



# *Clarborough & Welham Newsletter*

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## **From the Editor**

*'For the times, they are a-changin!'* - that last line of Bob Dylan's 1964 song seemed, to a young lad about to leave home for university, to sum up the feel of those times. How much has changed, and how much remained the same! Having said that, who would deny that as we look forward into 2012 it is likely that this decade will see changes as momentous and far reaching as those of the 1960s and early 70s?

This Newsletter contains many articles in which the notion of change is embedded, happily or otherwise. What is inescapable is the fact that changes, in services such as Health. Education, and employment are accelerating; we see changes on the High Street in the loss of familiar names and arrival of new ones.

This Newsletter, by its quarterly nature, will often be catching up with rapidly changing events, or missing them entirely, which brings me to one of the biggest changes since 1964; the internet. Like the mobile 'phone, when the internet first appeared, no one imagined how it would change the way people communicate (remember the Arab Spring) or shop. It can be argued that Woolworths disappeared because it didn't adapt to these changes.

Which brings me back to Clarborough & Welham. We have a well developed online presence in the form of our community website. It is maintained and updated almost daily from a wide range of local and national sources; the main menu says it all:

Latest News  
Out-and-about  
Your Energy  
Local Groups  
Volunteering  
Local History  
Primary School  
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Parish Council  
Representative Links  
Law & Order  
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If you want to know the very latest news, advice or opportunities that affect your community, then keep a regular eye on:

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and you won't miss much!

**Vicki Wilson, one of our regular advertisers, is preparing for the challenge of a lifetime – to run in the Virgin London Marathon 2012 for the Meningitis Trust.**

On Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Vicki will run the gruelling 26.2 mile route through the famous streets of London to raise money to help fight meningitis, a life-threatening disease that affects thousands of people every year. Vicki will be training hard for the next 4 months and is asking you to support her every step of the way!

Vicki said: "Running 26.2 miles is a tough challenge but I have made it my goal and I am going to give it everything I've got. With great backing from friends, family and my business customers I know I can do it and I'm determined to help the Meningitis Trust in their fight against this devastating disease."

Vicki has set a fundraising target of £2500 and anyone wishing to sponsor Vicki can contact her on 07855751689 or send a cheque payable to "The Meningitis Trust" to V Wilson Strawberry Fields, Nth Wheatley DN22 9BG or you can sponsor her online by logging on to:  
[www.virginmoneygiving.com/vickiwilson41](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/vickiwilson41)

## Law & Order

Dave Airey's regular updates on issues of local interest are more completely covered in his monthly reports, posted on our community website plus Neighbourhood Alerts available to subscribers, also summarised on our website. We can't emphasise more strongly that this free service is in everyone's best interests, so go online and enrol. Here we note a few 'hot' issues:

- Don't leave your car 'warming up' on frosty mornings – it might not be there when you come out!
- Metal thefts continue, particularly in isolated locations. Think carefully about securing vulnerable items/machinery and also explore the range of anti-theft technology now available. See Crimebeat articles for details.
- Nottinghamshire Trading Standards also link into the Alert network with constant updates on rogue traders such as gutter cleaners and bogus charity collectors who have recently been operating locally.
- Lincolnshire Police have posted information about the legal requirements for charity collecting or selling 'door-to-door'. This is valuable information outlining how you can





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identify bona fide folks from rogues.

So, don't delay – go to your community website [www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk) Law & Order section to explore all of these issues – and more. Clarborough & Welham has enjoyed a long period of very low crime – much of the credit goes to local people who remain alert and vigilant.

Finally, remember that if you have any concerns regarding your safety and security, get in touch with either:

Safer Neighbourhood Team manager PC Steve Bolstridge 07525 226 886 or [stephen.bolstridge@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stephen.bolstridge@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

or Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dave Airey. 07525 226 838

**Final notes:** don't forget the new, national, **101** number for any non-emergency police contacts and the anonymous Crimestoppers to report anything suspicious: Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.  
**PCSO 8139 Dave Airey**

## Village Hall Floor dedication

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 a substantial group of trustees, user group representatives and friends enjoyed a fine buffet and chat together with an introduction from Bob Stockdale, Honorary Secretary of Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA), managers of the hall. Bob thanked not only the Veolia Trust who had funded the majority of the hall's refurbishment, but also local groups who had also made contributions as well as all of the local groups who support the hall through their regular bookings.

