

# The Billingham Times & Advertiser



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## Billingham Parish Council

We would like to wish a Merry Christmas to all our residents. It is to be hoped that the success of the vaccination program will mean that families and friends will be able to share an enjoyable Christmas in the traditional way.

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 or scanned and sent to [billinghampc@gmail.com](mailto:billinghampc@gmail.com) and they will be judged at the year end.

For the older residents, we have included a recipe for Christmas Punch (Page 42) 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**

**The Parish Office will be open on Thursdays from 9.15am to 3.00pm subject to:**

- **Face masks being worn in the Office**
- **Only one person or family allowed in the office at any one time**
- **Social distancing rules being observed**

**Mondays and Tuesdays, Office staff will still be working from home.**

Contact details are shown on the front page of this Newsletter

## **BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM**

**Chairman:** Kathryn Locke **Vice Chairman:** Andy Catlett

**Clerk:** Carol Willingham

**Parish Councillors:** Les Ball, Frankie Harvey & Alice Walters

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

**County Council Member:** Andrew Key

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

**Editor:** Billingham Parish Council

**Website:** <https://billingham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>



**Billingham Parish Council**

## **MESSAGE FROM BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL**

Hello and welcome to the November / December newsletter. Does anyone else think this year has flown by?

As we enter the final months of the year, there is much to look forward to, including the Living Advent Calendar, the Christmas Tree blessing with festive rolls and mulled cider in The Ship (thank you to Lee and Inga who do so much for our community), and the gradual return of the groups and clubs to face to face meetings.

Details of the festive arrangements and the village clubs and groups can be found on pages below and page 25. If you are an organiser and spot the details are incorrect, please let Lou know in the Parish Office so these can be updated.

Billingham Parish Council would like to welcome Cllr Les Ball to its team. Les was co-opted at the September meeting. Many of you will know Les as the founder and organiser of the

Billingham in Bloom competitions and from his time on the Village Hall Committee.

The Council is still short of 7 councillors which restricts the good things that we can do. If you would like to champion our community, represent our residents and make a positive difference then BCP would love to hear from you. The eligibility criteria and more about this rewarding role can be found on pages 4 and 5.

Council hopes you enjoy this edition of the Billingham Times (which can also be found online in colour via our website). If you have any ideas for what you would like to see in the newsletter, please do let us know.,

Finally, we wish you a Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Merry New Year.

Best wishes

**Billingham Parish Council**

## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

### **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:**



This year the tree lighting ceremony with carols and festive songs around the tree takes place on Wednesday 1st December at 6.30pm on the Market Place. This will be followed by Mulled cider / tea / coffee and a festive bap at The Ship. This is a **FREE** event and everyone is welcome, but to help with catering, tickets will be issued, so please let the Parish Clerk ([billinghamypc@gmail.com](mailto:billinghamypc@gmail.com)) know if you wish to attend.

### **Living Advent Calendar:**



Taking place between 1 & 24 December, this requires 24 residents, business owners or venue committees, to agree to decorate one (or more) windows on their property. Each evening at 6.30pm a new decorated window will be revealed until a trail of 24 advent windows wind through the village for all to enjoy. A prize will be awarded for the “People’s Favourite” window. For inspiration, there are several examples on Pinterest (search “Living Advent or Advent Windows”).

If you would like to take part (or require further information on either activity) please email the Clerk on: [billinghamypc@gmail.com](mailto:billinghamypc@gmail.com)

## BILLINGHAY NEEDS MORE COUNCILLORS

If you care about our community, wish to make a positive difference, or would like to represent our residents, Billingham Parish Council would love to hear from you!

### What is a Parish Council?

Created by the Local Government Act 1894, a parish council is a democratically elected corporate body, the grass-root level of government, responsible for representing its electorate and delivering local services to improve the quality of life and wellbeing within its community. Billingham Parish Council consists of 11 councillors, employs 3 members of staff, and is responsible for a cemetery and closed churchyard and closed graveyard, 60 acres (approx.) of farming allotments and a Pinfold.

### Who are Parish Councillors?

Parish Councillors are community champions, who give up their time to represent their community and improve the lives of those in their area.

### What do Parish Councillors do?

As part of the council, councillors:

- 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
- consult to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents
- work to bring about improvements through local projects
- lobby other service providers and work in partnership with other parishes and agencies
- and, most importantly, work with the community and residents the Council serves.

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

### Who can stand for co-option as a Parish Councillor?

- Anyone aged 18 years or over,
- Is a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union **and**,
- Meets at least one of the four qualifications below

### Other qualifications required for standing for election as a Parish Councillor

As well as meeting the criteria above, to be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election in England or a community council election in Wales: -

(a) You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/ community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards;

(b) You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/ community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election;

(c) Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area;

(d) You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Councillors are expected to comply with Code of Conduct, the 7 (Nolan) Principles for Life in Public Office, which includes openness, honesty, integrity, selflessness, objectivity, and leadership, and Council Policies, such as the social media policy.

### **What will I gain from being a Councillor?**

Satisfaction of making a difference in your local community. Councillors have the opportunity to develop a range of skills including: PR, marketing, project managing, IT, analytical, and fundraising skills, and will build a strong networking with a wide range of individuals and groups

### ***Did you know that you can nominate yourself for co-option?***

#### **Meetings**

Billingham Parish Council usually holds 12 ordinary meetings a year to which you are summoned to attend. Meetings usually last two hours - but this can vary. In addition to this, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is held annually in May, a Finance Meeting is held in November, and the Chairman hosts and Annual Parish Meeting.

The Council has several committees to research in detail, policies, planning, finances, environmental and recreational matters, staffing matters, and make recommendations to the full Council. Council and committee meetings are held face to face, unless legislation from government allows otherwise (for example, during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns).

The Council may organise other events throughout the year, most notably the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the first Wednesday in December.

#### **Length of service**

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post, they can stand for re-election. The next election is in May 2023. This does not mean that you must stay in post for four years; if you find being a councillor is not for you, or you can no longer meet the commitment, then you can stand down.

If you would like to find out more about this exciting and rewarding role, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk, Mrs Carol Willingham, on **07483 346143**

## FIX MY STREET



**Fed up with problems such as potholes, broken paving slabs, street lighting and overgrown hedges?**

If everyone who is affected also reported the problem direct to Lincolnshire County Council, the seriousness of the problem would be emphasised. The identity of the person reporting the problem can remain anonymous unless they choose to show their name.

