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CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING AND ILLUMINATION

This popular event will take place on Wednesday, 6th December 2023 in the Market Place, Billingham starting at 6.30pm.

The formula will be similar to other years with Carol Singing by Billinger Ruffs and BADAss.

Refreshments will be provided at the Ship after the event..



Full details of timings and after ceremony activities will be published nearer the date on the Parish notice boards.. Make a note of the date in your diary.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12TH November 2023

As is customary, the Billingham branch of the RBL will be holding a remembrance parade at the Billingham War Memorial on Sunday 12th November 2023, commencing at 10:55 am. As last year the parade will be a static parade and it will follow the traditional format, encompassing the Act of Remembrance.

Those wishing to partake in the parade party should assemble in the Ship Inn Car Park from 10:30 am prior to walking to the War Memorial and forming up on parade. Wreathes will be issued at this time if not already distributed. All other attendees are requested to assemble in the Market Place, ensuring the roads are kept clear.

Immediately following the parade there will be a service in St Michael's Church, to which we encourage everyone to join in with the service of remembrance.



POPPY APPEAL 2023

This year's Poppy Appeal launches on **Thursday 26th October**. Poppies will be available from business premises in Billingham and North Kyme and we are very grateful for this support. We will also be doing door-to-door collections in Billingham, North Kyme and Walcott and we thank in advance our volunteer collectors and those who give so generously. As in previous years, please dig deep for this worthy cause. Thank you in advance.

Billingham Branch Annual General Meeting

The Billingham Branch AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at the Ship Inn, Billingham, commencing at 7 pm.

The branch needs volunteers to fill the mandatory posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Without these posts the Branch will be forced to close. To maintain a quorum other non-specific committee posts need to be filled. If you consider that you can give some of your valuable time to support this very worthy course then please come along to the AGM and volunteer.

For more information, please contact the Branch Chair, Andy Catlett, on 07554 733128.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

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: Sarah Anne Lawrence

County Council Member: Andrew Key

Deputy Clerk & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billingham Parish Council

Website: <https://billinghay.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>



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.

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CHILDREN'S CENTRE & FIRE STATION DEFIBRILLATORS

Please note that the defibrillators located at the Children's Centre on Fen Road and the Fire Station, Mill Lane are maintained by the Billingham Parish Council.

If you notice any issues with either of the defibrillators, 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.

COUNCIL NEWS

As detailed in our last issue, we are publishing details of salient points arising from Council meetings and other work that may be undertaken. Certain issues detailed in the Minutes of meetings can only be released when the Minutes are approved (usually the following meeting). Full copies of the approved minutes are available on the Parish Council website <https://billinghay.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>.

Apology

The Parish Council inaccurately stated in the previous edition the reason why the former Clerk left her employment with the Parish Council. It was mutually agreed to end the employment. The Parish Council wishes to publicly apologise for the inaccuracy and any distress this caused the former Clerk, her family and those who know her. The Parish Council wishes her all the best for the future.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

Both SIDs are now in use and further statistics are available on Page 7 of this issue. We are discussing the revised location for the 30mph sign along Mill Lane and when this is agreed and in place, we will arrange for a location where one of the SIDs can be used. As mentioned, people have been rotating the devices without permission and we would reiterate that if identified, they will be reported to the Police.

Planning

Applications Received:

23/0796/VAR 92 Walcott Road Variation to submitted plans

23/0443/HOU 115 Walcott Road Amendment to plan re garage/carport

23/0944/PNND Ruston's Farm, Tattershall Bridge Road - for prior approval

23/0936/PNND Grange Farm, Digby Fen - for prior approval.

Highways

We would again like to remind residents that it helps if they report problems via Fix My Street. Even if they are adding to a problem already on the system, the volume of reports may affect priorities.

At a meeting with our County Councillor and a Highways Officer with a local resident in attendance, footpath problems were fully discussed. Highways agreed to carry out a full footpath survey in the village and carry out remedial work if necessary.

Defibrillators

As mentioned in the last issue, we had received permission to place another defibrillator on the external wall of the Fire Station. After obtaining estimates for the cost of fitting, we are delighted to advise that the necessary work has been done to make a power supply available. Work to bring the unit into use will be completed shortly.

Parish Clerk

The selection process for a new Parish Clerk has commenced and interviews for the position will be carried out in the near future.

External Audit

We are pleased to announce that the external audit has been completed. The external auditors have confirmed that our finances are in order and the official notice has been posted on the Parish Notice Boards. If you wish to inspect the parish finances, please follow the instructions in the External Auditor's Certificate.

