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From the Editor

Community website:

www.clarborough-welham.org.uk

This issue of our community Newsletter has presented your editor with a pleasant challenge – too much material to fit in!

However, help is at hand for many readers in that our website is now fully up-to-speed and has become the main means of putting material before our readers. We receive a constant stream of material from organisations and individuals in our local area and post those that we feel would be of interest onto our website.

As a few examples, Dave Airey's Police Reports are posted to the *Policing > Reports* section every month as also is Jenny Madin's Crimebeat column, so you can read them in full as they appear rather than wait for a summary in the next Newsletter. Similarly, Agendas and Minutes of Parish Council Meetings appear on the site and are being extended backwards in time as more and more 'historic' Minutes become available. It is intended that in due course this will become an important historical resource similar to the steadily expanding collection of Clarborough School Log Book extracts already on the site (*Primary School > School History*).

A few more examples from our website include:

- Parish, District and County Councillors' contact details
- Contact details for all GP surgeries in Retford
- Posters for local charity events
- Access details including Google map and bus timetables
- Computing Courses at our Village Hall

Our website is updated very regularly, so this is the place to go to get up-to-date information. You will also find archived copies of recent Newsletters posted on the site – so do tell family and friends who live elsewhere in the country (or world!) to have a look to keep up to date with what we are doing.

To this latter end, Clarborough & Welham IT Group hope to launch a local/family history group in September which will start to post historic local information onto our website that will be of interest to genealogists across the world; exciting stuff, so do get in touch with the editor if you are interested.

Do remember that Retford Library has computer facilities freely available to library card holders – just 'phone ahead to book a computer – so you can access our website even if you don't have computer access at home.



Clarborough School News

Class Three & Four Trip to *The Collection* in Lincoln

As part of our Romans topic we went to visit "The Collection" in Lincoln. We were all very excited on the coach there as we didn't know what to expect. When we got to the museum we went into the lecture theatre and watched a Powerpoint presentation which told us about the Romans in Lincoln. Then we split into three groups.

We did four activities before lunch and two activities after lunch. The activities were:

- Designing Roman shields
- Making a mosaic picture
- The Big Dig
- Making a Roman duck brooch
- Looking at Roman artefacts in the museum
- Learning how to march like Roman soldiers

One favourite activity was the Big Dig, where we had to search for Roman artefacts. We all enjoyed marching round the museum wearing Roman helmets and shields. Some of the other visitors looked a bit surprised when they saw us!

All too soon it was time to get back on the coach and head back to school. We all had shields and brooches to take back with us. We also took our mosaic back to school to finish off for a display. We had a very busy and happy time and we learned a lot about the Romans.



Before our trip to Lincoln we had a fun time learning about Roman gladiators. Our very own Mr Bunn was 'lucky' enough to find himself in one-to-one combat as a gladiator – and very fine he was!

Mrs G.Russell

For up-to-date news from Clarborough Primary School go to www.clarborough.notts.sch.uk

From your District Councillors

What a pleasure to see the sun, blossom and daffodils and to notice all those busy gardeners helping to make Clarborough & Welham look so attractive!

At the end of another financial year, I thought you might be interested to know how my Councillor's £1000 grant was spent last year:

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| Clarborough Festival | £250 |
| Shane – student trip to Kenya | £20 |
| Local residents/W.I.Christmas Party | £100 |
| School Extras | £100 |
| Clayworth Memorial Hall Play Equipment | £100 |
| Grit bin for Clayworth | £150 |
| Hayton Village Hall carpet tiles | £130 |
| Grit bin for Wiseton | £150 |

Do remember that my 'account' for my Ward is refilled after May elections, so do apply.

Trent Vale Landscape Partnership are offering grants of up to £2000 for conservation work or local history studies so if a local group would like to apply, please get in touch with me for details.

Kath Sutton

Poppy Tea Party

Wednesday 12th June @ Brian & Freda's home, Blencathra, Shady Lane, off Little Gringley Lane, Welham from 3.00 to 5.00pm.

Tickets £3.50 from the above or at the door on the day. All proceeds to Royal British Legion.

Raffle, Wheel-of-Fortune and Poppy Quiz, Ample Car Parking (free).

Open to everyone – not just ex-service personnel

To make for interesting conversation would ex Service personnel please wear decorations (L/H side of course) and similarly relatives wear any service decorations from family now gone -- for instance I will be wearing my one & only medal, but also proudly wearing my brother Alan's (2nd w/w) and my fathers (1st w/w) medals. Please bring also 2 or

3 photographs of a service nature, interesting, comical or whatever from any period over the last 100 years, again for instance we have WW1 & WW2 and some of my NS ones. All this should get the conversation buzzing, Lots of memories and laughs. Please support this very good cause - you can even wear your uniform, if it still fits ?

