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BILLING PARISH COUNCIL

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Billing Parish Council Supports New Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

On 3rd October 2023 West Northamptonshire Council introduced a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) promoting responsible dog ownership and prohibiting smoking in certain public spaces.

The PSPO intends to help ensure that the public can use and enjoy public spaces, which will help to make West Northamptonshire a better and safer place to live, work, and enjoy.

The requirements/restrictions are as follows:

- Anyone who is in control of a dog in a public place must:
 - Pick up after the dog immediately
 - Have the appropriate means to pick up after that dog
 - Prohibit dogs from entering children's play areas: schools when open and in use by pupils; skateparks; tennis courts; multi-use games areas (MUGAs) and bowling greens
 - Keep the dog on a lead when in: cemeteries; burial sites; graveyards; memorial gardens; allotments; car parks; sports grounds, fields, and pitches when in use for authorised sporting activity; land near the café area at Daventry Country Park; Northampton Town Centre; land at Upton Country Park Phase 2 (land between Kislingbury and Upton) and near schools when open and in use by pupils
 - Put the dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised person
 - Restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of 4 dogs at any one time, unless they are a licensed boarder, breeder or dog day care provider, whereby a maximum of 6 can be walked at any one time.
- Smoking of tobacco, tobacco-related products, smokeless tobacco products including electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes or any illegal substances is prohibited in the following areas:
 - Children's play areas
 - Land near schools when open and in use by pupils
 - Skateparks
 - Tennis courts
 - Multi-use games areas (MUGAs)
 - Bowling greens

See inside how you can help us commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings



Frederick Wright aboard the Titanic

Following the tragic news in June that five crew members on board the Titan submersible lost their lives due to a catastrophic implosion when descending to the wreck of the Titanic, I was reminded of Frederick Wright.



He was a 24-year-old crew member who tragically lost his life in the sinking of the Titanic in April 1912. His body was never found, but he is mentioned on the family headstone which can be found in Saint Andrews Church yard in Great Billing.

Frederick Wright, one of fifteen children to William, a farm hand and Esther Wright, was a squash coach on board the Titanic and

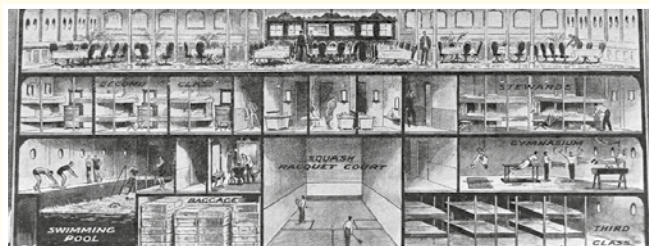
had been due to teach a squash lesson to Colonel Archibald Gracie at 7.30am on the morning after the ship's sinking.

According to Colonel Gracie's account of the sinking in *The Truth About the Titanic*, around three quarters of an hour after the collision, as chaos broke out around them, he passed him on the stairway of Deck C on his way to his cabin and jokingly said "Hadn't we better cancel that appointment for tomorrow morning?". Fredrick, who could not swim and knew that the squash court he manned and his cabin had been flooded, showed a perfect example of the British stiff upper lip by simply replying: "Yes, we better".

Fred was a pioneer for the sport of squash, which had not yet been standardised in 1912. His death inspired squash players in Philadelphia to hold a squash competition, the Fred Wright Memorial Cup, in his memory.



A concert in memory of Fredrick was held by the Northampton Imperial Band on the afternoon of Sunday 19th May 1912 outside his father and unmarried sister Ida's house St. Giles, Great Billing Village. His favourite hymns were played, conducted by Mr. S Piper, late of the 58th regiment and a collection taken for the Titanic Relief Fund.



Layout of the Titanic, with the squash court bottom, middle, between the swimming pool and the gymnasium

Parish Pathways

Billing Parish Council is pleased to announce the renewal of the paths between St. Andrews Church and Lady Winefrides Walk, Great Billing, as well as the entrances to the riverside walk at Little Billing Pocket Park and paths on Belling Field.

The paths on Belling Field are a popular route for walkers and cyclists, and the renewal of this path will make it easier for people to enjoy this beautiful area. The Riverside Walk at Little Billing Pocket Park is a lovely place to take a stroll along the river and the renewal of the entrance will make it more accessible for everyone.

We hope that these improvements will encourage more people to explore the beautiful countryside around Billing Parish.

Interview with Sally Jordan a member of The Ecton Brook Clean Up Crew

What inspired you to start The Ecton Brook Clean Up Crew?

My inspiration was and still is to make Ecton Brook a place to be proud of. The Clean Up Crew was actually founded in 2017 by myself as "the ladies that pick" but due to Covid in 2020 all group activities were cancelled. I continued to pick on my own until we were able to meet as a group but, unfortunately, as the members had got older it was becoming difficult for them to carry on. However, assistance came from Danny, Doug and Dorothy who are now regular members of the group.



