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Throughout the current crisis, your Council felt it was essential to communicate with residents and to this end produced two online editions. However, not all residents have access to the media but it was felt that this was the only way we could get the news out.

Even people with access to a computer had difficulty in getting the website to display the newsletter. Consequently, we are pleased to advise that our volunteers have agreed to deliver the paper version this issue.

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

THANK YOU

Once again we would like to express our thanks to the NHS, key workers and all those people who have gone out of their way to make life a little more bearable for other people. I'm sure they are all very much appreciated.

If you feel that there is someone within the Community who has made a special effort to help you, we will be pleased to publish your thanks in the next issue of the Newsletter - just send your request to:

info@billinghaypc.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Ringmoor House When: 1st Monday of month (except Bank Holidays)



See Parish Notice Boards for Committee Meetings

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Chairman: Kathryn Locke Vice Chairman: Tom Cassidy

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Frankie Harvey & Alice Walters

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County Council Member: Barry Young

Office Assistant & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billinghay Parish Council

IMPORTANT INFORMATION





Billinghay Covid-19 Mutual Aid UK group

Local organising to support the most vulnerable in our communitie

Are you self-isolating? Do you need help?

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

01522 782189

Or, alternatively, contact Richard Hilliard at:

richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk

M: 07717392628

Hello from Billinghay Parish Council and welcome to the September / October 2020 edition of the *Billinghay Times*.



The Council hopes that you are all fit and well and adjusting to the new ways of living, shopping and socialising.



Please remember though that the Covid-19 virus has not gone away. To be part of the solution: wash your hands, cover your face, and keep your distance.

In view of the uncertainty and ever changing responses to the virus, the Council has made the difficult decision not to hold the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in 2020. There will still be a lit tree on the Market Place and the council will consider another way to help the village celebrate the festive season. Please keep a look out on social media and the noticeboards for more information.

The council says farewell, thank you and good luck to Sheila Clarke following her resignation from the council. As a councillor, Sheila chaired the Emergency Plan committee and was an

active member of the Quality, Improvement and Safety and HR Committees, and welcomes Andy Catlett to the team, following his co-option to the council on Monday 17 August 2020. There are 3 vacancies for co-option to the council, so if you would like to make a difference to our community, are looking to do something rewarding, and would like to represent our residents at local, district and county level then the council would like to hear from you. Please contact the clerk, Mrs Carol Willingham for the details, eligibility criteria and an application form.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is reviewing the ward / electorate boundaries for North Kesteven. Information on the proposed changes can be found on the NKDC website, https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/electoral-registration-and-elections/boundary-review/ or the Billinghay Parish Council Facebook page.

The Parish Office remains closed with staff working from home, and all training and meetings being held remotely. If you are aware of any issues around the village, have any suggestions for ways to improve village life, or would like to attend a remote meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the Council. The Clerk can be contacted by phone on 07483346143 or by email on billinghaypc@gmail.com on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.15am and 3.00pm.

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

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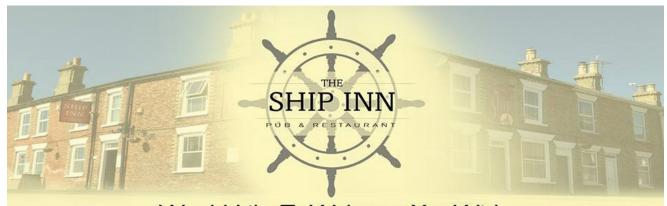
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Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.

Speeding continues to be a concern for many communities in both rural and urban environments.

Volunteers receive appropriate training and are supported by neighbourhood policing team staff. The scheme aims to cater for the problem of real or perceived speed related offending, and through partnership with the community it is to be used in circumstances that are necessary, justifiable and proportionate in order to:

- Reduce death and injury on the roads
- Improve the quality of life for local communities
- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Billinghay speed watch resumed on the 20/06/2020 and up until the 11/08/2020 the group have been out 28 times for 1 hour, they have recorded 8750 cars of which 644 cars were speeding which is 7.51%.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We have a training session booked for the 24 Aug for 3 new volunteers, the more volunteers we have we would be able to be out more frequently or for longer. Contact the Parish Office if you can help.

All the group is about is re- educating motorists to take care when driving through the village. Speedwatch activity is not about interfering with neighbours' behaviour; it is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Billinghay has 3 parish councillor vacancies. Therefore, if you:

- are looking to do something rewarding
- care about our community
- want to make a difference
- wish to represent our residents

then we would like to hear from you!

