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Spring 2023 Bulletin

BILLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Happy New Year!

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a belated Happy New Year!

No one knows exactly what this year will bring but already the snowdrops and daffodils are emerging and I am positive (speaking from an aged experience) that we will get through it.

It is at this time of year that your Parish Councillors discuss how best to achieve the Parish objective: ***"To maintain and develop Billing Parish as a safe, thriving and sustainable community which is an attractive place in which to live, work and play"*** and that's where you all come in.

The Council invites you to all have your say as to what you feel we ought to be doing and how we can improve on what we have already achieved.

Any suggestions, I promise, will be discussed by your Parish Councillors and, wherever feasible or worthy, will be acted upon.

Please take the time to make contact with Carrie the Parish Clerk on clerk@billing-pc.gov.uk.

John Marlow

Chairman



The Coronation Weekend



The Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on 6th May 2023 which, on writing this, is just 94 days away.

On Sunday 7th May, Buckingham Palace has invited communities to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches in an act of celebration and friendship.

Experience has shown us that with four large wards, Ecton Brook, Bellinge, Little Billing and Great Billing as with the platinum celebrations, the greatest success came from friends and neighbours coming together arranging their own events.

On Monday 8th May, members of the public are encouraged to take part in The Big Help Out, which hopes to encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken in the local area. For details of what's going on in your area please visit www.thebighelpout.org.uk

Bellinge Community House Update

West Northants Council, along with partners working in the Bellinge area, recently conducted a survey with residents regarding the activities and services you would like to see offered in the area and thoughts on the future of Bellinge Community House.

The Community House has been returned to the Council and is being run by Community Spaces Northampton for the remainder of the current lease, which ends July 2023. Your input will be used to help advise the Council who, out of those who apply, would best serve the community when the property will be advertised.

Although the survey closed on 17th March 2023 you can still have your say by contacting Debbie MacColl on mobile **07826 993847** or email debbie.maccoll@westnorthants.gov.uk



Billing Fayre is Back

Saturday 24th June is the date for the 2023 Billing Summer Fayre and, as usual, it will be held at The Bernard Weston Pavilion and Sports Field in Great Billing between 1pm and 5pm.

The afternoon promises to present a range of activities and stalls, food, drinks and entertainment.

Are you part of a group who would like to fundraise by having a stall at the Fayre or do you support a charity and would like to raise some funds during the afternoon?

We have loads of pitches available on the playing field They are free if raising funds for a local group or for a charity or available for £15.00 each if you wish to have a stall for commercial purposes.

Admission on the day will be free, but please be aware that for safety reasons there is no parking available at the playing fields except for people with a disability parking permit (Blue Badge).

If you are interested in booking a stall, please contact us either by e-mailing the Green Space Manager, Paul Marks at greenspacemanager@billing-pc.gov.uk or by calling **07725 856 784**.

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THE ANNUAL
BILLING FAYRE
SATURDAY, June 24
FROM 1PM - 5PM
AT GREAT BILLING PLAYING FIELDS NN3 9EF
SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE
ACTIVITIES INCLUDES:
LIVE MUSIC - STALLS - CHILDRENS DONKEY RIDES - BOUNCY CASTLES -
ICE CREAM VAN - LICENSED BAR - BBQ & REFRESHMENTS
FREE ENTRY
FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK A SPACE
VISIT: WWW.BILLING-PC.GOV.UK
PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO VISITOR PARKING ON THE SPORTS FIELD.

For All Northampton Saints Fans

Did you know that Billing Parish has a historical link with Munster?

Back in January 2009 the Parish Chairman, John Marlow, started researching the history of the Irish Thomond family following a stay with friends just outside of Limerick prior to a Munster verses Saints rugby game.

Whilst there, they were taking about Thomond Park, Munster's 26,000 seat home ground and it came to light that it was named after the Earl of Thomond, whose home was at Bunratty Castle.

He discovered when arriving home that the sixth Earl of Thomond left the family home in 1646, and not only moved to the UK but had in fact moved into Great Billing to take up residence in the Manor House.

A permanent monument to the 6th Earl of Thomond can be found in the crypt at St Andrews Church in Great Billing Village.



New Defibrillator

A defibrillator has recently been installed in the old red telephone box on the High Street, Great Billing Village. It's a potential life-saver for the community, made possible thanks to a donation of £751.00 from the Elwes Arms Charity Fund, which covered a proportion of the cost.

