



The Bilsthorpe Villager

Bringing Bilsthorpe Together

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Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy – written by pupils Lexi Warriner & Archie Straw

We have had an incredible start to the new school year! We have already been out and about in the community.

All the classes are going to be visiting the Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum to find out what a good museum needs... This is in preparation for us having our own museums at the end of each term to display our project outcomes. We are really excited for everyone to come and visit our museums - we are going to start off with inviting our parents, carers and families and then we will be opening it to our whole community.

All the classes are also going to be visiting the Bilsthorpe Library where we are able to enjoy all the books and share them with each other. It is wonderful to be at the library and enjoy different books, it has made us think about joining the library and actually borrowing different books and trying new authors and genres.

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

At Bilsthorpe Flying High we always aim to be the best we can possibly be - last week we held our aspiration day, it was brilliant! We got to be chefs, engineers, musicians, authors, and paramedics. It helped us think about our future selves and the skills we would need for the professionals we aspire to be. We had to do lots of problem solving and critical thinking skills as we know this is what we will need for some jobs that haven't even been invented yet. We learned valuable first aids skills that one day could save a life. Thank you to St Johns for helping us out with all the equipment.



We have just had a ballot to choose our school parliament members, these children are going to work with the teachers and Mrs Ingle to make school even better than it is.

We had a surprise visitor in the playground, a very young duckling had managed to find its way into our school. The children and staff looked after it and kept it safe and warm until we found its owner. Mrs Ingle fell in love with it and looked after it during her dinner time.

As we are a rural school, we often see lots of wildlife, the other day we found a hedgehog on the field, and we have rescued some battery chickens and some ducks who now live at school in the quad area.



We look forward to sharing more of our exciting news in the next edition!

For families looking for school places we would love you to visit our wonderful school so we can show you around – call our fabulous office team on 01623 870772 or office@bilsthorpefha.org

A reminder that the Nottinghamshire County Council "Apply for school places" opens on the 4th of November and closes on 15 January 2020 for September 2020 starts. Find out more:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place>

Bilsthorpe Scouts



A Busy summer term for 1st Bilsthorpe Scout Group; we had a Gulliver's Kingdom trip with Beavers, Harry Potter camp with Cubs & Scouts Seaside Sleepover.

We have also been lucky to bring new skills for life to meeting nights with cycle awareness lessons provided by the East Midlands Road safety team and car maintenance with Nigel at Brookside garage! Thank you for your support!

We have also launched the next generation of scouting in Bilsthorpe BEST Explorers (Bilsthorpe Explorer Scout Team) for young people aged 14-18 yrs old. During the launch members took part in survival skills, game show games night & the Ollerton chippy challenge!

If you or a member of your family would like to know more about BEST Explorers or become part of the new team, please get in touch on details below.

Upcoming events

- 1st October Launch of Scouts Annual Quiz get your copy from a member of the group.
- 11th October 2019 - Friday Night Fright Night Disco for all aged 8-14 years old. Tickets available at the One Stop for £2.50 each
- 16th November 2019 - Race Night with a difference (full details will be published soon)
- 23rd November 2019 - Annual Christmas coffee morning and craft fair. If you have any unwanted gifts or items you could donate to the group for this sale we would be very grateful please get in touch.
- 1st & 8th December - Breakfast with Santa. Get your tickets online at www.bilsthorpescouts.co.uk/Santa



Group Contact Details:



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If you wish to advertise a community group, event or have any content you wish to have published in the next edition, please email nlayfield@flyinghightrust.co.uk

We are dependent on volunteers to provide content, produce and deliver the newsletter – if you can help in any way do let us know!



Parish Council Information



The Parish Council are looking for keen volunteers to help us carry out a speed watch operation within the village. As I'm sure many of you are aware, speeding vehicles are causing problems and it's an area that as a Parish Council we are very keen to tackle. Speed watches carried out in other areas have proven very useful at getting vehicles to slow down and repeat offenders are often issued with warning letters by Nottinghamshire Police. Successful applicants will be given full training and guidance on how to use the equipment and we will be liaising closely with the Police throughout. If you are interested, please email clerkbpc@hotmail.com



During 2019-20 Bilsthorpe Parish Council will be working on the creation of an updated Community Plan for Bilsthorpe to help showcase, shape and improve our beautiful village. Over the coming months, the Parish Council will be actively seeking the views of all residents to help us in developing this new Community Plan.



