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Storyland Summer Book Tasting

Billingham Town Centre is ready for summer with an exciting Storyland event, perfect for the whole family.

A special Storyland Summer Book Tasting will be held in the centre on 27 July, in collaboration with Billingham Library and the National Literacy Trust.

It will be held at the pop-up Storyland shop in Billingham Town Centre, a unit which has been overhauled especially for a series of Storyland events and activations.

The first of these events will be a 'Book Tasting' event. Three book tasting sessions will be held throughout the day, and will be open to all ages.

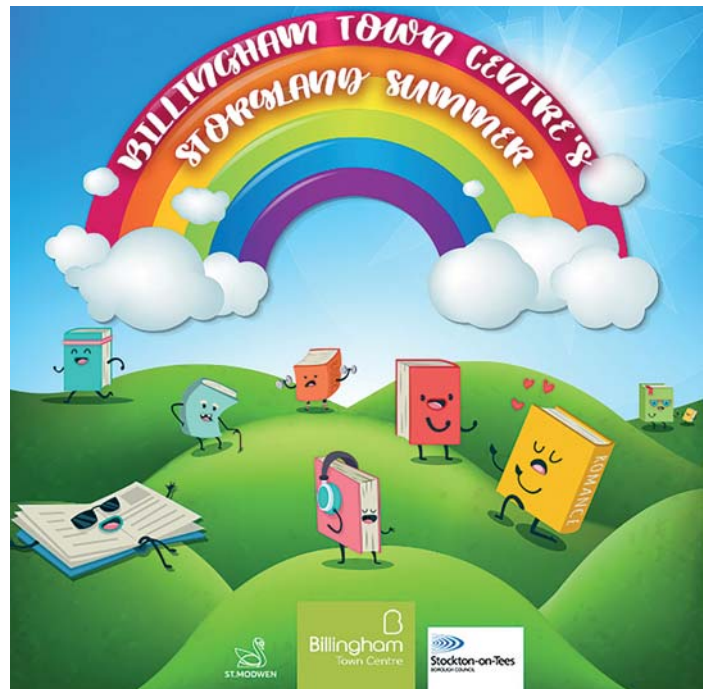


Children will be invited to sample different genres of books, brought to life with an interactive storyteller.

The immersive event will be a fantastic way to inspire your little ones to get lost in the magic of a book, and up their literacy skills at the same time. There is no need to make reservations, and families are invited to turn up throughout the day.

Keep an eye on the Billingham Town Centre website and Facebook page for more information. Both resources are updated regularly with events and activities taking place in and around Billingham – and regular competitions are run on Billingham Town Centre's social media too!

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have created a brilliant student experience and attracted students from the Tees Valley and beyond.

It means Middlesbrough College is now the highest performing college in the Tees Valley for the third year running.

Middlesbrough College teachers are also top class, having secured Gold standard in the Government's first Teaching Excellence Framework awards and Ofsted Good – both due to high quality teaching and employment activities.

How Middlesbrough College has grown

	2008	2018
Ofsted	Ofsted Requires Improvement	Ofsted Good
Student numbers	2,500	5,000
Turnover	£26m	£41m
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Do I need a Will?

A Will is simply an expression of wishes as to what should happen to your estate when you die. There are a number of types of Wills and Trusts that can be created when writing your Will to protect things that are important to you. This could be property, ensuring someone who is disabled is looked after, as you would have wanted as well as specifying your funeral wishes or appointing guardians for your children.

What is a funeral plan?

Funeral plans allow you to pre-pay your funeral. It means that your family won't need to worry about the cost of the funeral when the time comes. It also means that the cost you have paid will be fixed and will not rise with inflation.

What is the difference between a funeral plan and the over 50s policies?

Funeral plans are generally seen as the "peace of mind" option for most people. You

can pay in full or there are companies that offer interest free options and some allow you to pay over ten years. Most Funeral plans also have an allowance for third party costs such as crematorium and doctors fees.

With an over 50s policy, you will be given a fixed monthly payment which you will pay until you reach a certain age. You will need to pay into this for a period of time, normally two years, before any money will be paid out. You could end up paying more in to the plan than the policy will pay out when the time comes. Most providers don't guarantee the cost of your funeral. This option is usually cheaper than a funeral plan when paying on a monthly basis. If you stop paying, all of the money that you have paid in will be lost.

What is a Power of Attorney?

There are 2 types of Power of Attorney. One for Financial affairs and the other for Health and Welfare. They allow a person or persons that you appoint, to step into your shoes to manage your affairs should you not have the capacity to do so.

If you have any questions about anything to do with later life planning you can contact the Later Life Advisory Service on Free Phone 0800 999 5025.

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55th Billingham International Folklore Festival of World Dance 2019

Performers from a host of nations including Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Georgia, India, Slovakia and South Korea are preparing to appear at the 55th Billingham International Folklore Festival of World Dance, which will take place from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th August 2019.

Nine days of magical dance and music will illuminate the town of Billingham, as dancers from eight countries scattered around the globe will bring audiences to their feet with some breath-taking acts of world dance.

The whole Festival 2019 is dedicated to the Director Joe Maloney, who sadly passed away in December 2018. Joe spent his life promoting mutual understanding, friendship and peace all

over the World. He cherished his role in the festival and took immense pride in doing it.