Community Group Websites

Church: www.cwchurch.btck.co.uk

IT Group: www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk

Scouts: www.clarboroughscouts.btck.co.uk

W.I.: www.clarboroughwi.btck.co.uk

Village Hall: www.clarboroughvillagehall.btck.co.uk

Clarborough Village Ventures: www.clarborough-v.btck.co.uk

The Community on the Edge of Town

Continued:

The first time I taught at HMP Ranby I was very nervous. Anyone working in a new environment for the first time experiences that uncomfortable feeling of unfamiliarity. Regardless of how experienced you are in your job, not knowing the people, where things are kept, details of the normal routine, all create tension. So, with a set of keys on a long chain bulging in the wallet secured to my belt, I set off across the compound, unlocking and then locking huge gates behind me.

The classroom where I was to take my first lesson was attached to a workshop. The prison had won the Quality Mark awarded by Princess Anne for initiatives in taking education to the workplace. HMP Ranby is a working prison, all inmates either choose or are allocated places of work. Full-time education is classed as a workplace, but inmates who work in the workshops are entitled to two sessions of education per week if they choose.

The classroom where I taught my first class no longer exists for that purpose, but it was part of the workshop complex. It had three doors; the one I just entered connected with the workshop offices, a second connected with the workshop itself and the third was the door of the toilet, which had a small barred window. I arrived in good time, as well prepared as I could be for this unknown class and whilst waiting for the men to be brought in familiarised myself with the contents of the resources cupboard.

For anyone working in a prison the top priority is always security. I knew that I must at all times be aware of the number of inmates in my charge. My heart beat faster as, at about 8.40am, an instructor unlocked the workshop door and lead in the inmates. I had seven probable names on my register, but knew that I could expect fewer or more depending on whether the listed inmates were required elsewhere, or any inmates new to the workshop wished to attend. My heart sank as I counted in ten.

The workshop instructor kindly remained until I had corrected the register and had every inmate's name and number written down. With the number 10 imprinted firmly in my head I began. I introduced myself and the lesson and reminded the men that only one person at a time was to go to the toilet. The inmates could then choose to work at either maths or English and before long I felt as though I was spinning plates on sticks as I made sure that everyone was fully occupied. All nervousness had gone, the inmates were simply maths and English students and I was fulfilling a role I had played many times.

At ten o'clock the workshop door was unlocked and an instructor said that 'Smith' was to return to the wing. He left and we carried on as before. The atmosphere was one of work and chatter, the sessions were far too long and at 11.00 I told the men to pack away. I did a quick

head count and there were only eight men. I was really annoyed, two must be in the toilet, probably having a forbidden smoke. I hammered on the toilet door and shouted,

"One of you, come out of there, you heard me say only one at a time."

A voice from within replied,

"There's only me here Miss, I won't be long."

"I know that two of you are in there, one of you come out immediately."

I waited by the toilet, the door opened and one man walked out and returned to his seat. I looked inside and there was no-one else there. A feeling of total panic hit me. I'd had ten men, now I had nine. How had it happened? The only window was barred. The doors were locked. The panic must have shown in my face and one young man, who's name was Paul, said, "Remember Miss, Smith had to go back to the wing." Relief flooded through me. I hadn't failed at the first hurdle. I laughed, the men laughed, all tension vanished and we chatted and played 'Hangman' until the end of the session at 11.30. My first lesson was over and I had enjoyed it.

I've laughed in classrooms many times since. There was the time.....but maybe that's for next time.

Valerie Waring

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Tintype photographs

'You're kidding!' I said as, towards the end of an IT Group class during which we had explored some old photos provided by members, Jane handed me a small envelope. No more than three inches by two, my outstretched hand suddenly held something far heavier than a simple photo.

Gingerly opening the envelope, I found myself holding an apparently featureless black-coated piece of copper; definitely copper because the reverse was bare metal.

'It's a photo' Jane insisted to my obviously doubtful look; 'Tip it over – look, can you see something?'

She was right – tipping it and examining the black surface at an angle, a vague image could be detected.

Carefully returning it to its envelope I suggested that Retford Museum might be the best place to contact first – both to ensure we preserved what we had and also to see whether the image could be enhanced. At the Museum Katherine Ashton quickly identified our piece of copper as a *tintype*, a 19th century 'instant' photographic technique.

Confusingly, tintypes have nothing to do with the metal



tin and were produced on a number of metal bases. In common with familiar 'black-and-white' (monochrome) images on paper, earlier techniques used similar recipes based on tiny silver halide (silver chloride, bromide and/or iodide) crystals suspended in gelatine that darkened on exposure to light.

Tintypes used a neat trick of human sight; an underexposed negative, formed as above, when superimposed on a dark enamelled surface, appearing to be a photographic positive. The process did, however, yield an image laterally inverted – swapped

left to right.

That Jane's tintype looks so dark probably means that the original process was carried out rather carelessly since tintypes exist that have stood the test of time in far better condition. Haste may well have been employed because the popularity of the process depended to a large degree on its speed – from 'sitting' to finished product in a matter of minutes.

