



The Bilsthorpe Villager

Bringing Bilsthorpe Together

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As the Bilsthorpe Together group develops and grows we have launched a new logo to capture the key community organisations who are part of the team. Moving forward the logo will be used in all of our marketing, events and publications. A special thank you to Graham Baguley of the Bilsthorpe Scouts for the design work!

Welcome to the fourth issue of the Bilsthorpe Villager!

Our ongoing thanks to everyone in the village and local area who continues to make the newsletter a success. It is fantastic to see so many groups sending in content for inclusion! Remember it is free to send in content of local events and groups – don't miss out on the opportunity to promote your group or event!

Advertising: A reminder that local businesses can advertise within the newsletter. This publication is distributed to 2,000 households across the village and is also displayed in local community venues so is a great way to promote your business or services! To ensure the newsletter remains financially sustainable your advertising will be key!

We would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions, ideas or would like to help with local events or the production or distribution of this publication. Residents can contact the editors through Nick Layfield from Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy at nlayfield@flyinghightrust.co.uk If you have content for the future, please ensure it is emailed to Nick no later than Friday 5 January 2018 to feature in our new year edition. The newsletter will then be distributed during mid-January.

The Bilsthorpe Together Community Group: We meet regularly throughout the year and are a team of volunteers putting on events for the community, by the community. If you would like to join the group please let us know. We are currently planning the Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy fireworks evening, Remembrance Day parade and the village Scarecrowfest. Bring your ideas and commitment along – we'd love to see our group continue to grow! Contact Nick for details of future meetings!

Please follow the Bilsthorpe Information and Chat Facebook group for up to date news and events! Thank you for your continued support!

Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy:

Something special has been happening at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy over the summer holidays: the school has been transformed with inspirational quotes throughout the corridors to support children in dreaming big and aiming high. The school looks amazing with themed areas, reading cosy areas and a feel of awe and wonder in the corridors. Sensational appointments have been made to further enhance the teaching in the school and the school has had a refresh throughout.

Bilsthorpe Tour of Britain: The event that gripped the village has inspired children throughout our wonderful school – our children have created their hopes, targets and dreams and presented them in a Tour themed display – simply sensational!

Our children have been out and about in the local community, learning about our beautiful village and showing pride and responsibility for our area. Moving forward our children will be writing an article each time for this newsletter to share with you all what they have been learning and how they are making a positive difference! Watch this space!

To find out more or arrange to visit the school contact 01623 870772 to talk to our friendly office team.

Aspiration Confidence Creativity Confidence Enjoyment
Perseverance Responsibility

*Working hard is important,
but there is something
that matters even more,
Believing in Yourself*
- Harry Potter



Follow us on Twitter
[@BilsthorpeFha](#) and via our
Facebook page – where you can
have a little tour of our
inspirational quotes and fabulous
learning environment!

Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy: Fireworks evening – 1st November

Following the huuuuuuge success of last year's event, Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy, working with the Bilsthorpe Together Community Group, will be hosting the fireworks evening on the 1st of November. Further details to follow but please put the date in your diary now!



The Royal British Legion

Remembrance Parade 2017:

This year's remembrance parade will take place on Sunday 12th November. The remembrance will start with a service at 10am at Bilsthorpe Welfare followed by the parade marching down Church St and along Eakring Road around 10:45am to the memorial. A short service followed by a minutes silence will be held at the memorial. Refreshments will be available afterwards at The 1st Bilsthorpe Scouts which is next to the memorial. We seek members of our great community to come together and pay our respects to those who have served and continue to serve our country and to remember the fallen. Last year saw a record turnout and the community came together to support us in remembering.



Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark is moving its service to Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY from 26th September 2017, continuing to be available Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am – 2.30pm. Leading up to the move the Citizens Advice will operate as normal from its existing premises at Keepers Cottage until Thursday 14th September 2.30pm. Please note we will be closed to the public on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st September in Newark and reopen in Castle House on Tuesday 26th September, 9.30am – 2.30pm. Our Ollerton office will remain open as usual.

