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CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING AND ILLUMINATION

When the Parish Council began organising the evening, so many people became involved from choosing the tree, its delivery and erecting it, to organising the refreshments and to the entertainment. The Ruffs had been invited along, they are such fun, and the BADAss group joined in (don't miss out on their pantomime in the New Year).

Soon, it was **The Night!**

What a fantastic evening was had by so many people when young Farmer Joe and his brothers switched on the Christmas Tree lights - see tree photo on Page 2. I hope Nic Woolerton doesn't mind us using her wonderful photo – you can see it in colour on Facebook and in the newsletter on the Council website.

Rev Steve blessed the tree, and the fun began.

We were thrilled how many residents came and joined in. Great fun was had and we've since had a lot of comments on it all, especially how the little children sang Silent Night.

Thank you to everyone who made it such an enjoyable evening.

We've already had requests for next year's Lighting of the Christmas Tree!
For now, let's enjoy this Christmas.

**The Parish Council wishes everyone a Happy Christmas.
Wendy Liles, Chair Billingham Parish Council**

THANK YOU

The Parish Council would like to thank **everyone** who helped make the Christmas Tree Lighting such an entertaining event.,

Special thanks go to:

- Roger Miller, Ben Sekker, Tom Stainsby, Pete Marshall and Steve Harper for erecting and decorating the tree.
- Ian Caudwell for providing the lighting on the Night
- Tom Brooks for supplying the tree
- Rev Steve Holt for blessing the tree
- Th Ruffs and BADAss for the music—how lucky we are to have two such groups of entertainers in the Village
- Lee and Inga Taylor for providing the excellent food and drink after the lighting and Blessing ceremony



Photo b Nic Woolerton

We Remembered Them



Remembrance Sunday, 13th November 2022, saw the Billingham Branch of the Royal British Legion hold its annual Remembrance Parade. Parade Commander WO Matt Derbyshire, Billingham Secretary, did a sterling job in organising and controlling events on the day. Former Billingham Secretary, Mrs Dawn Studd, led wreaths with that of the Royal British Legion. The parade was attended by a significant number of Billingham residents and this support is always very much appreciated.



The parade was followed by a Service of Remembrance in St Michael's Church. Thanks must go to Reverend Steve Holt for his support on this day and throughout the year.





2022 Poppy Appeal

As in previous years the residents of Billingham, Walcott, North Kyme and Anwick showed their support and generosity for this extremely worthy cause. This was very poignant this year as the cost of living rises hit everyone. As always, we are thankful to a large number of organisations and individuals who provided collection points (in no particular order):

Barry's Store, Billingham Co-op, Billingham Post Office, Number Seven Hairdressers, The Ship Inn, Twells, Joe's Trolley, Billingham Medical Centre, Shapes Hairdressers, Billingham Garage, Willow House, Golden Hay, Chip Off the Old block, Billingham School, Plough Inn North Kyme, Walcott School, Anwick Store, Anwick Garden Centre and Nettleham Police Headquarters.

And we cannot forget those who braved the elements and spent considerable time collecting house-to-house (and counting the money):

Ruth Catlett, Dawn and Glenn Studd, Val Fortune, Val Thompson, Jamie Cozens, Tina Toulson, Karen Smith, Karen Frith, Louisa and Matthew Frith and Ann and Poppy Hadgraft.

Special thanks go to Lee and Inga (Ship Inn) for their continued support to the Billingham Branch throughout the year. Where would we be without that all important glass of port before a parade. And apologies to all who were stuck in the queue at the Post Office whilst the poppy appeal money was deposited and thanks to the Post Office staff for their forbearance.

All this effort would have been for nothing without the generosity of all who donated. We are extremely proud to say that this year we raised a grand total of £3099.13. Put simply:

Thank you everyone

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/popyappeal.

What does the RBL do?

The Royal British Legion is at the heart of a national network that supports our Armed Forces community through thick and thin – ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten. The RBL supports serving and ex-serving personnel of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists and their families. Billingham, and surrounding area, has a large number of residents that fall into these categories. If you do, or someone you know does, and help is required then please contact either a member of the Billingham Branch or the RBL direct for further guidance.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Methodist Chapel

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 Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9.15am to 12.00pm.

