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BILLINGHAY SWIMMING POOL

CAN YOU HELP?

Due to a sharp increase in oil prices (from £568 to £1222 a fortnight), Billinghay's well loved local community swimming pool faces possible closure, Our finances and savings are dwindling away and very soon we may be unable to open due to lack of funds. Billinghay is currently facing the closure of our Secondary School and we are prepared to fight to keep this facility open for present and future swimmers in and around the village.

The pool is used by local residents, school children and visitors from neighbouring villages. It is a well supervised, convenient, safe recreational facility that is used by all ages.

We really need you to help, support and assist the swimming pool in any way you can. Can you volunteer, serve as a lifeguard, raise funds, or just give your time? We do not want to lose the swimming pool that was built by local people for the community. Call in to make a donation or offer your support.

Opening Times

Term Time	Mon-Fri	6.00 to 8.00pm
	Sat-Sun	1.00 to 4.00pm
School Holidays	Mon-Fri	1.00 to 4.00pm and 6.00 to 8.00pm
	Sat-Sun	1.00 to 4.00pm
	Adults Only Swim	Fri

Parties start from £50 for up to 30 children (including Lifeguard)

Billinghay Swimming Pool really is a lovely place to relax and enjoy the summer sunshine. Please help keep it open. See our website on www.billinghaypool.blogspot.com

PLEASE HELP US NOW
Tel: 01526 861383

LAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL CLOSURE

The Lincolnshire County Council Meeting on Tuesday May 6th in the Main Council Chamber at Newlands, Lincoln confirmed the decision to close the Lafford High School.

We must now await developments as to the future use of the site. If residents would like to put comments forward, we will be happy to include them in our correspondence column.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Where: Billingham Village Hall

Time: 7.30pm *All are welcome!*

When: 1st Monday of month
(except Bank Holidays)



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sunday CLOSED

Mon/Tue/Fri 9.15am-3.00pm

BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Chairman: J Wilson Vice Chairman: R Wood Clerk: C Willingham
Parish Councillors: Mark Davies, Wendy Liles, Geoff Long, Susanna Matthan,
Terry Richards, Rob Sharpe, Roger Miller, Steve Harper, Guy Forman
District Council Members: Mr M Powell, Mr F Ambridge
County Council Member: Mrs P Bradwell

Office Assistant & Newsletter Coordinator: Lou Hird Editor: Susanna Matthan

REPORTS ON BILLINGHAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

APRIL MEETING

Chair Juneta Wilson welcomed new councillor Guy Forman to his first meeting of Billingham Parish Council. She remarked that it was nice when a young person was willing to give his time up for the village.

- Three members of the public were present, Mr. Blades and Mr. Miller regarding planning application in Mill Lane and Mr Cash, who attended to inform the meeting that an injury to his potential champion show dog had been caused by weed spraying by NKDC, on the land on the corner of Field Road. He handed out photographs to show the damage. Both Cllrs. Wood and Harper questioned him as to what proof he had to say that spraying was the cause as Roundup had always been regarded as one the safest products on the market. He said he believed it to

be the cause and he was asking NKDC to place signs when spraying had been done in any part of the parish.

- Mr. Cash also raised concerns about the planning application for Mill Lane and asked the Parish Council to request adequate screening for the boundary overlooking Sprite Lane.
- Cllr. Liles and Parish Clerk Carol Willingham had attended the Cluster meeting where they had been asked if Billingham (as the largest parish) would take responsibility for issuing an invoice to NKDC for the speed device sign, which the cluster had agreed to purchase. Cllr. Liles said she was becoming a little worried about some of the implications of purchasing this device and it was agreed that Sarah Atrill should be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to explain things.
- Cllr. Wilson informed the council that several councillors had met Rowen and Carl Smith from Highways to discuss parking outside the Co-op Store. It had been agreed that the only solution was double yellow lines both sides of the road.
- Hugh Johnson from NKDC had inspected the church wall and advised on work that should be carried out.
- Mr. Clayton wished to give up his three plots on the allotments as he had left the parish. This was agreed as someone was willing to take them over with effect from October.

