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#### LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

With the winter closing in despite the fact that Summer never really arrived, we hope you will make a note in your diary to attend the events detailed below:

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Sunday 10 December 2024
Market Place 11.00am
(see page 5 of this Newsletter for full details)



## CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING AND ILLUMINATION

Wednesday 4 December 2024 Market Place 6.30pm

There will be the usual carol singing followed by refreshments. Full details will be posted around the village nearer the date.



#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Methodist Chapel When: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month (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, Steve Cottrell Ian Green and

Robert Greetham

District Council Members: Sarah Anne Lawrence, Adrian Whittle

County Council Member: Andrew Key,

Assistant Clerk & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billinghay Parish Council

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



**Billinghay Parish Council** 

#### **BILLINGHAY PARISH OFFICE NEWS**

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

#### PARISH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

Telephone: 07483 346143

Email: info@billinghay-pc.gov.uk Address: Billinghay Parish Office

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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 Billinghay 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.

#### Billinghay Parish Council

#### YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

#### **Parish Councillors**

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

Andy Catlett (Chair)
Wendy Liles (Vice Chair)
Robert Greetham
Roger Miller
Steve Cottrell
lan Green

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#### **Parish Officers**

These councillors are very well supported by:

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

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

#### **Parish Employees**

And keeping the streets of Billinghay 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@billinghay-pc.gov.uk Ringing the clerk on 07483 346143

## Please note that the old office number of 01526 861845 no longer functions.

If a face-to-face discussion is preferrable 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 <a href="https://billinghay.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/">https://billinghay.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/</a> 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 Billinghay 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 Billinghay 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 Billinghay 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 <a href="https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/">https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/</a> 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.



## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 11:00 am the Billinghay Branch of the Royal British Legion will lead a ceremony of remembrance at the Billinghay War Memorial. The parade will be a static parade and take the traditional format.

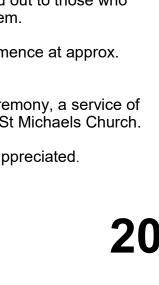
Members of the public attending are requested to assemble by 10:50 am. The roads will not be closed so please ensure you are stood on the pavements.

Members of the static parade are requested to assemble in the Ship Inn car park at 1030 am, where wreaths will be handed out to those who have not already received them.

The ceremony itself will commence at approx. 1055 am.

Immediately following the ceremony, a service of remembrance will be held in St Michaels Church.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.





## 2024 Poppy Appeal

By the time you read this the poppy appeal will be well under way, having commenced on 24<sup>th</sup> October. As always, we are well supported by our local businesses and a bunch of willing volunteers who brave the streets in all weathers to give you chance to donate and support this worthy cause.

If you have already donated then we thank you. If yet to do so then please dig deep and do so. Our area has a high population of serving personnel, veterans and dependents, who one day may rely on the RBL for support..

#### **BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

At the time of writing we have just started another school year and already our thoughts are turning towards Christmas and the different productions and events.

Congratulations to four of our Y5/6 pupils (Annie, Gracie, Poppy and Jenson) for achieving best of activity awards at Construction Week 2024, which was held at

the Lincolnshire Showground. The awards are selected by industry activity providers and were for electrical activity (Lincoln College), problem solving/leadership (The Royal Navy), plant

inspection (Daniel Charles Construction) and Scaffolding (Rilmac).

Our pupils have just taken part in a non curriculum week in school entitled Lincolnshire Week. Thank you to Simon Glassup for bringing a tractor and some sheep into school for a day. We also had Lincoln City FC and their community football coaches in school alongside Ladies in Pigs who cooked with the children and Young Farmers. The Year 4/5 Hurricane class visited Lincolnshire Showground to take part in a range of fun interactive sessions celebrating all that is great about Lincolnshie.



Our school chosen charity, which we are supporting this year, is the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. Our School Council organised a 'Hello Yellow' day at school where children came to school dressed in yellow for a donation. They raised over £200. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Alongside our Harvest Festival and food donations for the Sleaford New Life Food Bank, a group of Y5/6 pupils decided that they wanted to ask for donations of dog food, toys etc for local

animal charities. They have written to Conningsby Rescue Kennels and will be supporting them with the donations received.

Year 6 had a great visit to Woodhall Spa Golf Club earlier this term. Despite the rain, they had a lot of fun. Thank you to England Golf, Woodhall Spa Golf Club and JOLF Golf.

