

# The Billingham Times & Advertiser

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## A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND WORKS OF BERNARD GILBERT BILLINGHAY'S FAMOUS AUTHOR

The Parish Council and Billingham History Group in conjunction with Bishop Grosseteste University are in the process of setting up an event celebrating the life of Bernard Gilbert the famous author and war poet who came from Billingham.

Most people in the village will know of his book "John of the Fens" based around the Civil War with specific reference to this area. His reputation as a war poet (1914/18) and his fictional 'Old England' series written in the 1920s are not so well known.

Professor Andrew Jackson from the University is author of book about Bernard Gilbert's life and he will be giving a presentation during the evening showing how the author used his knowledge of the local area and incorporated this information into his books. The book will be on sale at the evening talk.

The day will include three walks as part of the North Kesteven Walking Festival (link to the Festival here <https://www.hillholtwood.co.uk/nk-walking-festival>) taking in locations featured in Gilbert's writing. Readings from Gilbert's poetry and writing will be read during the walks.

## **Current Plan of Events for the day.**

Currently plans are being formalised for a full day of Events. Each of the events are “stand-alone” and people will be allowed to attend all or select any of these that they wish to attend.

At present, the provisional timetable for the day is as below but the final details will be given in the next Newsletter.

**9.30 am to 11.30 am** – a walk round Walcott and Catley Abbey followed by coffee at Walcott church at 11.30 am

**2.00 pm – 3.30 pm** a short walk from Tattershall Bridge, taking in a view of Tattershall Castle (for John of the Fens reference).

**5.00 pm to 6.30pm** – a walk round Billingham Village

The intention of the walks will be to highlight the places that Bernard Gilbert used in his works although he may have changed their real names for literary purposes.

**6.30 pm – Arrival for talk** – Light refreshments provided – Church Community Rooms – there will be an exhibition of books etc. relating to Bernard Gilbert.

### **7.00pm Start of Talk**

Title of Talk: Searching for ‘Gilbert Country’: The Lincolnshire of Billingham’s Bernard Samuel Gilbert, author, 1882-1927.

**Talk by Professor Andrew J H Jackson of Bishop Grosseteste University.**

### **8.15 pm Exercise to look at maps and places in Gilbert’s writing**

Andrew Jackson and Nicola Marshall (Event Organiser) will bring maps, books and other documents of interest.

It is hoped that local residents will be able to identify some of the real names for the fictional ones used in the author’s books.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Where:** Methodist Chapel

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**Assistant Clerk & Newsletter Co-Ordinator:** Lou Hird

**Editor:** Billingham Parish Council

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Billinghay Parish Council

## **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.

## **DARBY & JOAN CLUB**

# **JUMBLE SALE**

**9.00am to 12.00 noon 12th April 2025**

**In the COMMUNITY ROOMS**

**Bric a brac, Good Jumble,  
Tombola and Raffle, Cake Stall,  
Tea, Coffee and Biscuits**

**ALL WELCOME**

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

The BADAss annual pantomime has a special place in our village diary of events, a weekend of family entertainment, performed by members from our local communities.

This year the success continued with our performances of Robin Hood & The Babes in the Wood (written by Ben Crocker) with all three shows sold out. Thank you to everyone who came to watch, cheer, clap, boo and laugh – you are now all confirmed Outlaws!!

The cast and crew of BADAss began practicing and preparing for the pantomime in September. This year we welcomed and included more children in the cast and wow... they all performed confidently in their parts, delivered their lines right on cue and smiled their way through the songs. The cast thoroughly enjoyed the performances and are already looking forward to the next one.

Thank you to our supporters who donated prizes for the raffle, to The Ship for selling tickets, for those who were on the door, making tea, selling raffle tickets, setting up, clearing up and to those who made the pompom rocks. Finally, thank you to our families and friends for their continued support.