It comes after the parish councils first defibrillator, also funded by Elwes Arms Charity Fund, was installed outside Ecton One in Ecton Brook in 2021 and the taking over of a second on Fieldmill Square, Bellinge following the closure of Bellinge Community House Charity.

All defibrillators – or Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) as it is formally known – can be accessed 24/7 by the community. They are all linked to the Northamptonshire Ambulance Service and when it's needed anyone who calls 999 in an emergency will be given the location and access code of the nearest defibrillator and full instructions on how to use it.

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) notes that around 30,000 people in the UK suffer a sudden cardiac arrest away from a hospital environment each year, so by having a defibrillator available it will significantly increase someone chance of survival.



What is a Kentish Man doing on Billing Parish Council?

Now that is a question I've asked myself over recent weeks! Being a Kentish Man means I was born on the west side of the Medway in Kent and, according to one legend, 'an ordinary man' as opposed to A Man of Kent, who legend has it is superior! (Apologies to any Men of Kent – just repeating one of several legends!)



On Leaving School, I started work in an insurance office, which became my career. I was trained as a fire insurance underwriter and it was in this role that, after ten years, I was moved to Birmingham before again moving to the company's Wellingborough office four years later in an administrative role.

It was this move that brought my wife and I to Northampton with our then young family. Despite initially living on Cherry Lodge, our lives were always centred around Great & Little Billing where our children went to school, my wife taught and I became a School Governor. We were heavily involved in the life of the Churches in Great & Little Billing for many years. As a couple we have always tried to 'put something back' into the community in which we live. We moved into Great Billing in 1997.

So how did I become a Councillor for Little Billing? The Summer Fete highlighted the shortage of people to do things and I simply said "If you need a hand, just shout". Clearly the wrong thing to say as here I am, just a matter of fitting me in to a vacancy where hopefully I can help "maintain and develop Billing Parish as a safe, thriving and sustainable community which is an attractive place in which to live, work and play".

Frank Brett

Sport4Fitness CIC

Steve Rockall, our Vice Chairman, works with a company called Sport4Fitness CIC, who are based at Fernie Fields Sports & Social Club in Northampton.

One of the activities they offer is a gardening club, which is open to all young or old, home educated children and their families and children with a disability and/or a special need.

Sport4Fitness CIC have their own sensory garden which includes a number of vegetable trugs, suitable wheelchair access, a selection of outside planting areas. This will be their first year with use of their own polytunnel.

Steve says, "We have space for many more people to become involved in gardening at

Fernie Fields and be part of our group growing vegetables, fruit and flowers. If anybody is interested in joining us or maybe would just like a look around our facilities, please call me on **07713 077 133** or email me at info@sport4fitness-cic.co.uk We are always on the lookout for any spare plants, bags of compost and topsoil. If anybody has anything that we might be able to use, again, please get in touch".



COMMUNITY FIRST NORTHAMPTON EAST: HOW TO REPORT



GENERAL INFORMATION - REPORTING A CRIME:

- **EMERGENCY (IT IS HAPPENING NOW)** – **ALWAYS** use 999 in an emergency
- **NON EMERGENCY** – report using the QR code, call 101 or visit www.northants.police.uk/ro
- **MOTORBIKE NUISANCE** – email: operationwave@northants.pnn.police.uk
- **HATE CRIME** – report to the police on 101 or www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/hate-crime

If you have a smart phone, open your camera and point it these QR codes to take you directly to the website.



Police
Non-emergency



Police – Antisocial
Behaviour



NPH – Antisocial
Behaviour



Crimestoppers



Fly-Tipping



Neighbourhood Watch

REPORT ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

- To Northants Police via: www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-report-antisocial-behaviour/
- To Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH), if you are a tenant via: www.nph.org.uk/anti-social-behaviour

ANONYMOUS REPORTING:

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

REPORT FLY-TIPPING:

www.mycouncil.northampton.digital/reportit.html or call 0300 126 7000

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

Find your local scheme via: www.ourwatch.org.uk

REPORT A HMO/DISREPAIR ISSUES WITHIN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (PRS)

privatesectorhousingssolutionsteam.nbc.gov.uk
westnorthants.gov.uk

INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO YOUR LOCAL AREA

YOUR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE OFFICERS ARE:

SERGEANT

PS Ricky Wildman

POLICE OFFICERS

- PC Andy Cleaver
- PC Becky Davis
- PC Noah Kennedy
- PC Catalin Jipa
- PC Jonathan Ballin

PCSOS

- PCSO Kayleigh Wallace
- PCSO Steve Hoadley
- PCSO Mike Harrison
- PCSO Laura Nowell
- PCSO Steve Whiting

