

# The Billinghay Times & Advertiser



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## Billinghay Parish Council

We would like to wish a Merry Christmas to all our residents. It is to be hoped that despite the Covid-19 measures that are or may be in place that families and friends will be able to share an enjoyable Christmas in the traditional way. Although communal gatherings are not permitted, Christmas should still be a special time especially for the children (including the big ones known as adults!)

We are sure that a lot of Christmas will be spent using new toys and gadgets but should the children be at a loss for something to do, we have included two colouring posters in the newsletter. One is for 9 year olds and older and the other for the younger children. We are offering be a small prize for each age group.

Entries should be posted in the Parish Council letter box at Ringmoor House and they will be judged at the year end.

For the older residents, we have included a recipe for mulled wine for you to make and enjoy.



## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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



## **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

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

## **BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM**

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

**Clerk:** Carol Willingham

**Parish Councillors:** Andy Catlett, Antony Bell, Terry Waters, Frankie Harvey & Alice Walters

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

**County Council Member:** Barry Young

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

**Editor:** Billingham Parish Council

### **Hello from Billingham Parish Council**

Dear Residents

Billingham Parish Council hopes everyone remains fit and well.

November is the time of year when the Council holds its annual finance meeting to consider projects and ideas for the next financial year and to approve budgets. If you have any ideas for the village this is the perfect time to let the Council know!

At the finance meeting on 16 November, the Council will decide the funding awards for 2020 for village groups, clubs and societies. This year, for the first time, the Council hopes to support groups in becoming more sustainable with a view to maintaining what is already in place, as well as focusing on providing something new.

The Council welcomes Cllr Terry Waters as the newest member of the team following his co-option on Monday 5 October 2020. There are still four vacancies on the Parish Council, so if you are interested in becoming a councillor, please do get in touch with the Clerk for further information and the eligibility criteria. If you are aged over 18, have lived in Billingham for over 12 months, and are on the electoral roll then you can apply.

Talks are taking place with the Conservation Officer at NKDC and local stone masons to agree the best way to repair the brick wall that separates the closed cemetery on Church Street from Old School Lane. As this is within the conservation area, special care must be taken not to detract from this area, or to harm the trees that line the path to the cemetery.

Remembrance Sunday parades and services may not be possible this year, but the Royal British Legion suggests ways in which individuals and families can commemorate and pay their respects to the fallen, including:

- Hold a small Remembrance Service in your garden
- Create a Remembrance space in your garden, planting plants that have a connection to Remembrance
- Write letters of Remembrance to veterans or serving personnel
- Create your own Remembrance artwork to display in a window

Looking ahead to Christmas, the tree will again take pride of place in the Market Place and although the tree lighting ceremony will not take place, the Council is considering other ways to ensure the village is imbued with festive cheer. Please look out for posters on the noticeboards and social media.

The Community Speed Watch scheme is active and will have been running for a full year soon. We hope to be able to provide statistics from the scheme in the next issue. New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact the Clerk to find out more.

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 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.15am and 3.00pm, or by email on [billinghaypc@gmail.com](mailto:billinghaypc@gmail.com)**

Information on parish matters, local news and Covid-19 updates can be found on the Parish Council Facebook page: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Billinghay-Parish-Council-685279794963740/>

Stay safe and stay well.

