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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022



100s of people congregated at the Billingham Village Hall throughout the afternoon of 4th June to join in the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was great to see the event being such a success and for it to be supported so well by those organising it, participating in it and attending it.

More details overleaf.



Billingham Platinum Jubilee Party

The day dawned, and the organisers looked to the skies. A bit cold, the wind made things a bit more difficult to set up, but there was no rain. And thankfully that remained the picture for the day, allowing for a fantastic attendance at the Village Hall to celebrate the Jubilee. But the day would not have been the outstanding success it was without an incredible amount of hard work behind the scenes both on the day and leading up to the event.

About 14 weeks ago, Carla Casement put out an announcement that volunteers were wanted to attend an inaugural Jubilee Committee. An incredibly tight timeline to organise such an event but thankfully Carla was joined that first evening by an enthusiastic group of people who formed the initial committee, the numbers of which grew as more people offered their time and energy. With funding from the Billingham Parish Council, the event slowly became a reality. Thanks must go to that team of Jubilee Committee volunteers but special thanks go to Carla for pulling it all together.

Begging and borrowing (but thankfully not stealing) allowed a full programme of events to be drawn up, very professionally led by BADASS and accompanied by some local talent.



It was fantastic to allow local crafters to provide stalls and proffer their wares. We all know how hard Covid has been on small businesses. The organisers would like to take this opportunity to publicly give their thanks to some people whom without their assistance the event would not have taken place:

Sisters That Cake for making the wonderful top 3 prizes for our raffle as part of our 3 tier cake; John Pocklington for lending us a trailer for the day; Billingham Village Hall for giving us the venue and playing field for our location;

Billingham Primary school for their wonderful colouring competition entries; Raymond Casson for the military tent and help in numerous areas for setting up; George for the music equipment and music provided during the day; the amazing generosity of everyone who donated raffle prizes and all the stall holders.

But thanks have to go to all those who attended on the day and made all the hard work worthwhile. And your enormous generosity in supporting our fundraising stalls and donations in general helped raise over £750, which will go to local youth groups who have been struggling to fundraise due to covid restrictions.

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 12.00pm .

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

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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.

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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.

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 applications are:

22/0470/FUL Land to the rear of 14 Walcott Road, Billinghamay
Erection of two dormer bungalows

22/0503/OUT 73 Fen Road, Billinghamay
Erection of dwelling and garage (outline with details of access to be considered)

Approved applications:

22/0261/FUL Lowe's Dwelling Tattershall Road Billinghamay.

22/0260/HOUS 11 Fitzwilliam Place,

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Pam and John Grocock of King Street Billinghamay

*who celebrated their 60th Wedding
Anniversary on the 30th June 2022*



The Falklands Conflict Remembered

A personal account by Wing Cdr Stephen Taylor MBE RAF (Retd)

On Sunday 12 June 2022, a small group assembled at the Billingham Village Memorial to lay a wreath in memory of those who gave their lives to free the Falkland Islands from Argentine domination. Val, the wreath layer, had dealt with injured personnel on the Uganda, whilst Stephen the Standard bearer, had been deployed with 63 Squadron RAF Regiment to provide air defence in the San Carlos area. The small ceremony was presided over by Andy our Branch Chairman and the Reverend Stephen Holt kindly joined our assembly to provide a prayer and a blessing.



The Falklands conflict began in April 1982 when Argentinian forces took over the Falkland Islands by force and ejected the British governor and his small detachment of marines. Immediately, the British government saw the political and social implications of such an overt and unfriendly act and immediately set about taking back the Islands, if not through diplomacy, then by force of arms. Within days of the Argentine invasion, 3 Brigade embarked on the SS Canberra to sail south, accompanied by a collection of warships and other commercial vessels. These were known as STUFT ships (Ships taken up from trade). During their journey south, diplomacy continued but in the end discussions failed to convince the Argentine Military Junta that they should withdraw. As a result, The Argentine warship General Belgrano was sunk by a British submarine and the conflict kicked off in earnest. 3 Brigade established a bridgehead on the west side of the East Island at a place called San Carlos, and this became the Brigade Maintenance Area for the rest of the conflict. Back in the UK, 5 Brigade was mobilised to sail south and to reinforce 3 Brigade on the ground. At this time, 63 Squadron RAF Regiment was on exercise on the north German plain practicing tracking aircraft during their attacks on ground targets. 63 Squadron was equipped with the Rapier Ground to Air Missile system and had the unique role of deploying far into the field to provide Short Range Air Defence (SHORAD) to Harrier operational sites deployed in woodlands. This meant that Harriers could be deployed much closer to front line forces and therefore render air assistance and attack ground targets that threatened our forces and to disrupt communications and supply lines. As Harrier jets were being deployed south to provide air cover for our forces, it was decided that 63 Squadron should also go south to protect a Harrier landing zone at San Carlos and thereby extend the range of the Harriers coverage.