Contact details are shown on the front page of this Newsletter

BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Chairman: Wendy Liles

Acting Clerk: Andrew Everard

Parish Councillors: Andy Catlett, Les Ball, Alice Dymoke, Debbie Fisher, Roger Miller, Tom Cassidy & Steve Cottrell

District Council Members: Gill Ogden, Amanda Sanderson

County Council Member: Andrew Key

Office Assistant & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billingham Parish Council

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Billinghay 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**

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Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billingham, Lincs
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council monthly meetings are currently being held in the School-room of the Methodist Chapel, Victoria Street. 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.

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.

New Applications:

22/1655/HOUS 25 Shire Close Billingham- erection of 2 storey side extension

22/1694/PNTEL Village Hall Erection of Pole and Antenna

22/1703/FUL Lamymans Farm, Tattershall Bridge - change of use to workshop

Approved:

22/1435/LBC 14 Victoria Street - replacement window

CHILDREN'S CENTRE DEFIBRILLATOR

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

If you notice any issues with the defibrillator, please contact the Parish Office.

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

HAVE YOU ANY OLD PHOTOS OR STORIES ABOUT BILLINGHAY?

We are running very short of material for our Bygones Section. We know that the feature is well liked particularly among the older residents in the village as they try to identify long lost friends from their past.

If you have any old photographs, scrapbooks that we may borrow to copy some of the more interesting items, we would be grateful if you could let the Parish Office borrow them. We will then copy them and return them immediately.

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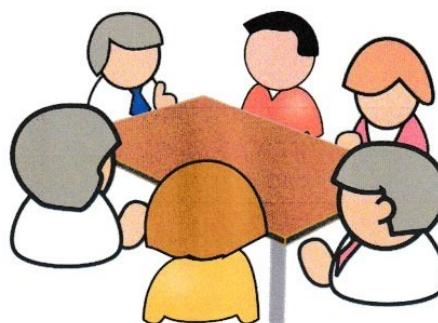
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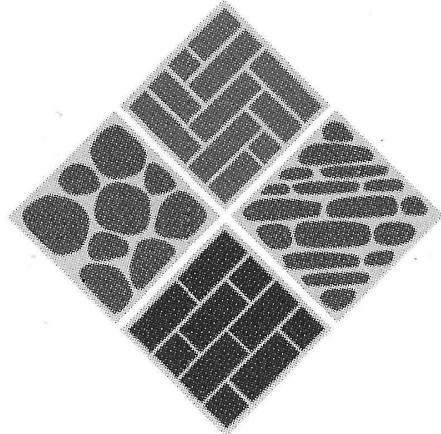
<i>Tues</i>	<i>Drinks Only</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Wed-Fri</i>	<i>12-3</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>12-2</i>	<i>5-8</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>3-11</i>	
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12-10:30</i>	
<i>Traditional Sunday Lunch</i>	<i>12-2</i>	

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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**.

This is straightforward to use and can be accessed using:

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

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	9th 23rd	13th 27th	13th 27th

**Sorry no service on Bank Holidays*

The mobile library stops at the following places:

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Billingham	Library Site	13.15	14.45
Billingham	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



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LOCAL POLICE NEWS

SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

Top reported crimes in October 2022

◆	Anti-social behaviour	9
◆	Violence & Sexual Offences	18
◆	Burglary	4
•	Other Theft	6

Priority

Speeding in rural villages has been highlighted from a resident poll

Sleaford Neighbourhood Policing Team

Local policing teams are groups of officers dedicated to serving the community. Teams are made up of officers based in the area, supported by additional officers from the wider area.

Teams work closely with local authorities, organisations, partners and residents to decide policing priorities. This helps teams find long-term solutions to local problems.

