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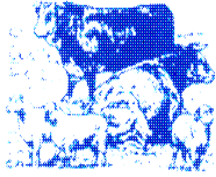
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Bowls (Indoor)	Monday	2.00 to 4.00pm Village Hall
British Legion	1st Wednesday every 2 months	Ship Inn 7.30pm Phone Stephen 07766186615 for info.
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30 to 7.00pm
Girl Guides	Wednesday	6.45 to 8.30pm
Keep Fit	Tuesdays	6.30 to 7.30pm
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	7.00pm The Ship
Rainbows	Tuesdays	5.30 to 6.30pm
YPF Children's Club	Friday during term time	6.00 to 7.00pm

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BILLINGHAY BOWLS CLUB NEWS

On a perfect Sunday morning Billingham bowls club played the Sivill Cup Competition, The format consisted of 3 games and the top 4 after this process took part in a shoot out.

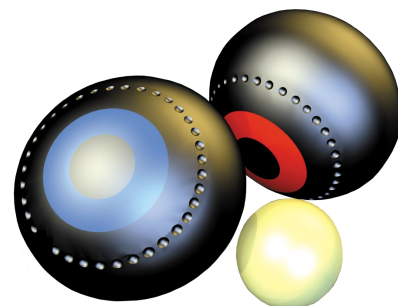
After 2 games we all had a buffet type lunch with sandwiches, sausage rolls, apple pie cakes served by our own head of catering Chris, ably assisted by Trevor. Teas were provided before the last game and we also held a "spider" competition which consisted of everybody bowling at once to the pot which was in the middle of the green. This is always a spectacle and won by one of our new bowlers Chris.

The top 4 teams played the shoot out and the final between Elie & Brian v Ron & Jeff was won by Ron & Jeff - well done .

Sponsors Colin & Janet asked the chairman to present the prizes. A brilliant day was had by all.

Many thanks to everyone who participated.

Mick Allen
Chairman



Activities in Billingham

Please check with the organisation to see if the activities have been cancelled and when they will re-commence

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
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	Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682 Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £20 for 3 hours Sundays 10.30am Val 860614, 4th Thursday of month 7.00pm at the Ship Kylie Cozens History Group The Ship Inn (as advertised) Lou Hird 869086
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
Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)	Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency)
St Michael's and All Angels Church	Every Friday at 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk
Tennis Club Tuesday Club Twinning Association Village Hall Voluntary Car Service	
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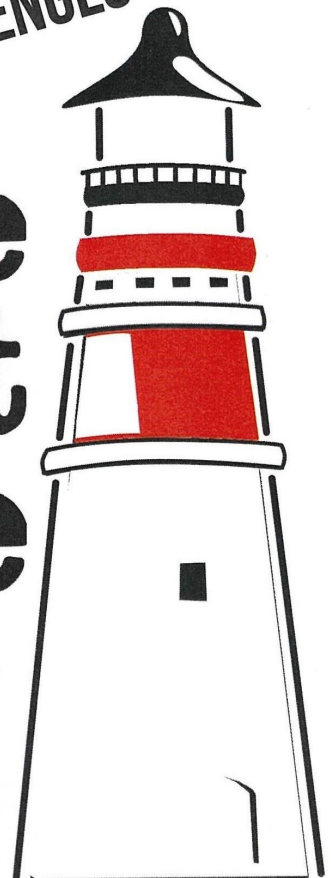
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Meetings: (All 2.00 - 5.00pm)

14 July 11 August 8 September (Harvest Festival) 6 October

Outings:

30 June 2026	Jug & Bottle Carvery and then to Sutton on Sea
28 July 2026	To be arranged
15 September 2026	Skegness

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

7 July 2026	To be arranged	
4 August 2026	Whimsical & Wild Art	Arleen Wild
1 September 2026	Love of Books	Ladey & Abbirose

CAR DYKE BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES

All services are at 10.00am

The pattern of services for the churches in the Carr Dyke benefice for July has yet to be published. It will be available in the noticeboard by the gate of St Michael's church at the beginning of July.

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October	November	December	January	February	March
19th	16th	14th	18th	8th	8th

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The mobile library stops at the following places:

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Billingham	Library Site High St Page's Yard	13.15	14.45
Billingham	Spa Shop Premier Stores	15.00	16.00

Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time.
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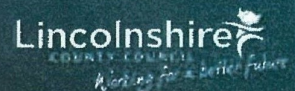
What's on

Our centres offer free services for families from pregnancy to 5 years, including antenatal education, baby massage, early years sessions and play ideas in the home.

