CHRISTMAS TREE ILLUMINATION

7.00pm, 7th DECEMBER

Blessing by Rev. Molly Langridge.

Refreshments provided in the Community Rooms by Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.

There will carol singing led by the Billinghay C of E School Choir.
COUNCIL MEETING REPORTS

AUGUST MEETING
Councillors welcomed two residents who had attended the meeting to query the proposed plans of the Billinghay Skirth Regeneration Scheme (BSRS) to set up a “Drop-off Area” on the A153 to allow access for boats to the Skirth. They are unhappy that full consideration had not been given to the potential traffic hazards and flooding risks. It was explained to them that as yet no plans had been submitted and so the Parish Council could only comment when an application was submitted to NKDC. It was pointed out that the BSRS were consulting all relevant bodies to ensure there were no planning problems. The Council position in relation to BSRS was stressed in that whilst they supported the aims of the Group any proposed work would be looked at impartially and all resident’s views considered.

Clerk’s Report and matters arising from the previous meeting.
Cllr Wilson had spoken to the Police about the parking in King Street and was told that there was only a problem if the vehicles were causing an obstruction.
With regard to the Poultry Units on Mill Lane, the Clerk had spoken to Moy Park about the persistent burning of rubbish. They had agreed to monitor the situation.
The problem with school bus parking had been referred to County Cllr Bradwell and she had spoken to the Company. They had agreed to look for a more suitable location in the “holiday” period.
The Clerk advised that she had written to the Builder regarding the grassed area at the junction of Shire Close and Walcott Road but had received no reply. Clerk reported that she had sent an email of support to Leiston Parish Council as instructed and had received a reply thanking the parish for their support.

Financial Matters
Cllr Wilson thanked Cllr Chatten for his comprehensive report on the condition of the benches in the village. When the cemetery entrance work is completed, it was suggested that new benches be obtained for this area. The old ones could be re-sited if suitable. The Clerk produced a list of prices for benches from various manufacturers so that Councillors could understand the financial implications. It was also suggested that consideration be given as to whether the benches were correctly located as some were not being used very often.
In order to allow all of the aspects to be resolved. Cllr Chatten suggested that when he had issued the outstanding reports, each Cllr should let him have their views. He would then produce a report with recommendations and costings. It was agreed to do this.
Two estimates had been received for allotment dyke clearing and it was agreed unanimously that the quote from GC Contractors be accepted.

The Clerk also mentioned a letter received from the Witham First District Internal Drainage Board. They proposed clearing the dyke for which they are responsible commencing on the 1st November. The Clerk was instructed to advise any allotment holders affected by this work.

There was a review of the making safe of the headstones in the Walcott Road Cemetery. It was agreed that we write in respect of those where we have a contact asking them to arrange for the headstone to be made secure or pay £20 to the Parish Council for the work to be done. For those where there are no contacts, the Parish Council agreed to undertake the work.

**Correspondence**

A letter had been received from a resident regarding the improved nature of the Walcott Road cemetery bearing in mind the revised entrance project. There were varying opinions expressed as to what should be done regarding the hedge at the front of the cemetery. Eventually it was agreed to defer a decision as to any action until the entrance work had been completed.

**Highways Matters**

Several Councillors have received reports from residents of instances of cars illegally parked on pavements causing an obstruction for mobility scooters, prams and pushchairs. The Police advise they cannot take any action unless they see the offence but they will talk to the vehicle owners if the registration numbers are provided. It was agreed that an item be placed in the Newsletter for residents to take details of the registration numbers of the vehicles causing the obstruction and phone these through to the Police or the Parish Office for onward transmission.

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

NKDC have asked if we wish to do a Plan. Councillors were generally in favour of the idea but felt that they did not wish to commit without knowing the full details. These were not going to be available until the relevant Bill went through Parliament. After much discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write and say “yes” in principle and confirm when more details are made available.

**Police Matters**

It has been confirmed that the police would continue to have walking patrols in Billinghay. The Parish Office had been informed that there had been a series of opportunist thefts where people had accessed occupied premises through unsecured openings. The Council had been asked to reconsider their decision to withdraw funding for the S.I.D. This decision was based entirely on the lack of usable data being made available to the Parish. Inspector Jones who attended the meeting agreed to investigate and see if this situation could be resolved. Councillors agreed unanimously that the Clerk should write to NKDC and state that they will only reconsider if accurate and usable data was made available to them.