Local Team covering Billinghay:

Inspector Mark Hillson

Sergeant Stuart Mumby-Croft

PC Martin Derbyshire

PCSO Colin Ironmonger

PCSO Nicole Woolerton

Crime levels overview over the 12 months ending August 2021

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Nov 2021	51	8.5%
Dec 2021	54	9.0%
Jan 2022	50	8.4%
Feb 2022	49	8.2%
Mar 2022	58	9.7%
Apr 2022	55	9.2%
May 2022	49	8.2%
June 2022	47	7.9%
July 2022	43	7.2%
Aug 2022	47	7.9%
Sep 2022	51	8.5%
Oct 2022	43	7.2%

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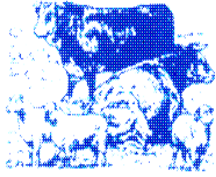
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Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	Sundays 10.30am & 6pm Tuesdays 7pm Pastor James Mansfield 861439 Breakfast Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall 1 st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106 Indoor Bowls start September every Monday Secretary Matt Derbyshire 861453
Brownies (2nd Billingham) Children's Centre Community Rooms Daisy Chain	Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday 869248 or 869271 Bookings Pre-school Mon-Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281 Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 Wednesdays 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
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Lighthouse Youth Club	Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £18 for 3 hours
Line Dancing Methodist Church	Sundays 10am Val 860614, 3rd Thursday of month 7.30pm at the Ship Kylie Cozens History Group The Ship Inn as advertised Lou Hird 869086
Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club Past Times	Tuesdays (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Karen 01526 860715 Mobile 07812207929 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
Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)	Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com
St Michael's and All Angels Church	First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms Chairman John Toulson 01526 860262 Secretary Megan Clark (meganclark@hotmail.co.uk) . Bookings June Davies 861652
Tennis Club Tuesday Club Twinning Association	Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency) Every Friday at 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghambaptistchapel.co.uk
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BILLINGHAY BIN COLLECTION DAYS

We have been requested by several residents to show the Bin Collection Days for 2023.

Consequently, displayed below, please find those for the period up to the end of March 2023. We will consider showing the later ones when NKDC have issued the dates.

You are asked to ensure that your bins are out by 7.30am on the day of collection which will be on a Friday unless NKDC advise otherwise.

You can check what can go in each bin by referring to the A-Z Recycling Guide on the NKDC website - www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recyclingguide

The dates for each type of bin are as below:

BLACK BIN - General waste (non-recyclable)

Friday, 13 January
Friday, 27 January
Friday, 10 February
Friday, 24 February
Friday, 10 March
Friday, 24 March

GREEN BIN - Recyclable (ex paper)

Friday, 6 January
Friday, 3 February
Friday, 3 March
Friday, 31 March

PURPLE BIN Clean Paper Waste

Friday, 20 January
Friday, 17 February
Friday, 17 March

BROWN BIN Garden waste

Friday, 20 January
Friday, 3 February
Friday, 17 February
Friday, 3 March
Friday, 17 March

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that local resident, Mr John Grocock died suddenly on 20 October 2022 aged 87. John had lived all his life in the village and will be sorely missed.

BYGONES

As mentioned in the previous issue of the Newsletter, we are now running short of old photographs and stories about the village. Please let us know if you have some in your possession that we can copy and publish.

We have resorted to copying a photo from the Millennium Chronicle showing the 1st Billingham Scouts, now unfortunately, defunct.



*1st Billingham Scout Group March 1999 –
Back row, left to right: Roger Miller (Group Scout Leader), Jane Squibb (Helper),
Linda Miller (Treasurer), Helen Ryding (Cub Leader), Brian Tewnton (Beaver
Leader), Jayne Tewnton (Beaver Leader), Terry Richards (Chairman), Marjorie
Richards (Secretary). – Third row, Cubs: Antony Berton, Morgan Butcher, Peter
Robinson, James Tewnton, Dale Edwards, Scott Wells, Christopher Hues. – Second
row, Beavers: Jenna Farrow, Paul Clarke, Craig Magill, Amy Leaky, Karl Smith,
Jasper Caudwell. – Front row: Charlotte Squibb, Christopher Browett, Ashley
Wood, James Frost, Anthony Taylor.*



BILLINGHAY DOG PADDOCK



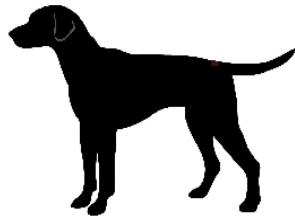
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DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

Forthcoming meetings :

7 February 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
7 March 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
4 April 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
2 May 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

Thanks to everyone for your support and generosity. It is very much appreciated.

Hope that you enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New year.