MAY MEETING and A.G.M.

Sarah Atrill from NKDC joined councillors, along with County Councillor Bradwell, District Councillor Powell and two members of the public, at the A.G.M. of Billingham Parish Council. Also in attendance were Parish Clerk Carol Willingham and Sadie Lawler from the press.

- Clls. Liles and Davies, who both regularly attend the village cluster group, questioned Sarah Atrill about the purchase of the speed indicator device for the police to use in the cluster of villages around Billingham. They were concerned as to whether they were expected to find volunteers to man the device and if the parish is liable for the maintenance after the warranty has expired. Parish councillors felt the cluster had been pressured into making a quick decision as to how they spent the money allocated or they could have lost all the funding. The speed indicators would be used for collecting data on speeding vehicles but not for prosecution. Sarah said she would find the necessary information and report back at the next cluster meeting.
- In the open session where members of the public are allowed to speak, Chairman of the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee, Tyrone Baker gave a very disturbing report as to the conduct of a small group of youths around the village hall and playing field.
He said there was a great deal of anti social behaviour and much of this was due to alcohol and drugs. He had seen open drug dealing on the playing field which was very upsetting. The matter had been reported to the police but they were unable to attend for an hour.
He reported that the recycling bins had been set on fire with the risk of fire spreading to the village hall or football pavilion and there was broken glass in the play area where small children play. All the incidents had been reported to the police.
- Cllr. Wood informed the meeting that he had met with Sgt. Buxton from Sleaford Police and our new community officer who told him there was very little trouble in the village. Yet in the last four days he had three offences reported to him, solar lights had been pulled up in Walcott Road and smashed, a fence panel had been

stolen down St. Michaels Close and a fire extinguisher had been let off in the church. He said Billingham residents were getting fed up with the trouble caused by this small group of youths.

- Cllr. Wilson said just before Christmas the police had a purge on these people and things had improved for a while but it seems to be as bad as ever again. She would speak to community officer Derek Daniels about the problem.
- Election of Officers--- Mrs. Juneta Wilson was re-elected chairman and Richard Wood vice-chairman.
- The Planning Committee consists of Cllrs. Long, Harper, Davies and Forman while Cllrs. Wood, Liles and Richards form the Burial Committee. Cllrs. Sharp and Matthan are on the Allotment Committee and since Simon Key left the council, Cllr. Wood has been helping on a temporary basis on this committee but will relinquish the position as soon as the new councillor is co-opted.
- The Clerk informed the meeting that Roger Miller wished to join the council. There was a unanimous vote in favour of Mr. Miller being co-opted.
- Cllr. Wilson outlined the progress the council had made over the past year. She thanked Cllr. Davies for putting the clerk in touch with the Pelican Trust to print the Newsletter. The council could now afford to print enough for every household to receive one. The only problem was getting enough volunteers to distribute them.
- Planning Applications
 - Conversion to tea rooms, a small rear extension and conversion of outbuildings for holiday accommodation at 9, Victoria Street.
 - New access to farmhouse and erection of three dwellings at Bridge Street Farm.
- Cllr. Richards inquired about the Christmas tree in the Market Place. The clerk had contacted E-on and was waiting for forms. The position of the feeder pole has to be decided and contractors to do the work.
- Cllr. Forman had inspected the church wall and he is compiling a schedule of the work that needs to be done.
- Cllr. Liles gave an update on the Bags meeting (Parish Plan). They were working on several different projects - a Farmers Market was one of these while they also wanted better sports and leisure facilities. They were also trying for a better bus service and a voluntary car scheme. The Co-op had been contacted to ask them to install a cash machine.
- Cllr. Richards told councillors about a programme run by Sgt. Gary Brown. He works with children, encouraging good manners and how to be responsible citizens. Cllr. Wilson asked the clerk to invite him to one of our meetings to talk to councillors on the matter.
- Cllr. Wood explained to councillors that graves dug by our regular gravedigger recently, had not been up to standard. Attempts to get him to leave enough soil on top to allow for sinking, had fallen on deaf ears. After some discussion members thought it was time to use a new gravedigger.
- After a great deal of pressure from Billingham Parish Council we now learn that the A153 will only be closed completely for four days between Friday 25th July and Tuesday 29th July instead of the original plan of closing it for a month. We would like to thank County Councillor Bradwell for negotiating with Highways on our behalf.