*[Right] John Mann MP, Maria Cave (Veolia Trust) and Bob Stockdale (CDCA) Photo: Barrie Codling*

Finally, Bob paid tribute to the unstinting work carried out by the band of volunteers 'behind the scenes' that enabled the hall to function so smoothly. John Mann MP officially welcomed the refurbishments and thanked the Veolia Trust for their substantial contribution towards the re-flooring and thanked all who make the village hall such a success.

**For the full village hall weekly programme, go to our community website [www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk) and for booking enquiries, either:**

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Indoor bowls (Mondays)  
Bingo (Fridays)  
Keep fit (Tuesdays & Wednesdays)  
Computing (Tuesdays & Wednesdays)  
Table-top sale (First Sat. in month)

"The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese."

## Clarborough Post Office

The Post Office in Clarborough closed in November 2010 for reasons which are not pertinent to this article. Since I was aware that other local villages had the benefit of a Mobile Post Office service operated by the Postmaster of North Wheatley, I approached him about a similar service for Clarborough to operate for such time before our local service could be resumed.

The Post Office were approached to approve such an arrangement, this received a summary refusal. On appeal the Post Office position was that the level of business in Clarborough was too great for a mobile service to handle. The Post Office's solution was a "Post Office Local", which means a local retail business having a Post Office counter with all the necessary connections to "Head Office". The big difference being that the funding is undertaken by the business, then being reimbursed, rather than a Salaried Post Office position.

It would have been possible to operate such a unit in the Village Hall {with the necessary permission of the Community Association} and the Wheatley Postmaster was willing to undertake that task. However the Post Office position was that if that option was taken it would have to be permanent and could not be moved back to the original Post Office or indeed to any other retail business. The Parish Council did not feel that it would be appropriate for it to jeopardise the sale of the existing Post Office business by following this route. Perversely because we have too much Post Office business to conduct in the village we finish up with no facilities rather than one which may have been stretched at times, it's a funny old world isn't it, bureaucracy rules.

**Brian Grice (Clarborough Parish Council)**

## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

At the January Parish Council Meeting the draft budget for 2012-13 was discussed in detail. Several potentially expensive projects were discussed but it was decided that given forthcoming elections in early May at which a new Council would be elected it would be inappropriate to make any decisions on these matters until that Council was in place.

A fundamental decision made by the present Council when it was formed four years ago was to do its utmost to keep the Parish precept unchanged - and this what has been achieved. Having said that, locals will recognise that a number of projects have been seen through, most recently renovations of the Village Hall surroundings (and contributions to the hall's new flooring) as well as excellent Christmas events and a comprehensive set of salt bins around our community.

We would also like to invite all voluntary groups active in our community to report back to our meeting scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> on their activities of 2011-12; this could be in writing or in person.

**Phil Gibson**

**Chairman, Clarborough & Welham Parish Council**

**Editor's note:** the full, approved, Parish Council budget for 2012-13 is posted on our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)).

### Parish Council Meetings (Spring 2012)

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Agendas are always posted at least a week in advance on our community website.**

**Meetings start at 19:00 in the Village Hall.**

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## **Clarborough Primary School was subjected to an Ofsted inspection over 6-7 December, 2011**

### **Main findings**

The school provides a good standard of education for all its pupils. The small numbers in year groups mean that it is not possible to generalise about trends over time, or between different groups of pupils. However, individual pupils, from varied starting points, make good, and in a few cases outstanding, progress, as they move up the school. The standards they reach by the end of Year 6 in English and mathematics are above those found nationally. The Early Years Foundation Stage is good: children are very well known as individuals. They settle into routines quickly and make good progress from the outset.

The school provides outstanding care, guidance and support for its pupils. The depth of teachers' knowledge of each pupil is impressive and the promotion of the selfworth of each individual, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, is at the heart of the school's work. Pupils say very confidently how safe they feel at school. They feel free from the fear of bullying and they are well informed about personal safety.