Residents without computer access can still report problems via the Parish Council who will pass on details to Lincolnshire County Council. We will continue to do this but we can only register the complaint once. Numerous residents reporting the same problem will have a greater impact on prioritising problems.

Therefore, we would recommend that you use the system provided by the County Council and report the problems directly to them using the Fix My Street system on the LCC website.

This is straightforward to use and can be accessed using:

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Carol and Andrew Sloan of Walcott Road, Billinghamay celebrated 20 years of marriage with a meal at The Plough Inn of North Kyme recently. The couple were married on the 22nd September, 2001 at RAF Coningsby Anglican Church, The Church Of The Holy Spirit.*



FOR CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF 8



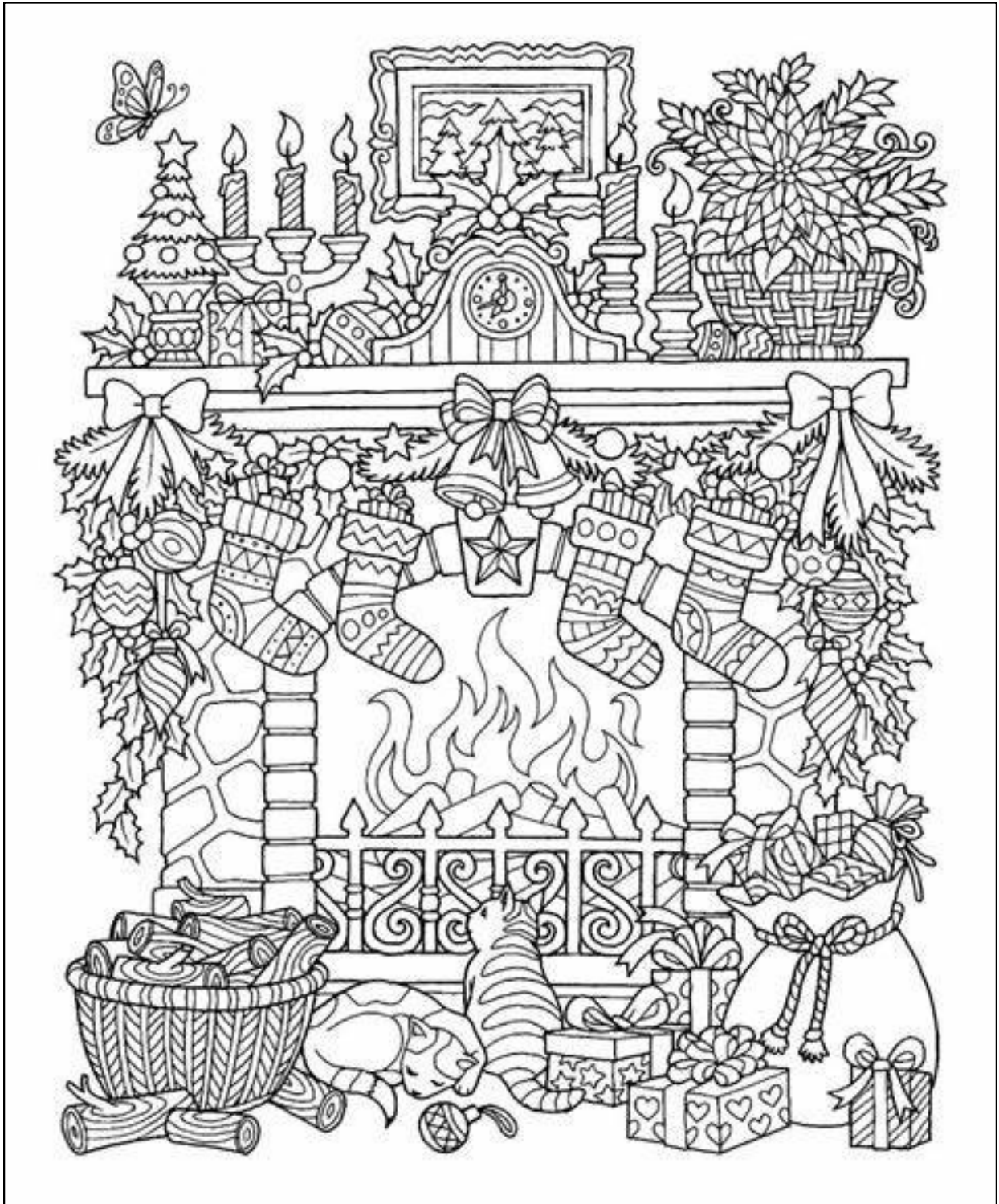
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Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

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

The latest statistics we have received relating to the activities of the Billingham Speedwatch Group are as below:

MONTH	TOTAL NO OF VEHICLES	NO OF OFFENDING VEHICLES	PERCENTAGE OF SPEEDING VEHICLES	FIRST LETTERS ISSUED	SECOND LETTERS ISSUED
Apr-21	3766	127	3.37%	13	1
May-21	3474	185	5.33%	12	0
Jun-21	1753	81	4.62%	11	0
Jul-21	1662	68	4.09%	4	1

The Speedwatch Group are struggling for members to go out. If you are concerned about speeding in the village why not contact the Parish Clerk and she will arrange for training - it only needs a few hours of your time.

Currently the Group are in discussions with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to see if they can operate on Fen Road as the Walcott Road closure has meant Fen Road has become an alternative route even though it is not a designated deviation.



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<i>Food served</i>	<i>12 - 2</i>	<i>5 - 8</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>3 - 11</i>	
<i>Food served</i>	<i>4 - 8</i>	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12 - 10:30</i>	
<i>Traditional Sunday lunch</i>	<i>12 - 3</i>	

*We look forward to Welcoming you!!*



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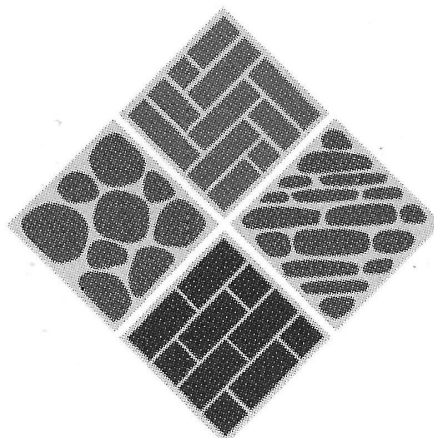
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# BILLINGHAY PARISH OFFICE NEWS



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@billinghaypc.co.uk  
Address: Mrs C Willingham (Parish Clerk)  
Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billinghay, Lincs  
LN4 4EY

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Parish Office remains closed with staff working from home although the monthly meetings are currently being held in the Village Hall. 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 meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the Council.

