

The Billinghay Times & Advertiser

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BILLINGHAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 12th MAY 2025

At The Methodist Church

(Refreshments will be available)

Commencing 6.00pm when residents will be able to:

- **Meet the Councillors**
- **Report any problems, issues or put forward ideas for the village.**
- **See a presentation on the District Council's Climate Action Plan**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed at 7.00pm by the Annual Parish Council General Meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Methodist Chapel

When: 1st Monday of month
(except Bank Holidays)

Time: 7.00pm



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

Vice Chair: Wendy Liles

Parish Clerk: Helen Key

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District Council Members: Sarah Anne Lawrence, Adrian Whittle

County Council Member: Andrew Key,

Assistant Clerk & Newsletter Co-Ordinator: Lou Hird

Editor: Billingham Parish Council

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



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.

BILLINGHAY BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Club have asked us to relay the undernoted message of thanks.

A BIG THANK YOU TO SANKATE HOMES LTD

The land behind the Bowling Green fence has been tidied up, everything moved to a more acceptable place, old tree stumps rooted out and levelled.

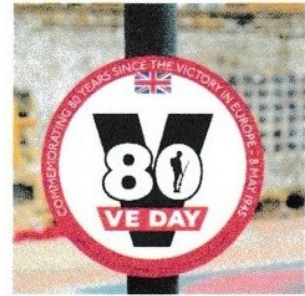
When I pointed out to Neil of Sankate Homes Ltd that a dangerous conifer overhanging our bowling green needed to come down, he immediately took on the job, branch by branch, removed the root with no damage to our precious green.

Thanks to all

Chair, Bowling Club



VE DAY 8th MAY 2025



Along with the rest of the country, Billingham Branch will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2025. We will be holding a short wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 11am on the day. St Michael's Church Community Group are going to hold a VE day themed coffee morning in the Church Hall commencing at 10 am. We hope to see you at both events.

Leading up to the day, the Branch are being supported by several businesses in raising funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal. Raffle boards are available in Sisters that Cake, Walcott, with a large cake as the prize; Shapes hairdressers with several hampers as prizes; and The Ship, The Plough at North Kyme and St Michael's Community Group each with a cash prize. We very much appreciate their support and hope you can drop in to any and purchase your chance to win. All proceeds go to help the RBL continue its amazing work.

In memoriam

We are sad to announce the recent passing of three RBL members, Terry and Marjorie Richards and Frank Holmes. Their support to the RBL was highly valued and we pass on our condolences to their families.

The Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail, or 'Chemin de la Liberté', was one of the toughest WW2 escape routes from Nazi-occupied France into Spain. Raising funds for the RBL Richard Simpson, the personal trainer from Willow House Physiotherapy, will be undertaking this trek from 22nd to 27th July 2025. Scan the QR code to see Richard's fundraising page for more information (or go to royalbritishlegion.enthuse.com and search for Richard Simpson). Please support this worthy endeavour.



Veterans ID Card

The HM Armed Forces Veteran Card, also known as a veterans ID card, is being issued to allow ex-service personnel to easily verify their service and access support services where needed. It will now be accepted as a valid photo ID at polling stations, starting with the local elections in May 2025 moving forward. If you have left HM Armed Forces on or after 17th December 2018, you will automatically be given one of the new ID cards. Anyone who has left the HM Armed Forces before 17th December 2018, will have to apply for the new ID card. Full details on how to apply are at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/expert-guidance/money-debt/veterans-id-card>.

Veterans Railcard

The veterans railcard is available to Veterans who served at least one day in His Majesty's UK Armed Forces. Just £35 for 1 year or £80 for 3 years and you get 1/3 off rail travel. Go to <https://www.veterans-railcard.co.uk> to apply.

A TRUE GENTLEMAN OF THE VILLAGE

In memory of Richard Thomas Woods, 1934 - 2025



It is with great sadness that we have to announce the loss of one of the village's great characters, Richard Wood, who passed away on the 22nd February aged 90 years.