**Anyone wishing to join, please contact Shirley on 01526 860732 or
07903008308 (Mobile)**

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

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

10 January 2023	Christmas Meal - Plough North Kyme	
7 February 2023	Around the World in 365 days	
7 March 2023	Tales of the Tower (of London) Keith Hanson	
4 April 2023	Gardening for Wildlife	Christine Casey

KEEP FIT

BILLINGHAY VILLAGE HALL Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm

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The United Kingdom (UK) has been experiencing severe political turmoil as they have had 3 different people go through the prime minister's office. Unfortunately, things are far from settling down for the people of the UK as turmoil stretches beyond the economy and reaches into other parts of people's daily lives, creating uncertainty and concern for almost everyone involved. The problem has been exacerbated by **continual increases in inflation** that have been experienced in the past year. It's become the perfect storm for uncertain economic times ahead.

The UK has gone through an unprecedented period in recent history as a political crisis engulfed Boris Johnson who was then replaced by Liz Truss. Liz Truss only went on to serve 45 days as Prime Minister which put her at the centre of an economic reform policy before she turned in her resignation. Rishi Sunak took over the office of Prime Minister upon Truss's leaving on October 25th, 2022. Sunak is now the Leader of the Conservative Party and hopes to help the country sort out the economic problems that seem to have been plaguing them in recent months.

Financial commitments are also weighing heavy on the UK as the cost of running the country mounts. The government is contending with **continual inflation** and rising costs of regular expenses such as paying out mounting debt as well as keeping up with pension payments. The cost of borrowing money is at a decade-high for the UK, and it's only going to go higher. Rising rates are stretching the government's balance sheets further and making it harder for the country to keep up with its financial commitments.

Households in the UK are coping with seemingly endless increases in the cost of day-to-day living. Inflation rates have priced by 12.6% as measured by the Retail Prices Index, which means people are spending more money than ever to maintain the same standard of living they are used to. In September 2022 alone, the inflation rate month-over-month rose even higher as inflation hit 13.2%. Petrol costs increased to almost 2 pounds per litre, which means it will cost more to fuel up your car or heat/cool your home, which forces people to pay more in utilities as well. The cost of diesel fuel is going up even faster, which means that it costs more for truck drivers to bring goods to stores. The cost of food is up almost 17% over the past year since 2022. The increase in diesel fuel, in turn, drives up the price for consumers. Some of the hardest-hit people are those in the low-to-average income bracket. These price increases are making families stretch their budgets thinner than ever, and make decisions that people should not have to make, such as choosing between food or medicine or paying the utilities.

During these economically uncertain times throughout the UK, it's more important than ever to ensure that you have someone reliable and knowledgeable on your side to help ensure that your investments and assets are protected. FH Manning Financial Services has been in operation for over 45 years, far longer than any serving Prime Minister!



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NOTICE FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE TRANSPORT GROUP REGARDING BUS TIMETABLES

Over the last few months there have been a number of registration changes from bus operators throughout Lincolnshire which impact on bus services and timetables. Did you know you can find all information regarding these timetable changes at <https://lincsbus.info/lincs-bus-updates/>

For the very latest bus updates and operational news and information follow our twitter feed @LincsBus <https://twitter.com/LincsBus> where we share information from operators across the county. Also available is the Lincolnshire Transport Helpline where you can speak to one of our advisors for help and advice on your transport options. They are available Monday – Friday 9am - 6pm and Saturdays 9.30am – 4pm on 0345 456 4474.

Many thanks for your patience and continued understanding throughout these difficult times.

**Transport Services Group
Lincolnshire County Council**

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
Girl Guides	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
Keep Fit	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm
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
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

BILLINGHAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The latest timetable is detailed on the next two pages.

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:

Steaforde: 01529 306888 and Caythorpe: 01400 279285

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

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

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

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

Our Health Services

Health Visitor Clinic: There are many different health professionals within the Centre, delivering services such as midwifery and health visiting clinics. A health visitor clinic includes 6-8 week, 8-12 months and 2-2.5 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: Join the Early Years practitioner 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 3rd January – 10th February 2023

Billinghay Children's Centre

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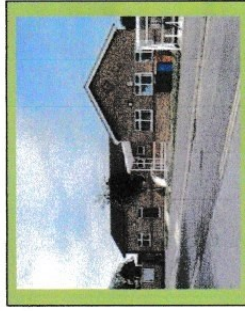
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Opening Times

