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BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL WISH YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR



Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the annual lighting and blessing of the Billingham Christmas Tree. There was a brilliant atmosphere as Reverend Gabrielle Britton-Voss blessed the tree, while Santa and Farmer Joe turned on the lights.



Fortunately the rain stayed away while The Ruffs played the music, encouraging the children to join in, and to accompany the members of BADass singing. (BADass will soon be holding their annual Panto... watch out for details.) And then off to The Ship for a bite to eat and mulled wine and coffee. A good evening again.

Special thanks go to the family of Tom Brooks for donating the tree in his memory.

The help of Steve Harper, Tom and Isaac Stainsby, Pete Marshall, Ian Green and Roger Miller, was once again appreciated.

The date for 2025's event will be on Wednesday 3rd December at 18.30.



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

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Billinghay Parish Council

BILLINGHAY PARISH OFFICE NEWS

Grass Cutting

Tenders are to be invited for the annual grass cutting contract for the Parish Council. An Application Form and full details of the work involved and terms and conditions that apply, will be available from the Parish Office after the 12th January 2025.

If you wish to be considered for the contract, please contact the Council for the details in good time for your tender to be considered.

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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



...as we that are left grow old,



...nor the years condemn,



...and in the morning,

They shall grow not old...



Age shall not weary them...



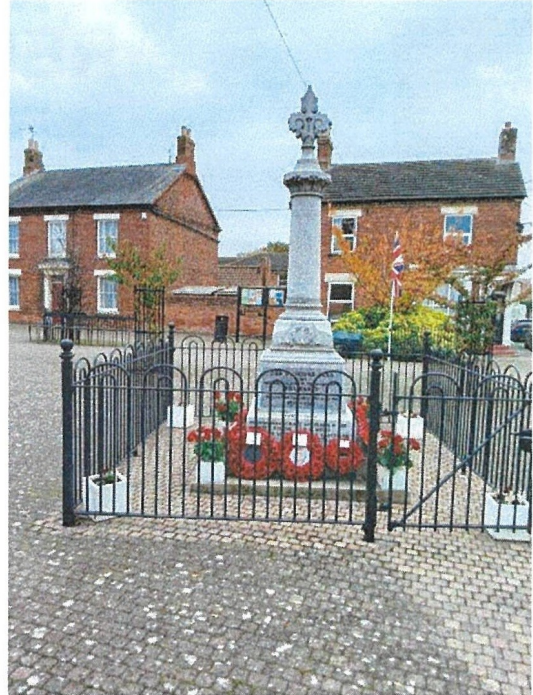
At the going down of the sun...



We will Remember them.



Thank you to all the residents of Billingham for supporting us in remembering those who served their country and gave the ultimate sacrifice. It was good to see so many people at both the Remembrance Parade and the following Remembrance Service in St Michaels Church. We thank Reverend Stephen Agnew for conducting the service.



Thanks also go to Lee and Inga at the Ship Inn for their support on the day, and to the Billingham Branch throughout the year.

We had the pleasure of joining the staff and pupils of Billingham Primary School on the 11th November at their Remembrance Assembly.



**When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today**



2024 Poppy Appeal

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

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

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

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

All this effort would have been for nothing without the generosity of all who donated. We are extremely proud to say that this year we raised a grand total of **£3779.50**.

Thank you for your support

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppypeal.

The Royal British Legion



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

The Royal British Legion supports serving and ex-serving personnel of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families throughout life. Our support starts after one day of service and continues long after life in the Armed Forces. We help veterans young and old transition into civilian

life, helping with physical and mental wellbeing, financial and employment support, care and independent living, local community connections and expert guidance.

From sports based rehabilitation courses to tailored personal support for our most vulnerable veterans – we're by their side every step of the way. We also support older veterans with nursing services and through six dedicated care homes, run just for the Armed Forces community. We give the Armed Forces community a voice by championing their interests and campaign on key issues.

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

Membership is only £20 a year and you can affiliate to the Billingham Branch during the joining process. Given the many serving and veteran forces members in our community, there is a real chance to help other forces members and veterans or receive well deserved support for yourself if required.