Village Sign

We have received confirmation from LCC Highways that the missing village sign on Walcott Road will be replaced in the near future. In addition they have agreed to replace the planter that went missing at the same time. This will be sorted when the sign is in place as it will be positioned between the village sign poles.

Litter Picking

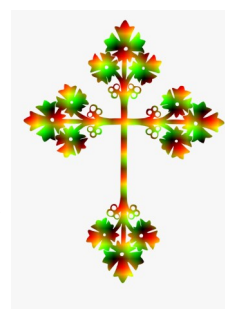
We have had no takers for the free litter picking kits since the last issue. However we are delighted to report that the group who we have passed some kits on to have been making good use of them. Below is a picture of the five bags they collected when using the field footpaths.



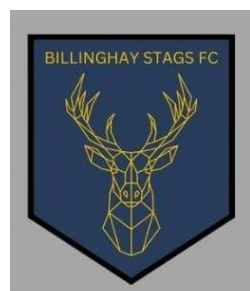
Whilst we would ask people using these paths to take their rubbish home or use the bins in place round the village, we are extremely grateful to the "Wombles" team for their efforts to keep Billingham tidy.

Christmas Tree Blessing Event

This event is detailed on the front page of the Newsletter. We are delighted that the Ruffs and BADAss are joining in with the celebration. This is always a highlight of the social calendar with the children joining in with the carol singing. We look forward to seeing a large attendance at the celebration and afterwards.



Junior Football



The Parish Council are always happy to support local sporting activities and welcome the formation of a club for the youngsters in the village.

The Billingham Stags are up and running but are always happy to have more players available. If you are interested, the club conducts training sessions on Saturday mornings. New players are welcome to attend these sessions.

YPF

@ the Chapel, Church Street

Every Friday

during term-time

6.00 – 7.30pm

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Craft

Songs

Quizzes

Primary School

Games

CHALLENGES

Secondary School

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Fortnightly

during term time

(get in touch for precise dates)

ANSWERS TO BIG QUESTIONS

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Richard Hilliard: 07717392628

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SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES



The Parish Council now has two Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) in use, with one situated at the Walcott end of the village, near to the junction of Field Road, and one on Walcott Road near to the junction of Shire Close.

With two sets of data now available from both locations, we can start to use the data to look at trends. Unfortunately, both devices have been tampered with over the last month and the data obtained has been compromised. These means we will have to gain more reliable data over the coming months to accurately trend the data.

Unsurprisingly, the data does show an increase in vehicles through the village over the period where the B1191 between Kirkstead Bridge and Woodhall Spa has been closed.

From 8th August 2023 to 25th September 2023, the device located up from the Field Road junction faced traffic leaving the village to Walcott. The data recorded is in both directions. The basic statistics for the period are as follows:

	From Walcott	To Walcott
Average speed:	28.70 mph	28.69 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	99658	95550
Percentage of vehicles doing 30 mph or less:	73%	74%

This showed a significant improvement on the speed of vehicles at this location leaving the village from the period 13th May 2023 to 7th August 2023.

From 11th August 2023 to 25th September 2023, the device located by Shire Close junction faced traffic heading to Walcott. The data recorded is in both directions. The basic statistics for the period are as follows:

	From Walcott	To Walcott
Average speed:	25.94 mph	25.08 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	unreliable	unreliable
Percentage of vehicles doing 30 mph or less:	88%	92%

This showed a significant improvement on the speed of vehicles in both directions from the period 27th March 2023 to 12th May 2023 at this location. However, the tampering of this device has affected this data.

As before, 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.

If the Council identify anyone tampering with the device, they will be reported to the Police

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BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



At the time of writing we have just started another school year.

I am delighted to announce that we have maintained our Good grading for Overall Effectiveness at our Ofsted Inspection in July 2023. We were graded as good in all areas of the inspection: The Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision. I would just like to share a few quotes from the report:

- Teachers' expectations of pupils' behaviour are high. Pupils behave well around school.
- Subject leadership is good. Leaders have benefitted from high-quality professional development and training. They are often expert.
- Pupils value the many clubs they can access after school and at lunchtime. Pupils participate well. Pupils love the opportunities they receive.
- There is a strong culture of safeguarding and welfare within the school. Pupils feel safe and happy.

