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GRANT APPLICATIONS

Billinghay Parish Council has a small budget for the award of grants to local Organisations. The amount budgeted sets the limit for the total of any awards. If there are successful applications which exceed the total amount, awards may be given proportionately.

The Council can only award grants in accordance with its legal powers. Any application received must clearly show benefit to some or all of the parish residents or some or all of the parish area. In addition, the benefit obtained must be commensurate with the expenditure incurred.

Grants will be considered at the Parish Council Finance meeting on the **18th November 2024** and every grant must meet the Council's grant criteria. More details regarding this are shown on the Application Form.

The Grant request must be submitted on the Billingham Parish Council Application for Small Grants Form. Copies of the application form can be requested from the Parish Council Office or downloaded from the Billingham Parish Council website (Policy and Procedures Section).

All applications must be accompanied by appropriate accounts and or supporting financial information (such as estimates for equipment or work to be undertaken).

Forms and the supporting information must be returned to the Parish Office by the 30th September 2024 so that Councillors have sufficient time to consider each application.

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 12.30pm.

Contact details are shown on the front page of this Newsletter

BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Chairman: Andy Catlett

Parish Clerk: Helen Key

Parish Councillors: Wendy Liles, Roger Miller, Tom Cassidy, Steve Cottrell and Robert Greetham

District Council Members: Sarah Anne Lawrence, Adrian Whittle

County Council Member: Andrew Key

Assistant Clerk & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billingham Parish Council

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



Billinghay Parish Council

BILLINGHAY PARISH OFFICE NEWS

As you are aware, the Parish Office has to deal with a wide range of issues and the staff try their very best to be helpful. Varying topics are raised and we intend publishing information where we can offer help, point you in the right direction or where we need your help.

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

Telephone: 01526 861845 or **07483 346143**

Email: info@billingham-pc.gov.uk

Address: Billingham Parish Office
Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billingham, Lincs
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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.



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillors

Billingham Parish Council consists of up to 11 councillors. There are currently only 6 councillors and these are:

Andy Catlett (Chair)	andy.catlett@billingham-pc.gov.uk
Wendy Liles (Vice Chair)	wendy.liles@billingham-pc.gov.uk
Tom Cassidy	tom.cassidy@billingham-pc.gov.uk
Robert Greetham	robert.charlesgreetham@billingham-pc.gov.uk
Roger Miller	roger.miller@billingham-pc.gov.uk
Steve Cottrell	steve.cottrell@billingham-pc.gov.uk

Parish Officers

These councillors are very well supported by:

Helen Key (Clerk)	helen.key@billingham-pc.gov.uk
Lou Hird (Assistant Clerk)	lou.hird@billingham-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Clerk is part time and is available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Parish Employees

And keeping the streets of Billingham clean of rubbish is:

John Thorpe

Contacting the Council

The council can be contacted by either using the emails above for specific councillors or by:

Contacting info@billingham-pc.gov.uk
Ringing the clerk on 07483 346143

If a face-to-face discussion is preferable then the Parish Office, located at Ringmoor House, is open:

9:15am to 12:30pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The Council has a website at <https://billingham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> which contains a lot of information relating to council activity, including minutes of all council meetings and the policies under which the Council operates.

The Council normally holds its meetings on the first Monday of each month, although this may vary sometimes due to councillor availability, bank holidays etc. The proposed meeting dates are published on the Council website. They are normally held in the room to the rear of Billingham Methodist Chapel, Victoria Street. The agendas detailing

what will be discussed, time of meeting and location are placed on parish noticeboards and on the website prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are able to attend these meetings, however input from members of the public is restricted to a short session at the start of the meeting. The Council may not be able to respond immediately to issues raised at the meeting if further investigation is required.

It would be nice to hear about what is working well in the Parish as well as what is not so good.

THE ROLE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

The parish councillor's primary role is to represent the Billingham area and the people who live in it. Councillors provide a bridge between the community and the council. As well as being an advocate for Billingham residents and signposting them to the right people either at the North Kesteven District Council, Lincolnshire County Council or other agencies, they should ensure that the community is informed about the issues that affect them.