Richard was well known around the village, willing to chat and exchange pleasantries with people he came across. He could usually be seen walking his dog every day and often in deep conversation with other dog walkers. The esteem in which he was held was well illustrated by the large numbers of people who attended his cremation

He was a pillar of the farming community for many years and continued working in some capacity well into his eighties. He was also a great family man who enjoyed spending time with his children, grand children and great grandchildren, a fact that was eloquently expressed in the eulogy given by his granddaughter Gemma at his funeral. He was also a great lover of sport often attending the Scarborough Cricket Festival where he formed a friendship with the legendary umpire Dickie Bird. A big supporter of Everton FC, he still found time to converse with at least one Liverpool supporter.

For a long period he was a hard-working member of the Parish Council offering sound advice and helping out wherever he could. During this time, he was actively involved with the publication of this Newsletter. Indeed, we were often told that he had a "fan club" who looked forward to each Newsletter to read his amusing articles on village life and sage comments on political and social changes. He was a difficult man to argue with as, even if you disagreed with him, there was never any malice and friendships were never threatened by this.

After he retired from the Council ("I am too old for this, new blood is required. You other old ones should think of retiring as well"), he continued writing his amusing articles. To raise money for one of his favourite charities, he published a book which sold very quickly among his readers and raised a substantial sum of money for the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. The stories often related to well known characters past and present within the village, often pointing fun at himself and those who knew his warm sense of humour.

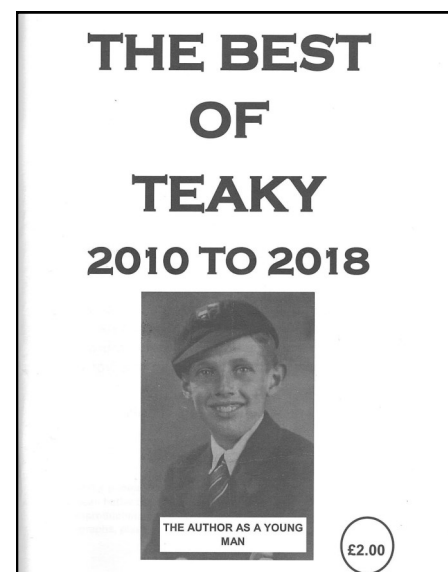
This was written under his pen name of "Teaky" and it amused him greatly when people asked Richard if he knew Teaky's identity before making a comment which was inevitably complimentary.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

No recollection of Teaky would be complete without inclusion of a couple of his observations on life:

"Too many people buy things they don't need, with money they don't have, to impress people they don't like"

"You can trust a dog to guard your house, but never trust a dog to guard your sandwich."



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BILLINGHAY MEDICAL PRACTICE

Billinghay 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 Billinghay Medical Practice page, on the practice website and in the surgery waiting room. All known veterans have been contacted.

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

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.

**2025
2026**

BIN COLLECTION DATES

- Please ensure your bins are out by **6.30am** on collection day
- To check what can go into each bin please refer to the A-Z recycling guide (www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/recyclingguide)



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

FRIDAY

2025

2026

Black Bin		Green Lidded Bin		Purple Bin	
April	4			April	11
April	18	April	25		
May	2			May	9
May	16	May	23		
May	30			June	6
June	13	June	20		
June	27			July	4
July	11	July	18		
July	25			August	1
August	8	August	15		
August	22			August	29
September	5	September	12		
September	19			September	26
October	3	October	10		
October	17			October	24
October	31	November	7		
November	14			November	21
November	28	December	5		
December	12			December	19
December	27 (SAT)				
		January	3 (SAT)		
January	9			January	16
January	23	January	30		
February	6			February	13
February	20	February	27		
March	6			March	13
March	20	March	27		
April	3			April	10

2025
2026

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION DATES



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thank you for joining our garden waste collection service.

