



The Bilsthorpe Villager

Bringing Bilsthorpe Together

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Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy – ‘Flying high together’

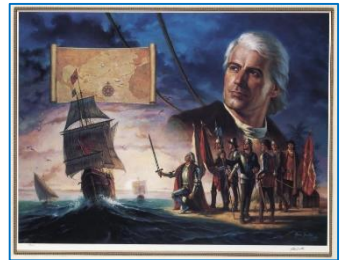
We are excited to write this from Bilsthorpe Flying High Academy. Updated by pupils Gracie and Katie.

WOW! What a great start to the year. Keep on reading to find out what each class has been doing from Foundation Stage One to Year Six!

This term, Foundation Stage One and Foundation Stage Two have been writing instructions for the Gingerbread Man, telling him to get stronger and fitter. Thankfully, they gave him advice on how to eat healthily and what great exercises he could do. They have also been reading the Three Little Pigs and creating little houses for them.



So far this term, Year One have been focusing on the question, ‘Would you like to be an explorer?’ They have been researching about Christopher Columbus. Also, they have been making amazing boats for Christopher Columbus, so that he can travel around the great, wide World in style! Needless to say, they have enjoyed making them and are excited to make more in the future.



Year Two have been researching the question, ‘Is stronger better?’ They have looked at different types of animals to see which is strongest. Also, they have looked at stories like Jack and the Bean Stalk as well as the Three Little Pigs to see if stronger *is* really better... Despite enjoying this topic, they are looking forward to moving onto their next story!

Recently, the Year Threes have been investigating light and mining in science, so they have been looking at maps of the village and the have been drawing them in their topic books. They haven’t done much about this topic yet, but they are going to do more work on this soon.



Year Fours have been learning about all different types of inventors and seeing what inventions they created in the past. Later in the topic, they will be doing their own inventing and will be making musical instrument to see which one is best!

When the Year Fives looked at the ten different gods they really enjoyed doing it. Also, they have been learning about Greek artefacts. This led to them writing some mythical stories about Greek gods and monsters; they even made their own front covers for their stories.

So far, Year Six have been looking into what happens, ‘When the World Fights Back,’ which is what their topic is called. They are investigating what happens to litter after it is disposed of and what the environment does to fight back against pollution. As part of this topic, Year Six wrote a letter to the council so that they were aware of the litter around Bilsthorpe. As well as that, Year six wrote a narrative pretending to be a bottle that went out to sea, so it could kill animals in an effort to make humans realise the danger of plastic dumping!



All round this has been a great term! We’re really excited to see what the next term brings.

Thank you for reading! Please see also the fantastic letter we have received from the Secretary of State for Education about our amazing school on the next page! Proud to sit at the heart of the Bilsthorpe community.



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Mrs Anne Ingle
Head of School
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1 February 2019

Dear Mrs Ingle,

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show progress scores of 4.5, 3.0 and 5.6 in English reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England.

We want to equip every child with the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for producing such high standards through your hard work and professionalism, and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP
Secretary of State for Education

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

St Margaret's Churchyard, Bilsthorpe

Many of you will be aware that grave space in our churchyard is now full, apart from spaces which have been reserved and existing graves which have been prepared for an additional coffin. A few spaces remain for the burial of ashes. The process to officially close the churchyard has begun and the notice below is from the Ministry of Justice in London to inform the residents of Bilsthorpe. The church graveyard will, of course, remain accessible to everyone.



Closure of St Margaret's Churchyard, Bilsthorpe, Newark

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Secretary of State for Justice, acting on an application by the incumbent and churchwardens, to apply to the Privy Council for an Order requiring the discontinuance of burials in the above churchyard.

Provision would be made for the following exceptions:

- a. in any vault or walled grave in the churchyard, burial may be allowed but every coffin in such vault or grave must be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented;
- b. in any existing earthen grave in the churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons previously buried in that grave, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the surface of the ground adjoining the grave; and
- c. in any grave space in which no interment has previously taken place, the burial may be allowed of any person for whom, or any member of the family for which that space has been reserved and appropriated, with the exclusive right of burial there, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

Any representations about the proposed closure should be sent to the Coroners and Burial Team, Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London SW1H 9AJ (quoting reference OPR/075/380) within 21 days of this publication.

Church services:

You are warmly welcome to our 10:30am service on Sunday mornings.

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

Our Mothering Sunday service is on 31 March at 10:30am.

Our Easter Day service is on 21 April at 10:30am.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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RHONA HOLLOWAY

Standing to be your District Councillor on Thursday May 2nd.

I am delighted to announce I have been selected by the local conservatives to stand as the candidate for Bilsthorpe in the local elections this May!

