

# The Billinghay Times & Advertiser

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Issue No 05/26

Billinghay Parish Office:

September / October 2026

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Ringmoor House, Ringmoor Close, Billinghay LN4 4EY



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## THE B617 TAKES OFF

Judging from residents' reactions and the enthusiasm that has greeted the launch of the B617 bus service, it seems to have been a resounding success with numerous people abandoning their cars in favour of the bus. Apparently the savings on fuel and parking fees more than offsets the fares for the service.



This photographs show Parish Councillor, Jane Ledger who was a prime mover in the campaign for the bus.

And here is the bus that has now gone into service showing County Councillor David East, Parish Councillor Roger Miller and the bus driver.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Where:** Methodist Chapel

**Time:** 7.00pm

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month  
(except Bank Holidays)



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

**Parish Clerk:** Helen Key

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

**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 PARISH COUNCIL**

**Please note that the Parish Council now have a new Facebook page and all residents are welcome to follow the items that will be posted on this.**

**Brownies**

**Guides**

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED URGENTLY**

Help is urgently required to help run the Guides and Brownies in this area.

We are struggling for helpers/volunteers. Can you help these worthwhile organisations to continue?

If so, please contact:

**Sarah Hands, Area Coordinator on 07557658808.**





Do you know someone who has helped your community?

***Nominate them today!***

**Tell us about anyone who you think deserves an award.  
Nominations close by noon on September 14, 2026.**

| Award categories:         |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Community Spirit          | Contribution to Better Environment |
| Good Neighbour            | Contribution to Arts & Culture     |
| Young Achiever            | Contribution to Sport              |
| Community Business        | Contribution to Health & Wellbeing |
| Longstanding Contribution | Contribution to Climate Action     |
|                           | Community Group                    |

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| Award categories: (Tick the box of chosen category) |                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Spirit           | <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Better Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Neighbour             | <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Arts & Culture     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Achiever             | <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Sport              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Business         | <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Health & Wellbeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Longstanding Contribution  | <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Climate Action     |
|                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Group                    |

|                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Name of nominee:</b>                                             |
| <b>Address of nominee:</b><br>(their address)                       |
| <b>Contact number:</b> (if known)                                   |
| <b>Email address:</b>                                               |
| <b>Referee:</b> (you)                                               |
| <b>Address of referee:</b><br>(your address)                        |
| <b>Contact number:</b>                                              |
| <b>Email address:</b>                                               |
| <b>Reason for nomination:</b> (attach follow-on sheet if necessary) |

**Nominations close by noon on September 14, 2026. Return completed forms to:**  
 NK Community Champions, Communications Team, NKDC, PO Box 3, Kesteven Street,  
 Sleaford, NG34 7EF or email: [communications@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:communications@n-kesteven.gov.uk)  
 Alternatively you can submit your nomination electronically at: [www.nkawards.org](http://www.nkawards.org)





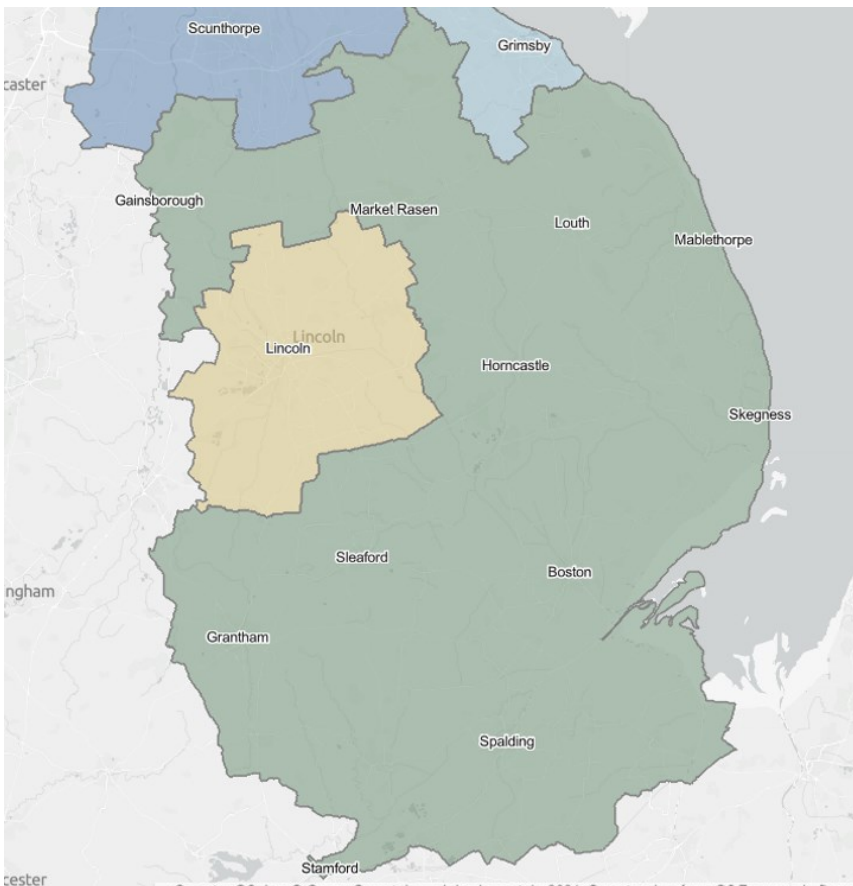
## Decision on Local Government Reorganisation