This year's theme – Follow Your Dreams, inspired by The Legend of John Curry, the famous British Ice Skater, Olympic Champion of 1976, unique Artist on Ice, one of the greatest skaters of all times. He created ice skating revolution, being the first to blend the fluid balletic expressiveness with athletic virtuosity, turning ice skating into a beautiful art on ice. The theme is aimed to engage audience and participants, especially young people, to follow their dreams, overcome the barriers and dare to be different.

Besides especially themed concerts and events, funded by Arts Council

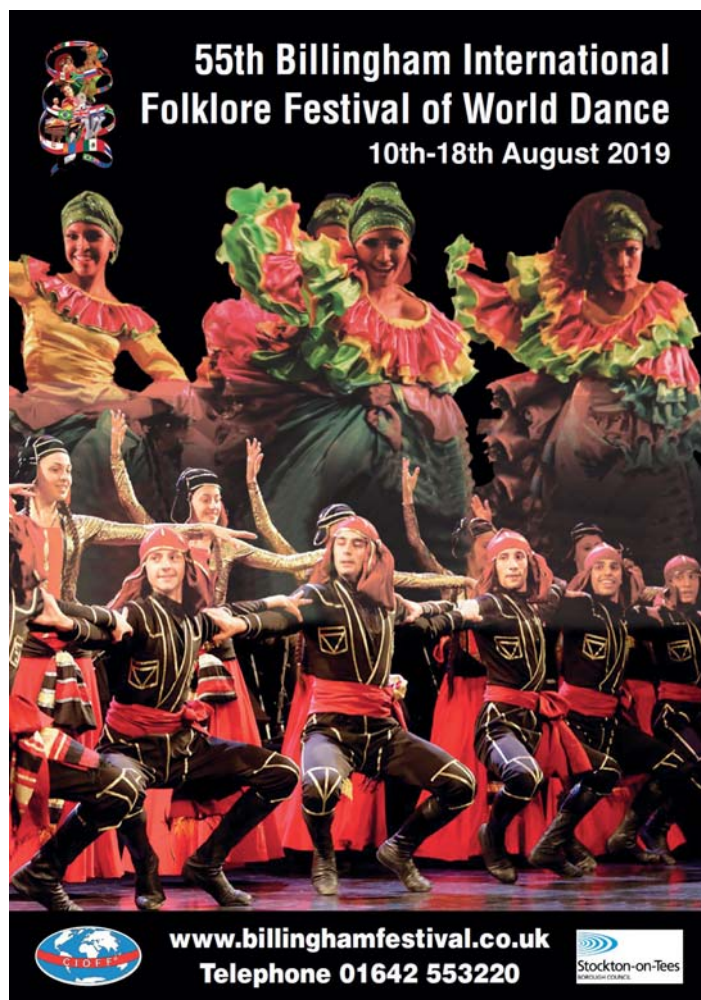
England, the theme will be reflected in large community participation events, including Opening and Closing Parades & Ceremonies and Flash Mob of the famous Don Quixote routine, which won John Curry his Olympic gold medal in 1976, dedicated to the 70th Anniversary of John Curry's Birthday. The Legend of John Curry will culminate in two performances on ice at Billingham Forum Ice Arena.

For these nine days the Festival will have something for everyone.

For more information, to get involved and to book tickets:

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Tees Active Given the Olympic Seal of Approval by Aimee Willmott



Commonwealth Gold Medallist and proud Teessider, Aimee Willmott, has been named as the Official Ambassador of Tees Active's Learn to Swim Scheme. Stockton based community leisure trust Tees Active operates swimming pools in Billingham, Stockton and Thornaby and teaches over 2,000 children to swim each week.

The new partnership with Tees Active aims to raise the profile of swimming in Stockton-on-Tees and inspire the next generation of swimmers.

Following her Silver medal success at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Aimee claimed the highly coveted Gold Medal and Commonwealth title in the 2018 games in Australia and now has her sights fixed on the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Aimee has always been proud of her roots and remains passionate about building upon her success to promote swimming in the local area.

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A Fresh Start for Luke

Luke had attended a number of job interviews via the Job Centre; however, none had resulted in employment. Fortunately one day whilst accessing the Job Centre, he met with Five Lamps YEI Support Worker, Anne Rookes.

Anne advised Luke that Five Lamps currently have a project where they are supporting 15-29 year olds progress into long term training, employment and education.

Each young person is supported individually according to their needs, however the support can include; help with interview techniques, support with training, travel expenses to interviews and also financial support with interview clothing.

Luke welcomed the support and quickly began working with Anne Rookes to identify his long term career goals, which was eventually to join the Army. Luke attended North Shore Academy, achieving Travel and Tourism Level 1 and a BTEC Level 1 Construction, Fire and Rescue. Luke also attended Stockton Riverside College, achieving both Maths and English Level 2.

Anne contacted MPC Teesside (Military Preparation College) and an appointment was made for Luke to speak to staff about his long term career goals. Unfortunately it was identified that this wasn't the right time to pursue his career within the Army and Anne continued to support Luke to identify different job opportunities.

After visiting local supermarkets and Café/bars, Luke successfully secured employment at the Café in Billingham. Luke is very happy with his new employment and is extremely popular with the staff there. Although, Luke has now gained employment, Anne still continues to keep in touch with Luke, offering information, advice and guidance.

