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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting took place at Billingham Village Hal on the 15th May, 2023.

Light refreshments were provided and the full complement of Councillors were available for residents to consult, identify problems and make suggestions to improve the village

In addition, the meeting was attended by the Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Partnership with representatives from:

- Lincolnshire County Council Flood Risks Department
- Anglian Water
- Witham First Internal Drainage Board

They were able to answer residents queries relating to Riparian rights and other services they could offer.

Whilst this statutory meeting was not well attended by residents, several who did attend were able to have their problems reviewed and, in some cases, resolved.

Those people who were unable to attend can obtain a copy of the LCC Riparian Rights leaflet which explains this complex subject in full from the Parish Office or phone or email for a copy,

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As in the recent past the Parish Council elections were a “non-event”. The number of candidates was less than the actual positions available. Therefore, there was no necessity for a ballot. Hopefully not too many residents did spend money to meet the new evidence of Identity laws.

Consequent upon this, the following people are your Councillors for the coming period:

- **Wendy Liles**
- **Andy Catlett**
- **Tom Cassidy**
- **Roger Miller**
- **Alice Dymoke**
- **Les Ball**
- **Steve Cottrell**
- **Robert Greetham**

At the Annual General meeting which immediately followed the Annual Parish Meeting, Councillor Liles was elected as Chair and Councillor Catlett was elected Vice Chair.

Finance and Human Resources Committees were formed from the members.

Similarly the District Council elections which were due to take place, also did not require a ballot and the Councillors elected for the Billinghay area were:

- **Gill Ogden**
- **Sarah Anne Lawrence**

The County Council position was not subject to an election and the County Councillor for Billinghay District is **Andrew Key**.

Please note that there are still three vacancies on the Parish Council. If you feel that you can make a contribution to the smooth running of the village, please feel free to talk to any of the Councillors or call in the Parish Office for further information.

The Parish Council website gives full details of the Co-option procedures

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, Roger Miller, Tom Cassidy, Steve Cottrell & Robert Greetham

District Council Members: Gill Ogden, Sarah Anne Lawrence

County Council Member: Andrew Key

Deputy Clerk & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

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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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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.



BILLINGHAY BOWLS CLUB

ERIC SIVILL CUP REPORT

On a hot blistering sunny Sunday afternoon, the Eric Sivill Trophy was played. It took the form of a round robin with 10 players attending.

Although Ken Whiteside and partner Ian won three games and lost 1 this was not enough to win the trophy. Mike Rushby and Mick Allen matched this result but with a better shot difference they clinched the contest.

A raffle was supplied by the players which helped our modest little day. Catering was organised by Ruth Allen and Jenny Blades. A selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls and various cakes, endless cups of tea and orange squash and biscuits was available all day.

But the day itself was stolen by two bowlers, namely, Janet (89) and Colin (90) Underwood. They bowled a total of 84 woods, and this astonishing couple on their last game had an astonishing win by wearing their opposition down, wonderful.

A modest profit of just over £57 was raised for Club fund.

A really big thank you to everyone involved.

Mick Allen
Chairman

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Secondary School

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during term time**



FOOD

SPORTS

ANSWERS TO BIG
QUESTIONS

Billingham Baptist Chapel

Richard Hilliard: 07717392628



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 21st July.

Lots going on: Our Key Stage 2 children



started swimming lessons on Thursday 8th June. Our Year 1 pupils had a fantastic day at the start of term 5 with a theatre company coming into

school to introduce their Great Fire of London topic. The Year 5 pupils visited Lincoln Castle as part of their Local History (Crime and Punishment The Magna Carta) topic. Our Y2/3 class visited Wolds Wildlife Park on the 12th June as part of their Science topic 'Living things and their Habitat'.

Our Year 6 children have a rewards trip to the SPARK Festival in Lincoln to look forward to in July as a thank you from school for all their hard work with their SAT tests. This is an engineering festival with exciting and interactive exhibits. Miss Hall is also delivering a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club after school this term.

The Food Education Team from Lincolnshire County Council will be at our school in the summer term to hold a workshop for parents on all things food related. This interactive workshop will cover topics relevant to parents today such as tackling fussy eating, understanding nutrition for children, planning meals, smart shopping and how the right food improves children's health, mental wellbeing and their readiness to learn.

Staff changes: As you are aware, Mrs Rowitt is retiring from school at the end of term 6. I would like to again thank her for all her hard

work and dedication to our school over the past 35 years. She will be greatly missed. From September, Mrs Sedlan will become our Administrator (Tuesday—Thursday) and Mrs Woolerton has been appointed as our Receptionist/Admin Assistant (Monday & Friday all day and Tuesday AM)

We have been successful in achieving the criteria for the Bronze Award for the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge. A big thank you to everyone for this including our Literacy Lead, Mrs Smithson, who is a Specialist Reading Teacher for the Teaching School Hub.

