



The Bilsthorpe Villager

Bringing Bilsthorpe Together

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Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy

We are absolutely delighted that the contents of the newsletter for this edition are written by our amazing children as part of our focus on developing children as leaders who positively contribute to our community! Over to Amy and Korey from Year 6...

What a busy half term we've had since Christmas here at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy! On Shrove Tuesday all the children took part in a pancake flipping race. It was great fun and there were bits of pancake all over the place!

The next day was Valentine's day which we also named 'Kindness day'. When we arrived at school the corridors were covered in love hearts and rose petals. Each class took part in different activities relating to examples of kindness and then later showed off their work in assembly. Earlier in the day Mrs Ingle, our head teacher, came around the classes showing us a mystery delivery of chocolates and a beautiful bunch of roses. As we didn't know who they were for, we were given a job to nominate a special person from our community who we thought deserved the beautiful gift. Mr Chris Spittlehouse was the person who was chosen as he has done lots of wonderful things for our village!

Another exciting activity that has been happening in our fab school is the celebration of the Chinese New Year - the Year of the Dog. We have made Chinese red envelopes with messages and a chocolate coin inside and the Foundation children performed a Chinese dance to the rest of the school.

As well as the fun things in school we have still been working hard and this last week has been an assessment week. Year 2 have been learning about Royal Weddings and had their own special wedding at St Margaret's Church conducted by Reverend Anna. They were all so excited!

At the beginning of term, the Year 6 children were excited to receive a reply from our pen pals in Milan. Throughout the term we have been attending SATs booster groups which have been held before and after school. We have also been engrossed in our topic 'Natural Disasters' where we have made erupting volcanoes, written newspaper reports and have enjoyed reading the story 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. Our focus in School Parliament has been anti-bullying which also included our e-safety day. A key message we learned was:

STOP - Several Times On Purpose

This explained to all the children what bullying is. As a kind and caring school it is important that we all work together to make sure we make the best decisions and right choices!

WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for volunteers to come in and read with us. Please if you have some spare time and would like to support the children of Bilsthorpe Flying High, pop into the office or send a message through Facebook.



Bringing Bilsthorpe Scouts into the 21st Century!



At the back end of last year, the Scout Hut on Eakring Road went through a large transformation. We have finally been able to bring our building into the 21st Century. We have added an internal roof with insulation, added studded walls to support the roof, provided some much needed TLC with a lick of paint, updated our heating system to make it nice and toasty and added a new security and fire alarm system.

This refurbishment has been a long time in the planning since the hut caught fire in 2000. We have been saving funds to refurbish our venue and we can finally say this has been achieved!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the following people for the hours put in to bring this perfect venue to life;



Plaster boarding & Instillation – Campbell Alderson, Carl Baguley, Derek Taylor, Dinger Bell & Shaun Baguley.

Plastering – John Evans & Team.

Painting – Dinger Bell.

Fixtures and Fittings refit – Carl Baguley & Emma Tyson.

Digging trench for Gas Supply – Danny & Hannah Iwanejko & LPM Plant Hire.

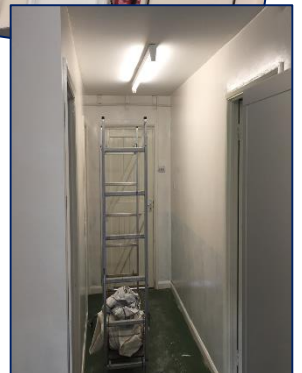
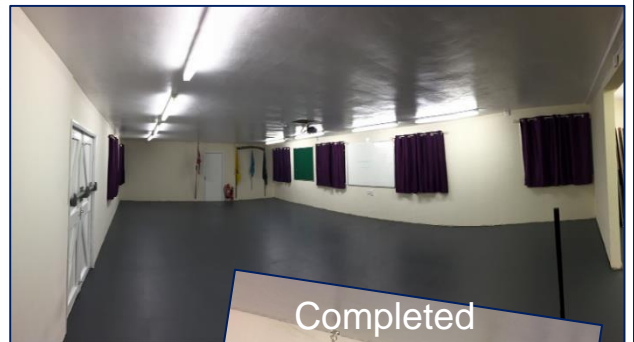
Gas supply to site – Cathie Babington & Fulcrum.

