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## Chairman's Welcome Letter

**Hello,**

We have had an amazing Summer in Billingham. Billingham Town Council have delivered some fantastic events.



- Circus skills workshop by Marko
- Bring a Grandparent Day
- Family Tennis Taster Session
- sk8 safe
- Lingotots - French taster
- Sunshinesign
- Arty Nic arts & Crafts
- Lingotots - Spanish taster
- Dodgeball
- Teesside Mohawks (Basketball)
- Hedgehogs (Cleveland Hedgehog preservation society)
- Tees Valley Wildlife Trust mini beast hunt
- Paul's Magic Workshop
- KidzRFit Hula Starz
- KidzRFit Cheer Starz
- Nouveau - Mini Movers

We had nearly 500 youngsters attending these events. Take a look at our website/facebook and see how much fun it was.

The Council held a visioning event on 21st September 2017 at which lots of great ideas were brought forward. We will be working alongside community groups/resident groups to share these ideas and of course invite your ideas as our residents. We can as a community build on a plan for the development of our town.

We look forward to seeing you at a town meeting very soon.

We have some more wonderful events ahead, please see our section in this newsletter for all the details of our Halloween Horror and our flagship Christmas Event.

**Halloween Horror on Saturday 28th October 2017 4pm - 8pm**

**Traditional Christmas Event 2nd December 2017 11am - 5pm**

We are looking at future dates to hold ward surgeries to which all are welcome to visit us as councillors to answer any questions or requests you may have. Once agreed these dates will be advertised on our website.

On that note we would like to let you know our website will be under development over the next few weeks but you will find any updates about events on our facebook page.

Also I would like to spread the word about a service for disabled residents in Billingham. Motobility expert Daryl Wilson who works at Renault Middlesbrough is a young man who is very respectful and attentive making it a much more relaxing experience when choosing a car to suit your individual needs and I think this type of advertisement will be of use for those residents looking for this type of service.

So as we enter into Autumn, wrap up warm, keep safe and I look forward to seeing you at our events.

Best wishes

**Cllr Sheila Smart**  
Chairman

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## Billingham Forum 50th Birthday Celebrations



In 1967, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II visited the town of Billingham to cut the ribbon and officially open the iconic leisure centre, Billingham Forum. Fifty years on and the North East's most popular leisure centre is planning a week of exciting events and entertainment to mark the landmark birthday.

The schedule of events will run throughout the October half term from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October and will welcome entertaining performances from local favourites, the Van Dunk Brothers and Urban Kaos, hair raising demonstrations from Cool Science Party and an exotic petting zoo from Stockton based Animal Story. A number of celebratory themed climbing sessions are planned in the family attraction GoClimb, as well as a UV party in the ice arena and performances and exhibitions from local community organisations.

Facility Manager, Roy Broadbent explains "Everyone is really looking forward to the

week, the Forum has always been at the heart of the community and we want as much involvement as possible from the people who have helped to make the centre such a success. We've hosted some fantastic events over the years and welcomed lots of big names from the world of entertainment at the theatre. The 50th Birthday is the perfect opportunity to share our stories and come together to celebrate what has made Billingham great."

To commemorate the milestone, Tees Active have commissioned an anniversary video to include original footage of the town and the royal opening, intertwined with present day interviews and footage, as well as an exciting project in partnership with Tees Valley Arts and local schools to produce a number of collaborative pieces.

The Forum's pioneering design was a remarkable feat of engineering and innovation that helped to put Billingham on the map and

since its redevelopment in 2011 has gone from strength to strength, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors each year and continues to provide fun and engaging leisure activities for local residents and visitors from across the region.

Steve Chaytor, Managing Director of Tees Active, praised the local community for their passion and support over the years, "Billingham residents are extremely proud to have such a fantastic leisure facility on their doorstep. The Forum will always be at the very centre of the community and we will continue to offer fun, affordable and inclusive leisure opportunities for everyone."

The week long programme of events will kick off on Monday 23rd October and promises fun and laughter for all the family. More information and the event schedule can be found online at [www.teesactive.co.uk](http://www.teesactive.co.uk)

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## Join the STOPTOBER Challenge to kick the habit in Stockton this year!

Stockton and Hartlepool Stop Smoking Service  
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust



**S**mokers in Billingham are being urged to take the first step in giving up cigarettes for good and join the Stoptober quit smoking challenge this year.

While studies show that two-thirds of smokers want to quit, nearly one in five UK adults continue to smoke, including around 19% in Stockton. The NHS Stop Smoking Service is open to all smokers motivated to quit, living within Stockton and Hartlepool areas. You can walk in to any of the drop in sessions without a prior appointment and without referral from your GP or other health professional. You will be offered one-to-one advice and support from trained advisors on nicotine replacement treatments/ medications, and, if appropriate, prescriptions for appropriate treatment. You can also have your level of carbon monoxide gas monitored and many people feel very encouraged by being able to see the progress they are making; as they see the fall in carbon monoxide in their body when they stop smoking.

Raf Rashid (Specialist Stop Smoking Advisor) said: "We understand that the majority of smokers want to stop smoking, but many find the task too daunting. Stoptober is the perfect opportunity to inspire smokers in Stockton to quit for good. With support, smokers are more likely to succeed in their quit attempt. Smokers are 4 times more likely to quit smoking successfully by attending the NHS Stop Smoking provision.



That is why Stockton & Hartlepool Specialist Stop Smoking Service will be out in force during Stoptober, promoting the campaign and highlighting range of local services and resources available to help make their quit attempt easier."

The best chance for quitting smoking in England is to use your local NHS Stop Smoking Service, which offers behavioural support and coaching, and prescriptions for a stop smoking medicine such as nicotine replacement therapy or varenicline.

For more information contact Stockton & Hartlepool NHS Specialist Stop Smoking Service on **01642 383819** or visit [www.nth.nhs.uk/stopsmoking](http://www.nth.nhs.uk/stopsmoking)



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## Hartlepool & Stockton Health Extended Surgery Opening Hours

Hartlepool & Stockton Health are a federation of local GP Practices who are working together to improve the health and wellbeing of local people. We understand the demand for healthcare is increasing and it is proving increasingly difficult to offer convenient GP appointments to patients.

As a result, the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who are responsible for buying healthcare services for local people, have asked us to provide additional general practice appointments in the evenings and at weekends.

This means that you, as a patient, can see a local healthcare professional for routine appointments, long term conditions or on-going health issues at a time that suits you.

There are 3 locations dedicated to providing these appointments.

- Woodbridge Practice in Ingleby Barwick.
- Tennant Street Medical Practice in Stockton on Tees
- Chadwick Practice in Hartlepool

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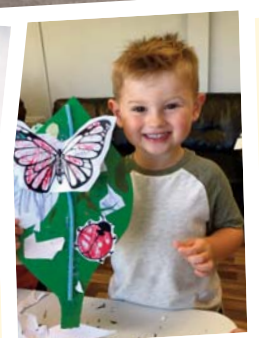
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# Summer's Party in The Park

22nd July 2017

Our Summer event 'Party in The Park' was a huge success. Although the weather was typical for a British wet summer, the event was well attended. The afternoon was filled with family fun including... Magic show, Punch & Judy, comedy clown show, face painting, kid's arts & crafts, pony rides, mini fun fair, traditional games, foot darts, bungee run, character mascots, BMX & scooter demo plus much much more. Thank you to everyone who attended.





# 6 week holiday programme

During the 6 weeks summer holiday Billingham Town Council provided various activities for children in Billingham for free or at very minimal cost. The aim of this programme was to provide activities every week of the summer entertaining families, with affordable activities. It was a MASSIVE success with nearly 500 children taking part over the six week programme. We would like to thank all those who came and took part and we hope to run this again during school holidays. Here we have a collection of photos from the various activities we had over the summer:





## Traditional Christmas Event

**Saturday 2nd December 11am - 5pm**

Dust off your Santa hat and get into the festive spirit and join Billingham Town Council and St Modwen in the festivities at Billingham's Traditional Christmas Event. Enjoy festive food & drinks, live music, traditional stalls and fun for all at our mini fairground and Donkey Rides... and not to forget Santa is definitely comin' to town... so put the date in your diary and join us for an unforgettable day.

## Christmas Carol Service

**Sunday 3rd December 3pm - 5pm**

Once again we will be holding our Annual Christmas Carol service in John Whitehead Park on Sunday 3rd December. Join us to celebrate Christmas in the traditional way with lots of, Christmas songs & warm festive drinks in a lovely intimate setting in the park. An experience everyone will enjoy to get you into that Christmas spirit.