**Billingham Parish Council**



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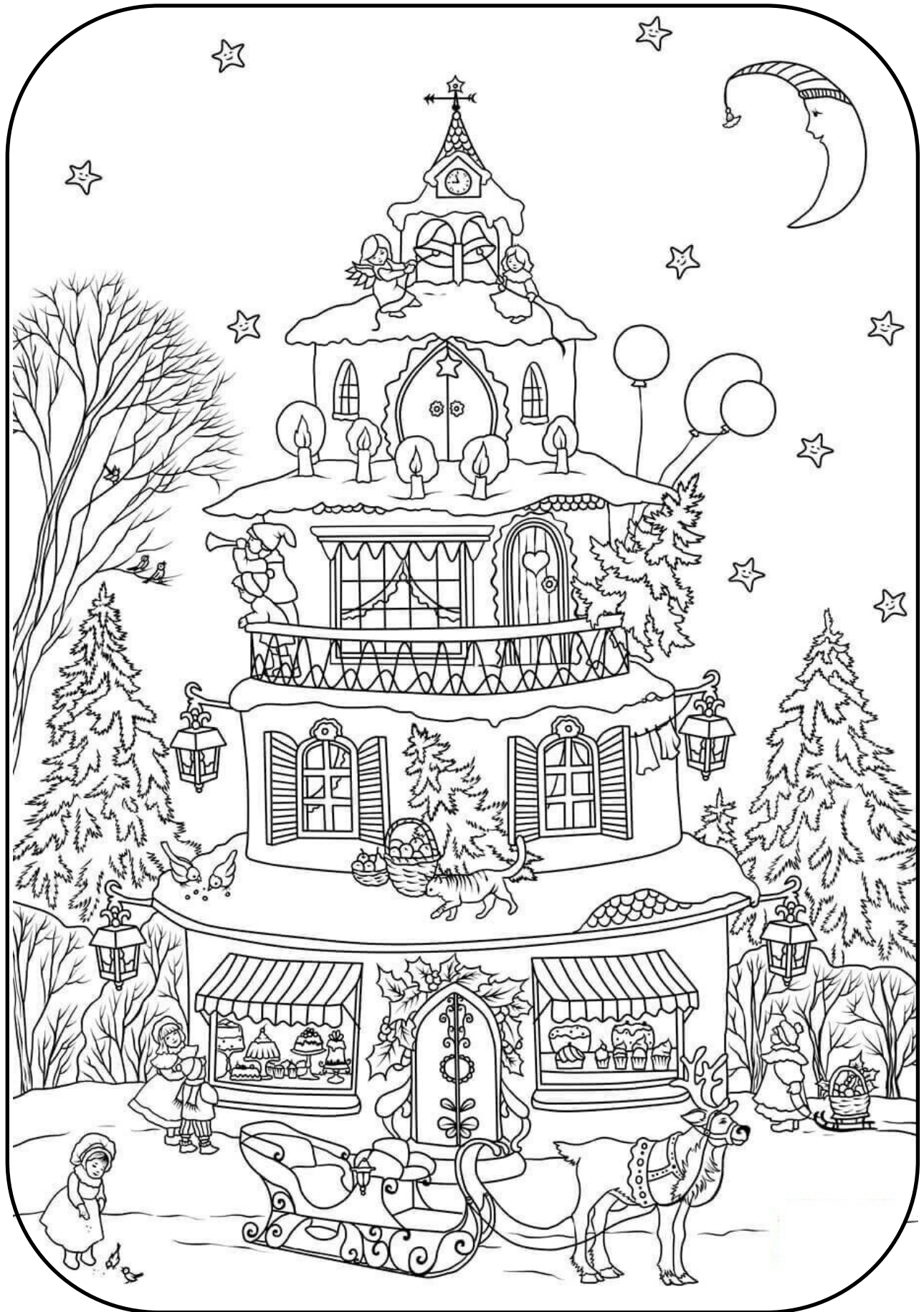
# MERRY CHRISTMAS



NAME:

AGE:

9 years old and over



NAME:

AGE:



The perfect drink for winter evenings at home. Mulled wine can enliven the cheapest “plonk” or vin ordinaire and make it something special.

This recipe is a basic one, but almost any spice of your choice may be added – cloves and anise are often used. Some mulled wine enthusiasts also recommend the addition of a little (you can decide the amount!) brandy gives the drink that much more kick.

### **Ingredients**

1 Bottle of dry red wine  
Juice and thinly pared rind of 1 lemon (or orange if you prefer)  
Half a teaspoon of nutmeg  
2-inch cinnamon stick  
3 tablespoons of sugar  
1 lemon (or orange), thinly sliced

### **Method**

Pour the wine into a medium sized saucepan and add the juice and rind of the lemon, the nutmeg, cinnamon stick and sugar.

Place the pan over moderately high heat and bring the mixture to the boil, stirring occasionally to dissolve the sugar.

Boil the mixture for two minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat and remove and discard the lemon rind and cinnamon stick.

Pour the wine mixture into a large jug and garnish with the lemon slices. Serve hot.

Of course, if you are too busy, you can buy a mulled wine kit and follow the instructions or even buy a ready made mulled wine that just needs heating.

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<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Closed</b>		
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>5.00pm to 10.00pm</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>6.00pm to 8.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday to</b>	<b>12.00 to 2.30pm</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>12.00 to 1.45pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5.00pm to 10.00pm</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>6.00pm to 8.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4.00pm to 10.00pm</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>6.00pm to 8.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12.00 to 10.00pm</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>12.00 to 2.45pm</b> <b>(Traditional Sunday Lunch)</b>

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PCSO 2236 Nic Woolerton - 07973842786  
PCSO 2019 Colin Ironmonger - 07973845622

[sleafordruralnorth.npt@lincs.pnn.police](mailto:sleafordruralnorth.npt@lincs.pnn.police)

### FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

Come along and speak with one of the team about local issues or for help and advice.

**Postponed due to COVID-19**

Engagement dates will be updated when social distancing rules allow us to undertake the engagements again.

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Crime statistics for your neighbourhood are available at: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

A new app and website called Nextdoor is a great way of getting the latest relevant information for your area. Join at: [www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk)

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

#### Warrants:

Sleaford NPT has been involved in carrying out a number of warrants in the rural villages over the past few months.