**BADAss Summer Show is planned for June 2025 – follow us on Facebook for more information: Bingham Amateur Dramatics Association**



# BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

Billingham Medical Practice has begun hosting drop-in sessions for support groups and local charities in the main reception area. 'One You Lincolnshire' is a programme consisting of help with stopping smoking, weight loss, exercise and drinking less.

They will be attending every three months, with other organisations such as Age Concern (who said it was the best group they had attended recently) and other interactive groups will follow on three monthly.

The practice is a Veteran Friendly practice, and as the local RBL branch has supported with some funding, we are able to hold a monthly Clinic, with 30-minute appointments. A Veteran Nurse Practitioner herself will be running them. Dates are posted on Facebooks Billingham Medical Practice page, on the practice website and in the surgery waiting room. All known veterans have been contacted.

Billingham is possibly the only practice in the UK to hold these clinics so far.

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# BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE VETERAN CLINICS

Here at Billingham Medical Practice we  
have designated clinics to support  
veterans.

THE CLINICS ARE:

22ND JANUARY  
12TH FEBRUARY  
12TH MARCH  
9TH APRIL  
14TH MAY  
11TH JUNE  
9TH JULY  
13TH AUGUST  
10TH SEPTEMBER  
15TH OCTOBER  
12TH NOVEMBER  
10TH DECEMBER

There is one designated  
clinic a month run by one  
of our Nurse Practitioners  
who is a veteran.

So if you are a veteran and  
looking for mental health  
or physical health support,  
please talk to reception  
who will book an  
appointment for you.



# Lest We Forget

**Veterans Clinic.** The Billingham Branch are very proud to have enabled funding for five years for the newly established Veterans Clinic run by the Billingham Medical Practice. The project has already identified a significant number of veterans in the area who were not previously registered as such, enabling greater support to those individuals under the Armed Forces Covenant. The first clinic was run on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and was fully booked.

**RBL Support.** We are keen to support individuals, groups and organisations in our district with specific requirements or with ventures and activities that support veterans, serving personal and dependants. There are criteria that will need to be met but please contact us and we will be able to assist in directing you to the right area.

**Crisis Support.** We understand that life is hard sometimes and it can be difficult to know where to look for help. Whatever your circumstances, the RBL team is there to help – without judgement – and provide a safe space for the Armed Forces community and their families to access the support they need. You can call on **0808 802 8080** seven days a week, use the online chat service or email [info@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:info@britishlegion.org.uk).

**Become a member.** Our branch is always looking to welcome new members. Its easy and your contribution to our activities could make a big difference to someone's else's life. Just go to <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership/become-a-member> and ensure you enrol with the Billingham Branch during the joining process. Alternatively, go to the RBL home page and follow the membership link or contact the Billingham branch secretary. We meet every other month, normally on the first Wednesday of the month, at the Ship Inn. Currently the next meeting is planned for 2nd April 2025.



**Poppy Appeal.** We were pleased to acknowledge the support that Shapes Salon in Billingham gives to our Poppy Appeal and the RBL every year, with the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation. Thank you.

the Lincolnshire County Standards Bearers competition and in the 2024 competition won the Novice Award. He was formally presented with the Novice Cup at the County Conference on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Horncastle.

**Standard Bearer.** We are immensely proud to 'fly the flag' and showcase our branch through our Standard. Our Standard Bearer Stephen Taylor attends many events throughout the year with the Standard, from funerals to ceremonies. He also partakes in



**VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 the country will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day. At the time of publication nothing has been formalised within Billingham. However, the RBL will probably mark the occasion with the laying of a wreath at the memorial. Further details will be published nearer the time. Please contact us if you have ideas on how the parish can celebrate this auspicious day.



# Save thousands at Holdingham Grange

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# 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!

This is a great community effort that brings people together. John and Tina, Sue, Joan, Marjorie, Rob, Dave and many others give up their time to make everyone welcome.

The last coffee morning for 2024 proved to have a bit extra as Tina had organised a surprise. Stephen, one of our local musicians, performed a medley of Christmas songs and then led the audience in a round of carol singing and everyone joined in to raise the Christmas spirits and followed this with many favorite songs by Cliff, The Eagles and the like.

