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B.A.D.Ass TRIUMPH AGAIN

Once again the BADAss Pantomime was a great success enjoyed by enthusiastic audiences who were full of praise for the production. The village is lucky that we have such a talented group of performers to provide residents with consistently excellent entertainment.



For a full report on the pantomime, please go to pages 4 & 5.

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

Parish Clerk: Helen Key

Parish Councillors: Andy Catlett, Les Ball, Roger Miller, Tom Cassidy, Steve Cottrell, Robert Greetham and Luke Mitchell

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Billingham 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.

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>.

New Councillor

The Council are delighted to announce that Luke Mitchell has joined the Council. Any other persons wishing to help in this capacity would be welcome. We still have vacancies for three more Councillors. Full details of the co-option process are detailed on our website.

Conservation

NKDC have a new Conservation Officer, Matthew Bentley, who will be reviewing the current areas/buildings within the NKDC control. It has been agreed that Billingham would be involved as part of the Neighbourhood Planning Review.

Cemetery Fees and Procedures

The Council's policy has been reviewed and changes made to:

- Ensure our fees are adequate and commensurate with other parishes in the area.
- Our procedures comply with the latest legislation.

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Council recently gave a donation to the CAB whose workload has increased during the recent pandemic and economic difficulties. It has been agreed that the CAB will attend a meeting open to the public to explain how they can help. It is hoped to arrange this for the Annual Parish Meeting in May,

Notice Boards

Residents have commented on the state of the notice boards around the village and it is hoped, weather permitting, to renovate these in the near future.

Budgets/Precept

The Council have agreed their budget for the coming financial year and requested a Precept in accordance with this.

Parish Council Engagement

The Council were represented at a meeting to receive a report from Police Authorities on actions being taken to reduce crime etc. in the NKDC and SKDC areas. These included the undernoted:

- The rise in County Lines drug trafficking activities whereby suppliers are targeting more rural areas.
- The increase in rural theft is also being investigated
- Shoplifting is also an increasing problem and it was reported that Shops were now working together and sharing information, and preventative measures in an effort to combat the problem.
- There has again been a rise in anti-social behaviour particularly in the younger generation

B.A.D.Ass. Billingham Amateur Dramatics Association

This year's pantomime performance by B.A.D.Ass. was a huge success: all three shows were sold-out, the audiences were wonderful, and our cast & crew thoroughly enjoyed entertaining family, friends and our community. Thank you to everyone who came to watch, cheer, clap, boo and laugh!

Our annual pantomime has a special place in our village diary of events, a weekend of family entertainment, performed by members from our local communities. Putting on a show brings so much joy, and it's important to celebrate all those people who make our pantomime a success year after year. B.A.D.Ass. has a core group of members, and without their dedication and monumental efforts, the pantomime simply would not make it to the stage – thank you to Katie, Ros & Carla for everything you do.

The Director: A willing volunteer who takes on pretty much all responsibility for ensuring that the performance is good enough for a paying audience. This is a stressful role. It begins about 8 months before the performance dates: starting with selecting a pantomime; encouraging people to be in the cast; securing the crew for lights, sound & stage management; dreaming up ideas; choosing songs; casting of parts; stage direction decisions: being all consumed by the pantomime etc. Well done, Carla!

The Cast: This year we had 14 members in the cast, with a growing number of youth performers. Being part of a cast takes commitment and enthusiasm: commitment to attend rehearsals, being present for the full weekend of performances, and giving all your energy during each show. We welcomed in 5 new members and say thank you to the parents of our youth members for all your commitment and support. This year we will bid a fond farewell to those leaving B.A.D.Ass. and wish them well for the future – always welcomed back.



The Crew: The pantomime experience is greatly enhanced by the props, lights & sounds & we are very lucky to have such a great crew to support our performers – thanks to David, Phil & Stephen who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure all runs smoothly

Costumes: The fancy dress wardrobe just keeps growing year after year. Pantomime costumes are a central part of the performance, bringing colour, creativity and character to each production. Special thanks this year to Carla, Wendy and June for making the cakes, breads, pastries, gingerbread men and the fabulous Dame Kipling outfits.

