



The Bilsthorpe Villager

Bringing Bilsthorpe Together

Produced in partnership by the Parish Council and
Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy



Special thank you to the Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum for the past and present village images

Welcome to the Bilsthorpe Villager

The Bilsthorpe Villager is a newsletter produced in partnership by the Parish Council and Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy, supported by local organisations, clubs, teams and services within our village. Our aim is to promote and celebrate our community and all it has to offer.

Published every two months, the newsletter will highlight upcoming community events, key dates, good news and opportunities you as residents of Bilsthorpe may be interested in. We hope to celebrate our rich heritage and bring the community together in recognition of our history and bright future.

If you would like to promote your group or event (for free!) through the newsletter send the name of your group, your logo or an image, the background to your group and any news and key dates or events. Bilsthorpe Heritage has also kindly offered to provide images of our village past and present to chart our history and development.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions, ideas or would like to help with local events or the production or distribution of this newsletter! Residents can contact the newsletter through Councillor Ian Hutchings middlehutch14902@aol.com or Nick Layfield from the school nlayfield@flyinghightrust.co.uk

To enable the newsletter to become sustainable we will also be offering the opportunity for local businesses to advertise with us for a small fee – please contact us to find out more!

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

Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy:

As the village school, we are proud to be part of Bilsthorpe. As a school our focus is to ensure we provide the very best opportunities and experiences for our children and families. Beyond education and supporting our children to have high aspirations for their future, our aim is for the school to become the hub for our community as we host and support local events.

Upcoming events:

Christmas Fair – Wednesday 14 December, 3:30-5:30pm at the school!

If you have children approaching school age, please contact us on 01623 870 772 or office@bilsthorpefha.org to arrange a visit to meet our passionate staff and inspirational children!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for latest events and information: @BilsthorpeFha and @FlyingHighTrust



Fireworks display: a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy firework display. We had over 500 people on site not to mention everyone watching from their front room! Thank you to all who supported and to Magic and Miracle for such a spectacular display! We look forward to hosting again next year!

The display was funded by the Bilsthorpe Together community group and school – thank you to all who contributed to making the event a huge success!



Royal British Legion, 13 November

The community of Bilsthorpe came together to pay their respects at this year's Remembrance Parade. This year saw around 20 members from HMS Intrepid association join in our annual parade. HMS Intrepid was a flagship during the Falklands and one of the best known ships for the part in which it played. Members who served on Intrepid joined together for their annual reunion in Bilsthorpe. Russell Morgan and local resident Paul Prest opened the service at Bilsthorpe Welfare by ringing the ship's bell. Margaret Groves led the service in which members of the Royal British Legion, HMS Intrepid, and 1st Bilsthorpe Scouts presented their standard. After the service the parade was led jointly by the Royal British Legion and HMS Intrepid and preceded down to the memorial where the names of the fallen were read out by David Ramsdale, President of the RBL Branch. The last post and Reveille was played by Robert Mariner. Keeley Ward, Chair of Bilsthorpe RBL laid the first wreath followed by representatives from HMS Intrepid, 1st Bilsthorpe Scouts (all sections), St John Ambulance, Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum, Bilsthorpe Parish Council and Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy. Members of the community also laid wreaths and poppies whilst paying their respects.

On behalf of the Royal British Legion Branch Keeley Ward would like to extend a very heart felt thank you to all that volunteered to help with road closures, organisation and to assist in various parts of the parade.

Also a big thank you to Bilsthorpe Welfare for hosting the services, Bilsthorpe Scout group for refreshments afterwards, HMS Intrepid for their valuable presence and to all the community for coming together to represent Bilsthorpe in showing our respect.



CHRISTMAS IN BILSTHORPE



7TH DECEMBER – Everyone is welcome join the fun at the Welfare with the Bilsthorpe Christmas celebration and Light switch on starts 6:00pm. Santa will be making an appearance!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

We would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and peaceful new year and hope to see you at our services celebration!