Community Activities, Interests & Opportunities in Billingham

BAGS (Parish Plan)	Ring Secretary Wendy Liles 861385 for meeting details
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Mondays 5.30-9.15pm Scout Hut Roger Miller 860539
Bethel Baptist Chapel	Sundays 10.30am & 6pm Tuesdays 7pm
	Pastor James Mansfield 861439
Billingham Nibblers	Community Mosaic Project Wednesdays 7-9pm Scout Hut
Billingham Tuesday Club	1 st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm Ruth Allen 860136
Bingo	Tuesdays 7pm Jean Oliver 860849
Bowls Club	Indoor Bowls start September
British Legion Women	Mondays (last in month) 2.30pm 47 Victoria Street 860822
British Legion	Wednesdays (1 st in month) 8pm Ian Brough 860613
Brownies (2 nd Billingham)	Mondays 5.30 to 7.00pm Community Rooms – Heather 861291
Coffee Morning	3rd Monday each month 10.00 to 12.00 Baptist Chapel Ann Hall 01205 365689
Community Rooms	Bookings Marion Vamplew 860742
Crafts	Lyn Rees 869166
Cycling Club	Mark Davies 861668
Daisy Chain	Pre-school Mon-Fri 9.10-1.00 Methodist Chapel 321881 / 860942 / 07799 091281
Darby & Joan	Tuesdays (every 4 weeks) 2-5pm Viv 860813 Shirley 860732
Exercise Classes	Mondays 2-4pm Mondays/Thursdays 6.30-7.20pm Village Hall Steve 07833 745 687
L.I.V.E.S	Linda 861668 – to volunteer time as a First Responder or helper
Line Dancing	Fridays 2-4pm Village Hall
Methodist Church	Bookings Sally Robinson 860930 Caretaker 860682
Methodist Church	Sundays 10am Rev. John Corrie 830192, Val 860614, Ray 861505
Past Times	History Group Wednesdays (last in month) Ship Inn Lou Hird 869086
Scout Group	1 st Billingham Roger Miller (Scout Leader) 860539
St Michael's Church (5 th)	Sundays: Sung Communion + Sunday Club 9.30am (1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Sun), Family Service 11am (4 th Sun), United Service 10am Sun) Weekdays: Church is open from 8.30 to mid-afternoon Vicar Rev Nicholas 861746 Gwen (Sunday Club) 860330 / Tina (Prayer Group) 861746
Treehouse Chicks	Lisa 860677 Tracey 861546
Twining Association	Chairman David Needs 01507 533705 Secretary Mary Jackson 860489 Website www.billinghaytwining.eu.com
Village Hall	Bookings Sue Wells 861211
Young People's Fellowship	YPF Fridays 6.30pm-8.00pm at Baptist Chapel, ages 7-13 years

Should your event be listed here?

Please let us know by email, phone or calling in at the office.

Teaky's Sports Column

OBITUARIES

With the passing of Ronald (Ron) Shaw, at the age of 72, Billingham lost someone who has often been regarded as one of the villages best ever all round sportsmen. Ron was a superb goalkeeper and I am certain if he had been born 50 years later, he would have played in a far higher grade of football. He was also a fine wicketkeeper/ batsman for Billingham Cricket XI and for many years represented the village at bowls As well as his many sporting interests he was also a very keen gardener and for several years he was caller at the local bingo, helping to raise funds for the Village Hall and Playing Field.

Ron worked for agricultural merchants A.C.Gilbert and Sons for 34 years, many of them as Transport Manager and later was a Security Officer at Cranwell Camp. Ron and wife Margaret celebrated their Golden Wedding last October. He was a much loved father to Trevor and Wendy and a very proud grandfather.

