Billingborough Parish Council Newsletter November/December 2026

A time to remember –the valour of those who selflessly gave their lives for our freedom – at this year's Remembrance Day Service, being held in **St Andrews Church, Billingborough** on ***Sunday 8th November at 10.15am.***

We say a big welcome to our new clerk – Mrs Karyn Wilkins – who came into post on 12th October & who will be working alongside Hayley for the next couple of months.

Opportunity alert for all out there that would like to make a positive contribution to the ongoing maintenance & future of our village & drive ideas forward to make it an even better place to live – if that's you, then we'd love to hear from you as we currently have councillor vacancies. *Ah* – but you may be thinking well it's a pointless time to join as there's an election next May. ***Please don't let this deter you*** as it's highly unlikely that there'll be more candidates than seats, as currently we only have 5 councillors when we should have 9. To be a councillor you don't need a political background or a list of qualifications – all you need is an interest in our village, a willingness to get involved and a little spare time. **Curious -** then why not come along to our meeting on ***10th November*** to see what we're all about? Or if you've decided it's for you, complete our online application form. Selection will by co-option. If you'd like more information about the role of a councillor, please see our councillor induction pack on our website or contact Chris on ***0781086189*** or Ari on **07387842011**.

The Parish Budget for 27/28 – will be discussed & drafted at our meeting on ***10th November –*** unfortunately to date we've not received any ideas from the public – so if you have something you'd like us to consider please let our clerk know by ***8th November***. Remember we can make choices on your behalf but it would be preferable if they were community led & based on your desires.

Pointon Road – unfortunately our plea to have the speed limit of 30pmh extended on Pointon Rd was refused, consequently the Council is looking to appeal this decision & ask that at the very least that they install an Archer box to monitor the speed of vehicles using the road.

New double front doors & external toilet doors for the pavilion - the Council has a submitted a grant application to SKDC for funding to replace these.

The Aveland Site Update – LCC is currently reviewing the future of this site & has recently commissioned planning & master planning consultants, to assess its potential. They are meeting via zoom with Councillors to get Council & community opinion. We will of course keep you updated & ask LCC to extend their consultation to the whole village.

Don't miss the opportunity to have your say - If you haven't already contributed to our survey for improvements in the recreation ground **–** please do so at https://www.menti.com/aldpgi6n3igx. We'd particularly like to hear from children & families – ***thank you.***

Proposed Lincolnshire Reservoir – a public consultation event will take place in our Village Hall on ***Wednesday 25th November*** from ***4pm to 8pm.*** They are consulting on updated plans, construction, traffic & transport & supplying water to Lincolnshire & the wider region.

We are very pleased to report that Billingborough Flood Group (BFG) & Billingborough Emergency Community Group (BECG) – are now working collaboratively to keep our village safe. ***BFG Strategic Plan Update-***they have recently ordered water pumps and ancillary equipment together with a storage container for all the equipment. They also recently held a meeting with senior officers form Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue to discuss how the BFG and the Emergency Response team can work in collaboration with the LFR during extreme flood events to ensure that removal of water from streets commences before properties flood even if the Fire Services are called to other emergencies so avoid any unnecessary delays. They are also currently establishing a process, depending on circumstances where water should be pumped safely & are hoping to reach an agreement on the approach in the next few weeks. The LFR is also offering to undertake some training for the village Emergency Response Team to address any potential health and safety issues. Fit & able volunteers will be required to manage the pumps. If you'd like to volunteer please contact Krys at k.szokalo@billingboroghfloodgrou.co.uk
BECG Update – the group are looking for a volunteer or two per the road that they live in to be the link that will help keep their neighbours connected & share information in any emergency. If you feel you could be one of these important links, then please contact **Rob** on ***07972 383257*** or at hifivephoto@gmail.com. Both groups & the Council would like to thank Mr P Chapman for moving the sand stored at the railway yard to its new homes at the village hall & his yard on Folkingham Rd. They'd also to the thank the village hall for offering to store most of the sand! ***Thank you, your help is very much appreciated!!***

The beautiful season of Autumn is with us –however this means lots of fallen leaves & debris, which unfortunately can lead to blocked drains & gutters, so please do your bit to help water flow by ensuring all street gutters & drains outside or near you home are clear. It would also be good if we could all play our part in helping prevent trips & falls by keeping pavements free from wets leaves & if those that have riparian responsibilities ensure that their ditches etc. are free from foliage, weeds, debris & litter – ***thank you everyone! Together we can help keep Billingborough safer for all.***

On-call firefighters are needed - Interested? –Then please call ***08003580204*** or go to **recruitment@lincoln.fire-uk.org**.

Springwells Surgery Medical Equipment Fund - are holding their annual Christmas Coffee Morning and Raffle on ***Saturday 5th December*** from ***9am to 2pm***. There will be coffee, tea, cakes and some stalls with locally made items for sale. The main prize in the raffle is a food hamper and there'll be lots of other amazing prizes. Raffle tickets are currently on sale at the surgery and also on the day of the coffee morning. So don't forget to save the date. All funds raised go towards buying much needed equipment for our surgery for direct benefit of the patients – equipment that the NHS doesn't supply!