The Parish Council would like to remind residents that both Crompton Road and Maid Marian Play Areas, including the green play spaces, have Public Space Protection Orders in place which mean that dogs are not permitted in these areas. There is an exception for Assistance Dogs of course!

These areas are specifically for play and we need to keep their users as safe as possible. We ask that if you see antisocial behaviour of any kind, including the exercising of dogs or the use of motorbikes or off-road vehicles, in these play spaces, please report it to the Police on 101. The Crompton area is covered by CCTV which will support any reports made.



Recently there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of people using off-road vehicles in the village, most notably on Forest Link and the surrounding fields and trails. If you see anyone using an off-road vehicle, such as a quad bike or dirt bike, on a public highway or parcel of public land, please contact the Police on 101 immediately. The Police are only able to act and target certain areas if they know that there is an issue. If you don't report this activity, then nothing can be done to stop it. We need everyone's assistance in this matter.

Parish Council Information

Meetings take place at the Village Hall every second Monday of each month at 6.30pm - all are welcome to attend.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 07919 564016, email - clerkbpc@hotmail.com, via our website or in writing to The Village Hall, Cross St, Bilsthorpe, NG22 8QY

Bookings: To book the Village Hall please call Mick Pearson on 07984 195559

Rhona Holloway, District Cllr for Newark & Sherwood - rhona.holloway@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

Bruce Laughton, County Cllr for Nottinghamshire - cllr.bruce.laughton@nottsc.gov.uk

You can also contact Rt. Hon. Mark Spencer as your local MP on 0115 9681186 or mark.spencer@parliament.uk



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- **New Ollerton:** 5 Forest Court, New Ollerton, NG22 9PL
Monday & Wednesday: 9:30am – 2:30pm
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Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am – 2:30pm



Advice Line: 0344-411-1444 or Call Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on: 03454 04 05 06

Bilsthorpe Surgery

Seasonal flu vaccination programme:

Bilsthorpe Surgery are holding their first flu clinic on the morning of Saturday 5th October for over 65 year olds ONLY. Another flu clinic is planned for the morning of Saturday the 19th October for 18 years and above. We will be contacting eligible patients by text, telephone call and letter, alternative call 01623 870230 to arrange an appointment. The nasal flu vaccinations are not available until the end of October and arrangements for our under 18s will be made at a later date. Please don't hesitate to contact the surgery if you have any queries.



St Margaret's Churchyard, Bilsthorpe

Everyone is welcome to our 10:30am services. Our informal 'Worship for all' service is on the first Sunday of the month.

5th Sunday Service: for our family of 12 churches this will take place on 29 September at 10:30am at St Matthew's Church, Boughton.

Harvest Festival: October 'Worship for all' will be our Harvest Celebration on 13 October at 10.30am. We are grateful for any gifts of foodstuffs (tins, packets, etc.) for the Foodbank.



Farewell: On 6 October there will not be a service at St Margaret's as our family of 12 churches are gathering at St Paulinus Church, Ollerton to say 'goodbye' to Revd Anna Alls, who is leaving the village to take up another post in our diocese. We give thanks for her ministry in Bilsthorpe & wish Anna, John, Mia & Katie every blessing for the future.

Remembrance:

Sunday 3 November 6pm - A service of 'Hope & Remembrance' when we recall, with thanksgiving, our loved ones who have died & gather to hear a message of Christian hope.

Sunday 10 November 10am - Service for Remembrance Sunday in Bilsthorpe Welfare Hall.



Organist: St Margaret's Church Parochial Church Council are seeking a musician who would be able to play the organ for services. Please contact Margaret on revdmgroves1662@gmail.com for further details. Our former organist, Derek, has now moved away from Bilsthorpe & we give thanks for the gift of his music.