Mon-Thurs: 9.00-17.00

Friday: 9.00-16.30



Join our new private Facebook group to stay in touch
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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Early Years Alliance
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<p>Booking for groups is essential for Baby Massage and Learning Together Toddler as these are groups where the commitment of attending weekly for a set of weeks is required.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>These groups are shown as booking required on the timetable.</p> <p>Billinghay Children's Centre Timetable (Free Family Activities) Tel: 01526 869248 Email: billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk</p>				
<p>Mondays</p> <p>10:00 – 10:45 am Family Rhyme Time (For children 0 - 5years)</p> <p>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>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Appointment only please call 01522 843000</p> 	<p>Tuesdays</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00am Little Explorers (For children 0 - 5years)</p> <p>A sensory and messy play session providing materials for children to explore, supporting their development and growing confidence</p> <p>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Appointment only please call 01522 843000</p> 	<p>Wednesdays</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00am Learning Together Toddler (Confident walkers)</p> <p>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>On Wednesday 23rd January only, this session will be replaced by a Toddler Pop In & Play session from 10.00am -11.00am</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>Starting at Billinghay 2nd February 10.00 – 11.00am Pop in & Play (For children 0 - 5 years) Pop in and Play with your children, explore the resources, let your child lead their play! All we ask is that you tidy away before you go home.</p> <p>At Sleaford Children's Centre 3 – 4 months Top Tips 10:00 – 11:00am 19th January and 16th February A relaxed and informal session delivered by Early Years Practitioner sharing our Top Tips for babies approaching the start of their weaning adventure. We will cover topics such as introducing solids, oral health, accident prevention, age appropriate development and learning, as well as sharing the Children's Centre offer. No booking needed please just drop in to your local session</p>	<p>Fridays</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00am Learning Through Play (For children 0 - 5 years)</p> <p>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>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Appointment only please call 01522 843000</p> 
	<p>Baby Massage 5 week programme Billinghay Children's Centre 1.00pm-2.00pm A 5week course for you and your baby to spend precious time bonding through Baby Massage Contact the centre for more information Booking required Please email: billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk</p>	 <p>12:00 – 1:30pm Breastfeeding Support Group @ Sleaford CC 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 Stay and Play under 1's (Not yet walking) 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.</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> 

Please note that the use of mobile phones and cameras are **NOT** permitted in the centre. Thank you

THE LATEST QUIZ



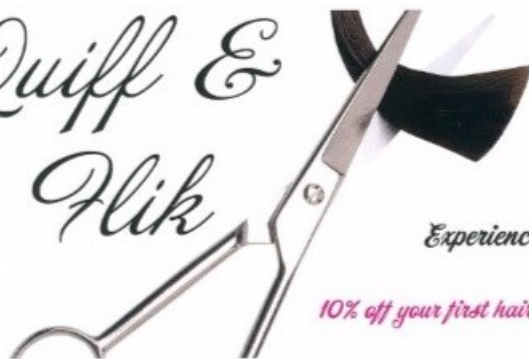
For this issue's quiz, what comes next in the sequence:

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	18, 4, 13, 6	
2.	Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra	
3.	Q, W, E, R, T, Y	
4.	And now for something completely different, The Holy Grail, The Life of Brian	
5.	Brazil, Brazil, England, Brazil, West Germany	
6.	Avon, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire	
7.	Roger, John, Brian	
8.	Home, Brain, Heart	
9.	Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus	
10.	James Callaghan, Michael Foot, Neil Kinnock	

Answers to last issue's quiz

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| 1. Tenby | 2. Folkestone |
| 3. Fulham | 4. Penarth |
| 5. Crewe | 6. Nottingham |
| 7. Stoke | 8. Coventry |
| 9. Paisley | 10. Winchester |

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BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



After our successful visit to France last year, we have been turning our thoughts to the return visit from our twinning friends from Ballon St Mars in May of this year. It is important for us to provide an enjoyable experience for them as lots of Twinning Associations have not recovered from the effects of Covid. And we wish to continue our long standing friendship.

This involves fund raising to pay for the activities that will be necessary. To this end we held a Countdown Evening in the Church Rooms in conjunction with the Billingham Royal British Legion. This was extremely well supported and proved a very enjoyable event. Following this we were able to hand over a cheque for £300 to the RBL—see picture below:



The picture shows the Chair of the Twinning Association, Tina Toulson, handing over the cheque to Andy Catlett of the RBL.