New Heating System – One Stop, Tour of Britain Calendars & Ross at Echo Home Energy & Team.

Boxing and Wood work – Arthur Robinson & Kevin Baguley.

Fire Alarm system – Shane Cook & Graeme Smith.

Project Lead: Graham Baguley



Upcoming Events:

Newspaper Collection – Fortnightly Saturday when you put your green bin out on a Thursday.

Saturday 3rd March – Race Night with a Difference

Full details to follow – keep an eye on Bilsthorpe Info & Chat and our website!

Friday 30th March – Monday 16th April – Village Easter Trail

Over the Easter Holidays why not pick up your Easter trail sheet and walk around the village looking for the hidden Easter Eggs the Easter Bunny has left behind, once you have them all it will make a magical word which you will need to collect your prize!

Interested in joining the Group? Please contact a Group Leader via our website or Facebook page!

Bilsthorpe Under 13s Football Team

Bilsthorpe U13 Football Team would like to say a huge heartfelt thank you to Gareth Lowry & Oakwood Fuels for their kind & generous offer to purchase the teams winter coats which we might add have been fantastic for the boys this cold winter! Thanks again from the Coach Ade, Team Bilsthorpe and all parents.



Bilsthorpe U13 Football team train on a Monday evening 6-7:30pm at Bilsthorpe sports field. The cost is £3 per session open to youngsters in secondary school Years 7 and 8. If you wish to join or find out more, please contact Ade on 07870 320580 or Lyn on 07732 722086 – you can also find us on Facebook *Bilsthorpe FC U13s*.

Coming soon – Bilsthorpe Community Choir

Dust off your vocal chords and join the soon to launch Bilsthorpe Community Choir! The choir is looking to start up in March, meeting every Thursday at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy on Crompton Road. No auditions, the group will be open to anyone who wishes to sing for enjoyment! All adults welcome, children over 11 also welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Keep an eye out for posters around the village and social media posts for details of start date and times.



Bilsthorpe Community Defibrillators

Two community defibrillators have been fitted in the village, one outside Creations Hair and Beauty Salon on Kirklington Road and the second at Bilsthorpe Welfare on the Crescent. A third defibrillator will be fitted to the Methodist Church on Valley Road in the near future.

A big thankyou to these organisations and businesses for their support. To access these defibrillators you will need to telephone the Ambulance Service on 999 who will give you the access codes and support you through the process. Training for residents has been kindly provided by the Bilsthorpe Branch of the St Johns Ambulance Service and local resident and trainer Diane Hamilton. Bilsthorpe Parish Council are to provide the funding for the future running costs and maintenance.

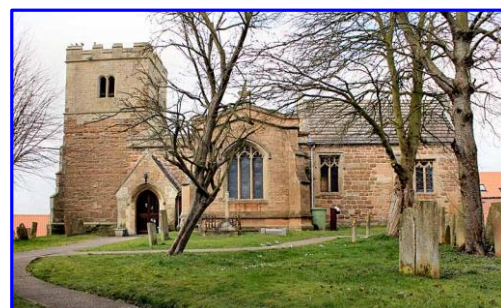


If you do use a community defibrillator please contact the Parish Clerk on 07919 564016 so that maintenance can be actioned.

St Margaret's Church, Bilsthorpe

During this season of Lent & Easter you are welcome to join us for services in church at **10.30am on Sundays**, including:

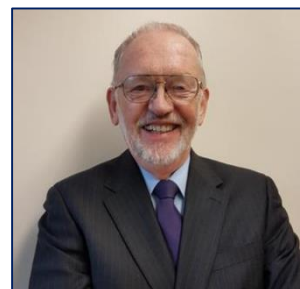
- **11 March 10:30am - All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday**
- **29 March 7pm - Service for Maundy Thursday**
- **30 March 2pm - Good Friday 'Hour at the Cross'**
- **1 April 10.30am - Easter Day Family Communion**
- **18 March, 15 April & every 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm - Bilsthorpe Churches Together Community Praise in the Welfare Hall.**



To make arrangements for baptisms & weddings please contact: Revd Zoe Burton on 01623 862818

Do you want to make a difference? Could you devote time, commitment and passion to ensure the children of Bilsthorpe have the best experiences and opportunities?