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ALL 13 TO 19 YEAR OLDS

Please note that the BIZ has started again
It will run from 7.30pm each Monday throughout term times
Reports from Councillors
Councillors had held meetings with the residents of the Whyche whose houses were at the back of Cullen Close. They still had concerns regarding the flooding risk of water running down from the higher land. They had been informed that in the centre of the site there was a large drainage tank and back-up system which would prevent such a problem. They were also told that some of the current problems with water running off the site are caused by one of the buildings not having any down pipes fitted. They were not convinced that this was a total solution and had taken photographs to illustrate the problem. The Clerk was asked to forward the photos to NKDC for their consideration. In addition, the lack of the fence between the site and the Whyche was mentioned to NKDC. Although the Builder is not obliged to erect this until the construction is complete, they were going to reconsider the position.

Ronnie Myers had volunteered to update the Billinghay Emergency Plan and discuss the revisions with the Council. Cllr Liles was asked to confirm to him that the Council accepted his proposition.

Burial Ground
Cllr Forman advised the meeting that the first phase of the Church Wall rebuild was complete and we were now awaiting the accounts to be presented. It was agreed that tenders be sought for Phase 2.

Cllr Richards advised that the foundations for the new cemetery gates were now in place. Finally at the end of the Meeting Cllr Wood tendered his resignation as from the end of August 2011. He confirmed that he was quite willing to continue unlocking the cemetery gates. He also would continue supporting the Newsletter as before apart from preparing the Council Report items.

SEPTEMBER MEETING
Public Discussion
Cllr Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if one person would speak on behalf the members of the public who had attended to raise concerns about the demolition of the Lafford School. The group were unhappy that they had not been given details of the demolition, as they were concerned about dust getting into homes and their children’s health, particularly as some had asthma. Councillors had not been given any information about the demolition, but were aware that specialist companies had been brought in to deal with the asbestos removal and demolition of the buildings. Cllr Powell advised that the NKDC Environmental health team could be contacted if dust was a problem. He thought that dust should not be a problem as damping down would be done during the procedure. The group felt very strongly that they would keep children off school for the main week of the demolition as a measure of protection from any dust.

County Cllr Bradwell arrived as the public session ended and went outside to speak with the group about their concerns.

Benches Risk Assessment
Cllr Chatten had recommended action for dealing with benches in a report circulated to Cllrs. It was agreed that 6 new benches should be purchased with fixing kits and fitting by the suppliers.

Grand Jubilee Party June 2012
A request had been made for Lafford Fund money to be used towards a Grand Party at the village hall and playing fields. Cllr Wilson explained that the fund from Lafford could be used for children only, and suggested that some specific costs should be identified, completely for children, and a request resubmitted. Funding from the Parish Council for the event could be requested at the Annual Finance Meeting in November.

Tarmac Cemetery drive.
Cllr Forman explained that some tarmac was being laid at the Cemetery entrance as part of the work mainly funded by a donation from a local benefactor. Councillor Richards explained that the costings for the tarmac had been very reasonable and it was agreed to fund this.

Diamond Jubilee Commemoration item
Cllr Richards suggested that a path to the ashes area in the cemetery be put in place and named ‘Jubilee Way’. It was agreed to establish at the AFM what funds could be made available to pay for the work.

Planning Matters
A letter of support had been requested in respect of the “Glasshouse” application. After much deliberation, it was agreed that Parish Council were unable to send a letter as they
needed to remain impartial. They would comment and, if agreed, support this when in receipt of the planning application.

Highways Matters
Cllr Bradwell told Cllrs that work on the Walcott Road to lay new water pipes was due to commence on 26 Sept. with closure as and when required up to 25 Nov. Arrangements would be made for pedestrian access whilst work in progress and convoy for traffic needing access. Notice had been received from LCC Highways advising that work was to be done on Mill Lane (road badly subsiding).

Neighbourhood Plan Workshop
Luisa McIntosh had confirmed date for the workshop was 20 Oct 6pm to 7.30pm. Refreshments would be available. Cllrs would attend and hopefully meet interested parishioners as part of the evening.

BSRS Update
The Parish Council had been asked if it would apply for planning permission for the ‘access to water drop off point’ on the Skirth Bank. Cllrs discussed this request and agreed that they did not wish to apply for the planning permission, that they wished to remain impartial as they commented on planning applications for the parish. They asked the clerk to contact BSRS and suggest that the group apply for planning permission and apply for the planning costs from the parish council at the AFM in November.