Sunday 4 December	10:30am All age worship
Sunday 11 December	10:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 18 December	10:30am Morning prayer with baptism 6:00pm Carol service
Saturday 24 December	4:00pm Crib service 11:30pm Midnight mass
Sunday 25 December	10:30am Christmas praise
Sunday 1 January	10:30am All age worship

BILSTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH

"God Bless You All This Christmas"

Sunday 18 December	10:30am Christmas stories, crafts and carols for all ages 6:00pm Candlelit carols and readings followed by coffee and mince pies
Sunday 25 December	10:30am Christmas day celebrations Preacher: Barrie Richmond

Come and join us this Christmas!

CHRISTMAS AT BILSTHORPE MINERS WELFARE

Saturday 3 December	RAGE buffet and quiz – purchase tickets from behind the bar
Wednesday 7 December	From 6:00pm come and join the fun at the Christmas celebration including the switching on of the lights with fireworks, carols, songs and prayers Stalls will include refreshments and food and games for the children – not to mention that Santa will be visiting during the evening!
Saturday 10 December	Doors open at 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start for the Christmas panto, Beauty and the Beast - £3 per ticket and includes a selection box for children under eleven! Tickets available from the welfare
New Year's Eve	Live band – Hellraiser! Tickets from the bar

Please remember we also have a quiz every Tuesday evening and everyone is welcome - £2 per person
Includes food, Tricky 13 with a £50 bonus and chase the ace! Hope to see you soon!



Bilsthorpe Heritage From G Cooper

The Museum is now on Winter Opening Hours of 11:00am until 3:00pm on Sundays and Wednesdays.

We are, however, happy to welcome visitors on other days by appointment. Just ring 871533 or 870512 or e-mail: bilsthorpe-heritage@btconnect.com



Recently a talk was given to a class at Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy and other local groups including the Bilsthorpe Beavers, U3As and Hucknall Tourism as well as stands at Langwith Show, Pleasley Heritage Pit Open Weekend and a Mining Heritage Event in Eastwood – contact us now to arrange your visit and presentation!

Saturday 22nd October: Our Rummage Sale was well-supported and a big thank you to all our helpers!

Saturday, 29th October, we hosted a showing of the film “The Somme” in the Village Hall. This was an enjoyable evening and we are indebted to Nottingham Museum Forum, who screened the production and gave informative commentaries throughout and to our team of volunteers, who worked hard preparing for the event. Thank you to everyone who attended and we especially value the support of Bilsthorpe British Legion.

Our 2017 “Bilsthorpe Present” calendars are now on sale at £3 each or two for £5. We also have cards and publications and lots of knitted toys, craft items and Christmas goods and “stocking fillers” all available at very reasonable prices – all of which make lovely Christmas gifts!
Pop in and have a cup of tea and take a look in our shop!

Bilsthorpe Garden Club from C Cooper

Wednesday, 14th December, members will be attending Southwell Garden Centre for a Supper & Social Evening

Wednesday, 18th January, 2017, Members will be having a New Year Dinner & Quiz at the Copper Beech

Wednesday, 15th February will be a talk on “Heritage” with Brian Jackson at 7:30pm in the Lounge at the Welfare, everyone welcome!

Our 2017 Summer Holiday will be from Sunday, 25th June – Saturday, 1st July, based at Kidderminster and visiting the gardens of the West Midlands and Cotswolds. One or two places are still available - for further details about the club contact Alan on 870810.



The Garden club meets the second Wednesday of each month 7:00pm at the Miners Welfare.

BILSTHORPE OVER 50'S CLUB

Every Wednesday afternoon, 1:00pm until 4:00pm in the main room at The Miner's Welfare, The Crescent, Bilsthorpe. Admission is a £1 per person and your first week is free – come along and find out what we have to offer!

There's Bingo £1, raffle £1, a quiz and Horse Racing plus Sequence and Line Dancing.

Refreshments include tea, coffee and snacks - beer and soft drinks are available at the bar – for an additional cost!

We welcome new members to join us, starting January 4th 2017.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members old and new!

