

Billingborough Parish Council Newsletter

At our annual Council meeting – Cllr Woodhead was elected as chairman and Cllr Labinjo as vice chairman. All councillor roles can be seen on our website. The Chairman's report can also be viewed there.

Thank you to those that attended – the annual parish meeting or submitted reports. All reports can be viewed on our website. At the meeting a representative from the Aveland History Group spoke about their stained glass Jubilee project and asked if BPC could offer some funding towards this. They were advised that this would be discussed at our July meeting. A parishioner raised concerns about dog poo and asked if additional litterbins could be installed on Birthorpe Road. They were advised that we had approached SKDC on two previous occasions regarding this and had been advised on both occasions that they didn't have sufficient staff to manage emptying any additional bins. Since the meeting we have once again approached SKDC and unfortunately were met with the same response of **NO**. Another parishioner asked about the plans to possibly development the Hall Field into a managed green space for all. They were assured that nothing would go ahead without full consultation with the village and that the idea was purely in its 'egg' stage. Another asked about our plans for the Aveland field and was advised that several options are currently being investigated and that the village will be consulted before any final decision is made.

Jubilee celebrations - a massive thank you goes to – to the Queen's Jubilee Committee, to all volunteers that helped before or on the day, to those who gave donations be it money or food, to the amazing singers and to you for attending Sunday 5th June's celebration. Despite the abysmal weather, people turned out in the hundreds and made it a success and a village celebration to remember! The village hall committee would also like to thank all volunteers and commented that they were '*delighted to see so many people celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the various events over the weekend*'. **Best decorated house** – was awarded to Mike and Amanda of the 'Old Chapel' in Chapel Street. Thank you to all of you who decorated your properties, it really cheered the village up. It's a pity that there could only be one winner. **Best royal scarecrow** – was awarded to Tim & Sandy Mitchell of Ousemere Close for their amazing Queen on horseback - who was jumping their hedge! There were some truly imaginative Queens sited around the village, so many thanks to all who took part! **Church Flower Festival** – the church looked so pretty for the Queen's Jubilee, so a big thank to all who decorated it!

We say thank you – to Jeannie and Andrew for volunteering to help maintain our Pointon and Folkingham road entrance planters.

Environmental issues – are constantly in the news be it to encourage us to recycle more, turn down the heat, turn off the light, use less water, buy less clothing, do fewer journeys etc. so much so that it's easy to become blind to the message and its urgency and revert back to our old habits. Forgetting that our individual actions add to the cumulative detrimental effect on the world and in particular climate change. We appreciate that it's not always easy to be green and that often the old way is easier but if we don't make changes now then generations in the future may not have the luxury of choice. So as a Council we will endeavour to do our utmost to do everything we can to care for the environment and will support the efforts of SKDC and the UK government in doing the same. We encourage you our parishioners to be thoughtful about how you source and use energy and how you manage waste and pollution and to be good stewards of the village by keeping it litter free. We welcome any suggestions you may have to help Billingborough become a 'greener' village.

A Wildlife haven – has sprung up in just a month due to our decision **not** to mow the Aveland field in May. It is now awash with wild flowers, birds and numerous pollinators busy going about their work. Consequently the Council has decided not to cut the field until at least the end of July and intends to discuss at our July meeting how best to move forward from that time.

Community Speedwatch – we currently have 8 volunteers. Four have already completed the necessary training and hope to become operational in July. Further training is planned for July so if you're interested in volunteering please contact our clerk.

The Parish Council is interested to hear your views on any crime related issues in the village - so if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete a short survey which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Billingborough-Parish-Council-107945005250794> it would be very much appreciated." It would also be appreciated if you could also 'like' this site.

Billingborough Army Cadet Force – would you like to sleep out under the stars and cook your own meal - after finding your way over unknown countryside. Do you fancy trying canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, becoming proficient in map reading, first aid, field craft and weapon handling or getting involved with your village activities? To parade in your uniform with pride on Remembrance Day, help with community projects and have the opportunity to achieve the 'Duke of Edinburgh Award'? If yes and **your over 12** why not contact us for more information at 7339coope@armymail.mod.u or call **07766114358**. We meet on a Wednesday at 7pm.

Are you a budding Andrew Lloyd Webber or Jo Ann M Hunter? - Then you could be the person to help BATS (Billingborough Amateur Theatre Society) produce this year's adult only cast pantomime, as they are looking for a new director. If you fit the bill please contact Fiona at fiabarlow@outlook.com.

Village cricket is going well – but there is still opportunity for you to join! So if you are between 5 to 18 and are interested in being coached in cricket, then contact **Katie** on **07415174458**/Katie-falkner-cricket@outlook.com or **Kiran** on **07957471665**/Mak1-Kiran-cricket@outlook.com, for more information. Sessions are held in the recreation ground on a Monday evening.

Eyes down – for a cash and prize bingo on **Friday 5th August (over 18yrs only)** - doors open 7pm - eyes down 7.30 - there will be a bar and light refreshments available - **funds raised will go toward the Village Hall Refurbishment Plan.**

Flooding in West Rd car park – continues to be an issue despite extensive works to resolve this. Cllr Hill is aware of the situation and has assured us that further works to address the issue are in the pipeline.

The Jitty – between Brewery Lane and Burton Lane continues to deteriorate, however; we have been assured by Cllr Hill that LCC will be undertaking works to address the situation.

Repairs to the play area – will be undertaken in the next few weeks, however; these should not cause too much disruption to its use, as they should hopefully be completed within a day.

Our tennis courts are open – and open access and free use continues and will do so as long as they are used appropriately. However; several youths are threatening this privilege being withdrawn, as they have taken to using the area as their private 'velodrome'. We politely ask that you advise your children that no wheeled vehicle is allowed on the court or the five a side area as they seriously damage the surface– **thank you.**

Broken glass – has also been an issue in the recreation ground on the skate park area. If you witness this being done or find broken glass please contact our clerk – **thank you.**

Dog poo – **is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets and in the Recreation Ground!** If you're a dog walker please ensure you pick up after your dog and dispose of it in your bin or a litterbin **not** in the hedge or on the verge in a plastic bag!! **Thank you.**

Please remember all those affected by the war in Ukraine -may this conflict soon be over!

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