Parish councillors are expected to:

- Respond to residents' queries and investigate their concerns (casework).
- Communicate council decisions that affect the community.
- Know their area and be aware of any problems.
- Know and work with representatives of local organisations, interest groups and businesses.
- Represent their community's views at council meetings.

If you feel you could contribute your time and effort as a parish councillor then please contact either the Chair or the Clerk in the first instance.

Fix My Street

Fix My Street is an application to report, view, or discuss local problems, such as potholes, broken paving slabs, street lighting, overgrown hedges or flooding. It can be accessed by going to <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> or the app can be downloaded onto your mobile phone. The app has the advantage that it can be used to report an issue at the actual location of the issue.

We encourage residents to use this app rather than wait to report it at a council meeting or to the clerk. This is because the Council have to report these issues on Fix My Street once reported to them and this could potentially delay the reporting, and subsequent resolution, of an issue. If reported by a resident then they will receive updates as to the progression of the issue directly.

BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

In July, the Billingham Medical Practice's Patient Participation Group held a fundraiser in the surgery car park. Many people were very generous in donating raffle prizes and other items. And the number of people who joined in was amazing. Thank you to all.

Below is what the practice had to say:

After the amazing achievement of the PPG fundraiser, Billingham Medical Practice have managed to purchase a brand new standing manual blood pressure machine and 6 new desk manual blood pressure machines.

The desk ones have gone to replace our old ones which are over 30 years old. And we have never had a standing one before so this has allowed us to start new measuring for stocking clinics.

Once again a massive thank you for all of your support.

It really is appreciated.

Also.... The PPG meets four times a year and listens to comments the members bring along, whilst also learning what happens behind the scenes at the surgery. If you are interested in joining in, text 07759119135 and someone will call you back.



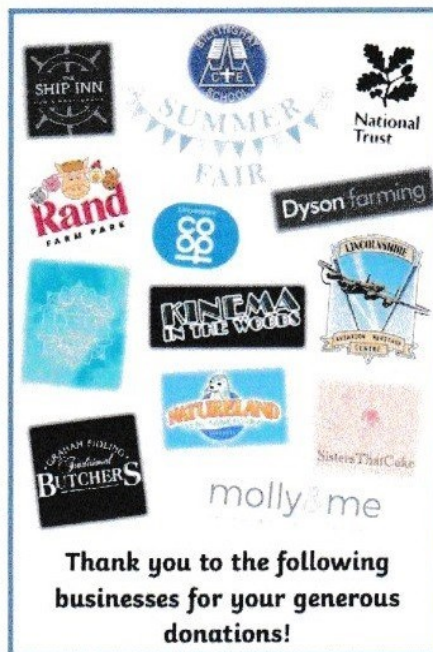
Billingham Church of England Primary School



At the time of writing we are in the middle of the summer holidays. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past academic year and we are looking forward to continued success from September 2024.

A massive thank you to the businesses who donated/supported our Summer Gala. We raised over £1,000 for the children at school. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this a fantastic day.

As part of Safer Internet Day, a group of our students won a competition for Lincolnshire schools as positive influencers who wanted to make a difference to online habits. Our students wanted parents to know the importance of age ratings on games and online content so they would be safer from being exposed to harmful content. The video they created around PEGI ratings and suggestions of some age appropriate games can be found on our Facebook site and on our school website.



I'm delighted to announce that we have yet again achieved the School Games Gold Mark for 2023-24.

Thank you to the Billingham Fire crew who visited school to help finish the Year 1 Magpie Classes Great Fire of London topic.



We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and parents for September to school.

With best wishes

Mr R Allen
Headteacher

BILLINGHAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS



Billingham Village Hall are calling for volunteers.

Do you enjoy working with a team?

Can you help build the community by giving your time?

Can you spare a few hours each month to help run the village hall?

Do you want to help build up your resume?

Fundraising ideas always welcome as we are always looking
for ways in which to improve our facility

We are on the lookout for people to fill the following positions:

Treasurer

Committee Member

Can you help in any capacity?

Our meetings take place at 7:35 on the first Tuesday of every month

or you can contact us on our Facebook page

or via email : villagehallbillingham@gmail.com

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CEMETERY NOTICE

The headstone pictured below is in a poor state of repair and is continuing to break down. The Council are worried about possible damage to equipment caused by the crumbling stone.



