

# The Billingham Times & Advertiser



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## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

This year the weather was kind for the Christmas Tree Blessing and large crowd turned out for the ceremony and, of course, the carol singing. Thankfully there were enough glowsticks for all the children including the larger ones reverting to their childhood.



Everyone was greatly entertained by the singing of the Billinger Ruffs and the BADAss ensemble before retiring to the Ship for refreshments. Once again the Ship did us proud and large quantities of baps and mulled wine were consumed.

The Parish Council would like to thank:

- Everyone who erected and decorated the tree - it looked great as usual. We will not name them all in case we inadvertently missed one of the helpers.
- The Reverend Gabrielle for blessing the Christmas Tree
- The Billinger Ruffs and BADAss for providing entertainment and encouraging others to join in with the Carols. The young children were once again superb.
- And most of all the residents who turned out on a cold but fortunately dry night to support the event.

**The Parish Council hope that all residents enjoyed a Merry Christmas and have a Prosperous New Year.**

## **OTHER COUNCIL NEWS**

To keep residents informed, 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://billingham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>.

### **Parish Clerk**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Parish Clerk, Helen Key will commence work on the 3rd January 2024,

### **Council Members**

Councillor Dymoke has resigned.

### **Planning**

Applications Received:

22/1631/DISCON	Park Lane Billingham	Amended plans regarding conditions
23/1204/FUL	Dale Head Farm	External Alterations to Barns - retrospective
23/0796/VARCON	92 Walcott Road	Amended Plans already approved
23/1297/HOUS	White House Skirth Road	Garage Erection
23/1378/HOUS	128 Walcott Road	Raised roof section

### **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.

The extension of the 30mph limit on Mill Lane to take into account the new housing development is progressing satisfactorily.

### **Conservation**

It has been arranged for the new NKDC Conservation Officer to attend a Council Meeting to explain developments in this area,

### **.Litter Picking**

Although the level of dog fouling has shown a gradual reduction from previous years, it still constitutes a problem. One main reason for this is the practice of picking up the faeces in a suitable bag and the leaving the bag behind rather than depositing it in a dog bin or an ordinary litter bin. We would ask people to make sure they dispose of their “dog poo” bags in the proper manner.

### **Grants and Donations**

At the Council’s Annual Finance Meeting, the following grants were made:

- |   |                          |  |          |
|---|--------------------------|--|----------|
| • | Billingham Village Hall  | Repairs to the Village Hall façade   | £1950    |
| • | Citizens Advice Bureau   | Donation   | £ 200    |
| • | Billingham Football Club | Replacement Doors to Pavilion  | £ 500    |
| • | Billingham Bowls Club    | New Fencing/ Pavilion Repair/<br>Green preparation   | £1324.80 |
| • | LIVES                    | Donation   | £ 200    |
| • | War Memorial Flowers     | The current Grant of up to £450 per year still appears adequate and is being maintained for 2024 to 2025.. |          |

### **Cemetery Fees Review**

The Council reviewed the current fees comparing them with other parishes of a similar size. Consideration was also given to the increased cost of maintenance of the Cemetery and, consequently, it was agreed to increase our fees as below:

- Burial Fees £400
- Ashes Fees £280

### **Allotment Rents**

The review for the year 2023 to 2024 had showed that the Rents being charged were adequate. After consideration, it was agreed that the rents should remain the same for the period from 2024 to 2025 unless there was a major change in circumstances before September 2024.





# THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN



The weather held and once again the people of Billingham turned out on Remembrance Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, for the Remembrance Parade. As always, a lot of people are involved in making this event such a special occasion; from organising the wreaths, preparing the memorial and Market Place, and organising the memorial flowers and thanks go to all those involved. As always, the Parade Commander WO Matt Derbyshire did a sterling job in organising and controlling events on the day.







The parade was followed by a Service of Remembrance in St Michaels Church. Thanks must go to Reverend Helen Eke for her support on this day. And thank you to all those who attended the Service. And thanks to St Michaels Church for donating the Service collection to the Royal British Legion.



## 2023 Poppy Appeal

Given the hardships that many people are facing this year as the cost of living escalates, the Royal British Legion would like to extend its appreciation for the generosity of the residents of Billingham, Walcott, North Kyme, Anwick and Ewerby in support of this worthy cause. As is the case every year, there were many organisations and individuals who supported the collection and we are thankful to each and every one of them. Your support is invaluable. Thanks go to (in no particular order):

Barry's Store, Billingham Co-op, Billingham Post Office, The Ship Inn, Coach and Horses, Twells, Joe's Trolley, Billingham Medical Centre, Shapes Hairdressers, Billingham Garage, Willow House, Golden Hay, Chip Off the Old block, Billingham Primary School, The Plough (North Kyme), Walcott Primary School, Anwick Store, Anwick Garden Centre, The Finch Hatton (Ewerby) and St Andrews Nursing and Care Home (Ewerby).

