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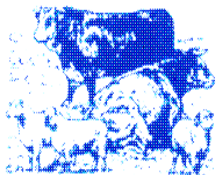


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Bingo	Monday	1.30pm The Whyche
Bowls (Indoor)	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
British Legion	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm Phone Stephen 07766186615 for info.
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
Girl Guides	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
Keep Fit	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm
Lighthouse Club (Secondary School Children)	Alternate Fridays during term time	7.45 to 9.00pm
Market & Car Boot Sale	Sunday	From 6.30am Field - Coach & Horses
Methodist Lending Library	2nd Monday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
Night Owls Book Club	4th Thursday	7.30pm The Ship
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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
Community Rooms Daisy Chain	Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732 Wednesdays 6.45pm Contact Nicki 07527 176757
Darby & Joan Girl Guides	Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time) Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
Lighthouse Youth Club	Thursdays 6.00pm to 8.00pm Walcott Village Hall Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £20 for 3 hours
Line Dancing Methodist Church	Sundays 10.30am Val 860614, 4th Thursday of month 7.30pm at the Ship Kylie Cozens History Group The Ship Inn (as advertised) Lou Hird 869086
Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club Past Times	Tuesdays (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com
Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)	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.
St Michael's and All Angels Church	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
Tennis Club Tuesday Club Twinning Association Village Hall Voluntary Car Service	Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency) 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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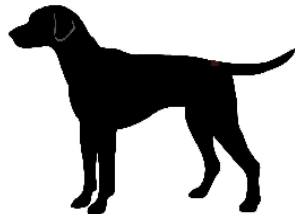
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24 February 2026	2.00 - 5.00pm
24 March 2026	2.00 - 5.00pm
21 April 2026	2.00 - 5.00pm

A special thank you to Janet, Pauline, Jill, Ruth and Carol for helping with the Christmas Lunch. It was very much appreciated. A thank you also to all hostesses who bake lovely cakes etc. during the year.

Happy New year to all of our members

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

Details of future meetings will be displayed when available.

BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH

During the year the Craft ladies had been knitting poppies and in November we decorated the Chapel (inside and outside) and the schoolroom.

The Rainbows and Guides, who meet on the premises, decorated candle holder, and poppy streamers. A craft group from the Whyche also made a display.

On November 8th we opened the Chapel for a 'poppy pop-in' when approximately 60 people came to view and enjoy a coffee and homemade cake. Thank you for their support.

Then on Sunday 9th we were invited to lay one of our handknitted wreaths on the village War Memorial.

Also we continue collecting much needed food items for Centrepont at Boston and deliver about 4 times a year.

We at the Methodist Church wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

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

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

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The mobile library stops at the following places:

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Billinghay	Library Site High St Page's Yard	13.15	14.45
Billinghay	Spa Shop Premier Stores	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 Held at Sleaford CC</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 This takes place the first and third Thursday of the month.</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 www.lpt.nhs.uk/recoverycollege for course details & online registration. Held at Sleaford CC</p>	<p>Early Explorers Under 1s 1.30pm-2.30pm</p> <p>*NO SESSION 3RD JUNE</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 & 31 July Held at Sleaford CC</p> <p>Parent Carer Forums 11.30am – 1pm 26 June only Held at Sleaford CC</p>		

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What are the well known phrases or sayings represented by these letters and numbers? For Example – 12 + D of C is 12 days of Christmas

NO	QUESTION	ANSWER
1.	3 = BM	
2.	3 = S to H	
3.	6 = Z in a M	
4.	10 Y in a D	
5.	12 S of the Z	
6.	12 = I in a F	
7.	12 = D in a G	
8.	13 = BD	
9.	13 C in a S	
10.	101 = D	

Answers to last issue’s quiz

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| 1. Blood is thicker than water | 2. Better late than never |
| 3. Beggars can’t be choosers | 4. Let bygones be bygones |
| 5. It never rains but it pours | 6. Great minds think alike |
| 7. Here today gone tomorrow | 8. Practice makes perfect |
| 9. Waste not want not | 10. Two heads are better than one |



Start the Year Strong: A Simple Financial Check-Up for January

January always feels like a fresh start. Many of us set new goals, make plans for the months ahead, and try to get ourselves a bit more organised. It's also one of the best times to give your finances a quick once-over and make sure everything is still working for you. A financial review doesn't need to be complicated. It's simply about checking where you are, noticing what has changed, and making small adjustments that can make a big difference over the year.