In 1982, I was 28 year old Flight Lieutenant commanding the Engineering Flight of 63 Sqn RAF Regt. Most of the personnel of my Flight, with the exception of the Senior NCOs, were much younger and had no idea that they might be deployed to join a real shooting war. However, given 48 hours to move, we packed up everything that wasn't bolted to the floors and set off in convoy to the Belgian coast and then across to Odiham where we spent a little time receiving extra spares and getting jabbed full of holes by the medics. Our Rapier equipment and vehicles together with a

small 5 man engineering detachment, went down to Plymouth to board Atlantic Causeway, while the rest of the Squadron travelled down to Southampton to board the QE2.

The powers that be (PTBs) decided that 63 Squadron should provide the air defence of the QE2 for our trip down south – unfortunately all we had was our personal weapons and not our Rapier kit. However, we begged borrowed and relocated (stole) a bunch of machine guns and other items to set up a defensive screen and a command and control system so that we didn't shoot down any friendly aircraft. The QE2 then sailed down to South Georgia and from there the Squadron was split onto 3 other ships: The Norland, Stromness and Canberra. Once again, the PTBs thought we could provide air defence for these ships on our way to the Falkland Islands (by now we were devoid of anything other than our personal sub-machine guns). The South Atlantic coming into winter time is a tempest with howling 100 mph winds and mighty 20m waves. We tossed about for many days on our way to dry land and in all this time we knew little of what was happening on the Island or to the other forces deployed in the area.

Finally on 2 June, my Squadron detachment aboard the Canberra was disembarked by Landing Craft (much akin to the D Day landing) and we motored from San Carlos Sound around the headland into San Carlos Water where we met up with another part of our Squadron and all of our equipment, which had been bought ashore the previous day by my 5 man engineering detachment aboard Atlantic Causeway. Our Squadron Commanding Officer, Squadron Leader Ian Loughborough was with me on the Canberra and he was now faced with the problem of gathering together his dispersed Squadron and also to get our equipment deployed as quickly as possible to defend the Harrier landing zone

Once again, 63 Squadron had the unique opportunity to be the first Rapier Squadron to deploy our systems using helicopters. This might sound to be a normal military task but in fact the prospect of helicopter deployment had never been seriously considered. So we had to make it up as we went along. Sea King helicopters could lift our fire units and radar trackers but Wessex helicopters couldn't carry such heavy loads and so they helped by deploying missiles, food, fuel, personnel and spares. We set about a routine of using Wessex helicopters because they were more numerous and more available than the Sea Kings. However, I recall one occasion when we had a load to go out to one site which included a generator and some spares. Unfortunately, the load was too much for the Wessex to get into the air. Instead, the pilot almost dragged the load over the ground in a series of short hops, to get it to the site. Hats off to Navy helicopter pilots.



We were fortunate to be shielded from the front-line horrors that many of our personnel experienced but our protective cover of the Harrier landing zone meant that Harrier operations could range much further north than before. As a result Argentine air strikes around San Carlos almost ceased from that day. On the evening of 14 June, we listened closely to the announcement on the Command Network to hear that the Argentine forces had finally surrendered in Port Stanley. However, this was only a surrender of the forces deployed on the Island. The Argentine Military Junta had not accepted the situation and in their minds, were still at war. So, while many were celebrating the end of the fighting (and it was a very well deserved celebration) we continued to maintain Air Defence coverage in case of further air attacks from the Argentine mainland.

By the end of June, our Squadron embarked aboard RFA Sir Lancelot as we redeployed our air defence coverage to Stanley Airport. Within days, more personnel began to arrive and the airport was renamed RAF Stanley. By this time, our men and equipment were showing definite signs of wear, but it was difficult to get replacement parts or services at the end of an 8000 mile logistic chain. Furthermore, it was just about this time when winter finally hit us with snow blizzards and 100 mph winds. Of course, no one expects an air raid in the midst of a blizzard but we still had to keep our equipment operational so that it wouldn't freeze up and be unavailable for the next attack. Gradually, the members of 3 and 5 Brigades returned home by ship and by air to receive their well deserved heroes welcome back in the UK. In the meantime, 63 Squadron remained to provide air defence whilst the RAF PTBs tried to decide how they would now man a Falklands Rapier detachment in the long term. Whilst everyone else had returned home we sat and watched and waited. Then we heard a rumour that we would not be replaced until Christmas !! Remember that we had deployed at 48 hours notice. Back home wives and families awaited our return. Some wives didn't even have access to a bank account and many could not drive. All of their problems became focussed in the "Blue Letters" they sent to husbands explaining their predicament and asking when hubby would be home to fix it.

This was a troubling time for the Squadron. Not only was equipment showing increasing signs of wear and spares were few and far between, but we had the added pressure of problems from home which we couldn't fix. Morale at this time hit its lowest point. One morning as I walked the grounds to see how everything was going (as a good officer should) I came upon a grave site. Neatly arranged with a cross bearing the inscription "Here lies buried MORALE". I think the lads were trying to tell me something!! Soon after, we were told that our replacement Squadron would arrive in September and so we set about ensuring that everything that could be done to speed up the transfer of responsibilities would be ready and in place.