Katherine quickly confirmed that scanning Jane's tintype would cause no significant damage and promptly did just that, e-mailing the copy on the left to me on the spot! Any reader with similar doubts about old objects would be well advised to contact the museum who are super-helpful.



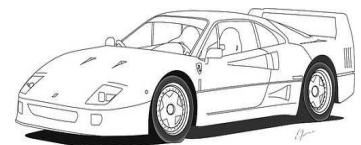
The image above was 'flipped' into its correct orientation and has been somewhat tidied up using the open source image editing application Gimp.

Jane had more to tell: *'the picture was taken in Glasgow some time around 1893 or 4, when my mother, the oldest child in the picture, was 5 or 6 years old. Also pictured are my grandmother, her husband, John Henry 'Papa' Carmichael, a Musician and Theatre Director, and their two daughters, Lily and Daisy. According to family tradition, John Henry promoted the early stage career of Sir Harry Lauder and wrote the music for some of his songs.'*

Greg Herdman
Jane Craib (Retford)

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| 12 th May | Stratford |
| 15 th May | Sunday drive & fish&chips |
| 24 th May | Moreton-in-the-Marsh market |
| 5 th June | Beamish |
| 19 th June | Good Food Show NEC |
| 19 th June | Gardener's World live NEC |
| 12 th July | Great Yorkshire Show |
| 24 th July | RHS flower show Tatton Park |

Theatres:

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| 11 th June | Sound of Music Leeds |
| 13 th August | Shrek the Musical |
| 18 th Nov | Thursford Christmas Spectacular |
| 11 th Dec | B'ham Christmas Military Tattoo |

Kettlewells

Multi-day trips (for a full list see contacts below):

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|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 4-8 May | Tenby & Pembrokeshire coast |
| 27-30 May | Bosworth Hall Luxury Weekend. |
| 13-17 June | Hidden Corners of Yorkshire |
| 20-25 June | Holland - Valkenburg |
| 4-8 July | Templestowe Hotel, Torquay |
| 20-28 August | Germany - Black Forest |

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Crimebeat column for May

(A full copy is available on our community website. Ed.)

Neighbourhood Alerts is a new two-way communication system between Nottinghamshire Police and the general public and it is being pioneered here in East Bassetlaw. We need as many people as possible to sign up so any publicity and encouragement you can give will be very much appreciated.

It's a great way to let the police know what is happening in your area and receive alerts from the police about what is happening in your area. See

www.eastbassetlawcommunity.co.uk

Better displays

Have you ever wondered why your new plants don't give the display you hoped for?

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Paul Willcock



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|------|---|---|--|---|
| Mon | Parish Office Open (Bennett Room) 10:00 to 12:00 | 10:00 to 12:00 Table Tennis 14:00 to 16:00 Short-mat Bowls | 2 nd Monday in Month W.I. (Halford Room) 19.00 to 21.00 | Monday 19:00 Parish Council See <i>elsewhere in this issue for dates</i> |
| Tue | 10:00 to 12:00 Over 50's Keep Fit | | 19.00 to 21.00 Table Tennis All ages | 13:30 to 15:00 IT Group |
| Wed | | 14:00 to 16:00 Table Tennis | 19:00 to 20:00 Keep Fit All ages | 10:00 to 11:30 IT Group |
| Thur | | | 17:00 to 21:00 Cubs, Beavers, Scouts | |
| Fri | 10:00 to 12:00 Table Tennis All ages | | 19:15 to 21:00 Bingo Alternate weeks Entry 50p | |
| Sat | 1 st Saturday in month: Table-top sale 10:30-13:00 £5 per table (01777 709 802) The hall is available for hire, minimum 2 hours | | | 1 st Saturday in Month 14:00 to 16:00 Gardening Club |
| Sun | To book all or part of the Village Hall, ring Vivienne Lilley on (01777) 710 984 | | | |

Contact details:

Keep Fit over 50s : Rosetta (01777) 701 648

Bowls Club: Geoff (01777) 703 140 or Chris (01777) 700 918

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From your County Councillor

Surgery Dates:-

**Thursday 10th April 2011 at The Misterton Centre
from 10.30am – 12.00noon**

**Thursday 10th November 2011 at the Misterton
Centre from 10.30am – 12.00noon**

The above date is for a County Council surgery, anyone venturing to Misterton will be most welcome. I hope to arrange other surgeries in this area during this year.

One of the most important developments for our district that I would like to share with you is the new cinema in Worksop. It is finally off the ground, with cooperation between the County Council and District. The market has been moved to Bridge Street which has been a huge success with more foot-fall in the area than previously experienced.

No longer will we have to travel to Doncaster or Sheffield to see a film, you will have the facility 'in your own back yard'.

