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IMPORTANT FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CORONATION

First and foremost, the **Coronation of King Charles III** will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023. The Billingham Village Hall Committee are organising an event on Sunday 7 May 2023. See page 12 of this issue. Fuller details will be published when available.



ELECTIONS

Parish and District Council Elections are scheduled for 4 May 2023 and details of how to become a Councillor and how to meet the new voting requirements are outlined on pages

RIPARIAN OWNERSHIP

Also the Council are involved in a **Riparian Ownership Project** with Lincolnshire County Council. Most residents will not be familiar with Riparian Ownership and this is briefly explained on page 10. There will be a full consultation with residents at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 May 2023.

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

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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**

Email: info@billinghay-pc.gov.uk

Address: Billingham Parish Office
Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billingham, Lincs
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council monthly meetings are currently being held in the Schoolroom 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.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 4TH MAY 2023

Billingham Parish Council elections, along with North Kesteven District Council elections, will be held on 4th May 2023. The following gives some information on who can stand and how to stand as a Parish Councillor and who can vote at the elections. More detailed information can be found at the sites detailed at the end of the article.

VOTING AT THE ELECTION

Who can vote at a Parish Council election?

To vote at local elections you must be registered to vote within the parish and:

- be 18 or over on the day of the election - "polling day."
- be a British, Irish, qualifying Commonwealth or EU citizen.
- be resident at an address in England or Wales.
- not be legally excluded from voting.

Voter ID requirement

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections. This will apply to:

- Local elections.
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections.
- UK parliamentary by-elections.
- Recall petitions.

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections. If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a **Voter Authority Certificate**.

Accepted forms of photo ID

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

International travel

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country.

Driving and Parking

- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence).
- A Blue Badge

Local travel

- Older Person's Bus Pass.
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass.
- Oyster 60+ Card.
- Freedom Pass.
- Scottish National Entitlement Card.
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card.
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card.
- Senior Smart Pass issued in Northern Ireland.
- Registered Blind Smart Pass or Blind Person's Smart Pass issued in Northern Ireland.
- War Disablement Smart Pass issued in Northern Ireland.
- 60+ Smart Pass issued in Northern Ireland.
- Half Fare Smart Pass issued in Northern Ireland.

Proof of age

- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card).

Other government issued documents

- Biometric immigration document.
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card).
- National identity card issued by an EEA state.
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland.
- Voter Authority Certificate.
- Anonymous Elector's Document.

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote. If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a **Voter Authority Certificate**, if:

- you don't have an accepted form of photo ID.
- you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you.
- you're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reason, such as the use of a gender marker.
- You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

How to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate

Apply online. You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate on gov.uk.

Apply by post. You can also apply by filling out a paper application form and sending this to North Kesteven District Council (NKDC), contact details at end of this article. You can request the instructions in large print, braille or easy read. You may also be able to apply in person at NKDC. If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact NKDC. You can also call the Electoral Commission helpline on 0800 328 0280 if you have any questions.

Information you will need to provide. When applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, you will need to provide your:

- name.
- address.
- date of birth.
- National Insurance number.

You should apply using the same name that you used to register to vote. You will not need to provide your gender, and your certificate will not have a gender marker.

If you don't know your National Insurance number or don't have one

You can find your National Insurance number on:

- Payslips
- official letters about tax, pensions or benefits

You can still apply if you don't know your National Insurance number, or don't have one. You will need to provide other forms of proof of identity, such as a birth certificate, bank statement and a utility bill. NKDC will contact you to arrange this. If you don't have any other accepted proof of identity, you can ask someone you know to confirm your identity. This is known as an attestation.

Providing a photograph

You will need to submit a photo with your application. The requirements for the photo

are similar to the requirements for a passport photo.

Processing your application

NKDC will process your application. They will send the Voter Authority Certificate to you by post. They will also send you instructions on how to use your certificate. Voter Authority Certificates do not have an expiration date, but it's recommended that you renew your certificate after 10 years. All data you provide when applying for a certificate will be stored securely by NKDC, in line with data protection regulations.

Your local council contact details

North Kesteven District Council
Electoral Registration Officer
Council Offices
Kesteven Street
Sleaford
NG34 7EF

Phone: 01529 308352

Email: elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/>

STANDING FOR ELECTION AS PARISH COUNCILLOR

How is a Parish Councillor elected?

