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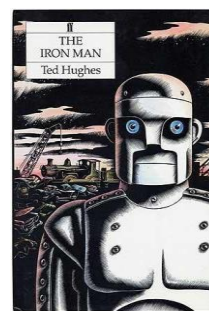
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Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy – ‘Flying high together’

Hello and welcome to the first Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy newsletter this year! As you already know, each child has moved up into the next year as they continue to grow in the seven values. Whether it's starting swimming lessons or going out on the field to act out a World War II battle, BFHA have all the support, fun and learning that you need! In this newsletter we will tell you what we've been up to in our classes and as a whole school!

Year 3 have been reading the book 'The Iron Man'. The class have adored reading this book and have done a lot of work based on it. Some of the homework that they have produced includes building models of the Iron Man. They have even received a letter that was in a metal container from the Iron Man...it came all the way from Mars! They have also been on a trip to Creswell Crags where they experienced what it would be like to live in the Stone Age.



The big question in Year 2 this term is '**Would you like to time travel?**' and they are extremely excited about this topic. So far the children have enjoyed writing instructions on how to make a milkshake (before drinking them!) They have also been learning how to skim and scan.

The Year 6 question this term is '**Is conflict ever justified?**' As well as experiencing WW2 battle fields including making our own trenches, we have been lucky enough to see and touch a REAL letter that was written by an 18 year old girl during WW2. We have used these experiences to write some amazing diaries and letters!



As a school we celebrated Science Day by coming in dressed as scientists, moving around the different classes and investigating different scientific things! We were learning about construction, we made slime, created and watched a volcanic eruption with Mrs Perkin...it looked awesome when they exploded. We investigated making cubes out of spaghetti and marshmallows and we built the biggest tower! In one class we built paper helicopters and tested them from all different heights and in the final class we tried to make worms dance.



On Wednesday 10th October Year 5 and Year 6 had a tag rugby event at the Dukeries. Unfortunately, we didn't come in the top 4 but at least we had fun.

Written by Leon and Meghan (Year 6)

Find out about our open events and applying for school places on Page 3!

Bilsthorpe Scouts



What a Summer Bilsthorpe Scouts have had!

Firstly, we all celebrated our 90th Birthday with a birthday bash on the school field. 90 years of Scouting at Bilsthorpe is a huge achievement and we wanted to thank volunteers and everyone else who has supported us over the decades.

We have been able to give the Beavers (6–8 years old) the opportunity to camp outside in a tent for the first time, whilst working with other Beaver colonies from Derbyshire. The children all loved it and had the chance to make new friends and try lots of new activities. The feedback was great, and everyone had a brilliant time.

The Cubs were able to learn new survival skills on their 2-day summer camp. They used axes, saws and other tools to help prepare and then light a campfire (all under the supervision of our trained volunteers!) then had even more fun as they had to prepare the food and cook it on the campfire for their tea – and they ate it all too!

We were able to give the Scout section a taster of an International Camp on our doorstep at Walesby Forest Scout Camp. This camp was for a week in July and every day was a different kind of day, from Summer beach party to Christmas Day in one week. Other activities included driving tanks, 3G swing and segways and everyone mixed with other Scouts in this fantastic event. Bilsthorpe Scouts got to meet other members of the scouting movement from Austria, Denmark & Germany.

On the last day of our international camp we discovered that our new flags donated to the group only last year by Mike & Una Cater had been taken from camp. This news soon got around the village, and thanks to Emma Barnaby and Diane Mchew, who decided to help out and held an online appeal to raise the funds to replace these flags. Thanks to their efforts and the support of everyone in the village you raised £375.26 to be able replace these flags, which we hope to carry proudly (and with care) at the Remembrance Parade in November. **Thank you!**



Dates for the diary...