We also have to report the sad loss of two of our members recently. Robin Dobson and Valerie Keal were both enthusiastic members of the association and contributed a lot to it. They will be sorely missed.

At our last open meeting, we held a collection in memory of Robin.. A sum of £100 was raised for the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance Service, a cause that Robin supported.

Future plans apart from a the visit in May include a Wine & Wisdom Evening in March so look out for the dates.



BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

OUR LAST MEETING WAS A TALK BY TOM LANE ON THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE FENS WHICH PROVED TO BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED AND ENJOYED THE ACCOMPANY SAUSAGE BAPS.

TALKS FOR THIS NEW YEAR ARE STILL AT THE PLANNING STAGE AND WE DO NOT ARRANGE PRESENTATIONS FOR JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY DUE TO THE VAGARIES OF THE WEATHER

AS SOON AS WE HAVE A PRESENTATION WE WILL INFORM ALL MEMBERS IN THE USUAL WAY.

HOWEVER, THE GROUP HAS ASKED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A PROJECT REGARDING THE FAMOUS BILLINGHAY AUTHOR AND WAR POET, BERNARD GILBERT. SOME TIME AGO ANDREW JACKSON GAVE US A VERY ENTERTAINING TALK ON POSSIBLY BILLINGHAY'S MOST CELEBRATED CITIZEN.

HE IS NOW WRITING A BOOK ABOUT HIM. AS PART OF HIS RESEARCH, HE IS LOOKING AT THE LOCATIONS MENTIONED IN THE AUTHOR'S WORKS. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT BERNARD GILBERT USED LOCATIONS IN AND AROUND BILLINGHAY ALBEIT WITH DIFFERENT NAMES OCCASIONALLY. HE WANTS TO ENLIST THE HELP OF SOME OF OUR MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY SUCH LOCATIONS BY USE OF OLD MAPS OF THE AREA.

THOSE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE LIVED IN THE AREA FOR ENOUGH YEARS TO BE REGARDED AS "BILLINGER FOLK" MAY BE ABLE TO HELP IN THIS PROJECT WHICH IS PLANNED FOR EARLY SPRING.

FULL DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN WHEN KNOWN.

Billingham Church of England School



I can't believe that as I am writing, Christmas is nearly upon us for another year. Where does time go? Our pupils from Reception to Year 4 have performed

traditional nativity productions in school and our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will have a Christingle Service at St Michael's Church on the 14th December.

School Results

I am delighted to announce that our results across school from the summer 2022 (in Year 2 and Year 6) were above the National Average. Our Reading progress put us in the top 20% of all schools in England.

Swan School Trip

Our Swan Year 3/4 class visited Flag Fen Archaeology Park, near Peterborough in early December as part of their Stone Age – Bronze Age – Iron Age history topic. We have been successful in our bid to get a tour of the Houses of Parliament in March 2023. We look forward to taking our Year 6 pupils to London for the day for this unique experience of a guided tour.



Reception Places for September 2023

Applications to start school in Reception in September 2023 open on the 14th November and close on the 15th January 2023. You can apply online from the 14th November using the following address:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

If you have any queries about the process or would like support in making your application then please contact School Admissions on 01522 782030. Alternatively please contact us at school and we will be happy to help.

If you would like a tour of the school then please contact us to arrange this.

Caring Christmas

We really enjoyed inviting our elderly residents into school again for Caring Christmas. We have missed doing this during Covid. Our pupils performed songs from their Christmas Productions whilst our guests' enjoyed tea/coffees with cakes and biscuits

We would like to thank the following for their extremely kind donations of prizes to our raffle which was drawn at Caring Christmas: Green Barn Timbers, The Kinema in the Woods, The Ship Inn, Billingham Garage, Elysian Nails and Beauty, Natureland and Paws and Claws.



Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported school over this term and I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

With best wishes,

Mr R Allen, Headteacher.



FACEBOOK

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

Large Haddock Chips
& Peas £6.50

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LOOK OUT FOR OUR WEDNESDAY SPECIAL OFFERS

NEXT ISSUE March/April 2023 – DEADLINE DATE – 10 February 2023