

December Events...

Date	Where	Time	Description
Sun 4th Dec	Billing Parish Church	3:00pm	Cakes and Carols (All Saints Little Billing). Featuring the U3A Dixielanders Jazz Band
Sun 11th Dec	Billing Parish Church	4:00pm	Family Christingle Service (St Andrews Great Billing). Our family friendly Christingle service
Sun 18th Dec	Fieldmill Square, Bellinge	11:00am	Come along and join in well-known carols
Sun 18th Dec	Billing Parish Church	10:30am	Family Carol Service (St Andrews Great Billing)
Sun 18th Dec	Billing Parish Church	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight (St Andrews Great Billing) Our traditional candlelight carol service
Sun 18th Dec	Methodist Chapel	3:00pm	Café-style Carol Service: Favourite carols with tea and mince pies in a relaxed setting
Christmas Eve	Billing Parish Church	11:30am	Midnight Communion (St Andrews Great Billing) A traditional midnight communion service
Christmas Eve	Sacred Heart	5:30pm	Children's Mass
Christmas Eve	Our Lady's	8:00pm	Vigil Mass
Christmas Eve	Sacred Heart	10:00pm	Vigil Mass
Christmas Day	Billing Parish Church	9:00am	Christmas Day Service (All Saints Little Billing)
Christmas Day	Billing Parish Church	10:30am	Christmas Day Service (St Andrews Great Billing)
Christmas Day	Our Lady's	9:15am	Christmas Mass
Christmas Day	Sacred Heart	10:30am	Christmas Mass
Council Meetings			
Mon 12th Dec   Mon 9th Jan   Mon 13th Feb Mon   13th Mar   Mon 10th Apr   Mon 8th May			

Your Billing Parish Councillors

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Christmas MESSAGE

Back in September, just three days after our sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth II died, the proclamation of the new sovereign, King Charles III, was made. Starting at the palace, and then radiating out across the country, the news was announced in churches, on village greens and in town squares across the land. There was no way that anybody could miss the arrival of the new king!

Two thousand years ago a similar announcement was made. But it was not made with the fanfare of trumpets and the ringing bells of town criers. Instead it was made discretely, by an angel, to a group of shepherds watching their sheep on a hillside outside Jerusalem. As the shepherds trembled at the angel's appearing, he spoke these words.

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

(Luke 2v10-11)The word Messiah is simply the Hebrew word for king. Translated literally it means 'God's anointed one.'

And this is who Jesus is. He is God's king, come to God's world. So wherever you find yourself celebrating this year, I hope that you remember that the message of Christmas is the message of a new king. And I hope and pray that you have a wonderful time, full of love, joy and peace.

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year,

Revd.  
Richard Burbidge...

Ecton Brook Residents Group

Following on from the well-attended Christmas events held last year in we shall again be holding the following events:

The Christmas Advent Window Hunt - Beginning on:Thurs 1st Dec

Carol Singing in Pennycress Place Friday 16th Dec

Father Christmas Visit Sat 17th Dec at around 1pm.

His route shall include Overmead Road, Ecton Brook Road (up to Ecton Park Road and along to Pennycress Place).

 Follow us



Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III

The proclamation of the new Sovereign is an age-old ceremony which can be traced back over many centuries. The ceremony doesn't create a new king, but simply announces the accession.

In the digital age that we now live in, the proclamation was not the first time that we had heard that we had a new monarch, but it was a time where our local community could come together and reflect on the moment when the reign of our longest-serving Monarch came to an end and our new Sovereign succeeded.

On Sunday 11th September a little piece of history took place when the words of Proclamation were brought to Billing Parish residents at a very well attended event by Councillor John Marlow, Chairman of Billing Parish Council followed by a blessing by Reverend Richard Burbidge.





## You Wouldn't Believe it!

Carrie the Parish Clerk was recently tasked to set the wheels in motion to get a well-used footpath in Little Billing added to the definitive map as a registered footpath.

Enquiries at the relevant department resulted in them advising that due to being extremely under staff they have a huge back log of unallocated cases which may mean, wait for it....That it will be many years before anyone is able to look at the application.