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

Ruth Catlett, Zoe Catlett, Hannah Ziwa, Dawn and Glenn Studd, Val Fortune, Val Thompson, Tina Toulson, Karen Smith, Karen Frith, Ann Hadgraft, Natalie Howard, Wayne and Trina Tonge, June Ingrey and Lyndsey Waring.

Special thanks go to Lee and Inga (Ship Inn) for their continued support to the Billingham Branch throughout the year.

All this effort would have been for nothing without the generosity of all who donated. We are extremely proud to say that this year we raised a grand total of **£3404.10**. Put simply:

## Thank you for your support

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk/poppyp appeal](http://rbl.org.uk/poppyp appeal).

### The Royal British Legion



As the country's largest Armed Forces charity, we couldn't be prouder of our national network of over 210,000 members and over 50,000 volunteers. Without their passion and dedication our work would not be possible.

The Royal British Legion supports serving and ex-serving personnel of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families throughout life. Our support starts after one day of service and continues long after life in the Armed Forces. We help veterans young and old transition into civilian life, helping with physical and mental wellbeing, financial and employment support, care and independent living, local community connections and expert guidance.

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Men and women of all ages are welcome to become a member, whether they have served or not. Our members play a vital role in ensuring that the Royal British Legion can continue to provide life-long support to the Armed Forces community, as well as upholding the importance of remembrance.

Membership is only £18 a year and you can affiliate to the Billingham Branch during the joining process. Given the many serving and veteran forces members in our community, there is a real chance to help other forces members and veterans or receive well deserved support for yourself if required.

The Billingham Branch meet every other month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Ship Inn. We require additional committee members so as to be more productive in supporting our community. The next meeting will be at 1930 on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Ship Inn. For further information contact the Branch Secretary Mr Stephen Taylor on [billinghamdistrict.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:billinghamdistrict.secretary@rbl.community)

To apply for membership, please fill out our online form at [rbl.org/membership](http://rbl.org/membership) or call **0800 307 7773**

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## BILLINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

I cannot believe that as I am writing, Christmas is nearly upon us for another year. Where does time go? Our pupils from Reception to Year 2 are performing their nativity production this week in school and our Year 3 to Year 6 pupils will have a Christingle Service at St Michael's Church on the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

We are really looking forward to inviting local senior citizens and carers into school for Caring Christmas. Our pupils will perform songs from their Christmas Productions.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Hawk Class for their engineering designs.

They were selected as one of two winners for the Big Ideas and RAF STEM We Can Be: Engineers competition. Their prize was a morning at Lincoln College in December including taking part in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) sessions and a tour of the engineering workshops.

Our Year 3/4 Swan class have enjoyed a term of working with the Lincolnshire Music Service since September. They have been learning rhythms on djembe drums and will be performing to their parents and carers.

Thank you to the local members of the Royal British Legion for taking part in our Remembrance Day Service and for LIVES Responders for delivering CPR workshops for all our children. Each class had a practical workshop, designed to develop life skills and facilitate positive decision making should an emergency arise. We were a collection point for the annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal. Seventy five shoeboxes were collected full of gifts to go to children throughout the world.

I would also like to thank the Ship Inn, the Plough at North Kyme, Tattershall Castle and New Image Gym at Sleaford for donating Christmas Raffle Prizes to the School.

Our after school sports clubs have been incredibly popular this term. Thanks to Hudson Fitness (Miss Hudson) and Carres Outreach for the various clubs.

Miss Hall has organised for the Year 6 children to have a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024. We will travel by coach, see some sights of London on the way and hopefully we will arrive a bit early and have the opportunity for a walk along the Thames. Although a long day, all the children enjoyed it last year and we plan to make this a yearly trip for the Year 6 pupils.

Next term also sees Year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in Bikeability, the Year 3 and 4 residential visit to Rand Farm Park and online safety workshops amongst many activities taking place in school.

### ***Reception Places for September 2024***

The admissions process for pupils into Reception for September 2024, coordinated by Lincolnshire County Council School Admissions, opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You can apply on line by going onto LCC school admissions website and Apply for a School Place. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school>.

Select 'next' at the bottom of the page and then on next page select 'make or amend an application'. You will then get to the parent portal where you can create an account.