The Billingham Branch meet every other month on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Ship Inn. We require additional committee members so as to be more productive in supporting our community. The next meeting will be at 1930 on 3rd February 2025 at the Ship Inn. For further information contact the Branch Secretary Mr Stephen Taylor on billinghamdistrict.secretary@rbl.community

To apply for membership, please fill out our online form at rbl.org/membership or call **0800 307 7773**.



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Hall**

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BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

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

All the members of the Billingham Medical Practice's Patient Participation Group would like to thank everyone who has supported us so generously in our fundraising for equipment for the surgery during the year.

In July, a fundraiser was held in the surgery car park, bottle stall, tombola, cakes and a raffle raised enough money to buy a standing manual BP blood pressure monitor, plus six desk manual BP monitors. And then there were two covid/flu clinics where we had a fantastic raffle. The first occasion on 12th October we were fortunate to have really good sunny and warm weather which prompted people to be kind to our cause. The second clinic saw a miserable rainy day but still, people were generous.

Thanks go to everyone who supported us at the flu clinics, and on the rainy day we offer special thanks to the people who helped at the gate, transferring patients in and out of their cars.

Of the three events, we raised an amazing £2,200 which will all go towards buying new medical equipment to help patients.

St Michael's Community Hall, Billingham



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.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY HALL BILLINGHAY WELL BEING

Every Thursday morning since 8 February, St Michael's Community Hall has played host to people who want a drink and some company.

On 28 November, there was a special fish and chip lunch when customers donations over the year were used to provide a free two course meal. Forty nine people turned up to take advantage and thanks are due to the Chip off the Old Block who opened especially for us to provide us with fish and chips. This was followed with a choice of sweet purchased from a supermarket.

Thanks to Stephen Taylor, we have some photos of the event and some of these are shown below:



The day was enjoyed greatly by all and was finished off with a large raffle which raised £111 towards future events.

The Coffee morning at St Michael's is run in partnership with Bridge Church in Lincoln and takes place every Thursday between 10 am and noon in the St Michael's Community Hall

BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



I cannot believe that as I am writing, Christmas is nearly upon us for another year. Where does time go? We have a lot to pack in before we break up for the holidays including class productions, Christmas Bingo, Caring Christmas, Christmas lunch and our traditional service at St Michael's Church.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for Coningsby Rescue Kennels. The children who organised this took the donations to the kennels earlier this month.



Thank you to our Friends of the School who organised for a production company called Stage-ed to come into school on the 29th November and perform Aladdin to all of the school. Everyone had a great time. There were two performances full of interaction with traditional Panto routines, shockingly bad dad jokes and a sing-a-long.

A massive thank you to everyone for their generous donations to our Christmas Raffle. To date the following have all donated a prize to school: Sisters That Cake, The Kinema in the Woods, The Ship Inn Billinghay, Golden Hay Chinese Restaurant Billinghay, The Ginger Cow Café Coningsby, Thai Street Café Ruskington, Belton House, Lincs Aviation Centre, Jubilee Park Woodhall, Jump in Lincoln, Harry Potter World, Doddington Hall, John and Associates in Tattershall, Tattershall Castle, Fantasy Island, Tattershall Farm Park and Lincoln Castle.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the events (such as Early Explorers, Little Explorers and Pop in and Play) taking place at Billinghay Children's Centre. They also offer a free Lending Library of early years resources up to age 5.

From January, we will be taking part in sugar reduction project in Lincolnshire schools, called Defeat the Sweet. This project has been created by the Food Education Team (LCC) and Public Health. With children's health in mind, they work with schools to reduce added sugar in children's diets across the school day and encourage healthier lifestyle choices.

Applications to start school in September 2025 close on the 15th January 2025. You can apply online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parentportal>, by phone, or by requesting a paper form (telephone 01522 782030). If you would like to view our school then please contact us on 01526 860786.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported school over this term and I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. We look forward to another successful year in 2025.

With best wishes,
Mr R Allen, Headteacher.

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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

FRIDAYS

Renew class: Coningsby Community Hall, 10.15-11.15am

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Operation Snap

The council receive numerous complaints from residents regarding speeding of vehicles through the village. Whilst the Council endeavours to do all it can, action from other agencies is often restricted as there is no supporting evidence to justify enforcement action.