Friday - Week 1

Brown wheeled bin - collection dates

April	4		October	3
April	18	NO CHANGE	October	17
May	2		October	31
May	16		November	14
May	30		November	28
June	13		December	12
June	27			
July	11		January	23
July	25		February	6
August	8		February	20
August	22		March	6
September	5		March	20
September	19			

Friday - Week 2

Brown wheeled bin - collection dates

March	28		September	26
April	11		October	10
April	25		October	24
May	9		November	7
May	23		November	21
June	6		December	5
June	20			
July	4		January	16
July	18		January	30
August	1		February	13
August	15		February	27
August	29		March	13
September	12			

Brown wheeled bin - What goes in & what stays out

✓ Yes please

- ✓ Grass, weeds and hedge cuttings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Clean straw
- ✓ Flowers and plants
- ✓ Twigs and small branches
- ✓ Real Christmas trees (cut into small lengths)

✗ No thank you

- ✗ Bags (plastic & biodegradable)
- ✗ Food waste (inc. fruit & veg peelings)
- ✗ Ash
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Bricks & hardcore
- ✗ Tree stumps & root balls
- ✗ Grass sods and turf
- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Household waste
- ✗ Soiled pet bedding

For further information please visit www.n-kesteven.gov.uk
Please ensure your bins are out by 06.30 am on collection day

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN NKDC SUPPLY THE STICKER FOR THIS SERVICE THEY WILL INDICATE THE WEEK OF COLLECTION. BILLINGHAY IS MAINLY COLLECTED ON WEEK 2 BUT THERE ARE A FEW AREAS IN WEEK1.



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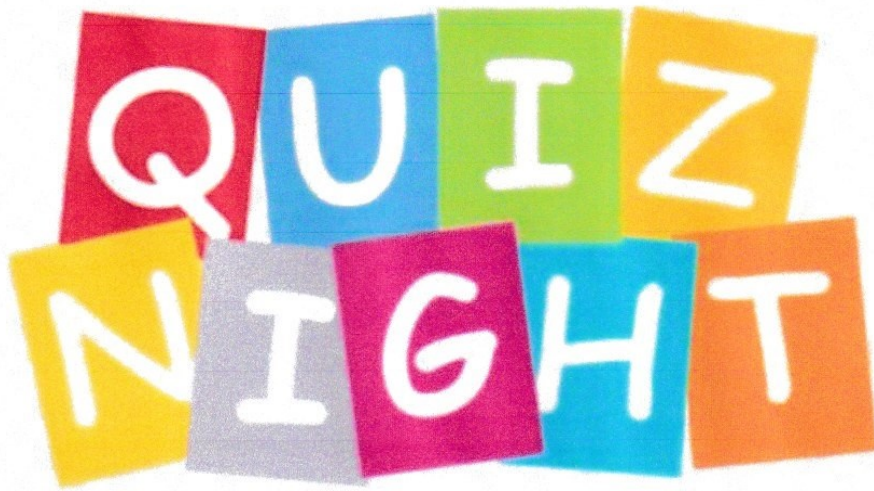
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The logo for 'Quiz Night' is composed of ten colorful rectangular blocks arranged in two rows. The top row contains the letters 'Q', 'U', 'I', and 'Z' in white on red, blue, green, and yellow backgrounds respectively. The bottom row contains the letters 'N', 'I', 'G', 'H', and 'T' in white on yellow, grey, magenta, cyan, and orange backgrounds respectively. The blocks are slightly offset and have a hand-drawn, paper-like appearance.

QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 10th May
2025
7 for 7.30pm
Billinghay Community
Rooms**

**Teams of up to 6 people
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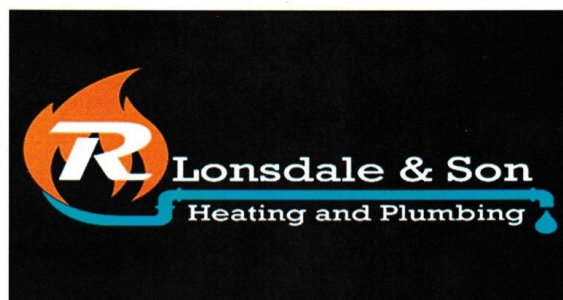
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Renew class: Tattershall Village Hall, 10.15am-11.15am (Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates-based with relaxation)

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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A True Pillar of the Community