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

With best wishes,

**Mr R Allen, Headteacher.**

## BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

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# Participation

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# Group

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### Meetings in 2023

18 April

11 July

03 October

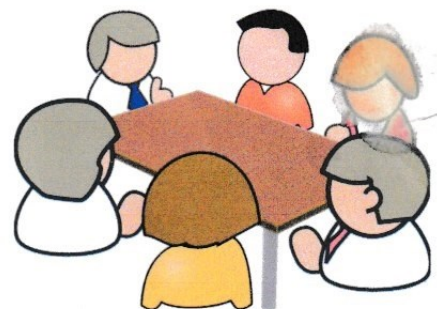
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<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12-10:30</i>	
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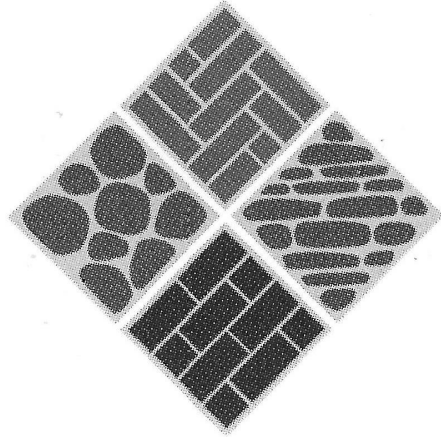
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Residents without computer access can still report problems via the Parish Council who will pass on details to Lincolnshire County Council. We will continue to do this but we can only register the complaint once. Numerous residents reporting the same 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 the last issue)

Facing the Chapel is number 65, Laburnum House, an attractive and substantial private house. With its stone walls up to two feet thick in places, it is reputed to be the oldest house in Billingham.

The Twells Motor Showroom was once was once the location of the great magnet, of the inter-war years, the "Cosy Cinema", which was a timber, corrugated iron and zinc structure built by William Preston from late 1920 to the end of 1921. The Cinema was built for about £300 and was a joint venture between Carl Willows, Fred Twells and John Underwood.



The Cinema lighting and projector were powered by a temperamental paraffin engine which had to be lit with a blow lamp. Bam Hunt, who had the bicycle shop in King Street, was the engine man. He had his work cut out and the frequent mechanical breakdowns led to a chorus of hisses and boos and the stamping of feet from the irate audience. Norman Farbon, son of James Farbon the butcher, played suitable music during the era of the silent films. For the first few months the cinema opened every evening showing two or three different pictures a week but opening eventually settled down to Thursday and Saturday evenings.

In the early 1930s the Cinema was bought by a Mr and Mrs Preece, but they couldn't make a living from it. So it was sold to Star Cinemas of Leeds, who owned a number of small cinemas, including Sleaford's. Mr and Mrs Bramer were the managers, with Mr Frederick Whittaker who was engaged in 1931 to stand outside in a smart red and brown dress uniform. Audiences saw the silent movie stars like Buster Keaton and

Charlie Chaplin flickering across the screen, to the tinkling accompaniment of the pianist, Harold Borrows, who worked there until the “talkies” were introduced.

At the Box Office adults paid 6d to 9d a seat and children, who sat at the front on forms, 2d or 3d to Mrs Bramer, the projectionist’s wife. Audiences used to keep a few pennies back to buy refreshments from the usherette who walked with a tray round her neck selling cholate bars for 1d, ice cream for 2d and chips at 3d a bag. Saturday mornings there were special 3d matinees for the children, who watched serials with open mouthed attention.

Never a great money-making venture, Billingham’s cinema shared in the declining popularity of film-going in the post war years and the cinema finally closed its doors in 1959.

Ted Twells bought the cinema in 1958 and started selling Ferguson tractors at £325 a time. In 1964 his son, John, influenced the changeover from farm tractors to cars and by 1968 it was cars only, selling second hand models and offering a repair service. In 1970 the original cinema was converted to a showroom when Twells arranged a franchise with British Leyland, switching in 1977 to Vauxhall.

Charles Benton’s Forge used to occupy the projecting house facing the site of the old Cinema. He came from a farming family, but his father set him up with a forge as he “could not take to farming. However, he was also known for his reluctant smithying, and his children often used to fetch him out of the pub for his lunch if he was not at the shop. They also used to have to go and blow the bellows for him before they went to school in the morning as the yard would already be full of horses waiting to be shod.

There was a saddlery on the east side of the High Street. In 1912 the business was taken on by Mr Hansord, who moved into the shop with his wife Florence Markham. Mr Hansord stayed in the business till his death in 1950, working all hours. As well as horse collars and saddles, binder canvasses for the old reapers were repaired. In the summer Mr Hansord went by pony and trap to carry out repairs on farms.







## BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

WE ARE BEGINNING TO COMPILE OUR PROGRAMME FOR 2024 WHICH WILL COMMENCE WITH:

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

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE, WE HAVE HAD AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION ON LINCOLNSHIRE LEGENDS WITH MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT. THIS INCLUDED A RENDITION OF THE FAMOUS LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE SONG ACCOMPANIED BY SAUSAGE BAPS. IN ADDITION, THE COMPOSER OF THE ACTUAL SONG WAS PRESENT . DESPITE THE ATTENDANCE NOT BEING AS HIGH AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED, THE WHOLE EVENING WENT VERY WELL.

THE SHIP ALSO MAINTAINED THE TRADITION OF THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE FAMOUS SAUSAGE!!

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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# LOCAL POLICE NEWS

## SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

### Top reported crimes (July 2023)

Violence and Sexual Offences	20
Anti-social behaviour	9
Criminal Damage and Arson	4
Other Theft	6

### Priority (November 2023)

Anti-social behaviour in Heckington and Ruskington. This has been set based on an increase in calls about young people being disorderly.

### 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

Nov 2022	57	8.5%
Dec 2022	48	7.2%
Jan 2023	51	7.6%
Feb 2023	65	9.7%
Mar 2023	56	8.3%
Apr 2023	0	11.6%
May 2023	40	6.0%
June 2023	37	5.5%
July 2023	62	9.2%
Aug 2023	75	11.2%
Sept 2023	53	7.9%
Oct 2023	49	7.3%



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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Closed</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Appointments only</b>		



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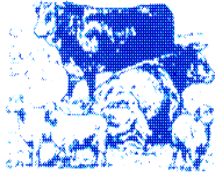
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<b>B.A.D.ASS</b> (Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association) Bethel Baptist Chapel	<b>Thursdays</b> at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome
<b>Billinghay CEP School</b> <b>Billinghay Tuesday Club</b> <b>Bowls Club</b> <b>British Legion</b>	<b>Sundays</b> 10.30am & 6pm <b>Tuesdays</b> 7pm Pastor Richard Hilliard 07717392628 Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Tuesday</b> of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106 Indoor Bowls start September every Monday Secretary Matt Derbyshire 861453
<b>Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup> Billingham)</b> <b>Children's Centre</b> <b>Community Rooms</b> <b>Daisy Chain</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 9am to 5pm <b>Monday to Friday</b> 869248 or 869271 <b>Bookings</b> Pre-school <b>Mon-Fri</b> 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281
<b>Darby &amp; Joan</b> <b>Girl Guides</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 <b>Wednesdays</b> 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
<b>Lighthouse Youth Club</b>	<b>Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time)</b> Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
<b>Line Dancing</b> <b>Methodist Church</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall <b>Bookings</b> Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £20 for 3 hours
<b>Methodist Church</b> <b>Night Owls Book Club</b> <b>Past Times</b>	<b>Sundays</b> 10.30am Val 860614, <b>3rd Thursday of month 7.30pm at the Ship</b> Kylie Cozens History Group The Ship Inn as advertised Lou Hird 869086
<b>Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com
<b>St Michael's and All Angels Church</b>	<b>1st/2nd Sundays</b> 9.30am Morning Prayer <b>3rd Sunday</b> 9.30am Communion <b>4th Sunday</b> 11.00am Said Communion <b>5th Sunday</b> 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
<b>Tennis Club</b> <b>Tuesday Club</b> <b>Twinning Association</b>	Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms <b>Chairman</b> John Toulson 01526 860262 <b>Secretary</b> Megan Clark (meganclark@hotmail.co.uk) . <b>Bookings</b> June Davies 861652
<b>Village Hall</b> <b>Voluntary Car Service</b>	Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency)
<b>YPF Children's Club</b>	<b>Every Friday at 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time</b> Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk



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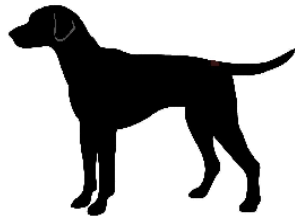
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## DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

### Forthcoming meetings :

6 February 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
5 March 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
2 April 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
30 April 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
28 April 2023	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL** - and thank you to all the people who have helped me through the year.

**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 months are as below::

January 2024	Christmas Lunch
5 February 2024	Pets for Therapy
5 March 2024	Elizabeth II Jubilee Queen - Keith Hanson

## BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

**The Coffee Mornings will continue in 2024 but , at present, the dates have yet to be decided.**

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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Now that we have agreed dates for our visit to France in 2024, we are making plans for the sea crossing and bus/driver hire. COVID and Brexit has had a dramatic effect on the fortunes of Twinning Associations with a lot of longstanding arrangements being terminated. However, we are determined to continue our links with our friends in Ballon.

