

Billingborough Parish Council Newsletter

A time to remember the valour of those who selflessly gave their lives for our freedom – at this year's Remembrance Day service, that will be held in **St Andrews Church, Billingborough on Sunday 12th November at 10.15am**. A member of the council usually lays the village wreath, however; it would be lovely if a veteran could do so this year. If you or someone you know would like to do this please contact our clerk by **6th November**.

We are pleased to welcome – Calvin Williamson to the Council. Calvin took up office following co-option at our September meeting. Calvin's details and those of all of our Councillors can be found on our website, as can our Councillor Application form. So if you're interested in joining us all you need to do is send your completed application to our Clerk by **Nov 13th**.

Please let us know what you'd like us to budget for - when we plan our expenditure for the coming year at our November meeting on the **14th November**. So if there's anything specific you'd like to see happen in 2024/25 or long term please let our Clerk know by **12th November**. We can make choices on your behalf though **it would be much better if our decisions were based on your desires!**

Our Coronation bench – which is made of recycled materials to reflect King Charles' ethos, is now in place in the recreation ground - so why not go and give it try? We'd love to hear what you think of it. Our **thanks** go to the members of the cricket club who very kindly installed it for us!!

Future grass cutting – it was unanimously agreed at our September meeting to continue cutting all our main grassed areas as per our usual schedule next year and to not cutting the Aveland field from May until the end of August.

Straw – we raised villagers concerns about the amount of straw being deposited in the village with Cllr Hill and asked if anything could be done to eradicate this problem. Unfortunately due to lack of legislation in this area, he suggested that all we can do is to keep requesting a street clean via report it on SKDC website.

Jitties- we are pleased to advise that LCC have now repaired the Brewery/Burton Lane jitty and we thank Cllr Martin Hill for his assistance with this matter. We are now liaising with him re the possibility of LCC also repairing the three jitties joining the High Street to West Rd.

Folkingham Road resurfacing – we have been advised by Cllr Hill that these works will now not be undertaken until next year. We will of course keep reiterating to him how urgent these works are!!

Footpaths – we are currently liaising with Cllr Hill re the possibility of LCC resurfacing all our eroding/dangerous footpaths.

Flooding in West Rd car park – at our request Cllr Hill arranged for LCC to 'suck out' out the drain in this car park. Unfortunately flooding has occurred since then, so we will continue liaising with him and lobby SKDC until this issue is resolved.

SKDC off street parking places Civil Enforcement order 2023 in respect to West Rd car park – unfortunately was agreed and came into place on the 12th September. Full details of the order can be found at [CHttpHandler.ashx \(southkesteven.gov.uk](http://CHttpHandler.ashx(southkesteven.gov.uk) In brief it states that no vehicle above 6'6" can park there; no vehicle can remain for more than 48hrs and that the restrictions apply 24hrs a day. SKDC are to erect signage that will advise motorist fully of the new regulations. The council is challenging this decision.

Chapel St- we have requested via Cllr Hill that LCC erect signage at the Chapel St crossroads to avert HGVs accessing the High St via Chapel St.

Worldwide Logistics – in response to complaints and negotiations by both residents, councillors & councils regarding the exceptionally large lorries that have been accessing their site via West Rd, have changed their postcode on google earth and Royal Mail postcode finder to reflect their site entrance on Station Road. This should ensure that all lorries will now enter their depot via their Station Rd entrance. They also intend to erect directional signage on the High St and have provided to an out of hours tel no **0330 043 2370. NB** vehicles for the LCC depot are also using this entrance.

Your Emergency plan – if you'd like to be a member of the village's emergency team, then please contact Cllr Rayside on **07380 280921** or cllrayside@gamil.com or Cllr Turner on **07971 503742** or murrayt092@gamil.com. Full training will be provided.

Community speed watch – we are looking for a volunteer/s to manage our speed watch programme. This would entail undertaking training to be a volunteer and organising our volunteers to undertake routine checks. Please contact our chairman if you're interested or would like more information about the role.