In memory of Terry Richards, 1944 - 2025

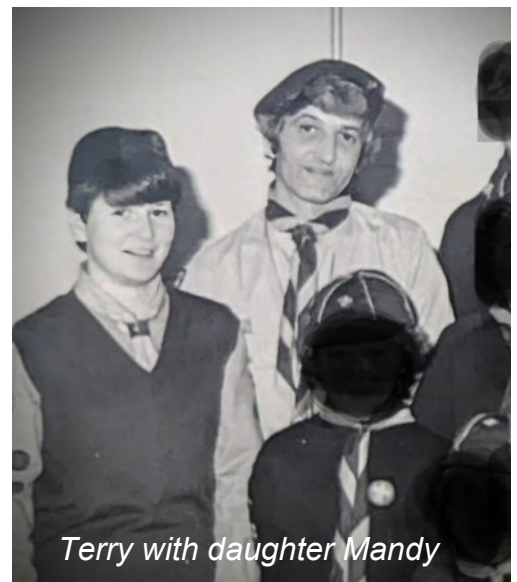


Terence John Richards, familiarly known to all as Terry, was born in 1944 in Lincolnshire. Terry completed an apprenticeship with Rustons Engineering in Lincoln in 1966, working the night shift engineering turbines for Rolls Royce aircraft engines. That same year he married Marjorie in Bracebridge, after a 5 year 'courtship'. His work took him to Japan on 2 occasions. Always wanting to help others, they fostered young children for many years.

His association with Billingham began in 1982 when he and his family took up ownership of the sweet shop in Queen Street, one of a number of businesses in the area at the time. They moved to St Michaels Close in 1984.

But most people will remember Terry for his selfless engagement in village life. He was an instrumental and originating member of the Twinning Association, supporting Billingham twinning with Ballon in 1987. His children even went on a school exchange before the formal twinning. He enjoyed his trips to France and fostering Anglo-French relationships. In 1984/5 he started the 1st Billingham Scout Group, starting with cubs and evolving to include scouts and beavers. He served on the Billingham Parish Council for a number of years until 2015, one of his responsibilities being the unlocking and securing of the cemetery gates on a daily basis as part of his activities on the Cemetery Sub-Committee. He was an active member of the Village Hall Committee, also serving as the Vice Chairman for a period of time, and was involved in many activities around the village such as the installation of the Christmas tree, the maintenance of the flower boxes on the entrances to the village, the millennium street market and his role as Father Christmas at the Primary School. Many may remember him pulling pints on New Years Eve in the Ship Inn.

He was a keen military enthusiast, perhaps inherited from his father Robert's military service. Whilst not serving himself, he became a committed member of the Billingham Branch of the Royal British Legion, joining in 1995. He was elected to the General Committee in Oct 1997, became Chairman of the Social Committee in Oct 1997 and Branch Chairman in Oct 2001, remaining in the post until 2019. He was still a Legion member at the time of his passing. Many remember and are grateful for his commitment in helping serving members and veterans through the RBL. He was a stalwart of the Poppy Appeal, being the Poppy Appeal Organiser from Jan 2018 to Jun 2021 and recognised for 20 years overall voluntary service in 2021. In that time he and his team of volunteers helped raise thousands of pounds for the Poppy Appeal.



Terry with daughter Mandy

Sadly, Terry passed away on 25 Feb 25. He will be greatly missed by all his relatives and friends.

May he rest in peace.



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

We look forward to meeting you!!

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY - BILLINGHAY

The Parish Council have received several complaints about the use of the Public Rights of Way within the village.

These generally fall into the categories below:

- People using the paths but not keeping to the designated footway and trespassing onto private land with the possibility of causing damage to crops and the like. We would ask all users to ensure that they keep to the actual paths and not take “shortcuts” across cultivated land.
- People riding horses along the footpaths - this is only legal on rights of way that are designated bridleways. Riders must ensure that the path they are using is a bridleway.
- The footpaths not being clearly defined and kept in a reasonable state for people to walk along them. These should be reported immediately.

The Parish Council will listen to such complaints and, where felt necessary, make representations to enable remedial action to be taken.

However, the responsibility for the management and enforcement of Public Rights of Way and work with farmers and other landowners to ensure access is not affected, belongs with the Lincolnshire County Council.

Full details of their remit is on the County Council website under the heading of Public Rights of Way.