Reports and Questions from Councillors
The Council were advised that the new ramp and handrail at The Whyche Community Centre was difficult to access with mobility scooters, and did not meet building regulations. The Clerk was asked to speak to NKDC.

Cemetery
Cllrs approved the claim for phase 1 of the church wall work. The figure due was higher than anticipated as more bricks were needed as a high number were damaged and not re-useable from the existing wall. With regard to the Cemetery Wall, it is understood that the coping stones would be put in place at the end of the month. The metal work lettering (Billinghay Cemetery) had been started and would also be put in place in due course.

Allotments
The dyke has been cleared out at the allotments.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION
The Organisers have asked us to clarify that this event, to be held in June 2012, will be for ALL residents to share a day of celebration. Apparently there has been confusion as to who would be able to attend.

EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE WILL BE WELCOME TO COME ALONG FOR A DAY OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT.

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At the time of writing these notes, we are busy preparing for the 25th Anniversary visit of our friends from Ballon. By the time you read this, the visit will be completed (or almost). The programme of events will have a medieval theme and can be briefly described as below:

**Saturday 29th October**  
Arrive. Reception in the evening with representatives of local organisations invited.

**Sunday 30th October**  
Church Service in the morning. Hog Roast in the afternoon at the Village Hall – residents and old members were invited – see last newsletter

**Monday 31st October**  
Visit to York to see the historical city and a little retail therapy.

**Tuesday 1st November**  
Planting of trees in conjunction with the Billinghay Skirth Regeneration Society and presentation of memento to Ballon  
Evening – Medieval Banquet in Lincoln (suitable costume essential)

**Wed. 2nd November**  
Departure

We would like to thank everyone who has helped with our fundraising as the entire visit will be met out of the money raised, augmented by the members themselves. Unfortunately, we did not receive an EU grant this year and so the full cost falls on the Association.

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THE QUIZ

Identify the expressions from the clues below:
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4. $6 = B$ in an O in C  
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6. $9 = C$ in U  
7. $36 = BK$ on P  
8. $53 = N$ on H  
9. $168 = H$ in a W  
10. $206 = B$ in the HB

The answers will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Answers to Sept/Oct Quiz:  
1. Waterloo  
2. Swiss Cottage  
3. Earls Court  
4. Mile End  
5. Neasden  
6. Covent Garden  
7. Chalk Farm  
8. Oxford Circus  
9. Warren Street  
10. Barking
We would firstly like to give our village and the surrounding areas a heartfelt thank you for your kind response and support with our much needed envelope drop.

Secondly we would like to thank our team of volunteers who, without any hesitation, took on the task and got the job done. At the time of going to press we don’t know the final amount raised but we will let you know at a later date.

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The draw will be held at the Community Rooms “Cafe” with the two extra draws in 2012. If you can’t make the draw, don’t worry as we will let you know if you have won.

Terms and conditions apply and for more information and to purchase tickets, please contact:

Cath on 861144 or
Jayne on 861382

Recent events:
The Fashion Show raised £150.00
The Quiz Nite made £220.00

FINALLY, WE DESPERATELY NEED A PERSON WITH CHEMICAL KNOWLEDGE WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE US A HOUR A DAY AND ATTEND A COURSE FUNDED BY THE POOL COMMITTEE
As we move into October, you could be forgiven for thinking that summer had returned, especially if the last week of September’s weather was anything to go by. However, as I sit writing the latest update of the BSRS’s progress, I am pleased to say that normal service has resumed and it seems that autumn is well on its way. That said, the nice spell of weather allowed us to catch up on a few outstanding jobs.

Some of you may have noticed that some areas of the gravel paths were beginning to sprout weeds, which was a bit of a surprise given that we had already put down a weed-proof membrane before the gravel was laid. It turns out that the membrane supplied was incorrect. This has since been rectified by the supplier and the new membrane and gravel have been successfully re-laid. Hopefully, this will finally keep the weeds at bay!

Autumn is also a good time to start looking at our plans for the nature reserve and, specifically, at tree planting. We have recently applied to the Woodland Trust for some additional trees to plant around the pond area and should find out in the coming weeks if we have been successful. The Twinning Association is also helping out with the provision of suitable trees and will soon be planting some Silver Birch trees in the pond area to commemorate its Silver Anniversary.

