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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

As everyone is aware the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has the entire nation involved in planning celebrations. Some spectacular ones are being arranged on a national basis but numerous localised events are also being planned around the country. Already there is talk of street parties in Billingham.

The Parish Council wants to help ensure that the village does its best to make the local Jubilee celebrations ones to remember.

We would like to know:

- Do residents want the Parish Council to arrange a special event
- Would they be happier if the Council contributed to the events being organised by local groups or street
- Should the Council try and organise similar events to the National ones to coincide with them

Your views would be appreciated as soon as possible. Contact the Parish Clerk if you have a suggestion or need help planning your own celebrations.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Ringmoor House **When:** 1st 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 any changes in Covid restrictions and:

- Face masks being worn in the Office
- Only one person or family allowed in the office at any one time

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

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Billingham Parish Council

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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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council monthly meetings are currently being held in various locations. Check the notice boards to see where if you wish to attend. 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.

COUNCIL NEWS

Parish council elections are due to be held in May 2023, and this is an opportunity for residents to join the parish council and get involved in making decisions within our local community. It seems a long time away, but in fact the year will be busy and the time will go quickly. There are currently still a number of parish council vacancies, so if you're interested in learning more about the role, please contact the Clerk on 07483 346143.

We would very much like to hear from the 18 to 30 age group, as joining Parish Council is a way of ensuring that the younger generation are represented. Being a Parish Councillor is a great way of enhancing many skills that can benefit career opportunities and obtain funded training that is helpful in all areas of life. Employers are increasingly happy to see evidence of community involvement, it's also a way of meeting people and learning more about the area we call home.

Parish Council Grants

At the recent Annual Finance Meeting, a Parish council grant of £4000.00 was awarded to Billingham Athletic Football club, to renew the roof on the on the football changing rooms. The roof has previously been repaired several times, and now needs complete renewal. Club members have done a lot of work renovating showers, and facilities.

Funding of £90 was awarded to Rainbows, for the annual cost of room hire, to enable organisers not to worry about being able to cover the cost. Members pay subscriptions, which go towards the purchase of materials required for the members to work towards badges.

Money was also awarded to The Village Hall Committee towards stage curtains.

The Parish Council receive funding (the Precept) collected by NKDC to cover the costs required to administer finances for the Parish. It was agreed by Councillors that this amount should remain at the same figure requested for the last 2 years at £45125.00.

Emergency Plan

Please think about getting involved with Billingham Emergency Plan, we are looking for volunteers to join. We have all been made aware that at times some help is much needed. Throughout events of the last year, we have seen amazing kindness and neighbours getting to know each other better.

We will keep you informed in the newsletter, as the Plan review is underway.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new residents to Billingham, our village is growing and new housing continues to be built. If you have recently moved here, we hope you will think about joining some of our local groups or contributing to the newsletter.

Many volunteers kindly give their time to deliver the newsletter and we keep a list of people willing to do this for their neighbours. It's a great way of having a walk, meeting people and giving something back. Get in touch if you can spare a little time every 2 months to help!

PLANNING

Residents have shown interest in seeing what changes are planned for the village particularly by way of new developments or changes to existing properties. The planning Department of North Kesteven District Council already take steps to notify residents that they think will be affected by any planning applications in accordance with the laid down guidelines. In addition the Neighbourhood Plan included significant proposals that were adopted to ensure that development was in accordance with community wishes.

Even so the Parish Office does receive enquiries as to what is being planned and, to keep residents informed, we are listing in the Newsletter any new applications received since the previous issue. The Council do scrutinise each application and, where necessary, put in their own comments.

The latest application are:

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|---------------------|---|
| 21/1834/FUL | Erection of 7 new dwellings and associated exterior works
Land to the east of Mill Lane Billinghamay. |
| 21/1998/FUL | Erection of a canopy to create a covered car storage area
adjoining existing workshop
49 High Street Billinghamay |
| 22/0036/FUL | Construction of New Vehicular access and erection of bungalow.
Land to the rear of 92 Walcott Road Billinghamay |
| 22/0072/HOUS | Erection of First Floor extension
The Laurels Gravel Hill Drove Billinghamay |

CHILDREN'S CENTRE DEFIBRILLATOR

Please note that the defibrillator located at the Children's Centre on Fen Road is maintained by the Billinghamay 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.

ROAD CLOSURES IN THE AREA

Carriageway Reconstruction Works are being planned for **Early March** on Witham Bank Tattershall.

The Work will be carried out between the Timberland Drove and North Tilney Drove Junctions.