Luke said; "Without the support of Anne and the Youth Employment Initiative Project, I would most definitely still be visiting the local job Centre."

The Tees Valley Pathways and Routeways programmes form part of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI). This is part-funded by the European Social Fund through the 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme in England.



The program aims to support young people across the Tees Valley aged 15-29 who are unemployed and/or not in education, employment or training until the end of July 2020.

YEI can also offer support for Business Start Ups, if you would like to find out more, please contact the YEI team on; 01642 753511.



Billingham Men's Shed



Men's Sheds (or Sheds) are similar to garden sheds and Billingham has its very own, which has just been extended so more people can access our creative space – a space to pursue practical interests at leisure, to practise skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while our Men's Shed is just the opposite - we are about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge and, of course, a lot of laughter.

Pop along to meet Kevin McCabe - Involve Tees Valley CiC Company Director - who is building a group that is currently focused on making practical items such as bird boxes, chests, planters, bird feeders and mud kitchens. This enables participants to learn project design, joining techniques, finishing and other valuable skills – while gaining important social interaction along the way. Billingham's Men's Shed is a not-for-profit group, whose main focus is to bring together like-minded people to create and make items that can be produced to sell to support the running costs of the scheme - a workshop space to connect, share ideas and make friends.

Billingham Men's Shed is part of the rapidly-growing UK-wide Shed movement and is a member of the UK Men's Shed Association, creating more community spaces where men – who typically find it more difficult to build social connections than women – can come together to pursue practical interests.

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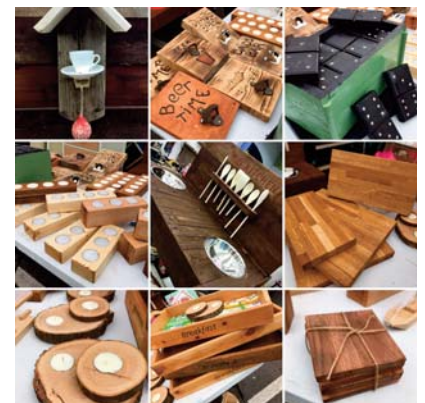
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Contact:

Kevin McCabe
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and manning event stalls and searching and organising events to attend.

We rely solely on donations and fundraising to operate, so this role is vital to our service and it's also a good way to engage with the community that we serve.

If you are interested in manning event stalls, organising a fundraising event or even just wanting more information.

Please get in touch with us through our website www.bloodrun.co.uk or e-mail us at committee@bloodrun.co.uk



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Chairman's Welcome Letter

Following the elections last month, it is excellent to see some new faces here at Billingham Town Council. As the new chair, I would like to thank the outgoing Chairman Cllr Jim Scollen for his excellent work last year.



I am delighted to announce that my charity for the 2019/2020 year will be Billingham and Stockton food bank. The food bank provides amazing support to those residents when they're most in need with a holistic approach that doesn't just include emergency food parcels, but advice and support around money management, energy switching and CV writing. I'm sure you will agree it is an excellent cause and I look forward to seeing some of you at our fundraising events.

As part of my plans for the coming year I am looking forward to engaging with residents, voluntary organisations, community groups and businesses. Our primary aim at Billingham Town Council is to improve the lives of our residents and we are planning to launch consultation events to allow you to share your views with the council.

Please don't forget to like our Facebook page at @billingham.towncouncil and Café page @JWPHUB

In addition to advertising our own events we are keen to hear from community groups and voluntary organisations within Billingham with details of your local events so that we can help promote them on our social media channels.

Don't forget all our meetings are open to the public and dates can be found on our website or on the notice board in the library.

Just a reminder that our next event in John Whitehead Park is the Summer Family Fun Day, taking place on 27th July 2019

Also, later in the year we have the Halloween event on 26th October 2019 and the traditional Christmas events in early December.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Clare Gamble

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Council Meeting Timetable - See Notice Boards and Website



Full Council meetings

20th June 2019 • 24th September 2019

Planning and Services Committee

11th June 2019 • 9th July 2019 • 10th September 2019

Finance and General Purposes Committee

11th June 2019 • 9th July 2019 • 10th September 2019

Full council meetings commence 6pm unless otherwise stated. Times for Committee meetings will be on the published agendas. All meetings are held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre.

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Skinny Latte £2.10 (As above but with skimmed milk)	Luxury Hot Chocolate Heaven £2.10 (All the way from Italy rich, velvet smooth hot chocolate)



All Coffee is made fresh and just how you like it why not add a shot of vanilla or caramel to enhance the flavour, single shot coffee's are available

Breast feeding
We now welcome breast feeding at Cafe in the Park, private space is also available please ask a member of staff for details.

Chatty Cafe Scheme
A Chatter & Natter table brings people together and everyone is invited! If you're on your own, in a couple, with a friend, if you're a carer why not sit there with who you care for, mums and babies, dads and babies, grandparents and babies, young people, older people and anyone in between!
When you are deciding where to sit, look for the Chatter & Natter table and sit there! Stay for five minutes while you have your drink or longer. It's not about making friends, just having good old fashioned human interaction!

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Would you like to make a difference?

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If you would like to join please
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Chill & Chat with Paul

A group session for individuals with learning disabilities to relax and socialise in a welcoming environment. We meet at 10am every Friday morning in the Annexe, for more information please contact the office on **01642 551171**.