## **PLANNING**

### **New or Amended Applications**

**21/1131/FUL** Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of 2 storey dwelling with separate double garage

Location: 14 Walcott Road Billinghay Lincoln

Amendments : to include the removal of the detached garage to the front of the dwelling and the insertion of windows into the side elevation

**21/1553/FUL** Proposal: Change of use of paddock to dog exercise field

Location: Land To The South Of Gravel Hill Drove Billinghay Lincoln

**21/0162/FUL** Proposal: Erection of 1 no. dwelling on the site of an existing agricultural building which is to be demolished.

Location: Barn Off Sprite Lane Billinghay Lincoln

Revised boundary line

### **Approved**

**21/1237/HOUS** Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Location: Four Crossroads First Hurn Drove Billinghay

## **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.

# Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

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

## April 2021 – March 2022

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

April	May	June	July	August	September
12th 26th	10th 24th	7th 21st	5th 19th	2nd 16th	13th 27th
October	November	December	January	February	March
11th 25th	8th 22nd	6th	17th 31st	14th 28th	14th 28th

\*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

Please comply with Covid restrictions at all times



# LOCAL POLICE NEWS

## SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

### Top reported crimes in August 2021

◆	Anti-social behaviour	15
◆	Violence & Sexual Offences	16
◆	Criminal Damage & Arson	4
◆	Burglary	3

### Policing Priorities in the area

#### Priority

Speeding in rural villages has been highlighted from a resident poll

#### Action Taken:

Sleaford Neighbourhood Policing Team have been carrying out a number of speed checks in the rural villages of Sleaford. The team have on-going training with the use of the Unipar speed gun and issuing traffic offense reports.

PCSOs have the power to stop a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road and issue traffic offence reports under section 89 Road traffic regulations Act 1984.

PCSOs will be out at various times and days of the week carrying out speed checks and dealing with any offences.

The NPT are supporting community speed watch schemes and on occasions be present when they are carrying out their checks.

### Crime levels overview over the 12 months ending August 2021

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Sep 2020	80	10.2%
Oct 2020	80	10.3%
Nov 2020	66	8.5%
Dec 2020	54	7.0%
Jan 2021	62	8.0%
Feb 2021	53	6.9%
Mar 2021	96	12.4%
Apr 2021	53	10.1%
May 2021	54	7.0%
Jun 2021	42	5.4%
Jul 2021	60	7.8%
Aug 2021	48	5.4%



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

**G**roup

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

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



### Meetings in 2021

2 March

1 June

7 September

7 December

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

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

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



*Dr Leeper will not be working for the next few months (as a minimum) as he is waiting for Cardiac Surgery.  
He wanted to let his patients know (via the PPG) and thank everyone that has already sent him well wishes.  
We will be providing updates on his progress periodically if he is happy for us to do so.  
We all wish him a speedy recovery.*



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<b>Billinghay Tuesday Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Tuesday</b> of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106
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<b>British Legion</b>	Contact Dawn Studd, Branch Secretary for details of membership and meetings on 01526 268671
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<b>Children's Centre</b>	Fen Road 9am to 5pm <b>Monday to Friday</b> 869248 or 869271
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## WILL THE BILLINGHAY BOYS PLEASE STAY BEHIND

Mick Wright or "Wrighty" as he was known was a well known character in Billingham and served as a hard working Councillor for Billingham Parish Council.

Over a period of many years, Mick gave a lot of time to research the lives of Billingham people who served in both World Wars. It was a project that was very dear to him and provides an insight of interest to many local families. During this time he made trips to the battlefields to visit as many graves of the fallen as he could.

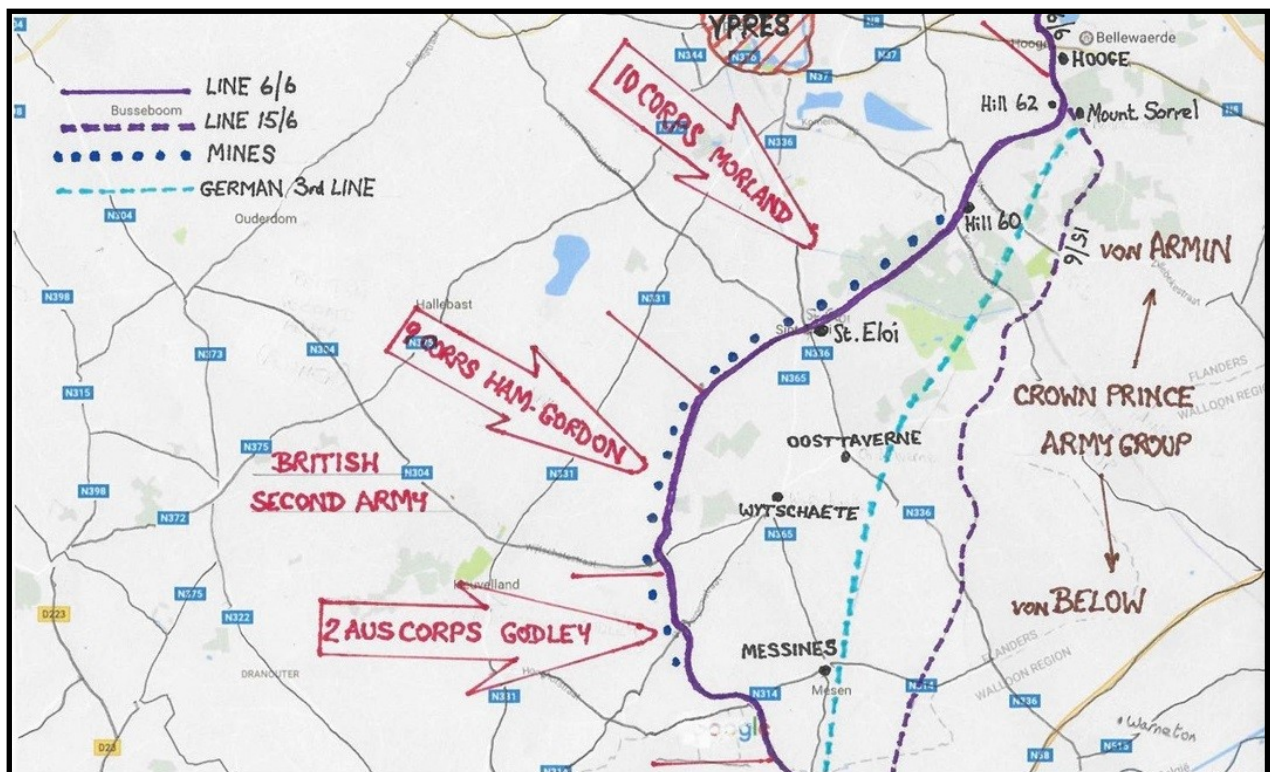
He had hoped to put his research into a book for publication but never felt it was fully complete. Unfortunately, Mick passed away before his work came to fruition. He did, however, pass copies of his research to the Parish Council and it is split into two volumes:

- A volume detailing the involvement of Billingham people during the conflicts
- A volume giving details of individuals and the role they played

We felt that the years of hard work that had gone into production of this research were worthy of publication and we commenced this process in the January/February 2021 issue of the Newsletter. Specific individual details can be given to relations who may request them via the Parish Office. The next chapter is detailed below:

### 1917 Part 2

After the failure of the Nivelle offensive, Haig transferred his attention to the north where General Sir Herbert Plumer had been appointed Commander of the Second Army in May 1915 and for two years had been planning an attack on the Messines Ridge south of Ypres. Despite his appearance, which may well have been the inspiration for Colonel Blimp, Plumer was one of the best Allied Generals of the First World War. He understood the value of sound planning and had organised his attack around the detonation of 20 mines - see map below for details.



The preliminary bombardment began on 21<sup>st</sup> May, increased in intensity a week later and early in the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> June the mines exploded, killing an estimated 10,000 men. Nine divisions attacked behind a creeping barrage. The attack was a complete success, all the preliminary objectives being taken in the first three hours and the final objectives by midday. The Germans counter-attacked but were beaten back losing even more ground in the process and by 14<sup>th</sup> June the battle was over. It was notable for the fact that it was the only battle since 1914 in which the attacker had lost less men than the defenders (17,000 against 25,000).

Haig was eager to continue with this success and against the advice of Plumer and against the opposition of Lloyd George made plans for a major breakthrough. The offensive started on 31<sup>st</sup> July, but the German defence in depth held the British advance. Attempts to continue the battle were further hampered by heavy rain which turned the battlefield to a quagmire, made worse by artillery fire. Losing patience, Haig increased the area of responsibility of the Second Army front further north and once again, on 20<sup>th</sup> September, Plumer attacked with carefully planned moves which never outran his artillery support. Two further attacks on 26<sup>th</sup> September (Polygon Wood) and 4<sup>th</sup> October (Broodseinde) enabled the British to take the ridge east of Ypres.

Once again Haig was encouraged and decided to continue his attack towards Passchendaele Ridge. The army floundered in the mud against a reinforced German army, but Haig continued with his attack and Passchendaele Ridge was finally taken on 6<sup>th</sup> November. The offensive cost over 300,000 British casualties and slightly less on the German side. The fighting in this area took a heavy toll of Billingham men, seven were lost during this offensive.

**Jacob Wattam**, Private 40214, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion the Lincolnshire Regiment, died on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July aged 32 years. Jacob was born on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1885 and baptised on 12<sup>th</sup> April at Billingham. He was the son of Grayson Wattam (a labourer) and Rebecca Wattam (nee Maplethorpe) of Billingham. Henry Chamberlain said Jacob had a brother, Jim. There was also a daughter, Charlotte. Mrs Spencer of 38, High Street, Billingham, who was Jacob's niece, told me that her uncle had said he did not want to go to war as he did not wish to kill anybody; but like thousands of others, he went nevertheless, although he did tell his family that he would not be coming back. Jacob died at the Battle of Pilckem Ridge, which took place between 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917 and 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

The objectives of the 8<sup>th</sup> Division, of which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincolns were a part, were to be taken by the 25<sup>th</sup> Brigade with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincolns on the right, the Royal Irish Rifles in the centre and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rifle Brigade on the left. The second Berkshires were in support. Westhoek Ridge was in our possession but there was still heavy machine gun fire for Glencorse Wood and from snipers in several houses on the Westhoek Road which were still in enemy hands. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincolns formed up and at 6.50 am advanced in infantry formation. At 9.00 am they arrived at their position of deployment, all companies reporting casualties. At 9.40am they advanced, D company on the right, A in the centre and D on the left. B company was to act as moppers up. They pushed to the edge of the ridge, but enemy machine guns caused heavy casualties. The British barrage was not accurate, and it allowed the defenders to fire continuously on the Lincolns. Further advancement was impossible and the Lincolns consolidated the reverse slope. At 11.50 am and 1.10 pm counter attacks were easily repulsed and German reinforcements took heavy casualties. At 2.30pm the Germans counter attacked again but were driven back. The consolidation proceeded and was completed after dark.

Losses were as follows: 2 officers and 31 other ranks killed and two officers died of wounds, 6 officers and 27 other ranks wounded and 27 other ranks missing. One of the missing was Jacob Wattam. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres.

Two men from Billingham were killed while serving in the Artillery and they were brothers. **Harry Sharp**, Gunner 124963, 16<sup>th</sup> Howitzer Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery who died on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1917 aged 30 years. Harry was born on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1917 in Billingham, the son of Thomas and Mary Sharpe of Billingham and the husband of the late

Nellie Sharpe of Stamford. He was the brother of **James Sharpe**, of whom more later. Unfortunately, I have not been able to find a lot of information about him, but he is buried in Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Ypres. The name on the Billingham War Memorial is spelled SHARPE.