The grave is in the north west corner of the Billinghamy Cemetery and is in plot number 417. (see overall map below)

It is believed the grave is that of Elizabeth and Robert Couling. Elizabeth was buried on 13 November 1945 and Robert on 12 February 1955.

The Council need to take action to remove the remaining part of the headstone to prevent any problems. Consequently, unless advised of alternative repair / replacement options by any living relatives, they will remove the headstone at the end of September.

BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY OVERALL PLOT

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SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The council continues to alter the direction of the cameras and the length of time in one direction, as well as being 'switched off' to see the effect this has on traffic speed monitoring. This article covers the statistics for the period 4th April 2024 to 27th July 2024 with both cameras facing the traffic heading in Walcott direction for the duration of this period. Both cameras were operational for the whole duration.



The statistics for the periods are as below.:

	From Walcott	To Walcott
Shire Close junction SID		
4 Apr 24 to 11 Jul 24		
Average speed:	24.87 mph	26.06 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	167515	209450
Percentage of vehicles doing 32 mph or less:	94.7%	93.6%
Field Road junction SID		
4 Apr 24 to 11 Jul 24		
Average speed:	28.49 mph	27.84 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	178730	175941
Percentage of vehicles doing 32 mph or less:	83%	84%

ARCHER SURVEY

Following concerns raised about the speed of vehicles along Mill Lane, the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) took vehicle speed measurements at the junction of Cornfield Road over a seven day period from 29th May 2024.

Analysis of the speed data showed that the average speed of vehicles was 35.1 mph in a 30-mph limit. The speed data showed evidence that some vehicles were exceeding the speed limit at a speed that would make the drivers liable to action or prosecution by the Police.

Research of collisions involving personal injury for the last 3-year period up to a date of 30th April 2024 showed there have been no recorded collisions.

Highways engineers within the LRSP have assessed the area and concluded that no engineering casualty reduction measures were identified.

The only form of speed enforcement that the LRSP can carry out is with the use of speed cameras. The criterion includes locations where there is a history of speed related injury collisions supported by evidence of a high degree of non-compliance with the speed limit. The results of the survey together with an analysis of the collision data show that the criteria required for either fixed or mobile speed camera enforcement is not met.

Speed cameras are only one part of Lincolnshire Police Speed Enforcement Strategy and the details of the surveys have been shared with Lincolnshire Police for them to undertake enforcement when resourcing allows of which we have no control over.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Parish Council needs your help with the items below:

CHRISTMAS TREE

Over the past few years, the Christmas Tree on the Market Place was supplied by a local resident. Unfortunately, he has passed away. We are, therefore, looking for another supplier. The tree is required for the Market Place and must be at least 18 feet high. If there are any residents who could supply such a tree, would they please get in touch with the Council on **07483 346143** or email info@billingham-pc.gov.uk

The Council will, of course, be willing to pay a fee for the tree.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Due health and resignations, the Council need help with the delivery of the Newsletters. The work requires a person prepared to give about two hours of their time every two months. Even if you can only deliver a few newsletters in the area near your own house, this would be a great help. We have several areas that are not currently covered by our volunteers and so we would be quite happy for you to select the "round" with which you could help.

If you can spare a few minutes of your time, please get in touch with the Council on **07483 346143** or email info@billingham-pc.gov.uk



Newsletter January 2024

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:
billinghammedicalpracticeppg@gmail.com

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

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EXERCISE CLASSES

MONDAYS

Renew class: Billingham Village Hall, 7-8pm: Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates-based with relaxation)

TUESDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

Renew class: Coningsby Community Hall, 10.15-11.15am

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2024 POPPY APPEAL

The 2024 poppy appeal is fast approaching. Work behind the scenes is already underway and as always your help is needed to ensure that we continue to support this very worthy cause. It would be great to beat last year's impressive amount collected from our area.

The poppy appeal will be officially launched on 26th October 2024. As per previous years we will be doing house-to-house collections around Billingham, North Kyme and Walcott. Poppies will also be available in a number of businesses around the village and we thank those businesses in advance for their support.