Saturday 24th November 2018 – Christmas Coffee Morning and Craft Fair at Bilsthorpe Village Hall 10am – 12 noon

Sunday 2nd & 9th December 2018 – Breakfast with Santa at Bilsthorpe Scout Hut. Limited spaces, book yours today at www.bilsthorpescouts.co.uk/santa

Sunday 16th December 2018 – Annual Hamper Draw & Sherwood Scout Post-delivery day.

Group Contact Details:



bilsthorpe.scouts@gmail.com



www.bilsthorpescouts.co.uk



0115 952 3617



Monday evenings – 7-9pm at
Bilsthorpe Scout Hut, Old Bridge
way, Bilsthorpe



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Open event

Friday 26th October

10am to 2pm

Are you looking for the best school in the Universe? Are you moving to the area or do you have children due to start school in September 2019?

If so, we would like to invite you to our open event!

You are welcome to visit the school anytime between 10am and 2pm on Friday 26th October where you can have a tour of the school, meet our inspirational and passionate staff, ask all your questions and receive key information and most importantly to meet our amazing children.

We work tirelessly to ensure that we make every day count for our children – making memories, creating opportunities, developing a love of learning and having fun! You also must see our vibrant learning environment, with halls filled with characters from your favourite books! Light refreshments available.

The school admissions process opens on 5 November 2018 and remains open until 15 January 2019 for new starters in Reception and Year 3 – with in-year admissions ongoing.

If you cannot make the 26th October, please contact the school – we will always make visitors welcome and arrange a convenient time to see our amazing school in action! To contact the school:

office@bilsthorpefha.org

01623 870 772

<http://www.bilsthorpeflyinghighacademy.co.uk>

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Tickets are now on sale for our firework night taking place Thursday 8 November at school!
Gates open 5pm with firework display at 6pm

Hot and cold food and drinks, stalls and a sensational display! This is a hugely popular event so purchase your tickets now from the school office – adults £2.50, children £1 and under 2s free






Parish Council Information



Meetings: Parish Council meetings take place every second Monday of the month. The Parish Clerk can be contacted on 07919 564016; clerkbpc@hotmail.com; via the Bilsthorpe Parish Council website; or in writing to The Village Hall, Cross Street, Bilsthorpe.




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Bilsthorpe Village Hall on Cross Street is a community building in need of refurbishment. The Parish Council would like to push ahead with this plan and are keen to get residents' views and ideas to help this happen.

The Village Hall was built in approximately 1930, as a village asset for mine workers, by the Stanton Ironworks Company. The Parish Council want to preserve the history and engineering that is unique to the building. We feel it's important for this building to be used by residents and become a central hub for the village as it used to be many years ago.

Parish Councillors will be at the Village Hall on Saturday 10th November between 2pm and 4pm to discuss these plans and listen to your ideas and comments.

Alternatively, you can keep up to date with Parish Council news on our website.

Parish Council vacancy, if you are interested and would like more information please contact the Clerk, Emma Thorpe on 07919564016.

New developments:

- Small children's play equipment is being installed on both Crompton and Maid Marian play areas before the end of the year.
- CCTV cameras are being fitted to Crompton Play area.
- Christmas lights will be fitted to lamp posts on Kirklington and Eaking Road by Forest Link roundabout.

Survey available at: <https://goo.gl/forms/iAL0x6UY2rF2g0yX2>

You can also contact Mark Spencer as your local MP on 0115 968 1186 or mark.spencer@parliament.uk

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:

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Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum

The Summer has been a very busy time. We have attended "Visit Nottingham" leisure and tourism meetings at various venues, local TAG Tourism Meetings, Coal Heritage Conferences and Notts Museum Forum Meetings, including their Conference and Awards Ceremony at Trent University Clifton Campus on 14th June, which showcased a "Fighting for our Heritage" project, researched by Member, Bob Bradley, who gave an excellent presentation at the event. We were surprised and delighted later to be presented with the "Judges Special Award" for our achievements as a solely volunteer-led museum, especially gaining Accreditation, for which we thank our Archivist/Funding Officer Andrea Swallow for her hard work and dedication.