Large cannabis grows were found at North Kyme and Billinghay.

Approximately 4000 plants were seized and 11 persons arrested as a result from both cannabis grows.

#### Speedwatch Groups:

A number of rural villages are now joining the Community Speed Watch (CSW) Scheme.

The CSW is a scheme to allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their communities. Sleaford rural NPT have been training up volunteers and carrying out speed checks in the villages. Some groups have had the NPT accompany them in the roadside sessions.

The schemes report the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speed is of concern. The scheme also allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood.

If your village is interested in joining the scheme please contact me on the number or email on this newsletter.

### OUR PRIORITIES THIS QUARTER- Winter 2020

Every three months, we listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Based on this, our priorities for the next quarter are:

#### 1. Harecoursing - Operation Galileo- Rural locations

If you think there is an issue we should be focusing on, please get in touch at one of our public engagement events or contact us by email or social media.



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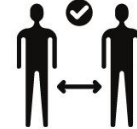
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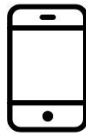
New continuous cough



Change in sense of smell or taste

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## Book a test via:



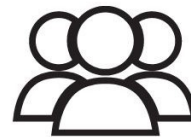
[www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119

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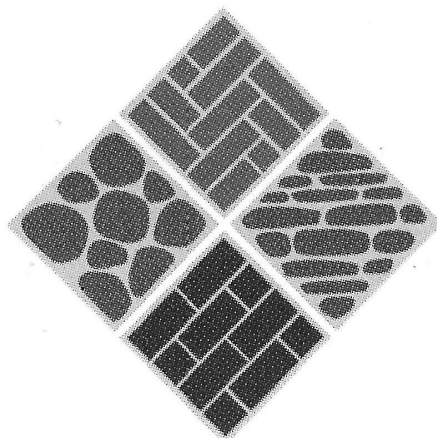
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# BILLINGHAY PARISH OFFICE NEWS



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@billinghampc.co.uk  
Address: Mrs C Willingham (Parish Clerk)  
Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billingham, Lincs

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**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

Full details of the dates for the Mobile Library visiting Billingham can be seen on Page 10. The dates will only be relevant when the service resumes. We hope to bring news on that in later issues.

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**BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE:**

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 Billingham Parish Council. If you notice any issues with the defibrillator, please contact the Parish Clerk. Access to the equipment is obtained by dialling 999 and you will then be given a code to open the case.

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**WALCOTT ROAD CEMETERY**

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

# Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

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

## April 2020 – March 2021

### Monday Route 2 & 4 (Rural North)

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

\*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

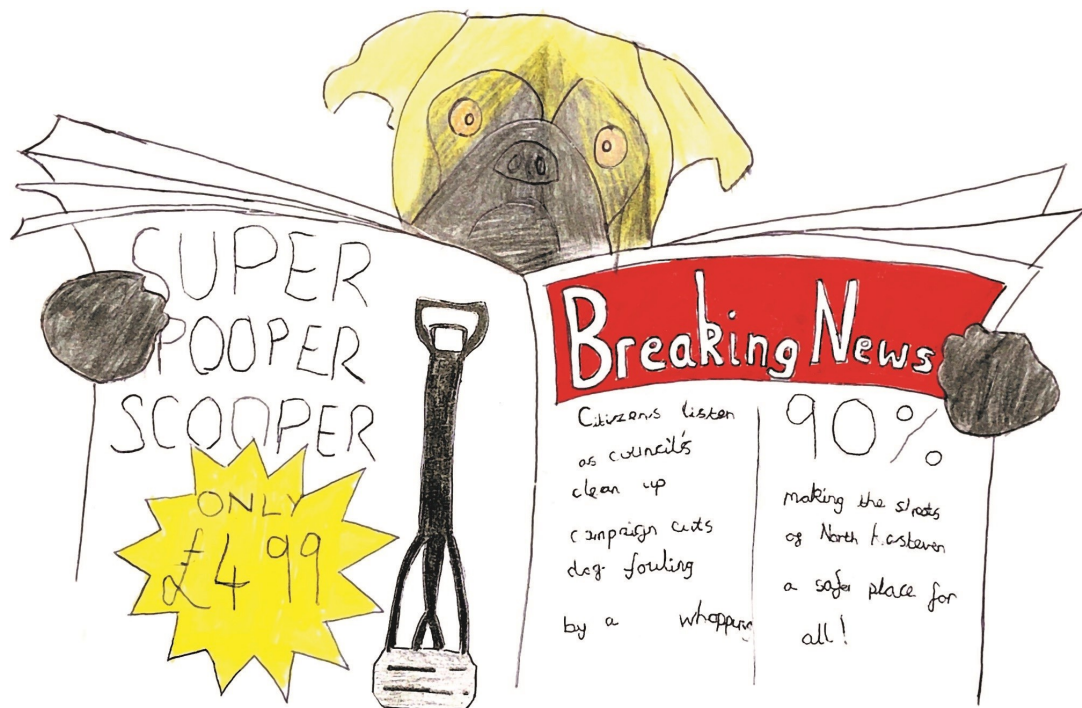
Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time.  
For the latest news on this route, enquiries or renewals please contact the  
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## BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