Dates for these works have been agreed with contractors Balfour Beatty, and the relevant Road Closure & Diversion Route has been booked. Dates for works are between 4th March and the 25th of March (Daytime working only).

Working Shift Hours (7.30am- 17.00pm). Contractors on site and LCC will endeavour to work to the identified shift patterns, but there may be elements outside their control, including adverse weather, that may result in changes on site if required.

PARISH PLAN CLARIFICATION

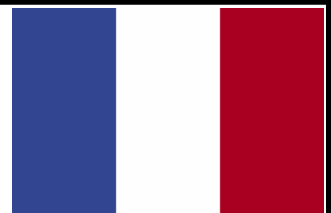
The Council News in our last issue welcomed our new Councillors and attributed the creation of the Parish Plan to Councillor Liles, a former Chair of the Council. Cllr Liles would like it made clear that the creation of the Parish Plan was not just an individual effort but a group one in which she was pleased to play her part.

COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER

Billinghay Parish Council are pleased to announce that 5 year old Alfie of Brunswick Square was the winner of the Christmas Colouring Competition. He was presented with a prize of art materials. - see below



BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Whilst the COVID restrictions may well have eased since the last issue of the Newsletter particularly for travellers returning from abroad, the future is still uncertain.

However our planned visit at the end of May is still going ahead at present. It will, of course, be a much smaller group of travellers using their own transport.

There is a joint feeling of both Associations' Committees that a visit is essential to keep the enterprise going.

Hopefully in the next issue, we will be able to confirm this and give some details of the activities planned.

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 an 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**

Former Sheltered Housing Scheme review of Communal Lounges 2022

North Kesteven District Council are presently undertaking a review of communal lounges within their former sheltered housing schemes. They will be collating information on their use by tenants at this present time and looking to highlight opportunities for maximising their use in the future.

The objective is to identify those groups which may be interested in either setting up activities for the benefit of our residents or using the rooms as a base for co-ordination of their group. The overarching purpose of this work is to identify opportunities for the re-establishment of waned communal activities and to highlight new opportunities for resident participation in self-sustaining activities. To that end they are also asking the Parish Council to assist in this process.

NKDC are genuinely seeking to ascertain tenants' views on the current and future use of their communal lounge as they want communal lounges to remain open and used for the benefit of the residents and local community, wherever possible. They are trying to encourage and facilitate resident participation in, and the organisation of, activities at their communal lounge. They need to identify voluntary organisations to become involved in the arrangement of activities where pandemic related restrictions are lifted by the Council.

The project is **NOT** a cost cutting measure nor the start of a regime of communal lounge closures. It **IS** an exercise to encourage maximum use of communal lounges across the district to benefit the health and welfare of our former sheltered housing scheme residents.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why does the Council wish to keep the communal lounges open?

A: NKDC want to ensure they are kept open to aid the welfare and health of residents. We are aware that due to the pandemic, the last few years have been a difficult time for our tenants. We believe communal lounges are ideally suited to be the base for activities which are so important in preventing isolation and promoting social interaction.

Q: Isn't the review all about cost saving and closure of the communal lounges?

A: No, NKDC are looking to maximise the use of communal lounges. They are aware that the inevitable precautionary Covid pandemic measures put into place for the use of these areas, may have curtailed some of the previously established activities and uses. They are keen to not only re-establish those activities but to expand opportunities for resident participation.

Q: Why should I be interested in organising or participating in activities at my communal lounge?

A: Social interaction with neighbours and other members of the community is a great way to meet new friends, continue old friendships, and to pursue pastimes. Not only that, but engagement with health and wellbeing activities increases the likelihood of good feelings, such as contentment and purpose.

Q: Doesn't the Council's restrictions on the use of communal lounges mean that activities at my communal lounge must stop, so what is the point of this review?

A: Only visits to the communal lounges by those not resident at the scheme are presently not allowed. Tenants can come together communally and continue with their own arranged activities, but care must be taken that Covid precautions such as hand sanitising, ventilation, and other reasonable measures are maintained. No external

organisers or visitors are permitted at present, although this situation is subject to review in the coming months. Therefore, it is essential that plans for activities are made now in preparation for when the restrictions are lifted.

Q: How will I make my views heard and how will I know what will happen to my lounge?

A: NKDC will be liaising very closely with you. They want to know what your thoughts are and to understand the things that are of importance to you. To that end wherever possible, they will endeavour to gather your opinions and to consider your views. They intend also to keep you up to date with decisions and will keep you informed of the rationale upon which those decisions are made.