However, accidents, incidents and damage to vehicles within the village is often not caused by speeding or speeding alone, but often involves inconsiderate, careless or dangerous driving. This is often captured by drivers on their vehicle dash cams.

Operation Snap was launched by Lincolnshire Police in 2021. The Lincolnshire portal allows road users to submit video footage of certain suspected traffic offences. You can report driving offences such as:

- Dangerous driving
- Driving without due care and attention
- Careless driving
- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Failing to stop at a red traffic light
- Crossing solid white lines
- Offences where a driver is clearly not in proper control of a vehicle

Lincolnshire Police encourage anyone who witnesses and records clear footage, which must include a visible vehicle registration mark and shows poor driving or riding, to submit the footage through the Op Snap portal on their website. Every piece of footage is viewed, and action taken where offences are identified, and the evidence threshold is met. Where the prosecution threshold isn't quite met, they will consider a warning letter to those drivers advising them of their poor manner of driving.

Information on Op Snap, including how to submit the footage and data on resulting prosecutions, as well as some interesting video clips, is at

<https://www.lincs.police.uk/police-forces/lincolnshire-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/op-snap/>

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS



The Christmas Tree illustrated was decorated by congregation members, Rainbows, and Guides and on show at the Christmas Tree festival at Sleaford.

Also the Methodist Church has held the usual coffee morning in 2024 raising monies for local charities and our sincere thanks are expressed to everyone for their continued support. .

Everyone is welcome, the kettle is always on! This year we are hoping to knit/ crochet poppies to put on display at Remembrance 2025 (if we get enough) a challenge indeed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Methodist Church

COINCIDENCES - A story Stewart Green - a local resident

The most amazing coincidence, spanning the world from 1976 to 1981 to 1991
In 1981, I was working in Jubail, on the north-east coast of Saudi Arabia. My flatmate and I were just kicking-about along the beach, when we noticed a beaten-up 14-foot sailing dinghy trapped and abandoned in the over-growth and scrub at the back of the beach.

We rescued the dinghy and spent the next 6 months with a few friends renovating and refurbishing her into a sparkling, spanking, beautiful brand new sailing boat. Great! But what to do now???! none of us knew a sheepshank about sailing. So, we spent the next few weeks off the beach pirouetting and capsizing all over the place, and became real local celebrities for those sunbathers wanting to watch a bunch of suicidal sailing Brits!!

Eventually, one of the spectators stepped forward and (with tears in his eyes) drew lines in the sand to teach us the principles of wind and sail and the "Jubail Sailing Club" was born, with just 6 members, one boat, and their own custom-logo t-shirts. Every weekend then became hours of pure joy; sailing, fishing, tag-racing and more.

TEN years later, in 1991, I was the only person standing at a very dark and very lonely bus-stop in Honolulu Airport at 3 o'clock in the morning, and just one other person came up to join the "queue". We smiled and nodded to each other. I happened to be wearing my "Jubail Sailing Club" t-shirt which he noticed, and said (in a very broad Antipodean accent), "I didn't know there was a sailing club in Jubail !".

While we waited, I told him the story of our much-loved little dinghy. He mentioned that he also had worked for two years in Jubail from 1976, (5 years before I had arrived) and how he had actually transported and left a sailing boat out there from New Zealand to enjoy his favourite pastime during his contract; hence his interest. I had long-forgotten the name of our much-beloved little boat until he said, and reminded me, in quiet reminiscence, almost just to himself, "Yes.... Her name was "Spinney".