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

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#### **IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS**

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

#### **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS**

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

### DISPENSARY CHANGES

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

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

Please look at the website daily [www.billinghaymedicalpractice.co.uk](http://www.billinghaymedicalpractice.co.uk) if you have internet access, as new information is added regularly.



### Care Quality Commission (Annual Review)

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

### Veteran Friendly GP Practice Accreditation

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

### Our Mental Health

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

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

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SANE: 0300 304 7000. [www.sane.org.uk/support](http://www.sane.org.uk/support)

### Age UK

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

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## Activity Centre

### Timetable



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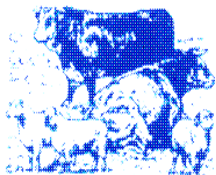
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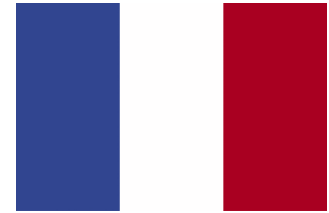


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The plans for future trips are, of course, dependent on the situation both here and in France. The current position is that our next visit is now planned for 28 May to the 2 June 2021.

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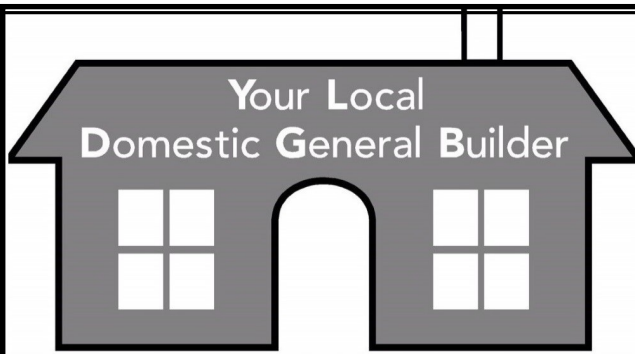
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<b>Beavers/Cubs/Scouts</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> 5.30-9.15pm Scout Hut Roger Miller 860539
<b>Bethel Baptist Chapel</b>	<b>Sundays</b> 10.30am & 6pm <b>Tuesdays</b> 7pm Pastor James Mansfield 861439
<b>Billinghay CEP School</b>	Breakfast Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall
<b>Billinghay Tuesday Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Tuesday</b> of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106
<b>Bowls Club</b>	Indoor Bowls start September every Monday
<b>British Legion</b>	Contact Dawn Studd, Branch Secretary for details of membership and meetings on 01526 268671
<b>Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup> Billingham)</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324
<b>Children's Centre</b>	Fen Road 9am to 5pm <b>Monday to Friday</b> 869248 or 869271
<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b> of month 10-12 Baptist Chapel, Ann Hall 01205 365689
<b>Community Rooms</b>	<b>Bookings</b> Jayne Pannell 01526 861382
<b>Daisy Chain</b>	Pre-school <b>Mon-Fri</b> 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281
<b>Darby &amp; Joan</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732
<b>Girl Guides</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
<b>Lighthouse Youth Club</b>	<b>Now meeting via Zoom - every Friday at 6.00 to 7.00pm</b> Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
<b>Line Dancing</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall
<b>Methodist Church</b>	<b>Bookings</b> Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £15 for 3 hours
<b>Methodist Church</b>	<b>Sundays</b> 10am Val 860614,
<b>Night Owls Book Club</b>	<b>4th Tuesday of month</b> Kylie Cozens
<b>Past Times</b>	History Group The Ship Inn as advertised Lou Hird 869086
<b>Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Karen 01526 860715 Mobile 07812207929
<b>Scout Group</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Billingham Roger Miller (Scout Leader) 860539
<b>St Michael's and All Angels Church</b>	<b>1st/2nd Sundays</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer <b>3rd Sunday</b> 9.30am Communion <b>4th Sunday</b> 11.00am Said Communion <b>5th Sunday</b> 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
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<b>Tuesday Club</b>	First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms
<b>Twinning Association</b>	<b>Chairman</b> John Toulson 01526 860262 <b>Secretary</b> Megan Clark (meganclark@hotmail.co.uk) <b>Website</b> www.bdta.eu.
<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Bookings</b> June Davies 861652
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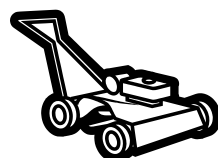
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## THANK YOU

I would like to say a very special thank you to **Kim Secker and all her machinists especially Christine Marshall**, for all the scrubs they have made up for the Lincolnshire Hospitals during this coronavirus epidemic. They must have made hundreds since the start of lockdown.