Parish Councillors are volunteers who give up their time to represent their community; manage buildings and community spaces; decide finances to deliver services; influence and shape development policies for the parish; comment on Parish planning applications; improve the quality of life and the environment in their local area; work to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents; work to bring about improvements through local projects; lobby other service providers; work in partnership with other parishes and agencies, and, most importantly, work with the community and residents they serve.

Although unpaid, training is provided, and expenses can be claimed in certain circumstances.

For further information, eligibility criteria, and an application form, please contact Mrs Carol Willingham, Clerk to Billinghay Parish Council by email:

billinghaypc@gmail.com

There is no specific closing date for applications but, preferably, these should be received prior to the next Council meeting on Monday 14 September 2020

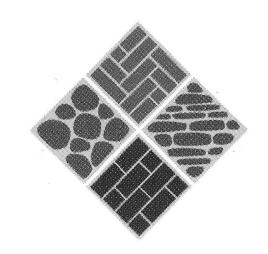


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BILLINGHAY PARISH OFFICE NEWS



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.

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

Telephone: 01526 861845 or 07483 346143

Email: info@billinghaypc.co.uk

Address: Mrs C Willingham (Parish Clerk)

Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billinghay, Lincs

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

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

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS (See Page 3 for current situation)

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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12 th	9 th	7 th	4 th	1 st	1 st
26 th	23 rd	21 st	18 th	15 th	15 th 29 th

*Sorry no service on Bank Holidays

The mobile library stops at the following places:

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

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







BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

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

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IF YOU <u>HAVE</u> INTERNET ACCESS

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

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS

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

DISPENSARY CHANGES

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

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

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

Care Quality Commission (Annual Review)

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

Veteran Friendly GP Practice Accreditation

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

Our Mental Health

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

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

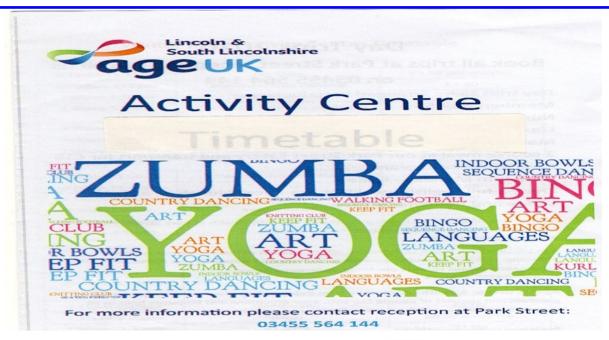
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Age UK

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

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

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On behalf of the PPG and patients, a big THANK YOU to all the team at Billinghay Medical Practice for the brilliant organisation during these difficult times. As usual, you have been superb, at the same time caring, courteous and kind. We are so lucky to have you.

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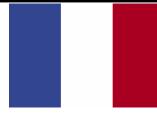
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The plans for future trips are, of course, dependent on the situation both here and in France. The current position is that our next visit is now planned for 28 May to the 2 June 2021.

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Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club

Bowls Club British Legion

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Coffee Morning

Community Rooms

Daisy Chain

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Lighthouse Youth Club

Line Dancing Methodist Church

Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club

Past Times

Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)

Scout Group

Tennis Club

Village Hall

Tuesday Club

Twinning Association

Voluntary Car Service

St Michael's and All Angels

Church

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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).

In spite of the current National crisis we have received our usual contribution from our Skirth Road resident. This month he recalls his "love" of School inspections.

One week a couple of years ago I was in Sheffield visiting friends and as I drove along the road past my old school, I spied an old colleague that I had not seen for many years on the way to his allotment. I stopped to talk to him and during the conversation he reminded me of the time he had produced a booklet on a local authority inspection and reminded me that I had made a contribution to it with a report of one of my lessons During my teaching career one of the things that teachers looked forward to least was an inspection. Now obviously you have to be watched and assessed but in the olden days you were given several weeks if not months notice. This led to panic among the school leadership and nothing less than perfection would do

I remember talking to a friend who was a police officer who was preparing for an inspection and he hoped there was no serious crime in the next month as the senior officers were far more concerned that every file was in the correct folder and every folder was in the correct drawer and even though it almost certainly was everything had to be checked.