Whilst he was playing and singing the audience took to the floor to dance the morning away - see below

The Coffee Morning is a great way to meet and get to know people, especially if you are new to the community or if you are living alone and want to meet others in a safe environment.

**All that is asked is for a small donation to help support the endeavour.**



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## QUIZ

on

**SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025**

in

**THE COMMUNITY ROOMS**

**START 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)**

**MAXIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM**

**For details and to enter, contact TINA on 01526 860262**

## SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Both devices were switched off for the period 16 Oct to 13 Dec 24

The statistics for the periods following switching back on are as below:



Shire Close junction SID	From Walcott	To Walcott
<b>14 Dec 24 to 23 Jan 25</b>		
Average speed:	26.6 mph	26.3 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	56293	68478
Percentage of vehicles doing 33 mph or less:	95.6%	94.8%

Field Road junction SID	From Walcott	To Walcott
<b>14 Dec 24 to 23 Jan 25</b>		
Average speed:	27.54 mph	31.63 mph
Number of vehicles over period:	68191	66507
Percentage of vehicles doing 32 mph or less:	85.9%	66.67%

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUBLISH THE STATISTICS IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER

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### TUESDAYS

**Renew class:** Tattershall Village Hall, 10.15am-11.15am (Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates-based with relaxation)

**Seated exercise:** Tattershall Village Hall 2.30-3.30pm

**Renew class:** Walcott Village Hall, 7-8pm

### THURSDAYS

**Renew class:** Scopwick Village Hall, 6.30-7.30pm

### FRIDAYS

**Renew class:** Coningsby Community Hall, 10.15-11.15am followed by Tai Chi class 11.30am-12.30pm. (No experience necessary)

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## BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



At the time of writing, we are already nearly half way through another school year. Many exciting activities have taken place for our pupils and we are all looking forward to the events and activities to come.

Our school choir took part in a Singsation Event at Barnes Wallis Academy, Tattershall on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. 'Singsation' is a singing workshop facilitated by Lincolnshire Music Service hosted by Hayley Sanderson (lead singer from the BBC Strictly Come Dancing Band). Hayley brought her own band to Barnes Wallis to lead the singing workshop with some children from local schools. The schools learnt two songs – a Pop Medley and Bowie Medley – and performed together with the live band on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time making and enjoying live music performed by incredible, professional musicians.

The whole school went to St Michael's Church on the 5<sup>th</sup> February for our Candlemas Service, which was led by our Church School Council. Thank you to Mel Cuttell for her assistance with organising this event.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February was NSPCC Number Day in school. All our children came to school dressed as Rockstars (we use a resource called TT Rockstars to learn multiplication tables) or a number. As well as raising money for the NSPCC, we had a day of number related activities in school.

Next term sees some of our Y3/4 pupils go to Rand Farm Park for their residential visit. I am sure they will have an amazing time. We also have a whole school archery workshop booked in March.

We are looking forward to working with the Parish Council and Billinghay History Group in conjunction with Bishop Grosseteste College/University to celebrate the life of Bernard Gilbert the famous author and war poet who came from Billinghay. There will be a full day of events within the village and surrounding area on the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to successful spring and summer terms.

With best wishes,

Mr R Allen, Headteacher.



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<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>	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>12-10:30</i>	
<i>Traditional Sunday Lunch</i>	<i>12-2</i>	

*We look forward to meeting you!!*

## **BILLINGHAY FOOTPATHS**

As residents know several inspections/surveys have been made of the state of the village footpaths in the last few years.

We are delighted to advise you that the Surface Treatments Team from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) have announced the paths designated for Footpath Micro-Surfacing in 2025 to 2026.

Actual programme dates have yet to be confirmed but, as this type of work is seasonal, it will take place between April and September. Actual dates will be confirmed nearer the time and residents affected by the work will be advised in advance.

