

# Clarborough & Welham Newsletter



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## From the Editor

This issue of Clarborough & Welham Newsletter has been even more challenging to edit than usual – for all the right reasons! There is just so much material coming in that my editor's scissors has been exceptionally busy. This does, however, explain my emphasis on readers making regular use of our community website; not only is it updated almost daily – rather than the quarterly nature of this Newsletter – but also the space limitations of our 16 pages just doesn't figure at all. Thus you can read the full versions of such important items as Bill Newton Dunn's MEP report from Brussels, the recent series of security leaflets from Nottinghamshire Police (covering vehicle, bicycle, bike & Scooter, Mobile phone, garden shed and antiques & art works) through to Nottingham Archives' latest Newsletters.

A quick look at our site's *Latest News* page gives just a flavour of the wealth of information passing through: Local Christmas events (oh yes!), Churchyard survey, Department of Transport road safety, Special constables recruitment, School Holiday dates through to 2016, Anglian Water response to Clarborough leaks, Nottinghamshire C.C. Consultation on transport needs and Neighbourhood Alerts. Add to this a constant flow of information from Central Government, County and District Councils along with NHS, Police, utilities and voluntary sector organisations and it is clear why this is the place to keep abreast of what is going on.

With over 100 pages and a multitude of links to other resources – as well as the daily update factor - it is so much more than our Newsletter. With some 3000 'hits' per month, it is already a significant source of information for locals but also a significant advert for Clarborough & Welham on the world stage. Recently we have found that entering 'clarborough' into a Google search places our site around third or fourth on the first page!

**And, finally, a great welcome to our new Barcrofts' Farmshop and re-opened Kings Arms!**

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## The end of Welham by-pass?

*The following article was received just before our previous issue but your editor thought it was vital to gain a balanced view, so held it over to this issue so that our County Council could reply.*

The Welham by pass was ready to be built in 2009, with a fully costed and engineered by-pass. Now it has entirely disappeared from the £2,300 million Nottinghamshire County Council roads programme, in favour of numerous improvements in the South of the County.

This decision, made by County Councillors is both irrational and inappropriate. The alternative HGV route along Tiln Lane in Retford and Smeath Lane in Clarbrough is both dangerous and expensive. The danger to residents, pedestrians and cyclists is well known, but the growing maintenance costs of HGV use of a winding country lane is less understood. These costs will dramatically escalate in the future.

The attempts by developers to propose many hundreds of new houses between Retford and Clarbrough are currently under consideration and I have called for their rejection, instead creating a green buffer zone between towns and villages and defining absolutely that the town boundary of Retford should not be extended. Residents can still write or email Bassetlaw Planning Department to have your say on whether the greenery between Retford and Clarbrough should be preserved or not.

The decision by Bassetlaw Council on these proposals is imminent under its local plan (known as the Local Development Framework). A rejection of encroachment into green space will give a new impetus in resurrecting the Welham by-pass. It is time, in my view, that this wrongful decision is reversed and Councillors persuaded that the Welham by-pass should be built.

With today's lorry sizes and the building of a third power station at West Burton, it is time for long suffering residents and the business community to benefit from the decades old need for a bridges by-pass. I encourage all villagers to get loudly, but politely, behind the campaign to build the Welham by-pass.

**John Mann MP**

## Notts County Council's view

By-pass proposals on the A620 at Clarbrough and Welham have been around for decades. More

recently a Welham Realignment was considered. A cross party committee of the County Council considered a list of transport schemes a couple of years ago and members supported the deletion of many schemes from the list. Unfortunately the Clarborough & Welham scheme was one of those, which we had to accept was not realistically going to attract the outside funding necessary in the foreseeable future.

The likely cost of the A620 Welham realignment is over £5m and therefore is categorised by the Government as a 'Major' scheme. Such schemes will only progress when there are no alternatives to address the specific challenges. Major schemes will only be provided where the Government funds the majority of the cost and also where the County Council can afford its contribution (at least 10%). Having undertaken a review it was determined that the scheme should no longer be safeguarded as it scored poorly against strategic priorities making it unlikely to achieve the Government's minimum financial rate of return.