As a school we raised £1,076 from our sponsored reading event. Thank you to everyone who generously donated and spent time listening to their children read. Usborne Books will donate 60% of the money raised which gives us an extra £645.60. The total we can spend on new books for our library is £1,721.60. Our Reading Ambassadors will talk to each class to find which books they would like for the library. This is an amazing amount which will be used to supplement the books in our library.



We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and parents for September to school. We have a number of transition events planned in the summer term taking place in school.

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

With Best wishes
Mr R Allen, Headteacher

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE



Hopefully you will have all noticed the new Speed Indicator Device that has been purchased by the Council. This was installed on 27th March 2023 at the location on Walcott Road, near the entrance to Shire Close. After some early issues with people ‘tampering’ with the device, we have now recovered the data up to the period 12th May 2023.

Whilst the device only indicates to drivers approaching from one direction, it also records data from vehicles approaching from the other direction. Below is the data from this period broken down into traffic approaching from Walcott direction and traffic heading in Walcott direction.

The maximum speed recorded has not been published as we do not want to encourage anyone to think this is a target to be beaten.

	From Walcott direction	To Walcott direction
Average speed:	27.05 mph	27.43 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	86,099	80,497
Percentage of vehicles doing 30 mph or less:	87%	82%

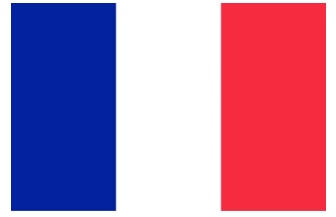
Whilst not showing the speeds above 30 mph, some of those recorded were very concerning. Those above 40 mph accounted for 0.52% (or 448 vehicles) from Walcott and 0.98% (or 789) going to Walcott. This does demonstrate that vehicles are slowing as they approach the congested High Street area but are accelerating past the speed limit once clearing the High Street.

The data allows more in-depth analysis looking at specific days and times, specific speeds and speed percentiles etc. This information would be useful in the future to support any speed initiatives etc that may be proposed. The device has now been moved to the alternative site at the top of Walcott Road, up from the Field Road Junction.

It is hoped in the future to carry out checks in other areas of the village and keep residents informed of the statistics.



BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Despite the impact of COVID and BREXIT, the Twinning Association with Ballon St Mars remains strong unlike many others in the surrounding area.

In May over 40 people from Ballon travelled to Billingham taking the time to visit Windsor Castle on the way. In the past, there would have been several events arranged for them but this year, as on our visit to Ballon last year, the emphasis was for families to spend more time with their hosts.



The main event was on Thursday, when we took our visitors to the International Bomber Command Centre near Lincoln. This proved to be great success especially as the Centre had a guide who spoke French fluently.

Friday and Saturday were set aside for hosts to entertain their visitors and to prepare them for the Gala Evening of Friday evening. Entertainment was provided by Billingham members, Haydn and Megan Clark (ably assisted on occasion by Nigel Kent) and thankfully speeches were kept to a minimum. Special cakes had been provided by the ladies of the Twinning as illustrated below.



Saturday was spent recovering for some but various activities had been arranged by host families including visits to the Cathedral, East Kirkby Aircraft Centre, Folkingham Georgian Weekend and many barbeques.

Sunday saw the departure of our friends after a very successful trip.

We are now looking forward to visiting Ballon next year.

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There is of course always tea/coffee and cake!!

For more details please contact: Lynn Fletcher
07845954466

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

On Monday May 8th the Methodist Church hosted a Coronation afternoon tea. This being the only event in the village, it was very well attended. The Chapel and schoolroom were decorated by members, also red white and blue flowers at the entrance.

All the food was home baked and we served approximately 120 people, that includes a few that were taken out to those unable to attend. We held a Coronation themed raffle and the proceeds from that and the generous donation from the Parish Council enabled us to put on this event free of charge.

Grateful thanks to the Parish Council and all who attended making it such a successful event.



Please note the dates for the following **Coffee Mornings**:

18th July 2023 Proceeds for Chapel Funds
3rd October 2023 Proceeds to the Air Ambulance

All Coffee mornings are from 10.00 to 11.30am

Also **the Book and Jigsaw Library** continues to open on the second Tuesday of the month between 2.00 and 3.30 pm.

Please call in to browse, borrow or just for a chat and a cuppa.

BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

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Meetings in 2023

18 April

11 July

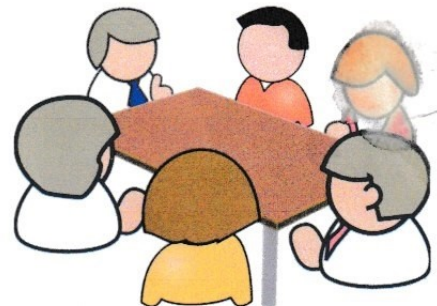
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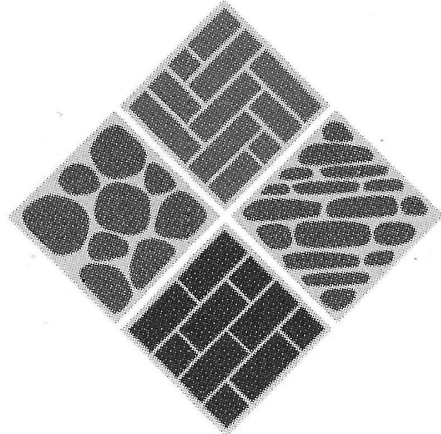
<i>Tues</i>	<i>Drinks Only</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Wed-Fri</i>	<i>12-3</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>12-2</i>	<i>5-8</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>3-11</i>	
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12-10:30</i>	
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Residents without computer access can still 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>

A WALK THROUGH THE PAST IN BILLINGHAY (Continued from last issue)

The road follows the riverbank at this point where barges used to travel down to join the River Witham, carrying corn to the docks at Boston and Lincoln. Kelly's Directory of 1892 describes it as "a small stream called the Skirth, sometimes navigable" and looking along the driveway you can clearly see the remains of a bricked in archway where corn which had been unloaded from the barges was once stored. In the 20th century the river was also used for moving sugar beet. Two barrow boys would take a whole day to load a barge with seventy tons of beet which was then tugged along the River Witham overnight to the factory at Bardney where it was emptied next morning speedily and less laboriously with a grab, before returning with coal for the Billingham Fen and North Kyme pumping stations.

On the left is Blair House, a fine bay windowed Grade Two listed Georgian building which has been sympathetically converted into a residential home for mentally handicapped adults.

Previously it was known as Thorpe House and was the residence of the local GP, Dr. Smallhorn, until the early 1940s. It was maintained in fine style with the assistance of a staff including several little maids who recalled dashing up and down the servants' staircase, which was a marked contrast to the grand public staircase. The servants' stairs were particularly narrow, which was supposed to be a good way of checking on the maids' moral probity – since any girl unfortunate to become pregnant would rapidly reveal her condition, presumably by becoming liable to jamming the stairwell, like a cork in a bottle. Dr Smallhorn's wife was horribly surprised at one point to find an intruder in her bedroom, gleefully trying her collection of elaborate hats and admiring himself in the mirror. The lad involved was a simple soul who intended no harm despite the scandal he managed to cause.

Dr Smallhorn caused a small sensation in Billingham by introducing the first motor car to the village around 1914 or 1915, a Bullnose Morris which then represented "the state of the art". Mrs Smallhorn was popular for the Girls' Club she ran in the 1920s; one of its main attractions was a weekly trip into Sleaford for dancing lessons from a London Lady. Before the turn of the century the house was owned by Joseph Wray (1848-1945) who had a carrier's business in Billingham, serving local markets. He was an autocrat who used to appear each morning at 6.30am dressed in the huge formality of his top hat and swallowtail jacket while the workers doffed their hats to him as they went past. Unfortunately, it is not only nowadays that people get burnt fingers because of the alternate slumps and booms in land and property prices. Fearing that he was being left behind as land prices soared, Wray mortgaged Thorpe House and its land, only to lose everything as prices collapsed a few months later and he ended up in a tiny cottage on the Skirth Road.

Just beyond Blair House, Skirth Road crosses the remains of the Car Dyke, that great drainage channel which was a remarkable feat of Roman engineering stretching from Lincoln to Peterborough and beyond, and which skirts around Billingham's high ground and empties into the Skirth at this point.

On the right-hand side further along the Skirth Road there are the remains of a granary where the hoist and loading steps can still be seen. Originally the grain was taken off the barges and was wheeled along planks to the top of the bank behind the granary. Adjacent land is still known as Steam Mill Field, although the mill has now disappeared.

A painting completed in 1912 by Florence Aitchinson, whose family owned the Post Office, shows that it was an elaborate double roofed building with a tall chimney where corn was once threshed.

Returning to Church Street you will find the Bethel Baptist Chapel on the right-hand side. It is a simple red brick building, completed in March 1847, although the Baptists were very active in Billingham beforehand. The Chapel was a tribute to the energy and determination of its local congregation, as its construction was largely the result of a voluntary subscription scheme, although the local squire, MR S S Muggleton, gave the Baptists the land on which to build their place of worship. The resulting building is plain and honest, as befits an evangelical movement. There is a boot scraper against the doorway, a reminder of the muddiness of Billingham's winter streets in earlier days when the ladies in the congregation used to arrive in pattens, a sort of clog which lifted shoes out of the mud, tucking them away out of sight under the plain seats in the Chapel's interior during services.