In preparation for the micro surfacing, patching work will be undertaken to remove any structural defects in advance of the resurfacing and so some initial activity is likely between March and May time.

LCC have also pointed out that micro surfacing can seem aggressive when first laid and can initially encourage weeds during the germination process. They will be conducting regular inspections with pre and post weed sprays so please bear this in mind before making any complaints.

The Parish Council are delighted that the work is finally going to be done and hope that the work will alleviate current complaints about the state of the footpaths. Please bear in mind that there will be some disruption which will be unavoidable.

The undernoted paths have been identified for the works:

- **FIELD ROAD**
- **MEADOW WAY**
- **MILL LANE**
- **BRUNSWICK SQUARE**
- **THE WHYCHE**
- **LAFFORD DRIVE**

In addition we have been advised of the following improvements that are being implemented in the next year (2025/26):

- **FEN ROAD**                      **Footway reconstruction**
- **LAFFORD DRIVE**           **Carriageway Micro Asphalt**
- **HIGH STREET**                **Carriageway Surface Dressing**

**The Parish Council are already aware of difficulties faced by the users of Mobility Scooters and Wheelchairs when trying to negotiate the footpaths of the village safely. We would ask that any resident, experiencing such difficulties, advise the Parish Council to ensure that the matter can be investigated.**





**Go to:**  
<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>  
 or use the app on iOS or Android

FixMyStreet is not a council website but it does send your reports directly to your local council, or whichever other authority is responsible for dealing with a problem. You can submit reports anonymously, but if you provide your details then updates regarding your report will be provided. Providing your details on the site does not make them visible to other users against submitted reports, unless you choose to.



The picture below is the page you will enter following the link above. The app homepage is very similar and asks for the same information

### Report, view, or discuss local problems

(like potholes, broken paving slabs, street lighting, or flooding)

Enter a Lincolnshire postcode, street name and area, or check an existing report number:

e.g. LN1 1YL or Orchard Street, Lincoln


Reports are also published online, so that others in the community can see what's already been reported and subscribe to any reports they're interested in. Your issue may have already been reported, and there is a facility to update existing reports

#### How to report a problem

- 1 Enter a Lincolnshire postcode, street name and area, or check an existing report number
- 2 Locate the problem on a map of the area
- 3 Enter details of the problem
- 4 Confirm the report and Lincolnshire County Council will investigate

#### Recently reported problems

- Top road, Little Cawthorpe near St. Helens Church  
14:03 today, last updated 14:30 today
- Stalton Level Crossing  
14:03 today, last updated 14:03 today
- Stalton Level Crossing  
14:01 today, last updated 14:01 today
- Lamp post with 'Canwick' sign on and next lamp post  
14:01 today, last updated 14:01 today
- 43 Queens Street LN5 8LB  
13:40 today, last updated 13:40 today



1,209 reports in past week  
 2,178 fixed in past month  
 1,265,831 updates on reports

The application is really easy to use. All you have to do is type in a UK postcode – or let the site locate you automatically – and describe your problem. A picture truly does speak a thousand words so attaching photos of the issue could help to resolve the issue sooner. Then your report will be sent to the people whose job it is to fix it.

The categories under which a report can be submitted are:

Bollards, Bridges, Structures and Safety Barriers, Bus stops and shelters, Drains, Flooding – highway, Flooding - home or business, Graffiti, Grass, Grit Bins, Litter, Nuisance parking, Pavement and verge, Potholes, Public Rights of Way, Road Markings, Roads and cycleways, Roadworks, Signs, Street furniture, Street lighting, Street nameplates, Traffic signals, Trees, Weeds.



These extensive categories have sub-categories and should cover every eventuality.

For those who cannot access FixMyStreet you can still report the problem to Billingham Parish Council, who will submit it on to FixMyStreet on your behalf. FixMyStreet is used to report all issues, whether from an individual or the council.