## Carols by Candlelight

We would like to invite you to join Billingham Town Council in a Christmas Carols by Candlelight service at John Whitehead Park Billingham on Sunday 3rd December 3pm - 5pm.

Come and join in a community Christmas Celebration. Enjoy Carols, mince pies, festive drinks and lots of festive cheer.

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## BEST DRESSED CHRISTMAS WINDOW IN BILLINGHAM TOWN CENTRE 2017

Brought to you by Billingham Town Council & St Modwens

It's time to start planning for the annual 'Best Dressed Christmas Window' competition.

Who will win the prestigious Christmas Competition Shield in 2017?

To be in with a chance, start preparing to dress your shop window up to the nines with all things festive.

The winner will be announced at our Traditional Christmas Event on December 2nd 2017.  
**GOOD LUCK!!!**



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This year Billingham Town Council are supporting our Chairman's Charity, Teesside & District society for the Blind. We will be hosting a Charity Tombola at our Traditional Christmas Event on Saturday December 2nd 2017 to raise money for this worthy cause.

We would like to ask for your help by donating prizes for the Charity Tombola. No matter how big or how small any contribution is much appreciated.  
**Thank You.**

Contact Billingham Town Council by

Phone: 01642 551171 or by email: [Events@billinghamtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:Events@billinghamtowncouncil.co.uk)  
or visit our office in Billingham Library and Customer Service Centre.

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A Halloween-themed poster for Billingham Town Council. The background is dark with orange and yellow accents. At the top, there's a silhouette of a castle or large house with many windows, set against a bright orange sky with flying bats. The Billingham Town Council logo is in the top left. The word 'HALLOWEEN' is written in large, orange, dripping letters. Below it, 'Half-Term Activities' and 'in the Hub @ John Whitehead Park' are written in orange. The activities are listed in a central orange box with a bat on the left and a ghost on the right. At the bottom, ticket information is in a purple box, flanked by two jack-o'-lanterns.

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# HALLOWEEN

## Half-Term Activities

### in the Hub @ John Whitehead Park

Halloween biscuit Decorating  
Wednesday 25th October 11am–12pm, Come and join us for . *free of charge.*

Pumpkin Carving & lunch  
(Limited places available booking essential)  
Thursday 26th October 2pm – 3pm – pumpkin & Lunch provided for Only £3 per child.  
(just in time for our Pumpkin Competition at the Halloween Horror event on Saturday 28th October 4pm–8pm)

Halloween Arts & Crafts with Arty Nic  
(Limited places available booking essential)  
Friday 27th October 1pm–3pm – *only £1 per child*

Tickets are available from Billingham Town Council Office in  
Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre.  
Phone: 01642 551171  
Email: [Events@billinghamtowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:Events@billinghamtowncouncil.co.uk)

## Youth Council



After the success of our  
Harrington's Pond project  
we will be holding an

### OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

on **Tuesday 10th October 2017**  
at **12pm**

We hope to have as many people as possible who were involved in the project in attendance and everyone is welcome to help us celebrate this success. Following on from the success of Harrington's Pond our Youth Council are in the early stages of their next project. They will be working on the theme 'Accessible Play for All' with an objective to create a play space suitable for all children including those with disabilities. To enable the Youth Council to carry out this ambitious and worthy project suitable funding streams will be identified and applications will be made by the youngsters.

We wish them all the luck in their project and we would like to ask for the support of the residents in Billingham throughout this project to help make it a success.

## Funded by Billingham Town Council

*This year your local town council has supported in the way of funding the following:*

**Billingham  
Carnival & Garden Show**

**Thee Northernaires Jazz Band -  
Billingham**

**The Royal British Legion**

**The Family day concert  
at this years**

**Billingham International  
Folklore Festival World of Dance**

*Billingham Town Council  
endeavour to support as many local community  
groups as possible.*

Please see our website  
**[www.billinghamtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.billinghamtowncouncil.co.uk)**  
for more details in the future.





**We are now taking  
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parties in the  
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### CAFE IN THE PARK

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

##### STARTERS:

Tomato and mozzarella salad with olive oil and fresh Basil dressing. ✓

French onion soup with rustic parmesan crouton.

Classic prawn cocktail with Dill slaw.

All served with a selection of crusty, warm bread rolls and butter.

##### MAINS:

Traditional roast turkey breast.

Honey and mustard glazed ham.

Dill crusted fillet of salmon, on a bed of creamy leeks.

Chargrilled pepper, spinach, mushroom and goat's cheese lasagne ✓

All served with seasonal vegetables, creamy mashed potatoes, roast potatoes and  
Parsnips, pigs in blankets, sage and onion stuffing balls, yorkshire pudding and rich gravy.

##### DESSERTS:

Traditional christmas pudding with brandy cream.

Spiced apple and ginger tart with vanilla cream.

Raspberry and white chocolate cheesecake with raspberry coulis.

Main course only £6.95

Two courses £8.95

All three courses £9.95

Includes festively dressed table, christmas crackers and iced water.  
Payment must be made in full at least two weeks prior to the date of the party,  
minimum 10 people per booking, children's menu available on request.





## Thirteen at the heart of Billingham's communities

**T**hirteen is working in communities across Billingham to help neighbourhoods and customers with a variety of innovative projects.

One project which is helping customers of Thirteen is the gardening equipment loan scheme.

Customers can hire a range of gardening tools to help them with work needed on their gardens in the run-up to winter.

Thirteen's neighbourhood officers can access equipment that customers can borrow for a small refundable deposit; this includes lawnmowers, strimmers, forks and spades.

Customers can hire equipment from the tool lending scheme by contacting their neighbourhood officer, booking the equipment and paying a £5 deposit which will be refunded when the equipment is returned.

To find your neighbourhood officer, visit [www.thirteen.co.uk/FindOutAbout](http://www.thirteen.co.uk/FindOutAbout) and click 'My neighbourhood officer'. Alternatively, call 0300 111 1000.

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## Raising of the Flag



The need for a flagpole in the Billingham Town Centre has been a long standing theme with the Billingham Branch Royal British Legion, it represents the community in commemorating events both locally and nationally.

The official raising of the flag took place on the 31st July, to commemorate the Battle of Passchendaele, and was attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Mark White OBE, along with members of the Royal British Legion, Councillors from Billingham and Stockton also attended. Thanks go to Councillors Barry Woodhouse and Ann McCoy for their help in making this event possible and to Billingham Town Council for purchasing the flag for this joint project.

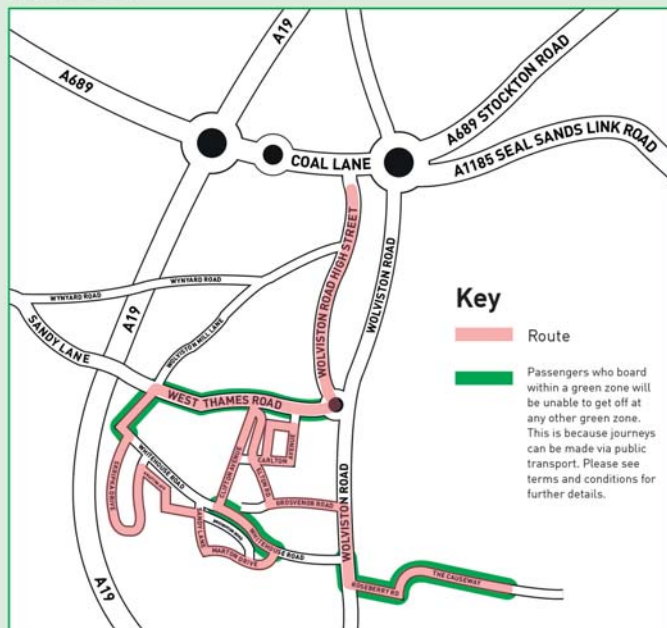


## Service 33 - Wolviston - Billingham

The service is accessible on a membership basis. To apply for a membership card and for details of the terms and conditions please contact Stockton Council on 01642 528499. The service links Wolviston and Wolviston Court to Billingham Town Centre, and of course provides a link from the Town Centre up to Wolviston.

## Community Transport Service SERVICE 33 - WOLVISTON - BILLINGHAM

The Community Transport Service is a free transport option for individuals who are unable to, or have difficulty accessing local bus services.