Also many thanks to everyone who has donated materials, sheets, thread etc. it is very much appreciated.

Kim worked endlessly morning until late into the night, cutting out and sewing. The hospitals were desperate at the beginning of the coronavirus. The work is still going on but at a more steady pace.

I know she enjoyed making them.

I am very proud of what she's achieved over the last six months.

**Proud Mum**  
**Shirley**

**The current National crisis has certainly not deterred our Skirth Road resident. This month he offers his views on Covid-19!**

*It is a while ago now that it became apparent that coronavirus was a very serious matter and it was certainly capable of spreading widely with great speed. I have heard it said that nothing travels faster than a virus. I am not going to dispute that statement but panic and hysteria must run it pretty close. I remember in the 1970s that a newspaper put out a scaremongering story that there was likely to be a shortage of sugar in the shops. They were proved to be right when a few weeks later there was hardly any sugar in the shops. There was however plenty of sugar in peoples' kitchens and pantries as huge numbers had been rushing out at every opportunity to buy as much sugar as they could and producers struggled to cope with increased demand*

*We saw a similar occurrence earlier this year as people lost all rationality and stripped the shelves of all essential and basic foods stocking up with many time as much as was sensible and ensuring there was nothing there for some key workers when they went to do their shopping at the end of the working day. Diarrhoea was not a symptom of the coronavirus and it seemed to me to be very unfortunate timing that the global pandemics should coincide with the biggest diarrhoea epidemic that the UK has ever known. As I watched the news every night and visited supermarkets and noted that everybody else was leaving the store with at least one 24 pack of toilet rolls I wondered how the sewage system would cope. Maybe all workers who were furloughed as their businesses downsized or closed would be called upon to man the country's sewage plants to try to deal with this mountain of waste material that was going to be generated. It turned out that they were not. Profiteers popped their heads above the parapet as in demand goods like*

soap and hand sanitizer rocketed in price as we all followed government advice to wash our hands frequently. I began to think that my atheistic tendencies may not be right as I wondered if there was a superior being who knew the virus was coming and had the foresight to send us three months of constant rain in late 2019 to ensure that the reservoirs were full and there was no shortage of water as we all incessantly washed our hands.

Hysteria was to reach new heights just after the 12<sup>th</sup> April. On this day a government adviser called Dominic Cummings drove 30 miles in his car in a round trip to Barnard Castle seemingly breaking lockdown rules and then claimed that he drove 30 miles to test his eyesight. That seemed to me to be a rather feeble excuse but it was matched later in the summer when out walking I met and chatted to a lady who told me that her local church organist had broken the singing guidelines and held a choir practice in the village church because she wanted to see if the organ worked.

Mr Cummings' trip dominated all of our media and no journalist seemed to be able to talk about anything else and government briefings were dominated by journalists repeatedly asking questions about Mr Cummings. I began to pine for the days when Brexit was always the topic. Durham police investigated and concluded that there had possibly been a minor breach of the law but not enough to pursue any action. I will say that that was my view of the incident but it did not satisfy our media

A BBC presenter began Newsnight by saying that the public were outraged and would all break the lockdown rules. This struck me as preposterous. I was following guidelines because I did not want to die from coronavirus and did not want anyone else to either and saw no reason to change that approach because a government adviser had driven to Barnard Castle. However this hysteria was to spread to the public as many people I knew and considered to be sensible demanded terrible consequences for Dominic Cummings and said that everybody would break the rules. However when I asked what difference it would make to how they personally would behave in the future with regard to the lockdown every one of them said that it would make no difference at all.

"Is there one law for politicians and one for the rest?" chimed the media who congregated morning after morning outside Dominic Cummings' house ignoring social distancing completely. A more pertinent question in my mind should be "Is there one law for the media and one for the rest?". If the lady I spoke to on my walk had gathered together forty or fifty of her friends to camp outside her local organist's property for a week and harass her about her choir practice every time she came out of the house I would be prepared to wager that they would be arrested for such harassment. That organist should be eternally grateful that her indiscretion was not reported and printed in the newspapers.

And finally a general thank you to everyone in the village

Throughout the imposition of the Covid-19 restrictions, we have been amazed by the willingness of Billingham residents to help one another. Everyone you pass seems to enquire as to your well being and ask if any help is needed. Any shopping needs and other assistance have been readily addressed.

Thank you to everyone in the village for their kindness and, particularly, our neighbours Steve and Clare without whose help with shopping, we would have been several pounds lighter in weight !