One consequence of an inspection was that we had to have detailed lesson plans to hand to the inspectors. As you gain experience in any job you know what you are doing and don't need to write it all down to discharge your duties effectively and having write these plans was an extra 5 or 6 hours work for the week. On top of that inspectors may want to know the build up to that weeks teaching so teachers found themselves looking back in planners at the brief title of each lesson and expanding it to give something more detailed for the inspector. These could of course be made to look very impressive as the inspectors had not been there and would not know any different.

Before the inspection an ex colleague who was himself an inspector told me that he had been observing a home economics lesson and the class had tidied up much more efficiently than usual and there were still 5 minutes left. To fill the time the teacher sprayed the surface with anti-bacterial cleaner and asked "who can tell me why I am doing this?" She got the reply "Because there is an inspector here". How I would have settled for that as my old colleague in Sheffield reminded me of my experience and emailed it to me. Reading it certainly brought back memories

Monday period 7

Having been watched during periods one and two I was sure that I would not be done again that day but arriving at the room there was the inspector waiting outside with my small class of low ability year 8 pupils. They are a lovely group most of the time but they can have their moments. On entering the room I hurriedly pushed the mug of coffee I was carrying behind the blackboard.

We were to do an investigation with counters which a colleague was going to pass onto me at afternoon break but had forgotten so while we were waiting for the tclass rearrange the desks to make one big table that we could all sir around and the class all drew accurate square grids whilst we were waiting for the counters to arrive. I did that as well but it was not easy for me as In had my fingers crossed.!! Fortunately a pupil soon knocked on the door and brought in a box containing a lot of props. I quickly pulled the bag of counters and they went all over the floor. My pupils quickly did as asked and picked up all of the counters and placed them in a big pile in the centre of the table. They were asked to get 7 counters of one colour and one of another and this took longer than expected as not everybody understood what that meant and I ended up handing out the correct counters. I put my counters on my grid in a particular way and asked my pupils to copy the arrangement on their grids. Yassir was not listening and picked out a jar of dice from the box and asked what they were for and what he should do with them. On being told that they were not needed and to put them back in the box he passed them to Danny who took the lid of the jar and tipped the dice over the table and went over them one by one saying which number were on top. He gave them back to me and then became attracted to the pile of spare counters on the table and decided to play tiddlywinks and flicked them across the table with his ruler. On being told to cease immediately he flicked another dozen and laid his ruler on the desk and smiled at me.

I can then begin to explain how to use the counters but Danny interrupts, points to and reads aloud the code of conduct poster on the wall that explains what actions constitute bullying or racism and recounts all of the injustices he has suffered at the hands of teachers that day. This subsides and I can explain what we are doing for almost a minute before Danny decides that the spare counters are in his way. Hoping it will pacify him I allow him to move them and he puts them in Jimmy's pencil case. Jimmy whines "awww siiir look what he has done" and painstakingly takes them out one by one. Fortunately after that things settled down and the class did make progress with the investigation, It was a relief at the end of the inspection that every mathematics lesson observed had been graded as satisfactory or better.

REMEMBER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECORD YOUR THANKS TO SOMEONE IN THE VILLAGE WHO HAS HELPED YOU THROUGH THE CURRENT CRISIS, PLEASE LET US KNOW



Covid-19 has continued to cause disruption for the Scout Group, with no possibility of face to face meetings, so 'virtual scouting' has continued via our FaceBook page.

Beavers Cubs and Scouts have all continued to complete badge work and we are looking forward to a time when the badges can be presented in person.

The Scout Association is now allowing some face-to-face scouting to take place, albeit limited numbers and outdoors only. We are currently working through the necessary paperwork to allow this to happen. Initially we hope to get the Scouts back together as some of our current Troop are now old enough to move on to Explorers and we would like to get back together if only to say goodbye to them.

In order to get Cubs and Beavers back there will almost certainly need to be some changes to our meetings. In addition, we are desperately short of adult leaders, and unless we get some adult volunteers to help with these sections (and Scouts too) then it is possible that we will not be in a position to open up Cubs and Beavers.

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.

We Need Your Help

We need some new Leaders to run our busy Beaver Colony and Cub Pack. The Beavers Cubs and Scouts are currently run by just three or four adults, this is not sustainable in the long term, and if we cannot recruit more adults then sadly the Beavers and Cubs will have to close in September.