Finally at the end of September with the transfer to 37 Squadron RAF Regiment complete, I boarded a Hercules flight from Stanley to Ascension Island, where we spent a few days recuperating. And then a flight by VC10 via Dakar in North Africa then direct back to Gutersloh and Home. Indeed, of the original personnel serving in Operation Corporate, I believe that we were the very last to leave the Island.

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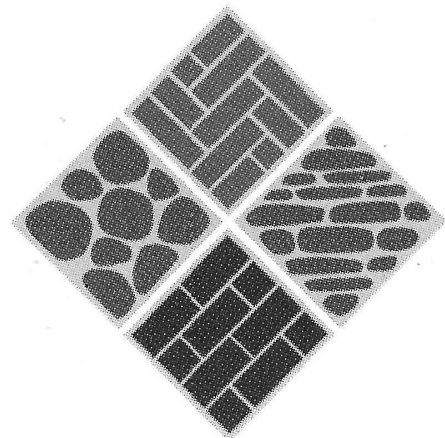
My experiences in the Falklands taught me many things about cooperation and leadership and helped me find the strength and will to carry on when everything was against us. My Squadron was fortunate that we didn't face the horrors that front-line troops endured. But even so, the experience changed us all in ways that we did not understand at the time and are perhaps still living with today. Since those fateful days in 1982 when Britain embarked on its first major mission in modern times, we have found ourselves embroiled in one conflict or peace support operation after another. Recently we have witnessed the vicious attack by Russian forces on the sovereign state of Ukraine and it reminds us that no matter how safe and secure we feel in our current environment, there will always be someone willing to break that peace for their own selfish ends. Let us hope that governments around the world continue to remember that the way to peace depends upon constant vigilance and the will and capability to take the fight back to our enemies.

The 40th anniversary of the surrender in the Falkland Islands was celebrated in fine style at the National Memorial Arboretum on 14 June 2022. The event included readings of personal experiences together with a link up to the Falkland Islands to see the same ceremony being conducted half a world away. At the conclusion of the event a representative of the Falklands Islands government informed us that the "Freedom of the Falkland Islands" had been granted to all holders of the South Atlantic Medal..

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REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 2022

Billingham has a long tradition of holding a remembrance parade at the Billingham War Memorial and we are certain that residents would like to do so again on Sunday, 13 November 2022.

Previously the Royal British Legion (RBL) have organised this event including the associated road closures. However recent directives from the RBL Board of Trustees mean that Remembrance events should be organised by a Civic Authority (Billingham Parish Council). All aspects of the event organised by the Parish Council must remain their responsibility. Temporary Traffic Management Orders (TTMOs) must only be organised and deployed by the Civic Authority as RBL staff and volunteers are not allowed to be deployed to manage traffic.

On the day of the parade, RBL and its volunteers cannot be involved in deployment, management or removal of any TTMO, such as placing barriers, directing traffic or driving vehicles that are involved in the TTMO.

Billingham RBL is content to organise the actual parade and ceremony on the day to allow a parade to take place. To ensure the safety of members of the public attending, Billingham Parish Council have been requested to:

- Register the Event with Lincolnshire County Council Highways Team and take on the role of event organiser
- Apply for a Temporary Traffic Management Order to cover the following road closures on the day:
 - Queen Street for its entire length
 - Bridge Street for its entire length
 - Victoria Street for approx., 100m from the junction of Bridge Street/Church Street
 - Church Street from Church Lane to junction with Victoria Street
- Organise and manage the road closures on the day. This will require the appointing and training of a responsible person, who will need to undertake Parade Awareness training with Lincolnshire County Council.

This means that the Parish Council are looking for volunteers to man the closure points and someone to be the coordinator and attend the training detailed above. It is imperative that the parade goes ahead, so can you volunteer some of your time to ensure that it does

If you are prepared to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



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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**.

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

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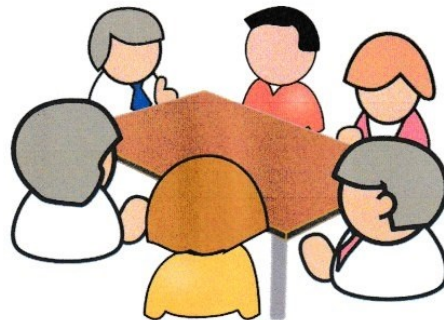
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Providing feedback on patients' needs, concerns and interests, and giving them a voice in the organisation of their care.

Influencing the provision of secondary healthcare and social care locally.

(From: Terms of Reference on Noticeboard).





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Lee, Inga & The Team

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<i>Tues - Fri</i>	<i>12 - 3</i>	<i>5 - 11</i>
<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>	
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We look forward to Welcoming you!!