St John Ambulance opportunities:



Badgers is for 7-10 year olds and they take part in a programme, working towards their Super Badger Award. Badgers can choose fun activities to do from a range of fifteen different subjects. Badgers can earn a badge and certificate for every subject, and receive awards for every three subjects they complete. Activities include camping, orienteering, first aid and learning about the great outdoors!

Young people aged 10–17 can join our Cadet unit: These are a great way for teens and young people to take part in volunteer work and learn valuable life skills. As a Cadet, you'll take part in a full and interactive programme, working towards your Grand Prior Award and volunteering at events. You can learn first aid skills, volunteer within your community by providing first aid cover at public events, such as football matches and music festivals, learn leadership and public speaking skills by teaching first aid to other young people and spend time on weekend residential camps packed with activities, and have the opportunity to compete in international first aid competitions

Meetings for both of the above are Wednesday from 6:30 – 8pm. We also have an adults section looking to recruit members. Meetings are held on a Tuesday from 7-9pm. For more information on any of these groups please contact Janet Franks janet.franks@sja.org.uk

Bilthorpe Scouts

Group Flags:

On Sunday 16th July our group finally put our 50+ years old group flags up to rest and had a service in St Margaret's church to bless our new flags.

We had a lovely service delivered by Margaret Groves focusing around family and community. After the service, we paraded back to the scout hut for a fun afternoon full of crafts, games and lots of food.

Our group flags are to represent each section of the group and our new flags are even more special because they were kindly donated to the group by our now retired chairperson of 25 years and his wife.

The group would like to thank Mike and Una Cater for their support over the years with the group and are very grateful for their kind donation of our new group flags.

Upcoming Events:

- Monthly Family Film Club – First Friday of the Month, Scout Hut, 6.20pm...
Visit our Facebook page for more information.
- Newspaper Collection – Fortnightly Saturday when you put your green bin out on a Thursday.
- Saturday 25th November 2017 – Christmas Coffee Morning and Craft Fair (With Santa's Grotto) – Bilthorpe Village Hall.
- Sunday 17th December 2017- Christmas Hamper & Annual Quiz Draw.
- Saturday 9th December 2017 - Community Games Night
(In Partnership with St Margaret's Church). Details to follow.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact a Group Leader via our website or Facebook page!



Bilsthorpe Community Defibrillator Update

What a fantastic response! Grants and donations have been generously given from the British Heart Foundation, Bilsthorpe Parish Council, Lions, Oakwoods, Strawsons, One Stop and from individual residents. To date the funding for the purchase of three community defibrillators and safe storage and fitting for one machine has been achieved. The siting of the machines is currently being negotiated with the aim to be around Valley Road, Kirklington Road and the Village Hall with Bilsthorpe Parish Council having agreed to cover the ongoing running and maintenance costs.

Fund raising continues to cover the cost of fitting two community defibrillators. It has been acknowledged that Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy are in need of a defibrillator and it is looking likely that this can be achieved too. Please keep the donations coming in!



Local businesses have been contacted to ask for support and individuals can donate on the AED Donate link on Facebook. For more information or ideas for fundraising please contact Keeley Ward 07941 668727.



Parish Council **Information**



Bilsthorpe Play Area Update: The recent addition of the MUSA to Crompton Road play area has been welcomed by the young people of Bilsthorpe. Work continues towards the further development of the two village play areas, Maid Marian and Crompton Road, particularly for younger children in response to discussions with local families as to how to further enhance the area.

At the same time the Parish Council are working hard to keep the play areas and equipment in good condition and well maintained. The CCTV at Crompton is currently being reviewed and new "No dogs permitted" signs have been fitted on both play areas – we have many lovely walks in the area for our dog owners without the need to use the parks. It is important for us that the young people using these areas are kept safe. The Parish Council has raised concerns with the Police regarding recent reports of antisocial behaviour on the play areas. If anyone sees any antisocial behaviour please phone the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

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!

Change of Parish Council surgery times: Bilsthorpe Parish Council holds an open surgery every Friday, 9:30am to 10:30am at the Village Hall and also 6:30-7pm on the first Monday of each month. Each week there will be two councillors and the clerk available to discuss local matters – drop in and have a chat to let us know what is working and where further improvements can be considered!