The Secretary of State has written to authorities in Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire to confirm the outcome of the local government reorganisation process.

Following consideration of the proposals submitted, consultation responses and all relevant information, the Government has announced that it intends to proceed with the four-unitary model.

Under the selected proposal Lincolnshire would have two new unitary authorities:

- **City of Lincoln Council**, plus 12 wards from North Kesteven District Council and seven wards from West Lindsey District Council (referred to in the proposal as 'Lincoln City'):
- Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council, South Kesteven District Council, South Holland District Council, North Kesteven District Council less 12 wards and West Lindsey District Council less seven wards (referred to in the proposal as '**Rural Lincolnshire**'):
- **North East Lincolnshire**: to remain unchanged
- **North Lincolnshire**: to remain unchanged



Billinghay will be part of Rural Lincolnshire.

There are no changes proposed to town and parish councils. There will be no immediate changes to council services or day-to-day operations. Elections to shadow authorities are expected in 2027, with the new councils anticipated to become operational in April 2028.

1. Lincoln City. 2. Rural Lincolnshire. 3. North Lincolnshire. 4. North East Lincolnshire

## BILLINGHAY SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE

The School Safety Zone outside Billingham School is in operation during the hours clearly displayed on the signs positioned on entry to the zone. The zone is in place to make it safer for children and parents in the zone without the risk of stepping out between cars when crossing the road or being hit by vehicles travelling at speed.



As the sign states, during the stated hours vehicular traffic is advised to travel at no more than 20 mph. It also prohibits stopping of vehicular traffic on the yellow 'zig-zag' lines. 'Stopping' includes pulling over within the zone to drop off passengers.



In addition to the 'zig-zag' lines there are also single and double yellow lines. The single yellow line means that **parking** or **waiting** is restricted during specific times of the day. These times are displayed on signposts beside the single line areas. A double yellow line means **no waiting** at any time.

Whilst the School Safety Zone maybe advisory it is there for a clear purpose. However, the yellow lines are subject to a Traffic Regulation Order and are enforceable.

Please respect the School Safety Zone. Park or stop outside the zone, when in operation, and put the safety of children and parents before your own considerations.



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The formation of Local Resilience Forums (or LRFs) is designed to help prepare for, respond to, and recover from major emergencies or incidents that may occur across the United Kingdom. LRFs are activated to assist in responding to large-scale emergencies when a combined multi-agency coordination would result in a more effective and efficient outcome. Any one of the partner agencies can also activate the LRF when there is a requirement for more capacity beyond their own resources.

Emergency situations that may require action from an LRF include severe weather events, coastal or inland flooding, acts of terrorism or other sudden dangerous situations which seriously threaten people's welfare, the environment or our security. Billingham is not immune to such events, especially fire, flooding and potential aircraft accidents.

Local Resilience Forums develop, implement and coordinate multi-agency responses and action plans focussed on:

- Saving lives
- Relieving suffering
- Protecting property
- Preventing further damage to the environment
- Preventing the impacts of a disaster getting worse
- Restoring normality as quickly as possible

Billingham Parish Council is looking to become part of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum. To enable this we are in the process of formulating a **Community Emergency Plan**. This identifies:

- Team members
- Safe places for the team to assemble
- Community places of safety
- Available resources
- At risk areas & people
- Potential dangers.

### **This is where you can become involved.**

To formulate the plan and be able to implement it in the event of an emergency requires forming a **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**. This will comprise of a CERT Leader, 2 CERT Deputy Leaders and any number of additional CERT Members. We are looking for members of the community to join the team in any capacity. Have you a skill, assets, facilities, good organisational abilities, or can just make a good cup of tea and talk to people, that will help those in need in the event of a crises. There are not enough parish councillors to make this work. We need members of our community to volunteer to help us.