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Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

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.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk



Billingham Athletic FC Minihays

We will be restarting youth training every Saturday **starting May 1st**.

We are offering training for both girls and boys aged between **4 and 12**.

Training sessions run every Saturday 10:30-11:30am.

We are offering training, skills, exercise and fun!!!!

£2 per session

You will need suitable footwear and a drink.

Contact details:

Nathan (Club secretary) 01526 861144 or
07824600798

Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

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

April 22 – March 23

Monday Route 2 & 4 (Rural North)

April	May	June	July	August	September
11th 25th	9th 23rd	6th 20th	4th 18th	1st 15th 29th	12th 26th
October	November	December	January	February	March
10th 24th	7th 21st	5th 19th			

**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



B.A.D.A.S.S



BADASS – Between the Panto

It's been a few months since the cast of BADAss donned their costumes and took to the boards for their last Pantomime, but that doesn't mean that the dedicated members have been quiet or idle.

The Queen's 70th Jubilee Celebrations held at Billinghay Village Hall meant that our members were able to share their talents with the community, alongside acts and entertainment from other local groups and individuals.

The youth members Kacy, Taylor, Iana and newly recruited Matilda took to the stage with several of the established BADAss cast to perform an upbeat, high-energy selection of well-known numbers, including It's a Hard Knock Life, Build Me Up Buttercup, If I Was Not Up-on A Stage, Up Up and Away and Uptown Funk as the finale.

Tobias showcased his keyboard skills on the piano with music by Elton John and Steve transported the Jubilee celebration attendees back to the 60s and 70s with a guitar solo featuring music from that era, together with a Shadows medley.

As an amateur dramatics' association, we are so lucky to have creative seamstresses like Carla, Wendy and June who make many of the wonderful Panto costumes, and the members of BADAss were thrilled to be able to share some of those fabric creations with the community during the Jubilee event at the 'dressing up' tent – we hope you got plenty of selfies as The Dame or even the cow! And that you were able to fulfil a desire or dream of being involved in a Panto thanks to the scenery on display. Al led the way in the stocks – a fab performer and up for a laugh!



On behalf of BADAss, we extend our thanks to all those who were involved in organising this memorable community event.

BADAss has always been about giving back to the community, the funds raised through the pantomime go back to local groups. Some members extend that spirit of giving through helping the community with other projects, and cast members including Katie, Ros, Lana and Matilda joined the Village Hall Committee in painting and tidying up the children's play area

It is with regret that BADAss has not been able to put on a summer show this year (time constraints and other commitments have impacted on the decision to postpone such an event). However, this short break does mean that casting and directing decisions can be the focus for the next BADAss Pantomime (scheduled for Feb 2023). If you would like to be acting on stage, or you would like to support the acting cast through music, scenery, prop or costume making, or making tea, collecting items for the raffle, putting out chairs etc please get in touch with a member of BADAss through the BADAss Facebook page or contact Katie on 07799 617674.

Practicing and preparing for the next Panto starts in September – there will be an audition event open to ALL members of the community – youth and adult – watch out for details of the date and venue on the Billingham Community Facebook pages.





OPENING TIMES - PUBLIC SWIM FROM 28th MAY

DAY	TERM TIME	HALF TERM / SUMMER HOLIDAYS
TUES - FRI	6.00pm to 8.00pm	2.00pm to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 8.00pm
SAT/SUN/BANK HOLS	2.00pm to 5.00pm	2.00pm to 5.00pm

ADULTS AND OTHER SESSIONS ONLY FROM 5th JUNE

TUESDAYS	Adults Only	7.45pm to 8.45pm
WEDNESDAYS	Babies and Tots	9.15am to 10.15am
	Adults Only	10.30am to 11.30am
THURSDAYS	Adults Only	7.45pm to 8.45pm
FRIDAYS	Babies and Tots	9.15am to 10.15am
	Adults Only	10.30am to 11.30am
SUNDAYS	Laned Swim	9.00am to 10.00am

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LOCAL POLICE NEWS

SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

Top reported crimes in April 2022

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◆	Violence & Sexual Offences	20
◆	Other Theft	6
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Local Team covering Billingham:

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PCSO Nicole Woolerton

Crime levels overview over the 12 months ending August 2021

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
May 2021	54	8.9%
Jun 2021	42	6.9%
Jul 2021	60	9.9%
Aug 2021	48	7.9%
Sep 2021	41	6.7%
Oct 2021	47	7.7%
Nov 2021	51	8.4%
Dec 2021	54	8.9%
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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

Our last issue featured the end of World War I and we are now publishing Mick’s research into World War II and this will be spread over two issues.

WORLD WAR II

The causes of the Second World War are well known, and I do not propose to go over old ground. Suffice it to say that war was declared on 3rd September 1939. In comparison with the First World War, the dead of the second World War were obviously easier to trace as there were many people in the village who remembered them and thankfully the death toll was far less. There are only five names on this section of the War Memorial, but there should be seven, as will become clear later.