The Audience: A pantomime is family entertainment – it is so lovely to see families across the generations & to have audience participation in the clapping, cheering, booing and singing! Thank you all for your continued support – see you again next year!

Our Supporters: There are a number of people & businesses who support B.A.D.Ass. Thank you to our local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle, to The Ship for selling tickets, for those who were on the door, making tea, selling raffle tickets, setting up & clearing up. Finally, thank you to our friends and families for their continued support.



THE END



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Seated exercise: Tattershall Village Hall
2.30-3.30pm

THURSDAYS

Renew class: Scopwick Village Hall,
6.30-7.30pm

FRIDAYS

Renew class: Coningsby Community Hall,
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BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome! We are now half way through another academic year at school.

Our Year 5/6 pupils have just taken part in Bikeability. This is cycle training and all achieved a Level 2 pass. Well done to all pupils who took part in this.

Our Y3/4 pupils are going on their residential visit to Rand Farm Park after the half term holiday. We have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenge for some of our pupils in March, where they will be designing rockets.

Miss Hall has organised for the Year 6 children to have a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament on Monday 26th February 2024. This is an amazing opportunity for our children to have a guided tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords and see some sights of London on the way. Hopefully we will arrive a bit early and have the opportunity for a walk along the Thames as we did last year.

Congratulations to a group of Year 5 pupils from school who have been chosen as one of the winners of the LCC Stay Safe Partnership Positive Influencer Campaign for primary aged pupils in Lincolnshire. Linked to Safer Internet Day on the 6th Feb, they entered a competition to design posters around gaming ratings and appropriate games. They were presented with their award on the 6th and will be involved in creating a video, making their ideas come to life.

We are taking part in an initiative called Start Small Dream Big. They are working with primary schools across the country to encourage pupils to dream big about their future careers and gain an understanding of the type of jobs available. The programme will bring learning alive by linking lessons to careers. It will provide opportunities for pupils to meet inspiring employers so they can explore different jobs and understand the skills they'll need for the future. This will complement the work that we already do in school on careers. Research shows that a lot of values about careers are entrenched at 7 years old. School starts from Reception to challenge these entrenched views so children do not just decide to 'go with what they know' from an early age. Our careers education programme is designed to raise aspirations, broaden horizons and give choices, challenge stereotypes and ultimately to give pupils opportunities and the right mindset to prepare them for the future.

We look forward to continued success in the remainder of the spring term and the lead up to Easter.

With best wishes,
Mr R Allen, Headteacher



Grand Opening of the
Billinghay Village Hall and Playing Fields
New Playpark

Fri 12th April 2024 at 2pm
All welcome to attend.

Thanks to grants given by Billinghay Parish Council, Billinghay
Village Hall, and FCC Communities Foundation



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BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

Statistics say that Billinghay surgery is high
up the national list of best surgeries!
But we know that don't we!

The Patient Participation Group here at
Billinghay Surgery is open to interested new
members. Issues are agenda'd at each of the
quarterly meetings and the group is kept
informed on current developments and issues
within the practice.

Take a leaflet with contact details or let the
receptionist know if you are interested in
joining in.

Once again, the number of appointments
that are not attended is cause for concern as
these appointments could have been filled by
someone else in need of an urgent one.

Patient Participation Group

*Representing patients and putting them
at the heart of all we do*

During December, these appointments
totalled 154, meaning 39 unused hours.

Please contact the surgery if no longer needed.

