

# The Billinghay Times & Advertiser

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# SAVE THE DATE

Billinghay Medical Practice Patient  
Participation Group are holding  
a fundraiser at the Practice on

**WEDNESDAY 16TH**  
**JULY FROM 9AM-12PM**

Please do come along and support us

Tombola

Book stall

Cake stall

Raffle

Thank you in advance for your support

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Where:** Methodist Chapel

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Steve Cottrell

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**Parish Councillors:** Roger Miller, Wendy Liles, Ian Green, Ann Vipond, Jane Ledger and Robert Greetham

**District Council Members:** Sarah Anne Lawrence, Adrian Whittle

**County Council Member:** David East

**Assistant Clerk & Newsletter Co-Ordinator:** Lou Hird

**Editor:** Billingham Parish Council

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



**Billingham 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

## BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



At the time of writing, we are already into term 6 at school and are nearing the end of another successful academic year.

We are significantly over subscribed for September in terms of the number of reception aged pupils joining us. We are looking forward to welcoming all our new children and their parents/carers to school over the summer term with the many transition events taking place.

Due to being over subscribed we are going back to six classes from September. Mrs Sharples will be joining our teaching team and the new class will be Lancaster class. Four of our six classes from September will be single aged classes.

Some of the events happening in school this term:

- Year 6 Experience Day at Lincoln College which includes opportunities for pupils to take part in taster sessions in a range of subject areas such as: Health & Social Care, Childcare, Mechanical Engineering, Sport and Electrical Installations.
- Red Arrow Reception class visit to Skegness.
- Red Arrow class graduation.
- Year 6 leaver events.
- Sports Days.
- Our School Summer Gala.

Our Red Arrow and Spitfire classes have been accessing music tuition from the Lincolnshire Music Service this term. The Spitfire Class have had whole class ukulele tuition. The Red Arrow class have been looking into rhythm and pitch. The Music Service have also been working with our choir. This carries on from the amazing iSing Pop concert performed by our children last term at St Michael's Church.

A group of children took part in the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations by laying a wreath at Billinghay Market Place.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to continued success in the final term of the school year.

With best wishes,

Mr R Allen, Headteacher.

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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.





# VE DAY 80<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025



It was really good to see such a good turnout for the celebrations of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.

We must never forget the sacrifices made by civilians and military personnel throughout the war. Almost 384,000 servicemen and 70,000 civilians died.



The celebrations began at 10am at the St Michaels Church Group coffee morning. Tina Toulson and Marjorie had done an excellent job in organising the church hall and ensuring a vibrant atmosphere for the day. Many of the participants had dressed in the 1940s style and were clearly out to celebrate.



At 11am all attended the wreath laying at the War Memorial. It was particularly pleasing to have a representative group of children from Billingham School, ensuring that we continue to remember the sacrifices made during the war in future generations. The RBL was further represented by members of the RBL Riders Branch. And it was good to see Billingham residents as well.







Then back to the coffee morning for the celebrations to begin in earnest. The entertainer Stephen Taylor enthusiastically led the 40s singing, including those wartime classics 'We'll Meet Again' and 'The White Cliffs of Dover', before moving into the 50s and 60s musical era. He soon had everyone singing and even dancing. Thanks go to the The Ship Inn for providing the magnificent



buffet. We are also very grateful to North Kesteven District Council for the grant which allowed us to fund the celebrations.

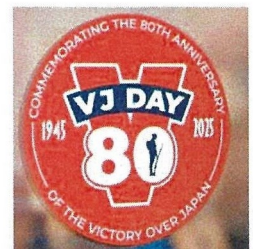
Leading up to the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ruth Catlett, the Billingham RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser, worked with several local businesses and organisations running several raffles, and providing outlets for the VE Day pins, in order to raise funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal. The generosity of everyone who provided raffle prizes and bought tickets was amazing. Thanks must go to Sisters That Cake in Walcott, The Plough in North Kyme and, in Billingham, The Ship Inn, Shapes, Willow House and the St Michaels Church Group. Pictured is just one of the many



hampers offered as prizes by Shapes. The combined efforts raised a total of £1590.55.