Our pupils have just taken part in a non-curriculum week in school entitled Lincolnshire Week. Miss Hall organised for many different visitors to come into school and talk to our pupils and inspire them to look at opportunities in many different careers. Our Y5 pupils visited the Lincolnshire Showground for a chance to take part in activities linked to Lincolnshire. Our Year 6 pupils visited the Showground for Construction week. 2 Red Arrow pilots also visited school.



The admissions process for pupils into Reception for September 2024, coordinated by Lincolnshire County Council School Admissions, opens on the 15th November 2023 and closes on the 15th January 2024. We have an open day arranged for the 8th November. If you are interested in a school place, have any questions or wish to view the school at then please contact school on 01526 860786 or email kelly.sedlan@billinghay.lincs.sch.uk.



I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to building on our successes this year.

With best wishes,

Mr R Allen, Headteacher.

OBITUARY

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR GILL OGDEN

Billingham Parish Council were sad to hear of the passing of well loved, dedicated and respected District Councillor Gill Ogden who represented the Billingham Rural area on the North Kesteven District Council.

Councillor Ogden showed so many times how willing she was to support all our parishes, residents and councillors in a friendly but firm way. We could go to her at any time to ask for advice and she would guide us in the right direction.

She remained our guide and friend and was full of sound advice to the end.



She was voted in for her fourth term as district councillor earlier this year. During all that time, I have always valued her help and guidance as I was on the parish council from 2008 until 2017, and then returned for a second time, and am currently the Chair.

She's been a source of wisdom, kindness, loyalty and we will miss her.

Our condolences go to to her husband, Stewart.

**Wendy Liles,
Chair, Billingham Parish Council**

BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

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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

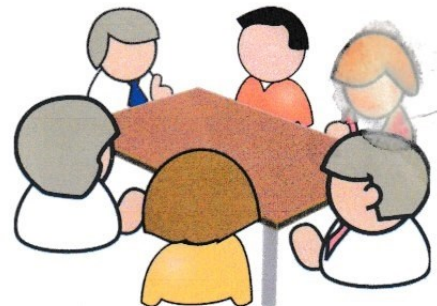
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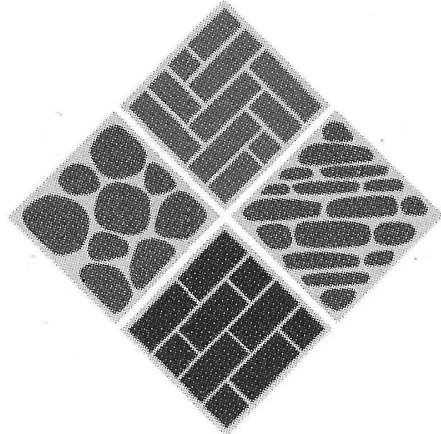
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<i>Wed-Fri</i>	<i>12-3</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>12-2</i>	<i>5-8</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>3-11</i>	
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
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FIX MY STREET



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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 (Continued from the last issue)

At the end of Victoria Street, there are the ruins of South's Mill, which was demolished in the 1950s. The sails and capping have gone, and the mill is crumbling into decay with weeds growing on its brickwork and birds roosting in its hollow spaces. Originally it was a fine sight and, in a good wind its four sails turned all night to grind the grain. In November 1936 it was the scene of a particularly gruesome tragedy when a man called Faulkner was working alone in the mill, fastening sacks to a continuous chain with a second chain which was a little like a dog's choke collar, tightening around the sack's neck and carrying it up through the floors of the mill. Somehow Faulkner's wrist was trapped and, struggling fruitlessly to free himself, he was caught up in the endless chain and pulled through four storeys into the cogs at the top of the mill. He left a wife and three children, the eldest being only seven years old.

Retracing your steps, a little at this point, return down Victoria Street to its corner with King Street. On the corner of King Street there are the remains of a finely decorated doorway, now bricked in. This was the site of Bunkum Billy Hall's grocery, with his well-remembered slogan of "no stamps, no dividends, no bunkum" to encourage his customers to "pay on the nail".

Passing several substantially built Victorian houses, you will pass the area where Abraham Merilion had a bicycle shop and shoe repairers. He was joined by Bam Hunt, another colourful character, who claimed he could "charm" the most savage dog, although it was suspected that his charms lay more in the malodourous horse's heel he had about him than in his hypnotic personality.

Another character, Mr Cooling, was supposed to be able to charm warts away. People had to count their warts accurately and say to him "Please Mr Cooling, will you have my (Number) warts?" It even worked long distance. A girl at Sleaford High School had hands, arms and Legs covered in warts. She counted them with the help of her family and wrote the same message on a slip of paper and signed her name. Almost two to three weeks later every one had disappeared. Coincidence or magic?