On the fundraising front, we recently held the first round of the ‘Fen Factor’, our very own karaoke singing contest, at the Golden Cross. The evening was well attended, with some great contestants and we managed to raise a whopping £170. A big thank you to all who attended and made the evening such a great success and, particularly, to Trevor for providing the venue. The second round is planned for the Hume in South Kyme in November. Please keep an eye out for our posters, giving full details, which will be going up soon. On top of that, we have also had two very generous donations, one from Mr and Mrs E Page and one from the Parish Cluster. A very big thank you to both for their much welcomed generosity. Finally, we would also like to thank both the North Kyme and Billinghay Parish Councils for their ongoing support. Enjoy your autumn.

Jem
THE END OF THE LAFFORD SCHOOL

The demolition of the Lafford has been met with:
- sorrow, with many an ex pupil shedding a tear
- disbelief and anger that a perfectly good building had been taken down
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GRANT APPLICATIONS

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The necessary forms can be obtained from the Parish Office:
Office Hours 9.15am to 3.00pm
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays
At the time of writing we have just started another school year and already our thoughts are turning towards Christmas and the different productions and events. **2010-11** was another highly successful year at school in terms of the progress our children have made and I am delighted to report a summary of this to you. The children in Foundation Stage 2 (Wagtails and Robins) made very good progress. Results at the end of the school year 2010-11 illustrate a good level of overall achievement when compared to 2011 local and national data. Our results clearly demonstrate the children are achieving above Lincolnshire and national data in all of the key assessment areas. The data for our Year 2 children represents good progress in Key Stage 1, from the beginning of Year 1 to the end of Year 2, in maths, reading and writing. As with our Key Stage 1 results, the results for Key Stage 2 continue to improve in terms of the value that is added to the children’s education, particularly in maths between the end of Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2. The Year 6 children met, or exceeded, their challenging targets for English and maths. All of these results are fabulous achievements and the staff, Governors and myself are extremely proud of our children. We pride ourselves in the learning and nurturing environment that we have at school and would like to thank all parents and carers and all the other members of the local community for their continued commitment and support to the development of the school. We look forward to continued success in 2011-12.

Our **Harvest Festival** service was held at St Michael’s Church on Friday 14th October at 10am. On 10th November at 10am we are holding a joint service at the Methodist Chapel for our **Shoe Box** appeal. All the shoe boxes collected from parents/carers with items in them for Romanian children will be taken to the Chapel for the service before being transported off to Romania. I would also like to thank the Baptist Chapel for all the resources which they so generously donated to school.

Our **Christmas Fayre** will be held on Friday 25th November from 3.30pm in school. We look forward to welcoming people to school for this event which is also an opportunity for fantastic Christmas gifts to be purchased.

**Primary School Admissions for September 2012**

If your child was born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 then he/she is eligible to start school in September 2012.

- The admissions scheme is co-ordinated by the Local Authority Schools Admission Team and not the school.
- Paper applications will no longer be available. Applications must now either be completed online or by phone. Applications online can be made at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions). Applications over the phone can be made by telephoning the Schools Admission Team on 01522 782030.
- Applications cannot be made until the 14th November 2011.
- Applications must be received by the School Admissions Team by **20th January 2012 or you may lose out at a place at your preferred school.**

Starting school guides will be available to collect from all primary schools or through the customer service centre on 01522 782030 from the 14th November 2011. Once you have read this guide you will be able to apply online for a place.

If you require assistance or further information regarding the application process then please contact school. You can apply online or over the phone at school if you wish.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and we look forward to building on our successes this school year.

**Mr R Allen, Headteacher**
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| **HEALTH WALKS**                            | ~ Setting out from the Children’s Centre at 10.00am on Mondays. | *(School term time only)*

The above is our regular timetable of activities taking place at the Centre. We may also be running some new courses from the Centre over the coming months so please keep checking the notice boards or ring us for details: 01526 869248. Alternatively you can email us at BillinghayChildrensCentre@lincolnshire.gov.uk

The children’s centres have commissioned a counselling service. The service will initially be available to families of under 5’s for a period of 6 weeks. Please phone the Centre if you would like any further information. We look forward to welcoming you and if you haven’t yet visited a membership gift is available for children under 5 years of age.