A large congregation attended his funeral service at St. Michaels Church followed by cremation. Donations for St. Barnabas Hospice amounted to £641. We offer our sympathy to the whole family

Long time friend and team mate, Barry Wilson, has penned the following tribute to Ronnie on behalf of all his sporting friends.

Football and cricket was the life of Ron, a star in the making in more ways than one.

He played in goal and was always the boss, if he let one in he got very cross.

High crosses, low shots he got them all; no one else could get that ball.

He played with style and showed no fear, Man of the Match throughout the year,

His courage and skill was at its peak, the local lad who played each week.

Ronnie was our hero and beyond compare,

We shall always remember him and together share--

The memories the stories and all the rest, so just smile, and say

Yes Ronnie-- YOU WERE THE BEST.

We also offer our sympathy to the family of ARTHUR HAGGER who passed away recently at the age of 81. Arthur played football for Tattershall Bridge and Billingham in the early 50`s but as far as sport is concerned he will be best remembered as a big hitting batsman for the village cricket team. Many a good bowler cringed as they saw one of their good length balls fly over the boundary when Arthur was at the crease.

Before he retired he worked for G. W. Padley.

Arthur leaves wife Shirley; the couple celebrated their Golden Wedding two years ago and a son Jonathan and his family.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL - Congratulations to Paul Bainbridge and his Under 15 team who, by finishing runners-up in their league, have been promoted to the Mid Lincs A League.

In the last issue of the Newsletter, I reported that Leon Thornton had to play for Metheringham in the Under 8 League as there was no team in this age group at Billingham.

Since then, I have learnt that Adam Underwood-Harley plays regularly for the Sleaford Under 11 side. It seems a shame that these lads have to go out of the village to play. While playing for these teams Leon scored 23 goals and Adam finished with 10.

There is however good news for the 6 to 7 year olds as SAT Stores are sponsoring an Under 8 team to play in the Mid Lincs league. This is with the full support of Billingham F.C. Players of all skill levels are required for the team, so if your child (boy or girl) likes to play football and have fun, then contact Scott Thornton on 01526 860319 out go to his website www.scorebillingham.co.uk

SENIOR FOOTBALL - Billingham Athletic had not held their annual general meeting when these notes were ready to be printed but I did receive some information from Club Chairman Dave Smith. Contrary to rumours that were circulating at the end of last season, the club will still run a reserve side. Both the first team and reserves will play in the same leagues as last season. They will also run a Sunday team in the Boston Sunday league

CYCLING - Those `super fit` cyclists, Paul Barley and Patrick Sheehan, from Meadow Way, have done it again. After doing the 54 miles London to Brighton ride last year, raising several hundred pounds for the British Heart Foundation, they recently entered the Vale of Belvoir Charity Ride. This was on that very hot Sunday, the 11th May.

After 10 miles they had to decide whether to take the 25 mile route or the 40 mile one.

Naturally they chose the longer one. They had several `hairy` moments; after nearly hitting a poor old fellow in a flat cap, they hit freshly laid loose chippings at the bottom of a hill when travelling at 40 mph. Of course, being `Billinger Fendwellers` they didn't realise what a hill was like. The pair finished in the respectable time of 2 hours 38 minutes.

Paul would like to encourage anyone to take part as he says it's great fun and the other riders spur you on (there were 800 in the Vale of Belvoir Ride). He informs me there are lots of rides coming up throughout the Summer, details of which can be found on the British Heart Foundation website, BHF.ORG.UK/EVENTS

GOLF - I have recently received the following report from South Kyme President Barry Wilson.

South Kyme Golf Club recently held the annual tournament for the CHRIS CURTIS TROPHY. Dave and Janet Curtis lost their son Chris to cancer a few years ago and the Curtis and Wells families organize this annual event in his memory. The entire proceeds are presented to the WILLOW TRUST FOUNDATION, which was founded by ex Arsenal goalkeeper Bob Wilson and his wife Meg. They lost their daughter to cancer, after a 5 year battle.