Contacted me any time on (01777) 860 219 (answer phone when unavailable) when I would be happy to talk to you, or arrange to meet and have a chat about your issues.

email cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk

Liz Yates



More than Poppies

When people think of the Royal British Legion (RBL), they tend to associate us with poppies and very elderly veterans. Yes that is one

aspect of us, but there is so much more.

The RBL has for the last 90 years been there for veterans and their families and our workload is increasing. Our veterans are all ages, from those who served in the last World War, Korea, The Falklands and Iraq and Afghanistan. We are there to help them in many ways. We are also there for their families - particularly at times of bereavement and injury. We have fought for compensation claims for those injured and for pension rights - we are constantly lobbying in Parliament. For those injured in the most recent conflicts we, together with money from Help for Heros, are setting up Personal Recovery Centres in 4 garrison towns, where we will help those injured to get back to work - giving them the chance to find what they can do no matter what their injuries. We are there to help with the adaptation of homes and for those returning to civvy street the chance to help them with their new life - advice, loans and getting on their feet again. For the bereaved we are there as Councillors, ensuring that they have someone to help them and, sadly, we are there so that they have adequate representation at Coroners' hearings. For those widowed we will see that they get a visit to see the grave of their loved ones.

For the children we provide holidays, equipment for those who need it and, in some cases, help with education.

For the elderly we ensure that they are visited in their homes - our Welfare Officer is always there for them. The RBL has holiday homes - our nearest one is at Bridlington - 4 star accommodation. We have retirement homes with nursing care for those in need. These are a small snapshot of what we are there for in 2011. Last year we spent £100 million on welfare.

The Poppy Appeal is one way that we raise money - in this area this year we have raised over £29,000 - but the fund raising continues, like the welfare work, throughout the year.

Retford Branch is an active Branch, who, like the RBL celebrates its 90th birthday this year. You do not have to be ex-Service to join the Legion, everyone is welcome to our monthly meetings and to become a member and support all those who have fought, are still fighting and their families.

Further details? Contact Ann on (01777) 818 993.

Ann Hickman

Bassetlaw Over 50s Forum will be hosting a family history tutorial at The Crossing, Worksop, on 16th June from 13:30-15:30. Come along to get started!



[Left] Margaret Campbell, President of Clarborough WI, received a Cheque for £200, from Andy Hardie of Clarborough Village Ventures.

This money was part of that raised by last Summer's Clarborough Festival, and was used towards the cost of the delayed WI-organised Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

The original party had to be rescheduled because of December's atrocious weather – remember it?

Photo: Barrie Codling

Clarborough Festival, 4th & 5th June

Planning and preparation is well under way for this year's Village Festival, so make a date in your diary. Building on the success of last year's event we aim to be even bigger this year. We hope to start the proceedings with a peal of bells from St. John's Church (maybe rung by locals this year, you might have heard us practising on a Wednesday evenings, at the moment it could be a very short peal - watch this space!).

So far attractions already in place are the Dog Show, Stalls inside the village hall and outside on the field (as last year we do not charge for charity stalls), Food and Drink for sale, Car boot sale on the Sunday morning, display of vintage and unusual vehicles, traction engines, vintage tractors (with a tractor run through the village earlier in the day). Events to be announced by our very popular visiting Town Crier. We are again holding the Tug o' War competition on the Sunday so all you budding musclemen (or women!) time to get practising.

We have organised more attractions for children this year including: donkey rides, bouncy castle, hook-a-duck, coconut shy, train rides, old fashioned sweet stall, helter skelter and we have many more still to contact.

Don't forget to leave space in your diaries for the Saturday night Ceilidh with Pinch o' Snuff. This was a fantastic evening last year and tickets are strictly on a first come, first served basis - get your names down quickly to avoid disappointment.

All we need now is to book the weather!!

Prize Draw will also be running with the winners being picked on the Sunday at the Festival. Look out for your chance to win fantastic prizes.

Just a brief reminder that all the funds raised at the festival events are for the benefit of local village causes; last year the Church, Women's Institute, Scouts and Village Hall all received money from the Village Ventures. Well done!

For further information, to book a stall or for Ceilidh tickets please telephone (01777) 705 877

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TV Digital Switchover - what you need to know

From early August through to late September, 2011 television services in our area will be switching from analogue to digital. In practical terms this means that any 'old' TV equipment, including VCR tape or DVD recorders, will not work without modification after these dates although they will still play tapes or DVDs recorded previously.

Does this mean I have to take out a commercial subscription? No – the national *Freeview* service provides BBC and ITV's digital channels plus (in our area) up to a further 50+ other channels. *Freeview* is subscription-free, you just pay a small premium as part of the set-top box or TV purchase price.

So do we have to replace any older TV that doesn't have the 'digital ready' tick symbol? The answer to that is a simple 'no' – any 'analogue' TV can be converted to digital by adding a digital set-top box. Most of these plug into a Scart socket on the TV but if your TV doesn't have a Scart socket you will need to seek out one of the less common (but still freely available) boxes that links to your TV by a standard RF aerial lead.