Parish Councillor vacancy: BILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL - If you are interested please contact Emma Thorpe (Clerk) at clerkbpc@hotmail.com or 01623 871641 or 07919 564016.

For any village hall bookings please contact Mick Pearson on 07581 138430

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire: Please visit the RCAN survey (web address below) as they are researching how potentially vulnerable people access services in our area and they are interested in capturing those who are unable to access mainstream services, especially in Bilsthorpe and other areas of rural Nottinghamshire and how this influences loneliness and isolation. Have your say in the development of this hugely important service for our vulnerable residents: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BilsthorpeCommunity>



Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum



On Tuesday evening, 25th April, three Members enjoyed an evening of "Pit Poetry", together with a "Pie & Pea" Supper at the "Tin Hat Centre", Selston. On Sunday, 30th April, we were pleased to be part of Radio Nottingham's "Big Day Out", welcoming a record number of visitors. Our Coffee Morning on Saturday, 13th May was well-attended and raised £580 for our funds. Thank you to all concerned and also everyone who supported our stall at Edingley "Christian Aid" Table top Sale on Sunday, 14th May. Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at The Scouts' Tea Party on Saturday, 17th June and also our stall and exhibition marquee at the "Bilsthorpe Bonanza" on Saturday, 15th July.

On Monday, July 24th, four Members visited the Dukeries Academy at Ollerton and gave a talk and presentation on "Mining Life" to several classes. Afterwards, the children asked questions and worked on projects related to the talk. Our Members were most impressed by the in-depth questions the children asked and the high-standard of their project work. On Friday, August 18th, the Museum opened specially on the twenty-fourth anniversary of the last disaster at Bilsthorpe Colliery. We were pleased to welcome forty-five visitors for tea and cakes.

Winter Opening hours of 11.00am until 3.00pm on Sundays and Wednesdays will officially begin on Sunday, 29th October.

On Saturday, 18th November, we shall be holding our Autumn Coffee Morning from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon in the Village Hall, Cross Street, and will include a "Memory Lane" photo-board. Admission will be 25p and includes the first drink. All welcome. Please consult the local press and social media for other future fund-raising events. Our latest publications are "Bilsthorpe Memories" and "An Anthology of Mining Poetry", which are both available for £2.50 from the Museum shop or our Autumn Coffee Morning. Our 2018 Calendars are also being printed and we hope they will soon be available at £3 each or £5 for two.

Bilsthorpe Garden Club

A very busy few months for the club. On Wednesday, 17th May we held our popular "Plant Swap & Auction Evening" with Chairman, Dennis Lewin, as our auctioneer, assisted by Flo Mitchell and Sandra Fleet. Our Plant Sale & Coffee Morning on Saturday, 3rd June, raised £550 for Group funds. Thanks to all involved. On Friday, 9th June, Members and friends enjoyed a coach outing to Chatsworth RHS Show. The trip was organised by Jenny Smart, assisted by Ian Roberts. On Wednesday, 21st June, we made an evening visit to East Markham to the Manor House and Norwood Cottage, two lovely but very different gardens in a glorious setting. From Sunday, 25th June to Saturday, 1st July, the Club enjoyed our Annual Summer Holiday, which, this year, visited the Gardens & Stately Homes of the West Midlands and Cotswolds, based at the comfortable Gainsborough House Hotel in Kidderminster. On the weekend of 8th/9th July, we participated in St. Margaret's Church Flower Festival and thanks are due to Sandra Fleet, assisted by Jean Manning, for the lovely flower arrangements in the church porch. Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at "Bilsthorpe Bonanza", which was ably manned by Margaret Wright, Florence and Courtney Mitchell and Jean Manning.



On Wednesday, 19th July, we visited Park Farm gardens in Southwell, where our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, gave us an informative tour of the garden. Afterwards, we enjoyed a picnic on the terrace, prepared by visit organiser, Pat Jones, who was assisted by her husband, Ken.

On Wednesday, evening, 26th July, Members, Steve and Jenny Smart opened their beautiful garden for a Charity Garden Party for Members and friends, in aid of the John Eastwood Hospice. On Sunday, 3rd September, the Village Hall looked splendid with 206 entries for our 20th Annual Produce Show. The show was organised by Show Secretary, Steve Smart, with assistance from Assistant Show Secretary, Connie Roberts and Members of the Committee. "Best in Show" Award went to J. Clarkson for her Flower Arrangement.



