

# The Billingham Times & Advertiser



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## BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Wednesday 17th July 2024**  
**from 10.00-13.00**

**Billingham Patients Participation Group** will be holding a fund-raiser at the Billingham Medical Practice to raise money towards a specialist blood pressure monitor.

We hope that you will come along, have a chat with others, join in the fun with cakes, tombola, and the usual goodies.

At the same time, you can find out information about our Patients Participation Group including what we are here for, what we do, the results of this interaction for you, the residents and patients of Billingham Medical Practice.

We are fortunate here in Billingham and the surrounding villages, that we have an excellent dispensary, good doctors and nurses, and support from all the staff.

**See you there on Wednesday 17th July, 10.00 until 13.00 when we can all support the Practice.**



## 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 Councillors**

We still have vacancies for four Councillors. Could you fulfil this important role within the Community?

Full details of the co-option process are detailed on our website. If you have some spare time and feel you could contribute to the development of the village, why not become a Councillor?

Call in the Parish Office and talk to the staff about the work involved.

You could make the difference.

### **Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

Both devices have been brought back into use and it is the Council's intention to keep publishing the statistics as and when these have been analysed. Details will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

### **Street Cleaner**

As many people will already know, Penny Gilbert, our Street Cleaner for more years than most of us can remember, retired at the end of May. The Council would like to place on record their appreciation for the wonderful service that she has given the Community.

Whatever the weather Penny could be seen doing her work diligently and efficiently and keeping our streets clear of litter and dog poo when residents failed to comply with the law!! She was always ready to listen to people and give them a cheery smile when working.

By the time this Newsletter is printed, there will be a new "litter picker" in operation. We sincerely hope the new person will provide the same excellent service as Penny

ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT AND GET THAT GOLF HANDICAP DOWN!!

**Penny has asked us to include the undernoted "Life of a Street Cleaner" message in the Newsletter**

*25 YEARS - TIME TO RETIRE*

*I have been the Street Cleaner for 25 years but now the time has come to retire: I have found alcohol, money (No not that £50 note you dropped ten years ago!), silver, bank cards, needles, underwear, condoms and tools. You name it, I've found it.*

*My last day did not disappoint. I found a black G string, no bigger than an eye patch and printed with words of love. I did laugh as I remembered Bridget Jones and those famous mummy pants.*

*To the people who said "Thank you for cleaning our streets" in words and chocolate, I would like to say a big thank you for those kind gestures. You made the work less Groundhog Day but a job worth doing.*

*Thank you to the Parish Council, especially Juneta Wilson and Wendy Liles for their support over the years. Carol and Lou were in the Office for a chat and an update while I warmed up or dripped rain all over the floor.*

*Now it's Helen and Lou and I am sure the new street cleaner will make the job their own - keeping us tidy.  
It never ends.  
Thank you  
Penny*

### **DISCLAIMER**

If the owner of the above mentioned G String wishes to reclaim the Item, the Parish Council would like to point out that it is not being retained in the Parish Office.



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## BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

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

**The Patient Participation Group** here at Billingham 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**



**Contact:**  
[billinghaymedicalpracticeppg@gmail.com](mailto:billinghaymedicalpracticeppg@gmail.com)

*Please take a look at the Community Board, there may be some wellness activity you may wish to join.*

**PLEASE USE THE GEL DISPENSER TO CLEAN YOUR HANDS BEFORE USING THE SCREEN TO SIGN IN**



# MEMORIAL FOR D DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY

On the 6th June 2024, the Billingham British Legion organised a Memorial Day for the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings, the start of the end of the Second World War. This was well supported by their members and other residents as Billingham joined in with the commemorations taking place all over the Country and in France at the actual location of the landings.

Wreaths were laid on the War Memorial as respects were paid to those brave men and women who gave their lives for King and Country.