Once again, a massive thank you to all involved in every aspect of the celebrations and sorry we could not mention you all by name. And let us remember that whilst the War in Europe ended on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, fighting continued in the Far East and the VJ (Victory in Japan) Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will



be on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Look out for further information for any events marking this significant day.



## Caring and coping; social connectedness and resilience in spousal carers



Do you care for your spouse/partner who has dementia?  
Are you over the age of 65 years?  
Do you live in Lincolnshire?  
Would you be interested in taking part in research?

### What will it involve?

We are carrying out research into how sources of support may change for carers over the course of a year and how it affects their wellbeing.

Participants will be asked to take part in 3 meetings spread across 12 months, where they will be asked to complete 2 questionnaires and then a recorded interview looking at their social connections and support networks.

Sessions will take place at your home or somewhere nearby at your convenience.

All responses are anonymised and participation is voluntary.



If you would like to know more and arrange an informal chat please contact:

Rachel Boydell, PhD student.

18689164@students.lincoln.ac.uk

07453 660742

The project 'Caring and coping; social connectedness and resilience in spousal carers' contributes to research conducted on behalf of the University of Lincoln and has received a favourable ethical opinion by a University Research Ethics Committee  
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# THANK YOUS

**We are happy to print this letter of thanks from a grateful resident celebrating her 90th birthday**

I recently celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in April with a party at St Michael's Community Rooms and I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make it such a special occasion for me.

I would particularly like to thank Shirley Rushby and all of her helpers for all their hard work in putting on a magnificent buffet that all praised highly

I would like to thank Courtney Luther for making a splendid birthday cake and also Stephen Taylor for providing musical entertainment all afternoon that had everyone clapping their hands and tapping their feet and many people on their feet dancing the afternoon away.

Also I would like to thank Dave Metcalfe for photographing the event and giving me an album to ensure that I will always have memories of my day

I am extremely grateful to all who attended and contributed the grand sum of £400 to a collection for the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.

Last but not least I would like to thank my son Jonathan and daughter-in-law Maria for everything that they did to make it such a special day.

I would like to finish by repeating my thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a wonderful time for me

**Shirley Hagger**

## DARBY & JOAN CLUB

Thanks to everyone who helped and came to support the Darby & Joan Jumble sale held in April, we made a massive amount of £734. We are so grateful and thank you all so much.

Also, by the time you read this Newsletter, a presentation will have taken place at the Darby & Joan meeting on the 24th June to **Gwen Tomlinson**. Gwen is retiring after being a hostess for over 60 years, She was not only a hostess, baking home made cakes and pastries, but the Chairman for 10 years.

We wish her all the very best, thanking her so much for her dedication and time given to our Club.

## The PCC of St Michael's Church

The PCC of St Michael's Church would like to thank all who supported our quiz on May 10th. Ten teams competed in the quiz and the winning team was The Page Turners (a team of members from the village book club) and £567 was raised for the church.

It is hoped that there will be another quiz later in the year

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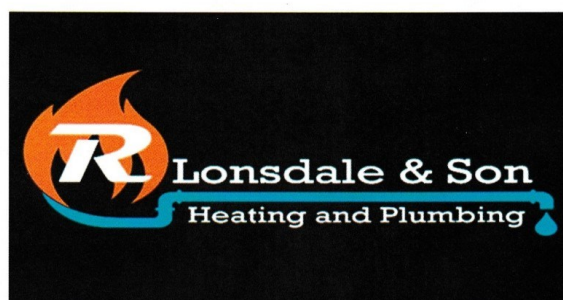
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**Seated exercise:** Tattershall Village Hall 2.30-3.30pm

**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 Village Hall and Playing Field is a registered charity and relies upon volunteers to fund-raise and maintain. New volunteers are always welcomed so if you would like to be involved in your local community why not come along and give it a try? We are always looking for fresh ideas for events and inclusive uses of our village hall, and can always use some extra help in the practical side such as D I Y etc.

The hall is available to hire for private functions and you can see details of hiring fees and upcoming events on our Facebook page, or contact our bookings clerk June Davies on 07506 000416. We will be happy to show you around the hall and discuss your requirements.

So help us to retain and make the best use of YOUR village hall. It's there for all the community of Billinghay and district so why not get involved and help it to continue to serve our community. Thankyou

### **Billinghay Village Hall Committee**

**The photos below show some of the recent improvements made to the hall.**





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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

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Email: [countryside\\_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:countryside_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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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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Use my current location

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

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



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.