15 King Street was a stable and granary at one time being part of the hay and straw business of the same Mr Merilion who owned the bicycle shop in King Street. It was later turned into a private house for his son David, his wife and family at the beginning of World War Two.

21 King Street was a stable and granary and later it too was converted to a private house.

27 King Street was known as Hickling's Corner long after the last member of the family left. It was a grocery and bakery business, and the sights and smells of the old flash oven were a magnet to the local Children. Edward Hickling's business was already in existence when he came to the village in the late 1870s and did not close completely until the 1950s. It produced a whole range of bakery items to be delivered from house to house by a hand cart or a carrier bike.

Mr Hickling's eldest and youngest took over the bakery business in turn and the second eldest son took over the grocery business. The first change took place on the death of Mr Hickling's unmarried daughter in 1920. When anyone in the village killed a pig some of the minced pork was used to fill pork pie pastry cases which were raised around 2lb jam jars. The real experts raised the pastry upwards around a wooden mould, and it would stay upright and straight if properly made. These would then be sent along to bakers like Hickling's who would then bake them in their ovens for a small fee.

Facing Hickling's corner, 56 High Street, was the site where, on 9th September 1864, one of the worst fires in Lincolnshire began, engulfing much of the surrounding area. Its ferocity and extent resulted from a combination of circumstances. There had been two dry summers and that day there was a strong westerly wind to fan the flames, which had the perfect fuel in the mud and stud houses and the thatch of their roofs. The fire began about 10.30 am when most of the villagers were out in the fields, and although the flames were soon spotted by them, they had a good hold. The fire engine was not of immediate use because of the distance between fire and the water supply, although eventually the Billingham engine, along with the engine from Tattershall and the help of every able-bodied man woman and child in the village prevented even further devastation.

The fire is generally believed to have started in a blocked chimney and sparked the roof of an outbuilding alight. The fire then raced through an oat stack, two haystacks, a pigsty and other buildings in the yard before roasting across an apple orchard and leaping from house to house and street to street. All in all, the fire made its way along High Street, into Victoria Street, West Street and King Street, destroying a large part of the village, including the Methodist Chapel in Victoria Street. That evening, after the fire was doused and as thatch and straw still smouldered, over one hundred people huddled miserably in the village school room grieving over their lost homes and possessions, though luckily the only fatalities were pigs, trapped and roasted in their sties. The High Street Primitive Methodist Chapel was built in 1840 and is the third of the village chapels. It was a much simpler than its rival Methodist Chapel in Victoria Street, being both smaller and less ostentatiously decorated. It was noted for a "miraculous conversion." Like the Victoria Street Methodist Church, it was also a focus for Temperance. Around the turn of the century the notorious Billingham Roughts took it into their heads to attend one of these to create their usual mayhem. The Movement then scored one of its greatest successes for the Roughts took the Pledge instead and Nickel Bavin became a great feature of the high summer Temperance Day Parades, with his massive bulk clothed convincingly as John Bull.



BILLINGHAY VILLAGE HALL

It's all happening.

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Billingham Village Hall

We hope to be able to give you a full report in our January / February edition.

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LOCAL POLICE NEWS

SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

Top reported crimes (July 2023)

Violence and Sexual Offences	26
Anti-social behaviour	11
Criminal Damage and Arson	6
Burglary	5

Priority (July 2023)

Vehicle related Anti-Social Behaviour.

Action taken:

Modified / loud vehicles being driven inconsiderately will be the focus for the next period as we continue to receive reports of nuisance affecting safety and quality of life for residents. Targeting of known hotspots with a view to educate, explain and take enforcement action where necessary.

Local Team:

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant
Martin Derbyshire - Constable Colin Ironmonger - PCSO

The statistics detailed below were extracted from the local policing website

Crime levels overview over the 12 months ending July 2023

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%
May 2023	40	7.2%
June 2023	37	6.6%
July 2023	62	11.1%

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Make a note of the following dates in your diary:

Wednesday, 8 November 2023 **2.00 to 4.00pm**

Wednesday, 20 December 2023 **2.00 to 4.00pm**

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BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP



PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

22 NOVEMBER 2023 **TOM LANE** **LINCS LEGENDS, PEOPLE PLACES AND TALL STORIES**

31 JANUARY 2024 **TERRY BECK** **A LIGHT-HEARTED INSIGHT ON LIFE IN A LIBRARY**

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE, WE HAVE HAD TWO VERY INTERESTING TALKS BY:

- **JANETTE MERILION ON MEDIEVAL GARDENING WITH EXCELLENT SUPPORTING ILLUSTRATIONS**
- **CHRIS HEWIS ON THE HISTORY OF SKEGNESS**

WE ARE NOW LOOKING FORWARD AT THE TIME OF WRITING TO A PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF STEAM CULTIVATION WHICH WILL EXPLAIN THE GRADUAL MECHANISATION OF FARMING.