## SERVICE 33 WOLVISTON - BILLINGHAM TIMETABLE

**Monday to Friday**  
(No service on Bank Holidays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day)

STOPS	Time	Time	Time	Time
Wolviston Village ( Bus stop near Post Office )	10.00 am	11.00 am	12.00 pm	1.00 pm
Thames Road ( Bus stop near King Arms )	10.05 am	11.05 am	12.05 pm	1.05 pm
Wolviston Mill Lane ( Bus stop )	10.10 am	11.10 am	12.10 pm	1.10 pm
Skripka Drive / Hawkstone Close	10.15 am	11.15 am	12.15 pm	1.15 pm
Whitehouse Road / Clifton Ave	10.20 am	11.20 am	12.20 pm	1.20 pm
Elton Road / Carlton Ave	10.22 am	11.22 am	12.22 pm	1.22 pm
Carlton Ave around the Green	10.24 am	11.24 am	12.24 pm	1.24 pm
Grosvenor Road / Wolviston Road	10.25 am	11.25 am	12.25 pm	1.25 pm
Swan Pub ( Bus stop )	10.26 am	11.26 am	12.26 pm	1.26 pm
ASDA ( Billingham Town Centre ) Stand D	10.30 am	11.30 am	12.30 pm	1.30 pm
ASDA ( Billingham Town Centre ) Stand C	10.30 am	11.30 am	12.30 pm	1.30 pm
Swan Shops	10.34 am	11.34 am	12.34 pm	1.34 pm
Grosvenor Road / Wolviston Road	10.35 am	11.35 am	12.35 pm	1.35 pm
Carlton Ave around the Green	10.37 am	11.37 am	12.37 pm	1.37 pm
Elton Ave / Carlton Ave	10.38 am	11.38 am	12.38 pm	1.38 pm
Whitehouse Road / Clifton Ave	10.40 am	11.40 am	12.40 pm	1.40 pm
Skripka Drive / Hawkstone Close	10.45 am	11.45 am	12.45 pm	1.45 pm
Wolviston Mill Lane ( Bus stop )	10.50 am	11.50 am	12.50 pm	1.50 pm
Thames Road ( Bus stop near Kings Arms )	10.55 am	11.55 am	12.55 pm	1.55 pm
Wolviston ( Bus Stop over the road from Post Office )	11.00 am	12.00 pm	1.00 pm	2.00 pm

To use the service you must become a member. Membership forms, along with route maps and timetable information, can be found online [www.stockton.gov.uk/communitytransport](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/communitytransport) or call 01642 526709/524681





## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BILLINGHAM BRANCH

# GREAT PILGRIMAGE 90

**T**he Royal British Legion announced plans for the Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90). This event, which will take place on the 8th August 2018, the biggest ever membership event to date, is to meet the Legions charitable remit in its Royal Charter of Remembrance. This will help to ensure that the enduring responsibility of Remembrance is understood and embraced across the nation, and the torch of remembrance is passed on from generation to generation.

GP90 provides this excellent opportunity to demonstrate this aim.

GP90 will be a modern day recreation of the original tour in 1928. When the Last Post Association was founded. The Last Post Ceremony is carried out every night and has been so since its foundation in 1928.

The aim is to bring two representatives from local branches and their communities in an act of remembrance at the Menim Gate in Ypres. Members of each branch will be selected, one to be standard bearer and one to carry a wreath, each wreath will carry a message of remembrance, written by school children. These wreaths will be collected during the ceremony and subsequently built into a display within the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Grounds that surround the Menim Gate Memorial.

The commemorative event will be followed by a march past of

standards of the entire contingent of more than 2000 Legion Branches and their standards.

The march past will be observed by Civic Dignitaries and Military Guests from both the Commonwealth and Northern Countries of Europe.

It is the intention of the Billingham Branch, Royal British Legion to be represented at this prestigious event and parade. The Branch will parade their standard and lay a wreath on behalf of the Billingham Community.

If anyone would like to attend this event as a spectator, the Legion is putting on a parallel tour in partnership with Leger Holidays to encourage as much community participation as possible. As well as attending the GP90 event, the tour will also visit Mons, Nimy Bridge, Loos, Bethune and Fromelles. It will then finish at Ypres on the 8th August to see the official ceremony and attend the Last Post Ceremony. Interested parties contact Tony Curnow 07821 562171.

The Billingham Branch of Royal British Legion have been researching local soldiers from Billingham, Wolviston and Haverton Hill who died in the Great War and are buried in France/Belgium. We have identified 34 soldiers and their war grave cemeteries in France/Belgium and it is the intention of the Branch to send four members to travel to the area five days prior to GP90 and lay a large poppy, and cross at each war grave in each cemetery and hold a short ceremony to those,

from our area, who sacrificed their lives during the Great War. After completing the ceremonial event, the four members will travel to Ypres to meet up with the two branch members attending GP90 at the Menim Gate.

To support this commemorative event we are asking the people of Billingham to Sponsor a poppy and named soldier, for a minimum donation of £10. The sponsors will receive, on return, a photograph of the grave of the sponsored soldier. Should you wish to sponsor this event contact Tony Curnow 07821 562171. If you are a business, however large or small, in the Billingham area and would like to support this event we would like to hear from you.

This is the final year of the 100th Commemoration of those who fell and served in the Great War, we feel it incumbent on our Town not only to be represented at the Menim Gate on the 8th August 2018 but to show our appreciation to those who served and gave their lives in the conflict, especially the residents from our area who remain, in our thoughts, buried in France and Belgium. This apart from civic pride, will clearly demonstrate that,

### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

P CLARK

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## List of Local Soldiers

Sergeant P. Archer, Royal Field Artillery. Died 9th November 1917 age 24. Buried X-Track British Cemetery La Chapelle-d'Armentiers Nord France. Lived 4 Railway Terrace, Haverton Hill.

Private Thomas Nichols Archer, 13421 12th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Died 17th June 1918 age 38. Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery Pas-de-Calais France. Lived in Stockton.

Private John Ashley, West Yorkshire Regiment. Buried Fricourt Military Cemetery France. Lived 19 Elm Street, Haverton Hill.

Lance Corporal P. Barker. Buried Wancourt British Cemetery Pas-de-Calais France. Lived 7 Victoria Street, Haverton Hill.

Private Arthur Batey, South Staffordshire Regiment. Killed in action 21st March 1918. Buried H.A.C Cemetery Ecooust-St-Mein Pas-de-Calais France.

Private Robert Britton, 39469 14th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Died 2nd July 1917. Buried Duisans British Cemetery Etrun Pas-de-Calais France. Lived 4 Lowthian Terrace, Port Clarence.

Reverend Mathew Forster Burdess, 6th Gloucestershire Regiment. Killed in action 18th April 1917. Buried Villers-Faucon Communal Cemetery Somme France. Rector of St Thomas RC Church, Port Clarence.

Private John Robert Christopher, 18th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Died 12th November 1916 in France. Buried Hebuterne Military Cemetery in the Somme region of France. Lived Haverton Hill.

Private Mathew Connolly, 201675 4th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Died 22nd September 1918. Buried Sedan-Torcy French National Cemetery. Born Port Clarence.

Driver O. Connolly, Royal Field Artillery. Died of wounds in France 4th December 1915. Buried Nieppe Communal Cemetery France. Lived 27 Oak Street, Haverton Hill.

Private Frederick Copeland, 16373 7th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Died September 1915. Buried Voormezele enclosure Belgium. Born Stockton-on-Tees.

Private Fred Cowley, 36139 10th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Died 22nd October 1916. Buried Vermelles British Cemetery France. (Possibly resided Haverton Hill)

Private George Davies, 10th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Died 31st July 1915. Buried Sanctuary Wood near Leper Belgium. Lived 5 Cowpen Street, Port Clarence.

Private Joseph Dobson, 15299 9th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Died 9th November 1915 age 22. Buried X Farm Cemetery La Chapelle-d'Armentiers France. Lived 33 The Green, Billingham.

Lance Corporal Richard Dudley, Royal Engineers. Died 22nd December 1916. Buried Mailly Wood Cemetery. Born in Port Clarence.

Rifleman Harold Fisher, Rifle Brigade. Killed in action 21st August 1917. Buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery extension Nord France. Lived 17 Victoria Street, Haverton Hill.

Private T. Handley, Royal Marine Engineers. Died 24th May 1918 age 33. Buried St. Peter's Church, Wolviston.