All of the current activities are free of charge and to avoid disappointment please book for any sessions you wish to attend (except the Drop-In). The Centre is open from 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Wednesday and 9.00am to 4.30pm Thursday and Friday.
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BOWLS
Billinghay Bowls Club had a very successful 1911 season. They not only finished winners of the City League Division 3, gaining promotion to the Second Division but they also won the Sunday morning E.B.A. Metals League.
Was the winning of the Metals League due to the ladies, as it was the first season that ladies were allowed to play in this particular competition?
Although the club struggled a little in the Sleaford League, they finished in a respectable mid table spot in the Woodhall Friendly League.
In a club competition Celia Faulkner beat Eric South in the Over 60’s competition. The Alf South Open Pairs was played on the wettest Sunday of the Summer which rather spoilt this very popular competition. This was won by brothers Ian and Melvin King who beat Danny Dawson and Partner in the final.
Congratulations to club members Monica Law, Shirley Eaglen and Sylvia Swift who won the Legionnaires Triples and also to Goff Law who won the Stan Hargreaves Cup.
I heard the sad news recently that Timberland Bowls Club are to lose their green after over 50 years, as it is to be sold for housing. This is the fourth time this has happened to clubs which are within a ten mile radius of Billinghay. I am especially upset as I was Secretary of the Timberland club for seventeen years and I remember the enjoyment that was had over the years.

TENNIS
Billinghay Tennis Club started their Winter season on Sunday 9th October away to Boston D. The team was Mick Brommell, Chris Rogers, Charlie Maplethorpe and William Tomlinson. Unfortunately, after a hard fought match the team lost 3-1.
Everyone at the club are hoping for better weather than last year with far less postponements. The league is comprised of the following teams, Woodhall Spa, Sleaford, Horncastle, Spilsby and four teams from Boston.

GOLF
Billinghay golfer Luke Revell won one of the major competitions at South Kyme Golf Club. This was the Chris Munks Memorial Trophy which is sponsored by the Munks family. Luke`s win was remarkable as he was playing off scratch.
Another Billinghay winner was Alan Wells who partnered Joy Butler, from Ruskington, to win the Mixed Greensomes competition.

KURLING AND INDOOR BOWLS
I have been asked to advertise the fact that Indoor Bowls and Kurling began in the Village Hall at the beginning of October. Bowls is played between 2pm and 4pm every Monday while Kurling starts at 7-30 pm on Wednesday evenings.

BOTH NEED MORE MEMBERS, SO COME ON YOU `COUCH POTATOES`, FORGET ABOUT CORONATION STREET AND EASTENDERS, YOU WILL FEEL FAR BETTER IF YOU COME TO THE VILLAGE HALL.
FOOTBALL
All Billinghay teams have made good starts to the season. Although the first team haven’t played many league matches they have been heavily involved in cup competitions. In the Fishtoft Cup the score was 3-3 after extra time against Westside Rangers and it needed penalties for our village side to go into the second round. It was a little easier in the first round of the Sharman Burgess Cup as in a high scoring game Billinghay beat Woodhall Spa 5-3 while they beat Benington 3-1 away in the Lincs. Junior Cup.
The Reserve side are the team of the moment as they are riding high at the top of the Boston League Division 1. They have won their first five league matches. This must be a record for our village reserve side. Is their success in some way due to a certain ‘old stalwart,’ who has moved down from the first team and has tightened up the defence.
The Under 16 team is lying third in their league having won three games out of four while the Under 18’s are at present holding a mid table spot.

PLEASE SEND NEXT SPORTS NEWS BY 2nd DECEMBER to teakywood@tiscali.co.uk or POST IT THROUGH MY LETTERBOX AT 11, MEADOW WAY.

VILLAGE COMMENT

BORING REPLY!!!!
A few months ago Radio Lincolnshire asked their listeners to name the most boring village in the county and during the programme, a gentleman who gave his name as Rick Smith, rang to say that Billinghay should hold this title. His three main reasons for expressing this opinion was that there was no mains gas supply in the village, no late night takeaways and an inadequate bus service. Although we may agree with two of these points, I fail to see how a mains gas supply would make any village less boring.
If Rick had stated that Billinghay was one of the worst villages for creating work for its residents I would agree with him, but to say our village is boring, then I would totally disagree with him. How many villages have their own swimming pool, built by our own village people and run for all those years by a wonderful small army of volunteers? If you are a sporting person Rick, there are very popular tennis and bowls clubs, who are always looking for new recruits while both the men’s and youth football teams are desperate for more committee members.
If sport isn’t your forte then you would be made welcome at the Past Times History Society and I am certain that the Regeneration Society people can always do with a little help on the Skirth bank. At the Village Hall there ARE weekly Curling sessions, Indoor Bowls during the Winter and Keep Fit evenings for those who wish to lose weight. The small Village Hall committee also organise quiz nights, horse race evenings and the occasional dance. If none of these are suitable there are the Tuesday Club, the Twinning Association, the British Legion or even the Darby and Joan.
For the younger members of the community, besides the youth football and the fun tennis, which is run throughout the Summer, there are the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers; the Girl Guides and Brownies while Ray Smith organises BIZ, which is for young people between the ages of 13 and 19 who meet in the Community Room to play their music.
There is also the Young Farmers Club which is open to anyone in the district. The village has two excellent public houses, one catering for the younger people of the village while the other seems to be for the over 40’s. Besides serving very good meals, they both have darts and pool teams as well as providing live music. Since writing these notes I notice the Ship Inn has re-opened under new management and are serving meals in the restaurant. If it is eating or drinking Billinghay people require then they are certainly spoilt for choice.

