



The Bilthorpe Villager

Bringing Bilthorpe Together

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Bilthorpe Colliery – thank you to Bilthorpe Heritage Museum for providing images to celebrate the history of our village



Welcome to the third issue of the Bilthorpe Villager!

Our ongoing thank you to everyone in the village and local area who continues to make the newsletter a success. It is fantastic to see so many different groups and organisations sending in content to promote events, opportunities and local news stories. It is also amazing to see the amazing network of volunteers that have put themselves forward to ensure it is circulated to residents across the village. The village has so much going on so let's shout about it! It is also important that this newsletter meets the needs of our village so please let us know if you have suggestions as to how it can be improved. Remember it is free to send in content of local events and groups!

Advertising: As of the next issue we will dedicate one page to advertising local businesses – if you would like to book an advert the cost is £20 per issue. The newsletter 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!

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 Bilthorpe 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 18 August for inclusion. The newsletter will then be distributed late August and early September.

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

Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy:

Our pre-school currently has a few spaces available in our provision for two year olds. If you would like a prospectus to find out more about what we offer to provide the best experiences for your children please contact the school. We would love to meet you and your family so we can tell you more, show you around our school, enable you to meet our passionate staff and see our wonderful children!

We currently have opportunities for volunteer placements and reading volunteers across the school. We are looking for people that are passionate about improving outcomes for children and previous experience of working with children would be an advantage. Please see our school website for further information:

www.bilsthorpeflyinghighacademy.co.uk

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these opportunities or our school, please contact the school office on 01623 870 772.

Aspiration Confidence Creativity Confidence
Enjoyment Perseverance Responsibility



Why wait for the world to change – we can change it ourselves!



The Royal British Legion

This year's Royal British Legion branch Easter raffle draw was held on 21st April at the Stanton. First prize saw £100 cash won, which was kindly donated by local business Oakwood Fuels. The raffle raised £648 for the branch and our extended thanks goes to all who purchased tickets, members of the community that kindly supported by selling tickets and all those from the village who donated prizes including S&K Mee, Creations, K A Stores, the Stanton and JW Hutchinson.



The branch is always looking for support and new members to keep us operational. You can join for £17 a year and attendance at meetings is purely optional. Contact Keeley Ward on 07941 668 727 for more details



The Newark Half Marathon 2017

The Newark Half Marathon will be taking place on Sunday 13 August 2017 – a FREE place and a FREE running vest for all runners pledging to raise over £200 for Beaumont House Community Hospice. Places are limited to sign-up now!

For more details contact
cathryn.crane@beaumonthouse.co.uk or 01636 610556

We would love to hear from you! [#running4BH](#)



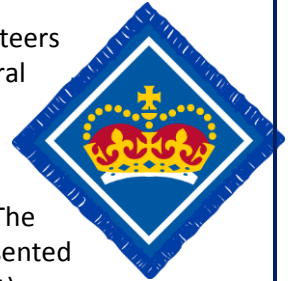


Bilsthorpe Scouts

Congratulations! Over the past year 1st Bilsthorpe Scout Group has awarded over 2,700 badges to the young people of Bilsthorpe who have worked hard to earn many different badges.



This year has also been a successful year for the adult volunteers within the group. 3 of our volunteers have been working hard for several years, facing many challenges from 4-day hiking expeditions, taking part in a new sport for 9 months, and being a big part of the scouting movement within our group. They have all now been awarded with the highest award within the scouting movement "The Queen Scout Award" and visited Windsor Castle to be presented their award by HRH Duke of Kent & Bear Grylls (Chief Scout).



The group would like to congratulate Emily Spencer -Mawer (Cub Leader), Emma Tyson (Scout Leader) & Graham Baguley (Group Scout Leader) on gaining this award.



Upcoming Events:

Monthly Family Film Club – First Friday of the Month, Scout Hut, 6:20pm...
Visit our website to find out what film we are showing.

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

Saturday 17th June – A Tea Party Fit for a Queen
– Bilsthorpe Scout Hut, 12 Noon – 3pm

Saturday 23rd September – Games Night,
Bilsthorpe Village Hall, Details to follow.