Also in Church Street is the site of the former Billingham Primary School which was erected in 1884 at a cost of £1000. It was an attractive building with the suggestion of a Dutch influence in the curved lines of the projecting central bay. Its grey slate roof contrasting with the warm red of its brickwork. When the school was constructed, it had a bell tower, but it had to be taken down in the 1950s because it was unsafe. It was a "Board School originally with a Board of seven members formed in 1879. It was intended originally for girls and infants and could hold 175 children, although attendance averaged only 125. Children born in the latter half of the 19th century would have started at the Church of England School. When the Board School opened infants attended it until the age of seven, the boys then moved to the Church of England School, the girls then moving to the other half of the Board School. The two parts of the Board School were once quite separate, each with its own head teacher. In the early years of the 29th century children stayed at school until they were fourteen (or thirteen if they obtained a special labour certificate). Grammar Schools in Sleaford were for fee-paying pupils until the 1920s when an Eleven-Plus pass gave scholarships to the lucky few who had to cycle five miles to Digby to catch the train. School holidays were for work, not play in those days and were timed to coincide with crop harvest so that even the smallest children could lend a hand.

The Primary school closed in 1989 when the school was transferred to a new site in Fen Road. The old school was demolished, and houses now stand in its stead, but it is remembered in the name of the road – Old School Lane.

Alongside Old school Lane is the Old Cemetery. The village "beehive" lock-up used to exist to the left of its entrance, where the electricity sub-station now stands. The Cemetery is still approached through yews, those guardians of graveyards with their associations with death and eternal life but there is nothing beyond now but an open grassy field with only a very few gravestones which are being retained whilst there are still living relatives. Local children, however, developed more colourful explanations and there was a rich folklore referring to witchcraft and hauntings.

Retracing your footsteps to Church Street you will see St Michael's Church, constructed from oolitic stone in the early perpendicular style. When Catley Priory, to the north-west of the village, was thriving the monks used Billingham Church. It was then called St Andrew's. It seems that the name was changed when Catley was abandoned. The lower part of the tower dates from the 13th century with a bell tower topped by a broach spire dating from 1787 and rumoured to have come from Metheringham Hall. Unusually thick walls reduce the interior dimensions of the tower which has an attractive modern doorway and balustrade added in 1954.

The roof of the 14th century nave still contains many of the 15th century timbers with their carved bosses. The south arcade and aisle are considered finer than the north side, which was rebuilt heavily in 1856. There is an interesting 14th century porch attached to the south side. Other features to look out for are the 15th century font near the south door and the three gargoyles on the outside of the church, including one which represents a bridled horse.

IN 1969 a plaque was placed in the church commemorating the work of Bernard Gilbert, Billingham's own poet, playwright, and novelist. A special service of dedication of the plaque was held on May 4th, 1969. Bernard Gilbert was born in Ivy House in West Street in 1882. After his education in Cambridge was completed, he worked in his father's agricultural and fertiliser business A.C. > Gilbert and Son. Bernard wasn't interested in the business and Mr Ravell was brought in as a partner and eventually took over the business, although the name of A.C. Gilbert was kept. Gilbert was notable for his use of Billingham and its surroundings in his writings, particularly "John of the Fens", which is still treasured by some residents. He lived and worked in Billingham for his first thirty years and died in London at the age of 45.

In the Churchyard there are a few worn limestone gravestones dating from the 18th century, though the majority date from the 19th century and are made from sandstone with some fine examples of engraved Welsh slate, including work by local stonemasons like J. Barnatt of Heckington, H Brown, J. Cullen and B. Kirk of Sleaford along with memorials from Hollands of Sibsey and Theophilus Broadgate of Horncastle.

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LOCAL POLICE NEWS

SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

List of reported crimes in May 2022 to April 2023

◆	Anti-social behaviour	97
◆	Burglary	31
◆	Criminal Damage & Arson	50
◆	Drugs	11
◆	Violence & Sexual Offences	249
◆	Public Order Offences	38
◆	Shoplifting	3
•	Other Theft	44
•	Vehicle Crime	20
•	Possession of Weapons	2
•	Bicycle Theft	1
•	Other Crimes	11

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.