THE PROJECT REGARDING THE FAMOUS BILLINGHAY AUTHOR AND WAR POET, BERNARD GILBERT HAS PROGRESSED AND THE BOOK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED. WE ARE STILL HOPING TO ARRANGE AN "EXHIBITION" IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH THE AUTHOR IN ATTENDANCE.



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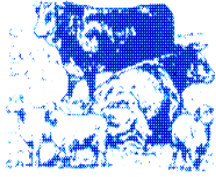
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B.A.D.ASS (Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association) Bethel Baptist Chapel	Thursdays at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome
Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	Sundays 10.30am & 6pm Tuesdays 7pm Pastor Richard Hilliard 07717392628 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
Darby & Joan Girl Guides	Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 Wednesdays 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
Lighthouse Youth Club	Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time) Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
Line Dancing Methodist Church	Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £20 for 3 hours
Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club Past Times	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
Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)	Tuesdays (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com
St Michael's and All Angels Church	1st/2nd Sundays 9.30am Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday 9.30am Communion 4th Sunday 11.00am Said Communion 5th Sunday United Service - please ring to check place of worship. Church open from 9.00am to 3.00pm weekdays Contact: Reverend Steve Holt 01526 580654 steve.carrydyke@gmail.com Sandra Tomley 01526 861797
Tennis Club Tuesday Club Twinning Association	Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms Chairman John Toulson 01526 860262 Secretary Megan Clark (meganclark@hotmail.co.uk) . Bookings June Davies 861652
Village Hall Voluntary Car Service	Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency)
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BILLINGHAY BOWLS CLUB NEWS



The Alf Eric South Trophy

On the 3rd September 2023, the Alf Eric South Trophy took place on a gorgeous sunny Sunday. Sets came from all round the country – Ruskington, Sleaford, Spalding, Dorrington, Coningsby, Swineshead and Derbyshire. We even received a phone call from a cruise ship docking in Southampton informing us that they would be there on Sunday. Of course, the two legends from Skirth Road, Janet (89) and Colin (90) Underwood were there.

This was the first time that the event had been played without our President, Eric South, who sadly passed on earlier this year. Eric's son Jim sponsored the event and daughter, Susan, presented the Trophy and prize money. It was also lovely to see Alan and Margaret South there in support.

The refreshments and raffle were in the capable hands of Jenny Blades, Margaret Rushby and Ruth Allen and, as always, were a great success.

The format this year was booking in, choosing a number and this determined your fate. There were two groups with the winners of each one going through to the final.

Last year's winners, Kevin and Dad dominated their group winning all three games. The other group needed an exciting shootout which was won by the two legends Janet and Colin Underwood.

By this time, they were getting tired and the fairy tale ends there. Kevin and Dad put on a brilliant display and won the trophy – well done.

The Chair rang Kevin and Dad in the evening to apologise for the crowd, who were all rooting for Janet and Colin, Their response was to say it was a honour and privilege to play them.

Mick Allen
Chair, Billingham Bowls Club.

Please note that the Bowls Club is always on the look out for new members. If you would like to try your hand, get in touch with any member and see how you get on.



BILLINGHAY DOG PADDOCK



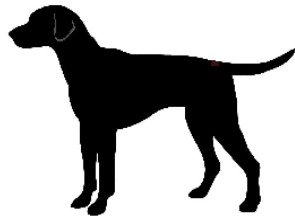
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Forthcoming meetings :

17 October 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
14 November 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
12 December 2023	12.00 to 5.00pm	Christmas Lunch	

Forthcoming Outings:

3 October 2023	Rushden Lakes & Shopping”
25 November 2023	Christmas Shopping - Kings Lynn

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

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

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

3 October 2023	Harvest Supper		
7 November 2023	Reflexology	Charlotte Ward	
6 December 2023	Christmas Decorations	Harriet	Farmers Florist

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

We will be holding a Carol Service on Christmas Eve commencing at 10.30am followed by Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies.



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.