Will the switchover give me High Definition (HD) television? No – HD is a feature of your TV (and recording device) not of the digital service as such although an increasing number of *Freeview HD* channels are becoming available which can be viewed

High Definition 1080

HD television usually come with 1080 logos – so what is the different between 1080p and 1080i ?

1080 refers to the vertical resolution of the screen – much higher than the older 625-line format, giving a much sharper image, provided your TV can handle it.

1080p is shorthand for High Definition **progressive** scan mode. 1080p, sometimes referred to in marketing materials as **Full HD** or **HD Ready 1080p**, refers to the capability to accept 1080p signal and display it with native resolution of at least 1080 lines, as well as the capability to upscale lower-resolution material to 1080p. Much Blu-ray film material uses 1080p.

1080i indicates an interlaced signal – two image frames are captured, one of even image lines and the other of odd lines. These are then combined for display. Because each 'frame' is captured at different instants, the screen image may show some fuzziness, particularly in fast moving scenes. Such displays are often marketed as **HD Ready**. Most services transmit TV programmes in 1080i format.

on suitable TV sets (look for HD-ready 1080p logos).

Do I need a 'digital' aerial? The answer is very probably 'no' – there is nothing special about the aerial design required for digital *Freeview* reception. Given that the digital signal in our area is rated as 'strong' this suggests your current aerial, provided it is currently giving you good reception, should be good for the digital switch.

Why all this hassle? The aims of the move to digital broadcasting include:

- to free up 'airwaves' for extra services
- new features such as on-screen listings, interactivity, audio description and subtitling for people with visual and audio impairments.
- to provide greater access to high definition services

What recording equipment do I need? With the demise of VCR tape recorders and incompatibility of early DVD recorders, what should we be replacing them with?

This is an area where technology and prices are still changing rapidly, particularly prices – downwards for a change! VCR tape recorders have been eclipsed by later technology in both quality and ease-of-use terms. The options now available are based on either DVD/Blu-ray (see *DVD or Blu-ray* opposite), a computer-like hard drive (HDD) based personal video recorder (PVR) or combination of the two.

Current expert advice (Consumers Association Which?) is that PVRs provide the best option for most people. Simpler models do not have DVD drives and so cannot play DVDs or record to DVD for long-term archiving. Combination PVRs with DVD playing/recording facilities are the most flexible options with prices generally in the £150-250 range.

A 'combi' VCR/DVD player will maintain access to old VCR tapes – and provide DVD player services if you decide to buy a HDD PVR although such combi units

will be unable to record digital TV programmes.

If I decide to buy a new television will I still need a set-top box? No – all sets currently on the market have Freeview tuners built-in. If you are looking for HD picture quality remember that your new set must have a 1080p capability.

Also remember that a plasma TV typically uses twice as much power as an LCD model and also that it isn't worth spending large sums on interconnection cables; avoid the very cheap, but £10 Scart leads are more than adequate.

For expert online advice, go to:

either <http://www.digitaltelevision.gov.uk/>
or <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/>

DVD or Blu-ray?

CD, DVD and Blu-ray discs are identical in size and usually mutually backwards compatible (i.e. new systems can play older discs).

The term Blu-ray comes from the blue laser used to read and write (for recorders) data as opposed to red lasers used in earlier systems. The shorter wavelength of blue compared with red light means that data can be packed more closely on a Blu-ray disc than a DVD giving longer playing time and/or HD quality.

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Online tracking – the disturbing truth behind Flash cookies

Many readers will be familiar with cookies, those pesky little bits of computer code that websites often drop into our computers, ostensibly 'to improve our online experience'. While that claim is undoubtedly true in many cases, those who are concerned about online personal privacy or even identity theft have become more and more worried about a far less easily tackled problem, that of *flash cookies*.

Internet visitors are familiar with Adobe's Flash Player, the ubiquitous tool for displaying video content. What is not so obvious is that components running inside Adobe's Flash Player, technically called Local Shared Objects (LSO) or Flash cookies, are increasingly being used by websites to track *and record* our browsing history.

Deleting cookies is standard practice for those concerned about online security, but Flash cookies are an altogether different proposition as my own experience demonstrates. However, that jumps ahead – there is an answer to this, at least if you are one of the majority of computer users now using Mozilla's Firefox browser, so let me explain and also demonstrate how devious Flash cookies can seem.

Firefox addon – BetterPrivacy

To add this to your browser, follow the steps:

1. Go to <http://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/6623/> (all one string, no spaces)
2. Click **Add to Firefox**.
3. An 'Install add-ons only from authors you trust' dialogue box; click on **Install Now**.
4. To complete the installation, click on **Restart Firefox**.
5. Finally, from the **Tools** menu, select **BetterPrivacy** and go to the **Options & Help** tab. Check the setting to remove Flash cookies and then click **OK**.

In the author's case, although I had regularly deleted cookies from my browser, running BetterPrivacy revealed 241 LSOs on my computer dating back more than two years!

