheringham for the day
Tues, 6th August To be arranged
Tues 3rd September Skegness

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

Sat, 25th May Jumble Sale - see page 20 for more details

Contact Details: Shirley on 860732 or Mobile 07903008308

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

Forthcoming events:

Tues, 7th May Visit to Goltho Gardens
Tues, 4th June Tied up in Silk Avril Parsons & Joyce Clews

BINGO

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B.A.D. ASS TRIUMPH AGAIN

Our intrepid Theatre Correspondent has been taking in the local culture again and has sent us this report on the latest B.A.D.Ass production

Leaving the Ship Inn one Sunday evening in January after another fine quiz I saw a poster for the latest BADASS production , a pantomime titled Cinderella and The Pantomime Thief with performances on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February at the bargain price of £4.50.

A couple of days later I arrived home to find a big wodge of fliers, which looked like a smaller version of the poster, stuffed into an old walking boot on the doorstep asking me to deliver along Skirth Road and Carr Gate. Delivering in this area is not really a chore as there will always be someone to stop for a natter or ask me if I want a cuppa. I remember one wintry afternoon when it took me 3 hours to deliver 12 copies of the Billingham Times and Advertiser. After a couple of days I found time in my hectic schedule to deliver the fliers and having done a couple I decided to glance at one and noticed there was no date on them. After a couple of texts I returned home from a private café on Skirth Road to wait for another improved set of fliers to be delivered. Apparently a member of Badass did his round without noticing the omission. He seems to be an ideal candidate for a job at Royal Mail. Far better than a post woman of my past who would hand me a postcard accompanied by a report of the contents thus saving me the job of reading it myself.

Now BADASS usually have a raffle at pantomimes. It seems to me that this has two advantages. It raises extra money and also can be worked into the script as a way of lengthening the pantomime without having to think of extra lines to write. This year was to be different as the raffle was done in the interval.

I found some things that I thought might suffice as raffle prizes and set off to deliver them. Walking down a drive I heard a loud voice and arriving at the back door of a dwelling saw a lady talking loudly. I assumed she was on the phone with the speaker switched on but I was wrong. She was learning her lines. It looked as if this year's performance would be as good as ever. The first A in BADASS stands for amateur and this is undeniably factual in the sense that the performers do not get paid but not accurate in any other definition of amateur.

I opted for the Saturday afternoon performance as Lincoln City were playing away and being at the pantomime would be less stressful than listening to the radio. Three colours of raffle tickets were available and Caroline (who it was good to see again) told me that the tickets were £1 a strip or 6 strips for £5. I said that I would have two strips of each to be told that would be £4 but if I had 3 of each it would be £5. Fortunately as I was a mathematics teacher for many years I was able to both recognise the error and explain it.

I parked myself near the back of the packed audience and settled down to another very good production by BADASS. It contained all of the usual pantomime features one hopes for with plenty of sweets for children and birthday messages. On stage were the usual pantomime dames with multiple changes of costume with excellent performances as Frederique (Lee Davis) and Jeffrina (Steven Taylor). There was the requisite number of terrible corny jokes and it was pleasing to me that The Spirit of the Ring (Katie Harlow) catered for the adults in the audience with good memories with a corny joke about the long defunct Safeway supermarket. The cast was quite small and it was really good to see some juniors David Hood as Prince Charming and Alyss Casement as Cinderella give

very confident performances on stage, Alyss in particular revealing quite considerable singing talent.

After a good first half there was the compulsory interval for refreshment that gave the opportunity for the Village Hall to relieve me of more money. I asked for two cups of coffee and was given one good cup and one that was one third full. I asked for it to be filled up and in doing so the waiter dropped it and had to start again. I don't know if he was anticipating another hot summer and a water shortage but there was no more in the cup the second time around. However persistence paid off and I eventually came away with two cups of coffee. Then I noticed that there was ice cream so I took the coffees to my friend and then purchased the ice cream. Now came the difficulty. Do I ingest hot and cold together? Do I eat my ice cream before the coffee goes cold or drink my coffee before the ice cream melts. As I can scoff cold ice cream more quickly than I can drink hot coffee I had the ice cream first.

