

Now is the time - to let us know what you'd like us to budget for when we plan our expenditure for the coming year at our November meeting. So if there's anything specific you'd like to see happen in **2026/27** or long term please let our Clerk know by **30th September**. We can make choices on your behalf though **it would be much better if our decisions were based on your desires!**

It could also be the time you decide to become a councillor – there is a short video on our website where councillors say why they took that step & what they gained from doing so, so why not take a look? Hopefully it will dispel any fears that have been preventing you from applying. Application forms can be found on our website. Selection will be by co-option at our meeting on **9th September**.

Billingborough Flood Group updates - Following the receipt of the Environmental Agency initial evidence based flood report (including a lot of information from residents) in May, the BFG reviewed the report, raised a series of queries and from the responses received, produced a Strategic Flood Mitigation Proposal for Billingborough. This document was used as a reference and agenda for the multiagency meeting they held on the 7th July & from that meeting a series of actions were agreed to be followed up by each agency (some of which are already in process). They have embedded these actions within a Strategic Proposal so everyone can see how each relates to the key causes of the flooding. They have also just received the redacted Section 19 report from the Lincolnshire Flood Risk Management Authority which is included in the information pack. The BFG will now focus on following up agreed actions with each agency over the coming weeks and months and report back on progress to Billingborough residents via the Flood Aid Facebook Group. They hope to arrange a residents meeting with attendance from the agencies within the next couple of months. **The Chair** of the group has also contacted our mayor in respect to the fund set up by LCC to help those affected by January's flooding, as to date no one affected in our village have been able to access these monies & have been met by hurdles when trying to do so. The Mayor responded advising that grant monies were now being released & that all home owners who were yet to submit their application have been written to give them the opportunity to apply. If you are having difficulties completing your grant application, she advised that you go to PropertyFloodResilience@linconshire.gov.uk and that a member of the team will look to get back to you as quickly as possible. BFG are keen to receive further feedback from those residents who decide to make a new application or reapply. You can view BFG's strategic Proposals, EA flood report, queries raised from that report & EA responses, minutes of the July meeting, the section 19 report & the correspondence to & from the Mayor on our website & the Billingborough Flood Aid Facebook page.

Flood pod & Flood Mary – if you weren't able to attend the flood information event held in the recreation ground in July, you can view lots of helpful information on property flood resilience and recovery by going to floodmary.com.

Stay safe & informed by signing up for flood alerts at – <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings> this will ensure that you get timely alerts, enabling you if necessary to take early action to mitigate the impact of any potential flooding on your property & decide what steps to take to keep yourself/family safe. Registering only takes a minute – so why not do it today?

The Village's Emergency planning group – if you haven't already put your name forward to be part of this, you can still register your interest by going to <https://areg.is/1LePi52> or via the QR code which can be found on our website.

SKDC's local plan – proposed development of 140 properties on the 7.2 hectares west of Pointon Rd & the former Aveland School has now been reduced to **130**. The council has voiced its concern re the impact this will have on our antiquated drainage system, roads & school & sort assurances that appropriate steps will be taken to update these areas accordingly.

Planning application S25/0672 – proposed change of use of outbuildings at the Fortescue Arms to short term holiday accommodation, was granted subject to 14 conditions, which can be viewed by visiting their website at southkesteven.gov.uk.

The plaque to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II & the trees planted in her memory – is now in place on the paddock fencing on Low St.

The Village's wild flower patch – we had high hopes for this, however the exceptionally hot weather was against us! Sadly to date only a few flowers have managed to push their way to the surface but we're staying positive in the hope that as temperatures start to drop, nature will surprise us and bring a flurry of flowers well into the autumn. *If only flowers were as resilient & determined as weeds!*

Our bin collection day is changing – from week commencing **15th September** our bins will be collected on a **Wednesday, so the 17th**. This includes green bins, which will be collected on the **2nd** week of the new scheme, ie **24th**. For more details please go to southkesteven.gov.uk.

Church News – the **west facing clock** is now repaired & back in situ. Thanks go to SKDC for their grant that enabled this work to be undertaken. During its replacement it was discovered that the **east facing clock**, which is made of glass also required repairs, so it has been removed & taken to the clock company for assessment etc. The church now has a **new sound system**. The recent **summer concert & Strawberry Tea** raised **£375** for the Air Ambulance & **£360** for the church. Thanks go to everyone that helped, provided cakes & supported the event. This year's **Harvest Festival** will be held at **11am on 19th October**, followed by a **Harvest Lunch at 12.30 in the village hall**. Tickets are **£15** for adults & **£7.50 for under 13s**, to reserve your tickets please call Trevor on **01529 241325**. A **Pet Service** is planned for **4th October at 3pm**, location as yet to be decided. This will be a fun event, so why not save the date? This year's remembrance service will take place at **on 9th November at 10am**. **100 Club** – is back & there are still numbers available & it's just **£52 pa**. You have the option to pay weekly, monthly or yearly. If you'd like to join please contact Georgina Collyer gecolyer@hotmail.co.uk.

Pop in too's - coffee morning on the **25th September** is in aid of **Macmillan**, so please go along and support it. If you'd like to bake a cake for the event or donate a raffle prize, then please call Liz on - **01529 240839**.