## **BILLINGHAY HISTORY GROUP**

OUR PROGRAMME OF EVENTS DURING THE CURRENT YEAR HAS PROGRESSED EXTREMELY WELL WITH RECENT EXCELLENT PRESENTATIONS BY CHRIS HEWIS AND IAN MARSHMAN. BY THE TIME THIS ISSUE IS DISTRIBUTED, THE DAY LONG CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF THE BILLINGHAY AUTHOR BERNARD GILBERT WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND WE WILL HAVE A FULL REPORT IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

FUTURE EVENTS ALREADY PLANNED ARE:

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	

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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 - March 2025

Anti-social behaviour	6
Other Theft	4
Criminal Damage & Arson	3
Violence and Sexual Offences	24

### CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 28/02/2025

MONTH	NUMBER	% OF TOTAL
Apr-24	37	6.60%
May-24	45	8.00%
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%
Mar 25	43	7.70%

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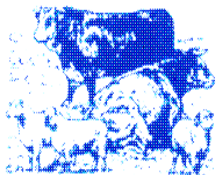
## REGULAR MEETINGS

The dates and start times for each such Group are given below:

<b>B.A.D.ASS</b>	Thursdays	7.00pm Ship or Village Hall Phone Kate 07799617674 for info
<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) <b>Bethel Baptist Chapel</b>	<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 (Indoor)</b> <b>Bowls Club (Outdoor)</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 Roll up each Sunday Morning 10.00am April - September Secretary Stephen Taylor Tel: 07766186615
<b>British Legion</b>	
<b>Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup> Billingham)</b> <b>Children's Centre</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324 Fen Road 8.30am to 4.30pm <b>Monday to Thursday</b> <b>9.00am to 12.00 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>Community Rooms</b> <b>Daisy Chain</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 <b>Wednesdays</b> 6.45pm Contact Emma 07557354981
<b>Darby &amp; Joan</b> <b>Girl Guides</b>	<b>Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time)</b> Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
<b>Lighthouse Youth Club</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>Line Dancing</b> <b>Methodist Church</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>Methodist Church</b> <b>Night Owls Book Club</b> <b>Past Times</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com
<b>Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)</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.
<b>St Michael's and All Angels</b> <b>Church</b>	Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms <b>Chairman</b> Tina Toulson 01526 860262 <b>Bookings</b> June Davies 861652
<b>Tennis Club</b> <b>Tuesday Club</b> <b>Twinning Association</b> <b>Village Hall</b> <b>Voluntary Car Service</b>	Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency) <b>Every Friday at 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time</b> Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
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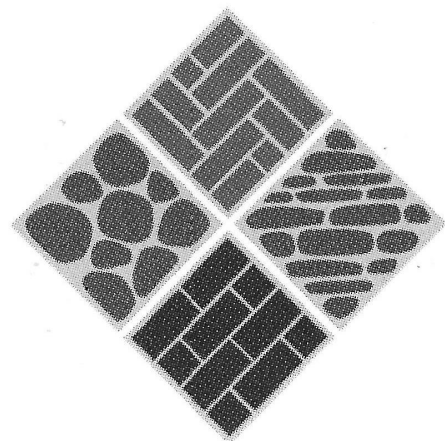


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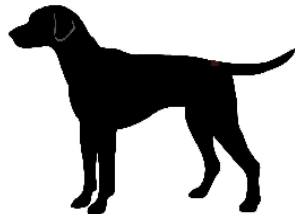
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### **Forthcoming meetings :**

22 July 2025	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
19 August 2025	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Meeting
16 Sept 2025	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Community Rooms	Harvest Festival

### **Outings:**

1 July 2025	8.30am	Lavender Fields and Hunstanton
5 August 2025	12.30pm	Rutland Water Cruise & Tea
2 Sept 2025	10.00am	Jug & Bottle Holton le Clay Carvery & Cleethorpes

**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:**

1 July 2025	Dyson's Strawberry Factory Visit (to be confirmed)
5 August 2025	CPR & AED training EMAS
2 Sept 2025	Fudge Sam & Matt Sorrell

## **BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH**

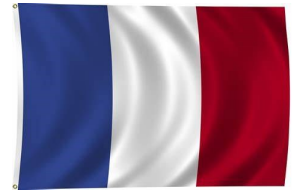
### **Coffee Mornings**

15 July 2025  
7 October 2025

**Book & Jigsaw Library** - Second Monday each month  
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## BILLINGHAY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



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

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

We are currently planning another of our successful Countdown evenings where we share the proceeds with a local organisation. The provisional date for this is the 6 December 2025. Let Tina Toulson know if you wish to enter a team.