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>



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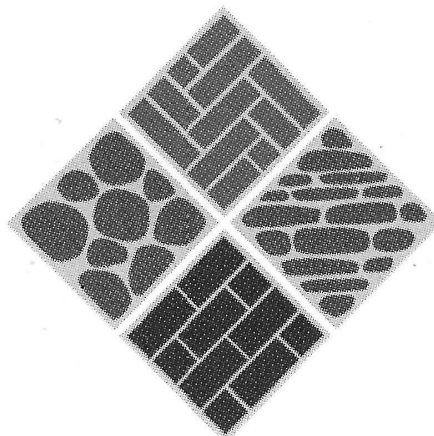
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Walking in Lincolnshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lincolnshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for push-chairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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John Harris

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Billinghay Athletic FC Minihays

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Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

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

April – **March**

Monday Route 2 & 4 (Rural North)

April	May	June	July	August	September
11th 25th					
October	November	December	January	February	March
					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 December 2021

◆	Anti-social behaviour	8
◆	Violence & Sexual Offences	34
◆	Criminal Damage & Arson	3
◆	Burglary	4

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 several speed checks in the local rural villages. We recently engaged in Project EDWARD (Every Day Without A Road Death) which saw several officers deployed across Lincolnshire's roads enforcing Fatal Four offences throughout the week of action. We continue to be in areas most affected and encourage the community to take part in Community Speed Watch.

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.

Speeding in rural villages has been highlighted from a resident poll on the Nextdoor App and speeding was the main concern. PCSOs will be out at various times and days of the week carrying out speed checks and dealing with any offences.

Police must be overt when carrying out the checks and wear high visibility uniform.

Crime levels overview over the 12 months ending August 2021

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Jan 2021	62	9.0%
Feb 2021	53	7.7%
Mar 2021	96	14.0%
Apr 2021	53	11.4%
May 2021	54	7.9%
Jun 2021	42	6.1%
Jul 2021	60	8.7%
Aug 2021	48	7.0%
Sep 2021	41	6.0%
Oct 2021	47	6.0%
Nov 2021	51	7.4%
Dec 2021	54	7.0%

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Group

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.

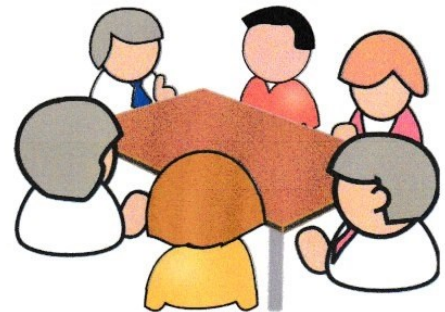


Meetings have not been taking place due to the Covid restrictions. However, we are starting to hold them once more. The first meeting will be at 18.00 on the 1st March 2022 and we hope to see you there.

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

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(From: Terms of Reference on Noticeboard).



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Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	Sundays 10.30am & 6pm Tuesdays 7pm Pastor James Mansfield 861439 Breakfast Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall 1 st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106 Indoor Bowls start September every Monday Contact Dawn Studd, Branch Secretary for details of membership and meetings on 01526 268671
Brownies (2nd Billingham) Children's Centre Coffee Morning	Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday 869248 or 869271 3 rd Monday of month 10-12 Baptist Chapel, Ann Hall 01205 365689
Community Rooms Daisy Chain	Bookings Pre-school Mon-Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281
Darby & Joan Girl Guides	Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 Wednesdays 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
Lighthouse Youth Club	Every Friday at 7.45 to 9.00pm Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
Line Dancing Methodist Church	Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £15 for 3 hours
Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club Past Times	Sundays 10am Val 860614, 3 rd Thursday of month 7.30pm at the Ship Kylie Cozens History Group The Ship Inn as advertised Lou Hird 869086
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St Michael's and All Angels Church	1st/2nd Sundays 9.30am Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday 9.30am Communion 4th Sunday 11.00am Said Communion 5th Sunday United Service - please ring to check place of worship. Church open from 9.00am to 3.00pm weekdays Contact: Reverend Steve Holt 01526 580654 steve.carrydyke@gmail.com Sandra Tomley 01526 861797
Tennis Club Tuesday Club Twinning Association	Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms Chairman John Toulson 01526 860262 Secretary Megan Clark (meganclark@hotmail.co.uk) .
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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:

1918 Part Two

I do not really want to single out **Joseph E Bailey**, Private 225651, Lancashire Fusiliers, who died on 20th April 1918, aged 36 years, as being any braver than any others in this book, but to my mind he was a true hero. Joseph Ely Bailey was born on 3rd June 1881 at North Kyme, the son of Mark Bailey (1849-1924) and Jane (nee Bralsford, 1852-1961) who were married on 21st July at Lincoln Register Office. Mark was a farmer at North Kyme Fen, later Billingham. Joseph first joined the Notts and Derby Regiment (Regimental number 49697) and, according to the family, was discharged from that service because he had developed varicose veins. He could then have sat out the war in safety, but on returning home he was so determined to return to the front that he had the varicose veins treated, became eligible for re-enlistment, and then joined the Lancashire Fusiliers, eventually returning to the front.