## 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**

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE, WE WILL HAVE HAD A TALK BY PETER MARTIN ABOUT THE PART OF HIS LIFE SPENT AS A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER.

OUR PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR IS NOW COMPLETE AND DETAILS ARE SET OUT BELOW:

<b>26 FEB 2025</b>	<b>PETER MARTIN</b>	<b>LIFE AS A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER</b>
<b>26 MARCH 2025</b>	<b>MICK SKIPWORTH</b>	<b>BILLINGHAY STEAM MILL</b>
<b>30 APRIL 2025</b>	<b>CHRIS HEWIS</b>	<b>A PICTORIAL TOUR OF BYGONE LINCOLN</b>
<b>28 MAY 2025</b>	<b>IAN MARSHMAN</b>	<b>FOLKLORE IN THE HORNCastle &amp; WOODHALL SPA AREA (INCLUDES BILLINGHAY)</b>
<b>25 JUNE 2025</b>	<b>ANDREW JACKSON</b>	<b>SEARCHING FOR GILBERT COUNTY - THE LINCOLNSHIRE OF BILLINGHAY'S BERNARD SAMUEL GILBERT, AUTHOR, 1882 - 1927</b>

THERE 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. FULLER DETAILS WILL BE PUBLICISED WHEN THE EXACT PROGRAMME IS KNOWN.

<b>30 JULY 2025</b>	<b>BOB GARLANT</b>	<b>THE HISTORY &amp; MYSTERY OF PLACE NAMES</b>
<b>27 AUGUST 2025</b>	<b>SIMON PAWLEY</b>	<b>THE CARRE FAMILY OF SLEAFORD</b>
<b>17 SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	<b>MARK BAMFORD</b>	<b>THE HISTORY OF THE BASS MALTINGS, SLEAFORD</b>
<b>29 OCTOBER 2025</b>	<b>JEAN HOWARD</b>	<b>THE LIFE OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SUFFRAGETTE.</b>
<b>19 NOVEMBER 2025</b>	<b>TOM LANE, NIGEL &amp; TERI</b>	<b>LINCOLNSHIRE INNOVATORS AND EXPLORERS (WITH MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT)</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>	<b>NO PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH</b>	

# HUDSON FITNESS GYM

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**Our gym booking feature is optional however class booking is essential via the website.**

**When there is a class or group session on, the gym is unavailable to use during that time.**



**HUDSON FITNESS**

## CONTACT INFO

**Website- [www.hudson.fit](http://www.hudson.fit)**

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**Facebook- Hudson Fitness**

**Instagram- [@HudsonFitness17](https://www.instagram.com/HudsonFitness17)**

# LOCAL POLICE NEWS



## SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

### Local Team:

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector

Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant

Chris Green - Constable

### Most Commonly Reported Crimes - November 2024

Anti-social behaviour	11
Vehicle crime	6
Criminal Damage & Arson	6
Violence and Sexual Offences	26

### CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 30/11/2024

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
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%
Aug 24	48	8.90%
Sep 24	55	10.60%
Oct 24	55	10.20%
Nov 24	61	11.30%



## 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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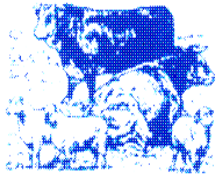
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<b>Bingo</b>	Monday	1.30pm The Whyche
<b>Bowls (Indoor)</b>	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
<b>British Legion</b>	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm Phone Stephen 07766186615 for info.
<b>Brownies</b>	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
<b>Girl Guides</b>	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
<b>Keep Fit</b>	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm
<b>Lighthouse Club (Secondary School Children)</b>	Alternate Fridays during term time	7.45 to 9.00pm
<b>Market &amp; Car Boot Sale</b>	Sunday	From 6.30am Field - Coach & Horses
<b>Methodist Lending Library</b>	2nd Monday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
<b>Night Owls Book Club</b>	3rd Thursday	7.30pm
<b>Rainbows</b>	Tuesdays	5.30 to 6.30pm
<b>YPF Children's Club</b>	Friday during term time	6.00 to 7.00pm