So back to the second half and more good appearances from Tobias Downes as Wiggle disguising himself as other characters in an attempt to take over the world in an evil manner. As often happens in these sort of productions the best parts are often unscripted and this was the case here as Jeffrina's wig flew off during a rendition of "We Will Rock You". All in all I thought that there were excellent performances by all apart from the raffle drawers who failed to draw out any of my tickets and on the way home a thought struck me that that pantomime must have been good as I had not given a single thought all afternoon as to how Lincoln City were doing.

Apart from providing excellent entertainment money has been raised for good causes in the locality with around £1000 being handed out to local groups including Scouts, Rainbows and Walcott School.. It was an excellent effort made by what is a relatively small cast and maybe BADASS would benefit from adding to their squad. If the committee were to look at the photographs on page 14 in the March/April edition of this publication they may feel that there is value in approaching a local newsletter coordinator and a local garage owner and asking them if they would like to add to their numbers !!!!!

PLEASE BE VIGILANT

Lincolnshire Police have received a number of reports around the county of lead thefts from rural churches/roof tops.

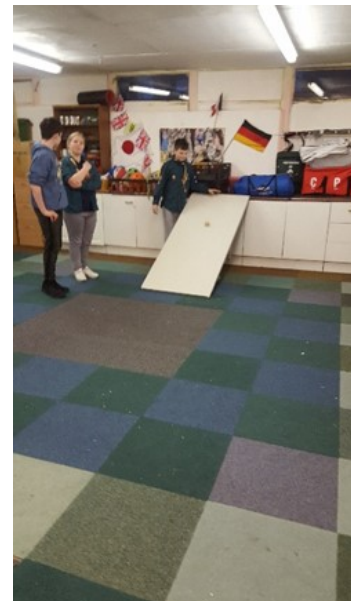
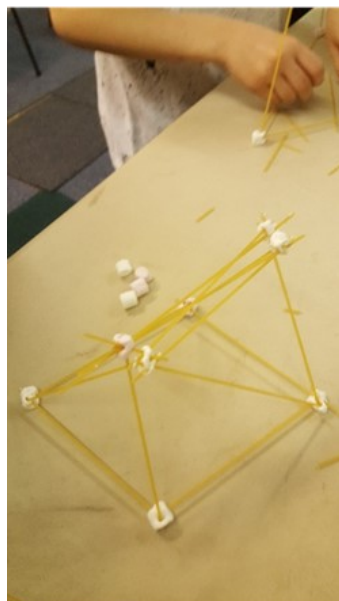
They have asked all villages to notify their residents to be vigilant at all times.

If there is anything suspicious seen around the churches, please report this on 101.

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The last couple of months have been quite busy for all of us at 1st Billingham Scouts. The Scouts planned and delivered the Science Badge for the Cubs. This meant that they had to organise six different experiments to run for the Cubs and explain what was happening in each experiment. The experiments included making a pH indicator solution from red cabbage, investigating the action of vinegar on various substances, building structures from spaghetti and marshmallows, and seeing how exercise affects pulse rates. Both the Cubs and the Scouts enjoyed the experiments, the Cubs all earned their Science Badge and the Scouts learnt how difficult it is to plan and deliver an evening's activities.



Many of you will know that at this time of year the Scouts usually take part in an all-day competition hike known as The Elephant Yomp. Unfortunately, this year it clashed with a school trip to France, so we were unable to take part. Instead this year we entered a team in the Lincoln Monopoly Run, this is essentially a life size game of Monopoly held in Lincoln, where the Scouts must visit various properties in the City and attempt to purchase them or pay rent if someone has already bought it. The Scouts that took part had a great day and were awarded a certificate for being the slowest Troop taking part!

Two of our Scouts have been selected to be part of a County wide contingent of 36 Scouts and Guides to attend the European Jamboree which is to be held in Gdansk Poland in July 2020. This means they will be attending several camps over the next 12 months or so in preparation for their trip.

All sections marked Shrove Tuesday (or Thursday in the case of the Scouts) by making and eating pancakes, and the Scouts marked Easter by attempting to decorate some eggs and then playing paste eggs and egg rolling (although we had to improvise a hill to roll the eggs down).

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 07831264554 for more details.



For most people the State Pension makes up a large proportion of retirement income. The Office of National Statistics estimate that on average people spend £21,770 a year. With a full State Pension being just over £8,700 this is 40% of the income requirement so it is important to understand how it is built up and what your entitlement will be.