OPERATION REVIVE

You can report information about anti-social behaviour, drug dealing, gangs and knife crime directly to: OpReviveNorthampton@northants.pnn.police.uk

YOUR COMMUNITY SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT

PROJECT OFFICER IS:

Debbie MacColl: 07826 993847
debbie.maccoll@westnorthants.gov.uk

FIND YOUR WNC COUNCILLOR:

westnorthants.moderngov.co.uk



WNC Members



West Northamptonshire
Community Safety Partnership



West
Northamptonshire
Council

Council Meeting Dates

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Bernard Weston Pavilion on the Playing Fields at Great Billing Pocket Park. Agendas and approved Minutes may be found on the website. Forthcoming meetings will be held on:

April 2023 - TBC	11th September 2023
May 2023 - TBC	19th October 2023
12th June 2023	13th November 2023
10th July 2023	11th December 2023



Be Extraordinary – become a Billing Parish Councillor!

Are you passionate about where you live?

Do you want to make a difference to local people's lives?

Do you have an understanding and desire to represent the views of the whole community?

Then you could be just what we are looking for!

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.

Carrie Goodridge – Clerk to Billing Parish Council – Bernard Weston Pavilion,
Off Penfold Lane, Great Billing Northampton, NN3 9EF
Email: clerk@billing-pc.gov.uk – **Tel:** 01604 785447

Holy Week and Easter 2023

Billing Covenanted Churches Together
Catholic Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
St Andrew's Church Great Billing
All Saints Church Little Billing
Northampton Methodist Church at Great Billing



Holy Week and Easter Services 2023

PALM SUNDAY 2nd April

9.00	Mass for Palm Sunday	(Our Lady's)
15.00	BCCT Scones of Praise	(All Saints)

Tuesday 4th April

19.30	Stations of the Cross	(Our Lady's)
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Thursday 6th April

18.00	Mass of the Lord's Supper	(Our Lady's)
19.30	Maundy Thursday Service	(All Saints)

Friday 7th April

10.00	Reflections on the Cross	(St Andrew's)
11.00	Good Friday Liturgy	(Our Lady's)
14.00	Reflections on the Cross	(All Saints)

Saturday 8th April

14.00	Family Easter Egg Hunt	(St Andrew's Churchyard)
15.00	Family Easter Egg Service	(St Andrew's)

EASTER SUNDAY 9th April

9.00	Easter Service	(All Saints)
9.15	Easter Day Mass	(Our Lady's)
10.30	Easter Service	(St Andrew's)
15.00	Easter Service with Communion	(Methodist Chapel)
16.00	Easter Family Service	(St Andrew's)

Your Billing Parish Councillors

Find our more at: www.billing-pc.gov.uk/councillors

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West Northants Council	Billing & Rectory Farm	James Hill	james.hill@westnorthants.gov.uk	07869 119 789
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	Riverside Park	Andrew Kilbride	andrew.kilbride@westnorthants.gov.uk	07714 958 443
		Penelope Flavell	penelope.flavell@westnorthants.gov.uk	07754 542 233
		Stephen Hibbert	stephen.hibbert@westnorthants.gov.uk	07866 021 229
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		Steve Rockall	srockall@billing-pc.gov.uk	07713 077 133
		Stephen Ward	sward@billing-pc.gov.uk	07710 835 596
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		Micheal Pearson	mpearson@billing-pc.gov.uk	01604 407118
		Cheryl Worthington	cworthington@billing-pc.gov.uk	01604 408 613
	Little Billing Ward	David Brede	dbrede@billing-pc.gov.uk	07930 960 241
		John Clements	jclements@billing-pc.gov.uk	07764 158 516
		Frank Brett	fbrett@billing-pc.gov.uk	01604 403 525
	Middle Ward (Bellinge)	Gurcharan Kaur Chaggar	gchaggar@billing-pc.gov.uk	07986 905 963
		Chintu Shah	cshah@billing-pc.gov.uk	07789 864 541
	Parish Highway Warden	Damian Lang	highwaywarden@billing-pc.gov.uk	—
	Clerk to the Council	Mrs Carrie Goodridge	clerk@billing-pc.gov.uk	01604 785447/07395 318 860
		The Bernard Weston Pavilion, Off Penfold Drive, Great Billing, Northampton, NN3 9EF		
	Green Space Manager	Paul Marks	greenspacemanager@billing-pc.gov.uk	01604 785447/07725 856 784