## Billinghay Church of England Primary School

At the time of writing we have just begun the last half term of another school year. I am not quite sure where all the time goes and we have a lot to pack into a few weeks before we break up for the summer holidays on the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

### What's been happening?

- Our Scholastic Book Fair raised money which we have spent on new books for each class in school.
- Our Reception and Year 1 pupils visited Cranwell Hall Farm (Dyson Farming). The children learnt all about how our food is grown and produced. They held some lambs and watched a shepherd and his sheepdog. Thank you to the amazing staff that work there.
- A huge thank you to Billinghay Stags Football Club for purchasing a new school football kit.
- Our recent parent/carer and pupil questionnaire resulted in the school choosing the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance as the charity we will support for a year. The children made yellow flowers which were used to make a 'flower helicopter' for their float at the Spalding Flower Show.
- Our Year 2 children visited Belton Garden Centre as part of their topic on plants in science.

### What's coming up?

- Our Summer Fayre takes place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.
- Our Year 6 pupils are visiting Lincoln University to take part in a magistrates in the community workshop.
- Sports Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June.
- Our Reception and Year 1 pupils are visiting Tattershall Farm Park.
- We are hosting a Hindu Experience Day in June. The children will dress up in traditional Indian clothing, participate in Bollywood style dancing, create Rangoli artwork and learn about Indian lifestyles and culture.



From September, we will be taking part in a new initiative from Lincolnshire County Council and the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership for primary schools called Start Small Dream Big. The goal is to encourage children 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.

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

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

With best wishes  
Mr R Allen, Headteacher



# BILLINGHAY VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE UNVEIL THE NEW VILLAGE PLAYPARK

On 12 April, Billingham Village Hall and Playing Fields held their official opening of the new playpark. Representatives attended the event from FCC Communities Foundation, PlayDale, Billingham Parish Council, the Village Hall committee, families of the local community and most importantly the children.

Grants were applied for from both FCC Communities Foundation and the Parish Council during the early months of 2023 and work began on the demolishing of the toddler play area in September 2023 ready for new equipment purchased from PlayDale. Village Hall Chair, Roger Miller, thanked the volunteers for their time and effort applying for the grants from FCC Communities Foundation and Billingham Parish Council and then thanked further volunteers from the local community for their help in removing the old equipment and preparing the ground so that the brand-new equipment could be erected swiftly.

## SITE PREPARATION



## SOME OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED EQUIPMENT





Representatives of FCC, Adam Drewery and PlayDale, Danielle Simmonds cut the ribbon officially opening the playpark to the children. Danielle said "Playdale is deeply honoured to have been chosen for the new play equipment at Billingham. We are thankful for the invitation to participate in the official opening. Witnessing the community enjoy the playground and seeing the joy on the children's faces has been truly heart-warming."

Parish Council Chair, Wendy Liles, also said "It's a fantastic place for the kids to come and to bring their parents too. Thank you to the Village Hall for all you've done."

Even local parents were delighted with the new equipment, some noted the new accessible equipment was a valued addition. One parent added "It's good to see such a fab range of equipment and I love the fact that the kids can play underneath the equipment as well as climb up and go down the slide." Another said "We think the playpark is brilliant, It's really good for all ages. Our daughter is only one, but she still manages to find things to do."



**CHILDREN ENJOYING USE OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT**  
(Permission received from parent to use)

Whilst attendees had refreshments the children were let loose and squeals of delight could soon be heard. It's safe to say the official opening was a resounding success. Positive feedback from the parents reflects the importance of having such an accessible facility within the village. It is thanks to volunteers' time and efforts that facilities like this can be brought to the community. So to everyone that helped with the improvement and creation of this facility, we thank you.



# Billinghay Stags Football Club



**Another monumental day for Billinghay Stags FC our first ever presentation evening was amazing.**

**Our amazing Under 7's & Under 11's came out in force to celebrate their achievements for the season, both of which was their first as teams and they haven't disappointed, we now can't wait to for the New Season to start.**

**Thank you to our amazing parents whose dedication in getting all the Kids to Training, Matches, Tournaments & days out is essential to everything we are doing.**

**Thank you to every child that attends our sessions and the teams of course, you really do make it all worthwhile.**

**Thank you to all the parents and others that help day in day out to maintain and improve our club.**

**Thank You to the Village & Business's for donating raffle prizes and purchasing raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle which raised over £700 which along with a Grant from the football foundation has now seen permanent goal post erected on the playing fields for all to enjoy.**