On 21st March 1918 the Germans commenced their final offensive on the Somme. At first this was successful, and Ludendorff was keen to launch a second offensive in the north. This commenced on 8th April towards Houzebrouck south of Ypres. It met with only light resistance from poorly trained and motivated Portuguese troops. On 12th April Field Marshall Haig issued the order "With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause each one of us must fight to the end." The attack was finally halted on 29th April. Joseph was killed during this period. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

Wyles Harvey, Private 202109, 1st/4th Battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment died May 7th, 1918, aged 24 years. Wyles was the son of James and Harriet Harvey of High Street, Billingham and brother of John. He was born on 20th August 1893 and baptised on 10th September 1893 at Billingham. He is buried in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records his name as Wyles, but on the Billingham War Memorial it is spelt Wiles, which I believe is the correct spelling. In "The History of the Lincolnshire Regiment" I can find no casualty record of Wiles Harvey. It is possible that he died of wounds or of an illness.

Harry Spencer, Serjeant 36362, 1st/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment died on Wednesday 10th July 1918 aged 24 years. Henry Chamberlain told me that Harry Spencer was married and had a son, Mack Spencer and a daughter Greta. Harry's widow married Harold Stokes and later had a son Ken Stokes. Greta married Don Walker. The 1901 Census records appear to show that Harry was the son of Herbert Spencer and Lizzie (nee Pearson) who married in the December quarter of 1888 in the Sleaford District. He had 2 sisters, Bertha aged 10 and Edna aged 8. Mrs Spencer of High Street Billingham confirmed the above information. Harry Spencer was her uncle as was Joseph Wattam (Leicesters).

Arthur Sumpter, Private 82018, 15th Battalion Machine Gun Corps Infantry) died on 31st July 1918 aged 25 years. Arthur Sumpter was born at North Kyme and was the son of David and Arabella Sumpter of West Street, Billingham. No further details are known at this time. Arthur is buried in Denain Communal Cemetery. Denain was a German hospital during the greater part of the war. The Communal Cemetery was used by the Germans to bury their soldiers and, in 1917 and 1918, 153 British prisoners. From the date of Arthur's death, it is thought that he was a prisoner at that time.

Edward Kettles, Private 47646, 5th Battalion the Rifle Brigade, died on 28th August 1918. I have been unable to find any definite information locally but believe that Edward was born at Burton on Stather near Scunthorpe in 1899. The Register of Honour in the village Church lists Edward as serving in a regiment other than the Lincolnshires, so I believe that the Commonwealth War Graves entry could be the correct one. Furthermore, there is an E Kettles recorded on the North Kyme War Memorial as serving in the Rifle Brigade. Edward has no known grave and is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.



Fred Scott, Lance Corporal 38692, 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, died on Thursday 19th September 1918. Fred was born on 17th October 1884 and baptised 10th November 1884 at Billingham. He was the son of Lynn Scott, labourer, and later publican of the Mill Inn (1852-1912) and Lydia (nee Tindal 1847-1910). Fred married Minnie (nee Creasey) born 1886/1887 on 24th November 1908 at Billingham. He worked as a carter and was the father of Len Scott, Haulier (1916-1980) and grandfather of Dennis Scott, Haulier of the

Cross Roads, Billingham Fen.

The 7th Battalion took part in the Battle of Epehy, which started on 18th September 1918, and which was an attack by the 4th Army under Rawlinson and the 3rd Army under Byng on a front of 17 miles from Holnon to Gouzeaucourt. The 1st, 2nd and 7th Lincolns took part. The 7th Lincolns stayed in huts on the Lachelle – Ypres road until 9.30.p.m, then moved to assembly positions on Fins Ridge. This movement was completed at 1a.m. on 18th. At 5.24 they moved forward but were not in the first attack. They advanced in heavy rain at 6.29 a.m. and reached all their objectives, penetrating the enemy lines to a depth of 3 miles. The gains were consolidated, and no further moves were made on 19th. The casualties in the action were one officer and 21 other ranks killed and one officer and 239 other ranks wounded and 29 other ranks missing. Fred was one of the missing. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Nellie Willson, Staff Nurse Queen Alexandra's Imperial Service, died on Wednesday, 16th October 1918 aged 30 Years. Nellie was the daughter of Arthur Willson, a farm Labourer (b1865?) and Susan (b1863?) of 5 Queen Street, Billingham. In the 1901 census they are described as living in Lucy Street which may have been a previous name for Queen Street. **(Death Certificate)** She was buried in Billingham Old Cemetery.