As our society grows away from cash, so the poppy appeal has embraced more convenient ways to pay. At all poppy sale venues and the house-to-house collections donations can be made by use of a QR code, available at the site of donation. However, that cash you can spare to support our cause is still very appreciated. If using the QR code, please ensure that the label has the HCD02 branch code on it.



If you would like to volunteer to assist with the appeal then please contact our area Poppy Appeal Organiser Ruth Catlett at catandyruth@aol.com.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

OBITUARY

Mrs Susan Fay Harris

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Mrs Susan Fay Harris, nee Kennedy, a former resident of Billingham.

After a long illness, Susan died in Peterborough City Hospital aged 59.

She took up nursing at the age of 18 and qualified as a State Registered Nurse, a position she held at the time of her death.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends,

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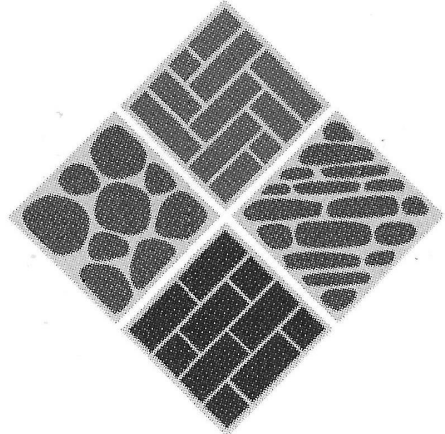
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Therefore, we would recommend that you use the system provided by the County Council and report the problems directly to them using the **Fix My Street system on the LCC website**.

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BILLINGHAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In 2015, Billingham Parish Council produced a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

This was a ten-year plan with the following objective:

To enable sustainable growth and development, preserve and enhance the quality of life for the community, and safeguard and protect environmental quality, including special historical characteristics of the neighbourhood.

The Plan which was eventually produced (Copies may be viewed at the Parish Office)) was adopted following a referendum and contains lots of “guidelines” particularly on aspects of Planning, North Kesteven District Council Planning have to take all the relevant aspects into account when considering Planning Applications.

The ten-year period is close to expiring and now is the time for the Plan to be reviewed to ensure that it is still relevant and meets the needs of the village.

Whilst the Plan was produced ostensibly by the Parish Council, the work was carried out by a separate Project Management Arrangement through the Neighbourhood Plan working group. Whilst the group did contain Councillors, it also incorporated residents who:

- Wished to help in the development and ensure their views were listened to.
- Had special interest in Business and the impact the Plan may have on commercial activities.
- Wanted to ensure any development was in line with the village requirements.

The review of the Plan will need similar residents to form a working group and become part of a Parish Council sub-committee to achieve this.

Consequently, the Parish Council are looking for volunteers who wish to contribute to this renewal process to come forward.

If you are interested in the development of the village and feel you can contribute, please contact the Parish Office so that a work group can be formed, and the update of the Plan can proceed.



BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

OUR JUNE TALK WAS A PRESENTATION BY DAVID MITCHELL ENTITLED "TEN RELICS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR". THIS WAS A VERY ENLIGHTENING TALK AS THE RELICS WERE ON DISPLAY TO BE HANDLED BY PEOPLE ATTENDING. SOME OF THE ITEMS WERE VERY FAMILIAR BUT OTHERS HAD TO TO BE FULLY EXPLAINED. THE TALK WAS ALSO SUPPORTED BY SOME EXCELLENT GRAPHICS AND WAS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BY ALL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DAVID HAS OTHER "RELICS" AND WE HOPE TO INVITE HIM BACK SOON TO TALK ABOUT THESE.

IN JULY, MIKE CHATTERTON TALKED TO THE GROUP ABOUT THE TWO LANCASTERS:

- THE ONE BEING RESTORED AT EAST KIRKBY WHICH HE HAS TAXIED AROUND THE MUSEUM AREA.
- THE "CITY OF LINCOLN" PART OF THE BBMF WHICH HE HAS FLOWN ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS
-

THE TALK WAS STUNNINGLY ILLUSTRATED WITH DETAILED VIDEOS, FILMS AND PICTURES OF VARIOUS EVENTS AT WHICH THE LANCASTERS HAD BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART. AGAIN, WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO INVITE MIKE BACK FOR MORE LANCASTER EXPLOITS IN THE COMING YEAR.