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**UP THE STAGS**





# SUMMER FAIR



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relaxation)

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Renew class: Tattershall Village Hall,  
10.15am-11.15am  
Seated exercise: Tattershall Village Hall  
2.30-3.30pm

### THURSDAYS

Renew class: Scopwick Village Hall,  
6.30-7.30pm

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## **AFTERNOON TEA**

**at THE COMMUNITY  
ROOMS**

**4 JULY 2024  
Starting at 3.00pm**



**Followed by Songs of Praise in the Church**

**Contact Sue on 01526 269401 or any PCC  
member for details.**

**Tickets £5.00**

## **JUMBLE SALE AND COFFEE MORNING at THE COMMUNITY ROOMS**

**Saturday 14 September 2024  
From 10.00am to Noon**



**Also Gift Day in the Church**



# St Michael's Community Hall, Billingham



Please come along to  
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coffee morning.



Every Thursday morning 10am - 12:00  
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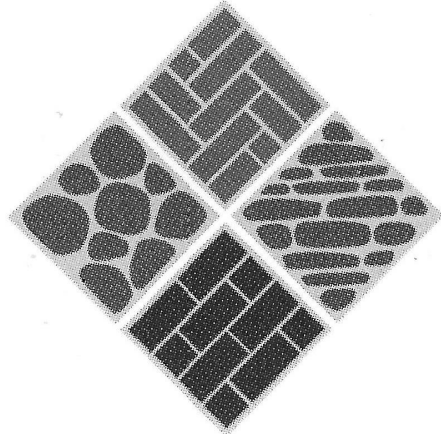
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<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
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## **FIX MY STREET**



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

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

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

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

**This is straightforward to use and can be accessed using:**

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

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

Willows also sold hardware in the upstairs of the shop which was an Aladdin's Cave of dolly tubs and dolly pegs, lamp chimneys and patty tins, glass, and china. At one time the shop also sold wines and spirits until the owner, John Locking Willows, took the Pledge and, regardless of the cost, poured all the alcohol he had on sale down the sink. This example of moral rectitude had something to do Edward Willows' later vow to close the Lord Nelson pub.

Turning right from Queen Street into Bridge Street, Number 5 with its intricately carved archway, is the site of the old library and has also been used as a Bank. 14 Bridge Street, on the corner of Church Lane is the former Benton's Bridge Farm. The land is no longer worked and is now a building site for the construction of new houses. It was Charles Benton, whose forge was mentioned previously who was the reluctant farmer of this family. The Farmhouse itself is a well-preserved Georgian building, dating from the 1800s, and was originally rented from the Cragg family, who were the great landholders of Billingham. The row of cottages opposite belonged to the farm and were once occupied by the dairy workers.

Continuing down Bridge Street you would have come to an ancient barn on the left-hand side, just before the bridge; this is thought to have been Billingham's Tithe Barn. You have now reached the Skirth again. Follow the road across the "New Bridge", (which confusingly, is the village's older bridge!) and turn left to follow the footpath along the Skirth-side, above Tattershall Road.

Apart from navigation, the Skirth offered fishing, blobbing for eels and swimming and skating in the severest winters. It also represented a threat to the village, however, as its level varied from three feet in summer to twenty-five feet in winter when the Skirth was "bank-high" threatening the bridges and flooding the roads. At its worst, the Skirth could be even more treacherous, however, and across the years there has been severe flooding. In 1877, three thousand acres of fen land vanished under water and hundreds of people lost their homes. In 1938 the bank was breached again, but the worst flooding in recent times was Christmas 1960 when thousands of acres of farmland were under threat. It was only the concerted voluntary of teams of local farmers which managed to hold the bank and protect the village.

On the opposite of the Tattershall Road you can see the Coach and Horses public house. This was a good example of what a local pub represented in the days when Billingham was more isolated and therefore more self-sufficient than nowadays, for it also functioned as a coal depot, a butcher's, an informal "Job centre" and even had its own weighbridge. The Coach and Horses and the adjoining field is also the site of Billingham's famous "Feast". The origins of this festival are lost in time, but it grew up from harvest celebrations for the festival of St Michael, for whom Billingham's church is named.