Councillors are elected using the First Past the Post system, where the candidates that receive the most votes are elected to fill the number of seats which are available. Electors will be able to vote for as many candidates as there are vacant seats – at normal elections this will be for all the councillor seats on the Parish Council. Billingham Parish Council has 11 seats.

If less candidates stand than the number of available seats these candidates will be elected as councillors without a vote having to take place. This is called an uncontested election and is quite common at scheduled Parish Council elections.

Who can stand for election as a Parish Councillor?

Any person who wishes to stand as a councillor must submit Parish Council nomination papers. These are available through the North Kesteven District Council website and come as a Parish Council Nomination Pack. This pack includes all the forms required for nomination and instructions for compilation.

The nomination forms have to be submitted as hard, original signed forms. Candidates wishing to stand for election must submit nomination papers to the Returning Officer at one of the following locations:

- Thursday 16 March to Tuesday 4 April (between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday) – Meeting Room 1, North Kesteven District Council Offices, Kesteven Street, Sleaford NG34 7EF.
- Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March ONLY (between 10am and 4pm) - NKDC Waste and Street Scene Depot, Scoley Court, Metheringham LN4 3BS.
- Thursday 30 and Friday 31 March ONLY (between 10am and 4pm) – Info Links Office, ONE NK, Moor Lane, North Hykeham LN6 9AX.

To make an appointment to deliver nomination papers, please either:

- **email the Corporate and Civic Support team**, giving your name, contact details, number of nomination papers to be submitted and for which parish or
- phone either 01529 308208 or 01529 308209 during office hours only.

Priority will be given to those who have made an appointment. If you do not, you may have to wait to be seen.

Delivery of the nomination paper, home address form and consent to nomination **MUST** be by hand and can be by the candidate or their representative. Whilst the other necessary documents may be sent by post it is desirable for all documentation to be delivered with the nomination paper.

Anyone considering standing as a candidate or an agent is strongly advised to read guidance and information provided by the Electoral Commission.

Qualifications for standing as a candidate

To be able to stand as a candidate at a Parish Council election in England and Wales you must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination.
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 1. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
 2. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
 3. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish.
 4. You have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Disqualifications from standing as a candidate

Apart from meeting the qualifications for standing for election, you must also not be disqualified from standing. There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a Parish Council in England.

You cannot be a candidate if at the time of your nomination and on the day of the election:

- You are employed by the Parish Council or hold a paid office under the Parish

Council.

- You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day.
- You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices).

You are subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application in respect of the order or notification has passed.

Further Information

The Electoral Commission at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>

North Kesteven District Council – Parish Council Elections at <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/electoral-registration-and-elections/types-of-election/parish-council-elections/>

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.

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.

There are no new applications to report but the undernoted ones have been approved:

22/1694/PNTEL	Village Hall	Erection of Steelworks Pole
22/1655/HOUS	25 Shire Close	Erection of two storey side extension
22/1703/FUL	Lamyman Farm, Tattershall Road	Change of use



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RIPARIAN OWNERSHIP PROJECT.

If you own land with a watercourse running through it, along its boundaries or under it, you have certain rights and responsibilities that in legal terms make you a 'riparian owner'.

To help raise awareness of riparian rights and responsibilities, we're working with Billingham Parish Council as part of the Lincolnshire Riparian Project.

Being a riparian owner is an important role; one that helps to protect your own property, that of neighbours, and those upstream. This means ensuring water can flow freely without being blocked.