Hi, my name is Peter Shreyhane and I am Chair of Governors at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy. We are an amazing school, proud to sit at the heart of the community. Our staff work tirelessly to ensure our children are able to fulfil their potential and feel confident to take on the world. The children are a credit to the school and their families and we need to ensure we strive to improve every day! We are fortunate to have a strong and supportive governing body and we are looking for new members to join.



What do Governors do? It is perhaps easier to say what we don't do! Governors are not inspectors and do not manage the day to day operation of the school. That is the role of our fantastic Headteacher and her leadership team. We support and challenge the school to ensure:

- our vision is being turned into reality
- our ethos is being embedded
- progress is being made against the Strategic Plan

To do this we

- ensure the Headteacher is accountable for the educational performance of the school, its pupils and staff
- oversee the financial performance of the school
- make sure the building is welcoming, inspiring and safe.

Finally, a little about myself. I grew up in a mining community in North Staffordshire, before living in the North East for 50 years, moving back to the East Midlands last year. Speaking as a parent and grandparent and someone who didn't learn to read until I was 9, I appreciate just how important education is. Children only get one chance and it is up to us all to do everything we can to make sure they are given every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

To help us do this, Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy would welcome enquiries from anyone who could be interested in becoming a governor. I can be contacted through the school for further information on 01623 870772 or office@bilsthorpefha.org. We are a supportive governing body and will provide training and ongoing support to help you become an outstanding governor who really makes a difference to our children.



Citizens Advice Bureau Sherwood and Nottingham

Anyone requiring advice or support can get help online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk or from Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark Open Door Advice Sessions held at:

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

Newark: Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am – 2:30pm



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Parish Council Information



Meetings information: Parish meetings take place every second Monday of the month. Parish surgeries take place every first Monday of the month 6:30-7pm and every third Friday of the month 10-11am.

Village hall bookings: To book the Village Hall contact Mick Pearson on 07984 195559.

Vacancy: The Parish Council has a casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested and would like more information please contact the Parish Clerk, Emma Thorpe on 07919 564016. There is so much going on that you can be a part of. Current projects include organising lights in the village for Christmas, applying for grants to fund improvements to both play areas, arranging tree maintenance, planning and implementing renovations for the village hall, maintaining the community defibrillators, purchasing more grit bins and working with planners to get the best outcomes for the village. If you feel you can make a difference to Bilthorpe, please apply!

Village hall "tenners" As a means of fundraising for the refurbishment of the village hall, residents are invited to purchase a tenner to be displayed in the village hall with a personal message, dedication, remembrance or celebration of a personal event – contact the village hall to purchase your tenner for the (not very surprising) price of £10!

Bilthorpe Heritage Museum

The museum team have been busy over the last few months including attending the Nottinghamshire Museum Forum Social and hosting an exhibition at Pleasley Heritage Pit Open Weekend. We have also had a number of visitors to the museum including Hucknall Tourist Regeneration and the children and staff of Bilthorpe Flying High Academy and Kimberley School as part of their Mining History Project. The museum has held a number of fundraising activities including tables at the Bilthorpe Flying High Academy firework evening and the Vintage Tractor Show at Newark Showground – a huge thank you to our valiant volunteers! We have also held coffee mornings and raffles and would like to thank supporters and those who donated – Oakwood Fuels, Strawsons and Tesco of Ollerton.



We are pleased at present to be featuring an exhibition on "Miners from the Caribbean", who worked in our collieries. This has been set-up by historian, Norma Gregory and will run for the duration of February. On Monday evening, 29th January, we welcomed Members of Bilthorpe Scout Troop plus Leaders for a Group visit.

We were saddened in January to hear of the death of our good friend, Frank Jarvis, who was a long-standing Member and Museum Trustee. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with Margaret and the family.

Diary dates – all are welcome!

Sunday, 22nd April, when we shall participate in Radio Nottingham's "Big Day Out"

Saturday, 12th May: Spring Coffee Morning in Bilthorpe Village Hall, Cross Street

Bilsthorpe Garden Club

Our Meeting on Wednesday evening, 18th October was a talk on "Bulbs" with Sue Stephen, after which we were able to purchase some Spring bulbs. Our November Meeting was an illustrated talk by Jeff Bates on "Plants for Small Gardens". On Wednesday evening, 13th December, Members enjoyed a "Supper & Festive Quiz" evening at Southwell Garden Centre, with a chance for some last-minute seasonal shopping. The winning Quiz Team were: Margaret Wright, Kaye Mee and Alan Ashley.