We look forward to welcoming parents to look round the school at our open days in November. Admissions for Reception places in September

2025 open on the 15<sup>th</sup> November and close on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. They are made through Lincolnshire County Council, School Admissions. If you would like to have a tour of our school then please contact us on 01526 860786.

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

With best wishes,

Mr R Allen, Headteacher.



Do you have a child eligible to start school in September 2025?

#### Billinghay C of E Primary School



#### OPEN SESSIONS FOR RECEPTION PLACES













#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10am-11am & 2pm-3pm

Come along and tour our outstanding Early Years indoor and outdoor learning environments, meet our dedicated team and see what our school can offer your child!











For Head Teacher tours and alternate dates please call 01526 860786 to book.



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By Ben Crocker

Saturday 15th Feb Sunday 16th Feb Billinghay Village Hall

Tickets available January 2025 From Katie on 07799 617674 or The Ship Inn

#### **AGE UK**

On 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024, Age UK will be holding a come and meet us at Billinghay Medical Practice. This is a chance if you have any questions or concerns to come and have a chat with them and get some advice. No appointment needed. We hope some of you will be able to join us.



## Billinghay Village Hall children's Christmas party



## Sunday 1st December 1pm - 4pm Billinghay Village Hall

Bouncy
castle
soft play
ball pit

Crafting Decorating & more

Selection of snacks included

Tickets to be booked in advance £4 per child, £2 per additional child, under 1s free



To book either contact our Facebook page for online booking, call 07436 057029 or alternatively pay in cash a the village hall on November 12th 19:30-20:30

#### **QUIZ NIGHT**

#### WALCOTT VILLAGE HALL

#### 15TH NOVEMBER 2024 7.30PM START

Teams of up to 6 or Individuals can come and will be allocated to a team.



## HOT FOOD IN THE INTERVAL RAFFLE

£7.50 per head



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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



#### Contact:

billinghaymedicalpracticeppg@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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#### MONDAYS

Renew class: Billinghay 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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#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 with both cameras facing the traffic heading from Walcott direction for the duration of this period. Both cameras were operational for the whole duration, a more lengthy single period than previously.

The statistics for the periods are as below.:

Shire Close junction SID 12 Jul 24 to 15 Oct 24	From Walcott	To Walcott
Average speed: Number of vehicles over period: Percentage of vehicles doing 33 mph or less:	26.7 mph 159048 95.6%	26.9 mph 196062 93.2%
Field Road junction SID 12 Jul 24 to 15 Oct 24	From Walcott	To Walcott
Average speed: Number of vehicles over period: Percentage of vehicles doing 32 mph or less:	28.3 mph 195777 83.6%	32.65 mph 193104 58.1%

Concerns have been raised by residents of Walcott Road regarding speeding in the area from the Field Road Junction to the edge of the village and the end / start of the 30 mph speed limit. The SIDs statistics indicate a greater problem with vehicles accelerating to over 30 mph in this area when leaving the village.

In response, the Council contacted the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership regarding having an Archers Survey undertaken. A reply was received from Stayingalive which stated:

The area you have highlighted is a designated mobile camera site and a survey was last conducted in May 2024.

The average speed was 30.8mph in a 30-mph limit.

If we were to reassess the area as a camera site, it wouldn't meet the DofT criteria for camera enforcement.

However, we will continue to use the site with the site area being re surveyed every 1 - 2 years to see if the mobile enforcement is making a difference.

The criterion for camera enforcement 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 Council will continue to monitor the situation.

### St Michael's Community Hall, Billinghay



Please come along to our friendly wellbeing coffee morning.







Every Thursday morning 10am - 12:00

We would love you to join us for drinks and chats.

Be great to see you.



HRHAT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Ray Lockey recently celebrating his forthcoming 90th Birthday (end of July) at the weekly Thursday Morning Church Coffee Club. (see above)

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Food Served	12-2	5-8
Sat	3-11	
Food Served	5-8	
Sun	12-10:30	
Traditional Sunday Lunch	12-2	

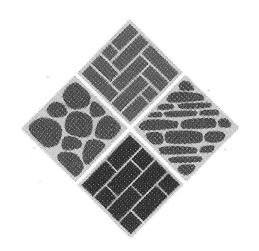
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#### **FIX MY STREET**



