



The Bilsthorne Villager

Bringing Bilsthorne Together

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Bilsthorne Flying High Academy – 'Flying high together' – written by Year 5

Bilsthorne Flying High Academy has been as busy as ever this term! We've been exploring some fascinating topics across school which we'd love to share with you.

In EYFS the children have been learning a tonne of exciting things! They are fed information until their minds explode with ideas. Their mind is like a breath of fresh air - it is a factory of knowledge. In Maths, they are learning new things by testing themselves and having a go at part-part-whole models. They are loving it! English – their favourite subject – has led to them writing birthday cards to their pet dinosaur Rex, letters to him and even asking him lots of questions. I bet you didn't know we had a pet dinosaur at BFHA! Finally, in Topic they are learning all about dinosaurs – could you have guessed?

Year 1 have been responding to the Topic question, 'Would you go down to the woods today?'. They have been immersed into a fairy tale world which they are using to help them as a writing stimulus. The children have written some mystical, magical fairy tales in class which they are super proud of. Their learning in Maths is focused around understanding money, recognising coins and their value. Be warned, they might start thinking about pocket money!

Year 2 have been working their socks off with their Secret Agent Training. They make excellent secret agents - we're really proud of them! Even with the excitement of their missions, they have still been able to make time to explore the seaside! The children have been investigating what the seaside used to be like and used this information to help them compare and contrast what the seaside is like today! Next term, they will be lucky enough to visit the seaside themselves – will they get chance for fish and chips on the beach? Or maybe save their spending money for an ice cream?

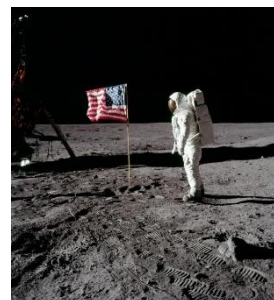
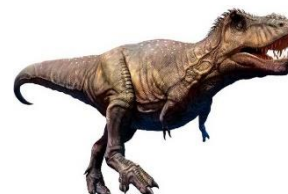
Year 3 have been 'Walking like an Egyptian' as they have been uncovering secrets from the past through their history topic. They have created beautiful, ornate Pharaoh masks and Miss Newman even elected one child to be Pharaoh for the day.

The plague has struck year 4! After their exciting visit to Eyam, they came back to school to find the dreaded, red cross on their classroom door - signifying that they in fact have brought the plague to Bilsthorne...BEWARE! The children have been writing persuasive letters to convince family members to steer clear of the school in order to avoid the dreaded disease. Do you think they'd be able to convince you? In Maths, they have been deepening their understanding of fractions and building on this by making links between decimals and fractions through conversion.

Year 5 have stepped into space. Not only have they watched the Apollo 11 moon landing, they have also discovered how long the orbital paths of the Earth and the Moon are as well. They put themselves into the shoes of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to write some incredible diary entries that would send shivers down your spine. Maths has been all about measures! They have been out on the playground measuring various objects (including the circumference of their heads and the length of their noses) and using this data to help them convert between measures. Their next task is to think about how they could write a narrative which is set on a newly discovered planet. Perhaps there will be aliens...

Year 6 have been asking the question 'What happens when the world fights back?' which has given them the amazing opportunity to work with the council and the community to reduce the amount of litter in Bilsthorne. They have written some fascinating narratives from the perspective of a plastic bottle to uncover some of the devastating effects of plastic pollution. Amongst all this community work they have been working tremendously hard in SPaG, Maths and Reading in preparation for their SATs. They haven't let this take over though and are all ready to show off the incredible effort they have put in.

As you can see, across school we have so much magic happening every single day. We're always open to visitors so if any of our learning catches your interest, feel free to come and share it with us. We have a nursery open event on 6th June 2019 which you are more than welcome to pop in and look around 1:30pm - 3pm. If you can't make that date but still want to look around you can ring the office on 01632 870772 and Mrs I (Mrs Ingle, our Headteacher) will show you around.



Bilsthorpe Scouts



On Friday 26th April to Sunday 28th April 2019 (a wet and cold weekend) 51 young people and 10 adult volunteers from 1st Bilsthorpe Scout group joined 700 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts from around Mansfield & District for our annual St George's Day celebrations. During this wet and cold weekend out Beaver Cubs and Scouts tried their hands at 30+ different activities including axe throwing, archery, climbing, crafts, go karts, inflatable fun and much more. A highlight for a number of our members was the campfire on the Saturday night where all 700 members came together and sang their hearts out around a nice warm (did we mention it was a very wet and cold weekend) camp fire!

Our adult volunteers are now planning to ensure we have camps bigger and better than this in the future for the young people of Bilsthorpe... We are also looking to book the nice weather for future camps! (If you know who we need to book this nice weather with please get in touch ☺)



Exciting time ahead!

We are opening up a brand-new section at Bilsthorpe from September called BEST Explorers (Bilsthorpe Explorer Scout Team) for young people aged 14 – 18 years old. This unit will be concentrating on skills for life for our older members. With the support, direction and guidance of Unit Leaders, Explorer Scouts are encouraged to lead themselves, design their own programme and work towards the top awards that Scouting offers. These fall in line with the Duke of Edinburgh Award aims. Explorers offers fun and adventure for all.