Prior Booking Essential

Gardening Group

Great news! We have acquired funding for a small garden project and we are looking for more members. Everyone welcome, all ages and abilities whether you are a gardening expert or a complete novice we would like you to join. We meet at various times in the month, for more information please contact the office on **01642 551171**.



What would you like to see?

Is there an educational or social session you would like to see in the Annexe? Or something specific you would like to see on our Cafe menu? Is there something you would like to see more of? If you have any suggestions please contact the office on **01642 551171**. Or alternatively we have suggestion slips in Cafe in the Park.

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Billingham and Stockton Borough foodbank Update

The 1st week of June celebrates 'National Volunteer Week'.

The foodbank has tremendous volunteers who give their time and energy to helping others and we appreciate every one of them. I cannot praise them enough for their commitment to making the foodbank a place where people can receive some of the help they need and hope for the future. *Thank you.*

Thanks also must go to all who give to the foodbank.

Every donation of food or finance is appreciated and helps us to help others in our community. Individuals

bring in donations as well as churches, schools, shops and companies. All are greatly appreciated.

The summer annual food collections in Tesco's stores will happen on 21st and 22nd June in Billingham Tesco, then 28th and 29th June in the Durham Road, Stockton, Tesco. Extra volunteers for an hour or two are always welcome. (tel: 07583 575522 to arrange times)

The foodbank is still much needed in the community. There are 4 centres:

- Billingham Town Centre (Tues and Thurs 11am-2pm)
- St Michael and All Angels Church, Norton (Mon 12.30pm-2.30pm)
- St Andrews Church, Hardwick Road, Stockton (Wed 11am-2pm)
- Hebron Church, Newtown, Stockton (Wed and Frid 10am-1pm).

The clothing bank, baby bank, household and school uniform recycling use is increasing. If you are in need then call in to see us in the Billingham foodbank (Tues and Thurs).

Thank you all for your continued support. Together we can make a difference.



Norton foodbank centre volunteers celebrating their 1st year being open



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Community Leisure Trust Tees Active Celebrates 15 Years of Family Fun!

Stockton based community leisure trust, Tees Active, celebrated a landmark 15th birthday earlier this month on the 1st May. The leisure operator who manages facilities on behalf of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council including Billingham Forum, Stockton Splash, Thornaby Pavilion, Thornaby Pool and Tees Barrage International White Water Centre, has continued to develop and introduce exciting and family-oriented activities since its creation in 2004.

Tees Active Managing Director, Leon Jones, explains "It is our core aim to ensure we continue to provide an accessible and affordable service for our customers and are extremely grateful for all of their support over the last 15 years. As a community leisure trust we reinvest every pound back into our facilities and services to make sure we can always provide the very best opportunities for everyone in the community, no matter their age, background or ability."

In 2016 Tees Active launched two exciting adventure attractions with the £1M Air Trail high ropes course, which was recently crowned winner of the 'Tourism and Hospitality Award' at the Teesside Business Awards, and GoClimb, a colourful and enjoyable indoor climbing facility in Billingham Forum.

Leon added, "These two new attractions brought an exciting adventure offer to complement our existing watersports activities at Tees Barrage, and means our customers have more choice and more opportunities to create long lasting memories. We now look forward to opening a brand new leisure centre in Ingleby Barwick next year and hopefully another 15 years of success!"



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TOWN BACK IN DIVISION ONE AS CHAMPIONS

BILLINGHAM TOWN F.C. are back in the Ebac Northern League First Division after an epic season which saw them clinch the Second Division championship on the final day of the season at Heaton Stannington in Newcastle. Town were followed by over 300 supporters who invaded the pitch at the final whistle to carry the players off the pitch. Town chairman Paul Beddow paid tribute to everyone at the club following an “unforgettable season” in which they won the second division title.

Town have been transformed in just 14 months thanks to a massive collective effort by club officials and fans with everyone pulling in the same direction with the aim of putting a successful club at the heart of the local community. Town have come a long way since Paul took over as chairman in February last year. They finished ninth in the second division in 2017-18, 19 points behind the promotion places, but this season they went unbeaten for the first six months of the season on their way to clinch automatic promotion.

At Town’s presentation evening held at the end of April, awards were presented to Dan Flounders who won Manager’s Player of the Year with Jack Connor runner up. Players’ Player of the Year was shared between Craig Hutchinson and Dan Flounders. Supporter’s Player of the Year was Craig Hutchinson, runner-up Ashley Lavan. Golden Boot went to Craig Hutchinson who scored 42 goals for the season, he also picked up the Northern League Golden Boot at the Annual Dinner held at Ramside Hall on Friday, 31st May.

Town’s Biggest Ever Sponsorship Deal

Utility Alliance has agreed to continue its backing of Town for the coming season after the club’s remarkable campaign last season. Utility Alliance got on board with Town at the start of last season, at a time when the future of club was hanging in the balance after a series of off-the-field issues. But under the stewardship of chairman Paul Beddow and management duo Barry Oliver and Paul Edwards, the club has enjoyed a new lease of life.

As the club prepare for life in the First Division, Utility Alliance has agreed to maintain a sponsorship deal which will see the firm’s logo remain on the front of Town’s home kit. Ian Willis, PR and



Paul Beddow presents signed shirt to whilst showing off the Second Division Champions trophy to Darren Sutherland, CEO of Utility Alliance

Marketing Manager at Utility Alliance said: “We are delighted to be able to extend our agreement with Billingham Town for the new season. The team enjoyed a fantastic season last year and every time we went to their games it was clear the whole club was moving in the right direction.”