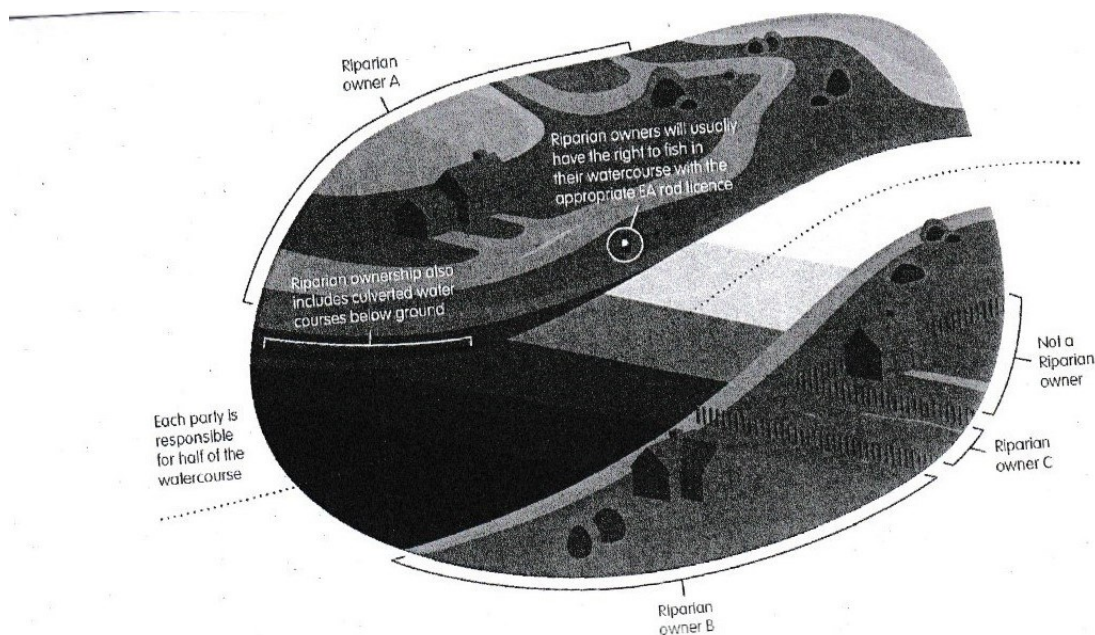
This doesn't just include all rivers and streams, it also applies to drainage ditches and any watercourse, regardless of size, above or below the ground. Maintaining them properly can play a crucial role in managing flood risk locally and across Lincolnshire.

If you would like more information about your potential rights and responsibilities, the Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Partnership will be hosting an information event on riparian ownership as part of the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 May 2023 at Billingham Village Hall, Ringmoor Close, Billingham, LN4 4EX.

In addition to the above there will also be ample opportunity to raise any other flooding concerns that you might have.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

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Coronation Picnic

Sunday 7th May
12-3pm

Billingham Village Hall

More details to follow



PINWHEEL QUILTERS

are looking for new members to join our friendly
and fun group.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month
7.00pm - 9.30pm at North Kyme Village Hall.

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Group

Billingham Medical Practice is keen to hear patients' views on the healthcare provided by this Practice and the Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board.

We would like to have more input from our patients, and look forward to welcoming new members to our friendly meetings. We meet here in April, July, October from 18.00–19.30.



Meetings in 2023

18 April

11 July

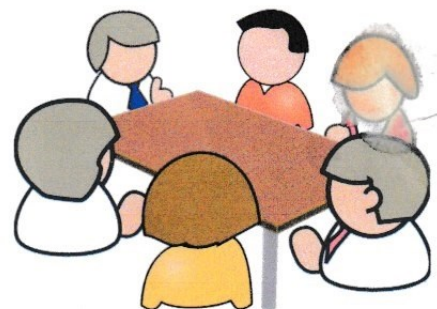
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Providing feedback on patients' needs, concerns and interests, and giving them a voice in the organisation of their care.

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(From: Terms of Reference on Noticeboard).





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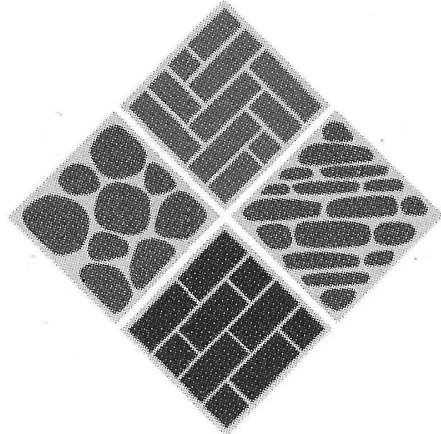
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<i>Wed-Fri</i>	<i>12-3</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>12-2</i>	<i>5-8</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>3-11</i>	
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12-10:30</i>	
<i>Traditional Sunday Lunch</i>	<i>12-2</i>	

We look forward to meeting you!!