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<b>B.A.D.ASS</b> (Billinghay Amateur Dramatics Association) Bethel Baptist Chapel	<b>Thursdays</b> at the Village Hall or Ship - please call 07799617674 for info. New members always welcome
<b>Billinghay CEP School</b> <b>Billinghay Tuesday Club</b> <b>Bowls Club</b> <b>British Legion</b>	<b>Sundays</b> 10.30am & 6pm <b>Tuesdays</b> 7pm Pastor Richard Hilliard 07717392628 Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Tuesday</b> of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106 Indoor Bowls start September every Monday Secretary Stephen Taylor Tel: 07766186615
<b>Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup> Billingham)</b> <b>Children's Centre</b> <b>Community Rooms</b> <b>Daisy Chain</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 9am to 5pm <b>Monday to Friday</b> 869248 or 869271 <b>Bookings</b> John & Tina Toulson 07483156297 Pre-school <b>Mon-Fri</b> 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281
<b>Darby &amp; Joan</b> <b>Girl Guides</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 <b>Wednesdays</b> 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
<b>Lighthouse Youth Club</b>	<b>Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time)</b> Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
<b>Line Dancing</b> <b>Methodist Church</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall <b>Bookings</b> Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £20 for 3 hours
<b>Methodist Church</b> <b>Night Owls Book Club</b> <b>Past Times</b>	<b>Sundays</b> 10.30am Val 860614, <b>3rd Thursday of month 7.30pm at the Ship</b> Kylie Cozens History Group The Ship Inn (as advertised) Lou Hird 869086
<b>Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com
<b>St Michael's and All Angels Church</b>	<b>1st/3rd Sundays</b> 9.30am Holy Communion <b>4th Sunday</b> 11.00am Holy Communion <b>5th Sunday</b> 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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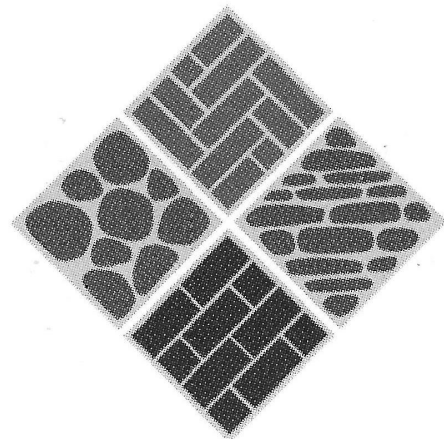


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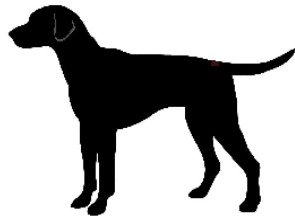
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## DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

### Forthcoming meetings :

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

### Outings:

15 April 2025 Baytree and Springfields

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## BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

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### Forthcoming Meetings:

4 March 2025	Spring in the Garden	Dave Newman
1 April 2025	Easter Trees	Rose Evans
6 May 2025	Bomber Command	Kenneth Moore

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### Coffee Mornings

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# BYGONES

We make no apology for repeating our old photo of a Parish Council Meeting. We have had several residents identifying the people in the picture and have inserted the names we have been given. Are they correct and do you know any of the remainder?.



The names we have been given are as below:

1. John Dowse
2. ?
3. Stuart Ravell
4. Bill Cullen
5. Ted Marshall
6. Stuart Wilson
7. Frank Markham
8. Barry Wilson
9. Juneta Wilson
10. Dr. Kerr
11. Bob Couling
12. ?

We look forward to you advising the full details in due course.



## BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



As mentioned in the last issue, the visit of our French colleagues has been arranged to coincide with school holidays in both countries, it has been decided that the visit will be between Saturday, 25 October and Wednesday, 29 October.

Fund raising has already started and our popular Christmas Hamper raffle draw raised £480 for the Association funds.