They can be contacted as below:

Lincolnshire County Council, Public Rights of Way, Lancaster House, 36 Orchard Street, Lincoln LN1 1XX

Telephone No: 01522 782070

Email: countryside_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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

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<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)

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

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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

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

Recently reported problems

- Top road, Little Cawthorpe near St. Helen's Church
14/03 today, last updated 14/03 today
- Stainton Level Crossing
14/03 today, last updated 14/03 today
- Stainton 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



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

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 HAD AN INTERESTING TALK BY PETER MARTIN ABOUT THE PART OF HIS LIFE SPENT AS A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER IN HAPPISBURGH IN NORFOLK.

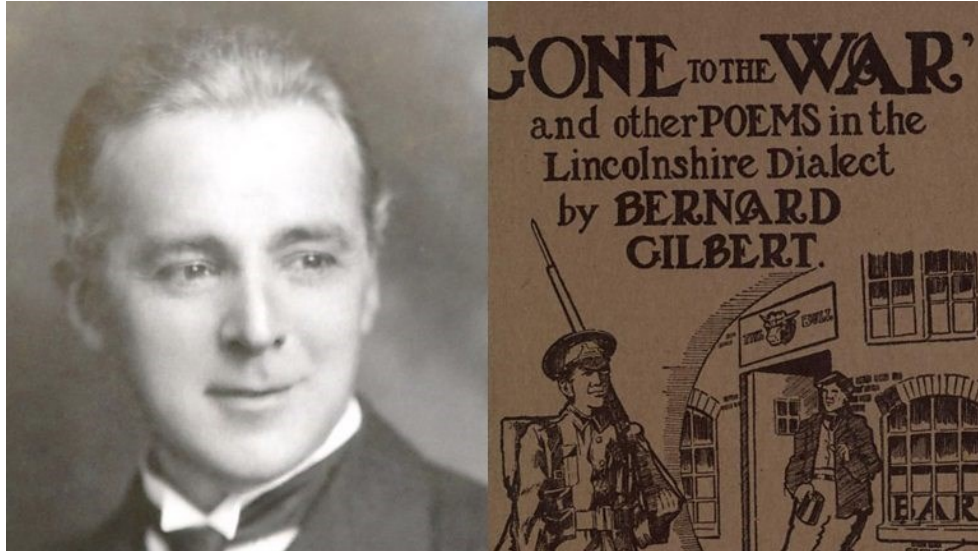
OUR TALK IN MARCH WAS CHANGED AT THE LAST MINUTE DUE TO ILLNESS AND TOM LANE, NIGEL AND TERI STEPPED INTO THE BREACH WITH A MUSICALLY THEMED "LINCOLNSHIRE - HISTORY IN MUSIC"

OUR FUTURE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND DETAILS ARE SET OUT BELOW:

26 FEB 2025	PETER MARTIN	LIFE AS A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER
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)
25 JUNE 2025	ANDREW JACKSON	SEARCHING FOR GILBERT COUNTY - THE LINCOLNSHIRE OF BILLINGHAY'S BERNARD SAMUEL GILBERT, AUTHOR, 1882 - 1927 SPECIAL EVENT - SEE PAGES 20 & 21 FOR DETAILS.
30 JULY 2025	BOB GARLANT	THE HISTORY & MYSTERY OF PLACE NAMES
27 AUGUST 2025	SIMON PAWLEY	THE CARRE FAMILY OF SLEAFORD
17 SEPTEMBER 2025	MARK BAMFORD	THE HISTORY OF THE BASS MALTINGS, SLEAFORD
29 OCTOBER 2025	JEAN HOWARD	THE LIFE OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SUFFRAGETTE.
19 NOVEMBER 2025	TOM LANE, NIGEL & TERI	LINCOLNSHIRE INNOVATORS AND EXPLORERS (WITH MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT)
DECEMBER 2025	NO PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH	
25 FEBRUARY 2026	MICK SKIPWORTH	BILLINGHAY STEAM MILL

DISCOVERING BERNARD GILBERT COUNTRY

As announced in previous issues, the Parish Council in conjunction with Bishop Grosseteste University and the local History Group are organising a day to celebrate and look at the life of the famous novelist and poet, Bernard Gilbert who hailed from Billingham.



This will take place on Wednesday 25th June 2025 and there will be a full day of activities to:

- acquaint people with the works of Bernard Gilbert
- explore how he used Billingham and the surrounding district as the basis for fictitious locations in his works.