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Billingham Amateur Dramatics Association

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Sunday, 17th December

Buffet tea: 5.00pm

Carols: 6.00pm

Christmas Eve

10.30am & 6.00pm

Christmas Day

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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	7.45 to 9.00pm
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

Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

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

April 23 – March 24

Monday Route 2 & 4 (Rural North)

April	May	June	July	August	September
24th	22nd	5th 19th	3rd 17th 31st	14th	11th 25th
October	November	December	January	February	March
9th 23rd	20th	18th	tba	tba	tba

**Sorry no service on Bank Holidays*

The mobile library stops at the following places:

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Billinghay	Library Site High St Page's Yard	13.15	14.45
Billinghay	Spa Shop Walcott Rd Barry's	15.00	16.00

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Lincolnshire Children's Centre

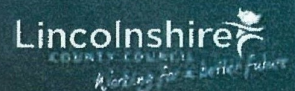
What's on

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How to use the children centres' directories

Find a children centre

Go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childrenscentres

To find a particular children centre use the search box and enter the name of the centre in the Keywords field. There is no need to enter the post code.

Each record has contact and location information and an outline of the services. There are links from the records to:

- the centre's Facebook page
- the form to join the centre
- the current timetable directory

Timetable directories

The timetable directory will change according to the school year. We have timetable directories for:

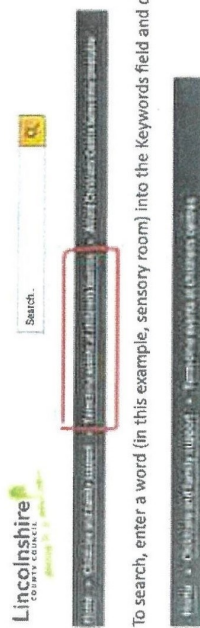
- term-time
- half-term
- the three main holidays - Easter, Summer and Christmas

Searching in a timetable directory

You can use the search page to look for:

- the name of any children centre to see what events they are holding
- the name of any session or activity, wherever it is being held

To find the search once you are on a children's centre page, click the previous link (as highlighted) in the black crumb trail at the top of the screen:



To search, enter a word (in this example, sensory room) into the keywords field and click Search.

Term-time events at children's centres

Search for your local children's centre or enter a keyword for an activity.

Search the directory

Keywords *(required)*

sensory room



You will then see a clickable list of children centres where the word is mentioned.



When you have clicked on a children's centre, to quickly find the same word on the page press Ctrl F and enter the word into the search bar. It will then be highlighted on the page.

The Saturday timetable is the same for all children centres. Families may decide to visit another location at weekends, so all sessions are shown without needing to search.

How to print

To print a timetable, use your browser. Please be aware that printed timetables can soon become out of date as the directory may be updated at any time.

Look in the top right corner of your screen:

- for Microsoft Edge users select 
- for Google Chrome users select 

You should then see the option to Print.

How to translate

Scroll to the bottom of any page and select 'Translation'. You will then go to a page where you can select the language. Once you have chosen the language you will be on the county council home page.

Do not use the search bar as that will cancel the translation. To see the directories, scroll down and select 'Childcare and family support', then the second yellow button, 'Find a children's centre'.

Everything will be in the chosen language as you navigate until you cancel or use the search.

THE LATEST QUIZ



For this issue's quiz, we want you to complete the proverbs'':

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	You have to kiss a lot of toads	
2.	You cannot make a silk purse	
3.	A man may well bring a horse to water	
4.	Between the devil and the	
5.	Children should be seen	
6.	The pen is mightier	
7.	Young men may die, old men	
8.	Kill not the goose that	
9.	Never look a gift horse	
10.	Procrastination is	

Answers to last issue's quiz

1.	Margaret Thatcher	2.	Winston Churchill
3.	Benjamin Disraeli	4.	Stanley Baldwin
5.	Sir Alec Douglas-Hume	6.	Harold Macmillan
7.	Ted Heath	8.	David Lloyd George
9.	William Pitt the Younger	10.	Ramsey Macdonald

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1. **Vulnerability is Widespread:** The report highlights that a significant portion of the population is living precariously close to financial hardship. Unexpected life events, such as illness, job loss, or death, can quickly turn financial stability into a crisis.
2. **Protecting Loved Ones:** Life assurance ensures that your loved ones are financially protected in case of your untimely demise. It provides a financial safety net, helping your family maintain their quality of life, pay off debts, and cover essential expenses.
3. **Peace of Mind:** Knowing that you have life assurance in place can provide peace of mind. It allows you to focus on living life to the fullest, without the constant worry of what might happen to your family if the unexpected occurs.