Explorers also have the opportunity to be a part of The Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Scheme which develops their leadership skills and sense of responsibility, by helping to run meetings for younger sections.

If you or a member of your family would be interested in finding out more about being part of the BEST explorer scout unit please make contact with the group.

Coming up soon...

- Cuppa & Chat – Sunday 9th June 2019, Bilsthorpe Scout Hut, 10am – 12 noon
- Love 2 Craft – Sunday 7th July 2019 Bilsthorpe Scout Hut.
Prior booking required full details realised early June.
- The Annual Quiz – Will be making a return this Summer
- Remember we still recycle newspapers and magazines – ensure you leave polythene bags outside by 10am on 1, 15 & 29 June and 13 & 27 July.

**EVERY CHILD HAS THE
RIGHT TO AN ADVENTURE.**



Group Contact Details:



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



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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.

To book the Village Hall call Mick Pearson on 07984 195559.

Huge congratulations to Bilsthorpe for the award of **Best Dressed Village for the Tour of Britain 2018!** An award everyone in the village can feel immensely proud of.

Thank you to all who attended our recent opening of the new play equipment at Crompton Road and Maid Marian – a fantastic launch event so well attended by families.



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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Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am – 2:30pm



Advice Line: 0344-411-1444 or Call Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on: 03454 04 05 06

St Margaret's Churchyard, Bilsthorpe

Church services:

You are warmly welcomed to our 10.30am service on Sunday mornings.

'All Age Worship' services are on the first Sunday of the month.

On Sunday 30 June at 10.30am there is a joint service for our family of 12 churches at St Paulinus Church, Ollerton, when we will say farewell to Revd Philip Howson, our curate.

July 13 & 14 will be our 'Open Church' & Flower Festival Weekend at Bilsthorpe. Posters with further details will follow. We look forward to seeing you at our events and services!



Bilsthorpe Garden Club

Our Meeting on Wednesday evening, 20th February, was an illustrated talk by popular local horticulturist, Marie Purdy, who began by telling us of her family background in gardening and her training and time as a Senior Gardener at the National Trust's Hardwick Hall. She then went on to illustrate how colour and interest could be maintained in the garden through the year by underplanting, coloured foliage, stems and bark, different textures of plants and stumperies.

On Sunday, February 24th, we visited "The Beeches" a stunning winter garden at Milton, with wonderful views across open countryside. The garden was well-stocked with hellebores, crocus, many varieties of snowdrop and other seasonal flowers and our knowledgeable hosts were on hand to answer questions before serving us a welcome cup-of-tea, accompanied by home-baked cakes. Prior to this, we visited nearby Milton Mausoleum, built by the Duke of Newcastle, in honour of his late wife, Georgiana and a team of church conservators gave us an informative tour. Our visit was arranged by Member, Alan Ashley.



Our Meeting on Wednesday evening, 20th March, was a charity talk on "Neurocare", a Sheffield-based charity, which supplies much-needed support to patients with neurological conditions, their families and the hospital wards, where they often have long-term stays.

On Wednesday evening, 17th April, we enjoyed an illustrated talk by two volunteers from "Potwell Dyke Grasslands" at Southwell, who told us how the grasslands are planted and managed, including grazing by sheep at certain times. We also saw some stunning photographs of the several varieties of orchids and other flora and fauna there. It is hoped to arrange a visit to the grasslands later in the Summer.



On Sunday, 28th April, Members had a day-trip to Harrogate Spring Show, where there were show-gardens, stalls with every garden-related product, floral and flower-arranging exhibits, demonstrations and "Gardeners' Question Time" type talks and interaction. The trip was arranged by Jenny Smart, assisted by Ian Roberts and our transport was provided by Vallances.

Upcoming events:

- Saturday 1 June - Plant Sale & Coffee Morning, 10am until 12.00pm in the Village Hall.
- Wednesday evening, 19th June, visiting a garden at Ossington and on Wednesday evening, 17th July, we shall be enjoying a shared supper in a Newstead garden.
- From Sunday, 28th July until Sunday, 4th August, the Club will be having their Summer Holiday, visiting the Gardens of Somerset.
- Annual General Meeting, Wednesday evening, 21st August.
- Sunday 1st September, Annual Produce Show in the Village Hall, which will be open to the public at 2.15 pm. Presentations of Awards will take place at 3pm and this will be followed by the "Auction of Produce" and finally the Raffle Draw.
- Annual Membership Renewal will be on Wednesday evening, 18th September at 7.30 pm in the Lounge at the Welfare. New Members are most welcome.

For further details please contact Chris Cooper g.cooper164@btinternet.com

Chocolate Heaven Cafe

We have been in operation since 2007 and offer breakfast, meals, snacks, puddings and drinks for reasonable prices. We hope the cafe will offer a safe and welcome place to come and share as a community. We hope people will come and meet together, make new friends and enjoy good food.