Recent notices from both Microsoft and Adobe have promised software solutions to these issues, but at the time of writing some experts feel that these solutions are likely to be too 'geeky' and therefore ineffective for a majority of home users.

Unscrupulous websites are now routinely using LSOs to collect personal data, sometimes for commercial purposes whilst others have criminal intent; be warned, and take precautions.

Editor

Lost on 28th March: pink Canon digital camera. Any details - please phone 705 857
We will respond to your message.

Community Website update

Described as a community one-stop-shop, Clarborough & Welham's own website continues to receive regular updates. Recent additions include a new **Policing** section incorporating PCSO Dave Airey's regular reports, Inspector Jenny Madin's latest Crimebeat newsletter as well as latest Neighbourhood Watch alerts. Mobile contacts for Dave and PC Chris Glover are also posted in this section.

Latest News has interesting items relating to local flooding issues that are relevant to Bassetlaw's ongoing public consultations regarding future planning.

For local history enthusiasts, the second set of extracts from Clarborough School's Log Books are now online too – this time for the period 1887-1893 (go to **Primary School > School History** section).

Finally, our website is intended not only for 'locals' but also the wider world community – people with roots in our area who may wish to keep in touch, research their roots or even plan a visit from overseas. To that end our site includes a Google maps section (**Finding us**) which may also prove useful when giving directions to your own visitors. This section also has links to timetables for **96/97 services** through Clarborough/Welham.

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Are Our Children Safe?

As you may be aware the small play park at the rear of Clarborough village hall has been fully refurbished. Since completed there have been concerns expressed by some residents that it is not as safe as it was before, especially the fencing.

Before the refurbishment there was one very old slide that did not meet with current safety standards & four swings. The fence on the football pitch side had several broken concrete posts, the car park side fence also had posts broken and the double gates were always left open due to their condition. There was never a fence on the north side of the park and the west side a hedge that was full of gaps. The small park was never secure as some people have claimed.

In January 2009 the Parish Council decided that the small play park needed extensive work to be carried out to bring it up to date with modern standards. Mrs Codling (Vice Chairman) volunteered to head the project. Mrs Codling first task was to meet with the Bassetlaw Rural Officer who advised on how to raise funds to replace the play equipment. She advised that we should involve a cross section of the community including the Parish Council, parents, children and the village school. The Bassetlaw Rural Officer also offered advice on the fencing and suggested that we took down the fence between the football pitch and the small play area to give a more open friendly feel. Funds required to improve the fencing had to be met by the Parish Council.

Mrs Codling spent a lot of time and effort trying to recruit people to sit on a committee to manage the project. She met with parents, school teachers & the Parish Council. By May 2009 the committee was established, its remit was to put recommendation to the full Parish Council regarding play equipment & fencing. The form filling was a tremendous task undertaken by Mrs Codling with such enthusiasm that she should be commended.

The Play Area Committee had plans drawn up to show how the play equipment would look, they included fencing. Before the plans were put to the full Parish Council for approval they were shown to teachers, parents & children. January 2010 funds were secured from Wren for the play equipment. In March 2010 the Parish Council voted on and made a decision for the fencing. This entailed taking the fence down between the small play area and football pitch as recommended by the Bassetlaw Rural Officer and moving it to the north side of the small play area where no fence had existed. The car park fence was to be renewed to include one pedestrian self closing gate.

May 2010 the fencing work had been completed and the play equipment installed by June 2010. After the Parish Council had received several requests from

members of the public for a baby swing this was installed October 2010.

November 2010, some six months after the fencing had been modified, the Parish Council received a letter expressing concerns over the fence being taken down between the small play area & and the football pitch. The main concern was from dog fouling in the small play area.

The Parish Council, after a debate voted to carry out extra play park inspections specifically looking for dog fouling and reconsidered the fencing at the January 2011 meeting. The Parish Council had an independent full & comprehensive risk assessment carried out by a professional body on all play areas. The fencing & dog fouling was not identified as a risk. The risk assessment can be viewed by any member of the public on request. At the January 2011 Parish Council meeting the play park & fencing was debated. It was reported that after more than 40 play park inspections there had been no evidence of dog fouling. The council voted NOT to reinstate the fence between the small play area and the football pitch.

A member of the public, not happy with this, decided to initiate a petition against this decision. This was received at the February 2011 Parish Council meeting however, the Parish Council Standard Orders prevent the matter to be re-tabled until six month from the previous resolution. However, they gave a commitment to do this in autumn 2011.

I have concerns that people signing the petition have been misinformed about the amount of consultation that took place and the professional advice that had been given for this project.