Crime levels overview over the 12 months ending February 2023

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
May 2022	49	8.8%
June 2022	47	8.4%
July 2022	43	7.7%
Aug 2022	47	8.4%
Sep 2022	51	9.2%
Oct 2022	43	7.7%
Nov 2022	57	10.2%
Dec 2022	48	8.6%
Jan 2023	51	9.2%
Feb 2023	65	11.7%
Mar 2023	56	10.1%
Apr 2023	0	0%

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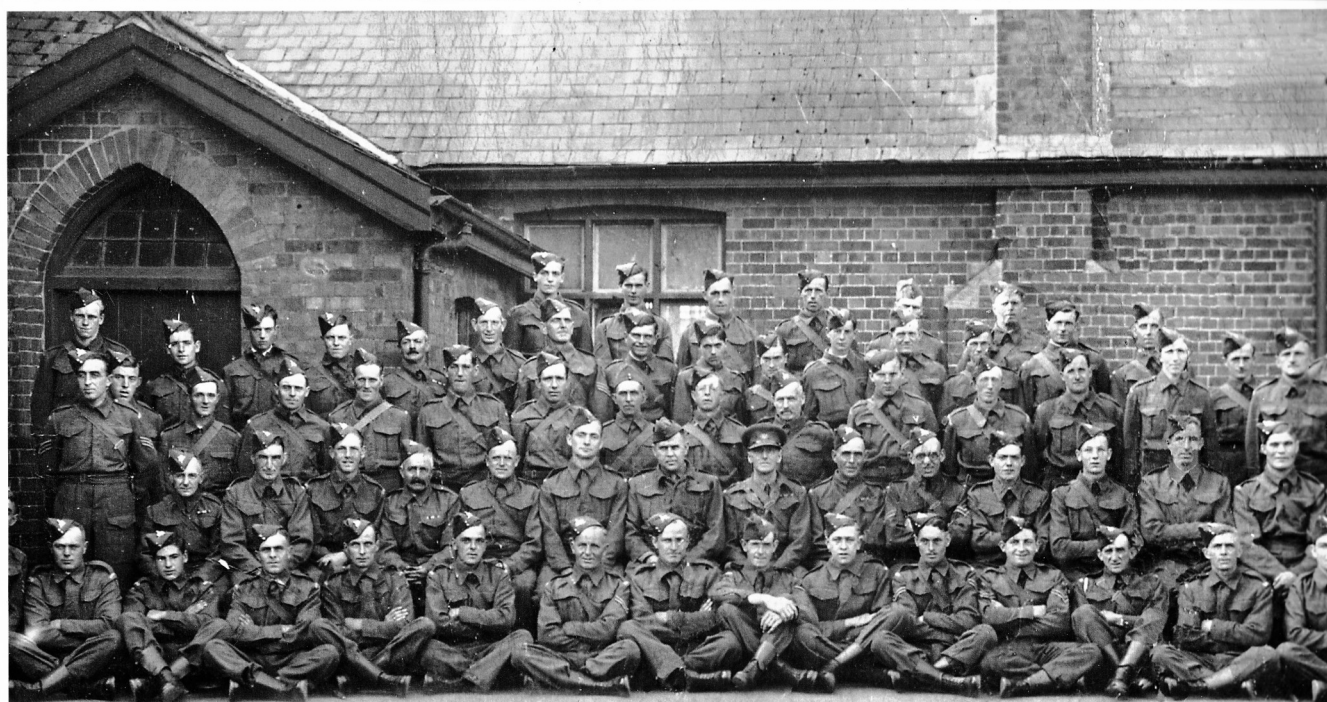
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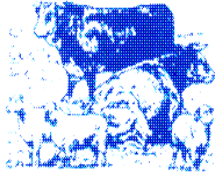
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Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday 869248 or 869271 Bookings Pre-school Mon-Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281 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 £20 for 3 hours Sundays 10.30am 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 Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com 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)	
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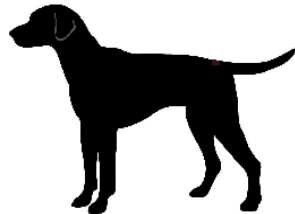
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19 September 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

Forthcoming Outings:

11 July 2023	Half day Mablethorpe—Carvery Tea
8 August 2023	Wroxham Boat Cruise on “Mississippi”
5 September 2023	Skegness

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

Finally a huge thank you to everyone who helped with our Jumble Sale (we made an amazing amount of £785.00) and to the village for supporting the Darby & Joan Club. It is very much appreciated