To look after the spiritual needs of our community there are two chapels and a church. On occasions, a well known organist entertains at the Methodist Chapel, playing every type of music and excellent refreshments are enjoyed at the interval.

Please tell me Rick, did you attend the Wolds Bikers Charity night or the excellent Billinghay Vintage Show? I would like you to e-mail me, to let me know how many of the above you have supported, I am sure most readers of the Newsletter would be very interested to know.

NO RICK, OUR VILLAGE IS NOT BORING, IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO MOAN ALL THE TIME, YET NEVER ATTEND ANY FUNCTION IN THE VILLAGE, THAT ARE BORING.

LAFFORD SCHOOL
I am certain everyone in the village is upset to watch the demolition of the Lafford School. It is terrible that the building could not have been used for some other purpose. I realise the closure was due to government policy but it wasn’t helped when educational standards were allowed to slip and parents removed their children and sent them to other schools.

I believe this should be a lesson to any other school whose results don’t match up to other institutions in the area and parents start removing pupils to other schools. When these signs occur, pertinent questions should be asked by both Governors and parents.

WATCH YOUR SPEED!!
I doubt if the closure of any school has generated more income than when North Kyme was closed and turned into a Driving Skills Academy. If anyone is caught on camera, they are given the option to pay £60 with three points added to their licence or attend the Academy for four hours, which will cost £85 but they will still have a clean licence.

During the past year 10,000 drivers have attended but I was told that they are expecting to increase this to 15,000 - Another £1,275,000 taken from the poor motorist. I was told that out of each £85 the police take £40 of it.

You are probably interested to know how I know so much about the subject, so I will have to confess that after 59 years and 9 months driving I was caught on the Anwick Speed Camera, speeding at 35mph. I was told I hold the record at the North Kyme Academy, for the longest time driving before being prosecuted.

THE ONLY CONSOLATION IS, IF I EVER APPLY FOR A JOB, I SHALL BE ABLE TO PUT ON MY CV THAT I ATTENDED NORTH KYME ACADEMY.

Catherine Wheel commented that, even in his youth, he was a bit quick and frightened the girls - and that was on his bike!

CEMETERY ENTRANCE
I would like to thank Rod and Neal on the fine work they have carried out on the entrance to the cemetery and not forgetting Mill Crafts for the signage which really finishes the whole thing off. It is often stated at times that there are no real craftsmen left in this country but they have proved this statement wrong as far as our village is concerned. Thanks should go to anyone who has contributed to the project in any way; it is certainly a great improvement.

COFFEE
Overheard an elderly gentleman, who was sitting at the next table in Marks and Spencer’s cafe, make the following statement. ‘IF SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME IN 1960, THAT IN 2011, WE SHOULD BE PAYING OVER £2 FOR A CUP OF COFFEE AND STIRRING IT WITH A WOODEN STICK, I WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM HE WAS ‘BONKERS’“
BILLINGHAY VINTAGE SHOW
I must say really enjoyed the Vintage Show which was held in the Coach and Horses field. The organisers did a great job, especially as it was the first year. I certainly hope it can become an annual event.

It was nice to see the old threshing machine working, it is better watching it at one of these shows than when we had to work with it as I considered it one of the worst jobs on the farm. It takes us old fellows back in time when we see the old tractors, the stationary engines and the beautifully polished vintage cars. Amongst the ladies, I believe the vintage prams caused more discussion than anything. I heard a lady say that if one purchased the same make of pram today it would cost over £1000. I understand a certain lady from Walcott Road is soon to remove her vintage model from the loft and polish it ready for next year’s event.

THE BEST NEWS WAS WHEN WE LEARNED THAT THE EVENT HAD RAISED £1300 FOR LINCOLNSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE.