If you are interested, then please contact the Parish Clerk at [info@billingham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@billingham-pc.gov.uk) or ring 07483 346143. You can also contact any parish councillor, details of which are on the Billingham Parish Council website at <https://billingham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>.





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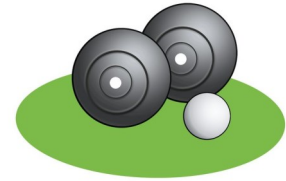
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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May – Chapman Cup**

This was played by all members old and new, with names being placed in a hat and drawn to select partners. This was played out in the familiar format – 3 games, 3 ends shoot out and final. The winners were Janis Keay and Mick Allen who not only won the cup, but also an old penny!

**Sunday mornings roll up.**

Members and none-members meet at 10am. All names are placed in a hat to draw partners and play for 10 ends, with all points being recorded. At the end of the month these points are added up and the winners receive...you guessed it one old penny.

Winners to date: May **Barry Major**, June **Ian King**, July **Barry Major**.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July – Jubilee Cup**

This was donated by Ted and Mary Twells for the Queen's Jubilee and is now sponsored by Fred Wright.

Usual format 3 games, shoot out and final was played before breaking for a lunch of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and apple pie. After lunch a spider was run and after the 3 ends shoot out, a keenly fought final was played by Eli and Brian Sewell against John Rushen and Fred Wright, with the winners being John and Fred. The Chairman presented the cup and an old penny to the winners, not forgetting the runners up who received a halfpenny!

**The Three Leagues:**

**Sleaford League** gave some mixed results, for instance away to Helpringham 9 – 1, home 4 – 6. Sleaford Town home result 8 – 2 but only 1 point away against two leading teams. Other results let's just say room for improvement.

**Coningsby League** much the same although promotion last year, so the last 2 games could be vital, watch this space!!

**Woodhall Friendly League** was a different story, some tight games which could have gone either way by an odd shot. All in all, the standard Billinghay have set themselves, over the last few years continues - well done to all involved.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September – The Eric Alf South Cup**

This is sponsored by Jim South and family and is our flagship competition. This has been running since 1971, with the first one played at The Bristol & Legionaries Bowls Club Sleaford. A knockout competition which ran for 2 days Saturday and Sunday, with the first winners being local boys Ray Lockey and Terry Hudson. The following year 1972 two more local boys Mick Allen and Den Shaw made the final but alas lost on the final end.

If anyone is interested in the history of this tournament it will be on display on the 6 September but better than that come on the 6<sup>th</sup> and join our club.

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**Mick Allen Chairman**

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

**Renew class:** Walcott Village Hall, 7-8pm

### WEDNESDAYS

**Tai Chi & Qi Gong:** Heckington Village Hall, 6.15-7.15pm. (No experience necessary)

### FRIDAYS

**Renew class:** Coningsby Community Hall, 10.15-11.15am

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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>        |             |

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## Tuesday

### Ruskington

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## Thursday

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# LOCAL POLICE NEWS



## SLEAFORD RURAL NORTH

### Local Team:

Rachel Blackwell - Inspector

Stuart Mumby-Croft - Sergeant

Chris Green - Constable

Antonietta Gordon - PCSO

### Most Commonly Reported Crimes - June 2026

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Anti-social behaviour        | 13 |
| Burglary                     | 4  |
| Other Theft                  | 4  |
| Violence and Sexual Offences | 25 |

### CRIME LEVELS 12 MONTHS ENDING 30/06/2026

| MONTH  | NUMBER | % OF TOTAL |
|--------|--------|------------|
| Jul 25 | 63     | 9.3%       |
| Aug 25 | 53     | 7.0%       |
| Sep 25 | 51     | 7.6%       |
| Oct 25 | 55     | 8.2%       |
| Nov 25 | 53     | 7.9%       |
| Dec 25 | 52     | 7.7%       |
| Jan 26 | 74     | 11.0%      |
| Feb 26 | 50     | 7.4%       |
| Mar 26 | 53     | 7.9%       |
| Apr 26 | 60     | 8.9%       |
| May 26 | 56     | 8.3%       |
| Jun 26 | 54     | 8.0%       |

### **Priorities:**

- Targeting the activities of drug dealers who affect the quality of life of others in our communities and protecting the vulnerable who are at risk of exploitation through drug supply.