Private Mathew Handley, 3rd Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Killed in action France 1917. Remembered St. Peter's Church, Wolviston.

Sergeant P. Hanna, West Yorkshire Regiment. Died 26th December 1918. Buried St John's Graveyard, Haverton Hill. Lived Haverton Hill.

Private Frank Newby Helm, 46854 9th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Died 25th October 1918. Buried Premont British Cemetery, France. Born Haverton Hill.

Private Michael Kelly, 241405 5th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Died 30th October 1917. Buried Mendighem Military Cemetery Belgium. Possibly Haverton Hill.

Private James Knowles, 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Died 28th December 1915. Buried Hop Store Cemetery France. Born 9 Cottage Street, Haverton Hill.

Private J. R. Lambert, 21152 West Yorkshire Regiment. Died 26th

December 1918. Buried St Cuthbert's graveyard Billingham.

Sapper Joseph Thomas Monaghan. Died 20th June 1918. Buried Contay British Cemetery France. Lived Port Clarence.

Sergeant Charles Oakes, 21261 12th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Died 11th April 1918. Buried La Kreule Military Cemetery Hazebrouck Belgium.

Driver E. W. Peters, 103280 Royal Field Artillery. Died 10th March 1920 age 35. Buried St. Peter's Church, Wolviston.

Private Bertram Redhead, 9th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Died 5th December 1917. Buried St. Patricks Cemetery Loos Pas-de-Calais France. Lived 13 Windsor Street, Haverton Hill.

Private James Sankey, 11th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. Died 8th September 1918. Buried Trois Arbes Cemetery Steenweck Belgium. Lived 25 Oak Street, Haverton Hill.

Driver Thomas Shute, Royal Field Artillery. Died 24th December 1918. Buried Charleroi Communal Cemetery Hainault Belgium. Lived 4 Cottage Street, Haverton Hill.

Able Seaman Ernest Robert Smith, Royal Navy. Died 23rd October 1918. Buried Seafields Cemetery Edinburgh. Possibly lived High Clarence.

Private Stephen Tulip, East Yorkshire Regiment. Killed in action 4th June 1916. Buried in Norfolk Cemetery Bercodei Bercourt Somme France. Lived 4 Temperance Street, Haverton Hill.

Private William Turner, 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Died 2nd July 1916. Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery extension France.

Lance Corporal Arthur Appleton Waller, 18th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Died 3rd March 1917. Buried Varennes Military Cemetery France. Lived 23 Clarence Street, Haverton Hill.

Unknown New Zealand soldier.



# Billingham Town Centre

The town centre management remains as busy as ever as we continue our work to revitalise the town centre. Ongoing work includes the refurbishment of units in order to attract new retailers to the town. **Galleys café has re-opened under new management, a name that many local people will already be familiar with.**

This summer, the town centre welcomed performers from 7 different countries taking part in the Billingham International Folklore Festival. The festival has been part of the annual calendar in Billingham for more than 50 years and continues to delight families from across the region. This year the festival offered 17 different shows as well as workshops and children's clubs.

The town centre also hosted a family fun event for anti-bullying charity, Sticks & Stones. This charity event was set up by local volunteers and it featured a tombola, stalls and street performers. The day was a great success and all the money raised went towards a number of anti-bullying charities, including Kidscape.

The Billingham Town Centre Facebook page remains the place to go for the

latest information about the town centre. It's encouraging to see so many local people engaged with our content. Our recent Facebook 'Back to School' competition, run in conjunction with Boyes, was very popular and the winner was thrilled with the Boyes vouchers to buy those back to school essential items. There are regular competitions on the Billingham Town Centre Facebook page so do keep a look out. You never know what you might win!

On Saturday 21st October the town centre management is planning some special Star Wars themed activities to entertain the kids over half-term, including Jedi training and exciting light sabre performances. More details to come soon on the Facebook page but definitely not one to miss if you're a sci-fi fan.



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## The Power of Play Therapy

**T**oday I received a lovely letter from a child who wanted to be a Play Therapist when she grows up. In her letter she wrote that her sister had greatly benefited from Play Therapy, and how this inspired her to learn more about it.

Play plays an essential part in healthy childhood development. It allows children to form ideas and learn about the world around them. Play stimulates important areas of the brain, enabling children to create and express themselves in creative and imaginative ways, sparking endless possibilities. Children who have suffered trauma benefit greatly from their participation in Play Therapy. Play Therapy allows children to safely play out traumatic experiences using specially chosen play mediums and resources. Refugee children fleeing war torn countries often play out battles and conflict. Playing out these traumatic life events often helps these children to heal from the inside out. Few words are needed in sessions, just the opportunity for children to freely express themselves in a safe environment.

Trauma has a devastating effect on children's developing brains. This impinges on children's ability to learn and fulfil their true potential in life. A recent study found that the brains of children who witness domestic violence were similar to those of soldiers returning from the battlefield with post-traumatic stress. To think that one in four children has witnessed domestic violence in the UK is a worrying statistic. Trauma comes in all shapes and sizes, and even a minor trauma can trigger a harmful toxic stress response in children. Play Therapy is one of the few interventions that provides an opportunity for younger children to heal from trauma and toxic stress. That's why I'm so passionate about ensuring that as many children in need as possible have access to Play Therapy on Teesside. If you would like to discover more about the power of Play Therapy, visit [www.abccounsellingservices.com](http://www.abccounsellingservices.com)

## Great Success

Billingham Carnival and Horticultural show was a great success, thanks to the legacy group, all volunteers, sponsors, and most importantly the people who attended.

From the kids corner with all activities free, to the rides which the young really enjoyed and also the strongest man competition.

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26th August 2017

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Currently the Centre is home to 17 User Groups, some of whom have used the Centre since its opening. The groups offer various activities such as Craft Classes, Exercise Classes, Art Classes, Carpet Bowls and Dancing Classes. There is also a Playgroup operating Monday to Thursday.

National Organisations:- Town Women's Guild, Women's Institute, Trefoil Guild, and Weight Watchers hold regular Meetings in the Centre.

The Management Committee decided that they would organise a celebration event to celebrate the 50 year Anniversary. The Event was primarily organised to be child friendly and the attractions included a Bouncy Castle, Bucking Bull Ride, Side Shows, Face Painter, Ice Cream Bike and Free Candy Floss and Pop Com. (All of these attractions being provided by "Dusk til Dawn" Ltd.). In addition there was a Raffle, Tombola and a good range of Refreshments were available.

The Committee were pleased to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Stockton to the event which they opened and subsequently stayed and chatted to many of the people present and generally appeared to enjoy themselves.

The "Fun Day" went very well and The Committee are delighted to report that a total of £822 was raised. They are also delighted to advise that this will be donated to The Great North Air Ambulance Service. Arrangements are currently being made to hand over the cheque at the Community Centre on 10th October.

## Thee Northernaires Jazz Band

**T**hee Northernaires Jazz Band have attended their 1st world championship down in Wales. As a group we did not win the competition but our individuals have won. Our youngest member is 8 years old and brought home a trophy in her category of Mini Mascot. Seeing her smiling face as a winner has meant more to the jazz band than winning the main title.

We would like to thank the Billingham Legacy and Thirteen because without their continued support, this would not have been possible.

We are now practising hard again for our final few competitions of the season, the last being at Trecco Bay in Wales in November.

The Northernaires practice ever Sunday at the Low Grange Community Centre from 12pm till 5pm. Everyone is welcome.



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## 40th Anniversary Season

**W**ith the summer now over the new season, our 40th Anniversary season has now got underway.

Changes over the closed season have seen Young Pavs leave the league to be replaced by new team TS3 Sports & sees the return of old friends Monkey Hangers. A warm welcome to both teams. The complement is now up to ten teams in one division.

Early results so far have seen Barwick Rangers maintain their excellent form scoring 12 goals in two games with only one in reply to keep them in their usual top of the table position. Close on their heels, separated only by goal difference, are Scouting For Goals & Station Plastering with both teams also taking the full six points. Mid table sees new boys Monkey Hangers with an unbeaten 4 points followed by Half A Crown & TS3 Sports on 3 points each. Oodles gained one point from their first two games in a thrilling 5v5 draw with Monkey Hangers.

F.C. Torpedo, Swans & Spartans have all had difficult starts & have failed to take any points so far.