*The dates of this year's meeting will take
place in the Surgery waiting room at 18.00 on*

- ❖ 16 April 2024
- ❖ 2 July 2024
- ❖ 8 October 2024
- ❖ 14 January 2025



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*Please take a look at the Community Board, there may be
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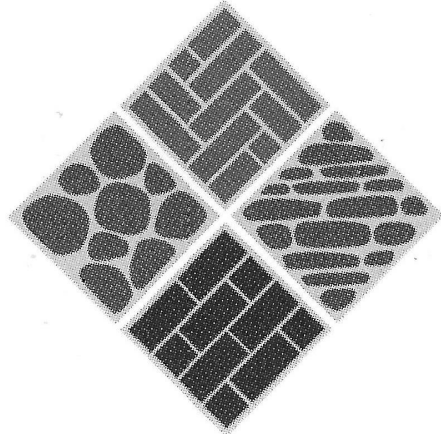
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<i>Wed-Fri</i>	<i>12-3</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>12-2</i>	<i>5-8</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>3-11</i>	
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
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If everyone who is affected also reported the problem direct 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 45 High Street stood creeper hung Gordon House (since demolished), which became the Doctor's House when Blair House was vacated. Before that, the house belonged to a veterinary surgeon, Mr Arthur Gresswell, who, amongst other things, offered a fully comprehensive service examining horses "before and after purchase".



He became obsessed with the notion that that there was buried treasure in the garden. As a result, Billinghay had a miniature "Gold Rush" in 1930 when Mr Gresswell claimed that a clairvoyant, he had just consulted had echoed the quite separate prediction he had received from a different mystic twenty years or so earlier. Four different mineral diviners all confirmed the presence of gold and Mr Gresswell was so convinced that he was quite literally sitting on a goldmine that he that he negotiated with a firm to sink a twenty-five-foot shaft. The Daily Mail published a breathless account of the treasure hunt, but eventually the hapless vet had to abandon the search though, curiously enough, it is claimed that minute particles of gold were discovered there.

Number 43 was once Osbournby's butcher's shop, a fine bow windowed building which is protected by a preservation order. It was once the location of Mrs Wells' store in which she sold clothing, haberdashery and lengths of material for home dressmaking.

There were three butcher's shops at the turn of the 19th/20th centuries Farbons, Ashbys and Haws. The shop opposite Osbournbys was the site of Albert Haws butchers' business and slaughterhouse. Haws practice was typical of butchers in the village. Meat

could not have been fresher as the animals were slaughtered at the rear of the shop.

Number 20 on the corner of High Street and Queen Street is the site of The Ship Inn, one of eight of public houses until the early years of the early years of 20th century. Mr and Mrs Palmer took it over in the late 1880s when it was still a free house.



The old Brew House was still in existence but was derelict. As Mr Palmer had been a farmer, it's doubtful if he would have known how to brew beer. The building was much smaller then. Its main door was across the corner, and this led into the bar – called “The Dram Shop”. A second door in Queen Street led to a very small room called the Snug. It was here that the women could go with their jugs to buy beer for the family meals. They wouldn't have dreamt of going into a pub. A third door led into another room which was used by Lloyds as a Branch Bank on Thursdays until they moved to new premises in Victoria Street. Sadly, this has now closed and there are now no Banks in Billingham, although the Post Office situated in the Co-op does provide some services which the Bank used to perform.

In the present car park of the Ship there was a large horse chestnut tree with a wooden seat fixed around the trunk, where the patrons could sit out in good weather and drink their beer. Even in the 1920s half a pint of mild beer, 5 Woodbines and a box of matches only cost five and a half pence, giving a halfpenny from a sixpence (6d) which equates to two and a half pence in our decimal currency. When the building was enlarged of course this tree had to go.

The Ship had four or five wells, one under the kitchen which was brick lined and was never known to run dry, even in a long hot summer. The water was pumped up into the kitchen, into a stone sink. After Mr Palmer's death in the early 1900s, Mrs Palmer married a Mr Taylor. They ran the pub, and even after Mr Taylor's death, Mrs Taylor went on with the business until she became too old and ill to carry on.



BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

FIRST OF ALL, APOLOGIES FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE JANUARY TALK BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE SPEAKER WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO HEALTH REASONS. ALSO DUE TO INTERNET PROBLEMS, WE WERE UNABLE TO EMAIL EVERYONE TO LET THEM KNOW. FOR THE FEW THAT GET ALL THEIR INFORMATION FROM THE NEWSLETTER, WE ARE SORRY THAT YOU TURNED OUT BUT HOPE YOU STILL MANAGED A CONSOLATORY DRINK IN THE SHIP.

WE DO HAVE A TALK PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 28TH AND THIS WILL BE A LOCAL SPEAKER, PETER MARTIN, WHO WILL BE PRESENTING A TALK TITLED "AN ADVENTURE INTO THE UNKNOWN" BASED ON HIS OWN LIFE EXPERIENCES.

FULL DETAILS WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY AND WE DO HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

WE ARE SURE THAT MOST OF YOU WILL REMEMBER ONE OF OUR FOUNDER MEMBERS, ALAN MARSHALL, WHO SADLY PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. ALAN HAD ALWAYS PROMISED TO PUT TOGETHER A PRESENTATION ON AN ITEM OF LOCAL INTEREST. HIS DAUGHTER NICOLA HAS FOUND ALAN'S PAPERS RELATING TO THE BILLINGHAY STEAM MILL WHICH WAS LOCATED DOWN SKIRTH ROAD. WITH THE HELP OF A LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCHER SHE HAS COMPLETED THE FULL STORY AND WILL BE PRESENTING THE DOCUMENTS TO THE VILLAGE. (WE HOPE TO KEEP THESE IN THE VILLAGE ARCHIVES AT THE PARISH OFFICE) SHE WILL ALSO BE GIVING A PRESENTATION ON THE SUBJECT AT ONE OF OUR MEETING LATER THIS YEAR.

SOMETHING FOR US TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

HOPEFULLY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PUBLISH A FULL PROGRAM OF TALKS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER.



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LOCAL POLICE NEWS

SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

Top reported crimes (December 2023)

Violence and Sexual Offences	16
Anti-social behaviour	11
Criminal Damage and Arson	3
Other Theft	5

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

Jan 2023	51	7.8%
Feb 2023	65	10.0%
Mar 2023	56	8.6%
Apr 2023	0	12.0%
May 2023	40	6.1%
June 2023	37	5.7%
July 2023	62	9.5%
Aug 2023	75	11.5%
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Oct 2023	49	7.5%
Nov 2023	44	6.8%
Dec 2023	41	6.3%

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Home cooking is provided, and all diets are catered for.

The staff aim is to promote independence, but are aware of resident's individual needs. All residents care plans are reviewed and assessed regularly to ensure care needs are being met, this is carried out by the residents Key Worker, Social Services carry out yearly reviews.

Training and updating are ongoing for the staff, this is to ensure high quality care is given. Care staff are trained or are training to N.V.Q Level 2/3 in care.

The home provides a full range of services for the residents, some of which include **Hairdressing, Chiropody, Eye Care.**

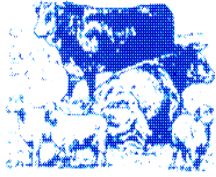
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B.A.D.ASS (Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association) Bethel Baptist Chapel	Thursdays at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome
Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	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: 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) .
Village Hall Voluntary Car Service	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)
YPF Children's Club	Every Friday at 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk

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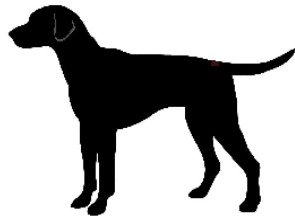
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DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

Forthcoming meetings :

5 March 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
2 April 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
30 April 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
28 May 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

Outings

16 April 2024	Doncaster
14 May 2024	Half day Mystery Tour.

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::

5 March 2024	Elizabeth II Jubilee Queen - Keith Hanson
2 April 2024	Tales from Chatsworth - Sue Lumb
7 May 2024	Hardy Perennials - Christine Casey

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

The Coffee Mornings will continue in 2024 and will be held on the undernoted dates:

March 19th, May 21st. July 16th, September 17th

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.