My Next move was to visit the old cemetery to examine the gravestone and also those of **Sydney Atchinson and John Hildred** (see below). I was disappointed to find that no trace of them remained. I then wrote to the CWGC to ask why the graves were not commemorated. Their reply shocked me. Sometime in the late fifties and early sixties the Parish Council decided to remove all gravestones in the old cemetery, including one war grave, for I found out that only John Hildred was officially commemorated, and Nellie Willson and Sydney Atchinson had private memorials. I am told that the memorials were broken up and used as hardcore in a local farmyard. They also told me that the state of Billingham's new cemetery was, at that time, so bad that the CWGC would not allow any memorial to be placed there. So, a new non-standard memorial had been made commemorating all three and this was placed in Coningsby cemetery. The stone was inscribed as follows: -

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STAFF NURSE N WILLSON 16.10.18
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SAPPER G ATCHINSON
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I am pleased to say that the present Council agreed to meet all expenses in moving the stone back to Billingham, adding names to the Memorial and also paying for its upkeep.



BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

AT LONG LAST, THE HISTORY GROUP HAS STARTED TO ARRANGE A PROGRAMME OF PRESENTATIONS FOR AND THE TALK ON MR POPKIN'S TELESCOPE RECEIVED A VERY GOOD RECEPTION. IT GAVE AN INSIGHT INTO THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF AN AREA OF LONDON BASED AROUND THE LIVES OF THE TELESCOPE MANUFACTURER AS WELL AS MR POPKIN.

IN VIEW OF THE SUCCESS OF OUR FIRST VENTURE, WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTING THE SPEAKERS WHOSE PRESENTATIONS WE HAVE HAD TO CANCEL DUE TO THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON US BY COVID. THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD RESPONSE AND WE ARE PLEASED TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE UNDERNOTED PRESENTATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED:

16TH MARCH 2022

CHRIS HEWIS OF SAXILBY HISTORY GROUP

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13TH APRIL 2022

THE RETURN OF **MICK SKIPWORTH** TO COMPLETE THE STORY OF MR POPKIN'S TELESCOPE THIS TIME IN LINCOLNSHIRE

4TH MAY 2022

RETURN OF OLD BUT NOT AGED FAVOURITE ,**TOM LANE**. "LINCOLNSHIRE TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS" THERE IS MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT AND A GUEST APPEARANCE, BY "MAURICE" DANCER WHO IS WELL KNOWN BY SOME OF OUR OLD MEMBERS.

8TH JUNE 2022

PETER SKIPWORTH

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Being a B.A.D.Ass – Act XII

We finally DID IT !!! OH NO YOU DIDN'T OH YES WE DID !!!!

After 2 years of waiting, we finally managed to bring our Panto into the public eye. Yes, we purchased the licence for our show back in 2020 but each time we planned to present the Panto, the dreaded COVID got in the way to spoil our day. Well finally, last weekend on 12 and 13th of February we performed our show to packed audiences. Indeed, as we assembled in the changing room waiting to begin, we received an e-mail from the Pantomime author, Andrew O’Leary, wishing us all the best for our performance.

The core of our B.A.D.Ass team was all there with Roz as the director. Katie played the wacky Prince Namby Pamby from Fluffy town, whilst her sister Jayne played the despicable Gothel the Black. Princess Rapunzel was played by Al, and her mum Carla played the devious and plotting Chancellor Wormblood. Tobias our resident Dame played Dotty Dinglebottom, displaying a bewildering array of costume changes and flamboyant wigs, whilst Flic and Karen played two of Dotty’s kids Danny and Annie. Even though Roz was our director she also had to fill in as Blossom the lead fairy whilst George played the Captain and young David had the heroic role of Thunder the Wonder horse (or was it a cow??). The King and Queen were played by Stephen and Wendy but the show was totally stolen by our younger members Kacy, Taylor, and Lana as our troop (or is it a swarm) of fireflies and as Dotty’s younger kids.