“This isn’t just about us helping the club, because the backing we received as a business from the club – and more importantly its supporters – across social media did not go unnoticed and was very much appreciated. It is good to be on board again and hopefully they can enjoy a similar season in the top division next season.”

Paul Beddow added: “This is a fantastic day for the club, there is no doubt that Utility Alliance saved the club from extinction just 14 months ago and the support they have given us on our journey to be crowned champions was simply incredible. We are so grateful that they have decided to continue that journey with us next season.

Entry to home games next season is £6 for adults, £3 for concessions and entry is free for accompanied under-16’s. Season

tickets are also available at £65 for adults and £30 for concessions. All games kick off at 3pm on Saturdays and evening games on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

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Walking group sparks memories for residents with dementia

A WALK in the park helped one elderly resident with dementia bring back fond memories.

Fergus McLellan, 87, joined the Age UK Teesside walking group for a stroll around Stewart Park, in Middlesbrough.

Alongside fellow The Beeches Care Home resident Olive Thompson, 91, the pair completed over 6,000 steps, according to their pedometer.

The walk took them on a circular route past the duckpond, Captain Cook Museum and on to Harry's Café, where they enjoyed tea and biscuits with other walkers.

Fergus, who was born in Glasgow, has been a keen walker all his life, having trod the length of Hadrian's Wall, the Peaks in Derbyshire and the Cairngorms.

Unable to cover the same distance anymore, he was pleased to complete the walk through Stewart Park, which brought back many happy memories.

He said: "I can't walk as far as I used to but I was glad to be out and about. I was happy to see the 6,000 steps on the counter. It made me feel alive again."

Olive added: "What a fun morning. I didn't expect it to be this nice."

During the walk, he was recognised as the organist who played "Here comes the bride" at fellow walker Sue Gillies' wedding in 1995, at St Andrew's & St George's Church, in Yarm Lane, Stockton-on-Tees.

Sue brought her father along, who also has dementia, and the three enjoyed chatting about the occasion.

The two residents from The Beeches Care Home, on Green Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, were also joined by the home's activities coordinator, Jess Roth, for the walk.

She said: "What are the chances of going to a walk in Stewart Park and running into someone whose wedding he played at over two decades ago?"



"Her heart was full, as it was so moving to see and hear Fergus's recollection.

"Thanks so much to Age UK Teesside and the Live Well Hub in Thornaby for organising the walk."

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Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Academy

Mission Week

We held a 'Ground Force' event. This was a fantastic community event where staff, parents and pupils, both past and present, came together to re-plant the flower beds around our playground cross. Everyone had the most wonderful time and stayed for a picnic and refreshments afterwards.



Animal Story

Holy Rosary were lucky enough to experience a visit from Animal Story as part of our science week. Throughout the week each class learnt about a different classification of animal and took part in fun, cross-curricular activities.

To end the week the Billingham-based team, Animal Story, brought in a range of exotic animals for the children to learn about and most importantly, hold. They were so excited as they were able to work with an owl, lizard, tortoise, frog and a creature most had never seen or heard of before; a tenrec! All of the children loved this exciting learning experience.



Save the Ocean

During Science Week, Year 3 focused on marine life and looked at lots of different creatures that live in the sea. Within this topic, we also learnt about the problems that plastic in the oceans is causing and we decided to make a model of a plastic dolphin to show this growing concern.

Caitlin - The dolphin that we made represents all of the plastic that is in the sea and because of this, marine life is dying out!

Georgia - The sea creatures eat the plastic that is in the sea and they get trapped in it too! This is a problem and we need to do something about it!

Our young children are showing concern for our wonderful world. We need to follow their example and listen to their voices.





Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Academy

Holy Rosary's Mission Week – 'Unbroken'

On Thursday 4th April, our Year 5 pupils were invited to St Michael's Academy along with pupils from our other primary schools in Billingham. The purpose being to celebrate our Mission week through song and dance. The children were given the opportunity to work alongside the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team and St Michael's students, to learn a new song and a liturgical dance that focused on the theme of God's unbroken love. The children had an excellent morning and were delighted to perform their dance for the whole school.



Charlie - It was a really good morning and we had so much fun! My favourite part was being able to add my own freestyle move to the dance routine!

Jamie-Lee - I enjoyed everything about the morning and I really enjoyed the dance-off at the end because my team won! Thank you to St Michael's and to our Youth Ministry Team for inspiring our young people.



Hockey Competition

Our children took part in the St Michael's Cluster hockey competition and achieved first place. It was a great event and all the children that took part showed great sportsmanship. Well done!

Charlie Year 5

The hockey competition was great fun and we really tried our best. We were respectful of the other teams and we never gave up. We came 1st out of the St Michael's cluster and second overall. We know it isn't about the winning, it's about playing really well as a team and using our skills in the best way we can.

World Book Day

Our School celebration on World Book Day 2019 was a huge success yet again!

The children excelled themselves when thinking about and creating their wonderful costumes! We held a fancy dress parade so that we could admire each other's creations. We spent the day sharing books together, designing book covers, planning new characters for favourite books, taking part in competitions, but most importantly, having lots of fun. Well done to the winners of the costume competitions and well done to everyone for making World Book Day such a special celebration. We love books!!!