On 22 March 2025 we will be holding a Wine and Wisdom Evening 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.**

The picture below shows the Chair of the Billingham Twinning, Tina Toulson, presenting a cheque for £250 to Billingham Practice Manager, Rachel Eaton, for their Practice Fund.

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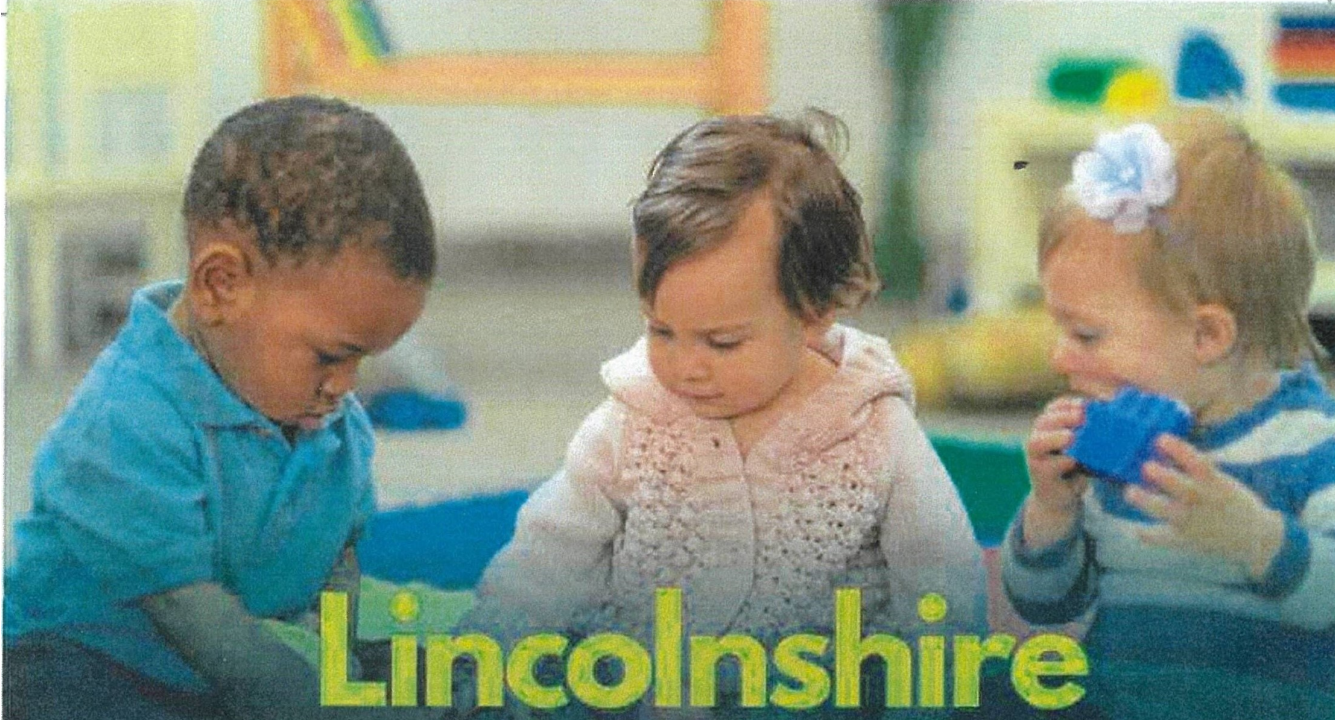
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7th	-	2nd 30th	28th	-	22nd
October	November	December	January	February	March
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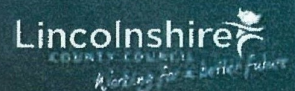
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AM	<p>Little Explorers 0-5 years 10am - 11am</p>	<p>Pop in and play 0 to 5 years 9.30-11.00am</p>	<p>Breast start from pregnancy and breastfeeding At Sleaford Children's Centre 11.15 - 12.30pm</p>	<p>Pop in and play 0-5 years 9.30 - 11am</p> <p>Top Tips 10-11am 31<sup>st</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> December at Sleaford CC</p>	<p>Moving on up! 0 to 5 years 10 - 11am</p>	<p>Lets Get Active 10-11am At Sleaford Children's Centre</p>
PM		<p>Early Explorers Under 1s 1.30-2.30pm</p>	<p>Pop in and Play Under 1's 1.00 - 2.30pm</p>	<p>Parent carer infant feeding 1.30pm - 3pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month</p> <p>Time for asking 'off topic' questions and sharing ideas and experiences.</p>		