Baptisms & Weddings: We warmly invite you to St Margaret's for these wonderful occasions. Please contact Margaret to make enquiries on revdmgroves1662@gmail.com

Revd Margaret Groves Associate Priest

Royal British Legion

Remembrance Parade 2019

This year's annual remembrance parade will take place on Sunday 10th November. It will begin with a service at Bilsthorpe Welfare at 10am and then a procession down Church Street towards the memorial where we will honour the fallen with the act of remembrance and wreath laying.



There will be very short road closures to the immediate road around Church Street and Eakring Road (5 minute closures). For more information, please contact Keeley Ward on 07931 329853. Thank you in advance and best wishes from everyone at The Royal British Legion, Bilsthorpe Branch.

Bilsthorpe Garden Club

On 15th May, we held a "Plant Swap & Auction Evening". Chairman, Dennis Lewin, was our "Auctioneer", assisted by Florence Mitchell. The "Plant Sale & Coffee Morning" on 1st June was well-attended, with £500 raised for funds. On 12th June, Members were given a guided tour of Potwell Dyke Grasslands & Wildflower Meadows at Southwell. Despite a rainy evening, the enthusiasm of our knowledgeable guides was not dampened and some rare plant species were pointed out to us, together with several varieties of wild orchid. On 19th June, we visited two very different Ossington gardens: Hopbine Farm and Ossington House. Afterwards, our kind hosts served us tea and home-made cakes in the Village Hall.



On 14th July, Members enjoyed a day-trip to Cambridgeshire, with free-time in the City of Cambridge in the morning and an afternoon visit to nearby Wimpole Hall and Estate. On 17th July, Members were invited to a Garden Party with Shared Supper at a beautiful Newstead garden. Thanks are due to the owners and to Steve and Jenny Smart and their helpers, who arranged a Charity Raffle.

Our Annual Summer Holiday took place from 28th July until 4th August. Based at the "Royal Grosvenor Hotel", Weston-Super-Mare, we visited Hanbury Hall on the way down. While in Somerset we visited: Coleridge's Cottage, the fishing port of Watchet, Cannington Walled Gardens, Tintinhull Gardens, East Lambrook Gardens, Great Chalfield Manor, Laycock Abbey & Fox Talbot Museum, Cothay Manor Gardens, Sheppy's Cider Farm Tour, Lyte's Cary Manor and Yew's Farm & Garden. We also had time to explore the surrounding area. On our return journey, we visited Riverside Gardens at Wychbold.

Our Meeting 21st August, was our Annual General Meeting & Buffet Supper. In his Annual Report, Chairman, Dennis Lewin, spoke of a very full year of speakers, evening visits, day-trips, social events and another lovely holiday and he paid tribute to our Officers & Committee for their dedication and also to Sheila Little for inspecting our accounts. Holiday organiser and Evening Visits Arranger, Alan Ashley was standing down and also, Secretary, Margaret Wright, who would however continue to be a Committee Member. Member, John Manning gave a spontaneous vote-of-thanks to Alan for the wonderful holidays he had organised over the years which many of us had enjoyed, including Ireland, Holland's "Floriade", North Wales, North & South Devon, Cornwall, Norfolk. Kent & Sussex, Northumberland, West Midlands and Somerset, each being arranged with meticulous attention to detail.

All other Officers and Committee Members were standing again and were re-elected and the new Officers & Committee would be as follows:- Chairman – Dennis Lewin, Vice-chairman – Ian Roberts, Secretary – John Manning, Treasurer – Jenny Smart, Evening Speakers' Programme Organiser – Florence Mitchell, Joint Show Organisers – Connie & Ian Roberts, Evening Visits Organiser – Steve Smart, Daytrip Organiser – Jenny Smart assisted by Ian Roberts, Media Officer – Christine Cooper, Committee Members: Pat Jones & Margaret Wright.

Upcoming events: all at Bilsthorpe Welfare lounge unless otherwise stated

- Wednesday 16th October: Talk on the "National Garden Scheme" with Peter Gardener at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 21st November: Talk on "Cascades Garden", Bonsall with Alan Clements at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday evening, 18th December: Supper & Quiz at Southwell Garden Centre.
- Wednesday 15th January 2020: Speaker TBA at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 19th February: Speaker TBA at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 18th March: Talk on "Perennials" by Dr. Andrew Ward at 7.30pm.