JUMBLE SALE

From 9.00am to 12 Noon
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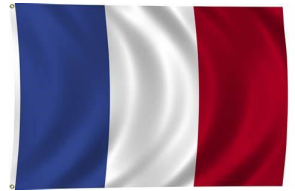
REGULAR MEETINGS

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



BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



As mentioned in the last issue, we have agreed dates for our visit to France in 2024. Our French counterparts are now putting together a program of events. Host families have been arranged for all of our members who are travelling to France by coach or car. The ferry and coach have already been reserved.

Following our successful Countdown Evening, we presented a cheque for £250 to the Billingham Church of England School - see picture below:



We will also be holding our Annual Wine and Wisdom Quiz in March. This is a very popular event and we are informed by the Chair of the Twinning Association that we have already received the maximum number of entries allowed by the venue.

Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

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

April – **March**

Monday Route 2 & 4 (Rural North)

April	May	June	July	August	September
8th	-	3rd	1st 29th	-	23rd
October	November	December	January	February	March
21st	18th	16th	15th	12th	11th

**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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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:

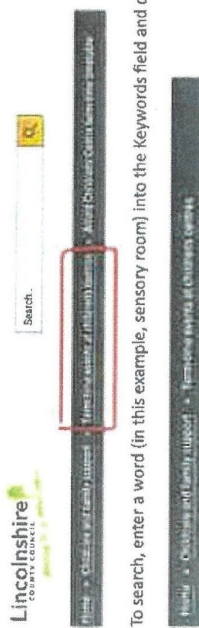
- term-time
- half-term
- the three main holidays - Easter, Summer and Christmas

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, all of the answers from 1 to 10 rhyme.

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	What name is given to a tram in the USA?	
2.	Nicholas II was the last Russian what?	
3.	By what name is the heavenly body Sirius also known?	
4.	Which conflict began with a military uprising on July 17, 1936?	
5.	In which Indian City is the famed Golden Temple?	
6.	What is the name of a highly magnetised neutron star?	
7.	Which musical instrument is said to have been invented by Amir Kusry around AD1300?	
8.	In the Lion King what was the name of the evil uncle Simba?	
9.	Which French city is known as the City of Nougat?	
10.	Doha is the capital of which former British protectorate?	

Answers to last issue's quiz

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Yorkshire Pudding | 2. Liquorice |
| 3. Parkin | 4. Tadcaster |
| 5. Barnsley Chop | 6. Terry's Chocolate Orange |
| 7. Rhubarb | 8. Yorkshire Tea |
| 9. Cake or Fruity Scone | 10. Wensleydale |

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It is not to be confused with the State Pension Age which is much later (even for the French!) - although increases do tend to correlate with one another.

This isn't the first time the goal posts have been moved, and some of you may remember that the NMPA before April 2010 was age 50. The gradual increase is the result of people tending to live longer and therefore spending a larger proportion of their life in retirement than in the past.

The intended change imposed by the Government looks to support their 'fuller working lives' agenda and aims to mitigate the risk of the premature depletion of pension savings (*we can help with this*) whilst indirectly benefitting the economy through increased labour market participation.

I know you are asking; 'will this affect me?' and rightly so. Look at the below table to establish whether it has any bearing on how soon you can access your pension:

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You won't be affected by the NMPA change as you'll already be 57 by the 6 th of April 2028.	Given you will be 55 before the 6 th of April 2028 you'll be able to take your pension benefits at any time from your 55 th birthday up to the 6 th of April 2028.	You'll have to wait until you're 57 to take your pension, unless you have a pension with a lower Protected Pension Age.

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