School crossing patrol attendant – there has been an applicant for this role, so hopefully we'll have an attendant in place very soon.

Your opportunity to own a piece of history – has arisen, as the church has three pews available to purchase, via sealed bids of offers of over £100. Two pews measure 3.1 mtrs & the other one 3.6 mtrs. If you'd like one please place your bid and contact details in a sealed envelope marked **PEWS** and post in the church letterbox by **NO LATER THAN 12pm on the 18th November**.

Pop in Too – raised an amazing **£377** at their recent Macmillan coffee morning.

Village hall events & news – the recent **craft fare** raised **£600** for their funds. **Social Bingo** evening (adults only) will be held on **Friday 3rd November** & the Christmas one including a raffle on **1st December**, with proceeds of raffle going to the village hall. Doors open **7pm eyes down at 7.30**. Their **AGM**, which is open to the public, will take place at **9.45am on 3rd December**. The hall has a vacancy for a **Cleaner/Care Taker** on a self-employed basis, approx. **8 – 12 hours per month**. For more information please email billingboroughvillagehall@gmail.com or contact Fiona on **07824554566**.

NB Billingborough Community Gym - has a new phone number **01529 712665**.

Aveland Craft Club – are holding a fair on **5th November from 10.30 to 2.30** in the Village Hall, in aid of Village Hall funds.

The Horbling & Billingborough Scout Group - provides outdoor adventure, friendship, and personal development to over 100 young people aged 4-18 years old and is thriving, however; they need more help! Volunteering in Scouting is completely flexible and really rewarding; no prior experience is necessary and training is provided. They are currently looking to recruit assistant leaders to join their active Cubs (8-10yr olds) and Scouts (10-14yr olds) leadership teams and a volunteer Cleaner (1-2 hrs per week). If you'd like more information about any of these roles or how you might be able to help out, please get in touch with Martha at martha.brown@stamfordbournescouts.org.uk

Cricket - after a tough 2022, which culminated with both Saturday teams being relegated, 2023 started with optimism in both camps and resulted with the first team finishing second in the league, having only lost one game all season. The Saturday second team was short of players and drastic action was required. Town side Sleaford had several juniors not in play, so Billingborough snapped them up on loan, resulting in the team finishing in the top half of the table. Sadly the Sunday team, despite fighting to the end, were relegated. Looking ahead to 2024 - the two Saturday and one Sunday league teams will again be competing most weeks, they plan to have more Friday night T20 games, running open junior training sessions on Monday nights, the formation of a second Sunday side, aiming to play only friendly cricket, offering a route into cricket for newbies and a way to keep playing for those who consider themselves more senior! The club hopes that they can provide some entertainment for the parish next year and look forward to welcoming any guests wanting to come down and get involved. A full report on the season can be found on our website.

Dogs – it was agreed after much debate not to currently impose any restrictions on dogs using the playing field in the recreation ground. Though, we politely ask that all dog walkers keep their dogs under control and to clean up after them.

Fortescue planning application update- the application to build a house in the car park has been withdrawn.

Zig zags – polite reminder that the zig zags outside the school mean don't ever stop to drop off or pick up anyone or park in this area. These markings are intended to ensure that drivers going through the area and youngsters crossing the road have a clear, unobstructed view of the crossing area. Please also don't park or stop on the zig zags outside the fire station, which are there to ensure an unimpeded exit by fire engines at all times.

A little reminder to Light up at night-when out on your bike.

A polite request- to anyone whose trees, shrubs, hedging, etc. overhangs the pavement – please cut them back – **thank you!**

Christmas services – there will be a carol service in our church on **Sunday 17th Dec at 3pm** and **midnight mass on 24th at 11.15pm**.

Crisp packets – unfortunately cannot be put in our grey bins and take several decades to degrade in landfill. However, we can recycle them with our soft plastics at the Co Op. We know this takes a little bit more effort than dropping them in the bin but it helps the planet!

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