I'm a local resident, and have been active in the community since moving here. I do regular litter picks, and have recently set up the Bilsthorpe Community Green Spaces Group. If you'd like to get involved, contact me on: 07973941457



Rhona Holloway is already working with our MP Mark Spencer to make sure Bilsthorpe is properly represented.

Go to our website and take our 1 minute local residents survey to tell Rhona your views:
sherwoodconservatives.com/local-residents-survey

Promoted by Sherwood Conservatives on behalf of Rhona Holloway, both of 99 Main Street, Colverton, NG14 6FG

We are delighted to be launching into 2019 with a jam-packed and exciting programme! We continue to grow in numbers and ensuring we deliver the very best for our community!

Towards the end of 2018 we were very lucky to receive not one but TWO visits from Santa at our Children's breakfast with Santa event. We received so much positive feedback – a 10 out of 10 event for the community! Thank you for your ongoing support.

The group annual hamper draw was a success and thank you to everyone who bought a ticket to win one of the 3 fantastic hampers our members put together.

The group is looking forward to the coming months where we can get the tents out and join 550 members from around the district for our St George's district camp at a local scout camp.

We are also looking forward to our Birthday surprise day trip out for all our members and families to come together and help us finish our 90th Anniversary celebrations off in style.

We would like to invite you to our Up and coming events:

- **Friday 5th April – Monday 22nd April 2019 - Village Easter egg Hunt**
Clue sheets will be available to purchase at £2 a sheet from Groups and Local shops during this time.
- **Saturday 6th April 2019 – Tombola stall outside One Stop**
Come and see us outside the One Stop (The Crescent) from 10am till noon and take your chance with our Tombola.
- **Sunday 19th May 2019 – Car Boot Sale**
Bring your car full of items to sell or come along for a breakfast bargain.
Car bookings are being taken please contact the group if you wish to have a stand.
- Newspaper Collection – Fortnightly Saturday when you put your green bin out on a Thursday.



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.

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:

- **New Ollerton:** 5 Forest Court, New Ollerton, NG22 9PL
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- **Newark:** Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY
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Bilsthorpe Garden Club

Our Meeting on 17th October, was an illustrated talk on “The World of Fern” and our Meeting on 21st November was an illustrated talk on the very varied work of the “Derbyshire Wildlife Trust”.



Derbyshire
Wildlife Trust

On 19th December Members enjoyed an “Open Evening” at Southwell Garden Centre, where we had a chance to browse for some last-minute Christmas shopping before having a tasty supper and tackling a “Festive Quiz”, which was won by the following team: Jean and John Manning and Geraldine and Bill Luke.

Our New Year Dinner & Social Evening was on 16th January at “The Fox” Kelham. The event was organised by Chairman, Dennis Lewin, to whom a vote-of-thanks was given by Alan Ashley. During the course of the evening, our brains were taxed by an absolutely fiendish Quiz, devised by Vice-chairman, Ian Roberts and won by Suzanne Cooling. After dinner, a special Raffle, arranged by Jenny and Steve Smart, was drawn, with the first winner being Brian Newman.



Our next few Meetings will be as follows: - taking place at the Welfare unless otherwise stated – for further details please contact Chris Cooper g.cooper164@btinternet.com

- Wednesday February 20th, 7:30pm, a talk by Marie Purdy on “Winter Colour”
- Sunday February 24th Visit to a Winter Garden
- Wednesday March 20th Talk on “Neurocare” at 7:30pm
- Wednesday April 17th Talk on “Potwell Dyke” at 7:30pm
- Wednesday May 15th Plant Swap & Auction Evening at 7:30pm
- May (Date TBA) Evening Visit to Potwell Dyke, Southwell
- Saturday 1st June Plant Sale & Coffee Morning from 10:00am – 12pm in the Village Hall
- Wednesday 19th June Evening Garden Visit
- Sunday 28th July – Sunday 4th August Somerset Holiday
- July/August Day Trip (TBA)
- Wednesday July 17th Evening Garden visit
- Wednesday 21st August Annual General Meeting & Social Evening 7:30pm
- Sunday 1st August Annual Produce Show in Village Hall. Open for viewing 2:15pm



Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum

As always, we have been busy! In October two Members gave a talk to a class at Bilsthorpe "Flying High" and two Members attended a Coal Heritage Conference at Papplewick Pumping Station, after which, we were kindly given a guided tour.

On 1st November, we made a group visit to Mansfield Fire Station Museum where we were warmly received by volunteers, Terry and Marilyn Spalding, who gave us an informative talk and tour, which included a chance to "drive" a vintage fire engine.