If you feel able to give up 2 hours a week and maybe a couple of weekends a year to help, then please get in touch. Don't worry if you think you don't know enough about 'Scouting' as we will organise some training for you, and the existing leaders will be happy to help you get started. The more adults we can get involved the more we will be able to help our young people.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact

Roger 07831264554 Penny 07962586832



B.A.D.ASS



Getting ready for our next show

Well the last few months have been very quiet for Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association (BADAss) as we have been unable to produce any new shows or even to get together as a group. However, with the aid of modern technology we have been conducting meetings over the internet so that we can plan our next performances.

First on our planning menu is our preparation for next year's panto. After reading numerous scripts and throwing around new ideas, we finally decided to choose 'Rapunzel' by Andrew O'Leary (from Lazibeescripts) for our Feb 2021 panto. At the same time we elected (or pressed into service) Rosaleen to be the show's director. So our first important action was to create and approve a financial budget for the show. Once approved, this gives the director authority to start spending money, because the scripts and the licence to perform the show, do not come freely. We then have to start casting the characters, creating their costumes, building the scenery, choosing songs and making sound-tracks.









On 20th August we plan to hold auditions at Billinghay Village Hall for all those who want to join our group and take part in the panto. However, even if you missed the auditions, we are always pleased to welcome new members if you wish to join us at Billinghay Village Hall on Thursday evenings after 7.00pm. We are always looking for players as well as back-stage helpers who can look after costumes, scenery, make-up, lighting, sound, and a million other things that are needed to make a successful show. For Rapunzel we will need 20 players to perform all of the characters as well as a chorus of young people for song and dance routines. Rehearsals will start in September as we strive to learn our lines and work out exactly what we have to do on the stage.

Behind the scenes, we will be building a tower !!! not sure just how yet, but Rapunzel needs to be up one in order to let down her hair. We will also be painting the back stage wall with an appropriate scene – this is always led by Katie who spends many hours getting this just right. Next we come to costumes and to help us we have already collected a large array of weird and wonderful clothing which we call our wardrobe. However, if we can't find or alter something to suit then we start looking in the charity shops or as a final act we either make or buy what we need. So one of the most important jobs is our Wardrobe Manager, whose job it is to get all of this sorted out for every member of the cast. Carla often takes on this job but it is always open to any willing volunteer.



We now come to our Stage Manager and this job has been superbly managed by Dave for the past few years. His job is to ensure the stage is properly set up for each scene including both scenery and props. He then controls the lighting for each scene and most important, he opens and closes the curtains just at the right time. In fact he even performed on stage last year as the ghost during our 'Baby Shark' sing-along. We hope that Dave will continue his excellent work next year but he could always use one or two Stage Hands as helpers. Each year, our performances continue to become increasingly ambitious, requiring even greater preparation and support. This was the main reason for creating and installing our new audio and lighting systems in the Village Hall. We are also grateful to Tobias and his family for helping to create many of the constructions needed in our shows, ranging from a shop counter, a doorway and even a cow (which squirted milk at the audience). So if you have any handiwork skills, you can always volunteer to help in the manufacturing process.

We are all looking forward to next year's panto and we sincerely hope that any COVID restrictions will be a thing of the past. So as we get ready for our show, don't be shy if you want to get involved. Come along and speak to us, see what you might like to do and take a chance with your new theatrical career and have FUN!!.



Stephen Taylor BADAss Secretary

BILLINGHAY DIARY OF EVENTS

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





During periods of economic or financial uncertainty, it is inevitable investments and pensions will take a hit. Such times are never comfortable but there should be no need for anyone to panic. Instead, they can offer an opportunity to review your finances and ensure all your ducks are in a row. Here are 5 tips to help fight off these difficult times.

BE PREPARED TO ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES. Your attitude during negative periods is as important as the position of your finances. Economies simply cannot keep growing indefinitely and recessions are likely to happen every few years. Successful investors tend to be pragmatic and realistic and we should all copy them. A short-term downturn should not be seen as a reason to panic.

LOOK BEYOND THE ECONOMIC DATA. Remember that economic data releases are backward-looking. At the start of a slowdown, figures will continue to appear positive, perhaps contradicting our everyday experiences, as old numbers remain in the calculation. Similarly, once economic growth begins to recover, it will take a while to be fully reflected in the new data. Headlines that scream "worst figures for 30 years" confirm what we have just been through but do not necessarily reflect the prospects for tomorrow.