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## THE LATEST QUIZ

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

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Highest Cog.	
2.	Ancient Act on the Street	
3.	A battle of a place	
4.	TV's Fat People	
5.	Distribute the cards or not	
6.	Next Door either side	
7.	Staying In	
8.	Wonderful View	
9.	Horticulturist's Planet	
10.	Final drink of the Season	

### Answers to last issue's quiz

- |                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Watchdog              | 2. Eggheads             |
| 3. The Weakest Link      | 4. Desperate Housewives |
| 5. Relocation Relocation | 6. A Touch of Frost     |
| 7. Ready, Steady, Cook   | 8. Cash in the Attic    |
| 9. QI                    | 10. Family Fortunes     |

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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.

In Part 2 of the series you were getting yourself organised. Armed with that information you can now start to make use of it for Part 8. And we are going to start with an easy one - check your regular subscriptions.

All banking apps allow you to see what direct debits and standing orders you pay. But when was the last time you checked them. Perhaps you have got a Netflix subscription you no longer use, an online (or paper) magazine that you never read or a gym membership you set up in January with the best of intentions. Or perhaps like me you set up an Amazon Subscribe & Save (which can be very useful) and now have a collection of shampoo bars, because it lasts longer than you thought!

Be honest with yourself, are you making use of it and is it good value for money? If the answer is no, cancel it.

Part 9 is going to get you thinking a little more long term. By now you have already checked your State Pension, but this is unlikely to be enough to live on when you stop work, and indeed it might not be in payment when you want to stop work, particularly for those 40 or below.

So you are going to need to work out how much is going to be enough. I often get asked by clients, 'Who much will I need?' and my honest response is that I cannot answer that. It will be very much dependent on your lifestyle and goals.

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Finally for this edition you are going to be thinking about your nearest and dearest again, and this time, who and how they will benefit when you are no longer here.

You will know by now that this series was inspired by the late Michael Mosley, who died suddenly whilst on holiday. He always came across as a well organised man who put family first. So I am sure he left his affairs in order.

Follow in his footsteps, as none of us know what the future holds. Take the time to write a Will. We know from experience with our clients that knowing what the wishes of the recently deceased were can be comforting at a time of distress. And whilst none of us expect it, disputes can happen when that person is no longer here, particularly if things aren't clear.

Our video boxsets may help, and the advice of a great solicitor is really important.

If you would like free access to our video library, please drop me an email at [clm@fhmanning.co.uk](mailto:clm@fhmanning.co.uk). No charge, no obligation, we just want to support as many people as possible on their journey to financial success, and this is one way we can help you.

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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# Walcott Village Hall

## Upcoming Events

### Community Coffee Mornings

2nd Tuesday of the month  
Starting 11th February  
10am-12pm

### Bingo

27th March, 24th April, 29th May  
“Eyes Down” 7pm  
Refreshments Available

### Spring Fayre

10th May, 11am-2pm  
Craft Stalls, Refreshments,  
Tombola + more

### Christmas Fayre

29th November  
Craft Stalls, Refreshments,  
Tombola, Santas Grotto + more

### Live Music by JFK Band

20th September  
Times + Tickets TBC

### Quiz

4th July  
6:30pm arrival, Quiz from 7pm  
BBQ + Drinks available

Hosting your own event and need a venue?  
Why not book the village hall  
100 person capacity, Parking, Kitchen/Bar  
Facilities  
To hire the hall contact 07957166623

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