For further details please contact Chris Cooper g.cooper164@btinternet.com

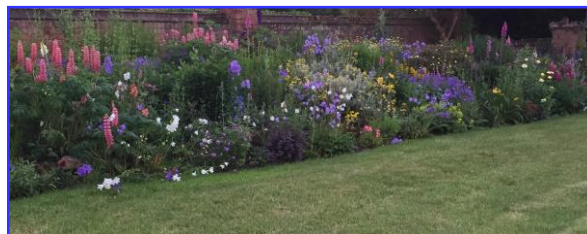
[Bilsthorpe Community Green Spaces Group.](#)

On 1st October the grounds team from Newark and Sherwood District Council will be coming to start preparing the ground at the bottom of Kirklington Road in preparation for us to start sowing seeds and planting bulbs. They will be surface clearing weeds and brambles and stacking them at the rear of the site so that no insects/wildlife habitat is lost.

The seeds we have chosen are native wildflower seeds from **Pictorial Meadows** and **Meadow Mania** as they have seeds that work really well in the shaded setting of the site and are suitable for autumn sowing, they also provide a fantastic display of colours.

As well as sowing seeds we are planning to plant native bluebell and snowdrop bulbs amongst the trees as these will make a stunning display year on year.

The Gardening Club has kindly offered to provide some native bluebell bulbs for the site which is wonderful and is much appreciated.



**If anyone has any native bluebell or snowdrop bulbs they could donate as well that would be really appreciated as we are hoping to make a big splash for the spring.
If you can spare some time to help plant and sow that would be great too.**

Please contact Rhona Holloway on, 07973 941457 or rhona.h56@gmail.com or Facebook

[Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum](#)

Another busy few months. Thank you to everyone who supported the following events: Our Spring Coffee Morning on 11th May, stand at the Scouts' Indoor Car Boot sale on 19th May, marquee at Southwell "Fun Day" on 26th June, marquee at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy Summer Fayre on 6th July, stands at the University of Nottingham's "History & Archaeology Day" on 20th July, stands at Blidworth Summer Gala on 21st July, Table top Sale 10th August and our marquee at the Vintage Tractor Show at Bothamsall. On 14th May, a representative attended the Museum Forum, Meeting at Wollaton Hall and on 4th June, two Members attended a Community & Tourism Meeting at the Forest Lodge Hotel at Edwinstowe.

On 3rd June and 17th July we received visits from our old friends at Hucknall Tourist Regeneration Group. On 21st June, we received a visit from Bilsthorpe "Busy Bees" W.I. and on 1st August, we welcomed two W.I. Group visits, Sutton-on-Trent W.I. and Blyth W.I. On 19th June, Head of Nottingham Trent University, Museum Studies, Dr. Neville Stankley visited, accompanied by a young Chinese student, who, as a project for part of her Masters Degree, made a film of some of our artefacts, which was then transmitted to China via Wi-Fi. On 27th June, Members Brian Jackson, Alan Ward and Ron Chaplin, gave an interactive talk (with lots of "audience participation") to pupils at Cotgrave School.

We enjoyed taking part in St. Margaret's Church "Flower Festival", the theme of which being "All Things Bright & Beautiful" and our exhibition and floral display featured the "Miners' Memorial Garden", which has been looking very colourful this Summer. Thanks to Fred Hall, Ron Chaplin, Bilsthorpe Garden Club and the kind neighbours of the garden for the generous donations of plants and seeds. On Fathers' Day we held a photographic display entitled "Bilsthorpe Dads", which was well-attended. We also held an exhibition of Mining Photographs on 18th August, the 26th Anniversary of the last disaster at Bilsthorpe Colliery, which was attended by members of our former Mining Community.

We wish to congratulate longstanding Member, Bob Bradley, on whom an Honorary Doctorate was conferred at the University of Nottingham on 22nd July. A keen local historian, Bob is a former Senior Colliery Surveyor.

Our next event will be our Autumn Coffee Morning on Saturday, 2nd November from 10.00 am until 12.00pm in the Village Hall, Cross Street. Admission is 30p and includes the first hot drink and all are welcome. Perhaps a chance for some early Christmas shopping!

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