**Walter Vickers** was unique among the names of the First World War dead in that he had a son who was still alive at the time of writing. I was able to interview him and, although he was not able to provide a great deal of information about him, it did bring the War and the men involved a lot nearer. Walter was Private 40434, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment (the same Battalion as Ernest Gosling, mentioned earlier). He died on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1917. He was the husband of Agnes Vickers of High Street, Heckington, Lincolnshire. The family lived at Garwick near Heckington. They had two sons, Tom born in 1915 and Walter, named after his father who was born in 1917, after his father's death. Obviously, Tom did not remember Walter, but he told me that his father was a labourer for Bowsers who farmed in the area. In 1929, when Tom was 14, he went to work as a day boy for Sardesons who farmed at Howell, near Heckington. His wage was fourteen shillings (70p) a week. Working there was Amos Bell who had been in the same Battalion as Walter. In fact, Amos had been the person who had helped Walter put on his pack just before they left the trenches. He also told Tom that after they went over the top, he never saw Walter again. After Walter's death Agnes moved to High Street Heckington and later lived in the alms houses overlooking the green. She never remarried and died in her late eighties. The family was quite large and there are still relatives living in the village. I have already mentioned Walter's brother, Joe, who worked as a saddler for Robinson's of Billingham all his working life. Walter has no known grave but is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

There is some confusion over the name of the next man to die. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has him as **J Cottingham**, Serjeant 14712, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment, who died on 18<sup>th</sup> August aged 31 years. Serjeant Cottingham was the son of Thomas Cottingham of Dogdyke Bank, Dogdyke, Lincoln. He is commemorated on the Chapel Hill Memorial but must have lived in the parish of Billingham with Dogdyke as his name is on the Register of Honour in Billingham Parish Church. The Memorial in Chapel Hill records his name as G Cottingham and on the 1901 Census return a George Cottingham aged 13 living in Pelhams Land. He was an apprentice and provisions dealer.

The details of George's death are not known as the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion were not in action on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1917, so it is probably that he was wounded in an earlier action and died later. The 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion had been out of the line in billets in Beaufort, west of Arras for the whole of May, but early in June they moved north to an area just south of Ypres. The last action that the Battalion was in before his death started on 31<sup>st</sup> July north of Wambeke. D Company of the Lincolnshires formed part of the right defensive flank for the 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex. The attack commenced at 3.50 am but the Lincolns were not drawn into the fighting until 4.30 am. At 7.50 am the main attack commenced and B Company attacked, supported by C Company with the line from July Farm – Wam Farm – the Wambeke River as the final objective. The line was reached and contact made with the Somersets on the right, but there was no trace of the Middlesex on the left nor of D Company. Several German attacks were broken up by shellfire. The Battalion was relieved on the night of the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Total casualties were 3 officers killed, two wounded and two missing. Casualties for other ranks were not classified but totalled 85 (all of D company). It is quite possible that George was wounded at that time. He is buried at Oostvaerne Wood Cemetery, Heuvalland, West Vlaanderen, less than a mile away from the site of the above action.

**John Edward Taylor** Private 31896, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, died on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1917 aged 29 years. He was born on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1888, the son of John and Harriet Taylor (nee Wilson) of York Terrace, Billingham. John Taylor was recorded as being a Farmer of North Kyme. John Edward and his wife, Ellen, had a son

John Christy Taylor born 25<sup>th</sup> December 1915 and baptised on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1916. Henry Chamberlain told me that the son was brought up by his grandparents. John has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

**James Sharp**, acting Bombardier 306<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, died on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1917 aged 40 Years. James Sharp was born on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1876 and baptised on 5<sup>th</sup> November at Billingham. He was the son of Thomas Richard Sharpe, Cottager next to the Mill Inn, West Street (1847-1932) and Mary (nee Wilson), 1849-1905. He was the husband of Emily Sharp of 191, Dalling Road, Hammersmith, London and the brother of Harry, (see above). The Billingham War Memorial records his rank as Gunner and his surname as SHARPE, which is correct. James is buried in Bard Cottage Cemetery, Ypres, just a mile away from his brother, Harry.

The last man from Billingham to be killed in 1917 was **Ernest Cunnington**, Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Kings Own, Royal Lancaster Regiment who died on 9<sup>th</sup> October 1917 aged 26 years. I did have some trouble tracing Ernest, but now believe he was born in Boston. On the 1901 Census his mother is Lillie, a widow and he had three brothers John IT (born 1892/3), George (born 1893/4) and Frank (born 1898/9). Ernest married Lillian and was described as a straw presser. They had 2 daughters, Gwenllian Margaret (born January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1913, baptised 9<sup>th</sup> February 1913) and Cara Ellen (born 4<sup>th</sup> January 1916, baptised on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1916)

At the time of the second baptism, he was recorded as "Soldier, Pte. 9<sup>th</sup> Lincs High Street Billingham." In the history of the Lincolnshire Regiment 1914-1918 which lists those killed in the First World War, I can find no mention of Ernest Cunnington. The casualties for the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion number about 12 in total so it does not look as if it was a frontline outfit.

However, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission record an Ernest Cunnington, as above, who was the husband of Lillian McManus (formerly Cunnington) of 12, Castle Street, Lincoln. Furthermore, the Register of Honour in the village church does not list Ernest as having served in the Lincolnshire Regiment, so I believe that the entry above is the correct one. It may be that he was wounded and transferred to another Regiment on his recovery. That would have been unusual, but not unknown. Ernest has no known grave but is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

The main effect of the fighting in the north was to leave no reserves for his final attack of 1917 at Cambrai. The initial attack was a complete success, advancing about 6 kilometres, but there were insufficient troops to hold the gains and a week later the Germans counter attacked and retook all the lost ground. Both sides then settled back into trench warfare.



## **BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP**

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## BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The long-lasting pandemic has caused problems for lots of local organisations and Billingham has suffered as have other small locations.

Two organisations particularly affected were the Billingham & District Community Pool and the Billingham & District Twinning Association. Whilst the Pool has been able to open this year, the stringent rules for controlling Covid have meant that numbers have been reduced and income affected.

The Twinning Association have not been able to exchange visits with their French counterparts and nothing is planned until May 2022.

Before the first lockdown, the Twinning Association had held a fundraising event with the intention of sharing the proceeds with the Pool. Finally, we are pleased to say that we have been able to hand over a cheque for £350 to help defray some of the Pool's loss of revenue.

The picture below shows the Chair (Tina Toulson) and Treasurer (Chris Hird) of the Twinning Association handing over the cheque to the Chair of the Pool (Kelly Greig).



## COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

Billingham Parish Council is committed to supporting community life. The Parish Council operates a scheme for small Community Grants.

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All applications must be accompanied by appropriate accounts and or supporting financial information. Forms and the supporting information must be returned to the Parish Clerk by the 31st October .

We did place a reminder in our July/August issue to prompt applications. However, due to the problems caused by Covid regulations, we realise that some clubs and organisations have been unable to meet on a regular basis. We are, therefore, asking any group wishing to put in a grant application to have the form and supporting documentation in the possession of the Parish Clerk by 7th November at the latest.