To advertise in the Bilsthorpe Villager:

To advertise in the Bilsthorpe Villager, please contact Cllr Ian Hutchings on middlehutch14902@aol.com

The cost of advertising is £10 per issue or £50 for annual advertising (6 issues)

Adverts will be 148mm x 80mm deep

Over time we hope to build a Bilsthorpe A-Z of local businesses and services – let's support our local community!
Together we are stronger! Advertising will also ensure we can keep the newsletter running longer term!

Scouts Weekly Meeting

Beavers (6 - 8 Yrs) Tuesdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Cubs (8-10 1/2 Yrs) Tuesdays 6:45pm – 8:15pm
Scouts (10 1/2 - 14 Yrs) Mondays 7pm – 9pm



If your children are interested in joining please contact a group leader as some sections do have a waiting list.

Please Save your used newspapers!

We will collect them from you on:
10th & 24th December & 7th & 21st January 2017

All you need to do is place them in a plastic bag outside your gate on the dates above and the group will collect these from you – *if there is snow please do not put papers out* 😊

We also have newspaper collection bins at the doctors surgery and outside the Scout Hut

Upcoming events:

Friday 2nd December - Family Film Club Presents Elf The Movie
Tuesday 13th December - Annual Quiz to be returned
Sunday 18th December - Draw of Christmas Hamper & Annual Quiz
Saturday 4th February 2017 - Race Night

BILSTHORPE LIBRARY OPENING HOURS – Please support your local library!

Mondays 9:30 – 13:00
Fridays 13:30 – 17:00
Saturdays 9:30 – 13:00

Christmas Craft Activity
Wednesday 7th December
10.30am -12.00 noon
Bilsthorpe Library
Using recycled wood, make a set of decorative trees for your Christmas trimmings.
£2.50 per person
Spaces are limited, so booking is recommended.
Please speak to a member of staff to reserve your space.
01623 870216
inspireculture.org.uk
Nottinghamshire County Council delivered by Inspire

New Healthy Body, Healthy Minds Exercise Class
A class consisting of chair based, aerobics and toning
Exercises to improve fitness, balance, strength and more.
Every Wednesday starting 9th November from
3.30-4.15pm - FREE OF CHARGE
at Burton Court, The Crescent, Bilsthorpe, Newark
NG22 8QP
Equipment will be provided, please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Transport can be provided by BN Gibson
(booked in advance)
Please contact Jo Sage for more details 01636 655701
Alternatively email: jo.sage@active4today.co.uk

*If you have a club, organisation, service or event to please let us know –
we are happy to promote for free!*

#BilsthorpeTogether

St John Ambulance group Bilsthorpe News from Keeley Ward
An Appeal for new members

St John Ambulance group Bilsthorpe has an active group operating from the hut on Eakring Road
We have a group for Badgers, aged 7 to 10 years and Cadets 10 to 18 years of age that meets every Wednesday 6:30-8pm

Any adults interested in joining the St John Ambulance group please drop in on a Wednesday evening to see me or send me a message on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/keeley.ward1704?> so I can give you the contact details
Please also let me know if you would be interested in attending a community First Aid course – if there is sufficient interest we can put on a course!



At present Peel have permission to build an incinerator on the old Bilsthorpe colliery site.

What they do not have is an Environmental Permit or anyone to build it.

If and when they do apply for a permit we (RAGE) will only have 6 weeks to contest it, we will also have to employ Legal and Environmental experts to represent us at great expense.

This is why we are continuing to raise funds to pay for these experts.

With this in mind, RAGE will be holding a **CHRISTMAS BUFFET ON SATURDAY THE 3rd DECEMBER AT 7:30pm AT BILSTHORPE WELFARE**, with Bingo, Quiz and a Grand Christmas Raffle including a 1st prize of £200 plus many more prizes! A great evening to be had by all and everyone is welcome.