## 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

#### **BUS TIMETABLES AND SERVICES - Lincolnshire Transport Group**

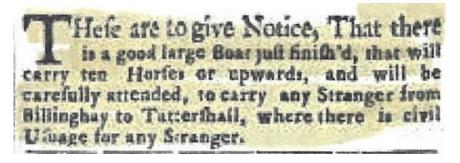
There are frequent changes which impact on bus services and timetables. You can find all the information regarding these at https://lincsbus.info/lincs-bus-updates/

Also available is the Lincolnshire Transport Helpline where you can speak to an advisor for help on transport options. The are available Monday - Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 4.00pm on **0345 456 4474** 

#### Callconnect Services are also available see leaflet below:



As a reminder of the times when public Transport was more easily available, you may be interested in the undernoted extract from the Stamford Mercury (10/04/1735)







#### **BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP**

In August we had a talk by Bob Garlant about the Iron Age and Roman settlements near Potters Hill (Norton Disney). The local History Group had been involved in a professionally organised investigation. This had featured on television & You Tube with the highlight being the discovery of the unique Roman Dodecahedron. Bob gave us full details of the "dig" and the finds and the part played by the local History Group. He will be coming back next year to give another presentation when he will update the project further. Currently "Time Team" are conducting further work and a special programme for You Tube is planned.

IN SEPTEMBER, WE HAD A SUPERB PRESENTATION BY MARK BAMFORD ON THE HISTORY OF SLEAFORD CASTLE. BEAUTIFULL ILLUSTRATED, WE WERE LEFT WITH A SUPERB PICTURE OF WHAT IT WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE AND WHY IT WAS LOCATED THERE. ANYONE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE CAN SEE AN EXHIBITION AT THE HUB IN SLEAFORD.

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

23 OCTOBER 2024	ALAN MARSHALL - A LIFE'S	INTEREST IN HISTORY
27 November 2024	TITLE TO BE CONFIRMED	NICOLA MARSHALL TOME LANE, NIGEL & TERI

WE HAVE STARTED COMPILING OUR PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR AND HAVE ALREADY GOT SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS ARRANGED, THESE BEING:

26 FEBRUARY 2025	PETER MARTIN	LIFE AS A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER
26 March 2025	MICK SKIPWORTH	BILLINGHAY STEAM MILL
30 APRIL 2025	CHRIS HEWIS	A PICTORIAL TOUR OF BYGONE
		LINCOLN
28 May 2025	IAN MARSHMAN	FOLKLORE IN THE HORNCASTLE
		& Woodhall Spa area
		(INCLUDES BILLINGHAY)
30 July 2025	<b>BOB GARLANT</b>	THE HISTORY & MYSTERY OF
		PLACE NAMES
27 AUGUST 2025	SIMON PAWLEY	THE CARRE FAMILY OF
		SLEAFORD

## **HUDSON FITNESS GYM**

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#### **LOCAL POLICE NEWS**

#### **SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH**

#### **Local Team:**

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector

Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant

Chris Green - Constable

#### **Most Commonly Reported Crimes - July 2024**

Anti-social behaviour 7
Public Order 5
Other Theft 4
Violence and Sexual Offences 25

#### CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 30/06/2024

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Aug-23	75	13.80%
Sep-23	53	9.80%
Oct-23	49	9.00%
Nov-23	44	8.10%
Dec-23	41	7.60%
Jan-24	35	6.50%
Feb-24	44	8.10%
Mar-24	41	7.60%
Apr-24	37	6.80%
May-24	45	8.30%
Jun-24	31	5.90%
July 24	46	8.50%

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Tuesday	9.00am	to	6.00pm
Wednesday	C	Closed	k
Thursday	4.00pm	to	8.00pm
Friday	4.00pm	to	8.00pm
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#### 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 1st Wednesday Ship Inn 7.30pm every 2 months Phone Stephen

07766186615 for info.

BrowniesWednesdays5.30 to 7.00pmGirl GuidesWednesday6.45 to 8.30pmKeep FitTuesdays6.30 to 7.30pmLighthouse Club (SecondaryAlternate Fridays7.45 to 9.00pm

School Children) during term time

Market & Car Boot Sale Sunday From 6.30am

Field - Coach & Horses

**Methodist Lending Library** 2nd Monday of 2.00 to 3.30pm

each month

Night Owls Book Club 3rd Thursday 7.30pm

**Rainbows** Tuesdays 5.30 to 6.30pm **YPF Children's Club** Friday during 6.00 to 7.00pm

term time



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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<sup>st</sup> **Tuesday** of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106

Indoor Bowls start September every Monday Secretary Stephen Taylor Tel: 07766186615

Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup> Billinghay)

Children's Centre Community Rooms Daisy Chain

Darby & Joan

Girl Guides

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 Billinghay CofE

School 07799 091281

Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732

Wednesdays 6.45pm

Contact Emma 07557354981

**Sundays** 10.30am Val 860614,

**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** 

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

4th Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion5th Sunday United Service - please see noticeboard near

Tennis Club
Tuesday Club
Twinning Association

Twinning Association

Village Hall

**Voluntary Car Service** 

YPF Children's Club

Church gate to check place of worship.

Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms

Chairman Tina Toulson 01526 860262

**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)

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Tattershall Village Hall • Wednesdays 8.30am & 10am

Jo 07825 728 195

#### **Methodist Church Hall Coningsby**

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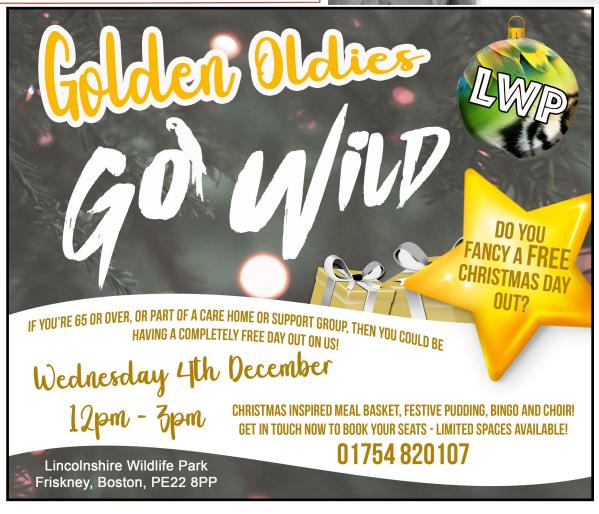
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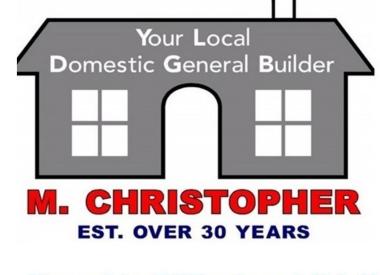
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#### **DARBY AND JOAN CLUB**

#### Forthcoming meetings:

12 November 2024 2.00pm to 5.00pm Community Rooms Meeting

10 December 2024 12.00 Christmas Lunch

**Outings** 

28 November 2024 Kings Lynn

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

#### **BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB**

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

5 November 2024 (AGM) Skin Care Lynn Briggs

3 December 2024 Christmas Biscuits Debbie Hopkins

#### **BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH**

The Coffee Mornings for the remainder of 2024 are as below:

3 December 10.00 am to 11.30am Christmas Special

#### **BYGONES**

In recent issues of the Newsletter we recounted a tour around the centre of the village as it was many years ago. This included tales of well known village characters in days gone by. One of our local residents remembers a lot of these people from his teenage years and has supplied photos.

We do have the names of some of the people but, if you can name them, please let the Newsletter Coordinator know so we can enlighten others.









## BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



As reported in the last issue, planning has started for the return visit of our French friends next year. Dates have not yet been agreed but it is likely that the visit will take place in the latter part of May or in October. We will know very shortly..

Fund raising has already begun and we have already held a very successful Countdown Evening in the Church Community Rooms. This resulted in a very close contest with the result in doubt until the very end. The winning team was "Horner in the Corner" by three points from "The Naughty Table"

The event was well supported and £250 of the proceeds are being donated to a local organisation. This year the PPG will be the recipients of this money..

Other events being planned are:

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

Have 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)

May	June	July	August	September
-	3rd	1st 29th	-	23rd
November	December	January	February	March
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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







# Billinghay Children's Centre

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AM/ PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A	Little Explorers G-5 years 10am -11am	Early Explorers Under 1s 10-11am	Breast start from pregnancy and breastfeeding At Sleaford Children's Centre 11.15 – 12.30pm	Pop in and play 0-5 yeers 9,30 - 1.lam Top Tips 10-1.lam 31" October, 5th December at Sleaford CC	Moving on up? 0 to 5 years 10 - 1.1am	Lets Get Active 10-11am At Sleaford Children's Centre
P		Pop in and play 0 to 5 years 1-2.30pm	Pop in and Play Under 1's 1.00 – 2.30pm	Parent carer infant feeding 1.30pm - 3pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month Time for asking 'off topic' questions and sharing ideas and experiences.		