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

<http://www.bilsthorpescouts.org.uk/home/>

Village opportunity!

NEW – FREE SEATED EXERCISE CLASS. Chair-based exercises to improve fitness, balance and strength. No charge and free transport if needed (contact Jo on 01636 655701 to arrange or find out more). Held at Burton Court every Wednesday 3:30 to 4:15pm





Parish Council Information



Contact the clerk: clerkbpc@hotmail.com

Meet your local beat:

PC Gary Sipson and PCSO Rachel Swinney hold regular surgeries for the village – please feel free to call in to the Village Hall on any of the dates below between 10 and 11am to raise any issues or share any concerns:

- 16 June
- 21 July
- 28 August



Call 999 in an emergency and 101 for non-emergency matters. You can also contact PCSO Swinney on 07917 243 243 or rachel.swinney4814@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.co.uk or PC Sipson on gary.sipson@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.co.uk

Bilsthorpe Village Hall Refurbishment

Since 2013 the Parish Council has been investigating ways in which funding could be secured to refurbish the village hall. As well as looking into grant funding, the council identified two other ways to generate income:

- **Purchase a “tenner”** – Residents of the village can purchase a tenner to be on display in the village hall carrying a personalised message e.g. names, a special event, a business name or memory. If you wish to purchase a tenner the cost is £10 (surprise!)
- **Donate your 5p pieces** – All residents are encouraged to drop in their 5p pieces as a means of saving for the refurbishment.



If you wish to purchase a tenner or donate to the 5p fund please visit the village hall or contact your local councillor. If you have any further suggestions on fundraising please contact the clerk to the Parish Council via email: clerkbpc@hotmail.com with the email subject title “Village Hall Committee”

Contact your Parish Council

Bilsthorpe Parish Council holds an open surgery every Friday, 9:30am to 12pm at the Village Hall. Each week there will be two councillors and the clerk available to discuss local matters – drop in and see us!

The clerk is Emma Thorpe who can be contacted on clerkbpc@hotmail.com or 01623 871641

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



Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum

Over the last few months the museum has welcomed a range of visitors and supports including the Scouts, MP Mark Spencer and Country Link from Calverton. We have also been out and about locally representing the museum at a Museum Forum Meeting at William Booth Birthplace Museum, Brian Jackson delivered a well-received talk on Village Heritage to the Garden Club and two of our members attended Mansfield Museum to discuss a mining display to run later in the summer of this year.



Our table top Sale on Saturday, February 18th was well-attended and raised over £400 and we thank all our helpers, supporters and guest stallholders. This was followed by a successful stall at the Scouts' in April.

On Saturday, 11th March, we were privileged to be invited to participate in the Bilsthorpe Miners' Reunion evening at the Welfare, with an exhibition of mining memorabilia and photo-boards. It was a wonderful evening and thanks are due to organiser, Steve Crane, Kenny and the hardworking team at the Welfare, the Reverend Anna Alls for her appropriate words and prayers, all our volunteers and, most of all, the former mining community of Bilsthorpe for their generous donations of £1,400 divided equally between ourselves and the Beaumont House Hospice, Newark.

Future events:

- A special opening of the Museum on Friday, 18th August to commemorate the anniversary of the mining disaster at Bilsthorpe Colliery. Refreshments will be available, including home-baked cakes.
- On Saturday, 26th August, we shall be holding a table top Sale from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon at Bilsthorpe Village Hall, Cross Street (stallholders may set-up from 8:00 am onwards). Table-hire is £4. To book ring 01623 870512.
- On Saturday, 2nd September, we shall be participating in Langwith Show with display and sales tables. Do come and visit us there. The showfield is adjacent to "Rhubarb Farm".

The Museum is now on Summer opening hours: 10am until 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Bilsthorpe Garden Club – contact Chris Cooper g.cooper64@btinternet.com

On Wednesday, 15th February, we welcomed speaker, Liz Webb, who gave an informative, illustrated talk on "Garden Pests & Diseases" with lots of environmentally friendly tips. Liz answered questions from Members and there was an opportunity to purchase perennial plants, grown in her nursery. Our first raffle winner was Connie Roberts.

