

## BVCA NEWSLETTER

### December 2011 Diary and the New Year

#### Friday, 23rd Dec 2011 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Childrens' Christmas Party

Open to all the children and to the relatives of any residents of the village. Fun party games and a visit from Father Christmas. Parents and relatives, don't forget that Father Christmas will need to know if you are joining us! Please let a member of the Association know if you intend to come along. £2.00 per child admission, a buffet will be served.

# ...followed by 6.00 pm Singing around the Christmas Tree

Join those who have been to the Childrens' party up at the hall, to sing Christmas songs around the tree, share mulled wine, mince-pies and spread the Festive spirit.

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2011 8.00pm – 12:30am New Years Eve Party

Come and join us to see the New Year in. There will be quizzes, games and music—an all ages family affair. Please bring along your preferred snacks and food, however our licensed bar will run throughout the evening so let us know in advance if we don't usually stock your favourite tipple.

There is no admission charge for this event.



#### New Classes for 2012

We hope to run more classes in 2012. We have had requests for Yoga and Zumba nights, look out for information on this in the New Year. As well as keep fit classes we will be putting on a programme of talks and interest evenings. If there is an area you would like to find out more about or, a subject you would like to share, let us know, we are keen to know more! If you are interested in local history, Cynthia Bennett has kindly volunteered to start up the village archives, so we can record the life of Billingley village, past, present and for the future. The **Irish Dancing** is still going strong on **Monday's** and anyone is welcome to join in, simply come along to the hall at **70'clock.** The last one this year is on 19th and the first in 2012 is on January 9th.

**Sports and Social Nights** will be on again in the New Year and a regular programme of **Club Nights** (non ticket, turn-up if you are free nights, suitable for all,) as well as our special ticketed events. A detailed programme will be out in the New Year, but includes a **celebration for the Queens Jubilee on Sunday 3rd June.** 

#### Coffee Morning Thursdays

On Thursday 8th December, the coffee morning extended their stay for a fantastic Christmas Lunch. Thanks to all our volunteers for putting on the festive spread and for all your help in running the mornings in 2011.

Please note that during the holiday period coffee mornings will be taking a break too. We will hold last coffee morning on 15th December and start again 5th Jan 2012. See you in the New Year!

Billingley Village Community Association Committee Member

Chairman - Garry Kelsall
Secretaries - Jackie Oates
Robert Stenton Ann Stenton
Judy Stenton Su Nettleton

Treasurer - Lynn Bembridge Tricia Watters Jeanette Alatt Steve Jewitt Cynthia Bennett Billingley Village Community Association

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#### Friday 3rd Feb 2012 Curry Club

The next Curry Club event will be held on Friday 3rd February 2012. The Aagrah will be providing a varied menu (suitable for vegetarians too.) This is always a very popular event so book early to avoid disappointment. To reserve places, contact Martin Nettleton on 07740 419130.

## Storage to be added to the hall

After a great deal of consideration we decided that the best use of the remaining Lottery Fund was to put it towards building some much needed, easily accessible, downstairs storage space. We hope to have a stone built extension added to the back of the hall. This will allow secure storage of outside items and will open up the hall for further uses, such as indoor crown bowls and other activities that require equipment such as a nursery or play group. We are trying to use local stone, in keeping with the older part of the hall. If anyone has any stone that they would be happy to donate to the building, and would like us to clear it please let Su Nettleton know on, 07740 419138.

#### Fund raising Raffle

To help raise funds to complete the store, we are running a grand prize draw early in the New Year.

There are some super prizes including the first prize of £250 of Meadow Hall vouchers. Tickets will be available from any Committee member and the draw will be held at the forth coming curry night on Friday 3rd Feb 2012.