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**Tattershall Village Hall** • Wednesdays 7.30am, 9am & 10.30am  
Jo 07825 728 195

**Coningsby Community Hall, Coningsby**  
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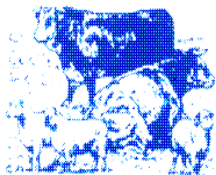


## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

**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<br>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<br>every 2 months       | Ship Inn 7.30pm<br>Phone Stephen<br>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<br/>School Children)</b> | Alternate Fridays<br>during term time | 7.45 to 9.00pm                                                 |
| <b>Market &amp; Car Boot Sale</b>                      | Sunday                                | From 6.30am<br>Field - Coach & Horses                          |
| <b>Methodist Lending Library</b>                       | 2nd Monday of<br>each month           | 2.00 to 3.30pm                                                 |
| <b>Night Owls Book Club</b>                            | 4th Thursday                          | 7.00pm The Ship                                                |
| <b>Rainbows</b>                                        | Tuesdays                              | 5.30 to 6.30pm                                                 |
| <b>YPF Children's Club</b>                             | Friday during<br>term time            | 6.00 to 7.00pm                                                 |

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## **Activities in Billingham**

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

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| <b>B.A.D.ASS</b><br>(Billinghay Amateur<br>Dramatics Association)<br><b>Bethel Baptist Chapel</b>                               | <b>Thursdays</b> at the Village Hall or Ship - please call<br>07799617674 for info. New members always welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Billinghay CEP School</b><br><b>Billinghay Tuesday Club</b><br><b>Bowls Club (Indoor)</b><br><b>Bowls Club (Outdoor)</b>     | <b>Sundays</b> 10.30am & 6pm <b>Tuesdays</b> 7pm<br>Pastor Richard Hilliard 07717392628<br>Club 8 to 9am Every School day in School Hall<br>1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Tuesday</b> of the month 7.30pm Pam Lupton 860106<br>Indoor Bowls start September every Monday<br>Roll up each Sunday Morning 10.00am<br>April - September<br>Secretary Stephen Taylor Tel: 07766186615                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>British Legion</b>                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Brownies (2<sup>nd</sup> Billingham)</b><br><b>Children's Centre</b>                                                         | <b>Wednesdays</b> 5.30 to 7.00pm Dawn Tulley 834324<br>Fen Road<br>8.30am to 4.30pm <b>Monday to Thursday</b><br><b>9.00am to 12.00 Friday</b> 869248 or 869271<br><b>Bookings</b> John & Tina Toulson 07483156297<br>Pre-school <b>Mon-Fri</b> 9.00am to 3.00pm Billingham CofE<br>School 07799 091281                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Community Rooms</b><br><b>Daisy Chain</b>                                                                                    | <b>Tuesdays</b> (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Shirley 860732<br><b>Wednesdays</b> 6.45pm<br>Contact Nicki 07527 176757                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Darby &amp; Joan</b><br><b>Girl Guides</b>                                                                                   | <b>Fortnightly at 7.45 to 9.00pm (during term time)</b><br>Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email<br>richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Lighthouse Youth Club</b>                                                                                                    | <b>Bookings</b> Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682<br>Schoolroom available with kitchen facilities £20 for 3 hours<br><b>Sundays</b> 10.30am Val 860614,<br><b>4th Thursday of month 7.00pm at the Ship</b> Kylie Cozens<br>History Group The Ship Inn (as advertised)<br>Lou Hird 869086                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Methodist Church</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Tuesdays</b> (Term Time) 5.30pm to 6.30pm<br>Emma 07939 830742 billinghay.rainbows@gmail.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Methodist Church</b><br><b>Night Owls Book Club</b><br><b>Past Times</b>                                                     | <b>1st/3rd Sundays</b> 9.30am Holy Communion<br><b>4th Sunday</b> 11.00am Holy Communion<br><b>5th Sunday</b> United Service - please see noticeboard near<br>Church gate to check place of worship.<br>Contact Tina or Mick on 860069 or brommell@hotmail.com<br>First Tuesday every month 7.30pm Community Rooms<br><b>Chairman</b> Tina Toulson 01526 860262<br><b>Bookings</b> June Davies 861652<br>Office Hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to<br>1.00pm Friday Tel 01507 609535 (also 24hr Emergency) |
| <b>Rainbows (Girls 5 to 7)</b>                                                                                                  | <b>Every Friday at 6.00 to 7.30pm during term time</b><br>Contact Richard on 07717392628 or email<br>richard@billinghaybaptistchapel.co.uk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>St Michael's and All Angels</b><br><b>Church</b>                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Tennis Club</b><br><b>Tuesday Club</b><br><b>Twinning Association</b><br><b>Village Hall</b><br><b>Voluntary Car Service</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>YPF Children's Club</b>                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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## **DARBY AND JOAN CLUB**