On Wednesday, 15th March, Chairman, Dennis Lewin, introduced Brian Jackson from Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum, who gave an interesting talk on "Village Heritage". Three generations of Brian's family had worked at the Colliery from its beginning until the closure and Brian himself had worked both underground and on the surface so he was able to give in-depth answers to interested attendees. He had brought with him some artefacts and photo-boards, which Members were invited to look at after the talk. The raffle was then drawn and the first prize winner was Gillian Hattersely.

On Saturday, 18th March, we had a coach-trip to the village of Thriplow in Cambridgeshire for their "Daffodil Weekend". The whole village opens for charity and it is a marvellous day-out with stalls of every description, a variety of entertainment and of course the beautiful daffodils. The trip was organised by Alan Ashley, with assistance from Ian Roberts and a well-deserved vote-of-thanks was given by Jenny Smart. Transport was provided by Vallances.



Our Meeting on Wednesday, 19th April, was a talk on "Composting" with Jenny Street from "Rhubarb Community Farm" Langwith. An enthusiastic composter, Jenny gave an entertaining and lively talk.

Future events:

- Saturday, 3rd June our "Plant Sale & Coffee Morning" from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon in Bilsthorpe Village Hall, Cross Street. Loads of bargains and all your favourite stalls.
- Friday, 9th June, Club coach visit to R.H.S. Flower Show, Chatsworth.
- Wednesday, 21st June, Members' visit to "The Manor House" Newark & "Norwood Cottage".
- Sunday, 25th June – Saturday, 1st July our Summer Holiday, visiting the "Gardens of the West Midlands & Cotswolds", based at Kidderminster. For further details ring 870810.
- Wednesday, 19th July, Members' visit to "Park Farm" Crink Lane, Southwell.
- Wednesday, 16th August, Annual General Meeting & Social Evening at 7:30 pm in the Lounge at Bilsthorpe Miners' Welfare. New Members are very welcome.
- Sunday, 3rd September, Annual Garden Club Show at 2.30 pm in Bilsthorpe Village Hall, Cross Street.

Bilsthorpe Short-Mat Bowls Club

Bilsthorpe short mat bowls club meets every Thursday from 7:00pm at the Village Hall at a cost of £2.20 per person.

We are a friendly bunch who enjoy a game of bowls between the members who turn up. If you would like to give it a try we would make you welcome and I am sure you would enjoy the spirit, friendship and competition!

Members are of various levels of skill but the emphasis is on a relaxed and fun evening. Help and tuition can be provided if required.



There is no need for any special equipment as woods are provided - you can bring your own if you wish and soft soled shoes are preferred to preserve the life of the mat.

The first week will only cost £1.00 for raffle and refreshments as your first game is free. We have a break half way through the night for a chat, drink & small raffle – come and join us!

Happy days are here again!

Bilsthorpe Parish Council officially open the new play area!

On 19th March 2017 Bilsthorpe Parish Council officially opened the new play area on Crompton Road Park.

A fun afternoon was organised by the Parish Council to help the residents and young children celebrate the new play area. The new area which was built by HAGS-SMP and was mainly funded by WREN, who have again done the Village proud as they also had previously helped to fund the skate park!

The Afternoon started at 2:00pm with a short speech of thanks to all those who had helped bring the play area to the park from The Chairman of the council and then County Councillor John Peck cut the ribbon with the help of one of the Village children.

Smiling faces were in plentiful supply even considering the windy weather, possibly helped by the supply of free ice-creams from Richards Ice-creams which were provided by the Council and Hags-Smp providing free sweets & soft drinks. Because of the high winds the bouncy castles could not be used but Bounce About supplied a play area and some games and free candy floss. Our local Burger van T&A's Homemade burgers were also on hand with hot food & drinks.

The Parish Council members were all on hand helping with the event and local PC Gary Sipson was in attendance. Rev Groves from St Margaret's Church also attended the event talking to residents and children alike.