Once again Britain’s professional army bore the brunt of the Germans’ offensive. This time, however, it was not to be a soldier who was the first casualty. After the retreat of the British Expeditionary Force and their rescue from Dunkirk, the British people relied on the RAF and Navy to keep the Germans at bay and it was a sailor who was to be the first man to die.

Morris Arthur Couling, Ordinary Seaman P/JX 217413 DIED ON Tuesday 17th December 1940 in HMS Acheron. Morris was the son of Arthur and Jane Couling and husband of Lucy Couling. He lived in Skirth Road, Billingham Fen. Morris’s parents were religious, and they owned a harmonium. However, Maurice loved to play dance music on it rather than hymns and I am told that it was taken into the Ship Inn by his parents, who were very proud of him. He was also a very good accordion player. He had a sister, Una, who it is believed lived in Fiskerton. His parents died in a road accident sometime after the war.

HMS Acheron was an A Class destroyer built in 1930. The ship sustained bomb damage to the stern on 24th August 1940. It had been repaired and was conducting high speed trials when it hit a mine and sank at 50 31m N – 01 31 m E, just south of the Isle of Wight. Morris’s body was not recovered, and he is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire.

The next man to die was also in the Navy. **Dennis William Wells**, Able Seaman C/ Jx157972 who was serving on HMS Electra. He died on 17th February 1942 aged 20 years. Dennis lived in Park Lane, Billingham. He was one of a large family. His father died before the war and his mother was Lottie Wells, who later remarried Fred Couling. Peter and Les Couling are his step nephews. Dennis had a brother, Ralph and a sister, Betty who lives in Florida USA. He also had a sister, Mrs Laura Andrews, who lived in

Ringmoor, Billingham.

Before she died, I rang Mrs Andrews to ask for information about her brother and by luck his niece, Mrs Houseman, answered the phone. She was able to tell me that a book had been written about her uncle's ship, HMS Electra, and asked me to visit her when she would show it to me. From that book I was able to discover the details of the action in which Dennis died. It is not known when Dennis Wells joined HMS Electra, but he was on board when the ship met its end as described below.

HMS Electra was an E type destroyer. The ship had a proud history. She sailed with the Hood in the search of the Bismarck and picked up three survivors when the Hood was sunk. She was also at the sinking of the Repulse and the Prince of Wales. Electra left Singapore just before its capture by the Japanese. The last person from Billingham to see Dennis alive was Geoff Taylor who was serving in the Royal Air Force. He was drinking in a bar in Singapore and both men recognised each other. While they were there, they heard an announcement that they must leave immediately. Geoff managed to get a tramp steamer and escaped to Australia while Dennis re-joined his ship which sailed eastwards to Java shepherding a collection of merchant ships. While at Tanjon Priok, the port for Batavia, they heard the report of the surrender of Singapore. They had joined HMS Exeter and HMS Perth and while there they were subjected to bombing raids.

On 25th February information was that a Japanese invasion fleet was at sea heading for Java and later that day Electra sailed for Surabaya together with Exeter, Perth and the destroyers Jupiter and Encounter. They arrived at noon on 26th but took three hours to negotiate a minefield, berthing at 3.30pm. Hoping for a rest they were disappointed, receiving orders to sail at 7pm. The Surabaya forces included the US heavy cruiser Houston, the Dutch light cruisers Java and De Ruyter and eight other cruisers (five American and three Dutch).

Early on the afternoon of 27th, a signal was received from Doorman, the Dutch commander of the force "FOLLOW ME, THE ENEMY IS NINETY MILES AWAY". At 4pm the Electra was ahead of the fleet, five miles in front of the cruiser and at 4.03 lookouts sighted smoke to the northeast off the starboard bow.

The Japanese force was led by a cruiser followed by six destroyers, another cruiser, eight destroyers and then two heavy cruisers. At 4.16 the first shells from a range of 15,000 yards fell around Electra which bore the brunt of the attack. The action seemed to be going reasonably well until at 5.08pm four torpedoes passed Electra. It was thought that they were from a submarine, but the Japanese were using long range torpedoes from their surface ships. About this time the Exeter was hit and came to a stop. The allied force was having liaison difficulties between the various nationalities, but a smokescreen was laid, and Exeter got under way again. Electra was last seen going through the smoke towards the Japanese force in an attempt to protect the larger ship.

Emerging through the smoke, Electra saw one light cruiser and six destroyers at close range and, opening fire drew first blood. It was not long before the Japanese replied. Their first shell cut off all communications from the bridge, the second wrecked the electrical switchboard and the third was a direct on the boiler room and the ship stopped. However, the crew continued to fight, the guns continuing to fire. Then a direct hit on A gun put it out of action and a fire started under B gun. X and Y guns continued to fire until one was blown up and the other ran out of shells. The order was then given "Prepare to abandon ship". A whaler was launched but was blown out of the water and it was then that the Japanese fired on the early floats, but just after sunset the enemy left, and the ship sank shortly afterwards. The survivors were picked up by an American submarine, S38. A total of fifty-four survived from a crew of one hundred and seventy-three.