We have had Exhibition Stands at the following venues: Mapperley Plains Social Club, Bilsthorpe Scouts Tabletop, Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy Maypole & Afternoon Tea event, 2 exhibitions at Bilsthorpe St. John's Hall and 2 exhibitions at Bilsthorpe Welfare (including the Commemorative Evening on the Anniversary of the last Colliery Disaster on 18th August), Manor Farm "Open Day", St. Margaret's Church Flower Festival, Rufford Park "Fighting for our Heritage" World War I event, Bothamsall Show, Langwith Show, Pleasley Heritage Pit "Open Weekend" and the "Golden Years" event at Blidworth Welfare, organised by Mark Spencer M.P. We were also pleased to participate, by the loan of artefacts, in Mansfield Museum's long-running "Day in the Life of a Miner" Exhibition.

We have received the following Group Visits: Kirkby "Forget-me-not" Club, St. John's Badgers, Warsop Probus Club, Rainworth U3A, Bradgate U3A, Ruddington Heritage Group, the National Women's Register, Worksop Rotary Club, Bilsthorpe Cubs and 4 visits from Hucknall Tourist Regeneration Group. We are happy to open "out-of-hours" for Group Visits. Just ring 871533 OR 870512 to book or e-mail bilsthorpe-heritage@btconnect.com

We have attended two events, organised by historian, Norma Gregory, celebrating and telling the story of "Miners from the Caribbean", who worked in our Nottinghamshire Collieries.

We have also had a Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th May and a Tabletop Sale on Saturday 11th August and Sales Tables at lots of local events. Our next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 17th November from 10am until 12noon in the Village Hall, Cross Street.

We wish to thank everyone who has supported us at all the above events.

The Memorial Garden suffered this Summer from the long drought but is looking much more colourful, and we now have a "Bee Hotel" installed kindly donated by Ian Hutchings, joining our bird-table and nesting boxes. We are looking forward to next year's Spring flowers.

We now have our 2019 Calendars on sale at £3.50 each or 2 for £6. We also have a wide range of hand-crafted toys and Christmas goods on sale in our shop at very reasonable prices.

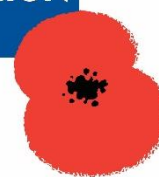
Royal British Legion

On Sunday 11th November the Remembrance Day Parade will start with a service at Bilsthorpe Welfare at 10am followed by a parade to the War Memorial on Eaking Road where a short service will take place.

To make sure the parade members are safe, very short road closures will take place along the parade route and Eaking Road will be closed during the service at the memorial.

Bilsthorpe British Legion members will be joining the Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy on Friday 9th November for a memorial service in the school grounds where a beautiful garden area has been created.

British Legion Poppies and merchandise will be available in outlets and businesses in Bilsthorpe from 24th October. A big "thank you" for the continued community support for this good cause.



Bilsthorpe Garden Club

Our Meeting on Wednesday 16th May was our popular "Plant Swap & Auction Evening", organised by Dennis Lewin and Florence Mitchell. Our "Grand Plant Sale & Coffee Morning" on Saturday 2nd June was well supported and thanks are due to all who helped and attended the event. Our Summer Evening visits on 20th June and 18th July were both to inspiring projects, being "Flower Pod" and "Eton Avenue Growers' Association" respectively. On both visits we were given enthusiastic and informative tours and generous hospitality. Both events were organised by Pat Jones.

The Members' Summer Holiday to the "Gardens & Places of Interest in North Wales" was most enjoyable and thanks are due to Holiday Organiser, Alan Ashley, who was assisted by Margaret Wright. Plans are afoot for our June 2019 Holiday which, it is hoped, will be to Somerset. For more information ring 01623 870810.

We enjoyed participating in the Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy Maypole Tea Party Event and St. Margaret's Church "Flower Festival", at which the theme was "Weddings" and thanks are due to Member, Sandra Fleet, for her beautiful flower arrangements, depicting "Ruby Wedding" and "Golden Wedding" respectively. Sandra was assisted by Jean Manning.