What impact has the Clean Up Crew had on the Ecton Brook Community?

The Clean Up Crew has highlighted the vast amount of litter which is being dropped in Ecton Brook and the growing number of fly tipping incidents. It has got people thinking about the environment in which they live and has encouraged them to start reporting fly tipping, either directly to West Northants Council or to myself.

What has been the most littered item?

The most littered items seem to be takeaway rubbish thrown from cars and left on walls, closely followed by green waste and bags of unwanted clothes and nitrous oxide canisters being left in the car parks.

What are your top 3 litter picking tips?

Decide what area you are doing that day and try to stick to it or you'll end up totally exhausted. Make sure you have plenty of sacks. Always pick safely by using gloves and wearing a high viz vest.

Did you know that fly tipping is a criminal offence and can carry a sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a fine of £50,000? To report any incidents of fly tipping please notify West Northants Council by using the following link: [Report fly-tipping | West Northamptonshire Council](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping) ([westnorthants.gov.uk](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)).

D-DAY 80

The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion, the world has ever witnessed. In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

As we approach the anniversary, we would like to hear your ideas on how you would like us to honour the sacrifices made by the Allied forces and commemorate the bravery of those who fought for freedom and celebrate D-Day 80.

We are also looking for stories from any parish residents regarding the D-Day landing, so if you know of any, we would love to hear from you. We would also love to see any photographs, letters, or other memorabilia that you or your friends and family may have.

The stories and memorabilia received will be used to create a display that will be shared on D-Days 80th anniversary and will commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory.

If you have any ideas, stories or memorabilia please let the clerk know by contacting her at clerk@billing-pc.gov.uk or by phone **01604 785447**.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Northampton Heathens Rugby Football Club



NHRFC are recruiting for new players.

Are you aged 18 or over?

Do you want to join a family orientated rugby team?

New and returning players welcome.

All abilities welcome.

Or scan here



For more info contact us on:

Captain Brent: 07769352524

Greek: 07415600160



Families at Four!

St Andrews Church has recently started a new Sunday afternoon, family friendly service. Meeting from 16.00 – 17.00, each week, it is very different to what you might expect church to be like.

Instead of sitting in pews, we sit around tables and have coffee and cake during the service. And whilst all the usual elements are there – such as singing, praying, and a reading and thought from the bible, there is also a weekly craft activity for both children and adults to join in with. The hymns are modern and the service has a very relaxed and informal feel to it. With a 16.00 start time it is ideal for those who have sports clubs or other commitments on a Sunday morning. At the moment we have about 35 people joining us each week – but there is plenty of room for more!

Feel free to visit us any time you wish or contact Revd. Richard Burbidge on **01604 555 186** / richburbidge@googlemail.com for more information.

Peace on Earth



All of us will have no doubt been shocked at the terrible fighting that has broken out in the land of Israel over the last few months. Irrespective of our politics, and of whether or not we support one side over the other, the countless deaths of the innocent and the young has been truly tragic. As the enmity and strife continues, peace seems a million miles away and yet, each Christmas, we remember the birth of the baby Jesus. A baby born two thousand years ago, in these war torn lands, and one whom we are told has come to bring peace. For this is what the angels sang at his birth:

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.” (Luke 2v14)

As we look at the land of Jesus’ birth today, we may conclude that his mission has failed. But the peace that He came to bring was primarily a peace between humankind and God. He came to reconcile the created with their creator by healing our wayward, sinful and selfish hearts. And only once this has happened can peace then radiate out to the wider world. Please pray for peace in Israel this Christmas – and for an end to the warfare and violence. But also, come and find peace yourself in the birth of the baby Jesus.

Every blessing for Christmas and the New Year,

Revd. Richard Burbidge



**“Having a nice festive break?
Tell-tale signs can give away
the fact your house is empty.”**



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The Joint Prevention and Community Protection Department

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:

8th January 2024

11th March 2024

12th February 2024

8th April 2024



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,
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Email: clerk@billing-pc.gov.uk – **Tel:** 01604 785447

Church Christmas Services

Sun 3rd December

15:00: Billing Covenanted Churches Together Advent Carol Service featuring the Watling Singers – All Saints, Little Billing

16:00: Family Christingle Service – St Andrews, Great Billing

Sun 17th December

15:00: Café Style Carol Service – Methodist Chapel, Great Billing

18:00: Carols by Candlelight Service – St Andrews, Great Billing

Sun 24th December

09:00: Christmas Eve Morning Communion service – All Saints, Little Billing

16:00: Carols around the Tree – St Andrews, Great Billing

20:00: Vigil Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church, Great Billing

23:30: Midnight Communion – St Andrews, Great Billing

Mon 25th December

09:00: Christmas Day Communion – All Saints, Little Billing

09:15: Christmas Day Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church, Great Billing

10:30: Christmas Day Communion - St Andrews, Great Billing



Your Billing Parish Councillors

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

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