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



## Being a B.A.D.Ass – Act X

In our last article, I reminded you of our Variety Show, which we performed “aria aperta” – that means in the open air, at the Coach and Horses pub. Once again, our thanks go to John and Liv for their excellent support for our show and to our many staunch supporters who came to see it. After the show, we were all pretty exhausted and so we took a few weeks off before starting rehearsals once more. In the meantime, Roz, Katie and Carla have been out shopping to buy materials, costumes and props for our wardrobe. We also had to buy some big plastic containers so that all our stuff could be sorted and categorised (so that we could find it all again).

Now our wardrobe and inventory of equipment have been growing apace since BADAss was formed back in 2013. However, we are coming up against the limits of storing our inventory in plastic boxes. So, at our last Business Meeting we began considering options to create a better facility that will allow us to keep items on hangers (to avoid crushing them) in a dry, aired and secure location. As yet, we do not have a clear solution but we will keep on looking.

This summer, we were very pleased to receive a generous boost to our funds from the Co-op Community Champions. Our group was included in the Spring quarter, and all donations received in the Co-op collecting boxes for that period were then shared between the Champions for that quarter. In view of this windfall, we decided to further improve our audio and lighting equipment as well as wardrobe and materials. Indeed, we now have radio microphones for 12 simultaneous players and we will also be adding mobile lighting systems to our capabilities.

You will recall that our Panto “Rapunzel” was originally planned for February this year, but COVID caused us to change this to be a Christmas production. However, on reflection we have decided to push the Panto to next February half-term so that we can get back to our regular pattern of productions. This means that we are now meeting every Thursday evening at the Village Hall to practice our parts. Now many of you may know the story of how a beautiful princess was kept in a high tower without doors and her only link with the outside world was by letting her hair down from a high window. Well, come to our Panto and we will reveal the true story behind the myth. Roz is the Panto Director and between her, Carla and Katie (the dynamic trio) they have come up with 10 new songs for us to perform. Of course, these can’t be simple ditties, instead we have to learn ten tortuous tongue twisting lyrics accompanied by frantic fancy footwork in the dance moves. On top of this we are all being re-acquainted with

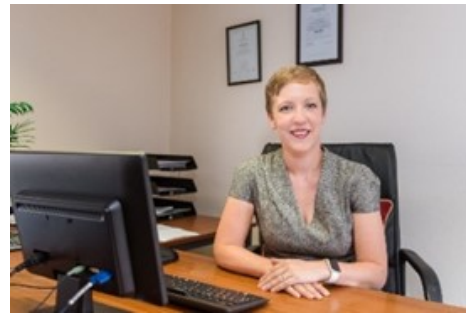
our roles and movements. Furthermore, as our rehearsals progress, we will be gathering or creating costumes and props and working out each scene's lighting, audio and scenery requirements. **We are also, as always, looking to recruit new members, especially younger members needed to play the parts of Fairies and Fireflies.**

**So, if you fancy trying your talents, please come along to the Village Hall on Thursday evening from 18.30 and introduce yourselves. We are always happy to see new faces.**

All the best from BADAss

**Stephen Taylor  
Secretary**





October is CyberSecurity month so I felt it appropriate to re-iterate some of the points made in a previous article about keeping yourself safe online.

## **1. Be on the lookout for suspicious emails**

Phishing is an attempt, usually through email, to gather personal information or to compromise technology for the purpose of financial gain or other malicious activity. Phishing emails typically include a link to a fraudulent site or an attachment containing malware. Can you tell a real email from a scam one? Here are a few pointers:

- The URL (the sender's address) looks odd, is spelt incorrectly, or doesn't match previous examples.
- The email contains poor spelling, grammar or syntax.
- The message asks for personal information, such as passwords, or has links to sites requesting your log-in details.
- You're not expecting anything from the sender or there's surprising news (such as winning a competition you didn't enter).
- The email says you must act now to avoid losing money or having your account access cut off (scammers often try to get you to act quickly without thinking).
- Something just seems wrong – trust your intuition and common-sense judgement erring on the side of caution. Be safe not sorry.

## **2 Beware of email hacking**

Never transfer money on the basis of an email alone. Unfortunately, email is a favoured channel for cybercriminals and email hacking – the taking over of someone's account without their knowledge – is becoming much more prevalent and is now a common feature of financial fraud. You may think you have just received an email from a trusted source, such as the bank, but you could have received a message from a criminal who has taken control of their email account. It is particularly important you double check with the sender before transferring any money which has been requested by email. Don't check by replying to the email you've received – you may be communicating with the fraudster – always call and speak to the person you believe to be sending it.

### **3 Protect your accounts**

Passwords are an obvious way to prevent unauthorised access to accounts, although they need to be strong, long and unguessable to be effective. Use three random words to create a memorable 'passphrase' and then mix in some symbols and numbers (the longer you make your passphrase the better). Always use a unique passphrase for each account that holds your most sensitive information. This is especially important for your email account as it contains so much personal information and can be used as the gateway to many of your other online accounts. No matter how strong your passphrase is, there is always a chance it could be hacked or stolen through no fault of your own. Adding multi-factor authentication provides an extra layer of protection by having a site or service verify your identity using two different elements. By using something you know, like a passphrase, and something that only you have, such as a onetime code or fingerprint, you can help secure your email account.

### **4 Limit what you store**

If your email account becomes your document store, then, if compromised, a hacker could gain access to all of the information you are stockpiling. Every attachment you ever sent or received, every conversation, every photo, contracts, invoices, tax forms, reset passwords for every other account – sometimes even passwords or credit card PINs! To minimise risk, only save limited information within your email account. Save any sensitive personal information outside of the mailbox in secure document repositories.

### **5 Wi-fi access is not always secure**

It's easy to stay connected with public wi-fi access points everywhere – in restaurants, coffee shops and shopping centres – but accessibility can come with risk. Public wi-fi 'hotspots' are exactly that – public – they offer no privacy or protection to your data and communications. Never use public wi-fi to access sensitive information, like your email account, or enter log-in details or credit card information while connected to it.

If you are ever unsure, contact a friend, family member or our office and tell them what is happening. We receive phone calls regularly from our clients asking our opinion on an email they have received. 2 heads are, as the saying goes, better than one after all.



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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>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>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>YPF Children's Club</b>	Fridays	6.00 to 7.00pm Via Zoom
<b>Youth Club</b>	Every Monday	Village Hall 6.30 to 8.00pm

**Additional Services available at Billinghay Children's Centre**  
If you would like any further information on the Services available at the Children's Centre, please ask a member of staff.