IN AUGUST WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A TALK BY BOB GARLANT ABOUT THE IRON AGE AND ROMAN POTTERY AT POTTER HILL (NEAR NORTON DISNEY) THIS HAS FEATURED ON TELEVISION & YOU TUBE, THE HIGHLIGHT BEING THE DISCOVERY OF THE UNIQUE ROMAN DODECAHEDRON.

TO COMPLETE THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM OF EVENTS WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS ARRANGED:

25 SEPTEMBER 2024	HISTORY OF SLEAFORD CASTLE	MARK BAMFORD
23 OCTOBER 2024	ALAN MARSHALL - A LIFE'S INTEREST IN HISTORY	NICOLA MARSHALL
27 NOVEMBER 2024	TITLE TO BE CONFIRMED	TOME LANE, NIGEL & TERI

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

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Local Team:

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Chris Green - Constable

Most Commonly Reported Crimes - June 2024

Anti-social behaviour	6
Criminal Damage & Arson	5
Other Theft	4
Violence and Sexual Offences	9

CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 30/06/2024

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Jul-23	62	11.10%
Aug-23	75	13.50%
Sep-23	53	9.50%
Oct-23	49	8.80%
Nov-23	44	7.90%
Dec-23	41	7.40%
Jan-24	35	6.30%
Feb-24	44	7.90%
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Apr-24	37	6.60%
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Jun-24	31	5.60%

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Bowls (Indoor)	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
British Legion	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
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 Field - Coach & Horses
Methodist Lending Library	2nd Monday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
Night Owls Book Club	3rd Thursday	7.30pm
Rainbows	Tuesdays	5.30 to 6.30pm
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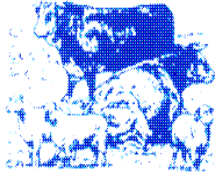
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Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	Sundays 10.30am & 6pm Tuesdays 7pm Pastor Richard Hilliard 07717392628 Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall 1 st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106 Indoor Bowls 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 John & Tina Toulson 07483156297 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/3rd Sundays 9.30am Holy Communion 4th Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion 5th Sunday United Service - please see noticeboard near Church gate to check place of worship. Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com
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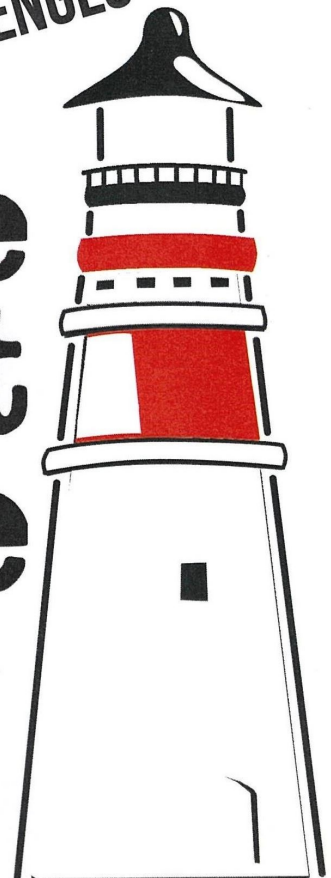
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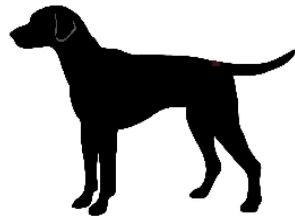
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Outings

3 September 2024	Skegness
October 2024	To be arranged
28 November 2024	Kings Lynn

Anyone wishing to join meetings or Outings, please contact Shirley on
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BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

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

3 September 2024	Taxidermy and My Life	Carol Manchester
1 October 2024	Harvest Supper	
5 November 2024 (AGM)	Skin Care	Lynn Briggs

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

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

17 September		
3 December	10.00 am to 11.30am	Christmas Special

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.