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

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

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



B.A.D.Ass

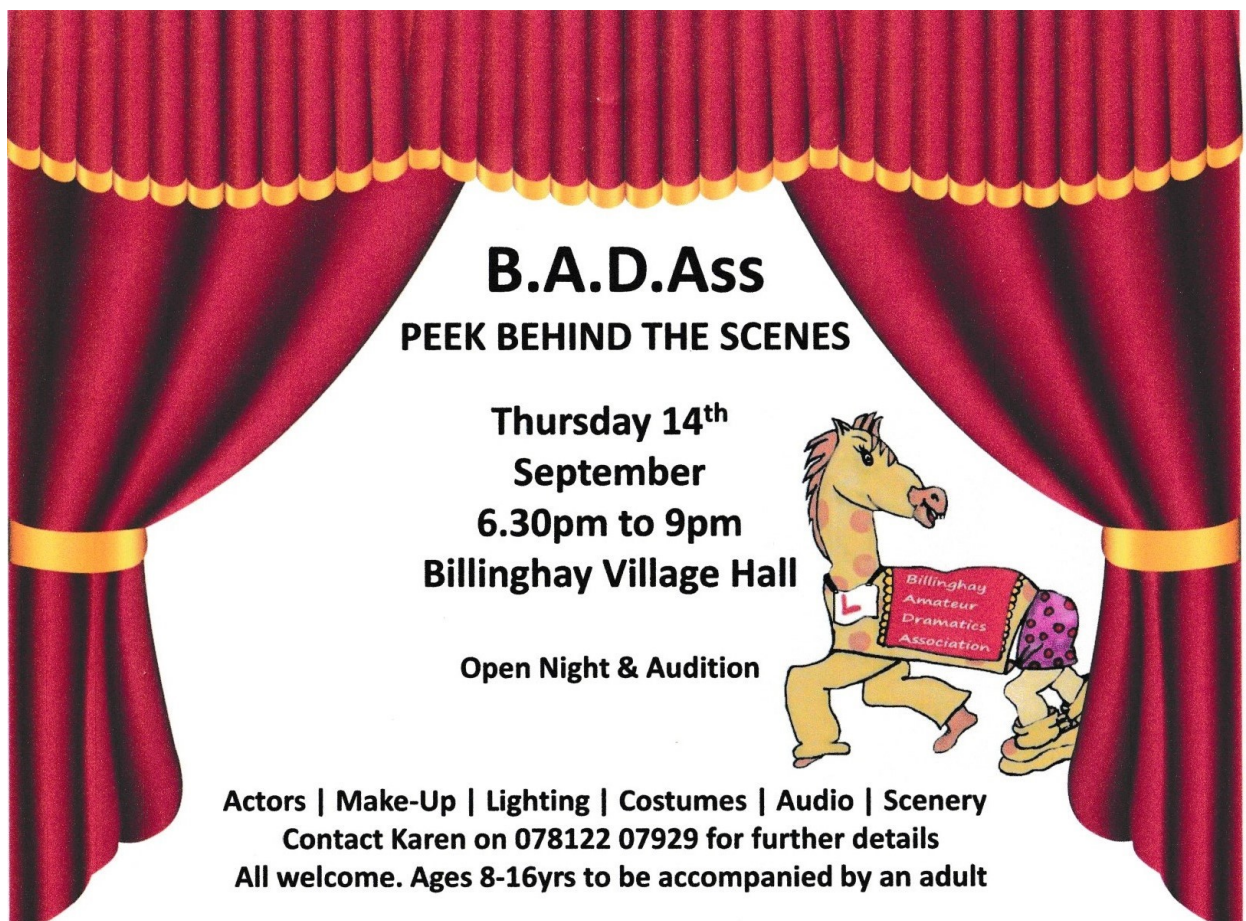


Peek Behind The Scenes Thursday 14th September – Billingham Village Hall

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Our **Peek Behind the Scenes** event provides the perfect opportunity to come along and find out what you would do as a member of B.A.D.Ass. From September, we will be back to 'work' preparing for the next pantomime and we need new cast and crew members to join to ensure that we can deliver another fabulous performance.

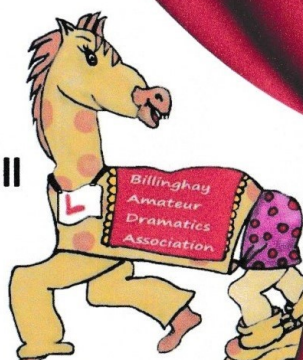
For many years I happily sat in the audience watching the B.A.D.Ass. panto – clapping, laughing, and singing along (ok I may have had a glass of wine!!). I always wondered 'where do they get their confidence to perform?' So, I challenged myself, stepped outside my comfort zone and sheepishly went to an audition event. Didn't think I'd be able to do it (I'm aware of my flat singing tone) but I've now 'starred' in three pantos and being on stage is so rewarding. If you want to give me a call to chat about B.A.D.Ass. and how you can best 'give it a go' call me: Karen 07812 207929.



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Eric was a very well respected gentleman within the village and he will be greatly missed. His funeral took place on Tuesday 4th April and £800 was raised for the Gurkha Welfare Trust, a charity very close to his heart. The family would like to thank and show appreciation to all who offered their sympathies and words of support.