STILL GOING STRONG!!
Congratulations to the Tuesday Club as they are to celebrate their 40th anniversary in December and also to the Twinning Association who welcome their French friends at the end of October to celebrate 25 years of twinning. In different ways these two organisations have given so much pleasure to our village residents.

ROAD CLOSURE
I had to smile when I received an e-mail informing me that Walcott Road was to be closed and stating the diversion would have to go through Woodhall Spa and Tattershall.

RATHER A LONG WAY FOR ANYONE LIVING IN FIELD ROAD, IF THEY WISHED TO BUY A PINT OF MILK FROM SAT STORES.

If you wish to agree or disagree with the above or wish to get anything else ‘off your chest’, e-mail, teakywood@tiscali.co.uk by October 10th or write to LOU’S LIVELY LETTER PAGE or e-mail Carol_Willingham@n-kesteven.gov.uk or post it through the Parish Office letter box
The following letter was received following the successful Auction evening held at the Golden Cross.

Thank you for your support and donations for the Air Ambulance auction that I held. The evening was a great success and managed to raise £792.00 for the well deserved cause. Once again thank you very much for your greatly appreciated support. In addition a donation was also sent to BBMF and Vulcan Club as requested.

Yours
Kerry McNicoll

Thanks are also due to Kerry for giving her time to organise the event.

Roger Miller, Scout Group Leader has asked us to include the undernoted thank you.

We would like to thank:
- The local Co-operative Society for funding the purchase of the new kayaks as part of their 150th Anniversary Celebrations
- Morton Boats for giving us such a splendid deal.
There are now five new kayaks for the group to enjoy.

These Tek 240 kayaks are much easier to manoeuvre and to paddle making for a much more enjoyable experience all round for youngsters and adults alike as illustrated in this recent picture.
OBITUARIES

Mrs Sybil Mary MARSHALL
Sybil Mary Sharpe was born on the 12th of March 1922 in Digby Fen. Sybil attended Billinghay School and then moved on to Sleaford High School around 1934 but when she was 13 her Mother died and, as a consequence, Sybil had to leave to look after her Father and brother Arthur. The family moved to the farm at 81, High Street in Billinghay. At around this time Sybil joined the Girl Guides. She married Walter Leslie Marshall on 26 April 1945 and they lived at Poplar Farm down Billinghay Fen where Pete was born in 1948 and Margaret in 1950. In about 1955 the family moved to 62, Skirth Road where they stayed until 2003. Sybil worked on the land, looked after the house and loved working in her garden. When a pig was killed Sybil would make sausages and pork pies and always prepared stuffed chine for Billinghay Feast that all friends and family were welcome to enjoy. Sybil’s interests were flower arranging, baking and preparing and freezing vegetables from the garden, giving away most of the produce to her family and friends. The Billinghay Methodist Chapel was Sybil’s second home and she was a stalwart member for most of her life. This association gave her so much pleasure as she made lots of good friends there. Even when she could not attend the Services in recent years she always took interest in all the Chapel activities. She was a hostess at the Darby and Joan club for many years and her delicious Victoria Sandwiches were always appreciated by everyone. For several years Sybil was a Post lady and she would often ride her post bike with the tyres flat and in all weathers until she was nearly 60. Sybil and Les celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1995 with a trip to Canada to see relations. Sybil and Les moved to a bungalow on Walcott Road in 2003 when the large garden in Skirth Road was too much for them to manage. Sadly Les died in December 2005. In February, 2009 Sybil moved to Bramhall Residential Home at Tattershall where she was cared for very well and met new friends. Sybil appreciated the effort so many of her friends made to visit her there, and keep her up to date with all the local news, especially chapel news. Sybil had a difficult early life as she was always looking after others rather than herself but in the last few years she received a lot of assistance from good friends and family and this allowed her to see her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren grow into such fine individuals of whom she was so proud. Sybil will be remembered as a little lady with a big heart who loved her extended family, the association with the Methodist Chapel, trifle and fish and chips.