- The public were consulted and involved from the very start (January 2009) of the play park project including the fencing arrangements.
- Public meetings held prior to every Parish Council meeting (two years) no issues were raised regarding fencing until January 2011.
- Professional advice was given by the Bassetlaw Rural Officer re the fencing
- Full and comprehensive risk assessment carried out on play park and fencing
- After full debates, two Parish Council resolutions on the play park fencing

The opposition for removing the fence appears to be spread of *Toxocara* by dogs fouling in the small play



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area. *Toxocara* can be spread by cats, foxes or any other meat eating animal, a fence would not stop them getting in. Children could have it on their shoes prior to entering the play area. What about children who use the football pitch? How do we protect them?

How can I get toxocariasis?

You or your children can become infected after accidentally ingesting (swallowing) infective *Toxocara* eggs in soil or other contaminated surfaces.

How can you prevent toxocariasis?

- Have your dogs & cats treated regularly for worms' especially young animals.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water after playing with your pets or other animals, after outdoor activities, and before handling food.
- Do not allow children to play in areas that are soiled with pet or other animal stool (sand pits)
- Teach your children that it is dangerous to eat dirt or soil.

How serious is infection with Toxocara?

In most cases, *Toxocara* infections are not serious, and many people, especially adults infected by a small number of larvae may not notice any symptoms. The most severe cases are rare, but are more likely to occur in young children, who often play in dirt, or eat dirt contaminated by dog or cat stool.

The Parish Council is committed to eliminate dog fouling in all areas not just play parks hence the installation of dog foul litter bins & improved signage around the play parks. Most dog owners are very responsible people and will pick up after their dogs. On behalf of the Parish Council & residents THANKYOU

Are our children safe? The small play park has new modern equipment, the broken concrete posts have been removed, new fencing installed preventing children running on to the car park, full risk assessment carried out & regular park inspections all makes it a safer place.

Phil Gibson

Chairman, Clarborough & Welham Parish Council



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Police Report for the Bassetlaw East Clayworth/Sturton beat area for the period 1st to 31st March, 2011.

The Clayworth/Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets : Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Wheatley, South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, North Leverton with Hablesthorpe, Bole, Littleborough, West Burton, Coates and Fenton.



The incidents of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported in the period 01/03/2011 to 31/03/2011 across the whole beat area were:

- Burglary Dwelling – 0.
- Burglary Other – 2 (Bole and Sturton le Steeple).
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 0.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – 1 (North Leverton).
- Criminal Damage – 2 (Clarborough and North Leverton).
- Theft Other/ Handling stolen goods – 4 (Hayton, Wheatley and North Leverton x2).

It has been widely reported that crime levels across Nottinghamshire have fallen significantly but in this area the fall is much larger - ALMOST 35%. Whilst we in policing like to take credit for these figures, much is down to residents who continue to report suspicious persons, vehicles and activity and I am convinced that these calls have prevented crime and have assisted in driving crime levels down over the last year. April 2011 is the beginning of our Police year again, and I would like to politely ask that the same amount of vigilance and response is continued – your time and calls are very much appreciated, by me and I am sure by all residents across the area. Remember when making a call to the control room the caller can request no visit at the time from the Police, an update from the attending officers by telephone or, indeed, a later visit from the local beat team. By using these options, there is no way that potential offenders know where the original call came from.

On Friday, April 1st, the force adopted the new County and City divisions. As I have been on annual leave for the latter part of March and I am completing this report prior to returning to work, the detail and implications of

any noticeable changes are not fully known. I am sure that on my return.

During the course of the month I have been informed by residents of door to door type salesmen who have been operating across the beat area. Sometimes the salesmen have been quite pushy and sometimes quite abusive. Please report such instances to the Police – remember, as mentioned above, at the time of your call you can request that Police do not visit yourself at the time or, indeed, you can request an update from the Police via telephone once the incident has been attended.

I have also been alerted to the following:

Telephone scam warning

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How is it done? The caller stays on the line and you cannot dial out. When you stop trying he immediately calls back. It is convincing and may trick the elderly and vulnerable. This is not about cash – it is all about getting credit card details, which include the security number, so that it can be used for far larger purchases.

Please do not fall victim to these types of scam operations.

Safer Neighbourhood team details and events are updated on our website at

www.nottinghamshire.police.uk. The single number to use now for Nottinghamshire Police is 0300 300 9999, or for urgent issues continue to call 999. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 555 111. I can be contacted at Harworth police station on 0300 300 9999 extension 8077364 or on my Blackberry device on 07525 226 838.

As always, thanks to you all for your continued help and support.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.

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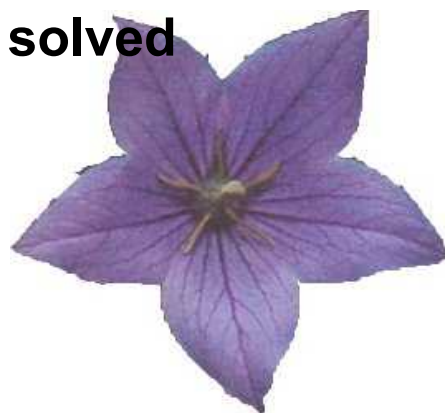
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She was in the bathroom putting on her make-up under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "Granny, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"

I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...