There was more than a few happy faces when a local fire engine arrived and the children enjoyed talking to the firemen and looking around the vehicle.



The Afternoon ended at 4:00pm with lots of praise for a great time and the question "When can we do it again" on many lips!

The Parish Council would Like to thank Oakwood Fuels, B.N. Gibsons, Antonios Chip Shop, Diamond Kebab, the One Stop and other businesses who contributed towards the cost of the afternoon – a fantastic example of the community coming together!



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

Python Hill Primary School
Kirkington 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 / Little Explorers / 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.

Solihull - Understanding Your child's behaviour
Enhancing positive relationships within the family.

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.

Little Talkers - Language focussed fun session for families and their children.

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

Sherwood West &
(including support)

18th April

All information is correct
Information is subject to change



Commissioned by:
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*Serving our community,
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**Sherwood West and East Children's Centres –
including supported community groups**

18 April to 21 July 2017

What's On Guide

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<p>Stay, Play & Tidy Away 9:00 - 11:00am Clipstone CC **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p> <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>Jelly Babies 9:00 - 11:30am Clipstone CC 0 - 1 year **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>Solihull - Understanding Your Child's Behaviour. 9:30 - 11:30am Rainworth CC Last Session - 17th May</p> <p>Rattle, Rhyme & Roll 10:00 - 10:30am Bilthorpe Library Term-time only</p> <p>Adult Ed - Course TBC Time TBC Crèche facilities available. Bilthorpe CC Starting 7th June for 7 weeks. Booking Essential. Contact the Centre for details.</p>	<p>Jelly Babies 9:15 - 10:45am Bilthorpe CC 0 - 1 year **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p> <p>Paediatric 1st Aid 9:00 - 11:00am Rainworth CC Starting 20th April for 6 weeks Crèche facilities available. Booking Essential. Contact the Centre for details.</p>	<p>Stay, Play & Tidy Away 9:00 - 10:30am Bilthorpe CC **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p> <p>Let's Explore 9:30 - 11:30am Play, Movement & Activity Songs For Families. Rainworth CC Starting 21st April</p> <p>Time For A Rhyme 10:00 - 11:00am SQOSHI, Church Road, Clipstone (1st Friday of each month). Contact the Centre for details.</p>
Afternoon	<p>Sleep Workshop Time & Venue TBC Crèche facilities available. Starting 8th May for 3 weeks. Booking Essential. Contact the Centre for details.</p> <p>123 Magic Time & Venue TBC Crèche facilities available. Starting in June - Dates TBC 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>Baby Massage 1:30 - 2:30pm Rainworth CC Starting 27th June for 4 weeks Booking Essential. Contact the Centre for details.</p> <p>Wobbly Ones 2:00 - 3:30pm Clipstone CC **Baby Self-Weigh Available</p> <p>Sing, Rhyme & Storytime 2:30 - 3:00pm Ravenshead Library (Fortnightly).</p>	<p>Team Time</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>

**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

**Baby Self-Weigh
will be available
at Rainworth CC
each day
9:00am - 4:00pm

St Margaret's Church, Bilsthorpe

You are welcome to join us for services in church at 10:30am on Sundays.

On the following Sundays we will be gathering with our neighbours (instead of Bilsthorpe church):

1 July 10:30am St Paulinus Church, Ollerton

30 July 10:30am Walesby Church

On 30 July at 4:00pm there will be a Healing Service at St Margaret's, Bilsthorpe.

Flower Festival Weekend: On Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July, you are invited to our Flower Festival Weekend in Bilsthorpe Church when community groups will be bringing their contributions to decorate our beautiful church. Church will be open for visits & refreshments from 10am to 6pm on Saturday. There will be a service of praise at 10:30am on Sunday, when we gather to sing your favourite hymns & songs, & church will be open again from 2pm to 6pm for visits & refreshments. We hope to see you there!

With best wishes, Revd Margaret Groves, Associate Priest



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.cooper64@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	bilthorpescouts@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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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