Billinghay Children's Centre is part of North Kesteven South Children's Centres which also include:

Sleaford: 01529 306888 and Caythorpe: 01400 279285

**Skills Development Service:** Works with parents who want to make positive changes for themselves and their families. The service offers encouragement and practical support with trying new things and getting more involved, often leading to Learning, Training, Volunteering and Employment.

**Quiet Time:** Opportunities are available for families to use the Children's Centre resources on a small group or 1:1 basis. Please call the Centre to find out more.

**Keepsakes:** The opportunity for families to make a variety of 'keepsake' items with their children and to get to know the Children's Centre team and what we can offer. Please speak to a member of staff to find out more.

**ESCO Service:** A scheme to co-ordinate the care for children and young people from birth to 18 years, who have complex health needs, sensory needs and/or disabilities.

#### Our Health Services

**Health Visitor Clinic:** There are many different health professionals within the Centre, delivering services such as midwifery and health visiting clinics. A health visitor clinic includes 6-8 week, 8-12 months and 2-2.5 year's assessments as well as 3-4 month contact.

**Breast Start Group:** Come and join us in a relaxed, friendly environment, chat and meet other breastfeeding mums and get some support and advice. A member of the health visiting team supports the group along with a parent volunteer. Pregnant ladies also welcome.

**Top Tips for Babies:** Join the family health worker for discussions on subjects like when to introduce solids, healthy eating, oral health, accident prevention, immunisation, how to access support and more. To book please contact the Health Visiting Team on 01522 843000.

# Billinghay Children's Centre

## WHAT'S ON GUIDE



### Timetable

1st November 2021

#### Billinghay Children's Centre

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Telephone: 01526 869248  
E-mail:

[Billinghaychildrencentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:Billinghaychildrencentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

**Opening Times**  
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Friday: 8.30-16.30



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Booking for groups is essential for Learning Together and Baby Massage, these are groups where the commitment of attending weekly for a set of weeks is required.

These groups are shown as **booking required** on the timetable.

Other groups where families can attend without prior booking will not have extra information and therefore you are welcome to arrive on time for the start of the session.

**Billinghay Children's Centre Timetable (Free Family Activities)**

Tel: 01526 869248 Email: [billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Fridays	
<p><b>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic</b> Appointment only call 01522 843000</p> <p>10:00am – 10:45 am <b>Family Rhyme Time</b> A music and rhyme themed session where children can develop their language and communication skills by signing along to their favourite songs and nursery rhymes.</p> 	<p><b>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic</b> Appointment only call 01522 843000</p> <p>10:15am – 10:45am <b>Virtual Skills Development Service – How Can We Help?</b> To register <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Baby Massage</b> 6 week programme <b>Heckington Children's Centre</b> Starting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November A 6 week course for you and your baby to spend precious time bonding through Baby Massage Contact the centre for more information <b>Booking required.</b> Please email: <a href="mailto:sleafordcc@lincolnshire.gov.uk">sleafordcc@lincolnshire.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Learning Together Toddler</b> (Confident walkers) Learning together offers a variety of activities as well as a Talk Time, songs and stories to support children's development, by building their confidence as they learn to explore. <b>Booking required.</b> Please email: <a href="mailto:billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk">billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Let's Get Active</b> (For children 0-5 years) 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, co-ordination and teach them that being active is fun.</p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Learning Together Babies</b> (Babies to confident movers) 6 week programme This session aims to support developing babies to grow and learn. Activities will encourage babies to reach their unique developmental milestones, following their interests and curiosities <b>Booking required.</b> Please email: <a href="mailto:Billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk">Billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Opening Doors to Employment</b> Description: This four-week employability course is for parents who are ready to look for a job but could do with a helping hand. By the end of the course, you will have an up-to-date CV, know how and where to effectively job search and feel confident about communicating your skills and experience during interviews. To find out more email <a href="mailto:beststart@eyalliance.org.uk">beststart@eyalliance.org.uk</a></p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Breastfeeding Support Group@ SleafordCC</b> You do not need to book onto a Breastfeeding Session and can just attend on the day/time. Please make sure you are familiar with building safety guidance</p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Learning Through Play</b> (For children 0 - 5 years) This session provides a variety of activities for children to explore supporting children's changing needs and interests, the session offers an opportunity for parents, carers and children to discover and explore a wide range of play activities together, encouraging children's independence, confidence and social skills.</p>	<p>10:15am – 10:45am <b>Virtual - The Early Days</b> (For babies born during Covid-19) To register <a href="#">Click here</a> Delivered by the NKSK Team</p>
<p>Let's Get Crafty Workshop Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 1pm-2pm. Come along and make some simple, crafts together -without making too much mess!! Enrol your place on the <a href="http://lincsglobal.net">lincsglobal.net</a> workshop at Lincolnshire Course List Workshop at Billinghay Children's Centre</p> 	<p>10:00pm – 1:45pm <b>Growing Talk Family 6 week programme</b> Bookable Session for children aged 0 - 5 years Have fun together at Growing Talk, where your child will meet Mikey, our Growing Talk puppet, play with sounds, sprinkle magic and go flying on a carpet. This fun session focuses on enhancing children's communication and language development and growing children's 'talk'. <b>Booking required.</b> Please email: <a href="mailto:billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk">billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>10:30am – 11:00am <b>Virtual Chat and Chill Volunteer-led Group</b> (Term Time Only) Delivered by Parent Volunteers To register <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>	<p>12:30pm – 1:30pm <b>Virtual GROW Your Own Confidence</b> 4-week Course Please email <a href="mailto:beststart@eyalliance.org.uk">beststart@eyalliance.org.uk</a> to find out more or when the next course begins</p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Virtual - The Early Days</b> (For babies born during Covid-19) To register <a href="#">Click here</a> Delivered by the NKSK Team</p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Virtual - The Early Days</b> (For babies born during Covid-19) To register <a href="#">Click here</a> Delivered by the NKSK Team</p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Virtual - The Early Days</b> (For babies born during Covid-19) To register <a href="#">Click here</a> Delivered by the NKSK Team</p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Virtual - The Early Days</b> (For babies born during Covid-19) To register <a href="#">Click here</a> Delivered by the NKSK Team</p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Virtual - The Early Days</b> (For babies born during Covid-19) To register <a href="#">Click here</a> Delivered by the NKSK Team</p>	<p>10:00am – 11:00am <b>Virtual - The Early Days</b> (For babies born during Covid-19) To register <a href="#">Click here</a> Delivered by the NKSK Team</p>

Please book on using the web link on our virtual session timetable or contact your local centre for more information by email  
Please note that the use of mobile phones and cameras are NOT permitted in the centre. Thank you

# CHRISTMAS PUNCH

**Preparation:** 10 Mins (plus 8 hours freezing)

## Ingredients:

Bunch of red grapes

750ml Prosecco

1 litre Cloudy Apple Juice

Ice

250ml Sloe Gin

50ml Herbal Liqueur  
(Jagermeister is fine)

1 ball of stem ginger  
(finely sliced) plus 2 tbsp of  
the syrup

3-4 sprigs of rosemary

1 Clementine (finely sliced)

## Method

### Step 1

The day before you want to serve, put the grapes in the freezer for around 8 to 12 hours or until frozen.