1. Remind Yourself of Your Goals

Think about what you want to achieve over the next year. Are you hoping to retire comfortably, put money aside for a holiday, help family, or simply keep your household finances running smoothly? Life changes quickly, and your goals might have shifted since last January. Taking a moment to reset gives you a clearer sense of direction.

2. Look at Your Income and Spending

Now is a good time to review the basics: what's coming in and what's going out. Many households see bills change throughout the year, and direct debits you barely notice can quietly add up. If something no longer feels worth the money, or if costs have crept up without you realising, adjusting now can free up funds for the things that matter.

3. Check Your Savings Cushion

After Christmas, it's common for savings to look a little lower than usual. Rebuilding your emergency pot is a smart first step. Ideally, this should cover at least a few months of essential expenses, just in case. It's also worth checking whether your savings are earning a decent interest rate.

4. Review Any Insurance or Protection You Have

Insurance is easy to forget about, but it's there to protect you when life doesn't go to plan. Look over your life cover, home insurance, or any illness or income protection you might have. If your health, family situation, or job has changed this year, the cover you have might need updating.

5. Don't Ignore Your Pension

Pensions are one of the most important parts of long-term planning. Check your contributions, make sure your contact details and beneficiary information are up to date, and see whether your pension is invested in a way that still suits you.

6. Plan Ahead for the Year

Finally, think about what financial tasks you want to stay on top of in 2025. That might be setting aside savings regularly, planning for a bigger purchase, or simply checking in on your finances once every few months. A short review in January can give you confidence, clarity, and a steadier path through the year. It doesn't need to take long, but it can make a real difference.



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CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING AND ILLUMINATION

Once again this popular village activity was extremely well supported by the residents. The tree was blessed by the Rev. Helen Eke and illuminated looking quite magnificent against the night sky.

This was followed by the musical entertainment that commenced with the Billinger Ruff, and "Stan" ably supported by Chris Rogers on the keyboard and violin. The children who attended were encouraged to join in with the singing. Santa Claus and his Little Helper (from the National Elf Service) circulated around the crowd adding to the atmosphere.

Once again, our local entertainers, BADAss, followed on singing several well known carols with everyone joining in.

Eventually the singing was completed and many residents retired to the Ship Inn where Lee and Inga served them with pork and Turkey baps washed down with mulled wine, courtesy of the Parish Council.



Once again the event was a great success and special thanks must be given to:

- The team who erected the tree and lights - Roger Miller, Ben Secker, Tom Stainsby, Pete Marshall, Steve Harper and Wally Liles
- Billinger Ruffs, Chris Rogers and BADAss for the wonderful musical entertainment
- The Ship Inn for the excellent after event refreshments

An additional item to mention is that eight local Girl Guides made their Promises around the Christmas Tree and were presented with their Badges by the Area Commissioner.





OUR SERIES OF TALKS FOR 2025 WERE COMPLETED WITH AN EXTREMELY INTERESTING TALK BY JEAN HOWARD IN OCTOBER ABOUT THE LINCOLNSHIRE SUFFRAGETTE, SARA JANE STEPHENSON. JEAN IS GIVING THESE TALKS TO RAISE MONEY FOR A BLUE PLAQUE TO BE ERECTED IN SOUTH THORESBY AS WELL AS THE RENOVATION OF HER HEADSTONE IN RECOGNITION OF SARA'S SERVICE TO THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN .

THEN IN NOVEMBER, WE WERE REGALED BY OUR PERENNIAL FAVOURITE TOM LANE ACCOMPANIED BY NIGEL & TERI WHO SPOKE AND SANG ABOUT LINCOLNSHIRE INNOVATORS AND EXPLORERS . SOMEHOW THEY MANAGED TO INCLUDE THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE INTO THE "INNOVATIONS" AND SAUSAGE BAPS WERE ENJOYED BY THOSE ATTENDING TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAUSAGE SONG.