### The league results so far are: 10th September 2017:

F.C. Torpedo	3 - 4	Half A Crown
Spartans	2 - 8	Scouting For Goals
Barwick Rangers	6 - 0	TS3 Sports
Station Plastering	5 - 1	Swans
Oodles	5 - 5	Monkey Hangers

### 17th September 2017:

Scouting For Goals	5 - 4	Half A Crown
Spartans	0 - 6	TS3 Sports
Barwick Rangers	6 - 1	Swans
Station Plastering	5 - 3	Oodles
F.C. Torpedo	3 - 6	Monkey Hangers

### League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Barwick Rangers	2	2	0	0	12	1	11	6
Scouting For Goals	2	2	0	0	13	6	7	6
Station Plastering	2	2	0	2	10	4	6	6
Monkey Hangers	2	1	1	0	11	8	3	4
Half A Crown	2	1	0	1	8	8	0	3
TS3 Sports	2	1	0	1	6	6	0	3
Oodles F.C.	2	0	1	1	8	10	-2	1
F.C. Torpedo	2	0	0	2	6	10	-4	0
Swans	2	0	0	2	2	11	-9	0
Spartans	2	0	0	2	2	14	-12	0

**Please note there are no games on Sunday 1st October; resuming on 8th October.**

Our games are played on Sunday evenings from 6.00 p.m. at SRC Bede Sports Hall on Marsh House Avenue, Billingham. Spectators are always welcome with free admission to the centre.

The league is always looking to recruit new teams to the waiting list.

If you would like to know more please contact us via:-

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## Sports success for the children of Our Lady Of The Most Holy Rosary RC Primary School



Our children had been shortlisted for the 2017 Stockton School Sports Awards. The awards are held every year and recognise pupils for their fantastic achievement in sport. Our whole year 5 and 6 team have been nominated for their hard work, they have improved so much throughout the year and impressed us all. There was an awards ceremony on 5th July where we were joined by guest speaker Chris Cook, Olympic and Commonwealth Swimmer. The children were very excited and anxious to know if they had won. Then our name was called as the winners of our category and we got to go up on stage to receive our award. The children were amazed and managed to speak to Chris Cook, who had some fantastic advice for them and told them to keep following their dreams. It is a huge achievement for the team and our school.

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# A tribute to Ada (14.9.42 - 21.8.2017)

**T**he Billingham Silvertones Junior Jazzband was formed in 1967, wearing uniforms sporting the colours of red, black and silver. Ada was the pillar of the band for more years than I can remember, in the later years, she was the sole person who kept the band running until 1997 when the band closed its doors.

Not only did Ada train the band, she was the person who made the uniforms, arranged the competitions, made up the moves and picked the tunes. She took on the mammoth task of fundraising to buy instruments and pay for the bus to take the children to competitions up and down the country, including week long holidays to take part in the UK Championships.

You may be surprised to know that Ada was a Jazzband trainer, but could not play any of the instruments! Ada overcame this by singing the tunes she wanted the children to learn, and they picked up the notes playing by ear. She was very creative in her displays, using musical tunes ranging from nursery rhymes, like Pop Goes the Weasel, to George Formby's Leaning on the Lamppost, or a personal favourite of mine Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye.

Ada was often seen cleaning the church hall where the band practised as a way to pay for the hall hire, she never stopped because whatever her 'kids' needed they would have. When I say her 'kids' I don't just mean her own daughters, but every single member of the band, past and present.

I vividly remember Ada fund raising at the Kiosk in Billingham town centre, with the bands banner (which she made herself) displayed proudly to advertise what she was fundraising for. She worked tirelessly, and her daughters remember getting up one morning to find Ada has stayed up all night to make thirty new hats to make sure they were ready for the next competition.

On competition days Ada's place was always the first seat on the bus, she would bring with her a giant packed lunch to make sure none of her 'kids' went hungry. When we marched on display we would hear her cheering us on. She never missed a competition.

There are not enough words to describe what Ada meant to hundreds of children who passed through the doors of the Billingham Silvertones Jazzband. She did more than work hard to give children a hobby. She kept us on the straight and narrow, off the streets, and took us to places we would otherwise never have seen.

Ada provided a family, a place where it didn't matter if you could not afford to pay your weekly subs, or didn't dress in the latest styles, you were welcome. It was a place where we were taught to look after each other, bullying was unheard of, and everyone was amazing (even if we weren't!). She built confidence, and taught us to that it was okay not to win every time, as long as we tried our best and enjoyed what we were doing.

Ada had an infectious laugh, which still makes me smile when I think of her, and an amazing sense of humour which got us all through some sticky situations like when the Jazzband bus would often break down and we would be pushing it up a hill. Overall the thing that is truly special about Ada is her heart, she loved unconditionally, and she never judged. The work she did within the community will never be forgotten, and I am eternally grateful for the belief she showed in me, and the time she spent guiding me through my teenage years. I know I am not alone when I say that others feel exactly the same as I do.

There was a song the band sang to the tune of Don't cry for me Argentina –

*We are the Billingham Silvertones,  
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And thanks to Ada Jordan,  
United we will stand,  
She trains us in our hospitality,  
And thinks we're really good,  
And when we go to carnivals,  
We win just like we should!*

*We're heading for victory,  
Like no other bands achieve  
We're going to win the World  
And we are going to win the UK  
Because we are the best.*



We never did win a World title, but we got something much more valuable, lifelong friends. The lyrics still stand true today; Ada did unite the band and the community.

Ada was and will remain a true inspiration to many people, she will be sadly missed. Thanks for everything Ada.

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Tuesday	5th	NO PERFORMANCE	6.00pm
Wednesday	6th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Thursday	7th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Friday	8th	NO PERFORMANCE	
Saturday	9th	1.30pm	6.00pm
Sunday	10th	12.30pm	5.00pm
Monday	11th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Tuesday	12th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Wednesday	13th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Thursday	14th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Friday	15th	NO PERFORMANCE	
Saturday	16th	11.00am	3.00pm
Sunday	17th	1.30pm	6.00pm
Monday	18th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Tuesday	19th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Wednesday	20th	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Thursday	21st	1.30pm ★★	6.00pm
Friday	22nd	1.30pm	6.00pm
Saturday	23rd	1.30pm	6.00pm
Sunday	24th	11.00am	3.00pm
Monday	25th	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
Tuesday	26th	1.30pm	6.00pm
Wednesday	27th	1.30pm	6.00pm
Thursday	28th	1.30pm	6.00pm
Friday	29th	1.30pm	6.00pm
Saturday	30th	1.30pm	6.00pm
Sunday	31st	1.30pm	NO PERFORMANCE

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# Roseberry

## Primary School

### Roseberry Primary raises £3665 for CLIC Sargent

Roseberry Primary School defied the odds, tackled the pouring rain and battled their way through a sponsored park run raising £3,665 for the charity CLIC Sargent.

In true British style, it was a classic wet summer's day for Roseberry Primary's sponsored run, but the pupils didn't let the rain dampen their spirits. The whole school from nursery to year 6 completed the 'Go Fun Run' and 'Park Run' events organised by the school to raise money for CLIC Sargent.

CLIC Sargent, a charity close to Roseberry's heart, is a children's cancer care charity, providing specialist care, tailored support and guidance to cancer patients and their families.

Mrs Fearnley, head teacher said: "The children were upbeat even with the rain; we were very proud of their attitude and determination and were overwhelmed with the amount of money the children raised."

Mrs Stewart formerly Miss Hansen added: "We have never organised a sponsored fun run on such a wide scale before, it has been fantastic to see the children's

passion and determination to support such a great charity."

### Roald Dahl Day

To celebrate Roald Dahl day on the 13th September, Key Stage 2 children and staff members dressed up as their favourite characters from Roald Dahl's books; the school was full of Matildas, BFGs and umpa lumpas.

To follow on from the day, each year group chose a topic linked to a Roald Dahl book to focus on over the course of the term to raise the profile of vocabulary and encourage reading. The theme continued throughout Key Stage 2's family time; families were invited to work with their children based around each year groups' Roald Dahl topic, the events were well attended and the families enjoyed collaborating and working together.

### Crucial Crew

On Thursday 14th September year 6 pupils took part in 'Crucial Crew', a nationwide initiative teaching year 6 children about safety in the community and the home, as well as online safety. The children enjoyed the morning taking part in real-life scenarios and learning

about personal safety. They especially enjoyed the interactive road safety scene, where pupils were crime scene investigators.