The show had plenty of Chorus numbers including an adaptation of “Blow the House Down” which we changed to “Let your Hair Down” – clever or what!! The kids did a fantastic job along with Dotty singing “Money makes the World Go around” and did an even finer job with “It’s a hard knock life”. The second half started with “Don’t stop me now” and concluded with “You can’t stop the beat”. We had a rendition of “Build me up Buttercup” in order to get Rapunzel out of the tower and Al sang a solo rendition of “Somewhere over the Rainbow” as she dreamed of being re-

leased from her captivity. Our audiences also played their part shouting and singing on cue to make the show a great success.

Of course, any production of this size cannot possibly succeed without the unfailing support of our ushers and helpers together with our Stage Manager and Lighting Technician Big Dave and his daughter Charlotte, our Sound Tech. We must also thank the local businesses and individuals who contributed raffle prizes and for the generous donations made by our audience to our Food Bank collection.

We received many congratulations on the wonderful show, the array of colourful costumes and the inclusion of individual microphones that allowed everyone in the Hall to hear the performance. Indeed, we have to thank Billingham Parish Council, North Kesteven Council and the Co-op Community Champions Organisation for their generous contributions to our cause that have helped us to build a highly professional Sound and Light system and to purchase costumes and other materials to enhance our show.

We would like to also draw your attention to the North Kesteven Lottery which offers the chance to win £25,000 each week at just £1.00 per ticket. Moreover, if you purchase your ticket through the B.A.D.Ass web-page, not only do you stand a chance of winning the lottery but you will also be helping to support our Association with much needed funds. So please help us to help you. Just go to www.nklottery.co.uk where you can then find Billingham Amateur Dramatics Association by searching the "Worthy Causes" and then purchase your weekly ticket from our web page.

In closing, all of us from B.A.D.Ass wish to thank everyone for their continued support and we look forward to preparing our next production which will hopefully be in the summer months. Just watch this space for future details.

Stephen Taylor
B.A.D.Ass Secretary





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Income in retirement

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To do this we need to make a few assumptions, so please do take these into account. I am assuming that you have worked at least 35 years and accumulated a full State Pension. I am also assuming that at retirement age 67, you are fit and healthy with no underlying health conditions and a non-smoker. If either of these are not correct, then the figures I am providing need adjusting. Finally, I am assuming a salary of £15,000 after tax and you do not want to take any risk once you stop work (other types of income are available in retirement but do carry some risk).

At age 67 a full State Pension will bring in an income of £9,400 approximately a year. If you are used to a salary of £15,000 after tax then without any savings or pensions you will have shortfall of £5,600 a year. This will be quite an adjustment to your lifestyle if you are not prepared.

To 'buy' this income, in this low interest rate environment, you will need a fund of approximately £105,000 to generate a guaranteed income for life of £5,600. This will pay out a fixed amount, with no increases for inflation for your life only. When you die the income will die with you. If you are married, then your spouse will lose this source of income. If you include a spouse's pension then the fund required will increase. Hopefully during your working life, you experienced some increases in your wages. We all certainly know how much prices are rising at the moment. From 67 to normal life expectancy inflation can have a significant impact. The figures quoted above will effectively mean that the spending power of your money will fall every year in retirement.

If you want to protect yourself against inflation then you would need a fund of £190,000 to ensure the pension income keeps pace with inflation in retirement. I hope that some of you have already started to save towards your retirement, either through a Workplace pension or through a personal arrangement. Some of you may even be lucky enough to have an old Company Pension Scheme where the pension is based on final salary. If you haven't then do not panic. It is never too late to start and even a small amount can accumulate over time. And it doesn't have to be in a pension



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Bowls (Indoor)	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
British Legion (Men)	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
Car Boot Sale	Sunday am	Coach & Horses Field
Community Connections Cafe	Look for announcements	Methodist Church Hall
Football Club	Saturdays	10.30 to 11.30am Junior Training Sessions
Girl Guides	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
Keep Fit	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm Village Hall
Lighthouse Club (Secondary School Children)	Fridays	6.00 to 7.00pm via Zoom
Market & Car Boot Sale	Sunday	From 6.30am Coach & Horses
Methodist Lending Library	2nd Tuesday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
Mobile Library	Alternate Mondays - see Parish Office page for details	
Night Owls Book Club	3rd Thursday	7.30pm
Rainbows	Tuesdays	5.30 to 6.30pm
YPF Children's Club	Fridays	6.00 to 7.00pm Via Zoom
Youth Club	Every Monday	Village Hall

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

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.

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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 years 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 843 000.