**Lou & Chris Hird**

This has been quite a difficult term in many ways. We have managed to run a few meetings for the Scout Troop, but we are limited to outdoors only and we all must maintain 2m social distancing. We have however managed to design and build a crazy 'golf' course where the Scouts used hockey sticks and small footballs to negotiate the holes. We have also had an evening of fire lighting where we managed to cook some sausages over an open fire and followed up with doughnuts for dessert.



As we move further into the winter months we will have to re-evaluate how and when we run our meetings, but we will do our best to continue to provide some scouting opportunities.

Sadly, the Beavers and Cubs have still not restarted as we do not have enough adult volunteers to continue with these sections.

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.



# B.A.D.A.S.S



## Dealing with COVID Restrictions

It is now October (at the time of writing) and normally we would be well on our way with rehearsals for our Panto production next February. Indeed, we have been working hard to make this happen but this year we have definitely been working with one hand tied behind our back. Yes, you guessed it in one – it is the dreaded COVID -19 and the restrictions placed upon us to stop the spread of the virus. Our small group in BADASS covers a wide range of ages from children to pensioners so we had to recognise and take into account all of our needs and vulnerabilities before we could go ahead with rehearsals.

We started our plans for the new Panto back in July when it looked like the government restrictions may soon be lifted and life would return to normal. However, after a very short respite in early August, it soon became apparent that life was not getting any easier; but we did not surrender. First, we had to study a raft of documents in order to understand exactly what it all meant to us and to our objectives. Fortunately, there is a specific government document that deals with the Performing arts and the measures we need to take. Unfortunately, there are masses of other documents, press releases and commentaries that do little but make the situation more confusing. An important lesson we learned was to work only from the original government documents and be very careful to use the ones that apply to our endeavours.



Our target was to provide a working environment that is “COVID Secure” so that we could rehearse and prepare for the Panto without compromising anyone’s health and safety. At first, we appointed a COVID Working Group and we carried out a detailed Risk Assessment to cover our activities and our use of the Village Hall. Having identified the possible risks and the means to address them, we produced our COVID Protocol. The protocol simply describes the things we need to do before, during and after our rehearsals to keep everyone safe. We then decided to appoint a Health and Safety Representative, and Rose Brown bravely stepped up to volunteer for this difficult task. Rose’s job is to act as the voice of the members whenever safety is a concern. We also decided to transform our COVID Working Group into a Safety Group with the remit to consider all welfare, health and safety risks that may affect our members, our supporting staffs and our audiences. Finally, we applied for and received our very own NHS COVID-19 QR Code for use with the NHS Track and Trace app and which allows our members to book into rehearsals with just the click of a button on their mobile phones.



Well with all this going on you would think we didn't have time to rehearse but you would be wrong. Our Director (Roz) has been cracking the whip and organising rehearsals of our new Panto "Rapunzel" but under very strict control. Each rehearsal is planned so that only the minimum number of players need to attend. For the first hour, Roz deals with the youngsters, then they go home and the older players come in to finish off the night. Not only do we have to keep numbers down but Roz has the added headache of making sure that the players on the stage have sufficient space to move around for their performance whilst still maintaining 2 metre clearances from each other. Unlike our usual shows, this Panto will involve no physical contact, so no hugging and pushing, no fighting and pulling. (Oh yes there is !! Oh no there isn't !!. ) It is all very new to us but we are determined we will make it work for both us, our audiences and for the many local charities that we support. So stay tuned to this channel and we will let you know just how well things are going despite all that COVID can throw our way.



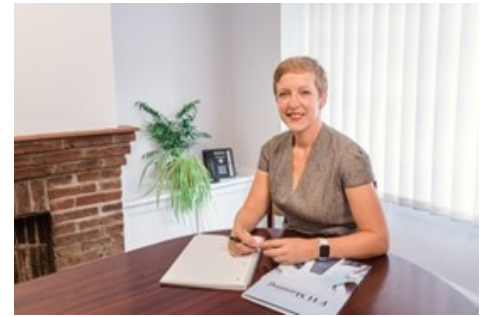
No one knows just how things will be next February. Will we be free of COVID or will we be in "Lockdown" once more? who knows. However, our members, our supporters and our audiences can all rest assured that we will be taking every precaution to ensure everyone's safety. This may mean that the numbers attending our performances will need to be reduced – so we will be offering more performance dates to make up for this. Or we may even need to move the show to later in the next year. All we know at this moment is that we will do everything in our power to keep us all safe and secure. With a little luck, we hope to see you all next year for our dazzling performance of Rapunzel, by Andrew O'Leary. So, until then – Stay safe.