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 startile





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#### THE LATEST QUIZ

For this issue's quiz, the questions are all about MONEY.

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- 1. Pre decimal currency, how many farthings in a £?
- 2. When was decimal currency introduced in the UK?
- 3. In 1988 which country introduced the first polymer bank notes?
- 4. Where has the Royal Mint been located since 1968?
- 5. Pre decimal, how much was half a crown worth?
- 6. In which country is the currency the Colon?
- 7. In financial terms to what do the letters ISA refer?
- 8. Who was the first British monarch to feature on a banknote?
- 9. What is the nickname for a Canadian two dollar coin?
- 10. Prior to the Euro, the German Mark was made up of 100 what?

#### Answers to last issue's quiz

- 1. Haddock
- 3. Ginger
- 5. Sheep
- 7. Lamb (or Beef) Stew
- 9. Nantwich

- 2. Melton Mowbray
- 4. Mint Sauce
- 6. Garlic
- 8. Ireland
- 10. Jam

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

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#### **Just One Financial Thing – Part 1**

In today's fast-paced world, managing personal finances can feel overwhelming. With so much advice out there, it's easy to get lost in complex strategies and forget that sometimes, small changes can make a big difference.

With my love of food and good health and inspired by the podcast 'Just One Thing' from the late Michael Mosley and the practical wisdom of Tim Spectator, I've put together a series of 25 simple, actionable steps that anyone can take to improve their financial health.

Whether you're just starting on your financial journey or looking to fine-tune your existing habits, these tips are designed to help you build a more secure and prosperous future — Just One Financial Thing at a time.

**Number 1** - Starting with an easy one - make sure you have an emergency fund. Ideally this should be 6 months' salary, but we are going to start small, and let's just get an account opened if you haven't already. As we work through the series we will begin to work out how much you can afford to add it, but just getting that account opened will be a great first step. If you are time restricted, just do this with your existing bank. A separate account, earmarked for emergencies, will ring fence the money and avoid you dipping in to it at the end of the month. Ideally, if you can spare the time, open an account with another financial institution. That way it will be 'out of sight, out of mind' and will help you avoid spending that money.

**Number 2** in the series of Just One Financial Thing is to be organised. Whilst we are entering a paperless world, you will still have emails, documents, contracts and policy information.

Set up a virtual filing system to make it easy to find everything. This could be using a tool like Microsoft One Note, or just folders within your email system. The most important things is to stick with it, move documents so they are stored where you can find them, and remove old information you don't need anymore. This is going to come in very useful as we move through the series as you are going to need this information to hand.

Now you are organised, you will have access to the information you need for #3 of the series of Just One Financial Thing, where you can get a grip on your finances and be ready for whatever life might throw at you.

**Number 3** -Work out who you owe and what interest you are paying. There are 2 schools of thought on repayment on debt:

- Pay off the highest interest rate first this will save you the most money in the long run. This is likely to be short term, unsecured debt, like pay day loans or credit cards, with any mortgage the cheapest form of debt.
- Pay off the small debt first this will reduce your outgoing the quickest and will allow you to re-direct that repayment to the next debt.

Whichever you choose, stick with it. We all accept that a mortgage (or rent) is a long term debt and I would not expect this process to make you debt free in the short term, but what it will do is put control of those debts in your hands, and you will have a plan.

**Number 4** in the series of Just One Financial Thing is less about you and more about protecting your loved ones.

This is especially important if you have debts and / or a family. There is no golden formula for how much life assurance you should have, but it should be at least enough to pay off the mortgage. If you have children, you should also be thinking about how your partner will manage with just one income, whilst raising a family.

Life assurance is not just for young people either. We should all be thinking about what would happen to our loved ones if we are no longer here to support them.

To find out more about life assurance we have a video box set which is free to access, just follow this link:

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See you in 2 months time for the next set of tips to help you secure your financial future, Just One Financial thing at a time.



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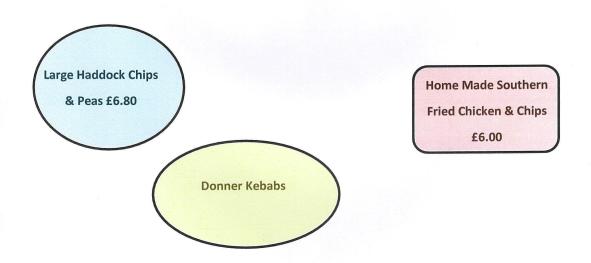
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