CASH IS NOT NECESSARILY KING. During a recession, it may be very tempting to get out of the stockmarket and opt instead for the perceived safety of cash. However, this strategy can be risky. Stockmarkets are volatile, which means that, just as they can fall quickly, they can also recover quickly – perhaps with little or no warning. If you have decided that equities are the right asset class for you, then moving out of them when you have already suffered a loss could mean missing out when they finally begin to recover

GO FOR QUALITY. During recessions and stockmarket downturns, high-quality, established companies tend to bear up better than their newer or more debt-laden peers. A tough environment helps to separate the wheat from the chaff and struggling companies may be forced to cut their dividends or release negative trading statements.

THINK LONG TERM. A recession is commonly defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth (as measured by gross domestic product or GDP). Six months is not long compared with the 20-plus years over which we plan for our retirements. If your portfolio meets your personal criteria and is well diversified, a recession should not cause you to change plans. Sometimes doing nothing can be the best course of action.



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REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

B.A.D.ASS Thursdays 7.00pm Ship or Village Hall

Phone Kate 07799617674 for info

Beavers/Cubs & Scouts Tuesdays 5.30 to 9.15pm

Monday 1.30pm Bingo

The Whyche

2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall **Bowls (Indoor)** Monday

British Legion (Men) 1st Wednesday Ship Inn 7.30pm

every 2 months

Wednesdays **Brownies** 5.30 to 7.00pm

Coach & Horses Field Car Boot Sale Sunday am

Thursday 10.00 to 12.00 **Coffee Morning**

Community Rooms

7.00pm **Community Plan** 3rd Wednesday

Coach & Horses of month

I ook for Methodist Church Hall **Community Connections**

Cafe announcements

Football Club 10.30 to 11.30am Junior Training Saturdays

Sessions

Girl Guides Wednesday 6.45 to 8.30pm **Keep Fit**

Tuesdays 6.30 to 7.30pm

Village Hall

Lighthouse Club (Secondary Fridays 6.00 to 7.00pm

School Children) via Zoom Market & Car Boot Sale

From 6.30am Sunday Coach & Horses

2nd Tuesday of **Methodist Lending Library** 2.00 to 3.30pm

each month

Alternate Mondays - see Parish Office page **Mobile Library**

for details

3rd Tuesday **Night Owls Book Club**

of each month

Tuesdays **Rainbows** 5.30 to 6.30pm Saturday Community Hall Saturday Market

9.30 to Noon

14 Mar, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 14 November, December t.b.a

YPF Children's Club Fridays 6.00 to 7.00pm

Via Zoom

Youth Club **Every Monday** Village Hall

BYGONES

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

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

BILLINGHAY SHOPS ETC. IN THE FORTIES AND EARLY FIFTIES.

HIGH STREET (From the Bridge end)

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

MARJORIE POPPLE - Ladies Hairdresser

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

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

C. GRIMES -- Boot and shoe repairs.

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

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

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

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

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

W. CLARKE -- Builder and Funeral Director.

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

W. TWELLS -- Blacksmith.

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

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

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

ERIC WILSON-- Farm Trailer Maker and Funeral Director.

F. CHAPMAN --Blacksmith.

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

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

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL.

WALCOTT ROAD

W. ATKIN -- Tea and Fertiliser Salesman.

J. BEAULAH -- Vehicle Repairs and Petrol.

C. BARTON -- Ice Cream Maker.

R. RAVELL -- Miller.

W. FLINTHAM --Potato Merchant.

VICTORIA STREET

MIDLAND BANK --Later Library, Hairdressers

H. ASHBY - Butcher -- Later Tea Room

W. BARFIELD - Draper -- Later Millhouse

EVELYN WELLS - Ladies Hairdresser

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

TRUSTEES SAVINGS BANK

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

E. BROUGHTON - Watch and Clock Repairs.

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

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

WESLEYAN CHAPEL

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

LLOYDS BANK.

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

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

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

VICTORIA STREET (Continud)

CREASEY - Coal Merchant.

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

A. HARROD - Barber and Newsagent.

W A. SOUTH - Straw Merchants and Hauliers.

WEST STREET

F. UNDERWOOD -- Firewood Dealer

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

W. A. SOUTH -- Miller.

J. SARJANSON -- Chimney Sweep.

BOB KEY-- Fish and Chip Shop

MILL INN PUBLIC HOUSE

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

C. LOCKEY-- Beet Haulage.

QUEEN STREET

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

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

F. HOLLINS-- Tailor -Later Pet Shop.

W WILSON - Taxis and Pig Haulage.