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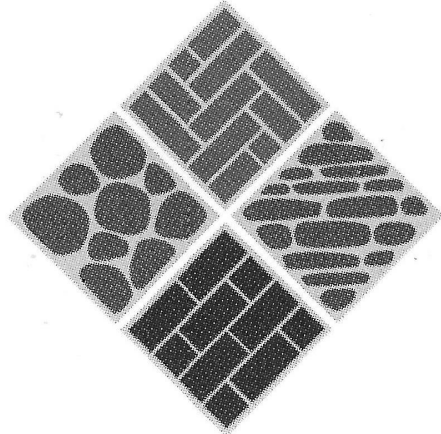
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<i>Wed-Fri</i>	<i>12-3</i>	<i>5-11</i>
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>12-2</i>	<i>5-8</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>3-11</i>	
<i>Food Served</i>	<i>5-8</i>	
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Residents without computer access can still report problems 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. They are available Monday - Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 4.00pm on **0345 456 4474**

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BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP

IN OCTOBER, WE HAD A VERY INTERESTING TALK BY NICOLA MARSHALL ABOUT HER LATE FATHER'S LIFE AND HIS INTEREST IN HISTORY. ALAN HAD BEEN A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR GROUP AND HIS RANGE OF INTERESTS PROBABLY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO MOST OF OUR MEMBERS. HE HAD COLLECTED A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON LOTS OF SUBJECTS. THE TALK MENTIONED BELOW ON THE BILLINGHAY STEAM MILL IS BASED ON A LOT OF THE INFORMATION THAT ALAN HAS ALREADY COLLECTED.

IN NOVEMBER, THE EVER POPULAR TOM LANE ACCOMPANIED BY NIGEL AND TERI REVEALED MORE MYTHS AND LEGENDS OF LINCOLNSHIRE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE MUSIC NOT TO MENTION THE FAMOUS LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE!

OUR PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR IS PROGRESSING WELL AND AFTER THE WINTER BREAK, THE FOLLOWING HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED:

26 FEB 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)

JUNE 2025 THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL PROJECT ABOUT ONE OF BILLINGHAY'S MOST NOTABLE RESIDENTS IN THE PAST, BERNARD GILBERT. MOST OF YOU WILL HAVE HEARD OF SOME OF HIS WORKS SUCH AS JOHN OF THE FENS BUT HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WENT MUCH WIDER. THERE WILL BE A PRESENTATION BY THE AUTHOR OF A BIOGRAPHY ON THE SUBJECT, ANDREW JACKSON. IT IS PLANNED TO HAVE AN EXHIBITION OF HIS WORKS. THIS WILL INCLUDE MAPS SO THAT RESIDENTS FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA CAN IDENTIFY THE FICTIONAL PLACES USED IN HIS WORKS THAT WERE BASED ON LOCAL LANDMARKS. FULLER DETAILS WILL BE PUBLICISED WHEN THE DATE AND EXACT PROGRAMME IS KNOWN.

30 JULY 2025	BOB GARLANT	THE HISTORY & MYSTERY OF PLACE NAMES
27 AUGUST 2025	SIMON PAWLEY	THE CARRE FAMILY OF SLEAFORD

NOVEMBER 2025 TOM LANE, NIGEL & TERI ON A SUBJECT TO BE CONFIRMED BUT IT WILL INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE FAMOUS LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THE BAPS AGAIN.

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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 - September 2024

Anti-social behaviour	11
Public Order	4
Criminal Damage & Arson	4
Violence and Sexual Offences	25

CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 30/06/2024

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Oct-23	49	9.50%
Nov-23	44	8.50%
Dec-23	41	7.90%
Jan-24	35	6.80%
Feb-24	44	8.50%
Mar-24	41	7.90%
Apr-24	37	7.20%
May-24	45	8.70%
Jun-24	31	6.20%
July 24	46	8.90%
Aug 24	48	9.30%
Sep 24	55	10.60%



PRIORITIES AND ACTION TAKEN

Priority:

Summertime Anti-social behaviour – policing the hotspots across the area where we typically see a surge in nuisance behaviour and disorder.

Action Taken:

Since the start of September, we have been able to have more officers spending time in areas which are negatively affected by the behaviour of others. So far this has been very well received, with lots of positive endorsements from residents, shoppers and retailers who are regularly telling us how nice it is to “see a bobby out on the beat”. Our extra patrols will continue through the winter months.

Priority:

Community Drug Supply – Disrupting the supply of Class A Drugs in Sleaford, minimising the violence linked to drug supply, Reducing the demand for Class A drugs by offering support for addiction.