Dennis is not named in the accounts of the sinking, but he was part of a happy and efficient crew. The torpedo officer remembers a leading seaman reporting to him as the ship was sinking. He came to attention, saluted, and said, "Depth charges made safe sir". That action undoubtedly saved some lives.

Dennis's family can be proud that he was involved in this heroic action which was in the finest tradition of the Royal Navy. To quote from Nelson "No captain can do wrong if he

puts his ship alongside that of an enemy.” The Electra was not only put alongside that of an enemy ship, but alongside an invasion fleet. Dennis’s body was not recovered, and he is commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. On 29th March 1947 a large congregation gathered in in the Church of St George at the Royal Navy Barracks, Chatham to pay homage to Electra and those who died with her.



HMS ELECTRA

FURTHER RESEARCH INTO OUR WORLD WAR I ITEMS

In response to a query arising from an article in an earlier issue, we have received the undernoted rletter from Lara Scott and Melvyn King.

In reply to the article on Billingham Lads that lost their lives in the Great War, a question arose about John King. In 1898 Mary King of South Kyme married John Flatters of Billingham in Sleaford.

They had three children, John Arthur King in 1896, Reginald in 1906 and Wilfred in 1910. John’s name can be found on the War Memorial in the Market Place. He was awarded the Victory Medal and also the Great War Medal (illustrated below)



John Arthur King, Private, Regimental 201556 was buried Cawdry Nord Pas de Calais,

Billingham Bowls Club

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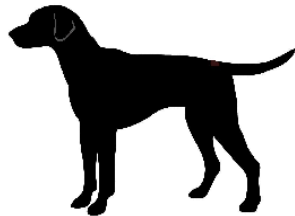
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2 August 2022	Outing to Stamford and Rutland Waters for Afternoon Tea on the Boat		
23 August 2022	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

Any one wishing to join or attend meetings would be most welcome - Contact Shirley on 01526 860732 or 07903008308 (Mobile)

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Jumble Sale. We raised an amazing amount of **£620.**

Below is a photo from our Platinum Jubilee Tea and this shows Marjorie Rear and Gwen Tomlinson cutting the cake.



Marjorie was also celebrating her birthday being 101 years old the week before. Jean has been a hostess for Darby and Joan for over 50 years. Congratulations to them both.

The lovely cake is pictured below:



BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

Tuesday Club activities for the coming year are as below::

5 July 2022	Full Circle - Return to Monte Cassino Jackie Griffiths and Alison Hodson
2 August 2022	Bees and Candles - Linda Ayres
6 September 2022	Cyber Crime and Fraud - Daniel Westwood
4 October 2022	Harvest Supper
1 November 2022	Body Shop at Home - Ruth Cox
6 December 2022	The Bretherton Handbell Ringers

REGULAR MEETINGS

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

B.A.D.ASS	Thursdays	7.00pm Ship or Village Hall Phone Kate 07799617674 for info
Bingo	Monday	1.30pm The Whyche
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)	Alternate Fridays during term time	6.00 to 7.00pm
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	Friday during term time	6.00 to 7.00pm
Youth Club	Every Monday	Village Hall 6.30 to 8.00pm



This is an article from Legal & General which I thought was very relevant at the moment.

Sometimes it feels like we just don't have enough time to research what else is out there. Maybe you need to cut back for a while to get your day-to-day money back under control.

Why should you shop around?

Nearly 10 million households in the UK are on a standard variable tariff with one of the Big Six energy suppliers. This means on average they are likely to pay £220 more a year than if they switched to a cheaper deal. Plus, Ofgem found that the difference between the average dual fuel variable tariff and the cheapest bundle deal was over £400 a year!

And it's not just energy where you could make big savings. You can save by shopping around for:

- broadband, TV and phone contracts
- insurance (home, pet, car, travel and life insurance...to name a few)
- money (for example savings accounts, mortgages, credit cards and loans).

If you can make savings, however small, across each of these... just think how that money will start to add up.

Tackle one bill at a time

Get all of your bank statements, bills and contract information together and plan your approach to shopping around. This may still seem a little overwhelming, with so many bills and providers to look at so tackle one bill at a time.

Make a plan and set a goal (for example, to have switched everything you can by the end of next month). If you're stuck in a contract right now, put diary reminders in for when big contracts are due to expire, so that you don't fall into the standard variable trap.

Remember the time you spend researching will save you money in the long run. You can shop around by calling providers directly or using comparison websites that enable you to compare lots of deals from different providers. You can also contact your existing provider and try to get a better deal.

Cutting debt costs

If you have debts but they're under control, it's worth checking whether you are paying them off in the best order, have the right debt solutions for your situation, the best interest rates and if you can pay them off more quickly.