Dates for your diary: Wednesday, 18th October, Sue Stephen will be giving a talk on "Bulbs". On Wednesday, 15th November, our Speaker will be Jeff Bates on "Plants for Small Gardens". Unless otherwise advised, we meet at 7.30 pm in the Lounge at Bilsthorpe Miners' Welfare on the 3rd Wednesday of the following months: October, November, February, March, April, May, August & September. Everyone welcome. Do come and join us. In the Summer we have at least one coach outing as well as evening garden visits and next year's Summer Holiday will be visiting the gardens of North Wales.

Venue Addresses and Telephone Information

Sherwood West CC
Rainworth Water Road, NG21 0DU
☎ 01623 499900

Sherwood East CC
Braemar Road, NG19 0LL
☎ 01623 629203

Blidworth CC
Belle Vue Lane, NG21 0RD
☎ 01623 499900 (Rainworth)

Bilthorpe CC
Crompton Road, NG22 8PS
☎ 01623 629203 (Clipstone)

Sessions also run from:
Ravenshead Library
Milton Court, NG15 9BD

Bilthorpe Library
The Crescent NG22 8QX
☎ 01623 870216

Python Hill Primary School
Kirklington Road, NG21 0JZ

Blidworth Oaks Primary School
Haywood Avenue, NG21 0RE

Sqoshis Indoor Play Centre
Church Road, NG21 9DF



Sure Start Children's Centres
Newark & Sherwood District
Sherwood West & Sherwood East Cluster
Tel: 01623 499900 (West) 01623 629203 (East)
Website: www.surestart.notts.nhs.uk
Facebook: Sure Start Sherwood

Here's the...

What's On Guide

About our groups and sessions

Baby Self-Weigh - Scales are available in Children's Centres where parents can weigh their own babies. This facility is available within certain groups at most Centres or between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Mon - Fri at Rainworth.

BABES - Breastfeeding Encouragement & Support.

Baby Massage - A relaxing and stimulating experience for you and your baby. You will need to book a place, please ask for details.

Baby Yoga - This is for babies 16 weeks up to crawling, it uses music, touch and movement to strengthen the parent-child relationship from birth. It can also help with common issues like colic, wind and sleep problems. You will need to book a place, please ask for details.

Stay, Play & Tidy Away/ All Aboard
Parent & child play & socialisation for children aged 0-5 years.

Parenting Courses
To provide you with strategies to help manage your child's behaviour. Please ask for details.

Adult Learning
Please ask for details of what courses are on offer this term. Crèche places are available.

Volunteering - Increase your skills & knowledge by volunteering with us.

Jelly Babies - Play session for babies aged 0 - 1 year.

Wobbly Ones - Play session for 1 - 2 year olds.

Mums in Pyjamas - Led by Peer Supporters supporting emotional wellbeing.

N.B. - all crèche places must be pre-booked.

*Serving our
community,
supporting our
families*

Newark and Sherwood District: Sherwood
West and East Children's Centres – including
supported community groups

