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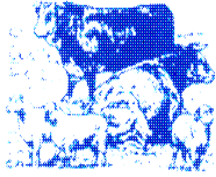


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British Legion	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm Phone Stephen 07766186615 for info.
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
Girl Guides	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
Keep Fit	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm
Lighthouse Club (Secondary School Children)	Alternate Fridays during term time	7.45 to 9.00pm
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Methodist Lending Library	2nd Monday of each month	2.00 to 3.30pm
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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
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Darby & Joan Girl Guides	Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time) Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
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Methodist Church	Tuesdays (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com
Methodist Church Night Owls Book Club Past Times	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
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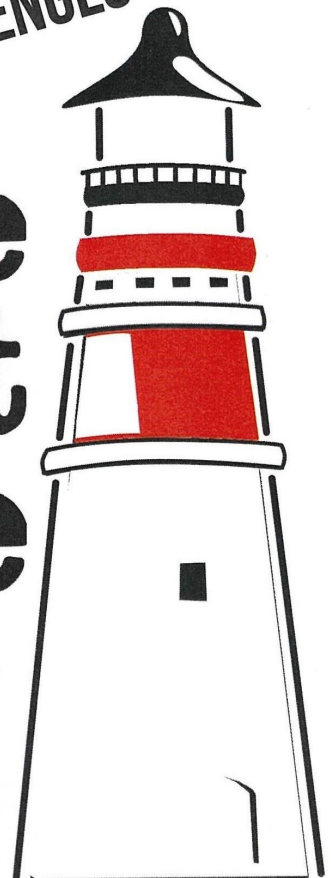
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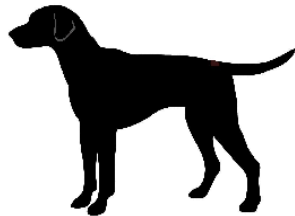
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Billinghay	Spa Shop Premier Stores	15.00	16.00

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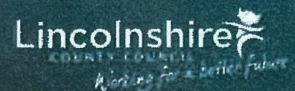
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PM	<p>Recovery College – 5 Ways to Wellbeing 1pm – 3pm</p> <p>Visit www.lpft.nhs.uk/recoverycollege for course details & online registration. Held at Sleaford CC</p>	<p>Early Explorers Under 1s 1.30pm-2.30pm</p> <p>#NO SESSION 3RD JUNE</p>	<p>Pop in 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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3.	Long leases sorted to make a heavenly community	
4.	No she did it of her own accord!!	
5.	Mother’s entrance	
6.	A handsome bloom	
7.	The baths are filthy again	
8.	Where the sun goes down on a fantastic horse	
9.	My sister’s daughter is not nasty	
10.	M1, A1, M4	

Answers to last issue’s quiz

1.	Morecambe	2.	Rome
3.	Dublin	4.	Menorca
5.	Newquay	6.	Lanzarote
7.	St Ives	8.	Tenby
9.	Looe	10.	Benidorm



Teach Your Children to Save Day 2026: Building Strong Financial Habits from a Young Age

Teaching children the value of money has never been more important. With the rising cost of living and the ease of digital spending, helping young people understand how to save is a crucial life skill. Teach Your Children to Save Day in 2026 falls on April 27th, and is the perfect opportunity for families to start building healthy financial habits that can last a lifetime.

What is Teach Your Children to Save Day?

Teach Your Children to Save Day is an annual initiative designed to raise awareness about the importance of financial literacy for young people. Typically held in April, it encourages parents, carers, and educators to take an active role in teaching children how to manage money effectively.

The goal is simple: to equip the next generation with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed financial decisions. From understanding the basics of saving to recognising the value of money, these early lessons can shape lifelong habits.

Why Teaching Children to Save is More Important Than Ever in 2026

In today's increasingly cashless society, children are growing up in a world where money is often invisible. Contactless payments, mobile banking apps, and online shopping can make it difficult for young people to grasp the real value of spending.