### **Forthcoming Events:**

#### **Meetings: (All 2.00 - 5.00pm)**

8 September (Harvest Festival)      6 October      3 November  
8th December (Xmas Lunch)

#### **Outings:**

15 September 2026      Skegness  
20 October 2026      Downtown Grantham  
17 November 2026      Kings Lynn - Xmas Shopping

**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

1 September 2026      Love of Books      Ladey & Abbirose  
6 October 2026      Harvest Supper  
3 November 2026      Ghostly Goings on at the Tower      Keith Hanson  
(AGM)

## **CAR DYKE BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES**

**All services are at 10.00am**

**6th September 2027      South Kyme**  
**13th September 2027      Billingham**  
**20th September 2027      Walcott**  
**27th September 2027      Timberland**

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

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| April   | May      | June        | July    | August   | September |
|---------|----------|-------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| -       | 4th      | 1st<br>29th | 27th    | 24th     | 21st      |
| October | November | December    | January | February | March     |
| 19th    | 16th     | 14th        | 18th    | 8th      | 8th       |

*\*Sorry no service on Bank Holidays*

The mobile library stops at the following places:

| Community  | Stop                                | Arrive | Depart |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Billinghay | Library Site<br>High St Page's Yard | 13.15  | 14.45  |
| Billinghay | Spa Shop<br>Premier Stores          | 15.00  | 16.00  |

Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time.  
For the latest news on this route, enquiries or renewals please contact the  
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# Lincolnshire Children's Centre

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# Billinghay Children's Centre

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

Please scan the QR code to get the most up to date timetable information and to find out more about your local children's centre





## Billingshay Village Hall & Playing Field

We apologise in advance for having once more to be the bearers of litter and dog poo grumbles in this magazine. We would much prefer to report on the good things happening in our village, but sadly we find ourselves again and again having to report to you all about the irresponsible behaviour of a minority of mindless and ignorant people.

Following on from the parish council entry last month regarding the dog poo problem around the village, there has also lately been a lot of litter left on field footpaths and around the playing field play areas. Those who are responsible probably think 'the council' will come along and clear it up but this is not so and it is left until kind responsible residents takes it upon themselves to pick it up. To those responsible, why should **they** have to clear up **your** mess? On behalf of the parish council, Billingshay football clubs and the village hall committee can we again ask all who use the playing field and footpaths to use the many bins provided, **and also to remind any young people who they are responsible for to do the same.**

The wheelie bins next to the kitchen door at the village hall are for use of the hall bookings only, and not for public use. Can we ask politely that those who have been bringing their empty tinnies, drinks bottles and drinks packaging into our bins either put them in your own bins or take to a recycling centre? There are CCTV cameras around the hall and, if necessary, we will follow up on anyone found leaving their rubbish in our bins. Thank you

The pics below are of a disposable BBQ which had been lit, used and left near the play areas and adjacent the hedgerow. In the current heatwave and with bone dry hedgerows and grass it was an out-of-control fire waiting to happen, just one spark could have set the hedge alight. This mindless action could have resulted in a major incident, let alone danger to life.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE DISPOSABLE BBQ's AROUND THE PLAYING FIELD OR ANY OTHER OPEN SPACE!**



And finally, some good news: Tickets for the Band From County Hell event on 26<sup>th</sup> September are almost sold out. There are only a few tickets remaining so hurry if you want to come to what should be a great night. **Contact Bob on 07940715669.**

Just a reminder that we will be giving out information about our next tabletop sale in the autumn so watch this space.

If anyone has ideas for village hall events or wants to support us, please consider joining the village hall committee.

**To enquire please contact Roger on 07831 264554**



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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**

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



## Five small money jobs worth doing

Managing your finances doesn't always require a complicated spreadsheet or a major financial overhaul. Sometimes, a few small jobs can make a surprisingly big difference. Here are five things almost anyone can do:

### 1. Check your regular payments.

Go through your bank account and look at your direct debits and standing orders. Are you still paying for everything you actually use? Small monthly payments can easily become invisible over time.