4th September to 22nd December 2017

What's On Guide

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<p>Toddler & Baby Group 9:00 - 11:00am Python Hill Primary School, Rainworth</p> <p>Let's Play 9:00 - 10:30am Bilthorpe CC **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p>	<p>Mum's in Pyjamas 9:30 - 11:30am Rainworth CC (Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday).</p> <p>Child-Minders 9:15 - 11:30am Rainworth CC (Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday).</p>	<p>Rattle, Rhyme & Roll 10:00 - 10:30am Bilthorpe Library Term-time only</p>	<p>Please contact your local Centre for upcoming courses.</p>	<p>Stay, Play & Tidy Away 9:00 - 10:30am Bilthorpe CC **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p> <p>Time For A Rhyme 10:00 - 11:00am SQOSHIS, Church Road, Clipstone (Fortnightly). Contact the Centre for details.</p>
Afternoon	<p>Sleep Workshop 1:00 - 3:00pm Blidworth CC Crèche facilities available. Starting 25th Sept for 4 weeks. Meet & Greet Session 1:00 - 2:00pm 18th September Booking Essential Contact the Centre for details.</p> <p>Emotional Health & Wellbeing Course 1:00 - 3:00pm Clipstone CC Crèche facilities available. Starting 6th Nov for 6 weeks. Meet & Greet Session 1:00 - 2:00pm 30th October Booking Essential Contact the Centre for details.</p>	<p>Jelly Babies 1:30 - 3:00pm Blidworth CC 0 - 1 year **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p> <p>Jelly Babies (0 - 1 year) & Wobbly Ones (1 - 2 years) 2:00 - 3:30pm SQOSHIS, Church Road, Clipstone **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p> <p>Sing, Rhyme & Storytime 2:30 - 3:00pm Ravenshead Library (Fortnightly).</p>	<p>Team Time</p> <p>**Baby Self-Weigh will be available at Clipstone CC each day 9:00am-12:00pm</p>	<p>Jelly Babies (0 - 1 year) & Wobbly Ones (1 - 2 years) 1:00 - 2:30pm Rainworth CC</p> <p>BABES Breastfeeding Group 2:30 - 3:30pm Rainworth CC Every Week</p>	<p>Twins & More 1:30 - 3:00pm Rainworth CC</p> <p>All Aboard 1:30 - 3:00pm Blidworth CC **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p> <p>**Baby Self-Weigh will be available at Rainworth CC each day 9:00am - 4:00pm</p>
**Baby self-Weigh means scales are available for you to weigh your own baby			All groups for Under 5's unless otherwise stated		This guide is available in other formats

St Margaret's Church, Bilsthorpe

You are welcome to join us for services in church at **10.30am on Sundays** & other services as listed below.

1 October 10.30am will be Harvest Festival. Harvest gifts of fruit, vegetables or store cupboard items are welcome. These will be donated to the Foodbank.

15 Oct, 19 Nov & every 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm:
Bilsthorpe Churches Together Community Praise in the Welfare Hall.

29 Oct 10.30am: we will be gathering with our neighbours at St Paulinus Church, Ollerton (instead of Bilsthorpe church).

5 Nov 6pm: Service of Hope & Remembrance when we give thanks for the lives of those who have died & pray for their loved ones.

11 Nov 10am: Service for Remembrance Sunday at the Welfare Hall (instead of Bilsthorpe church).

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

With best wishes, *Revd Margaret Groves (Associate Priest 01623 870679)*



Key community contacts: If you represent a local and non-commercial organisation please contact nlayfield@flyinghightrust.co.uk to include your details in future newsletters – no charge!

Organisation	Contact name	Contact details
Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy	School office	Office@bilsthorpefha.org 01623 870772
Bilsthorpe Garden Club	Chris Cooper	g.cooper164@btinternet.com
Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum	George Cooper	Bilsthorpe.heritage@yahoo.co.uk 01623 871366
Bilsthorpe Library	Various	bilsthorpe.library@inspireculture.org.uk 01623 870216
Bilsthorpe Parish Council	Emma Thorpe (clerk)	clerkbpc@hotmail.com 01623 871641
Bilsthorpe Scouts	Graham Baguley	bilsthorpescouts@gmail.com
Bilsthorpe Young Persons' Centre	Valentine Marshall	valentine.marshall@nottsgov.gov.uk 01623 411300
Citizens Advice Newark & Sherwood	Lesley Barrick	asm@ollerton.cabnet.org.uk 01623 861769
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Royal British Legion	Keeley Ward (branch Chair)	keels1704@gmail.com
Sherwood Children's Centre	Carol Gillott	Carol.gillott@nottshc.nhs.uk
St John Ambulance	Janet Franks	janet.franks@sja.org.uk 07805 853471
St Margaret's Church – weddings and baptisms	Revd Zoe Burton	revzoe@live.co.uk 01623 862818
St Margaret's Church	Revd Anna Alls Growing Disciples Priest	growingdisciplespriest@gmail.com 01623 611007
St Margaret's Church	Revd Margaret Groves Associate Priest	Revdmgroves1662@gmail.com 01623 870679

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