Action Taken:

During the first week in October, local officers were part of a large-scale operation to tackle suspected County Lines drug operations. Over the course of two days in the Sleaford area, eight people were arrested, three warrants were carried out, three children were safeguarded, and weapons, cash and drugs were seized.

Neighbourhood Policing officers were supported by British Transport Police’s (BTP) County Lines Taskforce, and the Metropolitan Police’s Op Orochi County Lines task force.

In the same week, a county lines drug trafficker who ran a drugs line that supplied cocaine and heroin into Sleaford was convicted at Lincoln Crown Court. Kieran Staff, 40 of no fixed address, was sentenced to three years in prison after an investigation led by Lincolnshire Police and supported by the Metropolitan Police’s Op Orochi county lines task force.

Latest Priority (No update on Action Taken available)

Youth ASB across Sleaford’s rural villages – During the darker autumn months we will ensure our patrols focus on low-level nuisance, disorder and damage that can be linked to local young people. Working with parents, schools and partners to begin with early warning visits about responsibility and looking at available diversionary activities.

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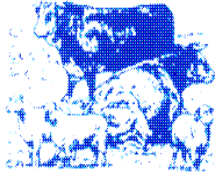
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Bingo	Monday	1.30pm The Whyche
Bowls (Indoor)	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
British Legion	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm Phone Stephen 07766186615 for info.
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
Girl Guides	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
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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B.A.D.ASS (Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association) Bethel Baptist Chapel	Thursdays at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome
Billinghay CEP School Billinghay Tuesday Club Bowls Club British Legion	Sundays 10.30am & 6pm Tuesdays 7pm Pastor Richard Hilliard 07717392628 Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall 1 st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106 Indoor Bowls start September every Monday Secretary Stephen Taylor Tel: 07766186615
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
Tennis Club Tuesday Club Twinning Association Village Hall Voluntary Car Service	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)
YPF Children's Club	Every Friday at 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk

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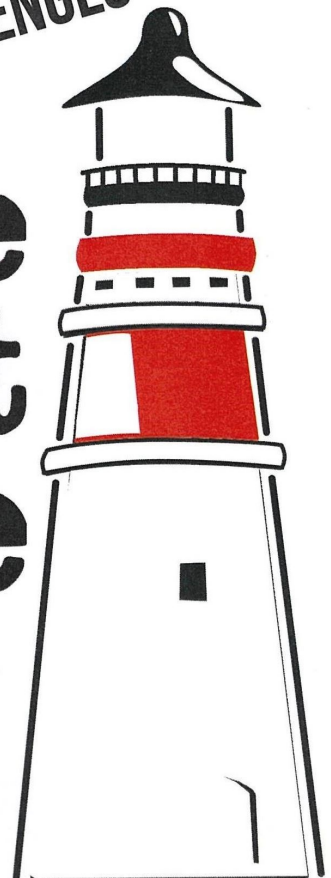
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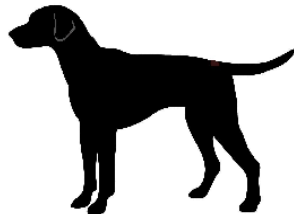
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4 March 2025	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
1 April 2025	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
29 April 2025	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

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

I do appreciate everyone who helps me during the Darby & Joan Meetings and Outings. A huge thank you to you all. Also all the members for supporting the Club.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

We are unable to list the forthcoming events for the Tuesday Club as our contact has sadly passed away. If someone could let us have a copy of the 2025 programme, we will happily insert the details in the Newsletter.

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

The Coffee Mornings

11 March 2025 13 May 2025 15 July 2025 7 October 2025

Book & Jigsaw Library - Second Monday each month

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH.

BYGONES

Over the past few years there has been considerable difficulty in attracting residents to become Parish Councillors. So much so, that there has been no need for an election for the past three periods. This was not the case in the past as can be seen from the photograph shown below of a Council meeting. We have been able to identify most of them but, if you can supply details of any, please let us know.



In addition the recent heavy rainfall brought back memories of the flood in 1960 - see the picture below::



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Fund raising can now start in earnest and our popular Christmas Hamper raffle draw will take place on the 20 December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Church Community Rooms..