Our November Coffee Morning was well-supported and raised over £800 - thank you to everyone who supported our stands at Newark Vintage Tractor Show, Bilsthorpe Flying High's Firework Celebration and their Christmas Market, and Bilsthorpe Welfare and Blidworth Welfare's respective "Christmas Lights Switch-on" events.

We were delighted to be invited to attend the school Service of Remembrance on 9th November. The children's recitation of "In Flanders' Fields" was beautifully performed and we were honoured to receive copies of work the children had done, along with British Legion Chairman Keeley Ward, researching the lives of four Bilsthorpe Servicemen, who had died in World War I. The work is now on display at the Museum and the children later paid us a visit. Several Members also attended the British Legion Service of Remembrance on 11th November in the Welfare and wish to thank all concerned for a very fitting service.

On 28th November three Members attended an evening of "Pit Poetry, Prose & Song" at City Arts Centre, Nottingham, organised by Dr. David Amos and Dr. Natalie Barber of Nottingham Trent University, as part of the ongoing "Pit Talk" project.

On 7th December, Members enjoyed a Christmas Lunch at The Dukeries, Edwinstowe and thanks are due to the staff there and also to event organiser, Linda Goodman. On 16th December we held "Open House" at the Museum and welcomed friends old and new for hot drinks, mince pies and sausage rolls with a "Spot the Snowflake" competition for our younger visitors.

On 17th January, Members, Brian Jackson and Ron Chaplin gave a talk to the residents of Highfield Care Home, Edingley, after which mining artefacts were passed around and the residents engaged with lots of interaction with our two representatives. Resident Mary Balter, whose father had actually opened Bilsthorpe Colliery, enjoyed reminiscing and her daughter, Carrie, presented us with a lovely framed picture of her grandfather.

On Monday, 21st January, we welcomed 60 schoolchildren, who arrived by double-decker bus, plus staff from Mapplewells School, Sutton-in-Ashfield. The children are studying mining and looked at relevant artefacts plus appropriate films and domestic items from yesteryear. Our volunteers were impressed at the interest shown by the pupils and the in-depth questions they asked.

Future events include: Coffee Morning on Saturday, 11th May in the Village Hall from 10:00am until 12pm and a Table Top Sale on Saturday 10th August. To hire a stall at £4, ring 01623 870512.

Royal British Legion

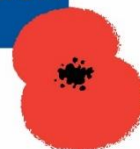
This year the branch will be holding their annual Easter Raffle. Tickets will be available from the end of March 2019 (see our Facebook Page for updates or contact Keeley on 07931 329853)

We are also excited to be planning a community event which will be held on 1st September 2019, 11am – 4pm at the Sports Field

We have applied for (awaiting confirmation) a fly past by the Red Arrows. We have a confirmed vocalist, band, ambulance and fire museum displaying vehicles, Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum, bouncy castle, BBQ plus much more. We are being joined by The Royal British Legion Bikers division who will hopefully do a ride through the village. Again full details confirmed nearer the time.

For details on support and joining the branch please get in touch via our Facebook page or via Keeley.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION





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

Facebook - Bilsthorpe Community Green Spaces Group@rhonaholloway111

Bilsthorpe Busy Bees WI

Bilsthorpe Village Hall 7pm - 9pm

Friday 15th Feb: Tai Chi, 15th March: Speaker from Southwell Workhouse, 12th April: Easter cup cake decorating, 17th May: Speaker on Everything Bees, 21st June Tour of the Miners Museum, 19th July: Boccia or "Kurling", 20th Sept: Halloween Tea-light making, 18th Oct: Speaker -The Rufford Poachers, 15th Nov: Live musician, 13th Dec: Xmas table decorations

We are a group of ladies that meet once a month to inspire each other, share our interests, learn new things, develop our creative sides and enjoy a good natter, cuppa and often a naughty cake. We have members of all ages.

Together we enjoy the diversity, considerable experience and skills that we have amongst us in a friendly relaxed atmosphere.

We don't meet in August due to people taking family holidays.

Come and join us for a session; your first visit is free!

You can then decide to become a member or just come on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

Contact Julia on 07944 351 299
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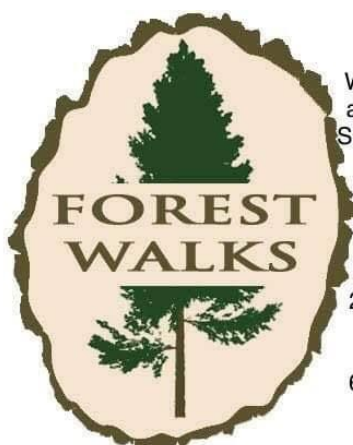
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