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	6.00 to 7.00pm

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Billinghay	Spa Shop Walcott Rd Barry's	15.00	16.00

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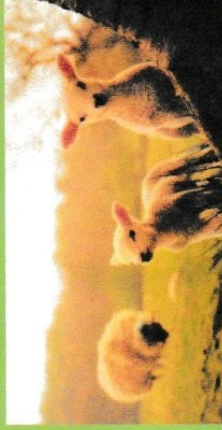
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Top Tips for Babies: Join the Early Years practitioner for discussions on subjects like when to introduce solids, healthy eating, oral health, accident prevention, immunisation, how to access support and more. To book please contact the Health Visiting Team on 01522 843 000.

Billinghay Children's Centre WHAT'S ON GUIDE



Timetable

17th April – 26th May 2023

Billinghay Children's Centre

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 Billingham Children's Centre Timetable (Free Family Activities) Email: billinghaychildrenscentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk Bookings required for * sessions only			
MONDAY 10:00 - 11:00am Little Explorers (For children 0 - 5years) A sensory play session encouraging children's inquisitive nature through awe and wonder. Each session will provide different sensory activities for children to explore, while sharing simple activities that can be replicated at home. (DUE TO BANK HOLIDAYS NO SESSIONS 1st and 8th MAY)	TUESDAY 9:30 - 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. Billingham Buggy Push Commencing 2nd May Leaving from Billingham Children's Centre - 30 minute stroll followed by refreshments and Pop In & Play from 11.15am-12noon  Health Visitor Assessment Clinic Monday to Thursday *Appointment only please call: 01522 843000*	WEDNESDAY 1:00 - 2:30pm Baby Massage This 5-week course offers a chance for you and your baby to spend precious time bonding through baby massage while meeting other parents with babies to form friendships with. *Booking Required please	THURSDAY 9:30 - 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.
Commencing Saturday 22nd April & weekly thereafter (No session 6th May) 10.00 - 11.00 am OUTDOOR EXPLORERS (For children 0 - 5years) Sessions held at Boston Road Recreation Ground Boston Rd, Sleaford NG34 7HH	12:00 - 1:30pm Breastfeeding Support Group At Sleaford Children's Centre Wednesdays 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	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 20th April No Booking Necessary	10:00 - 11:00am Moving On Up (For children 0-5years) This session focuses on building children's confidence, self-esteem and resilience to prepare for the many transitions they will go through as they grow and change. 'Home Learning' ideas will be given so you can continue to support your child's development through play at home.
10:00 - 11:00am 3 - 4 months Top Tips At Sleaford Children's Centre Thursday 27th April 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	1:30 - 2:30pm OWL Babies (Outside While Learning) Under 1's Sessions held at Billingham Playing Field Billingham Close Billingham CV4 4EJ Babies explore the environment through their senses and outdoor experiences are vital for early brain development. This outdoor session for under 1s uses natural surroundings for learning experiences and will take place whatever the weather so please come suitably dressed. 'Home Learning' ideas will be given so you can continue to support your child's development through play at home.	10:00-11:00am Supporting Children's Speech, Language & Communication 7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday 18th May Virtual session You can either book through the website * Family Connect - free online sessions for parents and carers Family Corner or by using the link below https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/early-years-alliance-9569179627	10:00 - 11:00am Building Babies' Brains 25 10.00-11.00am Tuesday 25th April Virtual session You can either book through the website * Family Connect - free online sessions for parents and carers Family Corner or by using the link below https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/early-years-alliance-9569179627
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THE LATEST QUIZ



For this issue's quiz, a set of anagrams relating to car makes and models:

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Main sin cars	
2.	Modern Food	
3.	An untidy cache	
4.	Lax valour cash	
5.	Large neat menu	
6.	Knave follows GG	
7.	Sex or action	
8.	Roach and cod	
9.	I put on fat	
10.	Too loyal actor	

Answers to last issue's quiz

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|----|--------------|-----|-----------|
| 1. | New Zealand | 2. | Saturn |
| 3. | MMIX | 4. | Lodge |
| 5. | Leading lady | 6. | Let It Be |
| 7. | Pebbles | 8. | Wiltshire |
| 9. | 23 April | 10. | Timmy |



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Actively thinking about your plans for the future is essential in order to meet all of your long-term financial goals. What happens when you connect all of your smaller financial goals into one big, comprehensive picture, creating a kind of road map for the future? Integrating your financial goals into your everyday life and translating your wealth into a way of living is called “lifestyle planning”. Thinking holistically about your wealth and taking a big-picture view of your financial strategy yields answers to life’s most important financial questions.

How can I ensure I have enough money to maintain my lifestyle?