Pay down the more expensive debts first if you can as this will save you more in the long run. For example if you have a credit card charging you 9% interest each year and one with an interest free period, concentrate on trying to get the 9% one paid off more quickly by paying above the minimum payment if you can. Alternatively you may consider paying off the one with the largest repayment amount to free up some cash to spend elsewhere, depending on your priorities.

Some credit cards have an introductory interest free period or lower interest rate, so it may be worth shopping around and changing your credit card from time to time to take advantage of these deals. These can be useful for you to consolidate various credit cards into one payment, potentially with a lower interest rate. Remember that each time you apply for a product like this, a credit search will be recorded on your credit file. Too many searches in a short period of time can affect your credit rating.

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If you do move debts to an interest free card, try not to spend regularly on this card too. Sometimes the 0% deal is for balance transfers only, not purchases. Purchases can be charged at a higher rate and often any payments you make will come off the higher interest rate balance first.

Do you need your subscriptions?

Shopping around for deals on your energy or phone contract isn't the only place you can save money. Remember to also look at your subscriptions. From gym membership to TV or magazine subscriptions, these costs can add up. And if you're not using the services, it's money you're spending for no reason. By simply cutting out any unused subscriptions, you could find the savings add up.

Be a savvy shopper and save

If you see something you need (or want), do some research before you commit. Always look for discounts, cashback or use price comparison websites to cut the cost of your shopping. Your employer may have a discount spending app you could use, or there may be a voucher code on the internet giving you 10%, 20% or more off the price.

Signing up for mailing lists can also bring introductory discounts to your mailbox. Sometimes just leaving items in your online shopping basket for a few days will prompt an email with a discount to prompt you to buy.

Cutting back

Sometimes saving money does mean cutting back on the things you enjoy for a while until you get yourself back in control or have saved up for the thing you really want. You could calculate your current budget by using a budget calculator. If you would like a copy of our support sheet email me clm@fhmanning.co.uk. Once complete, you can then play around with trimming the budget back in some areas to see how this affects your finances. Once you've set a limit for an area of spending, for example food budget, you may be able to find some savings by buying cheaper brands, only buying what is in season or going to local markets.

The budget calculation might highlight some areas where it may be worth paying more upfront to make a saving in the long run. For example, if you're spending lots of money on public transport consider buying a weekly or monthly pass which could work out cheaper per journey. If you want that barista coffee, it may be cheaper to buy your own and a reusable cup. Saving the planet and saving money!

Use online price comparison websites. Talk to friends and family and ask them how much they are spending on things like mobile phone contracts or their monthly broadband package. Learn the art of haggling, call up your providers and negotiate some new deals. Remember - any saving is a saving, the saving is more effective long term.



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BILLINGHAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The timetable detailed on the next two pages is the one effective until the school Summer holidays when it changes again.

Please ensure that you check on the outside noticeboard or on our facebook pages for details when it is available.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome back older siblings up to 8 years of age if accompanying an under 5 to sessions (except the age restricted under 1 baby group).

'We're delighted to announce that following a long absence due to covid we now have our free Pre-loved under 5's clothes rail up and running again if anyone who would like to take any to help save the planet as well as a little money themselves.

Similarly our popular Baby borrow bags, Story sacks, Strong Finger Activity Bags and Me & My World bags have been replenished and are available to loan, so please pop in check them out soon.'



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:
Steaforth: 01529 304888 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 843 000.

Billinghay Children's Centre WHAT'S ON GUIDE



Timetable
6th June 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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For all up to date information please go to our web pages at:
<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childcare-and-family-support/find-a-childrens-centre/>








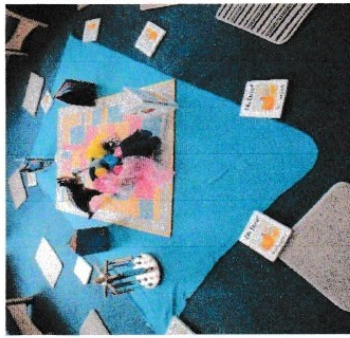



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Booking for groups is essential for Baby Massage and Learning Together as these are groups where the commitment of attending weekly for a set of weeks is required. These groups are shown as **booking required** on the timetable.