How it is built up?

Every month you will see National Insurance contributions deducted from your pay. It can be a large amount but most of us don't understand the benefits being built up, particularly with all the changes that have happened over recent years.

For every full year of National Insurance Contributions made you become entitled to 1/35th of the full State Pension of £164.35. Therefore in order to receive a full State Pension you need to work for 35 years.

When will I get it?

For most people retiring now the State Pension will start between their 65th and 66th birthday as we are in a transition phase. This is increasing to 68 and is likely to increase further due to increased life expectancy.

There have been some significant changes to the State Pension age, particularly for women. I would suggest that everyone checks their current State Pension age by visiting www.gov.uk/state-pension-age. By entering simple information (no log in required) you can find out when you will receive the benefits, based on current legislation, which is of course subject to change.

I would point out that if you have a personal pension or workplace pension scheme benefits can usually be taken earlier than the State Pension age and in most cases from 55.

How do I know how much I will get?

It is possible to find out how much State Pension you have already accumulated by getting a State Pension forecast. If you already have a Gov.uk log in, for child benefits or completing a tax return, you can find out online. Alternatively you can register for the site to get the information. If you don't want to do this then you can fill out a paper form. This is available online (search for BR19). If you are not online then give me a ring I can provide one for you. The forecast will initially tell you how many years you have made full contribution and much this works out as per week in retirement.

What if I have had time off work?

If you have been claiming certain benefits then you will have accrued the entitlement. For example, if you had time off work to have children and were claiming child benefit then this period will have been added on. That is why it is crucial for non working parents to claim child benefit.

Where one parent earns over £50,000 then child benefit has to be repaid, on a sliding scale, even

if the other parent does not work at all. In this instance it is important that it is still claimed and then repaid to ensure the non working parent builds up the State Pension entitlement.

What if the forecast shows a shortfall and I cannot work long enough to make it up?

You will have the opportunity to make up any shortfall and this can be an extremely worthwhile exercise. You will have to ask for a calculation to be done to show the cost of making up any missed years. In most instances the cost of making up 1 missed year will be recouped within a year of receiving the State Pension. If you have found out how much you need to contribute and are unsure whether it is value for money then do get in touch and we can help you make that decision. The State pension system is complex and I have not covered issues such as being Contracted Out or Additional State Pension entitlements.

If you have an non standard pension issue then more information is available online and we are always happy to have a chat .

BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

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Patient

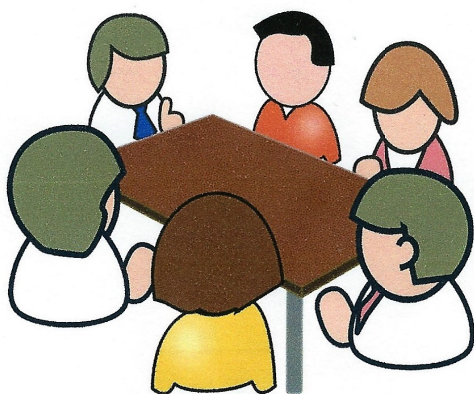
Participation

Group

“Representing patients and putting them at the heart of all we do”

Billinghay Medical Practice is keen 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 at Billinghay Medical Practice on the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December from 18.00–19.30.



Patient Participation Group
2019

5 March

4 June

3 September

3 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)

Land at The former Lafford School Site



Lincolnshire County Council have recently contacted Billingham Parish Council with an offer to the Parish to lease land at the Lafford School site behind the area for the proposed houses fronting on to Fen Road.

This offer was part of the conditions for acceptance of the Planning Application for the housing development. There is no option to buy and the Parish need not lease all the land (3.8 acres).

Conditions applying in the lease would include:

- No erection of permanent buildings
- If land was required for expansion of the school, this would be taken albeit with reasonable notice
- The charge for leasing the whole area would start at £970 per annum (Not negotiable) and be reviewed on a regular basis.

The Parish Council have been asked to respond to the offer as soon as possible, with details of proposed usage should they wish to take up the lease.