The school engages exceptionally well with parents and carers. It provides detailed information about their children's progress, and communicates both formally and informally through a range of media. It welcomes parents and carers in and involves them closely in their child's learning. The school uses professional partnerships exceptionally well, particularly to enhance the support it gives to pupils whose circumstances may make them vulnerable and to keep them in education. Partners provide memorable experiences for pupils within the curriculum and enable the school to provide an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities which would not otherwise be possible. Links with community groups, some of whom use the school's facilities, are strong and have a significant impact on pupils' personal development.

The school is a cohesive and harmonious community and makes a good contribution to community cohesion locally. However, leaders have identified that pupils do not have enough

direct contact with their counterparts from contrasting communities within the United Kingdom or overseas in order to bring alive for them the diversity of modern society and to prepare them more fully to take their places as global citizens.

The areas for improvement noted at the last inspection have been addressed effectively. Subject leaders play a significant role in monitoring their areas of responsibility, and the headteacher, deputy headteacher and staff now have a sharp focus on the school's strengths and areas for development. The level of challenge offered to exceptionally able pupils has been strengthened. Leaders are not complacent, however, and are keen to offer greater challenge to all pupils so that more of them make exceptional progress in English and mathematics as they move up the school. The school has good capacity to improve further.

**Taken from the official Ofsted Report (see School's website [www.clarborough.notts.sch.uk](http://www.clarborough.notts.sch.uk) for link to full text). This website also includes links to weekly newsletter, events calendar, Governor details, etc.**

### **The Governors of the school also wish to say:**

It is with regret that the School has to inform you that Mrs Sewell has retired for reasons of ill-health with immediate effect. The staff and governors wish to put on record their enormous gratitude to Mrs Sewell for her dedication and commitment to the school and countless children and their families over the years. Through her leadership we have moved into wonderful new premises, established flourishing links with the community and achieved the recognition through Ofsted of the supportive environment that puts the care of children at the very heart of the education process at Clarborough. Anna - we thank you.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am delighted to be able to inform you that Mr Richard Bunn has been appointed as the permanent full-time Head Teacher of Clarborough Primary School. We are confident that he will build on the solid foundation of care, guidance and support for both students and staff that has always been at the heart of everything that the school stands for. Mr Bunn is looking forward to working with staff and parents/carers to further build on the successes that were recognised in the recent Ofsted inspection. The Governors are looking forward to supporting the School under his leadership.

**Dr Julian White, Chair of Governors**



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### Anglian Water – leaks

Most residents will be aware that Clarborough & Welham are particularly 'leaky' when it comes to water supplies. Your editor felt things had gone too far when a third leak occurred in almost the same spot outside his house. A critical e-mail (6<sup>th</sup> January) to Anglian Water yielded (20<sup>th</sup> January) confirmation that a) St. Johns Drive has experienced 22 leaks since January 2010 and b) plans are afoot to upgrade the complete main to our road and also that to Church Lane within the next 12-18 months. It pays to complain!

Editor

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## Clarborough Youth Group raise £90 towards Skateboard project'...

Members of Clarborough Youth group have been doing their own fund raising, towards the proposed Skateboard project, for the youth of the village.

They held a successful Tombola Stall at the recent Parish Council Christmas event, raising £90 in the process. The group have also received assistance from the Vice Chairman Ann Codling, District Councillor Kath Sutton and Parish Councillor Viv Lilley as well as support from their Parents.

The Major funding application has been submitted to WREN Enviromental.

A funding application has also gone in to Notts County Council. The County Council have also offered advice from a Skate Parks expert.

Meetings have been held to discuss this, attended by the Teenagers. County Councillor Liz Yates has donated £300 from her personal fund, with a further £150 from the Personal fund of District



Photo: Barrie Codling

Councillor Kath Sutton. Total of £540 raised so far.

The Parish Council have also agreed to be third party funders, to enable the WREN application to take place. It's fingers crossed for March, when we will hear whether our application has been successful.

**Parish Council Vice Chairman Ann Codling**

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## News from your District Councillor

Firstly, a retrospective 'thank you' to all those people in Clarborough and Welham who contributed to the choice of activities we had over the Christmas period. The Victorian Market, Parish Council Christmas Tree Lighting and Fayre, carol singing at the pub, church services with lovely bell ringing, and New Year's Eve celebration; all involved put in a lot of hard work, so thank you all, very, very much.