## **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.**





I know that times are tough right now. With the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to tighten our belts. It has been a turbulent ride these past few months, and the cost of basic goods and services has gone through the roof. While you might be feeling added pressure to compensate for your losses, my advice is to slow down and make wise choices. Acting hastily opens you up to potential scams and poor advice.

Recently there has been an **onslaught of financial scams** sweeping the country. Some of the more common scams include AI investment opportunities and Bitcoin scams. AI investment scams use technology to mimic real-life people in order to convince them to move money from secure accounts into fake opportunities that promise unrealistic yields. Some bitcoin scams, on the other hand, are using COVID-19 to hoax people.

Not every scam is predicated on purely fraudulent behaviour, however. Some issues emerge as a result of poor financial advice on the part of unqualified, and unregulated financial planners. These situations are of greater concern than any outright scam as the role of a regulated financial adviser is that of fostering trust. In the case of pension holders, a number of non-regulated advisers directed clients to transfer their defined benefit pensions, which serve as a steady and reliable stream of income, into high-risk foreign investments without adequately disclosing the level of risk. Too often this results in a devastating loss to the pension holder due to poor 'advice'.

It's one thing to fall for a random, anonymous scam. It's another thing to lose money based on poor advice. That's why it's important to seek out an adviser who is regulated. The vast majority of professional people working in the Financial Services sector conduct their business to an exceptionally high moral code and their main goal is to help as many people as possible have financial freedom to live the life they deserve.



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



## BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the time of writing we have just started another school year and what a different start to the year it has been. Thank you to all our parents for their support in what are unprecedented times.

Our pupils will take part in a non-curriculum week in school entitled Lincolnshire Week. Miss Hall has organised for a shire horse and tractor to visit school. Unfortunately we will not be able to visit the Lincolnshire Showground, as we did last year, to celebrate all that is great about Lincolnshire but we will be carrying out lots of fun activities in school around this theme. We have not been able to invite parents and other professionals into school to talk about the jobs that they do but a big thank you to the parents who have offered to video themselves talking about their work and sending these into school.

As a whole school we took part in World Rainbow Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. World Rainbow Day, originally created by 10 year old Tilly Hatfield Edgar from Lincolnshire, is a day led by children to encourage everyone to wear colourful clothing, in rainbow shades, worn as a tribute to our incredible key workers and the many other wonderful people within our communities, who have joined forces to help during this truly heart-breaking and unprecedented time. It will also act as a symbol to show our love to the many families that have sadly lost loved ones to Covid-19. Our pupils took part in activities to celebrate key workers and also donated £1 to a special charity initiative called 'Design Havens for Heroes' which has been set up to show our gratitude to some of our amazing key workers in the NHS, who have been on the very front line over the last few months.

We are about to start the Embrace programme for primary schools in Lincolnshire to discuss race and ethnicity and have celebrated the lives of famous British people in Black History Month across school.

Our annual Harvest Festival Service will unfortunately, in the current times, not be taking place at St Michael's Church this year. We will have a service within school connecting each class via Microsoft Teams.

We yet again achieved the School Games Mark Gold Award last year and have already made a strong start to the year in terms of achieving the award for 2020-21. All of the events are virtual this year which has taken some getting used to.

The admissions process for pupils into Reception for September 2021, coordinated by Lincolnshire County Council School Admissions, opens on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Unfortunately we will not be able to hold an open day this year due to the current Covid 19 situation. If you are interested in a school place, have any questions or wish to view the school then please contact school on 01526 860786 or email [lynne.rowitt@billingham.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:lynne.rowitt@billingham.lincs.sch.uk) or [Lindsay.stephenson@billingham.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Lindsay.stephenson@billingham.lincs.sch.uk). We would be delighted to show you round school and our Reception staff will prepare a pack of information ready to send out to prospective parents.