The charity gives terminal ill people, between the ages of 16 and 40, a chance to enjoy a wonderful day they have always dreamed about but never been able to carry out. A young mother who had only a few days to live, had never seen her three children (aged 3,5 and 7) play in the snow. Bob, with the help of Coca-Cola, had 95 tons of snow delivered and placed in her front garden and she watched her children build a snowman and enjoy a lovely day, thanks to the Willow Foundation. This is just one story of thousands which could be told.

Weeks of hard work went into the organisation of the Chris Curtis golf day. All the Curtis and Wells families helped on the day but special mention must go to Theresa Curtis and Alan Wells who made the day a roaring success.

Over 140 golfers played in the event and there was a halfway house where one could obtain homemade food and drinks.

With proceeds from the raffle and a dance held at Grantham, which raised £2400, the Curtis family were able to present Bob Wilson with a cheque for £10,000, a truly magnificent effort. Barry has also replied to my comments in the last newsletter, when I said that golf must be more an old mans game than bowls when the very elderly travel between each hole in buggies.

He tells me it is the lucky ones who have a buggy as they walk 5 miles in all weathers carrying a large golf bag, 14 clubs, 12 golf balls and a long list from waterproof trousers to a banana. He talks of twisting, turning, bending and hitting with as much energy as possible between 80 and 100 times per round. Doing this 150 times a year. It is only when they get to the 19th hole when they get any relief.

I must confess I never realised it was such hard work, just watch it Barry, what with all that twisting and turning you will have one of those silly health and safety people after you and

will have to do a `Risk Assessment` before you start each round.

I was a little confused about the list of things you carry in your bag, does everyone lose that many balls each round.

To be serious, whether it is golf, bowls, snooker or any sport, it is great that so many people carry on playing into their 70`s and 80`s. We have two over 90 who are still playing at Sleaford Indoor Club. It is not just the game itself, there is also the social side of it.

BOWLS - Congratulations to Brenda Hudson, from Hawthorn Drive, who along with Joyce Bannister and Sheila Methven, from Sleaford Indoor Club, won the Lincolnshire Triples title. They beat three from Boston 20 -16. Brenda and Joyce also teamed up with Penny Strong and June Wilson, from Lincoln, to represent Lincolnshire in the Atherley Trophy in the national finals at Stamford where they beat Surrey 24-16.

Billinghay Bowls Club are now well into the bowling season with results about average. I understand that there will be no need to extend the trophy cabinet this year.

Club Secretary Derek Sawyer reports that the club have recruited a few new members (I know of one `BIG` signing from Ruskington) but more would be very welcome. The Billinghay green is better than most in the Sleaford and Lincoln area and they now have a very nice pavillion, so whether you want to just go for a Saturday night roll-up or enter county competitions, you will receive the same welcoming attitude.

The club are now in seven different leagues. Derek reminds me that they have ten lady members who bowl fairly regularly for the county. Several club tournaments are organised throughout the season, the most recent being the Jubilee Cup, which was won by Colin and Janet Underwood.

The same Mr. Underwood complained to me about my golf article, concerning `elderly golfers` using buggies. He stressed that during daylight hours, when he isn't playing bowls he is on the golf course and he still does not have any need to use a buggy and he is much older than many that do need them. It must be with living near the Skirth.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING - Congratulations to Daniel Howseman from Bridge Street, who has been selected to represent the county, in the Lincolnshire Under 21 Clay Pigeon Team.

TENNIS - Billinghay Tennis Club have just started their Summer season and hoping for better weather this time. The club have some new members in their team as Doug and Helen Motson, from North Kyme, have joined the club.

Members recently organised a working party to decorate the pavillion which was bought 60 years ago and is still very good.

THAT OTHER SPORT - For those people whose main exercise is lifting a pint glass from table to mouth, it must be a very frustrating time. For the first time in several hundred years, there is not anywhere in our village, where one can meet and have a drink with their friends. It amazes me in the 1930s when farm wages were 30 shillings (£1.50) and even in 1950 they only received £5 per week and yet 6 public houses still remained open in our village. This was before cheap supermarket drink.