Chill the prosecco and apple juice in the fridge

### Step 2

When you are ready to serve, put the frozen grapes and a generous handful of ice in a large 2 - 3 litre bowl and pour all of the remaining ingredients on the top.

Stir gently to combine then serve.

It will sit well for up to three hours before putting the ice in.



## BILLINGHAY BOWLS CLUB

In spite of the pandemic, it's good to see one organisation carrying on with their traditional annual tournament - the Alf South Trophy .



The Alf South Trophy was presented by **Eric South** to the winners **Mick Allen** and **Mike Rushby** at Billingham Bowls club for their outstanding performance during the end of season tournament. Well done and thank you to all who supported the club.

**Anyone who fancies a roll up we start back April 2022**

## THE LATEST QUIZ



For this issue's quiz, the answers to all of the clues below begin with the letter U.

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	At which racecourse is the Midlands Grand National run?	
2.	Cacophobia is the irrational fear of what?	
3.	Which country witnessed an orange revolution in 2004-5?	
4.	Who is Phoebe's twin sister in Friends?	
5.	Which mythical creature symbolises virginity?	
6.	What is a one-legged camera support called?	
7.	Entebbe International Airport is in which country?	
8.	What is the adjective that describes bears?	
9.	With which company is Port Sunlight associated?	
10.	Pineapple, Armandinho and Fluke are all types of which musical instrument	

Answers to last issue's quiz

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| 1. Panama    | 2. Peking     |
| 3. Papyrus   | 4. Phoenician |
| 5. Parthenon | 6. Prussia    |
| 7. Pedro     | 8. Pizarro    |
| 9. Picts     | 10. Persia    |

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WE ARE INDEBTED TO TINA BEDDALL FOR OUR ARTICLE THIS ISSUE. TINA MADE A DETAILED STUDY OF BILLINGHAY IN THE EARLY EIGHTIES AND PRODUCED A WONDERFUL PIECE OF WORK TO WHICH WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE ACCESS. THERE IS PROBABLY ENOUGH MATERIAL OF INTEREST TO RESIDENTS TO KEEP THE BYGONES SECTION GOING FOR YEARS. THERE ARE EXTENSIVE DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS BUSINESSES FLOURISHING IN BILLINGHAY AT THAT TIME AND WE ARE JUST SHOWING A FEW OF THE ADVERTS FOR THESE IN THIS ISSUE.

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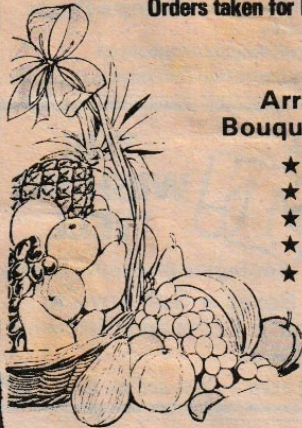
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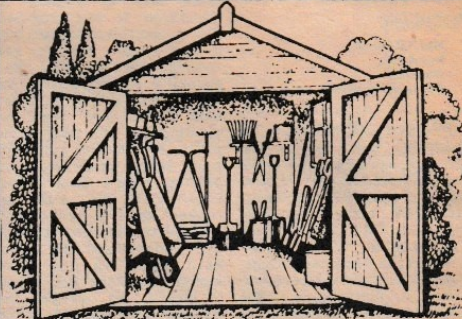
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## BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the time of writing we have just started another school year and thankfully we are back to some sort of normality after what has been unprecedented times.

Our pupils have just taken part in a non-curriculum week in school entitled Lincolnshire Week. Miss Hall organised for many different visitors to come into school and talk to our pupils and inspire them to look at opportunities in many different careers.

It was fantastic to return to St Michael's Church for our Harvest Festival Service, after not being able to celebrate in church due to Covid last year. It was wonderful to see so many parents / carers in church. Next our thoughts turn to Christmas Productions! Thank you to everyone who donated produce. All donations will go to Sleaford New Life Church Community Larder.

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 2021-22. After a year of virtual events it is great to get our pupils back to face to face events with local schools in the Carres Sports Partnership.

As a school we take part in many different research projects to continue to enhance the quality of education that we offer. This year we signed up for and were successful in gaining a place on the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching of Mathematics 'Mastering Number Programme'. This project aims to advance secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave Year 2 with increased fluency in calculation and a greater confidence and flexibility with number. Developing fluency would mean children don't count on in their heads or on their fingers and this restrains flexible thinking. This in turn frees up short term memory space and aids metacognition and developing reasoning skills.

We are once again supporting Operation Christmas Child in school this year. This is an opportunity for members of the school and local community to come together and pack shoe boxes full of gifts that will go to children in areas of the world who are much less fortunate than we are, many of whom would otherwise not get a gift at Christmas. School has signed up as a collection centre for any shoe boxes and welcome anyone who has a shoe box to bring them into school before 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please see the website [Operation Christmas Child \(samaritans-purse.org.uk\)](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk) for ideas as to what gifts can be packed in a shoe box. Operation Christmas Child are asking for a donation of £5 per shoe box to go towards distribution. To help with this, school are holding a cake stall and raffle after half term and the Methodist Chapel are holding a coffee morning and raffle on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. All proceeds will go towards the £5 donation for each shoe box.

The admissions process for pupils into Reception for September 2022, coordinated by Lincolnshire County Council School Admissions, opens on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Currently we plan to hold an open day. More details to follow. 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 [lyne.rowitt@billinghay.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:lyne.rowitt@billinghay.lincs.sch.uk) or [Lindsay.stephenson@billinghay.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Lindsay.stephenson@billinghay.lincs.sch.uk). We would be delighted to show you round school.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to building on our successes this year.

With best wishes,

**Mr R Allen, Headteacher.**

# CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

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