Now, an update on my annual District Council's grant of £1000 made available for me to spend on my Ward. Over the past year this has gone to: Clarborough Village Ventures Festival (£250); Senior Citizens' Christmas Party organised by our local W.I. (£100); Clarborough Youth Group towards their skate park (£150); Clayworth Church for cups and saucers for their servery (£150); Clayworth Memorial Hall to help with a weekly friendship & coffee morning (£150); Hayton Village Hall towards curtain cleaning (£200).

Do remember that I am available at any time to discuss matters of concern. Tel.: (01777) 709 034

**District Councillor Kath Sutton**

**Note: Parish Council's approved Minutes are posted on your community website. An archive of these is developing back to 1996.**

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## News from your County Councillor

**Surgery Date - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at the Misterton Centre from 10:30 to 12:00.**

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that Christmas was enjoyable for you.

December was a very busy month with the usual meetings and also events in the villages. There was tree lighting in many villages, including your own which was another very successful evening. I also attended the Christmas Party on 12<sup>th</sup> December, again most enjoyable with good company, delightful singing from the school children, entertainment from Mark, your Rector and finally a visit from Father Christmas!

The weather has been particularly kind to us so far this winter but as I type this it is very cold and frosty outside and more seasonal weather is to come by the weekend. After last year and the year before's snowy conditions, our Parish Council's have prepared themselves to deal with this and help residents access their homes and local services. Your parish has appointed a snow wardens who will co-ordinate with the County Council; farmers are ready to assist with snow clearance and extra grit bins and bags of salt and grit are ready. Hopefully we will not see those conditions repeated again but we are all more prepared than ever if we do.

If anyone has any issues they would like to talk to me about I can be contacted on 01777 860 219 or email [cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk)  
You may contact me at any time and I will always come to the village to meet with you if necessary.

County Councillor Liz Yates

## Clarborough School Log Books

**12 Dec 1939** A new coal scuttle was delivered today & 4lbs of soap.

**13 Dec 1939** Mr Frost of the board of Education visited school this afternoon enquiring about Evacuees and their welfare. *H.M.S. Exeter*, *Achilles* & *Ajax* corner German battleship *Graf Spee*; *Graf Spee* scuttled 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**21 Dec 1939** This afternoon was given up to Festivities as a Finale to the term. The children spent a merry time with teachers & visitors – (Mrs Arthur of Welham Hall & Miss Phillipson of Welham Corner).

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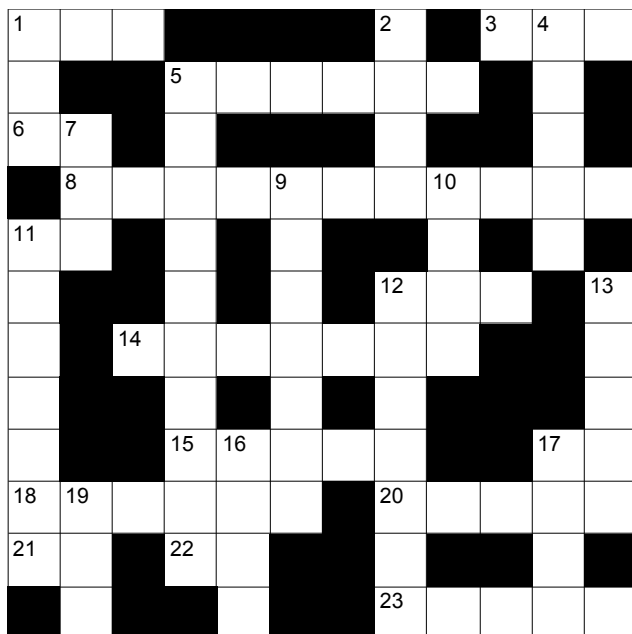
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1. In Victorian times often called a menagerie.
3. Sometimes blue because of the Tyndall effect.
5. Little Lane is in this way.
6. Roughly 22/7 in the round.
8. Crab log hour (anagram)
11. Alongside.
12. Animal doctor.
14. Saint, once part of Clarborough parish.
15. Scumi (anagram).
17. You and I.
18. Towards Retford, sometimes a road or lane.
20. Nearly 2½ of these make a hectare.
21. Colloquial 'thank you'.
22. Chemical symbol for metal sodium.
23. Head of Clarborough School for 30+ yrs; buried, with husband, near our church.