Life assurance is a proactive and prudent financial planning tool that offers numerous benefits, including:

1. **Financial Security:** Life assurance provides a lump sum payment to beneficiaries upon the policyholder's death. This payout can help cover funeral expenses, outstanding debts, mortgage payments, and everyday living costs.
2. **Estate Planning:** Life assurance can be a crucial component of your estate planning strategy, ensuring that your assets are distributed according to your wishes.
3. **Tax Efficiency:** In many cases, life assurance benefits are tax-free, providing a tax-efficient way to pass on assets to your loved ones.
4. **Flexibility:** Life assurance policies can be tailored to your specific needs, allowing you to choose coverage levels, policy durations, and beneficiaries.

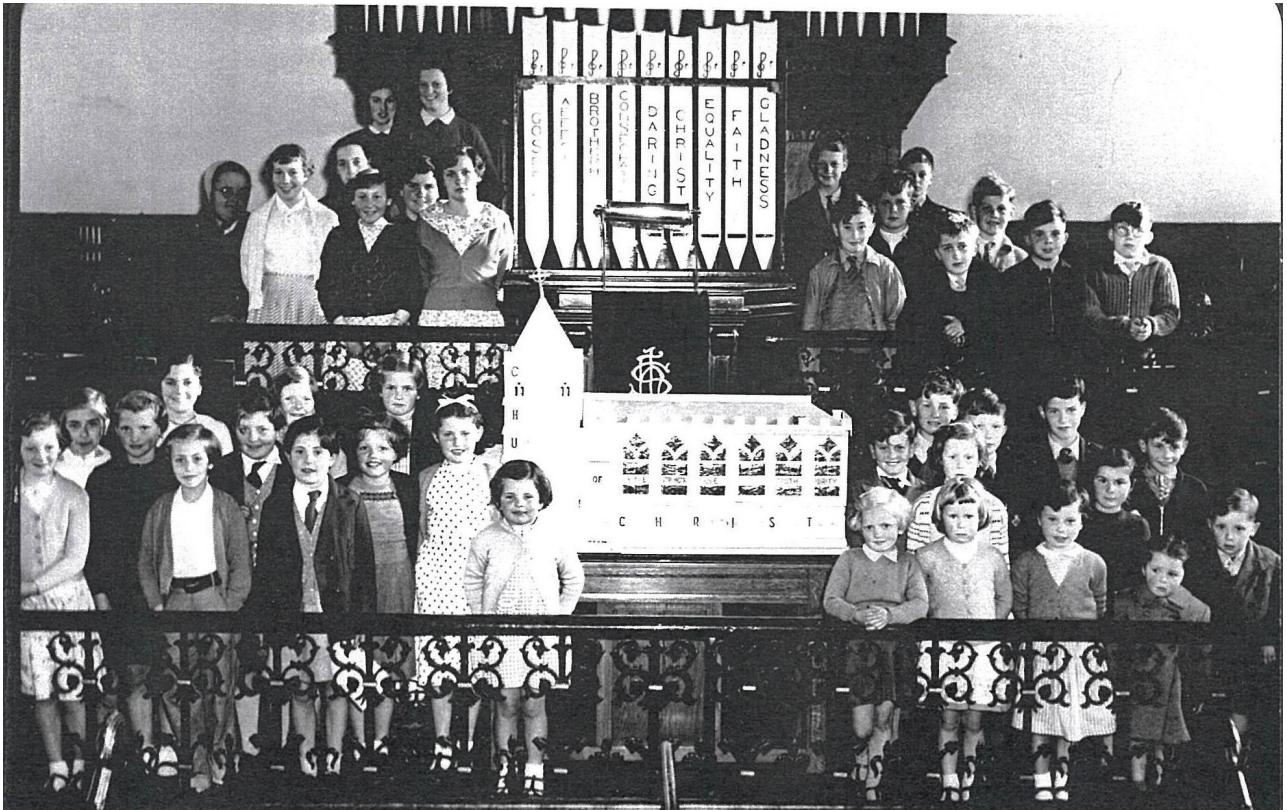
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Market Place, Billinghay No. 3

FOR A CHANGE IN THIS ISSUE AND WITH MEMORIES OF THE RECENT VISIT BY THE TRAVELLING FAIR, WE ARE PUBLISHING BELOW, A POEM IN MEMORY OF THE BILLINGER FEAST. THIS WAS WRITTEN BY A LOCAL RESIDENT, MARY BORROWS USING THE LOCAL DIALECT - TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

REMEMBERING BILLINGER FEEAST

We ed a rare good owd time
When we wus all young
In our village waay out in the fens.
We edn't the telly or cars in them days
But made our amusement wessens.