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Managing and building homes

Port Clarence tidy up



There's lots going on in Port Clarence over the next few months which all started with a good spring clean at the end of May.

Thirteen is working with a range of partners to enter the Clarences into the 2019 Northumbria in Bloom competition which will involve planting new wild flower meadows, tubs, hanging baskets and creating interesting sculptures.

There will also be some exciting new artwork installed on some of the area's bus stops and buildings.

The residents' group organised the spring clean in the run-up to entering Northumbria in Bloom. Around 86 people – including children, parents, young people, and grandmas and grandads – got involved in the family event.

Thirteen, Stockton Borough Council and the Billingham Environmental Link Programme (BELP) supported the tidy up of the estate which picked up five truck-fuls of litter.

Lunch was also on the menu and plans for the bus-stop artwork were revealed.

Watch out for more details about the Northumbria in Bloom entry and artwork installation in the next town council magazine.

Drop-ins and walkabouts



Thirteen's neighbourhood co-ordinators want to see you!

Customers of housing company Thirteen

can get along to join drop-in sessions to talk about anything to do with their home, tenancy or neighbourhood.

Just come along to a session near you:

- **Prior Court and Melsonby Court:** the communal kitchen at Melsonby Court on Thursdays, 10am and 12noon.
- **Roseberry, Junction, Dawson House and Roseberry Flats:** Diane Rickaby Room at The Hub in John Whitehead Park, 9.30am to 11.30am on the last Wednesday of each month.
- **The Clarences:** High Clarence Primary School, Monday mornings from 8.50am, term-time only
- **Low Grange and Radburn estate:** Low Grange Community Centre, last Thursday of every month from 10am and 12pm

People living in areas managed by Thirteen can join neighbourhood walkabouts to visit estates and identify issues that need to be tackled. Anyone can join an estate walkabout to identify issues where you live:

- **High Grange:** rear of High Grange Community Centre, 10am, 7 June
- **Prior and Melsonby Court:** Melsonby Court entrance, 10am, 12 June
- **Roseberry and Monkseaton:** Corner of Tamworth Road and Rievaulx Avenue 2pm, 12 June
- **Billingham:** Keswick Road, 11am 19 June; Cowpen shops, 10.30am 5 June; St Cuthbert's, 10.30am, 19 June
- **Port Clarence:** corner of Sycamore Terrace, 2pm on 19 June

Find out more about drop-ins and walkabouts from your neighbourhood co-ordinator. Visit www.thirteengroup.co.uk/findoutabout; email customerservices@thirteengroup.co.uk; or call 0300 111 1000.

Looking for a job?

Thirteen's employability service helps anyone living in a Thirteen home to find a job or training.

At the end of May, the service picked up a prestigious Northern Housing Award for its work to help customers and people throughout the region.

The team – which offers help to find jobs and training to customers and residents across Teesside – has helped 750

customers find a job or apprenticeship and 264 people access education or training.

People can also get information, advice and guidance about jobs, training and education, as well as support to get into work. Help is on offer with applications and CVs, interview advice, developing the skills that businesses need, and help with benefits and money issues.

For more details about Thirteen's employability services, visit www.thirteengroup.co.uk, email employability@thirteengroup.co.uk, or call 01642 947 840.

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Contacting Thirteen in Billingham

As well as help with homes and tenancies, Thirteen's customers can get advice on benefits and money management, and help to find work, training or education.

We can also help anyone looking for an affordable home to rent or buy. For more details about these and other services:

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I have witnessed the stress and anxiety caused by the application and assessment process required for PIP. Dementia is an unpredictable illness where every minute, hour and day can be different and you cannot predict someone's life span. In addition to this if someone's mental wellbeing is compromised this can contribute to worsening dementia symptoms.

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Just up the bank from Billingham Bottoms, Billingham Co-operative stores in their heyday in 1929. The long gone, underground toilet wall can be seen behind the tree, an indicator of Town Status perhaps - similar ones were in Middlesbrough and Stockton.

It would seem absurd today to realise that Billingham Bottoms was once a popular place for children to play and a place for summer picnics beside Billingham beck as it flowed towards the river. This pleasing aspect probably originated from the early days of Billingham when St Cuthbert's church was central to the people of Billingham's spiritual guidance. My Uncle, Christopher Jelley killed in 1944, whilst serving in Bomber Command, lived in nearby Imperial Road and was a young chorister and soloist there, and like many, his parents came down from the Tyne looking for work.

St Cuthbert's church, with its 1000 years old Saxon tower, was where the dead Saint was briefly rested, and stands at the top of the slope which rose from the flood plane of the Bottoms. Heavy autumn and spring rains always brings substantial flooding to the Bottoms, none worse than in 1927 when the old A19 was under water as it passed the Bottoms on its meandering way though Billingham on its way, past the old station to Wolviston village and beyond.

The area around the church grew with the small housing estate for employees of the Newcastle Electric Supply Company, (NESCO), later the North Eastern Electricity Board. (NEEB). This small estate, built at the top of the bank, comprised Old Road and South, West, Middle and East Avenues.

NESCO's sports and social club fronted onto the once cobbled main road and behind, down East Avenue was their small cricket field. On the other side of the road back to back with those overlooking the green stood a row of rather decrepit old buildings, representing an earlier age of Billingham.