### Down

1. In the 1930s *Esquire* declared this device the "Newest Tailoring Idea for Men".
2. Speech not well delivered.
4. His arm's now crossed?
5. This pub disappeared from Clarborough in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; related to one in Retford's Moorgate?
7. December 2010's weather.
9. Legion for poppies?
10. Famous golf tournament.
11. Parish church's patron saint.
12. Avro monsters once deafened Finningley.
13. The two wide ends could be joined under Bassetlaw's Future Housing plans.
16. US state and invasion beach.
17. Once famous in Bolham Lane.
19. The earliest one of these in Retford Library detailing Clarborough dates from 1777.

Answers will appear in our next issue – or on our community website from the beginning of March.

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## Out-and-about

Here we highlight just a few of the events and activities available locally over the coming couple of months. For a more complete listing (and one that is updated almost daily) together with more details go to our community website:

[www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)

Contact 'phone numbers are given in [ ]:

**Sure Start at Clarborough** – free, weekly stay-and-play sessions for under-5s at Clarborough School. [01777 712 950]

**The Willow Works, Beckingham** (1<sup>st</sup> February / Free) [01909 476 118 x24]

**Holocaust Centre, Laxton** (9<sup>th</sup> February / Free) [01909 476 118 x24]

**Fashion Show, Worksop Town Hall** (22<sup>nd</sup> February / £5) [01909 533 117]

**Bassetlaw Community Minibus trips** (suitable for wheelchairs as well as full mobility) Wide range of half and full day trips. [01777 709 650]

**Wartime Evacuees** – Bassetlaw Over 50s Forum at Retford Town Hall (Feb 15<sup>th</sup> / 13:30 Free. All over-50s welcome).

### Local courses:

**IT for Beginners** at Clarborough IT Group starting w/c 20<sup>th</sup> February. £10 for 5 weeks. [01777 700 918]

**IT Beyond Beginners** at Clarborough IT Group starting w/c 20<sup>th</sup> February. £10 for 5 weeks. [01777 700 918]

**Baking made easy** at North Notts. College (starts 21<sup>st</sup> February. £40 for 5 weeks. [01909 504 515]

**Paediatric First Aid:** BCVS Worksop (15-16<sup>th</sup> February) [01909 476 118]

**Sure Start activities** for parents/carers of pre-school children – lots going on! [01427 892 500]

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## News from your MEP

**Climate Change** The latest conference of the United Nations at Durban has ended with too little agreement, while last year world emissions rose by another 6%. The parliament's delegation has not yet reported back to us but it will not be cheerful.

**Cameron's "veto".** Cameron made the simplest mistake in politics. To leave the negotiating table without the others following him. He returned to London to cheers but with absolutely nothing to show for it : no repatriated powers (and no hope of getting them now), and no protection for the City. It was not a veto, it was self-isolation.

It is his second profound mistake : last year he pulled his Tory MEPs out of their main centre-right alliance (into which Mrs Thatcher had placed them, she knowing where power lies). The Tories are now without any influence or leverage for Britain over EU legislation.

**Euro-zone crisis** The national governments stumble on, summit after summit, using the government-to-government route, and always failing to agree enough remedies. See

<http://euobserver.com/843/114698>

The European Parliament is exceedingly impatient with them. ***The EU decision-making method, already agreed in the treaties, is that the Commission makes the proposal, the Parliament and the Council together decide, each by majority voting, and there is the solution !***

If the Euro-zone fails, it will be because each national government insists on holding onto its own sovereignty and is unwilling to take the necessary step to shared sovereignty towards the Union that was agreed sixty years ago. In other words, nationalism will have prevailed. It is in Britain's strong economic interest that the euro survives.