Do not worry you frustrated people, hope is on the horizon and then your exercise can resume.

**PLEASE SEND NEWS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER BY 5TH AUGUST-----
teakywood@tiscali.co.uk**

**CONGRATULATIONS to
Edwin (Eddie) and Gwen Tonge of North Kyme Fen who celebrate
their GOLDEN WEDDING on the 19th July**

CORRESPONDENCE / QUIZ

In the absence of any correspondence this month, we have included another cryptic quiz to which the answer to each clue is a capital city. Answers in the next issue:

1. Wander about – sounds like it. _____
2. A hit with Ultravox. _____
3. Son of Hecuba & Priam . _____
4. Is it a short Liberal turned round inside? _____
5. Norwich Union , United Kingdom. _____
6. In December, Lincoln has a Christmas Market. _____
7. Was raw but soon turned around. _____
8. Cosmos loses one direction, changes and gets
another. _____
9. Keep supply of Ian the actor. _____
10. Spoilt child, St. Clair, Virginia? _____

Answers to last issue's quiz: 1. Metheringham 2. Billingham 3. Anwick 4. Hagworthingham
5. Waddington 6. Navenby 7. Dalderby 8. Digby 9. Stow 10. Healing

Billingham Fun Family Billingham Walks

Saturdays 2.00pm Monthly

Families of all shapes and sizes warmly welcomed for an afternoon of outdoor fun!

To check on the latest details/changes go to: www.billinghayconnect.blogspot.com

Contact: Su / Chris 861107

SHAPES THE HAIRDRESSERS CHARITY QUIZ

Many thanks to the people who participated in the above. Their kindness resulted in £121 being raised for Children's Charities. Four people tied for First Place, with each of them making two mistakes – Mrs Val Thompson, Mrs Julie Bainbridge, Mrs Trish Thompson-Dowse and Mr Eric Gissing. A draw was made to decide the winner who was Trish who generously donated the prize money to the Charity.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS IN THE AREA

Road Closure

Location: A153 Billingham Dales (Near Glasshouse Café and Crafts)

Works: Essential Maintenance

Duration: From Friday 25/07/2008 to Tuesday 29/07/2008

Alternative Route: North on B1189 through Billingham, east on the B1191 Through Martin to Woodhall Spa and south on the B1192 to Tattershall to rejoin the A153.

30mph Speed Limit in place

Location: A153 Billingham Dales (800 metres west from a point directly in front of Glasshouse Café and Crafts)

Works: Essential Maintenance

Duration: From Tuesday 29/07/2008 to Friday 29/08/2008



BILLINGHAY PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

There has been quite a lot of work done for the Parish Plan during the last couple of months. The results of the questionnaire you completed last year have been collated and in some cases, things you requested or showed concern for have been acted on. The document is close to being ready for publication and every household in the village will have a copy before the end of the year.

You will have noticed that Highways have placed yellow lines around the Co-op and Market Place. A great many people had requested something tangible be done about the dangerous parking situation in this area of the village. It is hoped that the car parks are now used in preference to the footpath.

Extra notice boards are to be in place shortly. And while we discuss notice boards, it was a shame to see that the bus shelter on Walcott Road has had its new timetable board broken already. This was something that villagers had asked for and were provided with.

The Book Exchange will now be opening soon using the Parish Office as a base. Any books that you would like to donate will be gratefully received. When open, you will be able to "borrow" any book for any period of time. No fee will be charged but there will be a box for Local Charities for you to donate a small amount if you so wish.

Next meeting: Thursday 18th September 7 30pm at the Community Rooms

TRAVEL IN NORTH KESTEVEN AND BEYOND

All of those people with the new National Bus passes will be delighted to know that these can be used in the North Kesteven District Council area **before 9.30am** now.

And for those of you who are conversant with the use of the Internet, there is now a site which assists you in planning journeys throughout Lincolnshire. The 'Travel Lincolnshire' site can be found at **www.a2blincs.org.uk**

Here you can access information on a range of transport options to get you from A to B.