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FIX MY STREET



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

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

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

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

This is straightforward to use and can be accessed using:

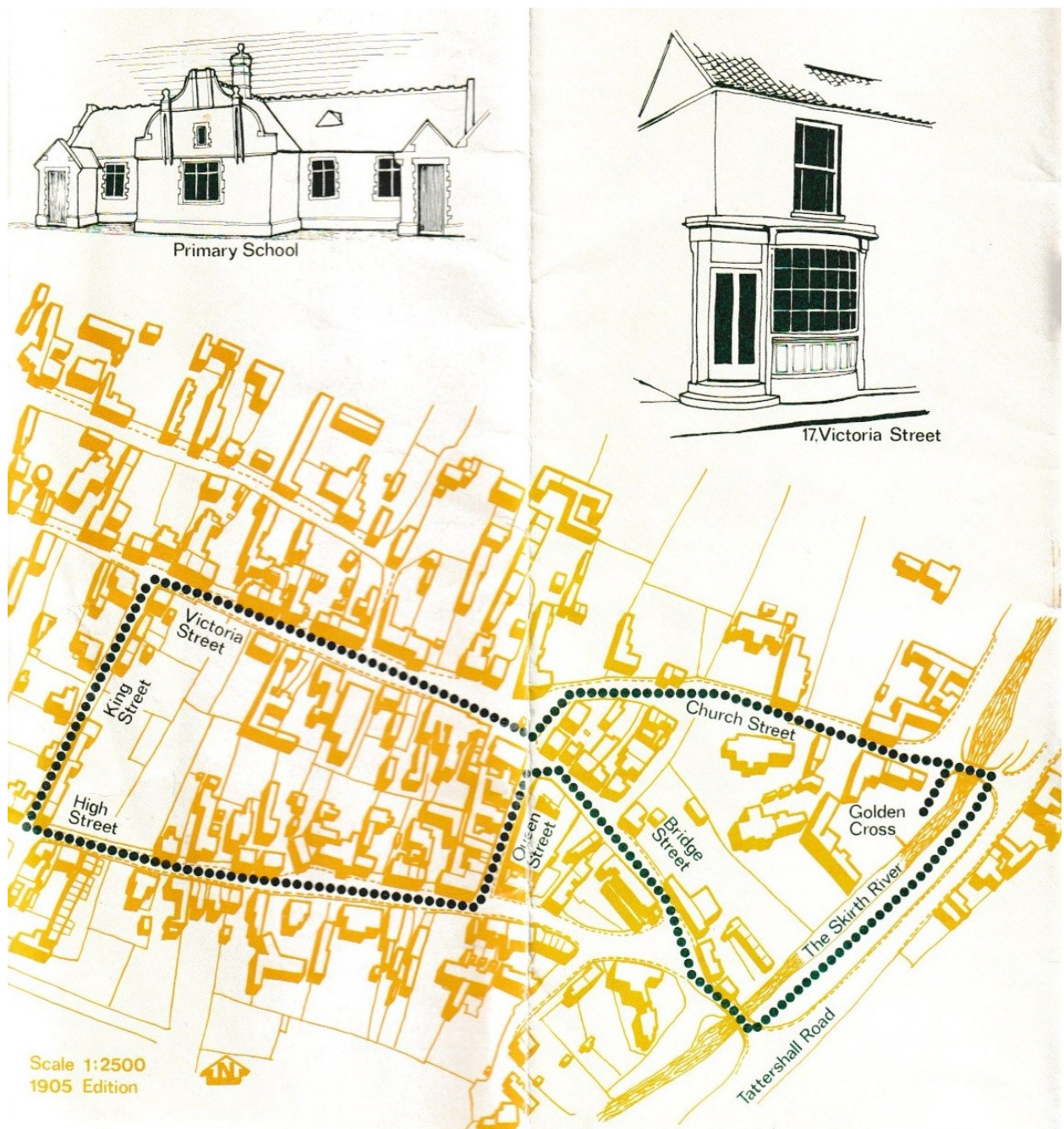
<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

A WALK THROUGH THE PAST IN BILLINGHAY

Some time ago NKDC published a booklet about the history of Billingham by way of a map showing a walk around the older part of the village. Since then, there has been a substantial increase in the number of residents due the housing developments.