At the same time, many schools still offer limited financial education, meaning much of the responsibility falls on parents. Teaching children to save early helps them to:

- Develop discipline and patience
- Understand the difference between needs and wants
- Build confidence in managing money

Prepare for future financial independence

By starting early, families can give children a significant advantage as they grow into adulthood.

5 Practical Ways to Teach Your Children to Save Money

1. **Start with Pocket Money**
Giving children a small, regular amount of pocket money is one of the simplest ways to introduce financial responsibility. It allows them to make choices, learn from mistakes, and understand the consequences of spending versus saving.
2. **Use a Savings Jar or Digital App**
For younger children, a clear savings jar provides a visual representation of progress. Older children may benefit from child-friendly banking apps, which introduce them to digital money management in a controlled way.
3. **Set Savings Goals**
Encourage your child to save for something specific, whether it's a toy, game, or experience. Having a goal makes saving more meaningful and teaches the value of delayed gratification.
4. **Lead by Example**

Children often learn by observing. Demonstrating your own saving habits—whether it's budgeting, setting aside money, or discussing financial decisions—can have a powerful impact.

5. **Introduce Basic Budgeting**
As children grow older, introducing simple budgeting concepts can help them understand how to allocate money. Dividing funds into spending, saving, and giving categories is a great place to start.

Best Children’s Savings Options in the UK

There are several options available to help children build savings in the UK. These include children’s savings accounts and Junior ISAs, which can offer tax-efficient ways to grow money over time. While traditional piggy banks are still useful for younger children, combining them with modern financial tools can provide a more well-rounded understanding of money management.

If you are unsure which option is most suitable for your family, seeking professional guidance can help ensure your approach aligns with your long-term financial goals.

Common Mistakes Parents Make When Teaching Kids About Money

Even with the best intentions, there are a few common pitfalls to avoid:

- Avoiding conversations about money altogether
- Giving children money without explaining its value
- Over-rewarding without linking to effort or responsibility
- Not allowing children to make small financial mistakes

Learning through experience is an important part of financial education. Allowing children to make manageable mistakes can help them develop better decision-making skills in the future.

Looking for ways to get started?

Here are a few simple and engaging activities you can try:

- Create a weekly savings challenge
- Set up a family “money goal” and track progress together
- Play budgeting games using real-life scenarios
- Encourage children to plan how they will spend and save their pocket money

These small steps can make a big difference in helping children understand and appreciate the value of money.

Final Thoughts: Building Lifelong Financial Confidence

Teach Your Children to Save Day 2026 is more than just a one-day event—it’s an opportunity to start meaningful conversations about money and build habits that will last a lifetime. By taking the time to educate your children now, you are giving them the tools they need to navigate an increasingly complex financial world with confidence.



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SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THIS NEWSLETTER, WE HAVE HAD TWO FURTHER MEETINGS.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING WAS A TALK BY MICK SKIPWORTH ON THE BILLINGHAY STEAM MILL. THIS WAS WELL ATTENDED WITH GREAT INTEREST BEING SHOWN BY RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE WHOSE ANCESTORS HAD BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE MILL.

THE MARCH MEETING AS A PRESENTATION BY ADAM CARTWRIGHT ON THE HISTORY OF BATEMAN'S BREWERY, A TOPIC CLOSE TO THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE BEER DRINKERS! THE TALK WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AND GAVE AN INSIGHT INTO THE RUNNING OF ALL FACETS OF A LOCAL BREWERY.