Billinghay Children's Centre WHAT'S ON GUIDE



Timetable
21st February 2022 onwards

Billinghay Children's Centre

Fen Road
Billinghay LN4 4HU
Telephone: 01526 869248
E-mail:

Billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Opening Times

Mon-Thurs: 8.30-17.00
Friday: 8.30-16.30



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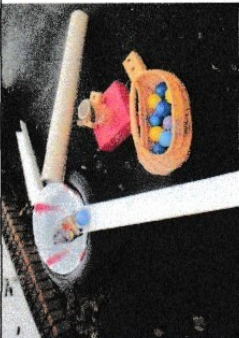




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Booking for groups is essential for Learning Together and Baby Massage, these are groups where the commitment of attending weekly for a set of weeks is required. These groups are shown as **booking required** on the timetable. Other groups where families 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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Appointment only call 01522 843000</p>	<p>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Appointment only call 01522 843000</p>	<p>Learning Together Toddler (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. Booking required. Please email: Billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk</p>	 <p>10:00am – 11:00am Let's Get Active (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 Learning Through Play (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. No Session 25 March</p> 
<p>10:00am – 10:45 am Family Rhyme Time 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>10:00 – 11:00am Opening Doors to Employment 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 beststart@evalliance.org.uk</p>	<p>1:30pm – 2:30pm Virtual 'Preparation for Parenting' Sessions run fortnightly To start your registration process for our Zoom sessions, please email: beststart@evalliance.org.uk</p>	<p>10:00pm – 2:00pm Learning Together Babies (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 Booking required. Please email: Billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>12:30pm – 1:30pm Virtual GROW Your Own Confidence 4-week Course Please email beststart@evalliance.org.uk to find out more or when the next course begins</p>
<p>10:00am-11:00am Little Explorers (For children 0 - 5years) New A sensory and messy play session providing materials for children to explore, supporting their development and growing confidence</p>	<p>1:30pm – 2:30pm Baby Massage A 5 week course for you and your baby to spend precious time bonding through Baby Massage – to book billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk New</p>	<p>1:00 – 2:00pm Breastfeeding Support Group@SleafordCC 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>1:00pm – 2:00pm Learning Together Babies (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 Booking required. Please email: Billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>12:30pm – 1:30pm Virtual GROW Your Own Confidence 4-week Course Please email beststart@evalliance.org.uk to find out more or when the next course begins</p>
				<p>***NEW*** @ Sleaford Children's Centre 3 – 4 months Top Tips Face to face delivery 1:00pm – 2:00pm Friday 18th March Join the family health worker for discussions on subjects like when to introduce solids, healthy eating, oral health, accident prevention, immunisation sleafordcc@lincolnshire.gov.uk to book.</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

THE LATEST QUIZ



For this issue's quiz, identify which fictional characters lived at the addresses below:

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Comic character who lives in Cactusville	
2.	Apartment B, 344 Clinton Street, Metropolis	
3.	The Inn where Jim Hawkins lived in "treasure Island"	
4.	Pillar Box at 221C Baker Street	
5.	345 Stone Cave Road, Bedrock	
6.	1313 Webfoot Walk. Duckburg, Calisota	
7.	Bowler hatted character who lives at 52 Festive Road	
8.	124 Conch Street Bikini Bottom	
9.	4 Privet Drive Little Whinging	
10.	Danemead High Street St. Mary Mead	

Answers to last issue's quiz

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| 1. Fosters | 2. Strongbow |
| 3. Beefeater | 4. Smirnoff Ice |
| 5. Lambs Navy | 6. Martini |
| 7. Miller Lite | 8. Woodpecker |
| 9. Budweiser | 10. Bells |

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BYGONES

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PREVIOUS ITEMS IN THIS NEWSLETTER RELATING TO “BYGONES” HAVE ALSO ENCOURAGED A FORMER RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE, MELVYN KING, TO WRITE ABOUT HIS MEMORIES OF THE BILLINGHAY LIGHT CAR AND MOTORCYCLE CLUB. WE ARE SETTING OUT BELOW HIS LETTER:

BILLINGHAY LIGHT CAR AND MOTORCYCLE CLUB

THE CLUB WAS FORMED IN 1957 AND MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE GOLDEN CROSS COURTESY OF MR SID PEARCE, THE LANDLORD AT THE TIME.

BRIAN OLIVE WAS THE CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER OF THE CLUB. HIS FATHER OWNED THE FISH SHOP ON THE HIGH STREET. THE OLDER PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE WILL REMEMBER BRIAN’S UNCLE TEDDY WHO HAD TWO BLUE BUSES THAT COVERED SLEAFORD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. THEY MAY ALSO REMEMBER THE EARLY BEDFORD BUS WITH ITS WOODEN SEATS.