The site can help to:

- plan journeys
- find bus or train times and availability (including CallConnect buses)
- book a Dial A Ride journey
- and check out the latest walking and cycling routes

The Providers Search will show if your area is supported by a Community Car Schemes (also known as Voluntary Car Schemes). Villages are listed under the Provider Search in an A to Z format

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

North Kesteven District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team is in Billinghay.

The ASB Team is working in partnership with Lincolnshire Police, and investigating anti-social behaviour at various locations in the area.

This is due to a considerable increase in vandalism, including criminal damage and abusive behaviour, which has recently taken place in areas such as the Village Hall, the Monument/Co-op and some residential areas.

The ASB Team is currently monitoring the situation and a number of people have already been identified. Be warned, once all the evidence is collected, in partnership with Lincolnshire Police, we will then intervene and take enforcement action against those responsible.

For the majority of the residents' information, it is just a small minority of individuals that spoil the enjoyment of these amenities. This then causes great expense to the Parish Council and residents who end up having to repair their damage.

If any member of the public has any information on anti-social behaviour, they can contact the ASB Team at the Council in confidence, by telephoning 01529 414155, or 01522 699699 if calling from a Lincoln number.

BILLINGHAY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Please note that the AGM of the Twinning Association takes place at 7.30pm on Friday, 11th July, 2008 in the Community Rooms. It will be followed by free wine and "nibbles".

Everyone welcome but under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

Full details of the recent visit to Ballon will be in the next Newsletter.

THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Children's Centre was opened fully on 2nd June and various activities are now in place.

There are **Stay and Play** sessions running on a Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am; **Messy Play** on Wednesdays 1.00pm to 2.45pm and **Dance and Movement** on Fridays 1.00pm to 2.45pm. **Jelly Beans Music Group** will be running a weekly music session for the under 5's commencing on Monday 16th June from 1.00pm to 1.45pm. These services are aimed at the 0 – 5 age group and are free.

Treehouse Chicks are here on Thursdays 1.15pm to 3.00pm with the **Smiley Club** here every day after school from 3.20pm to 6.00pm.

As well as the Children's activities the **Citizen's Advice Bureau** will be holding weekly 'drop ins' on a Wednesday from 9.30am to 12 starting on 4th June (excluding 18th June and 16th July). Also there is a basic first aid training session being held on Monday 7th July from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, this is free of charge and open to everyone. A crèche facility will be available for this.

The Community Café is open every day from 9.00am to enable parents to meet up and have a coffee and a chat.

Further activities are being planned for the near future to include local Childminder Support, Baby Massage, Smoking Cessation, Ante/post natal care, IT Training from Boston College and also Managing Behaviour.

If any local groups wish to take advantage of the facilities available to them at the Children's Centre or if anyone requires further details of the activities being held please call on **01526 869248 or 01526 869271**.



HERITAGE ROOM IN PARISH OFFICE

IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER, WE SHOWED THE PHOTO BELOW AND ASKED FOR NAMES. SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE VOLUNTEERED DETAILS AND NUMEROUS PEOPLE HAVE ASKED US TO PUBLISH DETAILS WHEN THESE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. THESE ARE NOW PRINTED UNDER THE PICTURE



BACK ROW: BARBARA STOKES, ELIZABETH DICKINSON, JACKIE BAKER, MARGARET WILSON, FAY MAPLETHORPE, GILLIAN WICKS, JANET WELLS
FRONT ROW: CAROL GREENSMITH, JANETTE MERILION, JANET PORTER, EVELYN SOUTH, GLENDA ROWITT

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO VISIT THE ROOM, PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT AND LET US HAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT ELSE YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE THERE.

PAST-TIMES ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS – WE MEET MONTHLY AND USUALLY HAVE FIVE OR SIX PRESENTATIONS A YEAR ON VARIOUS HISTORICAL SUBJECTS. FOR DETAILS CONTACT LOU HIRD ON 01526 869086.