We have recently held a Countdown Evening to help with our fundraising and combined this with our Christmas Hamper raffle. As is the custom of the Association, we are donating part of the proceeds to a local organisation and are delighted to announce that we are passing £250 to the Billingham Church of England school.

We will also be holding our Annual Wine and Wisdom Quiz in March. This is a very popular event, so, if you wish to enter a team, please let Tina Toulson know as soon as possible.

### REGULAR MEETINGS

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

<b>B.A.D.ASS</b>	Thursdays	7.00pm Ship or Village Hall Phone Kate 07799617674 for info
<b>Bingo</b>	Monday	1.30pm The Whyche
<b>Bowls (Indoor)</b>	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
<b>British Legion (Men)</b>	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm
<b>Brownies</b>	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
<b>Car Boot Sale</b>	Sunday am	Coach & Horses Field
<b>Community Connections Cafe</b>	Look for announcements	Methodist Church Hall
<b>Girl Guides</b>	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
<b>Keep Fit</b>	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm
<b>Lighthouse Club (Secondary School Children)</b>	Alternate Fridays during term time	7.45 to 9.00pm
<b>Market &amp; Car Boot Sale</b>	Sunday	From 6.30am Coach & Horses
<b>Methodist Lending Library</b>	2nd Tuesday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
<b>Night Owls Book Club</b>	3rd Thursday	7.30pm
<b>Rainbows</b>	Tuesdays	5.30 to 6.30pm
<b>YPF Children's Club</b>	Friday during term time	6.00 to 7.00pm

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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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## How to use the children centres' directories

### Find a children centre

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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:

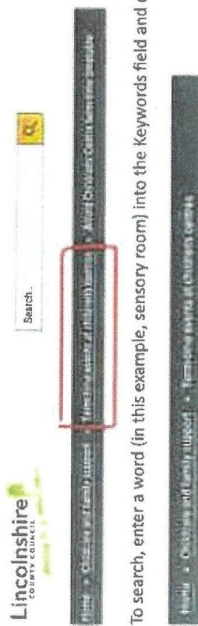
- term-time
- half-term
- the three main holidays - Easter, Summer and Christmas

### 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 are testing your knowledge of Yorkshire food:

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	What famous Yorkshire food is celebrated on the First Sunday in February?	
2.	What are Pontefract Cakes made from?	
3.	Traditionally eaten on 5 November, what is the name of this gingerbread cake made with oatmeal & treacle?	
4.	Which Yorkshire town is second only to Burton on Trent For brewing beer?	
5.	Which Yorkshire town gives its name to a double loin Lamb chop?	
6.	What orange originated in Yorkshire?	
7.	What crop is a 9 sq. mile area in West Yorkshire famous for?	
8.	Which company founded in 1886 makes the best selling tea in the UK	
9.	What would you be eating if you had a "Fat Rascal"	
10.	A favourite of Wallace & Gromit, what cheese is produced In Hawes, Yorkshire.	

Answers to last issue's quiz

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Before you find a handsome prince | 2. Out of a sow's ear   |
| 3. But he cannot make him drink      | 4. Deep blue sea        |
| 5. And not heard                     | 6. Than the sword       |
| 7. Must                              | 8. Lays the golden eggs |
| 9. In the mouth                      | 10. Thief of time       |

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The free Midlife MOT website encourages people to review their skills and help to break down barriers to the labour market. It signposts to key organisations and charities, including the NHS, Mind, MoneyHelper, Citizens Advice, and the DWP find a job portal.

As part of this, MoneyHelper has created a financial tool which will provide a personalised report to help people understand what to prioritise to improve their financial position, from now through to retirement.

The Midlife MOT was originally launched in Jobcentres across England and, following the initial success, the government has looked at ways of reaching more people with the service and making it accessible for everyone across the UK.

The government's digital offer will be continually reviewed to ensure it is as interactive and tailored as possible and people will soon be able to access content specific to England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

<https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/midlifemot/home-page/>

From all the staff at F H Manning, we would like to thank everyone in Billingham for their support during 2023. Many of you have been in touch with queries about your finances and we all hope that the guidance and advice you have received has been useful. Our business continues to grow from referrals, so if you know someone who may benefit from Pensions or Investment advice, Estate planning or Business planning advice, please do pass on our details. By doing so, we can continue to provide guidance and tips to the wider community, to ensure we help everyone achieve their dreams with financial security.



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