FOR REFERENCE, FORTH COMIN TALKS ARE AS BELOW:

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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
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30/09/26	TIM LEFFLER	TH GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY
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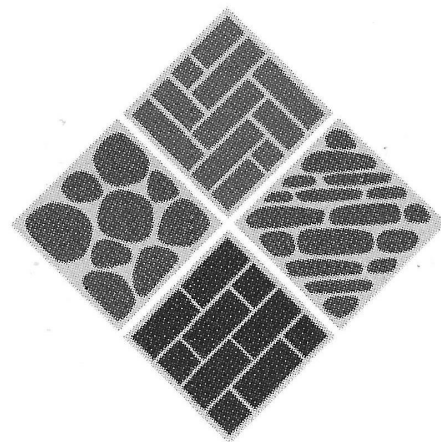
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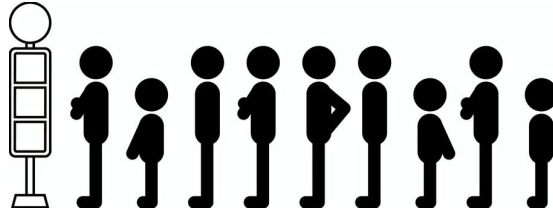
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BUSES IN BILLINGHAY



On April 14th I attended a meeting at County Offices to further discuss the bus petition. Mike Reed (Head of Transport), Nicole Hilton (Assistant Director of Communities) and County Councillor David East were also at the meeting and Helen Key (Clerk to Billingham Parish Council) took notes.

The County Council propose running an experimental bus route between Sleaford and Horncastle. It would follow the shortest and most financially viable route to connect Billingham to those two towns, but with stops in Coningsby to connect travellers with bus services (B5) to both Lincoln and Boston. Similarly stops in Woodhall Spa for connections to Lincoln and Boston, and on to Horncastle for connections to Louth and the coast. It will also look at connecting smaller rural communities with this route so that no one is left without a connection.

The route will shortly be put out to commercial bus companies who have already been alerted to the possibilities.

It is proposed to be an hourly service, Monday to Friday between 8am and 4pm, although if traveller numbers are sufficient then it may be extended, and the possibility of a Saturday service was also raised.

The route will be trialled for 6 months to look at traveller numbers, so once operational we need to use it well or it will fail and be discontinued. Beyond the initial 6 months we need to keep using it for it to continue and develop. I made sure to ask that timetabling is looked at so that as far as possible connections with other bus routes and train stations are examined to make travel easier for everyone.

I realise that it does not give a direct route to Lincoln or Boston which is disappointing. However it will give us better connectivity, although indirect. We will be able to access onward travel which is very difficult at the moment. It will extend the hours we can use bus services.

And best of all, this service could be up and running in about 6 months if we all work together.

The petition, having been discussed, will now be closed by Democratic Services and I should get notification of this.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort since the petition started last October. I will keep pressing for the connectivity we need and deserve.

Please give feedback through the Parish Council, either on this report or later when the bus service is up and running. Or chat to me in the village, tell me how you feel about the proposal. Spread the word and let's give it a go!

Jane Ledger



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Billingham Village Hall & Playing Field

Another tabletop sale was held on 4th April and thanks to all those who came along we managed to raise just shy of a much needed £350 towards the upkeep of your village hall and playing field. There was also a children's easter competition and a big well done to all who took part in that. Other fund raisers there included the Bilingham Swimming Pool and these events are vital in difficult times for our community, so please continue to support us and come along to our **next tabletop day on Saturday 23rd May** when there will be the usual delicious cakes and pastries on sale along with teas and coffee.

Big Date For Your Diary:

Billingham Village Hall is putting on a big evening event on **Saturday 26th September** when we will be welcoming **The Band From County Hell**. The BFCH are hugely respected in the celtic folk and rock world. They are a local band but perform at events and festivals throughout the UK and abroad.

Their live performances are a mix of music, chat and comedy and we are very fortunate to have booked them as their diary is full into next year. For sure they will have you on your feet so if you're not familiar with the band check them out on social media and put a reminder in your diaries for what should be a great night.

8 sail Brewery of Heckington will be doing the bar and we have booked a mobile pizza van to set up in the car park. Tickets will be going on sale locally in the near future (venues to be confirmed) priced £10 each and you can also buy tickets by contacting 07940 715669.

Watch out for posters going up in the near future. It's been a while since Bilingham had an event like this so lets make it a success so that hopefully we can put on something similar in the future (all suggestions welcome).

Thankyou



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11AM - 2PM

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