On Wednesday evening, 17th January, our Meeting had a distinctly "nautical" theme with a fish'n'chip supper, a quiz on "Seas" and entertainment in the form of sea-shanties from the "Stormy Weather Boys". Thanks are due to Margaret Wright for booking our entertainment, Dennis Lewin for ordering and arranging our supper, Jenny and Steve Smart who organised a special raffle, for which our first prize-winner was Mary Massey and Connie & Ian Roberts who devised our quiz, which was jointly won by teams headed by Dennins Lewin and Norma Oxenard, respectively.

Diary dates – all are welcome!

- Wednesday 21st February: A talk on "Flower Pod" with Anna Joyce at 7:30 pm in the Lounge at Bilsthorpe Welfare
- Sunday 18th March: Coach Trip to Thriplow "Daffodil Festival" (for further details ring 01623 – 870810)
- Wednesday 21st March: A talk on "Bees" with David Bell at 7:30 pm at Bilsthorpe Welfare
- Wednesday 18th April: A talk on the "National Gardens Scheme"
- Wednesday 16th May: Our popular "Plant Swap & Auction Evening"
- Saturday 2nd June: Plant Sale & Coffee Morning in Bilsthorpe Village Hall, Cross Street from 10-12pm
- Wednesday, 20th June: Evening Visit to the "Flower Pod" at Brackenhurst
- Sunday, 24th June – Saturday, 30th June: Our North Wales Summer Holiday, visiting "Gardens & Places of Interest" (more details ring 01623 870810)



Free Glass and Textile Collections

Within the next couple of months, with the endorsement of Bilsthorpe Parish Council, Recycling Ollerton and Boughton, or ROB as we are more commonly known, will be starting a fortnightly round.

We will distribute collection boxes and bags, accompanied by an instruction leaflet, to all properties two weeks before we begin collecting. Once your box has been delivered, our system is easy. Just leave it at the end of your driveway or path where it can be seen by our passing truck on your designated day and we'll empty it and replace any bags that need replacing. We will be collecting on Thursdays which will coincide with your District Council Bin Collection Day.

For those who are unfamiliar with us, ROB is a charity which has been operating since 1999 and we give work training placements to Adults with Learning Difficulties. Our primary activity is recycling and we already perform an identical service in 10 surrounding villages, as well as offering business collections of Cardboard and Paper to around a hundred local businesses. Our funding comes to us from two directions, firstly from the County Councils' Social Care budget which pays for the placements of the 35 Adults with Learning Difficulties who attend ROB each week and secondly, directly from the income generated by our recycling activities. We employ 15 members of Staff who supervise and drive on our collection rounds and will always be around to answer any questions. The formation of this collection round has allowed us to operate an extra truck which in turn will allow 4 extra Adults with Learning Difficulties experience a working environment.

I thank you all in advance for your support and look forward to having a positive impact in your community.
Neil Pike **Project Manager**

St John Fellowship

A warm invitation to all former "St Johners" and local residents wishing to join a group of like-minded individuals meeting during the afternoon approximately 10 times a year in Bilsthorpe in a social setting with the aim of supporting St John.

The St John Fellowship is a key part of the Priory of England and The Islands of the Order of St John, its members meet socially and also work to support the charitable activities of the Order of St John.



Membership of the Fellowship is open to anyone over 18 and the North Nottinghamshire Branch meets at the St John Headquarters on Eakring Road, Bilsthorpe

The next Branch meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8 March at 2.00 p.m. when members will enjoy an Easter Tea, please come along and join us if you are free, you will be most welcome. Various speakers are booked throughout the year and refreshments are provided for a small charge of 50pence plus a raffle, towards Fellowship funds.

If you would like to know more about the St John Fellowship please contact Janet Franks on janet.franks@sja.org.uk or telephone 01623 453097 or 07805 853471

Or find out more by visiting www.stjohnengland.org.uk We very much look forward to seeing you.

Our ongoing thanks and appreciation to all who contribute – content, advertising, design and delivery! Please send content to nlayfield@flyinghightrust.co.uk – articles, advertising and to find out more regarding the Bilsthorpe Together Community Group

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