### 2. Find out what you have.

Make a note of your savings accounts, pensions and investments, even if the amounts are relatively small. You don't need to do anything with them immediately. Simply knowing what you have — and where — is a useful starting point.

### 3. Check your emergency fund.

Unexpected expenses are part of life. A broken boiler, car repair or period without work can put pressure on the household budget. Consider whether you have enough accessible savings to cover the unexpected.

### 4. Review your insurance.

Make sure your home, car and other important policies are still appropriate. Equally importantly, know when they renew. Shopping around at renewal can sometimes make a meaningful difference.

### 5. Have a conversation at home.

Make sure you and your partner, or someone close to you, know where important financial information is kept. It's particularly useful to know about bank accounts, pensions, insurance policies and other important documents if one person normally deals with the household finances.

None of these jobs is particularly exciting — and that's probably why they get put off. But spending an hour getting your financial housekeeping in order can provide something much more valuable than a few pounds saved here and there: **clarity**. And sometimes, knowing where you stand is the most useful financial decision you can make.

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

**THE JUNE MEETING WAS A TALK BY ANDREW WALKER REGARDING THE HISTORY OF HORSE RACING IN LINCOLN. THIS WAS VERY INFORMATIVE AND WHILST THERE IS NO LONGER ANY RACING, THE GRANDSTAND STILL SERVES A USEFUL FUNCTION.**

**THE JULY MEETING WAS AGAIN ABOUT A LOCAL INTEREST - THE SLEAFORD TRAIN CRASH OF 1937. THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION BY MARK BAMFORD WITH DETAILS OF THE ACTUAL CAUSES AND THE UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE KILLED IN THE INCIDENT.**

**FOR REFERENCE, FORTHCOMING TALKS ARE AS BELOW:**

|                 |                    |                                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>30/09/26</b> | <b>TIM LEFFLER</b> | <b>THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY</b> |
| <b>28/10/26</b> | <b>SIMON KEMP</b>  | <b>BLETCHLEY PARK</b>             |
| <b>25/11/26</b> | <b>TOM LANE</b>    | <b>TO BE ADVISED</b>              |

**WE HAVE ALREADY COMMENCED COMPILING OUR PROGRAMME FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR WITH THE RETURN OF SEVERAL EXCELLENT SPEAKERS.**

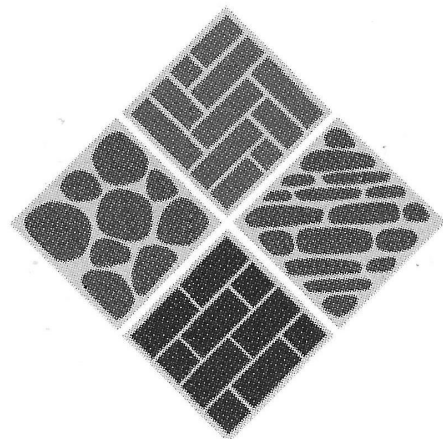
**WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INFORM YOU OF A SPECIAL EVENT BEING ARRANGED - A MEMORIAL TO ONE OF BILLINGHAM'S MOST FAMOUS RESIDENTS, BERNARD GILBERT, THE AUTHOR AND WAR POET. THIS WILL BE IN MAY 2027 TO COINCIDE WITH THE CENTENARY OF HIS DEATH**

**IF YOU REQUIRE ANY MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MEETINGS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY, LOU HIRD, ON 07756268762.**

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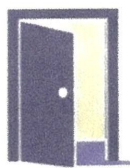


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# COMMUNITY BINGO

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★ **TUESDAY EVENINGS** ★



## EVENTS IN NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES

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# **B.A.D.Ass**

**Billingham Amateur  
Dramatics Association**

## **New Members Welcome**

**Thursday 6.30pm from 10/09/26**

**Billingham Village Hall**

**Panto 2027 dates 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February**



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## **Patient Participation Group**



Billinghay Medical Practice have an active patient participation group (PPG).

The purpose of the group is to represent the views of the village and surrounding catchment with regard to the surgery. They will ensure any issues raised are aired at meetings held every 3 months (4 per year).

The PPG also have a 'have your say' comment box in the waiting room, if you would like them to raise something on your behalf.

They are also kept informed of any developments and news from the surgery. There is always a representative of the surgery present at the meeting.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Vicky Howseman at the surgery, and she will put you in touch with one of the committee members.

Meeting Dates: 7th July 2026 and 6th October 2026, 18.00hrs at the Surgery.



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