Each of the separate activities will run as a separate event and anyone wishing to join the day can attend all or any of them. The walks have been registered as part of the North Kesteven Walking Festival and can also be booked via their website.

Each walk will have information conveyed as to how the area was incorporated into the author's works and specific references to these given.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Walk 1 Walcott and Catley Priory
Start 9.30am Meet at Walcott Village Hall

This is a rural walk with a circular route focusing on locations mentioned in the fictional writings of Billingham born author, Bernard Gilbert.

Estimated length 4 miles and duration 2 Hours

Walk 2 Tattershall Bridge to Dogdyke and Return
Start 2.00pm Meet at the Royal Oak Public House

A gentle walk along the River Witham with a view of Tattershall Castle, the setting for Bernard Gilbert's tale of "John of the Fens" set in the English Civil War

Estimated length 2 miles and duration 1.5 Hours



Walk 3 Billingham Village Walk (Circular)
Start 5.00pm Meet outside St Michael's Church

A walk around Billingham, the birthplace of Bernard Gilbert. The walk will take in places featured in his works or of specific relevance, see below:

Place	Location	Link
St Michaels Church	Church Street	Memorial Plaque
Old Churchyard/Cemetery	Church Street	Site of Grave
Ivy House	West Street	Family Home
Mill	West Street	Family Business
Primitive Methodist Chapel	West Street	Store for family business
River Skirth & New Bridge	Bridge Street	"Bank breaking" poem
Fairground Field	Tattershall Road	
Wesleyan Methodist Chapel	Victoria Street	Chapel related writings
War Memorial	Market Place	War poems
Local Public Houses	Various	Pub related writings

Evening at the Church Community Rooms

There will be a fee of £3.00 per person for the evening talk (payable by cash at the door).

6.30pm	Tea Coffee and Refreshments
7.00pm	Talk by Dr Andrew J H Jackson (author of a book on Bernard Gilbert) titled "Searching for Gilbert Country". This will include an explanation of the link between fictional places mentioned in Gilbert's works such as Fletton with real locations in the local area.
8.00pm	Short Break with refreshments followed by a look at books and maps illustrating local areas/landmarks that can identified on Gilbert's writings. This will give local residents the chance to identify such occurrences to add to those already known.
9.00pm	Finish

If you require further information, please contact Lou Hird (Billinghay History Group) on 07756268762 .

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Local Team:

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Most Commonly Reported Crimes - February 2025

Anti-social behaviour	5
Shoplifting	4
Criminal Damage & Arson	5
Violence and Sexual Offences	19

CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 28/02/2025

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Mar-24	41	7.30%
Apr-24	37	6.60%
May-24	45	8.10%
Jun-24	32	5.70%
July 24	46	8.20%
Aug 24	48	8.60%
Sep 24	56	10.00%
Oct 24	55	9.80%
Nov 24	61	10.90%
Dec 24	47	8.40%
Jan 25	48	8.60%
Feb 25	43	7.70%

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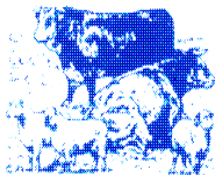


REGULAR MEETINGS

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 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
YPF Children's Club	Friday during term time	6.00 to 7.00pm

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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 (Indoor) Bowls Club (Outdoor)	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 Roll up each Sunday Morning 10.00am April - September Secretary Stephen Taylor Tel: 07766186615
British Legion	
Brownies (2nd Billingham) Children's Centre	Wednesdays 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 12.00 Friday 869248 or 869271 Bookings John & Tina Toulson 07483156297 Pre-school Mon-Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE School 07799 091281 Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 Wednesdays 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
Community Rooms Daisy Chain	Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time) Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £20 for 3 hours
Darby & Joan Girl Guides	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
Lighthouse Youth Club	Tuesdays (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com
Line Dancing Methodist 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 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)
Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club Past Times	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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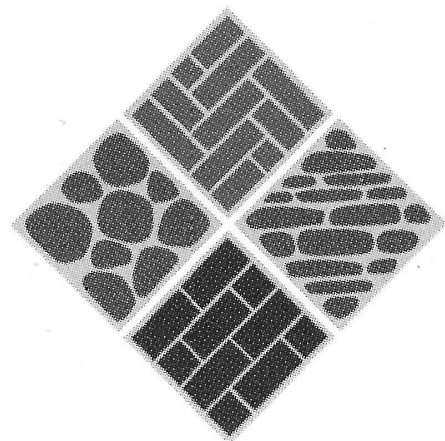