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Zoetrope on Market Place depicting Nickel Bavin

- **“WALK TALL” WHICH DEPICTS FARMERS WALKING THROUGH A FLOODED FIELD ON STILTS TO GET INTO THE VILLAGE AND THEN LEANING THE STILTS AGAINST THE CHURCH WALL. WAIT FOR A SAIL TO SWING ROUND**
- **A ONE FINGER SIGN TELLING OF BILLINGHAY BOYS WHO USED TO RIDE ROUND ON THE SAILS OF THE FORMER POST MILL IN KYME ROAD. IT WAS AN IDEAL FAIRGROUND RIDE FOR THEM. THE BOYS USED TO WAIT FOR A SAIL TO SWING ROUND, JUMP ON IT AND RIDE THE WHOLE CIRCUIT WHILE CLINGING ON FOR DEAR LIFE. (HEALTH & SAFETY EAT YOUR HEART OUT!)**



BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Following our highly successful visit to Ballon St Mairs as reported in our last issue, plans are already being put in place for the return next year. Dates have not yet been agreed but it is likely that the visit will take place in the latter part of May.

Fund raising has already begun with the following initiatives planned:

28 September 2024	Countdown Evening 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. As usual with this event the profits will be shared with another local organisation (the PPG on this occasion)
Christmas Raffle	Numerous prizes including a large hamper. Tickets will be available from members of the Association
March 2025	Exact date to be decided. Wine and Wisdom Evening in the Community Rooms

During our last visit to Ballon St Mars, it was noticeable that our French counterparts had been very successful in recruiting more families particularly in the younger age groups. If you have ever thought that Twinning would be something you would like to do, now is the time to join. Come along to one of our meetings and talk to our members to find out exactly how everything works—you would be under no obligation to join.

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

Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time.

For the latest news on this route, enquiries or renewals please contact the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782010



Lincolnshire Children's Centre

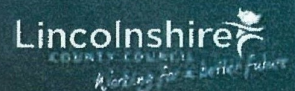
What's on

Our centres offer free services for families from pregnancy to 5 years, including antenatal education, baby massage, early years sessions and play ideas in the home.

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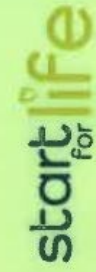
Billingham



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 3rd 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 26th June 10-11am</p>	<p>Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30 - 11am</p> <p>Top Tips 3-4 months 25th 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 3rd June due to EYA training</p>			<p>Parent carer infant feeding 1.30 - 3pm</p> <p>6th June (and monthly on the first Thursday of the month)</p>		

Please scan the QR code to get the most up to date timetable information and to find out more about your local children's centre



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THE LATEST QUIZ

For this issue's quiz, the questions all about foods of the British Isles.

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	What fish is traditionally used to make Arbroath Smokie?	
2.	Which Leicester town is famous for its pork pie?	
3.	What spice is used to flavour the Northern speciality Parkin?	
4.	What sauce is traditionally served with roast lamb?	
5.	The innards of which animal are used to make haggis?	
6.	There is an annual festival on the Isle of Wight for what food?	
7.	What is "scouse" a famous dish in Liverpool?	
8.	Where does the potato pancake "Boxty" originate?	
9.	Which Cheshire town hosts the Annual International Cheese Awards?	
10.	On a Cornish Cream Tea what is put on the scone first—jam or cream?	

Answers to last issue's quiz

1.	King Solomon's Mines	2.	Prunella Scales
3.	Overdose of pills & alcohol	4.	Richard II
5.	Lords	6.	Northern Ireland
7.	Joe Louis	8.	Jeremy Thorpe
9.	Virgin Atlantic	10.	1940

CHAT & CRAFT IN THE METHODIST SCHOOLROOM IS NOW ON THE 2nd & 4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Come along with your craft
(e.g. Knitting, Sewing, Colouring etc.)
Or just call in for a cuppa.

For more information, contact Val on 01526 860614



5 KEY THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ANNUITIES WHEN CREATING YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME

Are you concerned about whether you can afford to retire, or afford the lifestyle you want in retirement. For many people, the state pension is not enough, and they need additional [retirement income](#) to support travel, spoiling the grandchildren, or staying in the home they love. Saving enough money can be a challenge, especially if costs of living are rising.