The coming of 'The Synthetic,' the forerunner of ICI Billingham, created even more houses. The Chilton Estate, on the doorstep of ICI's West gate, had street names like Belasis, Chilton and Tibbersley which were derived from the farms which were taken over for the building of the new factory. The Synthetic's founding fathers are also remembered by the roads Brunner, Mond, and Roscoe.

There was no problem naming the streets of the new estate beside the old station. Many of its residents had moved down from the Glasgow area to work in the new factory. Nick named Scotch town, names like Malvern, Pentland, Cheviot, and Grampian were reminders of home.

So before what we called the New Estate, built from the late



The sunken Gardens, complete with paddling pool were opposite Billingham Stores. Chilton estate houses are in the background but the gardens are long gone.

1940s onwards, this area was Billingham. Once called 'The Village.'

On its Green stood the 1852 Church of England school and its nearby shops were dominated by the ubiquitous Co-Operative stores, known to everyone as simply Billingham Stores. Here many shopped to claim their much welcome yearly 'divi' and even today, like my wife, many fondly remember their mothers unique check numbers, many years after this very popular scheme finished.

A summers walk down the slope of Chapel Lane, led to the beck and an idealistic picture of those long hot summers of long ago. Here children would splodge or try to swim in the waters, whose depth was regulated by a downstream sluice gate, or fish for sticklebacks, preferably red breasted ones using a small net on the end of a bamboo cane or a jam jar on string with a small hole cut in the lid. Nearby boys played cricket and kites might be flying, constructed in accordance with the instructions given in the comics of the time, like the Eagle, using bamboo cane, and brown paper, held together with string and flour paste,. The small foot bridge across the beck was maintained by BUDC over which the path would follow the route of the beck either to the wooded Willow Garth or to Norton Green with its duck pond where, on a Sunday summers evening, a Sunshine corner was held and prizes awarded, (I won one for being the best singer!).

At the other side of Billingham is Greatham Beck, a short walk down the bridle path from the village of Cowpen Bewley. Reached via the then gated railway crossing, manned in the 1950s by one armed, Bill Hooliston and Mark Wilson, and on past the sewage works to the beck. Here in much deeper water, older lads would swim, just upstream from the waterfall and the outlet from the nearby sewage works, where many elvers could be seen, on its way to Greatham Creak, (as mentioned in the previous issue of BM.)

Just before the beck stood Tot Fenny's cabin, with its Great War soldier's helmet pinned to the gable end and his tied up dog which, as his gate was passed, frightened you to death with its ferocious barking.

Tot sold firewood to residents of Cowpen Bewley and the Cowpen Estate.

It was not just swimmers who enjoyed the lovely summer's country walk along the path to the beck. Julia Pass, for example,

Remember When...

Summer Memories Sink or Swim *continued*



The Old public Baths on Cowpen Lane. Next door, in front of the car were tennis courts and a small putting green which had to be paid for at the baths.

regularly walked there with her father Sydney Duncan and elder sister Sheila Clough Whitfield. Sydney was very well known in the area where for over half a century he played a major role in public life; in the Boy Scouts Association, a Sunday school teacher at Haverton Hill where he was born, a lay preacher at St Cuthbert's, a magistrate, a lay Crown Court Judge, an independent councillor for Haverton Hill, and Chairman of BUDC.

It was the building of Billingham baths by the BUDC in 1934 on Cowpen Lane that gave the impetus to children wanting to learn to swim. Swimming became part of the school curriculum and weekly day time sessions were allocated to local schools. In addition swimming sessions were allocated to local industry. The Furness Shipbuilding Company's heavily subsidised session for example was the last session on a Friday night. Their workers children, including me and my eldest sister, were given a book of tickets which allowed access to the hour long session. Unfortunately these tickets didn't also provide for a free mug of the excellent Bovril and cracker biscuit, whose smell at least, all who went to the baths will delightfully remember. These sessions were well organised by Mr Harding, a shipwright in the Yard. After the Friday night session, some of us children, including Eddie Holroyd and Joan Harding whose brother was an excellent swimmer and one of the team, would go onto the small balcony to watch water polo, particularly as Haverton Hill had some excellent swimmers, most of whom were also regulars at Billingham Beck.

The construction of the old baths is interesting. In the 1970s although the new baths were up and running at the Forum, I, along with my brother in law Keith McGregor were regulars at the old ones on Saturday afternoons. It was quiet, swimmers were few and we got to know the staff. On one visit we were shown around the baths to those areas not normally seen by the public so to speak. We walked around the outside perimeter of the bath where we could peer through the underwater portholes and see the swimmers. We were told that any inappropriate underwater behaviour was quickly routed out. Apparently the basic design of the bath left a lot to be desired. Dead areas at the access cut out's in the sides of the bath and particularly, and most importantly, the shallow children's area, were not properly flushed during the flushing cycle, where for obvious reasons, these were the very areas that needed good flushing. This led to higher chlorination costs to try to minimise possible stomach problems,



Greatham beck beside the waterfall as it is today. How small! Gone is the tree and Tarzon rope which brought great joy to many young boys swimming in the beck.