THE PROGRAMME FOR 2026 IS AS BELOW:

28/01/26	PETER MARTIN	LIFE IN KENYA
25/02/26	MICK SKIPWORTH	BILLINGHAM STEAM MILL
25/03/26	ADAM CARTWRIGHT	BATEMAN'S BREWERY
29/04/26	ADRIAN GRAY	DANGEROUS WOMEN OF LINCOLNSHIRE
27/05/26	CHRIS HEWIS	HISTORY OF THE RNLI
24/06/26	ANDREW WALKER	HISTORY OF LINCOLN RACECOURSE
29/07/26	MARK BAMFORD	SLEAFORD RAIL CRASH 1937
26/08/26	SIMON PAWLEY	LORD HUSSEY & Lincs UPRISING 1536
30/09/26	ANDREW JACKSON	SPANISH FLU PANDEMIC
28/10/26	SIMON KEMP	BLETCHLEY PARK
25/11/26	TOM LANE	TO BE ADVISED
30/12/26		NO MEETING

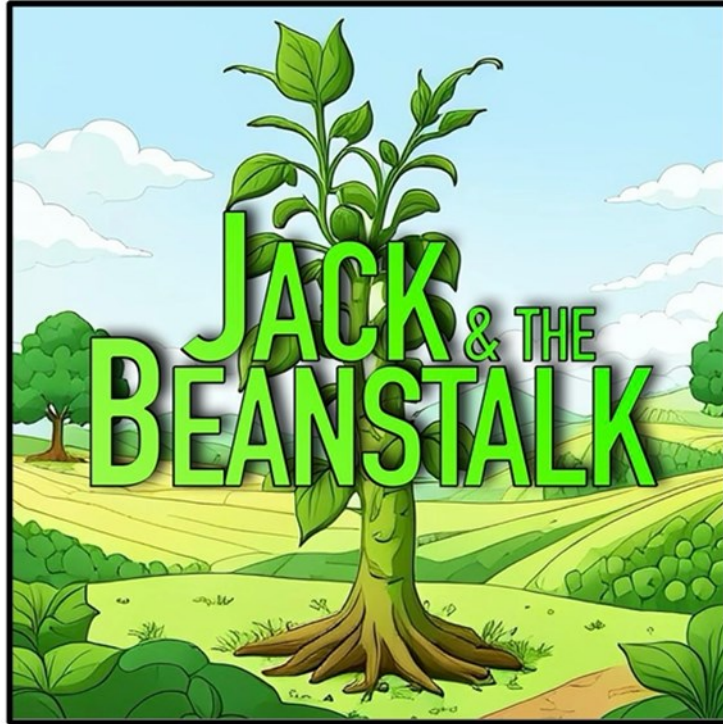
BONFIRES

We have been contacted by some residents of the village about people lighting bonfires on their property.

Can we remind people that, whilst this is not illegal, care must be taken as to the conditions prevailing at the time.

Consideration should be given to the impact on neighbouring properties (e.g. washing on clothes lines) and adjoining roads/streets where smoke can cause a viewing hazard for motorists.

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Musical entertainment was again provided by Stephen Taylor who is a very big supporter of the coffee morning. A raffle was held and donations given for tea and coffee raising a combined total of £224. In appreciation of Stephen's efforts a donation of £80 was made to the local Branch of the British Legion.

It is hoped to have another fish and chip day next year.

The Thursday Morning Coffee Group would also like to express their thanks to Carly and Poppy for their kind donation of £160 towards the Group's Funds.

This was part of the funds raised at a Wine and Wisdom quiz organised with the express intention of financing a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme project that was being undertaken.

This was run by Carly and was a great success with the money raising objective being achieved

Thank you.

BILLINGHAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



As we approach the festive season, it is hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us once again. Time certainly flies! Before the holiday break, we have a busy schedule filled with exciting events, including class productions, Christmas Bingo, Caring Christmas, our Christmas lunch and the traditional service at St Michael's Church.

We are delighted to announce that the entire school will be attending the Christmas Pantomime at the Theatre Royal in Lincoln on 16th December—a highlight we are all eagerly anticipating.

This year, our School Council has chosen Young Lives vs Cancer as the charity we will support. This organisation holds a special significance for our school, as it has recently provided invaluable support to one of our families. On 18th December, two of our pupils, Blathnaid and Stephanie, will attend the coffee morning at the Community Rooms to speak about the charity. We have been informed that attendees will kindly make donations, and we extend our sincere thanks in advance for their generosity.

Our school choir has already brought festive cheer to the residents of York House and will also participate in carol singing around the village to help raise funds for the swimming pool.

In addition, we are pleased to share that we have invested in a new phonics scheme, which will be introduced at Easter. While our phonics results consistently meet or exceed national averages, we remain committed to achieving the highest standards for all our pupils.

Applications for Reception places for September 2026 close on 15th January 2026. Applications can be made online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parentportal>, by phone, or by requesting a paper form (telephone: 01522 782030). If you would like to arrange a visit to our school, please contact us on 01526 860786.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the school throughout this term. Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to another successful year in 2026.

With best wishes,
Mr R Allen



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