DON'T FORGET the Aveland Art Group Autumn Fayre on 1st November – being held in the Village Hall from ***10am to 2pm.***

Village Hall – AGM will take place on ***9th December at 6.30pm*** – everyone's welcome. They're currently looking for new committee members to help keep the hall thriving, so if you're interested in becoming a member be sure to attend as the new committee will be elected that evening. **Refurbishment work** has been continuing, with the foyer being recently decorated and the development of community wildlife garden completed. **Bingo –** will be on ***Friday 6th November*** & ***4th December*** - **doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm**, (Over 18s only). Bar & refreshments are available ***VH Lottery*** **–**don't forget that you can help raise funds for the VH by doing the SKDC lottery. For just £1pw you'll have a chance to win up to **£25k** in the weekly draw, while supporting the hall, as 60p of every pound goes local causes like our hall. To buy a ticket, please go to **https://www.lotterysk.co.uk/.../billingborough-village...** For information & hall hire which is **£20 ph.** call ***07704 298402*** or you can book direct at **hallbookingonline.com**

Church news **– The Harvest Festival** raised ***£169.75*** which will be donated to the charity Lincolnshire Rural Support Network. **The Harvest Meal & Raffle** raised ***£535.72*** for church funds – thanks go to all who made this possible! **All Souls Service** will be held in **Horbling Church** at ***3pm on 1st November.*** If you wish to remember a loved one please add their name to the sheet in the church or call Rebecca on ***01529 701505*** or ***07485 692851.*** The fabulous **Church Christmas Shop** will open on ***13th November*** **–** be sure to have a look as there'll be lots to see. ***Consecration of the new alter –*** will be undertaken by Bishop Nicholas on ***30th November at 6.30pm.*** **A Christmas Tree Festival –** is being planned for ***12th & 13th December*** – this is bound to be a spectacular event and a brilliant opportunity to showcase your group/business/charity/family. Refreshments will be available. For more details please contact Rebecca. A **Christmas Carol Service** will be held **on** ***20th December at 3pm*** & **Midnight Mass at** ***11.15 pm*** on **24th** & **Crib Service at Sempringham Abbey** at ***5.30pm.*** **The window fund is still active** & all funds from the church shop go toward this. The recently donated rocking horse raised a ***£100!*** If you'd like to see the windows return to their original glory for generations to come to enjoy, why not make a donation? Everything helps no matter how small. Donations can be made by cash in the blue post box (this is emptied every day), via the card machine in the church or direct to the church Lloyds bank account, sort code is ***30-98-02***. Account no. ***00686138.*** The ***100 Club has availability for new members*** **-** cost is **£52 pa** & you can pay weekly, monthly or yearly. If you'd like to join please contact Georgina Colyer **gecolyer@hotmail.co.uk.** If you're interested in becoming a church warden or helping in the church in any way please email Rebecca at **Rebecca.Rock@lincoln.anglican.org.**

Congratulations to Billingborough Cricket Club – who had a brilliant season with their first team finishing 3rd & remaining in division 1, their 2nd team finishing 3rd and remaining in division 3 & their Sunday team getting promoted, which means that they will now play in the Lincoln premier division . ***Well done!!*** If you fancy joining this successful club next season or would like more information please contact the **- Chairman** – Barriey Light on ***07506 739413*** or by email at barrieylight@yahoo.co.uk.

Community Gym – Sessions are at ***9am, 10am, 11am, 5pm, 6pm & 7pm*** on a ***Monday*** & ***Wednesday. Tuesday*** 5pm, 6pm & 7pm. ***Friday 9am, 10am & 11am.*** You'll receive an induction (**cost £5)** with a qualified instructor, afterwards you'll be ready to go. Going forward you can PAYG at ***£5 per session or £16pm,*** (from the start of a month). Payment is currently by cash or bank transfer. To set the ball rolling to take the first steps to a fitter YOU or for more information call ***07577 030548*** if no answer, please leave a VM & they'll call you back. ***NB over 18s only.***

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? You can either attend as a guest **£4** per meeting or become a member which costs **£20 pa**. ***4th Nov*** it's **Born Drawing** with **Sara Green** & on ***2nd Dec*** it's the **Christmas celebration** at ***3pm,*** which is an afternoon tea, cost £25.Next meeting will be on ***3rd February.***

Pop in too – **Macmillan coffee morning** raised an amazing ***£433.00*** - Thanks go to all who help make this achievable! ***NB*** the Christmas celebration will be on ***16th December,*** Pop in will then take a two week break & resume on ***6th Jan 2027.*** If you'd like to attend Pop in Too but are restricted by your mobility, transport can be arranged by contacting **Trevor** on ***01529 241325.*** **Village Pals,** meets every Tuesday in The Fortescue Arms from ***12 noon***

Pointon Rainbows & Brownies are looking for new members **-** both groups meet at Pointon Village Hall on a Monday evenings during term time. It's Rainbows from ***5pm to 6.16pm*** for girls aged ***4 to 7*** & Brownies from ***5.45pm to 7.15 pm***, girls aged ***7 to 10***. If you're interested please contact Maria at pointonguiding@outlook.co or log onto www.girlguiding.otg.uk/joimus to register your interest.

Fancy growing your own? – if you've ever thought about growing your produce or discovering your inner green-fingered guru – why not put your name on the waiting list for one of our allotments , you can do this by emailing Cara at **consultcara@gmail.com**

Library van dates **-** ***Vine St*** **–** ***9th November*** and ***7th December*** 15.30 to 16.15, ***Village Hall*** **–** ***4th November*** and ***2nd & 30th December***, 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.**

Dogs on leads in the recreation ground – following a dog bite incident in the rec, regrettably the Council may once again have to consider only allowing access to dogs on a lead. If you know that your dog can't be trusted then ***please do the correct thing and keep it on a lead***. Fortunately the injury wasn't too bad but still a break to the skin on the adults leg, this could have so easily been a child's face! So we politely ask that you be a **RESPONIBLE DOG WALKER** when using the recreation ground – ***thank you***.

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