*Yes, it really happened!*

New  
**Cricket Team**  
Playing In Great Billing

First session  
**FREE!**

**Looking to get back into cricket after a spell away from the game?**

**Can you help us build on a legacy of success across all levels of cricket?**

Hotton House Cricket Club is a historic local club in Northamptonshire, playing cricket at our Denton Road ground in the village of Horton for over 114 years.

**Looking to play for a historic club in the area?**

We have five senior sides and provide cricket for all ages and abilities on a Saturday and Sunday.

**Our Saturday 4th team will be playing locally at Billing next summer!!**

If you would like to try cricket at Horton, please get in touch for details of our winter practice sessions.

Contact Paul Das | paul@thedasclan.com | 07725 988956

## Bellinge Community House

After over twenty years of supporting the local community Bellinge Community House has unfortunately closed its doors.

The charity involved did not take this decision lightly and made every effort to justify its continued existence.

Billing Parish Council also took the decision to withdraw their application to purchase the premises after two and a half years of negotiation.

**Our thanks go to all involved during this time.**

At the present time West Northamptonshire Council are in negotiations with various interested parties who wish to taking take over the premises and reopen the house as a community hub.

There is no doubt that when a new charity takes over Billing Parish Council will support them as they have done over the last twenty years.



**IF I CAN SEE IT, I CAN STEAL IT!**

- Message from a real-life burglar

**SO, KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS OUT OF SIGHT THIS YEAR!**

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY DIAL: 999  
NON-EMERGENCIES DIAL: 101**

**WWW.NORTHANTS.POLICE.UK**

## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you care about your community and feel that you could help, please contact Michael Clasper by telephoning 01604 786240.



## The Queen's Green Canopy

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative where people from across the United Kingdom are invited to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

In honour of the Her Majesty Billing Parish Council have planted a small copse made up of seven silver birch Jacquemontii trees one for each decade of her reign surrounded by a boarder of laurels together with a commemorative plaque on Bellinge Field. It is well worth a visit.



**We are an all-inclusive group, not affiliated to the church or a WI, open to ladies of all ages.**

\* You do not have to live in Great Billing to come along.

We offer friendship and fun and plan to provide a range of activities during the year.

**Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, except January & August.**

Our first meeting was held in June and so far we have enjoyed talks on Hypnotherapy and 'Were the Gun Powder plotters framed?', visited Donkeys, listened to live Spanish guitar music whilst enjoying tapas, as well as social evenings of fun food tasting, a Beetle Drive and quizzes.

Our December meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> December where we will be having an evening of 'Humour & Music' whilst enjoying a few mince pies and wine.

Our meetings are held at the Bernard Weston Pavilion, Penfold Lane, Great Billing and start at 7.30pm. Come along and see what we are about.



Get involved | Wendy O'Connor via | oconnorwendy@hotmail.com | 01604 407820

## Be Extraordinary! Become a Billing Parish Councillor!

Are you passionate about where you live?

Do you want to make a difference to local peoples lives? Do you have an understanding and desire to represent the views of the whole community?

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please submit a personal statement along with your CV to the clerk, explaining why you would like to become a councillor and what you will bring to the role.

\* Please ensure that you provide your full name, postal address and email address.

**You are what we are looking for!**



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Hello from  
**BIZZY BEARS**  
PRESCHOOL!

We have had a wonderful start to our new term welcoming new families and seeing our returning children back at Pre-school!

The children have been making busy playing, learning and having lots of fun. We have been exploring our local area following the children's interest in the season of autumn as they observe the leaves changing colour, conkers on the ground and the changes in the weather.

We have been for nature walks around the pocket park and collected conkers in the park. We have used our autumn finds to make collage pictures, leaf printing, and rolling conkers in paint and for hunting bugs. Recently the children were very excited when the road was dug up for mending the gas pipes. We went to see the work being

undertaken, the children were fascinated looking into the holes and seeing what was under their feet and we got to see the digger at work!

We are looking forward to the next half term and lots more learning opportunities. We will be taking some of our older children on the bus to visit the local library and we will be walking to the cenotaph in the village as part of learning about Remembrance Day.

**We also have lots of activities planned for Christmas; nativity, carol singing, visiting the church and craft mornings with parents.**

### MORE INFO

**WWW.BIZZY-BEARS.COM**

Sessions available for children age 2-4 years. We accept 2, 3 and 4 year old funding and also 30 hour funding.