### Year 6 pupils donate to Marie Curie

The children in year 6 donated toys and clothes to Billingham's Marie Curie shop after learning about the charity throughout their recent 'Powerful Women Through the Ages' topic. Throughout the topic, the pupils discussed and learnt about her life, discoveries and inventions and came up with their own great ideas; from a tidy room machine to glasses enabling blind people to see. The children learnt about Marie Curie's legacy and how the charity helps people. After learning about Marie Curie Year 6 wanted to support the charity and the children decided to donate clothes and toys to Billingham's Marie Curie shop.

Year 6 teacher Mr Armstrong said: "The pupils really enjoyed learning about Marie Curie and it was good to see their enthusiasm to support the charity. Some of the children had an opportunity to go into the shop in Billingham and see Marie Curie's legacy."



Sponsored Park Run

Roald Dahl Day

Crucial Crew



# Young volunteers help create a brighter future



**A** group of young people proved that they are good citizens as they stepped up to lend a hand at a college in Billingham.

The volunteers, who are taking part in the National Citizen Service (NCS), gave their time and effort to create a calming outdoor space for students at The Skills Academy.

Providing an alternate learning environment for school leavers who don't feel ready for the bustle of larger college life, Academy manager Marie Clay said: "The sensory garden along with the improved shelter for our animals, will be a welcome addition to our outdoor facilities. "It will particularly benefit those students who enjoy spending time outdoors and develop confidence from caring for the animals."

Delivered locally by Safe In Tees Valley, the National Citizen Service is a four-week development programme that enables young people aged 15 to 17 the chance to build skills for work and life by taking on new challenges.

NCS Stockton team leader Edd Stephens said: "It is about learning independent living skills, including how to be organised and managing a budget."

"The community project offers the chance to put what they have learned into practice and give something back."

With two NCS teams choosing to carry out their projects at The Skills Academy, 21 young people helped to build an animal shelter and chicken run, they laid a path for the sensory garden, adding three raised beds and a willow arch.

Fellow NCS Stockton team leader Tom Batchelor said: "The young people have done really well and they get a great sense of achievement at the end."

One of the young people taking part in the NCS programme, Amir Davies, 17, of Stockton, explained: "The programme gives you a lot of skills and confidence. It also gives you a strong work ethic as well."

Adam Allen, 16, of Guisborough added: "It has been an enjoyable experience and it is good to know you are helping out the community at the same time."

**Want to know more about The Skills Academy? Visit the Check It Out event on Tuesday 28th November, from 3.30pm to 6pm or call 01642 607464.**



## Billingham Social Club – Billingham Town F.C. Celebrating 50 Years Of Football

**BILLINGHAM TOWN** has had a varied start to their 50th anniversary season and have yet to hit top form as they aim for a top three spot at the end of the season to get back to the First Division of the Ebac Northern League.

The Reserves have started the season well and are currently in the top four of the newly formed North Riding League Premier Division.

During the summer, Town appointed Martin Bennington to be head of development at Bedford Terrace. Martin has set up an u7's team and u13's and is also hoping to set up girls team as well in the future. Billingham Town are building a great future for children to develop their football skills and progression.

Martin runs a Saturday session for 3-6 year olds, this mini superstars session where kids play football for an hour every week and then hopefully will filter into Town's juniors teams. This is great club for kids to come and enjoy and play football the right way.

As with all grassroots football teams finances are always a problem and Town rely on the support of people in Billingham plus support local businesses in sponsorship who can help the club develop by sponsoring matches, pitch side advertising boards and programme adverts, contact Chris Storey on **07949 296423** to discuss your needs.

The facilities at Bedford Terrace are available for use at the end of the season for charity games. There is limited access to the pitch in between the season finishing and maintenance work for the following season. Contact Chris to see what is available. At the end of last season, charities benefitted from over £10,000 raised at these games.

The clubhouse is also available, free of charge, on non match days for your fund raising nights.

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## St Michael's Catholic Academy



# Another great year for GCSE results at St Michael's Catholic Academy, Billingham and a 'good' Ofsted inspection

The 2017 Year 11 cohort from St Michael's Catholic Academy in Billingham, celebrated their GCSE results. 86% of students achieved grades 4 to 9 in English, with 21 of those students achieving a Grade 9 in both English Language and English Literature. A grade 9 places these students in the top 5% in the country. 74% of students gained a grade 4 to

9 in Maths and the results of the Academy have leapt a further 5% from last year.

For St Michael's this is confirmation of the outcome of their Ofsted inspection in June 2017 which judged the Academy as being 'Good'. Inspectors said that 'Teaching is consistently good and pastoral care is 'outstanding'.

'Our students and staff have worked exceptionally hard to produce fantastic results and I am immensely proud of their achievement', *Andrew Ramsey, Principal.*

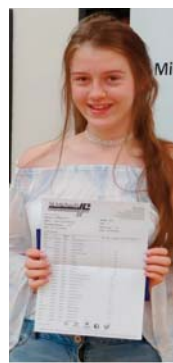
*Good luck to all our students in their future endeavours whether they are moving on to college, apprenticeships or into work.*



*Sophie Richard's celebrates achieving 3 grade 9's, 6 A\*s and 1 A, with her mother and Mr Ramsey.*



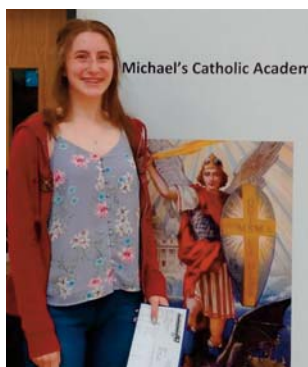
*Lily Bover celebrating with her parents*



*Katie Mowbray proudly showing her results*



*Caitlin Allison with her family*



*Head Girl - Laura Bowman*



*The Readle triplets (L-R), Dean, Liam and Faye.*



*Claudia Wilson and her parents*



*There were some emotional but happy scenes.*



*James Dean and his mother*



*Lucy Blackmore and her mother*



*Matthew Crowe*



*Will Bulmer*



# St Michael's Catholic Academy

## Glowing Report for St Michael's

The sun shone on St Michael's Catholic Academy in July when Ofsted published its report following an inspection in June 2017.

The Academy was rated as Good, with exceptional praise for the pastoral care and welfare of the students of the Academy which was described as Outstanding.

The Principal, Andrew Ramsey, who was praised for his "strong and determined" leadership said, "I am absolutely thrilled and delighted for our students and staff, and I am immensely proud of all we have achieved. I am

eternally grateful to our parents, the local community, our local parishes and our Governors and Directors for such splendid belief in our school."

The Academy celebrated the report with an afternoon of recreational activities and treats for all of the students, which was a day to remember for all.



Students and staff all aglow.



Miss Mahoney, Vice Principal, Mr Ramsey, Principal, and Mr Kelly, Vice Principal celebrating a successful Ofsted outcome.

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# A Massive Feat In Bare Feet to Raise Aspirations of Young People in Billingham

**O**n Wednesday, 30 August, BCT Aspire's Paul Burgum set off on a massive 10-day trek, walking the Wainwright Coast to Coast (St Bees Head to Robin Hood's Bay) route barefoot. That's 192 miles across open terrain in bare feet!

Paul completed this extreme challenge to raise money for BCT Aspire Community Interest Company, a local youth group which Paul founded. BCT Aspire aims are to raise the aspirations of young people in the local area and currently runs 4 youth sessions per week as well running a Duke of Edinburgh Awards group. Speaking to Paul afterwards about his reason for taking on such a mammoth task, "I want to show these kids what's possible and how far we can go. At BCT we tell our kids all of the time that they can do anything they put their mind to and this is my show me the money moment. There were times when I felt like I couldn't take another step, especially on the last day. There were people telling me I was so close to the end and it just messed with my head. However, by focussing on the small wins, whether it's a stranger offering words of encouragement or just a smooth stretch of tarmac with no stones or gravel, to build you back up."

The money raised means that BCT have already been able to invest in the garden at the BCT den with a fence to secure the space, ensure that new double-glazed windows are installed before the winter starts and are hoping to purchase a minibus for the trips they organise for the Duke of Edinburgh group and the Youth Club.

If you'd like to donate, please visit <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/burgs-c2c/>

**BCT Aspire weekly sessions are held at the BCT Den at Billingham Synthonia Club, Belasis Avenue.**

**Wednesday:** 10-19 Youth Club – FREE. In association with Stockton Borough Council, we are running an age 10-19 FREE Youth Club every Wednesday evening from 6:00pm until 8:00pm at the BCT Hub.