Tickets available from Pauline on 01623 871563, Ann on 01623 870689 or sold from the Welfare Bar at £5 each
Please remember RAGE monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday each month 7:00pm at the Miners Welfare

BILSTHORPE F.C. UNDER 13's

Bilsthorpe for u13s are looking for a couple of volunteers to help move our team forward. We would like someone who would like to work with our goalkeeper and also someone to help with the team. We currently have a coach and assistant but we would appreciate additional support in supporting coaching each week. If anyone is available to commit some time to these young lads and help move them forward please get in touch. We currently train in Rainworth on a Tuesday evening and are currently doing well in the Chad and Mansfield Youth League <https://bilsthorpefcu13s.teamapp.com/contact>



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updates - Bilsthorpe Information
and Chat & Twitter @BilsthorpeFha**



Bilsthorpe Ladies Running Club

The BLRC has had a great summer of trail runs, road runs and there have been 2 learn to run courses to welcome new members to our club – please contact us to find out more! Some ladies who had never run before are now regular runners. So 'never say never'! As a club we pride ourselves in encouraging ladies to achieve their goals in running.

10th October we had a run where we 'nattered' inspired by Mind charity 'run and talk'. Exercise has long been highlighted as a way of reducing stress or low mood.

11th September had Debbie Stephens completing the Great North Run, and New to the club ladies Tammy Bevan and Yvette Caunt completed their 5k decathlon series.

17th and 18th September Nicola Mcgonigle, Corinne Warren, Lois Warren, Jennifer Wallis, Cathie Babbington and Lisa Greenham completed the Equinox 24 hour. Sandy Prest and Karen Ward the Equinox 10k. Jo Darley, Samantha Straw and Emma Louise Sendall completed the Nottinghamshire triathlon.

25th September Lois Warren, Corinne Warren, Nicola Mcgonigle and Lisa Greenham took on the Robin Hood half marathon and club members took part in the Clumber Park 10k series which is now every month.

9th October saw Jennifer Wallis challenge the Yorkshire Marathon finishing with 4.42. Finally for this article Nicola Mcgonigle, Corinne Warren, Louis Warren and Lisa Greenham completed the Worksop Half Marathon well done every one!

If you want to join check our website or Facebook for more information. We meet on a Monday evening 7pm outside the scout hut <http://www.bilsthorpeladiesrunningclub.co.uk/>



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Bilsthorpe Young People's Centre

Monday Link Club: 6.30pm-8.30pm
This is a session for **disabled young people aged 13-24**. The lower age range can be slightly flexible to meet the needs of individuals.

Tuesday Evening Dance Project: 4.30pm-6pm
For young people already enrolled on the dance project.

Tuesday Senior Session: 6pm-8.30pm
This session will provide age appropriate activities so is only suitable for those **young people in Year 8 and above**.
Currently not running due to staff shortages

Wednesday Art Project: 4.45pm-7pm
For **young people already enrolled**. This will run until the 7th January.

Wednesday Junior Session: 6pm-8.30pm
This session offers age-appropriate activities for those **young people in school years 6, 7, and 8**. Young people can only attend up to their 13th birthday.

Thursday Senior Session: 6pm-8.30pm
This session will provide age appropriate activities so is only suitable for those **young people in Year 8 and above**.

Friday Inters Session: 6pm-8.30pm
This session offers age-appropriate activities for those **young people in school years 7, 8, and 9**.

For more information please contact Valentine Marshall on 01623 411300
www.nottszone.org.uk

BILSTHORPE
INDOOR
SHORT MAT BOWLS


Looking for something new to try

Join Bilsthorpe Indoor Short mat Bowls

come to
BILSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL
EVERY THURSDAY
7:00pm TO 9:00pm

All ages and abilities welcome

TO PLAY + Tea/Coffee £1:00 first week free
 RAFFLE £1:00
 WOODS PROVIDED



We hope you enjoyed the first edition of the Bilsthorpe Villager – we can only get stronger with your support. Please share any events, clubs and news with us. This way we can really showcase everything our village and surrounding area has to offer!