Annuities are one way to help you create solid, sufficient income in retirement, but you need to understand some key things about them in order to leverage them properly and make sure you can sustain your lifestyle in retirement.

So, here are four things you should know:

PURCHASED LIFE ANNUITIES VS. PENSION ANNUITIES

If you have one of these [annuities](#), you need to know the difference for tax purposes.

Purchased life annuities are an *insurance* product. You pay a lump sum and then get an annual payment for life, or for a fixed period. Typically your heirs will get any remaining money when you die (assuming it's within any fixed period). This is basically an investment vehicle, and any income is taxed as investment income. Purchased annuities do *not* have to be bought with pension money.

Pension annuities are considered pensions and are taxed as pension income. The first 25% is tax-free. You have to spend money from your pension pot on these, making purchased annuities the better choice if you don't have a good pot already. If you do, however, pension annuities tend to give a better return.

You should talk to a tax advisor about which option is likely to be most beneficial to you.

FIXED VERSUS INCREASING ANNUITIES

Once set up, an annuity cannot (usually) be altered, but there are [options](#) prior to that decision being made. If you select a fixed term annuity, it will pay out on the terms agreed at outset for a fixed period of time. At the end of the term there could be a maturity amount, which is also set up at outset. These can be used to fill an income gap before State Pension Age. All other annuities are paid out for the life of the policyholder and the terms can differ.

There are basically four types of payment:

1. **Level.** With a level annuity you will get the same income each year, typically at a higher starting amount. However, they don't take into account inflation or increases in your cost of living due to mobility issues or failing health.
2. **Escalating.** Escalating annuities start lower, but increase at a fixed rate each year, such as 3%. This provides some allowance for inflation, but may not be enough of a cushion during volatile periods.
3. **Inflation-linked.** These start at a low level, but rise each year in line with the retail price index. Inflation-linked annuities are better for people who expect to live longer and get a benefit over an extended period of time.
4. **Impaired or enhanced.** With this type of annuity they pay out more if you have health issues that may shorten your lifespan, such as diabetes or high blood pressure. The income rates are often considerably better, but they work on the assump-

tion you won't be around long.

For most people, an escalating annuity is the best option, however, the starting income is significantly lower. You should talk to an expert about which is really best for you.

PROTECTING YOUR SPOUSE

You may want to ensure that your spouse continues to get the money after your death, especially if they are younger or healthier than you. A [joint life annuity](#) often provides lower income but that income will continue through the life of the surviving spouse.

LIFETIME VERSUS FIXED TERM

A lifetime annuity lasts until you die. You *can't* [cancel a lifetime annuity](#). You have essentially spent that money in order to get it back later, and if you find that it is not increasing enough to cover your costs, you will have to seek other ways to increase your income.

There's also the risk that you might get less back than you paid if you die earlier than expected, and only some annuities give the remaining money back to your estate. A lifetime annuity thus might not be the best choice if you are in poor health. However, you don't have to do any reinvestment and if you are healthy, you can get substantially more money than you paid in.

A fixed-term annuity, on the other hand, lasts a set number of years. The max is 40 years, but most fixed-term annuities are 5 to 10 years. The money you pay in is invested, and you get not just the regular income but a lump sum at the end that includes the interest. You can then use it to buy another annuity, do a pension drawdown, or make a large purchase. Fixed-term annuities mean you can benefit from improved terms in the future and give you more flexibility, but may not be as stable as a lifetime annuity.

Note that you can potentially have both! You can put part of your pension in a lifetime annuity to pay certain bills, and part of it in a fixed-term annuity.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

It's not possible to cover everything about annuities in one blog post and you should talk to a financial advisor about the best option for you.

However, we do have some more information that may help you make the right decision.

Our Money Alive video boxsets provide lots of information in an easy-to-digest video format. These box sets are free, interactive, and cover all kinds of options for guaranteed income in your golden years. Just send me an email and I will provide a link.,

As you can see, annuities are complicated! But they're one of the best ways to effectively use your pension pot when done correctly. If you're getting older and thinking about buying an annuity, one of our experienced advisors can help.

[Contact us](#) to find out more about how we can help you choose the right annuity option for you and your family.

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