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Billingham Children's Centre

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.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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THE LATEST QUIZ

Identify the well known phrases from the clues below:

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1.	OTR - to be told privately	
2.	FOTH - to lose your temper	
3.	TTM - to poke fun at	
4.	PAFO - to con or trick someone	
5.	KFS - to be dumbfounded	
6.	PYNI - to pry or butt in to something	
7.	TTK - to get married	
8.	GFF - to share or split the difference	
9.	TYB - to economise	
10.	DAR - to skedaddle or leave quickly	

Answers to last issue's quiz

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| 1. | Biarritz | 2. | Cowes |
| 3. | Los Angeles | 4. | Jamaica |
| 5. | Margate | 6. | Orlando |
| 7. | Blackpool | 8. | Weston Super Mare |
| 9. | Nice | 10. | Rhodes |



Why Big Life Changes Rarely Announce Themselves

We tend to imagine life changes arriving with clear signposts. A moment where everything shifts. A decision made. A line crossed. In reality, most change happens gradually, almost unnoticed, until one day we realise things feel different.

Children slowly become independent. Parents quietly need more help. Work routines change. Health ebbs and flows. Social circles shift. None of this arrives with a formal announcement — it simply unfolds alongside everyday life.

Because change is subtle, it's easy to ignore. We adapt instinctively, adjusting routines without stopping to reflect. That adaptability is a strength, but it can also mean we don't pause to think about what those changes mean long term.

Personal finance is often part of this background shift. Spending patterns change without much thought. Priorities evolve. What once felt important becomes less so. What used to be simple suddenly feels uncertain. These changes aren't dramatic, but they are cumulative.

The challenge isn't managing change — it's recognising it early enough to respond thoughtfully. That might mean having conversations we've been putting off. Asking for help. Or simply acknowledging that life now looks different from five or ten years ago.

In a village setting, this quiet evolution is visible everywhere. Longstanding roles shift. Familiar faces appear less often. New people arrive and bring new rhythms. Communities adapt just as individuals do — gradually and collectively.

There's comfort in understanding that change doesn't have to be disruptive to be meaningful. Small adjustments can make a big difference if they're made with awareness rather than urgency.

Taking time to reflect — perhaps once a year — can help. What feels easier than it used to? What feels harder? What has changed without being formally recognised? These questions aren't about solving problems. They're about noticing them.

Life rarely announces its turning points. But with a little attention, we can meet them calmly instead of reactively.



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

THE APRIL MEETING WAS AN EXCELLENT TALK BY ADRIAN GRAY ABOUT DANGEROUS WOMEN OF LINCOLNSHIRE. FORTUNATELY, THESE DID NOT INCLUDE ANY OF OUR PRESENT RESIDENTS.

THE MAY MEETING WAS A PRESENTATION BY CHRIS HEWIS ON THE HISTORY OF THE RNLI, ALTHOUGH BILLINGHAY IS NOT ON THE COAST, LOTS OF LOCAL PEOPLE WERE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS SUBJECT HAVING SPENT PART OF THEIR YOUTH AT THE SEASIDE RESORTS ALONG THE LINCOLNSHIRE COAST.

FOR REFERENCE, FORTHCOMING TALKS ARE AS BELOW:

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	TIM LEFFLER	THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY
28/10/26	SIMON KEMP	BLETCHLEY PARK
25/11/26	TOM LANE	TO BE ADVISED

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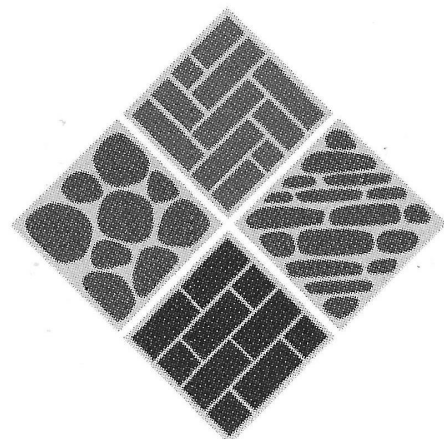
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Twins Janet Tait (Nee Baumber) and Alan Baumber celebrated their 90th Birthday on the 2 April 2026.

Although Janet had not wanted any fuss, four of her friends, Caroline, Kate, Sue and Debbie (affectionately known to her as the musketeers) arranged a party for them both at Dunston Village Hall.

Many friends and family attended, all had a good time and enjoyed a buffet meal prepared by Lucy.

Following kind donations rather than gifts Janet sent £150.00 to the British Heart Foundation, £150.00 to the air ambulance and £100 to a charity for cats and dogs.

Janet would like to say a huge Thank you to everyone however involved in making her birthday such a special day.



L to R: Shirley (Alan's wife), Alan, Janet and Marg (their sister)



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