The Feast is held on the first Sunday after 11<sup>th</sup> October and until recently it was considered more important than Christmas; it was a great time of family gatherings and for this reason maids in service used to choose to come to home for the Feast instead of for 25<sup>th</sup> December. The celebrations continued from Friday until Tuesday. There was a great feast of stuffed chine, lovingly prepared and served with bread and vinegar or mustard and there were visitors in every home. There was a huge steam driven



funfair, with rides on horses and cockerels, a cakewalk, swing boats and small roundabouts for the children, costing only an old penny or two a time, so that a shilling was great wealth. There were also side shows to test your skill, and on some of them you could win inanimate things, like glass or china, but also live pigs to fatten on. Despite the chine supper, there were stalls selling food and sweets as well as “squirts”, soft metal “toothpaste tubes full of cold river water for the youngsters to plague the grown-ups. Sometimes they added insult to injury by coating their wet victims with bags of confetti, which were also on sale. The football and kicking matches held between Billingham and neighbouring villages were also famous, with lots of body contact as a reminder of the days.

Changes in lifestyle and mobility have affected the Feast – people have moved away, newcomers have replaced them and do not share the traditions. The Feast is still important to the village and is still celebrated by some residents with family gatherings around immense chine suppers as well as the carnival atmosphere of the fairground.

Beyond the Coach and Horses stands the Billingham Garage which can be traced back to 1919, when Joe Makey did repairs and smithing on the site. However, by 1926 he had a petrol pump installed there. The next shop belonged to Robinson’s the saddlers who had been established in the village for many years. It was only fairly recently that it became a Bridal Shop.

After recrossing into Billingham over the “Old Bridge” which replaced its older namesake in 1936, you have returned to the starting point of your walk.

### **EARLY POSTCARD SHOWING THE COACH AND HORSES WHEN BARTON’S COACHES STOPPED THERE.**







## **BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP**

OUR APRIL TALK PRESENTED BY CHRIS HEWIS WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTING ESPECIALLY THE INFORMATION OF THE POLITICAL/HISTORICAL EVENTS THAT GAVE RISE TO THE NURSERY RHYMES. WE WERE AWARE THAT “RING A RING OF ROSES” WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GREAT PLAGUE OF LONDON AND THE BLACK DEATH BUT SOME OF THE OTHER ORIGINS WERE MORE OBSCURE.

THE MAY PRESENTATION BY TOM LANE, NIGEL AND TERI ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE COAST WAS ALSO WELL RECEIVED AND FORTUNATELY THE PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN EXISTENCE OF THE MYTHICAL COASTAL SAUSAGE MEANT WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE THE SUITABLE ACCOMPANYING REFRESHMENTS.

IN JUNE WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A TALK ENTITLED “TEN RELICS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR” WHICH IS A PRESENTATION BY DAVID MITCHELL WHEN HE WILL BE REVEALING THE OBJECTS UNEARTHED IN THE SOMME REGION OF FRANCE AND EXPLAINING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE.

WE NOW HAVE PRESENTATIONS ARRANGED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND ARE STARTING TO COMPILE NEXT YEAR’S PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES OF THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS:

24 JULY 2024	TALE OF TWO LANCS (LANCASTER BOMBERS) MIKE CHATTERTON
28 AUGUST 2024	THE IRON AGE AND ROMAN POTTERY AT POTTERS HILL BOB GARLANT
25 SEPTEMBER 2024	HISTORY OF SLEAFORD CASTLE MARK BAMFORD
23 OCTOBER 2024	BILLINGHAY STEAM MILL NICOLA MARSHALL
27 NOVEMBER 2024	TOPIC TO BE CONFIRMED TOM LANE, NIGEL & TERI

WE WOULD AGAIN LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE GROUP IS VIABLE AND NEED A LOT OF SUPPORT TO CONTINUE OPERATING. THE COST OF SPEAKERS CONTINUES TO RISE BUT WE LIKE TO KEEP OUR ENTRANCE FEES AT AN AFFORDABLE LEVEL. WE WOULD ASK AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO ATTEND TO ENSURE THAT THE GROUP CAN CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING.

FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THE RECENT SAD PASSING OF TWO OUR FOUNDER MEMBERS, VICKY AND PETER GEE (PETER ACTUALLY CAME UP WITH THE GROUP NAME “PAST TIMES”). THEY BOTH ATTENDED OUR MEETINGS REGULARLY AND WILL BE SADLY MISSED.

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# LOCAL POLICE NEWS

## SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

### Local Team:

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector

Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant

Martin Derbyshire - Constable

Colin Ironmonger - PCSO

### Reported Crimes - March 2024

Anti-social behaviour	8	19.5%
Bicycle Theft	1	2.4%
Burglary	2	4.9%
Other Theft	5	12.2%
Public Order	2	4.9%
Shoplifting	1	2.4%
Vehicle Crime	4	9.8%
Violence and Sexual Offences	16	39.0%
Other Crime	2	4.9%

Crime Levels	12 mths ending 31/3/2024	
Apr 2023	78	13.0%
May 2023	40	6.7%
June 2023	37	6.2%
July 2023	62	10.4%
Aug 2023	75	12.5%
Sept 2023	53	8.8%
Oct 2023	49	8.2%
Nov 2023	44	7.3%
Dec 2023	41	6.8%
Jan 2024	35	5.8%
Feb 2024	44	7.3%
Mar 2024	41	6.8%

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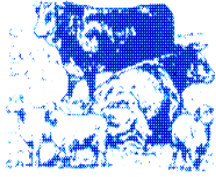
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**Thursdays** at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome

**Billinghay CEP School**  
**Billinghay Tuesday Club**  
**Bowls Club**  
**British Legion**

**Sundays** 10.30am & 6pm **Tuesdays** 7pm  
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Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> **Tuesday** of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106  
Indoor Bowls start September every Monday  
Secretary Matt Derbyshire 861453

**Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup> Billingham)**  
**Children's Centre**  
**Community Rooms**  
**Daisy Chain**

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**Darby & Joan**  
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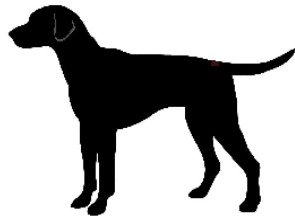
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## DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

### Forthcoming meetings :

23 July 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
20 August 2024	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
17 September 2024		Harvest Festival	

### Outings

9 July 2024	Mablethorpe & Carvery
6 August 2024	Melton Mowbray Market & Stamford
3 September 2024	Skegness

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::

2 July 2024	My Life as a Film Extra	- Sophie Cawdron
6 August 2024	Pottery Painting	- Rose Evans
3 September 2024	Taxidermy and My Life	- Carol Manchester
1 October 2024	Harvest Supper	

## BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

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

16 July  
17 September

**PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN DAYS FOR THE UNDERNOTED EFFECTIVE FROM THE 13 AUGUST 2024:**

**Craft & Chat meetings** are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month

**Book and Jigsaw Library** continues to open also on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month between 2.00 and 3.30 pm.

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



# BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



The Twinning Association are delighted to confirm another successful and enjoyable trip to see our friends in Ballon St Mars. At a time when Covid and Brexit have created havoc the the ending of aa lot of longstanding twinning relationships, we are pleased to say that our association with Ballon realins as strong as ever.

The main group of members left Billingham by coach at 0.45am to enable them to catch the Brittany Ferry (Portsmouth to Caen) at 8.00am. They were able to relax on the sea crossing and arrived in good time for the reception provided by our Hosts at 6.00pm. Those with “wobbly sea legs” and others who had travelled by car had arrived also. The evening was spent with our Host families.



Monday provided the highlight for most of our members when they were taken to the Terra Botanica Parc near Angers. Here, they were able to see a magnificent range of plants and other attractions. Some of the less mobile members whose hosts had considered the day too exhausting had arranged an alternative day at a Priory and Farming Life Museum which was also well received.