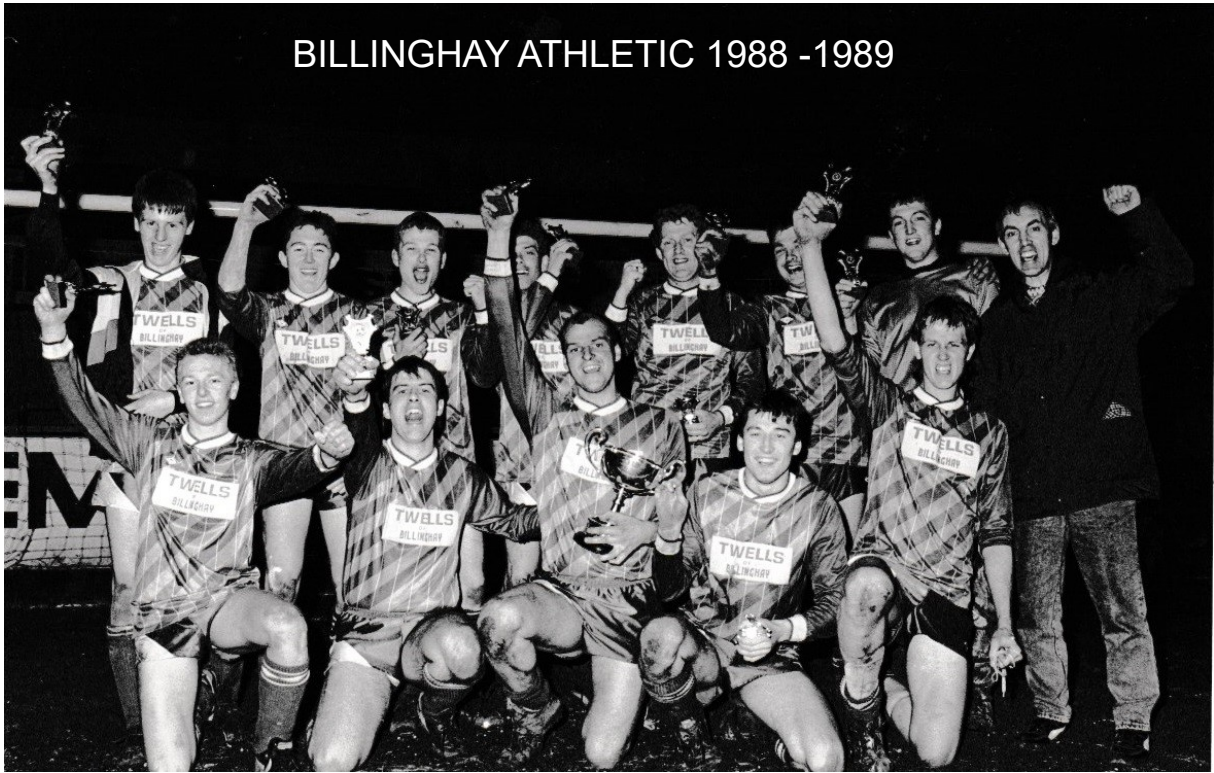
I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to building on our successes in these challenging times.

With best wishes,

**Mr R Allen, Headteacher.**

## BYGONES

APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE BUT WE HAVE RUN SHORT OF PHOTOGRAPHS FOR INCLUSION IN THIS SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER. WE HAVE, THEREFORE, HAD TO INCLUDE FURTHER ONES OF A SPORTING NATURE AND THOSE OLDER RESIDENTS WITH GOOD MEMORIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNISE A LOT OF THE PEOPLE.



## BYGONES

THE PHOTO BELOW CAUSED A LOT OF INTEREST AND A FEW ARGUMENTS WHEN PEOPLE TRIED TO IDENTIFY THE LADIES.

SOME IDEAS ARE SHOWN BELOW - CAN YOU CORRECT THESE AND SUPPLY ANY MISSING NAMES?



**BACK ROW:** SUE WALKER NEE BURRELL, ?, MARGE LAMMING,  
JACKY LUPTON, ? , JOSIE DIXON, KIM HOLMES NEE TONGE

**THIRD ROW:** ?, JACKIE WARD, ?HARROD, LORRAINE MUNKS,  
SUE SHAW NEE BOARDMAN, MAGGIE SOUTH, DORIS HUMAN

**SECOND ROW:** WENDY DALBY, JUNE WELLS, ?CURTIS, JOAN HARROD,  
LORRAINE WALKER, PAM LUPTON

**FRONT ROW:** PAT CULLEN NEE CREASEY, JILL POLLEY, JEAN TONGE,  
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# YPF

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**6 - 7.30pm**

*Amazing Bible Stories*

*Craft*

*Quizzes*

**YPF is now meeting on Zoom  
every Friday from 6 - 7pm. We  
hopefully will have a similar  
arrangement for Light House  
soon.**

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## THE LATEST QUIZ



This quiz is for all fans of Countdown and consists of 10 conundrums. Can you find the nine letter words from the sets of letters?

- |     |           |       |
|-----|-----------|-------|
| 1.  | GONESMITH | ..... |
| 2.  | SATYRMONO | ..... |
| 3.  | FAREDROOP | ..... |
| 4.  | INEPTRANG | ..... |
| 5.  | CINCHYEAR | ..... |
| 6.  | INEPTFULL | ..... |
| 7.  | SKIMDEBAR | ..... |
| 8.  | COINUPPER | ..... |
| 9.  | PERILCAFE | ..... |
| 10. | EACHSKIRT | ..... |

### Answers to last issue's quiz

- |                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Geese                  | 2. Mouse    |
| 3. Flamingos (or Panther) | 4. Camel    |
| 5. Wolf                   | 6. Pony     |
| 7. Cockatoo               | 8. Elephant |
| 9. Mice                   | 10. Spider  |



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