Save the dates – 2nd November - Autumn Fayre in aid of village hall refurbishments, being held in the VH & **22nd November Christmas Fayre** – in aid of the church & being held in the church. At both events there'll be of lots lovely things to peruse, buy & taste!

Dobbers at the ready – Village Hall bingo **RETRUNS on Friday 5th September** – doors open at 7pm eyes down at 7.30pm.

Village Hall – To make a booking please use - <https://hallbookingonline.com/billingborough/>.

Looking for more energy, new friends & a reason to wear those workout clothes that you bought way back? – then why not give the community gym ago? **It only costs £5 to join**, which gets you an induction session, after that it's either **£5 PAYG** or **£16 pm**, payment by cash or direct debit. **NB** there's no contract to sign. Opening hours are – **Mon, Wed & Fri** – 9am to 12pm & **Mon, Tues & Wed** 5pm to 7pm. **Raring to go?** -Then hesitate no more - call **07577 030548** to book your induction session.

Billingborough Cricket Club - committee details - Chairman – Barriey Light. If you wish to join or would like more information please call him on **07506 739413** or email at barrieylight@yahoo.co.uk. **Sept fixtures** – 6th – 1^{sts} – H - playing Long Sutton 2nds, 13th – 1^{sts} – A – playing Boston 2nd & 2nds – H – playing – Ketton Sports 2nd, 20th – 1st – H - playing Market Deeping 2nd All matches start at **12.30pm**.

Linkwell our good neighbourhood scheme needs volunteers - so if you have a little spare time and would like to make a difference to someone's life by befriending them, helping with shopping or transport, etc. why not consider volunteering for Linkwell? How much time you give is totally up to you. For more information please call **07731 678242**.

The Big Poppy make – we now have well over 2000 poppies! So a massive thank you to all those that have contributed so far! Especially all the ladies from pop in! We are collecting up to October, so if you'd like to contribute to help create a magnificent display in the church & Spring Wells area to commemorate this year's Remembrance Day, then please keep making them. If you require a pattern please call Debbie on **07709 198524**. There is a collection box in the church for you to drop off your completed poppies & you can also drop them off at the village hall on a Wednesday at 'Pop in Too'.

Ladies Wednesday Club – if you like meeting up for a coffee/tea and a natter while learning about various topics in a light hearted way, then why not pop along to the Village Hall, at 7.30pm, on the first Wednesday of the month – **3rd Sept it's 50 shades of denim** with Lorraine Appleby & goods will be available to buy. **1st Oct Lee Graham** will be sharing her whimsical poetry. You can either attend as a guest **£4** per meeting or become a member which costs **£20 pa**.

Village Pals is a new friendship group that is held every **Tuesday** from **12.15 pm** in the Fortescue Arms Billingborough. It is open to everyone – so why not go along for a coffee & chat & see what it's all about? They'd love to see **YOU!**

Wellbeing walks – take place on the second Thursday of the month at **10am**, meeting and ending at the church with tea & biscuits. The walk is approx. 1 hr long & is suitable for all abilities. For more information please contact Jennifer.pitt3@nhs.net or call **07789 533703**.

Springwells Patient Participation group – next meets on **6th November at 1.30 pm in the waiting room**. This is your an opportunity to hear what's been happening in the practice and give your ideas, feedback and suggestions to help improve the patient experience. Join via Patient Reference Group form on their website www.ruralmedical.co.uk by contacting reception, or coming along on the night.

Library van dates - Vine St – 15th September & 13th October 15.30 to 16.15 **Village Hall** – 10th September and 8th October 9.45 to 10.45. There's also **Books to your door** - for more details about this service please call **01522 782010** or email benjamin.tatton@gll.org.

STOP scammers in their tracks – **PAUSE** before you click, **NEVER** share your bank info unless you're **100%** sure it's authentic, **VERIFY** by using official contact details, have **STRONG** passwords that you change regularly & **do not use for more than one site**, avoid search **https** addresses that do not have **S**, **these aren't secure! REPORT – TEXT** scams to **7726** & emails to report@phishing.gov.uk. Staying cautious isn't being fearful, it's staying in control – **remember a quick check now can save a lot of trouble later!**

Help4paws dog rescue – has recently moved to the village & are looking for volunteers to help in the foster kennels. Previous kennel & knowledge of rescue dogs or having worked in an animal related sector preferred though training will be given. Min age 18. However; if you just feel that you can give some time to walk some of the dogs that would also be very much appreciated. Volunteers should love working with dogs & be committed to providing the very best care. If you'd like to know more please call **07500 970902** or email to melloneyfletcher@gmail.com. If you have any spare blankets, duvets, towels or dog related items, tucked away at home, that you no longer require, they would be very gratefully received! Every blanket means a cosy, happy dog & a *wagging tale of appreciation*.

Parking – we appreciate that some households have to park on the road but we politely ask that you be considerate when doing so by not parking so that you block pedestrian access on a footpath or too close to a junction, making it difficult for cars to see when joining such roads as the High St – **Thank You!**

Tennis courts – a little reminder that our tennis courts and basketball area will be **closing for use** at the close of day on **Sunday 26th October**. They will **reopen on Sunday 29th March 2026**.

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