Tuesday morning was a rest period to recover from the exertions of the previous day’s outing. However, in the afternoon there was a visit to a neighbouring town, Mamers, where one of the French members gave us a guided history tour. Despite the poor weather, this was very well received and was complemented by a visit to a local brewery where we were pleased to carry out quality control of the products..



Tuesday evening was the Gala dinner in the Town Hall where we were regaled by some excellent French entertainers and, thankfully, the speeches were short!

Wednesday morning some of our members attended a cookery workshop at a local restaurant where they were taught how to make some traditional French desserts. The products were of surprisingly good quality as those of us who sampled them later in the day can testify.

Wednesday afternoon was reserved for a special meeting so that new families (including children) could discover what twinning is all about. There was a varied selection of games and quizzes as well as English and French music.

Other groups took the opportunity to visit local attractions such as the Le Mans Race Track Museum.



Thursday morning the coach departed at about 10.30 am to catch the ferry at Caen at 4.30pm. This allowed the party to stop on the journey there to visit the Pegasus Bridge, which had been a vital capture for Allied forces on D Day. The old bridge still exists although it has been relocated for better traffic circulation.



**PEGASUS BRIDGE**

The trip home went smoothly and a tired but happy group of travellers arrived home very late.

**ADVANCE WARNING**

The Twinning Association will be holding one of its popular Countdown Evenings on:

**28 September 2024 in the Church Community Rooms**

The number of teams is limited by the space available and, if you wish to participate, please let Tina Toulson know or contact any other member for details.

**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</b>	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm
<b>Brownies</b>	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
<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 Monday 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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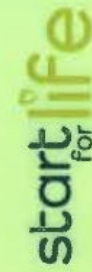




# Billingham Children's Centre

AM/ PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	<p>Little Explorers 0 to 5 years 10 - 11am</p> <p>No EYA sessions 3<sup>rd</sup> June due to EYA training</p>	<p>Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30 - 11am</p>	<p>Breast start from pregnancy and breastfeeding 11.15 - 12.30</p> <p>Held at Sleaford Children's Centre</p> <p>Top Tips 3-4 months 26<sup>th</sup> June 10-11am</p>	<p>Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30 - 11am</p> <p>Top Tips 3-4 months 25<sup>th</sup> July 10-11am Sleaford Children's Centre</p>	<p>Moving On Up! 0 to 5 years 10 - 11am</p>	
PM	<p>Stay and Play under 15 1 - 2pm</p> <p>No EYA sessions 3<sup>rd</sup> June due to EYA training</p>			<p>Parent carer infant feeding 1.30 - 3pm</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> June (and monthly on the first Thursday of the month)</p>		

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## THE LATEST QUIZ

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NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Born 1856 what is Rider Haggard's most famous novel?	
2.	Born 1932 which actress played Basil Fawlty's wife?	
3.	Died 1969 how did actress Judy Garland die?	
4.	In 1377 who succeeded Edward III as King of England?	
5.	In 1814, which cricket ground hosted its first match?	
6.	In 1921 King George V opened which parliament?	
7.	In 1937, who became the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion?	
8.	In 1979, who was found not guilty of murdering Norman Scott?	
9.	In 1984, which airline made its maiden flight to New York for £99?	
10.	Esther Rantzen was born on this date in which year?	

Answers to last issue's quiz

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. David Hockney | 2. Hermetically Sealed |
| 3. Flick Knife   | 4. Cesar Romero        |
| 5. Lethal Weapon | 6. Fit as a Fiddle     |
| 7. Barbary Ape   | 8. Roy Jenkins         |
| 9. Oxford United | 10. East Pakistan      |

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Too many people lose **financial security** as they age. They may not have saved enough money, they may not understand the requirements for their State Pension, or they may have failed to plan in other ways. This can lead to forced downsizing, the inability to retire while still healthy, and an increased burden on younger family members. Whether you are the older person or their family member(s), ensuring financial security needs to be a priority. Here are some things you might need to consider.