To enlighten newcomers and refresh the memories of long-standing residents, we intend retelling the facts in the Billingham News, updating where necessary. A lot of the information regarding village “characters” is displayed on the Zoetropes to be found around the old village. We apologise for the blatant plagiarism and hope that you enjoy reading about the Billingham past.

Below is a map of the village with a couple of the old buildings detailed also.



As you approach Billingham, it's position, tucked away defensively behind the Skirth waterway and guarded by its two bridges, is a reminder of its waterlogged past. In the winter months it was a gravelled island surrounded by water for the marshland and low – lying fens surrounding the village were almost perpetually flooded. It was sealed in by the Skirth to the South and the Roman Car Dyke to the East, while Northern access was impeded by the often-flooded Walcott Hollows which are said to be haunted by a ghost, “Meg of the Hollows”. She was certainly in possession of a lantern, but less surely in possession of her head and young farm workers would scurry home at dusk for fear of meeting her.

The Settlement was first mentioned in the Domesday Book, although it is believed to date back to Roman times. In the North of the village workmen discovered a shallow grave and accidentally destroyed the skeleton and small vase which lay there. However, nine more Roman skeletons were unearthed alongside three more small vases, the tallest being 5 inches high.

Billinghay's isolation gave it a fierce independence which could border on savagery and unwary visitors were rumoured to disappear with slit throats into the marshes which gave Billingham it's rich living. There was an abundance of fish and wildfowl, and this, hand in hand with summer grazing for sheep and cattle on the flood pastures, gave Billingham a comfortable enough existence for the villagers to fight hard to maintain it. There are still bitter memories of the seventeenth century drainage of the fens which changed Billingham so radically and these memories, alongside with those of conflict with Royalist Digby during Billingham's Roundhead past, still lead to slightly uneasy relationships between Billingham and its surrounding villages.

As you cross the bridge into the village you can see the vantage point of the famed “Billinghay Roughs” who used to congregate on the bridge and guard the entrance to the village. The Roughs were made up of people like Nickel Bavin - (whose work included clearing out the drains with the “slough” a shovel made of willow because the thick blue Billingham clay sticks to metal) Enoch Bailey, Torsy Ned Pearson, (foreman of the drainage gang which worked on mending the banks and “cradging” the dykes to keep the waterways clear and who died one winter in the cold waters of the Skirth) and Compo (for the number of compensation claims he made) Bill Bailey.

Their build was as memorable as their names for they are remembered as tall and heavily built, tipping the scales at an average of fifteen or sixteen stones. They were a physical bunch too, quick tempered and ready to use their fists though Billingham seems to have regarded them with a tolerant near-affection and, unlike today's gangs, the Roughs were regarded as village guardians rather than as a threat to the local residents. Any aggression which was not discharged amongst themselves or on their long-suffering wives was channelled into warding off outsiders who were foolish enough to come courting Billingham girls.

This story will be continued in the next issues of this Newsletter



Example of one of the Zoetropes.



BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

TALKS FOR THIS 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. IN ADDITION THE COST OF SOME SPEAKERS ARE SUCH THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO INCREASE OUR CHARGES SUBSTANTIALLY.

HOWEVER WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BOOK TWO OF OUR OLD FAVOURITES FOR MARCH AND APRIL, AS BELOW:

**WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023 THE TALE OF TOM OTTER
CHRIS HEWIS**

THIS MAY SOUND LIKE A BEATRIX POTTER STORY BUT IS A TALE ABOUT MURDER AND JUSTICE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 19TH CENTURY.

**WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2023 HISTORICAL LINCOLNSHIRE STORIES WITH
MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT
TOM LANE, & TERI**

THERE WILL ALSO BE A GUEST APPEARANCE OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE BAP.

JUST A REMINDER, THE GROUP HAS BEEN 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.