In March 2025 (exact date to be decided) we will be holding a Wine and Wisdom Evening also in the Church Community Rooms. Due to the size limitations of the venue, the number of teams is restricted so, if you wish to enter, please let Tina Toulson know as soon as possible.

Have you 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

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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.
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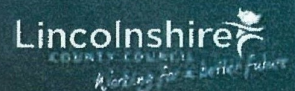
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Billingham



Billingham Children's Centre

AM/ PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	Little Explorers 0-5 years 10am - 11am	Pop in and play 0 to 5 years 9.30-11.00am	Breast start from pregnancy and breastfeeding At Sleaford Children's Centre 11.15 - 12.30pm	Pop in and play 0-5 years 9.30 - 11am Top Tips 10-11am 31 st October, 5 th December at Sleaford CC	Moving on up! 0 to 5 years 10 - 11am	Lets Get Active 10-11am At Sleaford Children's Centre
PM		Early Explorers Under 1s 1.30-2.30pm	Pop in and Play Under 1's 1.00 - 2.30pm	Parent carer infant feeding 1.30pm - 3pm 1 st Thursday of each month Time for asking 'off topic' questions and sharing ideas and experiences.		

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For this issue's quiz, the answers are all TV Shows!

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	A labrador on your wrist.	
2.	Humpty Dumpty and Family	
3.	Where the chain broke?	
4.	Female Home makers at wit's end	
5.	Double move.	
6.	It's just below freezing	
7.	Prepared unwavering chef	
8.	Money in the loft	
9.	Reverse Intelligence	
10.	The riches of my mum and dad	

Answers to last issue's quiz

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| 1. | 960 | 2. | 1971 |
| 3. | Australia | 4. | Llantrisant |
| 5. | 2and 6 pence (12.5 new p) | 6. | Costa Rica |
| 7. | Individual Savings Account | 8. | George II |
| 9. | Toonie | 10. | Pfennigs |

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Just One Financial Thing – Part 2

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 5

If you are following this series already, you have set up an emergency fund. #5 of [#JustOneFinancialThing](#) is to start adding money into this account using Round Up. If you haven't come across it before there are lots of banks and Apps you can use to round up spending on your debit card.

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When I first heard of this, a client was telling me that he had taken his family to a theme park on his round ups. You could do this, or you could transfer it on a regular basis into your emergency fund.

Number 6

We have to talk about 'Get rich quick' scheme. I don't necessarily mean the pyramid style schemes that we around 20 years , ago (although these should definitely still be avoided) but more the day to day 'clickbait' offers.

One which I am sure you are all aware of and is widely talked about is changing banks to get cash back. On the face of it, it looks good. It's simple to do, in fact the banking system does it for you, and you make 'free cash'. BUT, the consequences of this need to be considered. If you have a mortgage, or may need one in the future, the lender will look at your credit rating. One of the components of this is

duration with your bank - a demonstration of credit worthiness. Regular changes, in their opinion, does not reflect well and therefore could have an impact of your ability to borrow.

The same rules apply to 0%, or very low, credit card interest rates. Switching credit cards can be a good way to pay off debt, but it should be considered as a one-off exercise. Worryingly I have also come across people borrowing on a 0% deal and investing the money. Again, on the face of it, that looks great, but what if the investment goes wrong (past performance is not a guide to the future after all). Then you have a debt and less money to pay it off. And in the meantime it has also potentially impacted your credit score.

So the overall thought is, if it is too good to be true, it probably is, and think about the longer term consequences of short term decisions.

Number 7

Whatever your age, one of the components of your eventual [retirement](#) will be the [State Pension](#). Now there may be an argument that my children (12 and 14) may not get one, but for the majority of people reading this, it will form the foundation of their retirement income. And this is why it is unbelievable the number of people we speak to who have no idea what their State Pension might be. They know they have worked a lot and paid a substantial amount of National Insurance, but particularly for women who have had time off to raise a family, or anyone who has worked part time, they don't realise that they could still have accumulated credits during that time.

Checking it is easy and is something I would suggest everyone reading this should do. Our video box sets can tell you more, just follow this link to register (it's free!)

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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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