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Family history – lost and found (3)

Eagle-eyed readers will have spotted an apparent error in the montage accompanying **Family history – lost and found (2)** in our Spring issue. Although showing a Handley Page HP.61 Halifax B.Mk.II, the caption described LW286 as a Mk.III. The Ops Card clearly records Frank's plane as a Mk.II and closer examination of official records shows LW286 was part of a batch of 100 Mk.IIs built by the English Electric Co. A typical Mk.II is shown overleaf.

Frank's Military Records – take 2

Peter Gulliver, who spearheads historical research for RAF 51 Squadron History, enabled access to key historical records, probably most poignantly a copy of the 'Ops card' (below) prepared by ground crew dispatching Frank's plane on that fateful last mission:

| YEAR | | MONTH | | DAY | | SQUADRON | | TYPE OF A/C | | CAUSE | |
|---------------------|----|-------|----|-----|----|-----------------|----|-------------|----|-------|----|
| 22 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 11 |
| MONICA | | | | | | SEE 5839 - 2077 | | | | | |
| CREW - NAME RANK NO | | | | | | 18 | | | | | |
| PILOT | | | | | | 18 | | | | | |
| NAV | | | | | | 18 | | | | | |
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This confirmed their plane was a Handley-Page Halifax B.Mk.II, serial number LW286, call sign LK-H, part of 4 Group, RAF Bomber Command, engaged in Operation Berlin, the long term mission to devastate the German capital. Copies of the relevant Operations Record Book for 51 Squadron showed this crew had been together for 18 missions in the four months up to their fateful one of 22nd November, 1943:

Pilot Officer Frank Farley

Flying Officer F.H. Moynihan - navigator²

Sergeant A. Springett – wireless operator⁴

Sergeant Sam Godfrey – flight engineer

Flying Officer Harry Hetterley – bomb aimer³

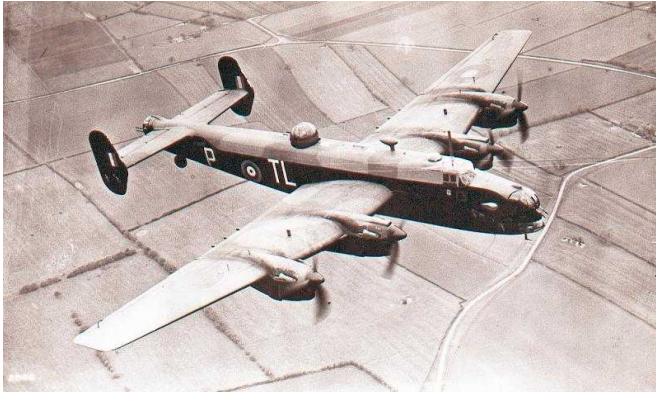
Sergeant Edward Dyer – mid-upper gunner¹

Sergeant John Whitehead – rear gunner

Notes: Numbers¹⁻⁴ indicate photo positions, left-to-right in the montage (page 15 of our Spring issue).

Close scrutiny of Operational Records shows missions lasted anywhere between 3 and 8 hours with 'trips' to Berlin typically lasting some 6 hours.

The Ops card records LW286 was equipped with 'Monica', an early radar tail-warning device, and was carrying a 2000lb H.E. bomb and 4200lb of



incendiaries. Take off was recorded at 17.04 which in late November would have been in darkness. Peter's researches revealed that LW286 crashed into the IJsselmeer (Holland) between Urk and Hidelopen although whether due to flak, German nightfighter activity or mechanical failure is unknown although escape by some of the crew would have been expected in the case of an engine failure. Two bodies were recovered almost immediately and buried by the Dutch, but whether LW286 was outbound or returning from Berlin remains unknown.

The personal touch

The final part of the puzzle started to come together at 51 Squadron reunions too; on our first visit Renee introduced us to George Senior who knew Frank Moynihan (right) in the last few months of his life. George still lives in the family farm close to Snaith (the name used for the RAF airfield) and vividly recalls how Frank and the rest of his crew were befriended by George's family. In their rest periods between missions, the crew would relax on the farm and surrounding fields, often going hunting or cycling around the lanes. George and friends would often watch the bombers from Snaith as they took off in the evenings. The whole of Frank's crew joined in George's 13th birthday party – a week later they were all killed. George has treasured their memory, returning to Pollington each year and now gladly shares his memories of Frank.



Further research, based on reminiscences of Frank's sister Mary and elder brother Mike, added some details of his schooling in Birmingham which coupled with his last letter home now in the possession of Mike's son, plus George Senior's recollections paint a picture of a thoughtful, quiet young man just setting out in life – a life savagely cut short in a global conflict.

*If you too would like to set out on the journey of discovery that is family history, why not join the local family history group run by **Clarborough & Welham IT Group**. Contact the editor for more details.*

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