Ideas are needed as to possible use and, at present, suggestions put forward include:

- The erection of a Community Building for use as a Scout Hut (although also available for other organisations). The building would have to be of a temporary nature.
- Another possible use would be for garden allotments. We have a list of people who expressed an interest in acquiring such an allotment but this was compiled some years ago. If you are interested in having a garden allotment, let us know.

If you would like to get involved with this project, have other ideas for the possible use of this area or have any relevant comments, the Parish Council would like to hear from you.

Better still attend the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss your ideas then.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**20th May 2019
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**
- **Put forward your views on whether the Parish Council should lease some of the Lafford land and what they should use it for. See Page 40 of the Newsletter for details**
- **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) or the Parish Office if you are interested in having a stall.

It is hoped to have the local PCSO present to answer any queries on Police matters

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
So come along and make your views known
Refreshments will be available**

BILLINGHAY DIARY OF EVENTS

May & June 2019

Thur, 2 May	Methodist Church	Coffee Morning - Shoebox Appeal
Tues, 7 May	Tuesday Club	Visit to Goltho Gardens
Mon, 13 May	Parish Council	Annual General Meeting
Tues, 14 May	Darby & Joan Club	Mystery Tour
Mon, 20 May	Annual Parish Meeting	
Tues, 21 May	Past Times History Gp	Lynda Hotchkiss
Sat, 25 May	Billinghay Swimming Pool	Season opens
Sat 25 May	Darby & Joan	Jumble Sale
Tues, 28 May	Darby & Joan	Meeting
Wed. 29 May	Billinghay Twinning	Visit from Ballon
Mon, 3 June	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting
Tues, 4 June	Tuesday Club	Tied up in Silk
Tues, 18 June	Darby & Joan	Derbyshire Well Dressings /Chatsworth House
Wed, 26 June	Past Times History Gp	Tom Lane - Lincs Farming & Food
Tues, 25 June	Darby & Joan	Meeting

EARLY NOTIFICATION OF FUTURE EVENTS

Mon, 1 July	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting
Tues, 2 July	Tuesday Club	Make & Take (Cake Art)
Sat, 6 July	British Legion	Garden Party & Craft Fair
Tues, 9 July	Darby & Joan Club	Steam Train - Holt to Sheringham
Fri, 12 July	B.A.D.ASS	Summer Show
Sat, 13 July	B.A.D.ASS	Summer Show
Tues, 16 July	Methodist Church	Coffee Morning - Shoebox Appeal
Tues, 23 July	Darby & Joan	Meeting
Mon, 5 August	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting
Tues, 6 August	Tuesday Club	Willow Bug
Tues, 6 August	Darby & Joan	Outing to be arranged
Tues, 20 August	Darby & Joan	Meeting
Wed, 28 August	Past Times History Gp	Janette Merilion - Georgian Gardens
Mon, 2 September	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting
Tues, 3 September	Tuesday Club	Harvest Supper
Tues, 3 September	Darby & Joan	Skegness
Tues, 17 September	Darby & Joan	Meeting
Tues, 24 September	Past Times History Gp	Christine Chapman - John of Gaunt
Tues, 1 October	Tuesday Club	You cannot be serious
Tues, 1 October	Methodist Church	Coffee Morning - Shoebox Appeal
Mon, 7 October	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting
Mon, 4 November	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting
Tues, 5 November	Tuesday Club	Liberty's Family
Mon, 2 December	Parish Council	Monthly Meeting
Tues, 3 December	Tuesday Club	Choir - Sing it Loud

REGULAR MEETINGS

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

B.A.D.ASS	Tuesdays	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 of month	April/ July/ October & January
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)	Alternate Fridays	7.45 to 9.15pm Baptist Chapel
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
Slimming World	Thursday	Village Hall 5.00 to 9.00pm
YPF Children's Club	Fridays	6.00 to 7.30pm Baptist Chapel
Youth Club	Every Monday	Village Hall 6.30 to 8.00pm

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

HIGH STREET BILLINGHAY

01526 860419



Opening Times:

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

Large Haddock Chips
& Peas £4.50

Donner Kebabs
Home Made Chicken Kebab

Home Made Southern
Fried Chicken & Chips
£4.00

LOOK OUT FOR OUR TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY SPECIAL OFFERS

NEXT ISSUE July/August 2019 – DEADLINE DATE – 10 June