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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/ PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	<p>Little Explorers 0 to 5 years 10am -11am</p>	<p>Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30am – 11am</p>	<p>Pop in and Play Under 1s 9.30am – 11am</p> <p>Breast Start from Pregnancy and Breastfeeding 11.15am – 12.30pm <a href="#">Held at Sleaford CC</a></p>	<p>Pop in and Play 0 to 5 years 9.30am – 11am</p> <p>Breast Start from Pregnancy and Breastfeeding 9.30am – 10.45am <a href="#">This takes place the first and third Thursday of the month.</a></p>	<p>Moving On Up! 0 to 5 years 10am – 11am</p>	
PM	<p>Recovery College – 5 Ways to Wellbeing 1pm – 3pm</p> <p>Visit <a href="http://www.lpt.nhs.uk/recoverycollege">www.lpt.nhs.uk/recoverycollege</a> for course details &amp; online registration. <a href="#">Held at Sleaford CC</a></p>	<p>Early Explorers Under 1s 1.30pm-2.30pm</p> <p><a href="#">*NO SESSION 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE</a></p>	<p>Pop in and Play Under 2s 1.30pm – 3pm</p>	<p>Top Tips for Babies 3 to 4 months 10am-11am 19 June &amp; 31 July <a href="#">Held at Sleaford CC</a></p> <p>Parent Carer Forums 11.30am – 1pm 26 June only <a href="#">Held at Sleaford CC</a></p>		

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## THE LATEST QUIZ

**For this issue's quiz, work out the Imperial Unit from the clues given.!**

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3.	6 feet	
4.	8 gallons	
5.	8 pints	
6.	22 Yards	
7.	16 drams	
8.	9 gallons	
9.	1210 square yards	
10.	640 acres	

**Answers to last issue's quiz**

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Four Tops              | 2. Spice Girls    |
| 3. Razorlight             | 4. Blur           |
| 5. Black Sabbath          | 6. Arctic Monkeys |
| 7. Red Hot Chilli Peppers | 8. Snow Patrol    |
| 9. Beachboys              | 10. Westlife      |



## Just One Financial Thing – Part 5

We continue with our series of financial tips and start with the experience of a client. He had been offered a great deal to buy a car, if it was taken on finance. With no repayment clauses it made sense to take out the finance with a view to paying it off quickly (perhaps even immediately from cash reserves - that's a tip for another day!) but was turned down. This was someone of a more advanced age, with no mortgage, credit card and debts. He rang me to discuss the alternative options, and the first step was to check his credit score. This is something that most of us do not do.

It transpired that as he had never had any debt, he had no credit score, meaning that the lender had no track record to decide on credit worthiness. This is perhaps a rare instance, but we should all be aware of our credit rating and check it regularly. It could also highlight potential scams, where your address had been used by a third party. So take 5 minutes to register with one of the free services and check your records are correct.

The next tip is something that we all know we should do, but many of us struggle to find the time for - check your renewals. It might be car insurance, building and contents insurance or your mobile phone contract. This applies to your personal contracts but also to your business contracts. It is a competitive market and there are people out there vying for your business.

This means that we have to be on high alert (if it looks too good to be true it probably is) but on the other hand when a policy is due for renewal do not be afraid to try and negotiate. There are some great comparison websites, but again remember that not everyone is on those and some of the great deals can be found by going direct.

And if you don't have time, make use of a broker. They are there to help you find the best deal - not just based on price but on finding the right policy for you - and I am sure that some of my connections might comment on this post so that you can contact them.