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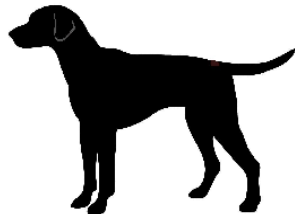
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22 July 2025	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting

Outings:

13 May 2025	9.00am	Bomber Command Centre & Lincoln
3 June 2025	8.30am	Tissington Well Dressing
1 July 2025	8.30am	Lavender Fields and Hunstanton

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

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

Meetings are held in the Church Rooms, Billingham - 7.30pm start

Forthcoming Meetings:

6 May 2025	Bomber Command	Kenneth Moore
3 June 2025	Understanding Granny's Photo Album	Horace Liberty
1 July 2025	Dyson's Strawberry Factory Visit (to be confirmed)	

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

Coffee Mornings

13 May 2025
15 July 2025
7 October 2025

Book & Jigsaw Library - Second Monday each month
2.00 to 3.30pm

BYGONES

We make no apology for another repeat of the old photo of a Parish Council Meeting. We have had further residents identifying the people in the picture and have inserted the names we have been given. Are they correct?.



The names we have been given are as below:

1. John Dowse
2. Miriam Clarke
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. Maureen Sawyer



BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Just a reminder that the next visit from our Franch colleagues will now take place between Saturday, 25 October and Wednesday, 29 October.

A highly successful Wine & Wisdom Quiz in March raised a substantial sum towards the cost of entertaining our visitors. Many thanks to all the people who attended.

More details of the trip will be given in later issues of the Newsletter..

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October	November	December	January	February	March
20th	17th	15th	Not yet known	Not yet known	Not yet known

**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

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AM	Little Explorers 0 to 5 years 10 - 11am	Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30 - 11am	Pop in and Play Under 1s 9.30-11am Breast start from pregnancy and breastfeeding 11.15am – 12.30pm Held at Sleaford Children's Centre	Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30 - 11am Top Tips for Babies 3 to 4 Months 10am – 11am 24 April - Held at Sleaford CC Breast Start 9.30am – 10.45am First and Third Thursday of the month	Moving On Up! 0 to 5 years 10 - 11am	
PM	Centre closed 21 April	Early Explorers Under 1s 1.30 – 2.30pm	Pop in and Play 0 – 18 months 1.30pm – 3pm	Parent and Carer Forums 11.30-1pm 24 April At Sleaford Children's Centre		

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THE LATEST QUIZ

For this issue’s quiz, the answers are all Musical Groups!

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	Quartet in a Spin	
2.	Cinnamon Maidens	
3.	The shaver is not heavy	
4.	Distorted vision	
5.	Dark Sunday	
6.	Primates from the North Pole	
7.	Mexican Food would be bland without them	
8.	Frozen Precipitation guard	
9.	The lads from Bondi	
10.	Not Death in the Orient	

Answers to last issue’s quiz

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Top Gear | 2. Antiques Roadshow |
| 3. Waterloo Road | 4. Teletubbies |
| 5. Deal or No Deal | 6. Neighbours |
| 7. Not Going Out | 8. Panorama |
| 9. Gardener’s World | 10. Last of the Summer Wine |



Just One Financial Thing – Part 4

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.

Many people have had a series of jobs over their careers and, perhaps like you, they have a stack of papers about various pensions they have. In reality they have no idea how much they are worth and if they are older pensions whether they have guarantees, limitations or protections built in.

So the next step is to find out what you have got now. You cannot build a plan for the future without understanding where you are currently are. If you are starting out in your career and been enrolled in our workplace pension, do take an interest in how much is being contributed and where it is being invested. There is a FREE service to help you – www.gov.uk/find-pension-details, or if you don't know where to start, seek out an Independent Financial Adviser - **www.vouchedfor.co.uk**

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