LOU HIRD, SECRETARY

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LOCAL POLICE NEWS

SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

Top reported crimes in October 2022

♦	Anti-social behaviour	7
♦	Violence & Sexual Offences	20
♦	Criminal damage and Arson	5
•	Other Theft	8

Priority

Anti-social behaviour and Drugs

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 Billingham:

Inspector Mark Hillson

Sergeant Stuart Mumby-Croft

PC Chris Green

PCSO Colin Ironmonger

PCSO Nicole Woolerton

Crime levels overview over the 12 months ending December 2022

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
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%
Nov 2022	57	9.5%
Dec 2022	48	8.0%

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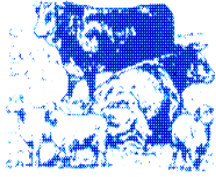
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Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday 869248 or 869271 Bookings Pre-school Mon-Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281 Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 Wednesdays 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981 Every 2nd and 4th Friday at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time) Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
Brownies (2nd Billingham) Children's Centre Community Rooms Daisy Chain	Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £18 for 3 hours 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
Darby & Joan Girl Guides	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
Lighthouse Youth Club	Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms Chairman John Toulson 01526 860262 Secretary Megan Clark (meganclark@hotmail.co.uk) . Bookings June Davies 861652 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@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
Line Dancing Methodist Church	
Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club Past Times	
Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)	
St Michael's and All Angels Church	
Tennis Club Tuesday Club Twinning Association	
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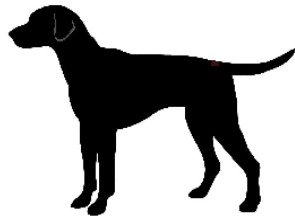
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2 May 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
30 May 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

Forthcoming Outing:

18 April 2023	Doncaster	Coach leaves Billingham	9.00am.
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Forthcoming Event:

15 April 2023	9.00am to 12.00 Noon JUMBLE SALE Bric-a-brac, Tombola, Toys, Cakes, Raffle, Tea, Coffee & Biscuits
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**Anyone wishing to join meetings or Outings, please contact Shirley on 01526
860732 or
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BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

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

7 March 2023	Tales of the Tower (of London)	Keith Hanson
4 April 2023	Gardening for Wildlife	Christine Casey
2 May 2023	Lincolnshire Emergency Blood	Bikes Service
6 June 2023	Unique Auctions	Terry Woodcock
4 July 2023	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Rachel Shaw
1 August 2023	A Forgotten Artist (Lincolnshire Connection)	Horace Liberty
5 September 2023	Life as a Mixed Media Artist	Arleen Wild
3 October 2023	Harvest Supper	
7 November 2023	Reflexology	Charlotte Ward
6 December 2023	Christmas Decorations	Harriet Farmers Florist



Times continue to be challenging for many people but there is help out there if you know where to look, so in this issue I am providing some details on the little known Government 'Help to Save' Scheme.

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Since our last issue we have received the undernoted email from one of the village residents and feel it is well worth reminding people of the litter and dog poo situation.

“Hello all, Happy New Year to you all. I was wondering if we could put something in the Billingham Times about the increase in litter and dog poo around the field footpaths? I and a few others have done litter picks but it is impossible to keep up with the problem caused by these antisocial and mindless people. It is very disheartening seeing so many cans, food wrappers and general litter in the fields, ditches and hedgerows, causing damage to wildlife and the environment. It seems this has got worse lately particularly in some areas. Also there has been a definite increase in people leaving dog waste on the field footpaths and on the playing field. Dog poo bags are cheap and are in all the shops including the Co-op so there is no excuse. If this request reaches anyone responsible for dog poo or litter please be mindful of the damage you are causing to our countryside and remember that other people walk where you leave your waste. “

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

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October	November	December	January	February	March
9th 23rd	6th 20th	4th 18th	tba	tba	tba

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Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Billinghay	Library Site	13.15	14.45
Billinghay	Spa Shop	15.00	16.00

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

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

Sleaford: 01529 306888 and Caythorpe: 01400 279285

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

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

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

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

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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 20th February – 31st March 2023

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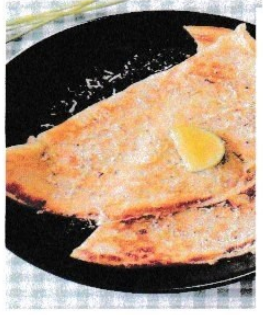