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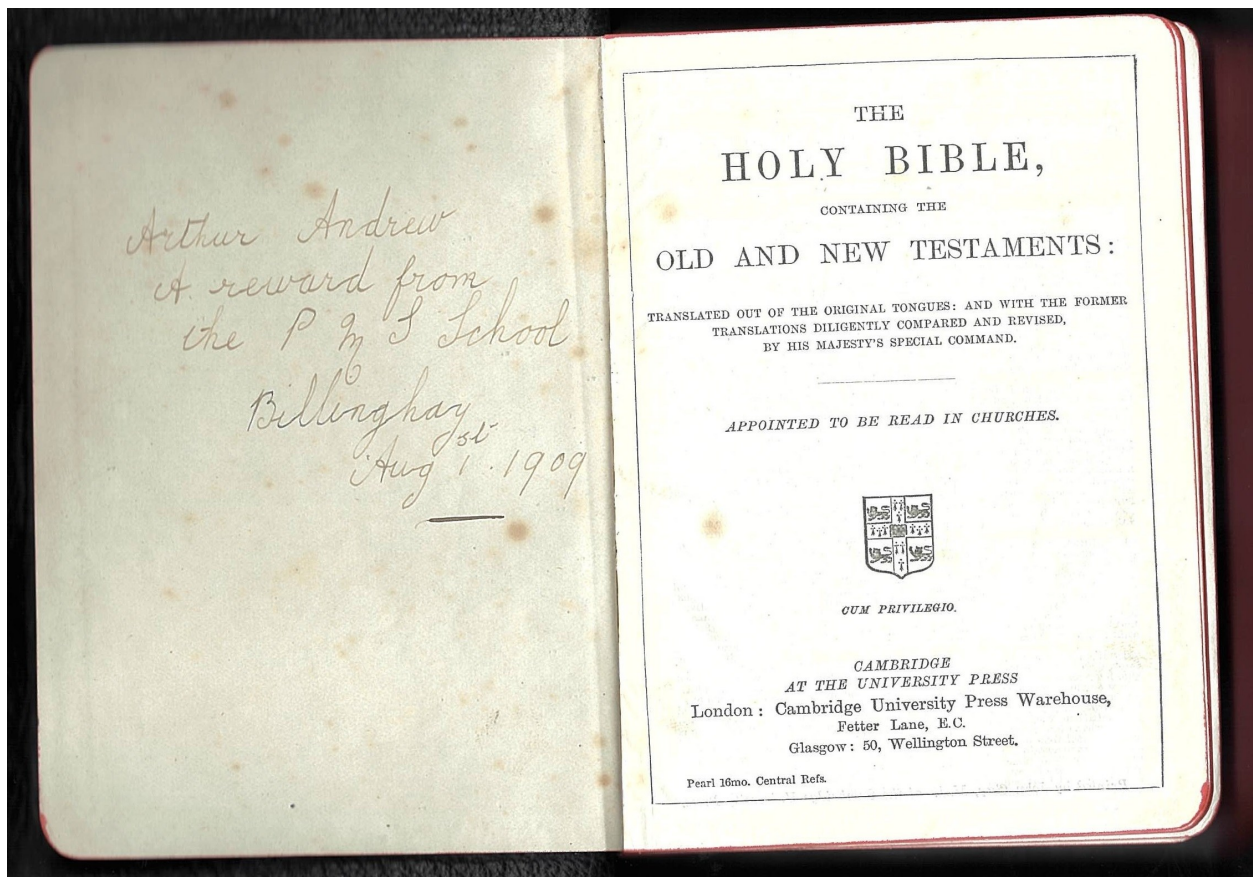
## BYGONES

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ONE ITEM THAT THEY CAME ACROSS WAS A COPY OF A BIBLE THAT WAS PRESENTED TO A PERSON WHO ATTENDED A "SCHOOL" IN BILLINGHAY. THEY DID NOT WISH TO THROW THE ITEM AWAY AND CONTACTED THE PARISH OFFICE TO SEE IF WE COULD ADD THIS TO OUR ARCHIVES.

IT OCCURS TO US THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO RE-UNITE THE ITEM WITH ANY SURVIVING RELATIVES OF THE RECIPIENT AND SO WE ARE SHOWING A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGES OF THE BIBLE GIVING THE DETAILS THAT WE HAVE.



THE WRITING IS NOT TOO CLEAR BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IT SAYS

"ARTHUR ANDREW  
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