All the staff are Christian's from the Methodist Church and we believe that knowing Jesus can change lives as many of us have experienced. He gives us forgiveness, joy and peace for all of us if we trust in Him. We have recently moved from the Methodist Church to The Green Community Centre.

Every Tuesday (term time only), 9.30am – 1.30pm (breakfast till 11.30am)

Bilsthorpe Library – The Crescent

We serve the local community by offering a good selection of books for all age groups, access to the internet with printing and photocopying facilities and great opportunities to meet people at our coffee mornings, craft mornings and Under 5's Rhyme Times. We are proud to be part of our local community and we are also a great place to find information on a wide range of topics from bus timetables to how to get in touch with your local MP.



We have our coffee mornings on a Wednesday between 10.30am and 12 noon and the crafts are advertised locally on our Facebook page, so please follow us and keep in touch. Our Under 5's Rhyme Time is from 10.00am until 10.30am every Wednesday apart from school holidays and we have great fun singing along to well-known nursery rhymes. The little ones love it when the noisy musical instruments come out. Mum's and Dad's get a chance to chat while the children play after the music has finished.

Our opening times are Wednesday 9.30am-1pm, Friday 1.30pm-5pm and Saturday 9.30am-1pm.

For those who can't get to us, we offer a free book delivery service for housebound local residents.

Don't forget it's FREE to join the library and free to borrow books! So, why not pop in and say Hello, it could really make a positive difference to your day.

For more information, contact us on 01623 870216, Bilsthorpe.library@inspireculture.org.uk or simply call in.

Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum

On Thursday, 7th February, two Members attended a “Visit Nottingham” Tourism Conference at The Embankment, Trent Bridge and on Tuesday, 12th March, a representative attended an East Midlands Museum Forum Meeting at the “William Booth Birthplace Museum” at Sneinton, after which we were given a guided tour of the museum.



From Sunday, 10th February until Sunday, 17th February, we featured a photographic exhibition of "Village Weddings" in celebration of St. Valentine's day.

On Monday, 11th February, we welcomed a team, filming and interviewing for part of a discussion on the 1984 Miners' Strike for "East Midlands Today".

In February, Members enjoyed a visit to Newark College's Music Department Workshops, where we were given an informative tour of the Violin, Piano, Guitar & Woodwind Construction and Repair Workshops by tutor, Andrew Wheeldon. The visit was organised by Vice-chairman, Arthur Wheeldon.

On Wednesday afternoon, 13th March, several Members joined other village groups for a demonstration of CPR and Defibrillator use and thanks are due to Keeley Ward of Bilsthorpe St. John's Ambulance for this.

On Wednesday evening, 12th March, we welcomed twenty-eight Bilsthorpe Beaver Scouts and their Leaders for a Group Visit. The children were very interested and asked some really good questions.

During “English Tourism Week” from Sunday, 31st March until Sunday, 7th April we featured a “Bilsthorpe Mums” exhibition in celebration of Mothering Sunday.

On Saturday morning, 13th April, we were delighted to participate, with an exhibition marquee and stall, at the “Official Opening of Bilsthorpe Old Village Play park Equipment” event. It was well-supported and thanks are due to Bilsthorpe Parish Council and everyone who worked so hard to make the event a success.

On Easter Sunday, 21st April, we had a “Hunt the Easter Chick” event for our younger visitors (with edible prizes) and on Sunday, 28th April, we were pleased to be part of “Radio Nottingham’s BIG DAY OUT”. Thank you to all who supported on both of these days.

On Saturday, 4th May, Members and friends, made a day-trip to Apedale Heritage Centre in Staffordshire, where we were given a warm welcome and visited the well-displayed museum, had a guided underground tour of a drift-mine, enjoyed a home-cooked lunch and a short ride on the vintage narrow-gauge railway.

On Wednesday, 8th May, three volunteers visited Asquith School, Mansfield, where they gave a talk to the children on "Mining Life", with plenty of "audience participation".

Coming up:

On Father's Day on Sunday, 16th June, we shall be holding an exhibition of Mining Photographs and free tea and home-baked cakes will be served and all Dads & Grandads are welcome, particularly those with mining connections.

Our next fund-raising event will be our Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning on Saturday, 10th August from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon in the Village Hall, Cross Street (all table are now booked).



Working for a better Bilsthorpe – Bilsthorpe Community Green Spaces

We are a new organisation set up with the aim of helping to maintain and improve the community areas in our Village. This will include regular action days and projects that will help to enhance Bilsthorpe for everyone, such as:



- Organised Litter Picks
- Public area maintenance
- Improve the Village Green Spaces

This will be achieved by consulting with & working alongside all the relevant organisations such as the Parish Council and local businesses.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS – ALL SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!

The group are also currently working on an ambitious project to create an area of native woodland flowers within the village which has the approval of NCC and the Parish Council and we are hoping to involve BFHA and 1st Bilsthorpe Scouts along with other groups in the Village to help make it happen (no heavy work involved!!!)

We are passionate about making our Village the best it can be - and deserves to be - and we would really welcome your support and help to make it happen.

Members and Volunteers needed – BILSTHORPE NEEDS YOU!

contact Rhona Holloway: 07973 941457 Rhona.h56@gmail.com

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