The question of lifestyle is important and often overlooked when people consider their finances. When plotting out their financial stability, most people get caught up thinking about the bottom line, the bare minimum they will need to be able to live. For true financial health to take root, you also need to think about your current lifestyle and identify what you spend your money on outside the essentials like food and housing. Are there hobbies, leisure activities, or social obligations that may require an ongoing expenditure? Lifestyle planning services take into account all the smaller components that make your life worth living and helps you develop a plan to sustain them.

When will I be able to retire?

Long-term stability and a healthy, happy retirement is the ultimate goal of any financial planning scenario. Retirement represents a radical change in lifestyle though. Your overall goal is to make sure that your expenditures don’t outpace your income. For that, you need to plot a wise financial course beginning as early as possible. Setting challenging but achievable goals in conjunction with your lifestyle planning service adviser is essential in leveraging your wealth to retire successfully. To that effect, retirement planning and lifestyle planning go hand in hand. With achievable goals you can anticipate when you’ll be financially ready for retirement and set that date yourself!

If you’re a small business owner, your lifestyle planning should take careful effort to fully address your business transition plan at retirement. There’s value in what you do and what you’ve built; make sure to value your company correctly in order to get the most out of your efforts.

Lifestyle Planning isn’t just about managing what you have; it’s also about getting where you want to be.



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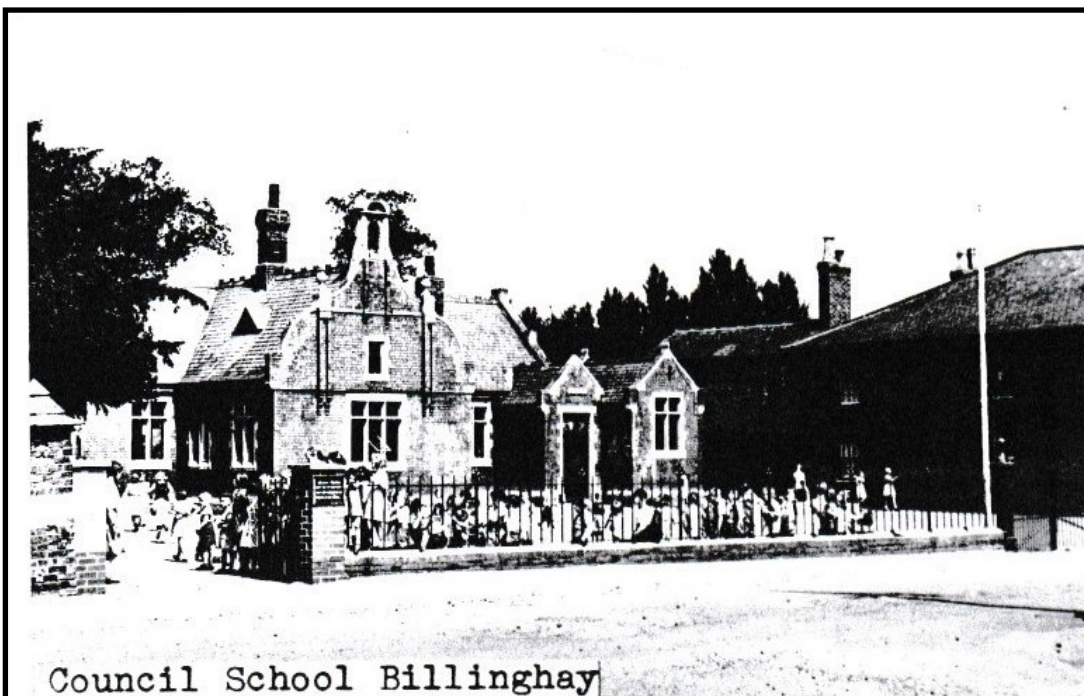
SOME MORE PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY RESIDENTS (PAST & PRESENT) OF BILLINGHAY. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE BELOW BELIES THE FACT THAT THERE WERE NUMEROUS DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS IN BILLINGHAY AT THE TIME

Down Memory Lane



● IT seems strange that a village that has never been short of a few pubs should have a temperance rally. Yet that was the case in Billingham. This picture was taken at the rally on July 23, 1908, and shows the true Brits. The Welsh, Scots and Irish are all there, but what happened to the English? Probably across the road in the Golden Cross.

The History Group project has involved the search for old photographs and some of these are illustrated on this and the next page. These relate to the Old Council School although we are not too sure regarding the first photograph overleaf.



Council School Billingham

The picture below shows Billingham Council School celebrating Empire Day. Empire Day was a celebration of the British Empire that was held for many years in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and other countries. It took place every year on May 24, the date of Queen Victoria's birthday.



We are not sure if the picture below relates to the Council School or not. It was part of a batch of photographs from that era.



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