Haverton Hill school swimmers of the 1950's with teacher Neville Lees. Tommy Ashley, Terry Moor and in front John Warburton and Ray Stones, (Snowy). These are just four who learned to swim in either the beck or the Marsh at the back of the school. The Marsh is now part of the RSPB reserve, (see previous Billingham Matters).

clearly not ideal compared with the superior design of the Forum baths.

When shortly after the old baths closed, it brought to an end a historic building in the story of BUDC.

Ah, those long gone summers of yesteryear! Heralded in with sandshoes, nothing fancy, either black or white, on sale in shops like Bob the Jews in Haverton Hill, the emergence of tops and whips and home made toffee apples. As fast as they came in they would disappear only to emerge next year.

Colin Hatton

Developing skills for life

It's been a bright summer so far for students developing their employability skills at The Skills Academy and Stockton Riverside College.

A visit to Teesside's own Police Interceptors and a sponsored walk are among just some of the highlights so far.

And for one Stockton Riverside College student Rachel Devlin a work experience placement at the McDonald's Wolviston branch has led to a job offer.

So what's it all about? Head of Department Rebecca Matthews explained: "Our Foundation Skills and Employability courses are about helping young people to achieve their individual goals by developing skills and confidence."

She said that can mean everything from developing essential life skills in the home, to preparing for the demands of work and getting to know the part different people have to play in the community around us.

The recent visit to Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit at Wynyard is a prime example.

The College's Foundation Skills lecturer Leanne Nixon said: "The visit was part of our Aspects of Citizenship unit introducing students to different roles in the community. It was also an amazing opportunity to help develop positive relationships and help to break down perceived barriers between young people and the police."

She said: "The students were particularly excited to meet some of those officers who have featured heavily in the TV show Police Interceptors." And of course, meeting some of the canine cops from the Dog Support Unit was a highlight.

Students at The Skills Academy have also been learning about their own role in the community. Embarking on a sponsored walk as part of World Autism Awareness Week, they raised awareness as well as a whopping £754 for autism charities.

As for Rachel, her success has delivered her life's ambition.

A work placement at McDonald's led to a job offer for the 23-year-old after impressing bosses with her natural talent for customer service.

The restaurant's Business Manager Julie Travill said: "Rachel made such an impact. She has been amazing and so natural with customers."

Rachel said: "I'm really happy. I like to push myself and now I have got this job."

Want to know more about The Skills Academy? Visit

<https://www.stockton.ac.uk/courses/the-skills-academy/> or for details about Foundation Skills courses at Stockton Riverside College go to:

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Foundation Skills students from The Skills Academy on the trip to Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit



Rachel Devlin with McDonald's Wolviston Business Manager Julie Travill and Customer Care Manager Helen Moore (left to right)



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A big start to our year, the open day in April went very well. With people trying bowling for the first time, also we had Beamish putting on a display along with the British Legion showing a video. The model railway had interest from young and old.

The ladies had 2 county matches at our club, one against Lincolnshire and one against Derbyshire.

The ladies had a coffee morning on Saturday 18th May and will be holding a strawberry tea on the 20th July.

The league and club matches have started so all seems to be going well.

The club took a mixed team to Kingswood and Hanham at Bristol over the bank holiday.

We played 2 games against them, and also had trips to Bath and Bristol. This is the second time we have visited them and the friendship was excellent. We had a lot of fun playing bowls and also on the Saturday and Sunday evenings all arranged for us by Kingswood and Hanham.





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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 1.30-2.30pm. Free. No need to book. 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 10-11am every Tuesday morning. Booking only.

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

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

Funky Feet - Music and dancing for pre-schoolers. For more information call 01642 524599 or visit www.funkyfeet4kids.co.uk Booking and payment essential – please see online website. Every Tuesday 1.00-1.45pm during term-time. One-off sessions during the Summer Holidays are August 6th, 13th and 20th.

Chess Club - Whether a beginner or a Grand Master come along and play! Every Friday 3-5pm. All ages welcome over 8 years. Free drop-in.

Forthcoming Children's events:

All activities are free of charge, suitable for 5-11 year olds and booking is essential unless otherwise specified.

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Astroantics - Wednesday 24th July, 2-3pm. Make your own space games.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, We're Going to the Moon – Wednesday 31st July, 2-3pm. Blast off with rocket fun crafts.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, We're Going to the Moon: Autism Friendly session – Wednesday 31st July, 3-4pm. Blast off with rocket fun crafts.

Space Monsters – Wednesday 7th August, 2-3pm. Make your parents scream in terror with our monster making crafts.

Out of This World – Wednesday 14th August, 2-3pm. We will be making space ships crafts.

Space Oddities - Wednesday 21st August, 2-3pm. Enjoy some UFO crafts.

Space Oddities: Autism Friendly session - Wednesday 21st August, 3-4pm. Enjoy some UFO crafts.

Intergalactic Planetary - Wednesday 28th August, 2-3pm. Explore the galaxy with our space crafts.

Contact details for all events: Venue: Billingham Library. Billingham Library and Customer Service Centre, Kingsway, Billingham, TS23 2LN. Telephone: (01642) 528084

Chatty Cafe - 25th June, 9th & 23rd July from 1-3pm.

Craft Group - each Monday from 2-4pm.

Billingham Baptist Church, Cheviot Crescent

Wolviston Court Townswomen's Guild

Meetings every 4th Thursday at 7pm at Wolviston Court, Community Centre, Clifton Avenue, Billingham.

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Our next meeting is:

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