### **UNDERSTANDING YOUR STATE PENSION**

According to a recent government study, 20% of future retirees are misinformed about when they can obtain their State Pension. And, unfortunately, a lot of people think they can rely on it. You start getting your state pension at, currently, 66, although this age is increasing. Deferring your state pension also results in higher payments, but may increase your tax burden. The normal state pension is £221.20 a week at the time of writing, but it might be affected by National Insurance qualifying years and additional state pension payments prior to 2016. If you worked overseas, you may not be eligible for the full amount as many expats don't pay into National Insurance (especially if they are facing a tax burden from the country they are resident in). The State Pension is not automatic and has to be claimed. This is money you are entitled to and while it's not enough for most to survive on, you should claim it. You no longer have to stop working when you start claiming it.

### **ASSESSING YOUR CURRENT WEALTH**

Do you actually know what you are "worth"? Many people don't, or they only know what they have in savings. Everyone has net wealth (also called net worth). This means the total value of your financial assets minus your debts.

To assess your net wealth, you start by adding together the money you have and anything saleable that's worth a significant value. This includes Money in bank accounts, Any shares, bonds, or similar you might own, The value of your car or cars, any stake in a business, the value of your home, the value of any other items of significant value, such as jewellery and antiques and the value of pension plans and life insurance policies that can potentially be liquidated.

Basically, you start with how much money you would have if you sold everything. Then you subtract your liabilities, which include personal loans, car loans, remaining student loans, outstanding mortgage, credit card bills and utility bills and other financial obligations.

Your net worth is what is left...and it can be negative. You do *not* want negative net worth. Paying off loans helps your net worth. Taking out a reverse mortgage reduces your equity in your property in exchange for cash. A lot of your net worth is likely tied up in your home and only available if you take out a reverse mortgage or sell your home and purchase a smaller property. Having to sell your home to survive is a scenario best avoided.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED TO RETIRE?

Unfortunately, inflation has elevated the amount you need to retire. Two other things affect how much you need. The first is your desired lifestyle. Somebody who wants to potter around in the garden needs less money than somebody eyeing that month long cruise your employer would never let you take.

In 2023, studies estimated that the minimum income you need to retire is £12,800, or £19,900 for a couple. Note that this is more than the full state pension. And these minimum amounts assume that you eat frugally, don't have a car, take only short vacations, work until 67 and have, crucially, paid off your mortgage. There are two other tiers – moderate is £23,300 a year for a single person and comfortable is £37,300. For this, experts recommend that you have £500,000 saved by the age of 67.

So you need to think about what you want to do when retired. Comfortable means a nice house, regular holidays, plus a fairly nice car. Likely your costs will be somewhere between those ranges...for example, you might be taking that three-week cruise, but might have decided you never want to drive again and will sell your car.

The other thing to consider is your projected lifespan. This is probably something you don't want to think about, but you should look at how long your older relatives lived and allow for something similar.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO INCREASE YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME?

Most people rely on a combination of state and employer pensions with some supplementation from saving. Saving is the obvious way to increase things, but with the cost of living the way it is, you may not be able to save enough. So, what else can you do?

Here are some of our tips:

1. Make sure you have tracked down all of your money. You may have pension policies from employers from twenty years ago when you used a different name. The **Pension Tracing Service** can help here.
2. Don't use your occupational pension as an emergency fund. Government studies have shown that 56% of people accessing their pensions for the first time in 2019 and 2020 withdrew the full amount, leaving themselves with nothing for later in their retirement.
3. Clear debts, including mortgages, as quickly as you can. Paying off debts increases your overall worth and reduces interest payments. Avoid taking out a new mortgage at an older age if you can.
4. If you can afford to, increase your contributions to your occupational pension, which will then increase the amount you make in retirement.
5. Invest appropriately. The younger you are, the longer the timeframe, and the less risk you should take.

Continuing working later is an option, but may or may not be one you want to pursue, depending on your health and your enjoyment of and commitment to work. You can complete our free

**'Are you ready for retirement?'** quiz or get a link to our video boxsets on State pensions and flexibly accessing pensions by sending an email to [clm@fhmanning.co.uk](mailto:clm@fhmanning.co.uk)

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