**Thursday:** Under 13's Youth Club. Every Thursday evening from 6:00pm until 8:00pm.

**Friday:** B-Active. Friday from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. In partnership with qualified fitness and nutritional expert Connor Grover.

**Saturday:** Guitar Club. Beginners 10:00am until 11:00am. Intermediate 11:30am until 12:30pm.

For more information contact Paul Burgum at [info@bctaspire.org.uk](mailto:info@bctaspire.org.uk)



Paul walked the Wainwright Coast to Coast barefoot



Paul cooling his feet at Robin Hoods Bay at the end of his 10 day trek

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**Family History Group** - First Tuesday of every month - 5.30-6.30pm - drop-in.

**Baby and Toddler Group** - Crafts, singing, rhymes and refreshments. Every Thursday between 2-3:00pm. Free. No need to book. Term-time only. All pre-school children welcome.

**Bridges** - Drop-in support for carers of those with drug or alcohol issues every first & third Tuesday of the month between 11.30am-1.30pm.

**Once Upon a Rhyme** - Weekly rhyme time between 10.15am-11am every Tuesday morning.

**Lego Club** - Every Saturday morning between 10am-12pm.

**Adult IT lessons** - Free IT help with computers and tablets. Sessions must be booked, so please ask at any library for availability.

**Funky Feet** - An active session for pre-schoolers, either pre-book for a term or pay per session on the day. For more information call 01642 524599. Every Tuesday 1.30-2.15pm

### Up-coming Children's Events:

#### On-line Security for Children

- Thursday 12th October, 4-6:00pm

Drop in and meet O2 Guru Tommy to help you protect you and your children whilst they are using their phones and other devices. O2 are working with the NSPCC to safeguard children using internet connections whether on their phone or other devices.

#### Cleveland Hedgehog Preservation Society

- Tuesday 24th October, 2-3:00pm

Come and learn about hedgehogs in your garden at night and how to keep them safe during Bonfire Night. Drop in. Suitable for all ages.

#### Spine Tingling Tricks and Treats

- Thursday 26th October, 1-3:00pm

Join us for a 'not too scary' Halloween party during half-term. This ghostly gathering will be spooktacular! Suitable for ages 5-11 years. Booking essential.

#### Advent Calendar Craft

- Monday 27th November, 4-5:00pm

Come to our after-school session to make your very own advent calendar in time for Christmas! Suitable for ages 5-11 years. Booking essential.

#### Wonderful Winter Crafts

- Wednesday 3rd January, 10-11:00am

Start the New Year with some 'cool' hats and other cosy crafts. Suitable for ages 5-11 years. Booking essential.

#### Snug as a Bug in a Rug

- Monday 12th February, 10-11:00am

No matter what the weather this February half-term, you can stay snug as a bug in Billingham Library. Have a lovely time

making your very own ladybird to take home for someone special. Suitable for ages 5 - 11 years. Booking essential.

### Up-Coming Adult Events:

**Sporting Chance** – Every second Monday of the month. Next sessions **9th October, 13th November and 11th December**. Starting at 10:00am. Free.

*Next session: Meet Rob Nichols, editor of Fanzine and local historian.*

**Jack the Ripper Profiling the Ripper with Norman Kirtlan** - Thursday 12th October, 6.30 - 8.30pm. Cost: £5

Enjoy an evening with forensics expert Norman Kirtlan. Listen as he talks about the Whitechapel murders, examining the famous cases from 1888 and attempts to profile the killer using new information and evidence. If the crimes had happened today, would the Ripper have been caught? Booking Essential. Contact Visitor Information Centre, Rediscover Centre, 134B High Street, Stockton on **01642 528130** or call in at any library. For ages 16+. Bar available on the night.

#### Hate Crime Awareness Week - 14th-21st October

There will be information available all week about Hate Crime and what you can do about it. The stall will occasionally be manned by a member of our Diversity Team who can speak to you about any concerns.

#### Writing for Wellbeing - Tuesday 10th October, 5-7:00pm

Join poet and educator Natalie Scott for this free taster session which will guide you through a range of activities designed to help you become more expressive and self-aware, connect with other people and cope better with life's problems. Explore using poetry as a prompt to stimulate your own thoughts through group discussion and then write a creative response.

To book your place contact Karen Morris:

Tel: **01642 526518** Email: [karen.morris@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:karen.morris@stockton.gov.uk)

#### Writing for Wellbeing Course - Weekly commencing

**Monday 23rd October, 5-7:00pm**. Cost: £30 (6 sessions)

Facilitated by poet and qualified teacher Natalie Scott, this series of 6 sessions will guide you through a range of activities designed to help you become more expressive and self-aware, connect with other people and cope better with life's problems. Each session will use a poem as a prompt to stimulate your own thoughts through group discussion, and then you will be invited to write a creative response. To book your place and pay course fee:

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# Northfield School and Sports College

## Northfield Celebrate Exam Results

Staff and students at Northfield are celebrating another year of excellent examination results. 74% of students achieved a grade 4 in English and 68% achieved a grade 4 in maths with 61% achieving grade 4 in both.

Olivia, Will and Daniel were the first three students in the school to achieve the new Grade 9 results. 18 students achieved A\*s in over five subjects, with Olivia achieving 12 A\*s.

Headteacher, Craig Walker said 'I am delighted to see so many students achieving the success their hard-work deserves. Well done to staff, students and parents for each individual success.'



High achieving students Will, Jodie, Daniel, Sophie, Lucy, Olivia, Jacob and Joshua.

## Northfield Host Another Successful Open Evening

On Monday 18th September Northfield School opened its doors to welcome prospective Year 7 students and parents for September 2018.

The Evening was a great success, giving future students and parents a chance to view what we have to offer as a school. Headteacher, Mr Walker welcomed guests to the school before the Junior Leadership Team impressed the audience with their positive thoughts and experiences about Northfield.

The many visitors were impressed with our current facilities and were able to view plans of our 'school within a school', new build, for the upcoming year 7 students.

It was a very positive and enjoyable evening for all, with everyone having the opportunity to experience lesson activities throughout all departments.

Thank you to all who attended and we hope to see you in the future.



## Year 7's First Week at Northfield



On Monday 4th September Northfield School welcomed an impressive looking new year 7 cohort.

The very enthusiastic new Year 7's were welcomed by Headteacher, Mr Walker, who delivered their first assembly at Northfield.

All students have made a successful start to their journey at Northfield School and have enjoyed form time activities and making new friends during their different lessons such as music, drama, German and technology. They also experienced the Northfield Dining Hall with the new biometrics system and sampled some of Northfield's catering staffs' variety of meal offers.

Northfield School has certainly started the new academic year on a high and look forward to an exciting and busy year.

We wish all our new starters well throughout their time at our school!

**Here is what some of the Year 7 students had to say about their first week at Northfield:**

*'I really enjoyed working in a new environment.'* – Maddy

*'I really enjoyed my first week and made lots of new friends.'* – Micah

*'The lessons are really fun and really good!'* – Reece

*'I enjoyed doing new subjects that I didn't do in Primary.'*

*'It was very exciting and fun as it feels more independent than primary.'*

*'I really enjoyed working in a new environment.'* – Maddy

*'My first week at Northfield was amazing and the dinners are great! I am excited to progress through Northfield!'* – Elliot

*'Northfield was amazing because I met lots of new people and loved Science!'* – Phoebe

*'I really enjoyed meeting new people and I enjoyed all the lessons.'* – Amber

*'The dinners were amazing!'* – Ella

*'My first week at Northfield was really good! It isn't as big as I thought it was, the dinners are delicious and all the teachers are nice.'* – Jessica

## Parliamentary Review

Northfield School and Sports College appears alongside Prime Minister Theresa May in the 2016/17 Parliamentary Review.

Sir Eric Pickles, Chairman of the Parliamentary Review said 'Northfield School and Sports College features alongside the Prime Minister and a small number of outstanding schools in a document that looks back on the year in schools and Westminster. The main aim of the Review is to showcase best practice as a learning tool to the public and private sector'.

Northfield's success have been recognised on a national level. This year Northfield has been selected as one of 12 northern schools to feature in the annual Parliamentary Review as examples of excellent practice.

Head Teacher, Craig Walker said "This is a considerable honour for the school. I am exceptionally proud of our school and I'm delighted that members of parliament and civil servants have recognised what an exceptional school we are. I look forward to attending the launch of the review at the House of Commons later in the month".