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<p>Booking for groups is essential for Baby Massage and Learning Together Toddler as these are groups where the commitment of attending weekly for a set of weeks is required.</p> <p>Other groups where families can attend without prior booking will not have extra information and therefore you are welcome to arrive on time for the start of the session.</p>				
<p>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>Tuesdays</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00am Little Explorers (For children 0 - 5years)</p>	<p>Wednesdays</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00am Learning Together Toddler (Confident walkers)</p>	<p>Thursdays</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00am Pop in & Play (For children 0 - 5 years)</p>	<p>Fridays</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00am Learning Through Play (For children 0 - 5 years)</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>A sensory and messy play session providing materials for children to explore, supporting their development and growing confidence</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>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. (NO SESSION ON 16TH MARCH)</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. (NO SESSION ON 31ST MARCH)</p>
<p>Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Monday to Thursday Appointment only please call 01522 843000</p> 	 <p>GROW Your Own Confidence A friendly and relaxed course for parents who would like to build their own confidence. To find out more and when the next course begins email: admin@eshconsultancy.co.uk</p>	<p>1:30pm – 2:30pm Virtual 'Preparation for Parenting' Sessions run fortnightly To start your registration process for our Zoom sessions, please email: beststart@evalliance.org.uk</p> 	<p>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>At Sleaford Children's Centre Baby Massage 5 week programme commencing Thursday 23rd February 1.30pm-2.30pm A 5 week course for you and your baby to spend precious time bonding through Baby Massage Contact the centre for more information Booking required Please email: sleafordcc@lincolnshire.gov.uk</p>
	<p>Remember your pancakes 21st February!</p> 	 <p>12:00 – 1:30pm Breastfeeding Support Group At Sleaford Children's Centre You do not need to book onto a Breastfeeding Session and can just attend on the day/time. Please make sure you are familiar with building safety guidance</p>	<p>10.00-11.15am Outreach Session @ RAF Digby - The Toddler Room (For children 0-5 years) For parents, carers and their children, there will be Messy Play, Playdough, Sensory play for babies and lots of interactive fun! Thursday 23rd February, Thursday 20th April Tuesday 11th July No Booking Necessary</p>	<p>At Sleaford Children's Centre 3 – 4 months Top Tips 10:00 – 11:00am Thursday 23rd March 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>Please note that the use of mobile phones and cameras are NOT permitted in the centre. Thank you</p>				

THE LATEST QUIZ



For this issue's quiz, two six letter words—one letter changed for second answer:

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Courteous detectives perhaps	
2.	Think about your food then add condiments	
3.	Take a fall during a gang fight	
4.	A psychiatrist finds himself in a holy place	
5.	Lose your nerve before a big fight	
6.	Give an ant a disease	
7.	An eastern ruler with a healthy glow	
8.	Feel a bit shook up about having a black eye	
9.	Got into a scrap over nothing at all	
10.	Haggle over price with ex-US President	

Answers to last issue's quiz

1.	10	2.	Angola
3.	U	4.	The meaning of life
5.	Argentina	6.	Cambridgeshire
7.	Freddie	8.	Courage
9.	Numbers	10.	John Smith

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BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

RACE NIGHT!

30TH
APRIL



IN AID OF
BILLINGHAY ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB
@
PENNY FARTHING INN, TIMBERLAND
£6 ENTRY WITH FOOD INCLUDED
18:45 FOR A 19:00 START
CONTACT LEE FOR TICKETS 07585445208

BYGONES

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING OLD BILLINGHAY RESIDENTS AND ARE DISPLAYING TWO OF THESE BELOW. THE FIRST ONE WAS SENT IN BY DUNCAN FAIRHURST AND DEPICTS THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE IN 1977. THE ONE BELOW WAS PART OF A SET F PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVED FROM A DAVID WORSENCROFT ANOTHER EX RESIDENT AND SHOWS MRS FISHER'S DANCING GROUP.



Where are they now?



CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

HIGH STREET BILLINGHAY

01526 860419



Opening Times:

Wednesday		4.30 - 7.00pm
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

Donner Kebabs

Home Made Southern
Fried Chicken & Chips
£5.00

LOOK OUT FOR OUR WEDNESDAY SPECIAL OFFERS

NEXT ISSUE May / June 2023 – DEADLINE DATE – 10 April 2023