We British should not underestimate the total determination of the continentals not to let sixty years of work unwind and risk a return to hostile rivalries in Europe. The world has changed and European countries, all of us small now, have to work together to face up to the emerging giants, China, India, Brazil, etc

**Croatia** is to be the next member state of the EU.

**Meanwhile, some good news.**

1. Mine about removing phosphates from detergents was approved by the parliament by



631 to 18. The Council has to give similar approval (the latest count there is 25 states in favour, two against) then it is a law applying directly without national parliaments involvement. More details at

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20111213IPR34069/html/Fish-friendly-laundry-and-dishwasher-detergents>

2. Another is about fruit-juices - whereby the practice of adding sugar is outlawed and the practice of adding other juices must be clearly stated on the label (for example, at present "strawberry juice" is mainly apple juice.) More details at

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20111213IPR34068/html/No-more-mix-ups-over-mixed-fruit-juices>

3. Thirdly, a single EU Patent is approaching. The national governments have edged closer to ending decades of deadlock to agree on a streamlined system for patents, a move that would help businesses in our flagging economy. The agreement will also establish a Unitary Patent Court. Once finalised, the agreement would be a rare example of the "enhanced cooperation" process, whereby a group of member states can push ahead on their own with new rules, despite the objections of a few. Italy and Spain have refused to back the creation of a single EU patent because the official languages for an EU patent will be only English, French and German. They want Italian and Spanish included too.

4. My long campaign to raise the level of awareness about the ever-growing activities of international criminal gangs and the need for a European FBI is recognised. The parliament will create a new committee in January, on Organised Crime, and I expect to be one of its members.

#### **Finally...**

1. A popular Greek socialist ex-MEP was wandering round the parliament last week. A few months ago he was phoned by the Greek Prime Minister, Papandreou, "please come back to Athens and be my Foreign Minister". Soon afterwards, the new technocratic government took power in Athens. Stavros, the ex-MEP and ex-minister, said to me "If you ever get a call to be your country's Foreign Minister, just say No" !

2. I heard that, in future, euro notes may be printed on grease-proof paper. ha ha.

**Bill Newton Dunn MEP**

*Editor's note: Bill is a Liberal Democrat.*

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## Where Is The Well In Welham?

*A few years ago your editor learned that the name Welham probably derived from an ancient well located near Bonemill Lane. So over now to Glyn and Jenny Whelan to explain.*

According to several articles that I have managed to obtain it is here at our house, "Well House" in what is now Bonemill Lane (formerly Wellhouse Lane). Undoubtedly, the original part of the house is the Spa that was built by John Hutchinson in the early 1700's. As quoted by Arthur Mee in "The Kings England Nottinghamshire" in 1938 "Below the floor of a cottage on the lane to Welham is the once renowned well which gave that village its name. A flight of steps goes down to the water in a stone basin 12 feet square." I am sure that many of the residents aged over 40 and still living here will be able to confirm following the school outings that used to visit here.

John Piercy wrote in 1828 "The History of Retford in the County of Nottingham as follows "*Welham, or the Hamlet of the Well, is supposed to have derived its name from a once celebrated spring (St Johns Well) near the place, which was formed into a large bath, and still remains entire; during the early part of last century, it was famous for many cures, but latterly it has lost much of its celebrity. The late John Hutchinson, Esq. erected a cottage adjoining and enclosed the bath, to reserve it from injury. Here was, until lately a feast, or fair, held annually on St John's day, to which the neighbouring villagers resorted to enjoy such rural sports as fancy might dictate. Cold baths like this were formerly regarded with superstitious reverence, being supposed to possess a sovereign remedy for agues, rheumatism, &c.*" (probably they were also welcome after the flights of fancy)

I would like to thank local historian Ross Parish for giving me the above references during his research visit. Other items that emerged during my research were that Arthur Robert Garland of Welham Hall purchased from the deceased estate of John Henry Hutchinson of Clarborough Hall acres 117.3.16 along with Well House Cottage and garden for the sum of £3200 on 16/10/1910. He then sold the cottage and garden to Fred Anderson on 5/11/1910 for £130. This was subsequently bought by the late Mr Eric Durham on 14/10/1955, later to be purchased by myself on 27/3/1975

Further articles in the Retford Times of 14/6/57 & 2/7/70 give much of the above information along with the other points of interest. The Domesday book refers to Wellun (at the spring), this changed to Wellum by 1166 and by the 16<sup>th</sup> century had become Wellom but in Chapman and Andres map of Nottinghamshire in 1775 was shown as Welham. By 1830 the spring had lost much of its popularity as railways became widespread opening up travel to the warmer if not more effective spas. The water was originally taken internally and indeed prior to mains water in 1938 served as the water source to the local farms and cottages. One such house was Hopfield Cottage where hops were grown for maltings. And they can still be found in the local hedgerows (including here at Well House).