To read Northfield School's Parliamentary Review please visit our news page on our website; [northfieldssc.org](http://northfieldssc.org)



# Northfield School and Sports College

## Students Prepare for Another Annual Shakespeare's Festival



Northfield School and Sports College are once again preparing to participate in the annual School Shakespeare Company production for our third year in a row.

Our key stage 3 cast are eagerly learning this year's production of *The Taming of the Shrew* and have had the pleasure of working with professional actors at Middlesbrough Theatre in preparation for their final performance in November. Students are creating quality work and tackling some very difficult Shakespearean language, making themselves and staff very proud.

As part of Northfield's production team we took two technically students alongside the crew who have been working with backstage manager, Andy, to gain some basic training in lighting and sound which they will be running throughout our performance. Year 9 students, James and Oliver said "it's really interesting seeing how things work" and "I'm really looking forward to the night!"

The staff who attended the rehearsal at Middlesbrough Theatre were astounded at the professionalism and imagination students brought to the rehearsal and crew praised the Northfield students on their maturity and politeness throughout the morning session. Well done to all our cast and crew for a good start to the show!

## National Poetry Day 2017

National Poetry Day was celebrated in Northfield School Library on Thursday 28th September with a 'Poetry Read' at lunchtime. The theme this year was 'Freedom' and a number of our students who are members of the 'Library Café' and 'Year 9 Reading Group' wrote their own poems to read out at the event. Members of staff along with students from all year groups joined in sharing their favourite poems. National Poetry Day is all about enjoying, discovering and sharing poetry. Whoever you are, and whatever your reading tastes, there will be a poetry book for you to enjoy in Northfield Library & Resource Centre.

**This poem was written by Charlotte & Ellie (pictured)**

*Freedom, what is freedom?  
Is it being locked up, beaten or second class citizens?  
What is freedom?  
Is it being pushed, shoved, kicked in the head?  
Freedom show yourself.  
Is freedom only in dreams?  
A place where you can fly as high as the birds?  
"I have a dream" a person once said  
Who changed the lives of many  
And gave his only life to make others' right  
So what is freedom?  
A human right, a legacy that comes with life,  
So why do we fight for it?  
What are we supposed to do for it?*



## Northfield Dragon Boaters: From Beginners to Winners!

Last year 5 Northfield students took to the water as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Corey, Declan, Dominic, Maya and Skye joined the Tees Valley Dragons, Powerhouse dragon boat team to complete their Award in October and nearly a year later they have battled their way to the top of the junior league, paddled to success with the adult team and started Great Britain trials.

At the beginning of the racing season in April at Stockton-on-Tees, the Power Spartan Juniors were formed after our students progressed in training and wowed the crowds at their power and resilience. The Power Spartan Junior Team is made up of Northfield 'Powerhouse' students and St Neots juniors and have been impressing the British Dragon Boat Association all season.

On Friday 22nd September staff and students once again joined the crew for National Dragon Boat Cup Finals, which is the last competition of

the season and ran over two days. Northfield's Office Manager and Coach for the dragon boat teams, including the Great Britain squad, steered our junior team to success with them claiming bronze and gold medals. The juniors joined staff and crew members including Miss Bowes and Miss Orley for the many races which they battled through winning gold in the 200m, 4th in the 500m cup competition and 7th out of 21 in the 2k distance race.

Jackie who is a member of the junior coaching staff for St Neots spoke about our students as "a sheer pleasure to be around and involved with this weekend. A total credit to your club, school and parents. Their determination, stamina and team ethos was 1st class and St Neots Dragon Boat Team Spartans are proud to have them as friends and partners in the sport. Well done!"

Northfield School & Sports College look forward to seeing them further progress next year and congratulate the full team on their achievements!





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### Billingham Police Station

Wynyard House, New Town Centre Billingham TS23 2LN  
Telephone 101

### GP Surgeries

Marshhouse Medical Practice – 01642 561282  
The Roseberry Practice – 01642 552700  
Dr S Rasool's Practice – 01642 360033  
Queenstree Practice – 01642 553389

### Billingham Library

Billingham Library, Billingham TS23 2LN  
Telephone 01642 528084

#### Opening Times

Monday and Tuesday: 8.30am - 7pm  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8.30am - 5pm  
Saturday: 9.30am - 4pm  
Sunday: Closed

### Customer Services - SBC

Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre  
Billingham TS23 2LN

Telephone: 01642 393939

### Billingham Town Centre Management

Telephone 01642 360973

### Tees Active

Telephone 01642 551381

### Thirteen Housing

Customer Service  
Telephone 0300 1111 000

### Citizens Advice Bureau Stockton

Telephone 01642 647770

### Billingham Town Council in John Whitehead Park

Cafe Telephone 01642 363629  
Community Hub Telephone 01642 532944

### Tees Credit Union

Telephone 01642 941911

### Care For Your Area, Refuse & Recycling

Telephone 01642 391959



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# At your service

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**Billingham, Cleveland, TS23 2LN.**

**You can contact us on 01642 551171**

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## Snippets • Snippets

### Providing Support and Care

Palliative care is a multidisciplinary approach to specialised medical care for people with serious illnesses. It focuses on providing patients with relief from the symptoms, pain, physical and mental stress of a serious illness—whatever their diagnosis. The focus of palliative care therapy is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family.

At The Beeches care home, in Stockton, we provide professional care that supports the pursuit of improving quality of life for each of our residents. The care we provide is based on each individual's needs, choices and preferences.

At such difficult times, we are here to provide the support and care to individuals and families, either on a short term or long term basis.

If you need to talk to us about what we offer, please call the Home Manager Helen Wood on **01642 618818**.



## 30 Hour Free Childcare

Working parents of children aged 3 and 4 years old could now be entitled for up to 30 hours free childcare a week.

Working includes employed persons, self-employed persons, and parents on zero hours contracts who meet the criteria.

*A child qualifies for free childcare if they are resident in the England and under compulsory school age:*

- Both parents are working (or the sole parent in a lone parent family) and each parent earns, on average:
- A weekly minimum wage equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage or national living wage; and
- Less than £100,000 per year.

To find out more visit [www.stockton.gov.uk/30hours](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/30hours)

## Secondary School Admissions for 2018

### Step by step guide and key dates for applications

<b>Early September 2017</b>	Your child's primary school will hand out letters from us, which invite you to apply for a place
<b>4 September 2017</b>	Applications open
<b>18 October 2017</b>	Reminder letters sent, if you receive this letter please apply or if you have done so already get in touch with us
<b>31 October 2017</b>	Application deadline
<b>1 March 2018</b>	A letter will be sent to parents/carers on or around Thursday 1 March 2018 informing them of the school they have been offered for their child. Parents/carers who apply on-line and if they chose (ticked) the option to receive an email will be informed by email only on the 1 March 2018.
<b>30 March 2018</b>	Deadline for appeal form to be submitted

### Secondary School Open Evening

SCHOOL	DATES	TIMES
St Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Road, Billingham, TS23 3DX Tel: 01642 870003	Tuesday 10 October 2017	6pm

For more information visit: [www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

**If you do not return your form on time you may not secure a place for your child at your preferred school**

## The Beeches Care Home

The Beeches Care Home is located in a quiet residential area and is easy to reach by bus, road or rail. With a dedicated activities co-ordinator and care team, our residents enjoy a full program of events and activities. We've recently held a Pyjama Party pamper evening and a proper pub night with songs and a quiz.

Coming up in October we will be preparing for Halloween with an arts and crafts session making decorations out of sour dough on **21st October**. On Halloween itself we are holding a spooky sensory session. Come and join us from 10 am to 12 midday on either date for lots of fun. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact The Beeches on **01642 618818**.





# The Beeches Care Home



At Hill Care we understand that no two people are the same, which is why we offer a unique approach to care. Our fully qualified staff at The Beeches, are dedicated to maintaining privacy, supporting independence and protecting the dignity of each and every resident.

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### The Beeches Care Home

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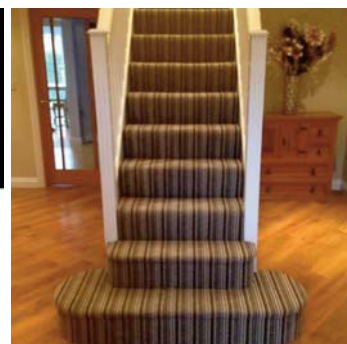
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