CLUB MEETINGS WERE HELD ONCE A WEEK AND OUTINGS WERE ORGANISED TOGETHER WITH TREASURE HUNTS AND TRIALS. ONE OF THE WINNERS WAS ALEC WELLS (SEE TROPHY PICTURE) WHO NOW LIVES DOWN SKIRTH ROAD. ALEC RODE A TRIUMPH TIGER AS DID HIS BROTHER ERIC. WHILST OTHER BROTHER DAVE RODE AN ARIEL RED HUNTER AND LATER SWITCHED TO A TRIUMPH TIGER 100.

NUMEROUS TRIPS WERE ORGANISED:

- SIX TRIPS TO THE ISLE OF MAN TT RACES IN THE SIXTIES
- WHIPSNAD ZOO
- CADWELL PARK EVERY TIME THERE WAS A MEETING
- GRASS TRACK MEETINGS AT SCREDINGTON

THE CLUB BADGE PICTURED BELOW WAS DESIGNED AND MADE BY RALPH FAULKNER WHO RAN THE VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE IN VICTORIA STREET



MEMBERS AND THEIR TRANSPORT WERE:

BRIAN OLIVE	CAR	PETE OLIVE	CAR
DEREK MERILION	HILLMAN	JOE REAR	NORTON
DAVE WINTER	NORTON SIDECAR	BERNARD BAVIN	TRIUMPH
MELNYN KING	FRANCIS BARNETT	HENRY DENNISON	TRIUMPH
RAY SMEDLEY	NORTON	JOHN SMEDLEY	BSA
KEITH LAWSON	BSA	DES THOMPSON	TRIUMPH
NORM THOMPSON	VELOCETTE	REG BAINBRIDGE	?
DAVE WELLS	ARIEL	JOHN BAVIN	TRIUMPH
RALPH FAULKNER	?	JOHNNY PORTER	ARIEL

AND FINALLY A COUPLE MORE OLD ADVERTS FOR BILLINGHAY BUSINESSES FROM TINA BEDDALL'S EXCELLENT HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE.

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BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome! We are now well into Term 3 and nearly half way through another academic year at school. This has been one of the most challenging terms that we have encountered, with many pupils and staff absent with Covid, but we can face term 4 after Easter with fresh optimism.

During a busy half term since Christmas and upcoming events:

- All classes carried out work focusing on e Safety (to coincide with the national Safer Internet Day on the 8th February).
- Our School Council have previously looked at ways as to how the school can help to reduce the amount of plastic that is used in our lives and how we can help to save the oceans. They focused on single use plastics and reduced the use of single use plastics in school. We are now signed up with the Persil Dirt is Good Schools Programme to take action on environmental and social causes. We are encouraging our pupils to be courageous advocates, to be able to speak out against an injustice and become agents for change. Our children are discussing causes that they are passionate about (locally and globally) and we will take these forward, giving them knowledge, values and confidence to be change makers for life.
- School has successfully applied for Department for Education funding to access training and support to help with Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing. In addition to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing, we aim to recognise and respond to need as it arises.
- Research shows that a lot of values about careers are entrenched at 7 years old. School starts from Reception to challenge these entrenched views so children do not just decide to 'go with what they know' from an early age. Our careers education programme is designed to raise aspirations, broaden horizons and give choices, challenge stereotypes and ultimately to give pupils opportunities and the right mindset to prepare them for the future.

Alongside numerous opportunities/visitors linked to careers, we also hold an annual careers week in school. Pupils have the opportunity to access visits/ listen to visitors either in person or online talking about their careers. Our next careers week is during the week beginning 14th March. Pupils will be visiting RAF Coningsby, have a talk from RAF personnel in school, have STEM ambassadors in school talking about careers in science and technology, have magistrates in the community in school and one of our ex pupils, Courtney Luther talking about setting up her baking business.

- Our Easter Service will be at St Michael's Church on the 31st March at 10am. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Holt and our Bishop's Visitor, Mel Cuttell for their help and support and we look forward to the events organised by them taking place in school next term:
 - ◇ Mustard Seed Group working with Chickadee Class on a Friday afternoon in Term 4.
 - ◇ A half day of activities in school linked to Holy Week with all the pupils involved, reflecting on the events leading up to and concluding with Easter Monday.
 - ◇ Organising a new prayer tree and helping us to further develop the importance of prayer.
 - ◇ Leading acts of worship.

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

**With best wishes,
Mr R Allen, Headteacher**

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

HIGH STREET BILLINGHAY

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Opening Times:

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



LOOK OUT FOR OUR TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY SPECIAL OFFERS

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