Mrs Hannah BARFIELD
Mrs Hannah Barfield known to all as Ann. Ann was born on the 15th February 1923 and grew up on the bank of the River Witham at Tattershall Bridge, she was one of a very large family and was the last surviving member of that generation of brothers and sisters. Ann was a twin to sister Rose and through life they were seldom parted, through their childhood and school days at Tattershall Bridge their service together in the WAAF took them to various locations in the UK. Ann met Denis a local Billinghay man, and after the war years they were married at Tattershall Bridge Methodist chapel in 1945. They set up home at 30 High Street Billinghay where Ann became a very well liked and respected person in the local community. Ann was an active member of the Royal British Legion Women’s section. Ann was a much loved mother to daughter Loraine and son Paul and a loved Nan, grandma and great gran. In the sixties the family moved from High Street to Park Avenue in Billinghay and Ann played a large part in the organising and building of this new family home, a home she resided in until recent years. Sadly in latter years Ann suffered ill health and had to be cared for in York House. The funeral was held at the Methodist Chapel in Billinghay and cremation took place at Boston.
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LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

Will be conducting **Community Policing Drop-in Clinics** in Billinghay and the surrounding villages in the coming months. They will be in Billinghay outside the Village Hall on the following dates from 12.25 to 13.55:

7th November
& 5th December

Members of the Ruskington/Billinghay Neighbourhood Policing Team will be aboard the yellow CCTV van to discuss any problems/issues in your area.

LOOK OUT FOR THE **YELLOW CCTV VAN** in the Market Place/Co-op area.

Please note that times may vary due operational requirements

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WHAT’S ON IN BILLINGHAY

DARBY & JOAN CLUB

Forthcoming Outings:
  22nd November  Grimsby

Forthcoming Meetings:
  8th November
  12th November  Wine & Wisdom  Village Hall
  13th December  Christmas Party

BILLINGHAY TUESDAY CLUB

Forthcoming events:
  1st November  Flower Arranging Demonstration
  6th December  40th Anniversary Celebration

THE SHIP

Saturday
  5th & 19th November  Regular Speed Pool Competition
  3rd & 17th December

Sky Sports inc 3.00pm kick offs

Coming soon
  Bingo Nights
  Quiz Nights

GOLDEN CROSS

1st Four Sundays of Month
  Regular Jam sessions - join in or turn up and just listen

19th November  80s Night

The Cross Golf Society hold regular tournaments, contact the pub or Paul Fortune for details

COACH & HORSES

1st to 23rd December (not Sundays)  Christmas Fayre for full details contact the Coach.

New Years Eve  Rock & Roll the night away with Phil & Friends
  Fancy Dress Competition - theme Black & White
BILLINGHAY METHODIST CHURCH
Thursday 10th November
10.00am
SHOE BOX SERVICE
Chapel and Primary School shoe boxes will be collected for transportation to children in time for Christmas

Saturday 10th December
7.00pm
ORGAN CONCERT with Chris Stanbury

Sunday 18th December
10.00am
CAROL PARTY in the schoolroom

For more information, please contact Val on 01526 860614 or Ray on 01526 861505

WHIST EVENING
Thursday
Whyche Community Room
Every third Thursday of the month

YORK HOUSE COMFORT FUND
Friday 25th November
7.00pm
QUIZ EVENING
To raise funds for the residents to have an outing
Community Rooms, Billinghay

For more details, please contact Lorraine on 860769

GENERAL

Meditation Courses Learn to Relax, daytime or evenings to suit.
Telephone 0775 911 9135 for details

Reiki to Relax
Courses run monthly in the village, starting with Level One.
Telephone 0775 911 9135 for details of how to learn to Relax the Reiki Way
BILLINGHAY IN BYGONE DAYS

Apologies if we have already had the picture below in a previous newsletter but when you get old the memory plays tricks with you - at least that’s what Teaky tells me! Below is a photograph of Billinghay Infant School circa 1947/48. We have names for all of the pupils apart from those marked A, B & C. Do you know who they are?

A

B

C

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Many thanks to those members and non-members who attended the recent talk by Tom Green on 26th July entitled “The earliest inhabitants of Lincolnshire”. It was an excellent evening notable for the enthusiasm and knowledge of the speaker. He made the subject extremely interesting. I am sure that Tom will be welcomed back to talk to our group next year.

We are now putting together our programme of talks for the future and have already arranged the following:

- **7th November** - Lynda Hotchkiss will be giving a talk on “Gunpowder, Treason & Plot” - the real story leading to the recent celebrations (most appropriate for this time)
- **28th November** - Adam Daubney (Finds Liaison Officer at Historic Environment Services) will be giving a talk entitled “Portable Antiquities Scheme - Recent treasures from Lincolnshire.”
- **No meeting December**
- **January** - Christmas dinner (if members agree)
- **27th February** - Lynda Hotchkiss on “Interesting characters of the County”
- **30th April** - Pat Piperissa on “The History of Lincoln Castle”
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