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

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

CHURCH STREET

G. CHAMBERLAIN - Threshing Contractor.

GOLDEN CROSS PUBLIC HOUSE

F. DICKINSON - Cobbler

H. BURROWS - Coal merchant.

BAPTIST CHAPEL

INFANTS AND GIRLS SCHOOL

B. TOMLINSON - Potato Merchant

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

CO-OP STORE.

BRIDGE STREET

BUTCHERS ARMS PUBLIC HOUSE

F. BARTON - Hay and Straw Merchant

KING STREET

F. NEWCOMBE -Fish and Chip Shop.

A. MERILION - Straw Merchant and Haulage.

A. PALMER -- Straw Merchant.

SKIRTH ROAD

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

L. RUSSELL - Greengrocer.

FEN ROAD

T. ROBINSON - Haulage Contractor

R. FLATTERS - Plumber

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

BYGONES

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PHOTOS AND NEWS OF BILLINGHAY IN DAYS GONE BY AND WE HAVE JUST BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE TO SIFT THROUGH A BOX OF MEMORABILIA CONTAINING PHOTOS AND NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS RELATED TO BILLINGHAY AND OLD RESIDENTS. THE ITEMS WERE MAINLY OF A SPORTING NATURE BUT INCLUDE FAMILIAR NAMES TO THE VILLAGE.

FIRSTLY, HERE IS A PHOTO OF A CUP-WINNING BILLINGHAY FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1958:



AND NOW A SUCCESSFUL 1996/97 TEAM:



AND FINALLY A COMPLETE CHANGE FROM THE MALE SPORT DOMINATED PHOTOS, SET OUT BELOW IS ONE OF LADIES OF THE VILLAGE. DO YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE CELEBRATING?





QUIZ

Answers to the quiz in the last issue.

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2 Which country produces Zelta beer? LATVIA Tepache is a Mexican drink made of the fermented rinds of which fruit? 3 **PINEAPPLE** Shinshu, Koshu and Genshu are all types of which alcoholic drink? SAKE 4 What is the minimum alcohol content of wine according to EU law? 7% 5 Belgian monks at places like Chimay and Orval brew beers given which name? 6 TRAPPIST Which spirit is used to make a Lemon Drop cocktail? VODKA 7 8 What type of fruit traditionally does a bartender use to garnish a Manhattan?

Which was the earliest civilization to brew beer? EGYPTIANS

- 9 What type of drink is Armagnac Dry? BRANDY
- 10 Chablis is made with which grape variety? CHARDONNAY
- 11 The town of Golden in Colorado is home to which American beer? COORS
- 12 Frangelico is a liqueur flavoured with what? HAZELNUTS
- 13 Laphroaig whisky is made on which Scottish island? ISLAY
- 14 J and B is a very popular Scotch whisky in America what does J and B stand for?

 JUSTERINI AND BROOKS
- 15 In which town are the brewers Timothy Taylor based? KEIGHLEY
- 16 Which English bottled beer is known as Dog to the locals? NEWCASTLE BROWN
- 17 In what month does Beaujolais Nouveau come on sale? NOVEMBER
- 18 What are the barrels made from that are used to age Spanish Rioja? OAK
- 19 What does OBJ stand for in the beer Brakspear OBJ? OH BE JOYFUL
- 20 What was the first brand of sour mash whiskey made in the USA? OLD CROW

THE LATEST QUIZ

This quiz relates to film titles - can you supply the missing creature(s) in the titles below:

1	The AACLA
	The Wild
2.	The that roared
3.	Pink
4.	Carry On Follow that
5.	Lone McQuade
6.	One-trick
7.	The Green
8.	Sabu the Boy
9	Of and men

10. Kiss of the woman

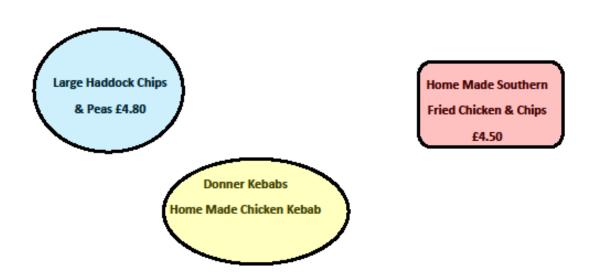
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