The secret behind the power of the water is its very high mineral content as it soaks through the gypsum in Clarborough hills. It is drinkable, but only in small quantities, as it is very high in magnesium and sulphate (the predominate ingredients of Andrews Liver Salts). It is quite chalky to taste flat but is very pleasant to drink if aerated. Other tales we have been able to glean from locals are that the lane used to be virtually a tunnel as the hedgerows joined above. Also it is believed that a Vicar of Babworth died of a heart attack while taking the very cold water. We would very much appreciate any further information that any readers are able to give us.

The spring today is diverted round the house and can be seen pouring out into the dyke halfway down our garden. It is still very prolific at several gallons per minute which does not reduce even in the driest of summers.

**Glyn & Jenny Whelan**

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Many thanks to all in the village who supported the Victorian Carols afternoon at Christmas; the event was a great success with people queueing to get in. Watch out for news of our summer events.

**Lesley Keating**

This is now the Chinese 'Year of the Dragon'

## Alternative Energy 3

Moving on to water power, we have many rivers in Britain where small scale hydro-electric schemes, sufficient for small villages and towns, could be installed. Places like the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales etc. have numerous rivers where careful building would not spoil the landscape. Tidal sources of power have been widely used in some countries and are well developed technologies. The big advantage with tidal is that it is absolutely guaranteed. As with other technologies, British governments have lagged way behind countries such as France in using tidal power. Wave power will take years of development; waves are extremely variable; from nothing to destructive - a real challenge.

Heat pumps utilise the heat available in the surroundings, almost no matter what the outside temperature. They are similar to the cooling system on a refrigerator – just feel the fins on the outside. If the system was reversed then the inside of the fridge would get warm! The energy used to operate the pump is less than the energy rise inside the building. Many theatres use this type of heating. The big advantage is that the system can be reversed and used to cool buildings. Water has a high “thermal capacity” (think how long it takes to boil a pan of water and how easily the metal handle of the saucepan gets hot) i.e. it contains a lot of energy. This can also be tapped from the sea and lakes etc.

Ground source energy relies on the heat being generated in the earth. In some locations this is relatively close to the surface – not dangerous though! With the right technology this heat can be accessed and distributed through a locality. Leaders in this field include both Iceland and New Zealand.

Nuclear energy is, perhaps, not the most popular at the moment bearing in mind the problems in Japan but the earthquake danger is irrelevant in this country. France generates the majority of its power by nuclear and, ironically considering the hysteria nuclear power can cause amongst the chattering classes in this country, we buy in considerable quantities of this nuclear generated power from France. To its credit, it is a carbon neutral power source and not dangerous in the way it is demonised by many.

*So why are we still stuck with wind turbines. Cost, laziness and a lack of interest by successive governments!*

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## Great Britain or little England?

Since Britain lost it's empire she has slipped down the international league tables – both economically and militarily; we now have much less 'clout' when it comes to influencing world affairs.

A quick look at the current (2010 figures) world economic landscape shows where we now reside:

Position	GDP (Millions \$)
1. European Union	16,242,256
2. USA	14,526,550
3. China	5,878,257
4. Japan	5,458,797
5. Germany*	3,286,451
6. France*	2,562,742
7. United Kingdom*	2,250,209
8. Brazil	2,090,314
9. Italy*	2,055,114
10. India	1,631,970

\*All part of the EU's total.

These compare with a total, world, GDP of \$62,911,253 across all 183 states.

(Source: International Monetary Fund, 2010)

**Gross domestic product (GDP)**, the market value of all final goods and services from a nation in a given year, do not take into account differences in the cost of living in different countries, and the results can vary greatly from one year to another based on fluctuations in the exchange rates of the country's currency. The GDP dollar estimates presented here are calculated at market or government official exchange rates.

So, the UK is still in the top league as far as international trade is concerned – but only just, and with current bets on China joining the USA and EU at 'top table' in the near future, how is Britain to maintain influence? In fact, with such rapid recent growth, and with a population almost equal to that of the USA and EU combined, it would be wise to recognise that China could be top of the list by 2050. Who would bet on India not being close behind with its population of more than a billion? **The world will look very different by the time pupils at Clarborough Primary School are approaching their retirements! Are we preparing for that future?**

Editor

Political jargon: **Euro-sceptic = isolationist?**

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