On Sunday 15th July, we had a very pleasant all-day coach trip to Arley Hall, which was organised by Jenny Smart, with assistance from Steve Smart and Ian Roberts.

The Village Hall looked splendid with 267 exhibits at our Annual Produce Show on Sunday 2nd September. Awards were presented by Sue Drabble as follows:- Veg: Steve Smart – Tomatoes, Fruit: Jenny Smart – Blackberries, Flowers: Jenny Smart – Fuchsia. Flower Arrangement: Sandra Fleet: Arrangement in any size Container, using only Flowers & Foliage from your own Garden. Mini-Flower Arrangement: Florence Mitchell – Arrangement in a Basket, maximum height "9". Flower Arrangement: Chris Cooper – Arrangement using only Bright OR Paste-coloured Flowers and Foliage. Foliage Arrangement: Chris Cooper. Single Rose: Jenny Smart. Stewpot: Julie Newman. Fruit Basket: Julie Newman. Home Produce: Jean Robinson – Scones. Preserves: Pat Jones – Lemon curd. Photography: Alan Ashley – Tatton Park "Japanese Garden". Craft: Geraldine Luke – Patchwork Quilt. The "Best in Show" Award went to Sandra Fleet. Before the close of events, the Chairman gave a well-deserved vote-of-thanks to all concerned.

At our Meeting on Wednesday 19th September, Members renewed their Annual Membership, which is good value at £5 per household per year, which was followed by an interesting, illustrated talk by Peter Jones and Sue Wilson, entitled "From Penguins to Polar Bears" and chronicled their travels in Antarctica, the Arctic, the Falkland Islands and South Georgia, with some stunning photography of glaciers, wildlife and alpine plants.

Future Diary Dates include: (at the lounge, Bilsthorpe Welfare unless otherwise stated)

- Wednesday 21st November - talk TBA at 7.30pm in the Lounge at Bilsthorpe Welfare
- December Meeting will be a Members' Supper & Quiz Night at Southwell Garden Centre
- January 2019 Meeting will be our Members' Annual Dinner & Social Evening
- Wednesday 20th February 2019 – talk by gardening expert, Marie Purdy at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 20th March will be a talk by the "Dystonia Society"

Bilsthorpe Community Choir

We go from strength to strength. We've sung about not being able to afford a carriage for our marriage to Daisy and shouted about wanting to ride a bike where we like.

Don't worry if you've missed it all, we'll have a rendition of Jerusalem for you at Bilsthorpe's Remembrance Day Service in November and seasonal songs at the Bilsthorpe WI on 14th December.

You don't have to be able to sing to join us. No - really! Our practices can be hilarious and believe me, laughter is the best medicine. So, as the nights begin to draw in, why not drop in to the Green Centre at 7pm on the 18th October, 1st, 15th and 29th November or 13 December? The first session is free. If you like what you see, there'll be a small fee of £5 a month that we all contribute towards the cost of sheet music, downloads and such like.

27 September 2018

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Dear Community Partner

The OVO Energy Stage 7 Tour of Britain Saturday 8th September 2018 Newark and Sherwood

I am writing to you on behalf of Newark and Sherwood District Council to record our official appreciation to you and your community volunteers for the amount of effort, enthusiasm and creativity demonstrated in relation to Stage 7 of the Tour of Britain when it passed through the district on Saturday 8th September.

The district's towns, villages and communities once again embraced the event and raised the bar in respect of community buy-in. In doing so you ensured that the district was seen in the best possible light, where communities came together to demonstrate an amazing sense of community spirit and pride.

Despite the weather spectator numbers were good and the stage was heralded a huge success thanks to all who made a positive contribution to making the event a day to remember.

Could I also take this opportunity to make a polite request, in the interest of community safety, to remove all the amazing artwork that was created and erected for the event on the highway and footpaths as soon as possible.

Many thanks once again and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

Yours sincerely

Andy Hardy

Community Projects Manager

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16th November
14th December

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