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

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Fridays	
<p>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Appointment only call 01522 843000</p> 	<p>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Appointment only call 01522 843000</p> <p>10:00am-11:00am Little Explorers (For children 0 - 5years) A sensory and messy play session providing materials for children to explore, supporting their development and growing confidence</p> 	<p>10:00am – 11:00am 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>PLEASE NOTE THIS SESSION IS NOT ON ON WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE</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 Let's Get Ready for Nursery and School (For children 0 - 5 years) Through carefully planned, playful opportunities, these sessions will help you and your child to strengthen and develop key skills which will help them in their journey to becoming lifelong learners.</p> 	<p>10:00am – 10:45 am Family Rhyme Time (For children 0 - 5years) 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@eyalliance.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@eyalliance.org.uk</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) 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@eyalliance.org.uk to find out more or when the next course begins</p> <p>10am - 11am Top Tips for Babies up to 6 months at Sleaford Children's Centre Thursday's 23rd June, 21st July, 25th August & 29th September A relaxed and informal session delivered by Early Years professionals sharing Top Tips for babies. Covering introducing solids, oral health, accident prevention and age appropriate development and learning</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, you need to answer these questions on transport:

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Where in the UK is the National Railway Museum?	
2.	Where can the Royal Yacht Britannia be visited?	
3.	In which country is "The Ghan" Railway service?	
4.	Which museum houses Stephenson's Rocket?	
5.	What name is given to a boat with two hulls?	
6.	How far was the Wright Brother's maiden Flight?	
7.	Which company owned and operated the Titanic?	
8.	When did the Boeing 747 enter commercial service?	
9.	The Cutty Sark was primarily designed to carry which product?	
10.	What name is given to the French High Speed Railway?	

Answers to last issue's quiz

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| 1. Orange | 2. Beamish |
| 3. Swizzle Stick | 4. A Pickled Onion |
| 5. Islay | 6. Pear |
| 7. Spirit lost by evaporation | 8. Rice |
| 9. Fosters | 10. Four |

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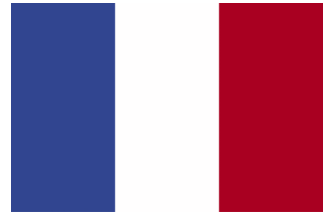
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BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Our long-delayed trip to Ballon finally took place in glorious weather. Although the numbers were small, it was essential to ensure the future of the twinning link. Our hosts made us very welcome and a lot more time was spent with the host families with the group outings limited in numbers and distance travelled. The arranged programme of events was as below:

Friday 27 May Welcome drinks and snacks at St Mars sous Ballon

Saturday 28 May Commenced with a visit to La Ferte Bernard, a small historical town in the region. We were treated to a tour of the town on the “white train” to see the tourist attractions. This was followed by an excellent meal and drinks at a local restaurant.



We also had a very restful trip on the local boat cruises.

In the afternoon we visited a deer park and saw how it was run before finishing with some venison pate.



Sunday 29 May The day was spent with our host families although one or two groups joined together. Much food and wines were consumed outside in the beautiful

weather.

Monday 30 May Although the twinning has existed for more than thirty years a lot of our members had not visited the Chateau at Ballon and our hosts had arranged a special tour of the castle and beautiful gardens. The history of the castle was fascinating and ownership had changed hands numerous times due to various conflicts.



In the evening, we enjoyed a Gala dinner at a local restaurant in St Mars sous Ballon where the food was excellent, and the speeches were thankfully few and short.

Tuesday 1 June Those who were staying until Wednesday spent the morning with hosts but were treated to a visit to the local distillery in Le Mans. The processes were explained to us by a very knowledgeable guide and there was some product testing following – very enjoyable for those who could keep awake!! (see Wendy Liles for photographs). Malt Whisky connoisseurs were not too disappointed that the Le Mans product could not be sold until it was three years old.

Everyone who went on the trip thought it was one of the most enjoyable ever and possibly set out a blueprint for future ones.

Wednesday 2 June Homeward Bound

Billingham Church of England Primary School



At the time of writing we have just begun the last half term of another school year. I am not quite sure where all the time goes and we have a lot to pack into a few weeks before we break up for the summer holidays on the 22nd July.

Our Key Stage 2 children started swimming lessons on Thursday 9th June. Sports Days will be on the 29th June at 1.30pm for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and on the 30th June pm at 1.30 for our Year 3 – Year 6 pupils.

We are delighted to announce that we have ordered a POD (as in the photo) to go at the front of school to act as another teaching area for small groups, meetings with parents, music tuition etc. It will have its own heating system and ours will be orange. Unfortunately, we have to wait on delivery due to difficulties with the supply chain.

Our Year 6 children have a rewards trip to Belton House and the adventure playground to look forward to in July as a thank you from school for all their hard work with their SAT tests.



Miss Hall is delivering a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club after school this term. From September 2022 we aim to increase our offer of after school clubs over a 6 or 12 week period including a drama club, gardening club, a baking club and some kind of music club amongst others, involving as many year groups as possible. If any parent/carer is able to support any of these clubs or is able to help run a club around a specialist area that they have, then please let me know. I would be happy to work with you to support such a club.

Our large screen and projector in the hall has become extremely temperamental and as such we are getting quotes for a large TV screen to be installed in the hall with speakers.

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and parents for September to school. Thankfully, we are now able to go back to face to face visits into school with a number of events planned in school for this term for new pupils and parents.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support in what has been another challenging year and we look forward to continued success in the final term of the school year.

With best wishes

Mr R Allen
Headteacher

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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

NEXT ISSUE September/October 2022 – DEADLINE DATE – 15 August 2022