We'd a rare do at Maayda'
Our pag-a-rag day,
Harvest Supper at backend o' the year,
A supper for pig club
And one for the estate
Wi' rabbit pies and great barrels o' beer.

But the best do of the year
Wus at Billinger Feeast,
Second week in October twas 'eld,
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For relaations and friends
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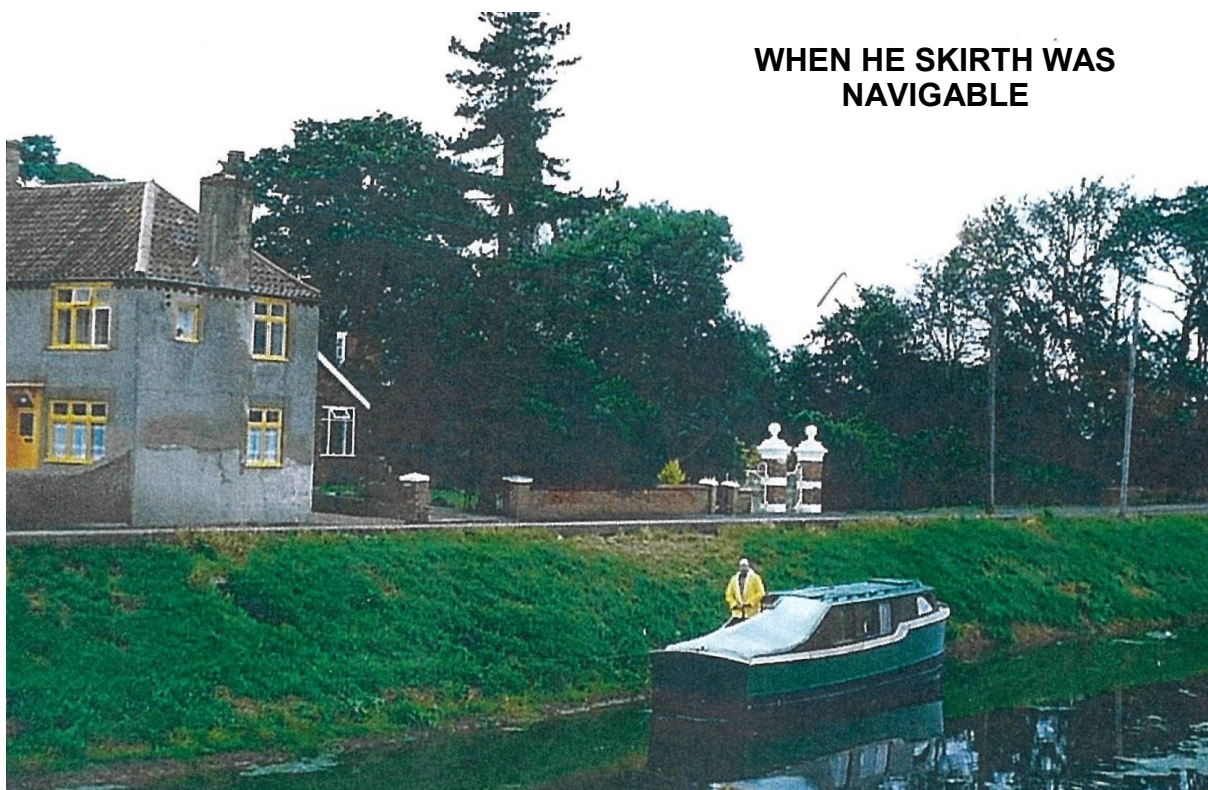
Ivry 'ouse stuffed a chine
For Sunday 'igh tea,
A big un to last feeastin' through.
We all stuffd our kedges
Fit full up to bust
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In the paddock and yard be'ind pub.
There wus roundabouts, cake walk
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When the time come for home
We 'ed to leave the fairground
Wi' the steam orgin still grindin' a tune
As we walked up the ramper
Fair arrered to drop
We wished the feast back ageean soon.

I'm raight glad to 'ear
That the fooalks o' today
Still celebrate Billinger Feeast
In the owd fashioned waay
And raight glad to know
That they still stuff a feeast chine, at least.

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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

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