It is fair to say that because a full bypass scheme has been on the council's wish list for decades, little has been done to improve Tiln Lane & Smeath Lane, consequently the volume and size of HGV's using the Tiln Lane/Smeath Lane route has increased to unacceptable levels. Local County Councillors have been very active in finding a way forward to improve life for those affected by the traffic and suggested a weight restriction, initially proposed by a resident, to take larger vehicles off that route. Our Officers are urgently working on a proposal to do just that, they attended a very positive meeting of the Welham Realignment Action Group (WRAG) on 18<sup>th</sup> June. The next step will be public consultation on HGV restriction and I would urge residents to support this.

In addition we are looking at vehicle speeds and road safety around Carr Hill School which is another concern for residents and parents. I know your County Councillors will keep you informed of progress on both issues.

**Richard Jackson**  
**Chairman – Transport & Highways Committee**  
**Nottinghamshire County Council**

**Editor's note:** County Councillor Liz Yates is very happy to take enquiries on any topic.

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Mobile: 07818 588 874  
or e-mail [cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk)

## Local student with ambitions

My name is Adam Freeman and I have been raising money since March to go on a trip to Kenya with the Elizabethan Academy next year. I have to raise £3,800 and am doing really well. I have done several table top sales at the Village Hall and at Clarborough Festival. I have raised over £1,500 from sponsorship by completing the



Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge (that's me on the right when we reached the top), which I did in 10 hours and 57 minutes!

My latest fund raiser was a Coffee Morning at our home on Main Street on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The weather can only be described as varied! I had a raffle, which was drawn by Councillor Kath Sutton, bran tub, tombola, face painting by Gee Wizz Faces, mini pamper treatments by Ruth from Studio Spa and, of course, lots of home-made cakes. I raised £220.00 and would like to thank everyone who came.

This brings my total to over £3,000, and if anyone would like to support me I can be contacted on (01777) 702 493.

I would like to thank my Mum for all her hard work helping me raise this money.

**Adam Freeman**

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## New face on the beat!



Alan Johnson (above left) has taken over as the new Beat Manager for Nottinghamshire Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team covering Clayworth and Sturton.

Pc Johnson has been full time police officer for more than 11 years and served for six years as a Special Constable in Worksop before that. Initially Alan served with the West Midlands Police, spending more than seven years with the force, three and a half years as a response officer and three years as a Neighbourhood beat officer in the Bourneville area. Since joining Nottinghamshire Police he has served as a response officer in the Bulwell, Retford, Harworth and Worksop areas. Married with one son, Alan is Worksop born and bred. "So I know the area well," he said. "I am looking forward to a new challenge, getting out and about and meeting people, and trying to make a difference to the quality of life for people in the villages I cover," he added.

**Alan joins PCSO Dave Airey (above right) on the Clayworth and Sturton beat.**

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### **School Extension**

As some of you may be aware we are in the process of getting an extension built on the far right hand side of the school (as you look at it from the Hillview Crescent entrance). This extension will be an additional learning area for existing children. A planning application has been submitted and we are hoping that work will begin in early September 2012, with the extension completed before Christmas.

### **Internet Safety**

Last term, we began to teach all full time children about the importance of Internet Safety & Responsibility. For the younger children this involved a series of videos about 'the SMART crew' and general awareness. For the older children it is a lot more involved and included some quite 'hard hitting' videos. We also ran a couple of Parent/Carers sessions.

### **After School activities**

In September we will be offering the following activities after school: A Team Fitness, Tennis, Zumba & Spanish.

### **The Retford Oaks Academy Reading Roadshow exchange on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

The Road Show, run by Mrs Wadsworth, librarian and LRC Manager, is an annual initiative which aims to shadow one of the book year's major awards, the CILIP Kate Greenaway Picture Book medal for the most outstanding picture book. The shortlisted books are studied by students in the school's Reading Group and examined in terms of

quality of text, illustration and production. The group produce posters, bookmarks and stickers promoting the books and aim to visit all the school's Primary partners to read the stories to the age group they were designed for. The students prepare hard, practising their story reading skills on fellow students in school and siblings at home in preparation for visiting primary schools. Most of the students are in year 7 or 8 and are all enthusiastic readers. They enjoy the Road Show visits very much, gaining many new skills and much confidence through working with younger children.

The visit to Clarborough Primary school took on a slightly different format this year, at Mr Bunn's suggestion, with Retford Oaks students exchanging with a group of year six children. Whilst the ROA students read to Foundation two and Year One, Year six children with Mrs Pryar and Mrs Herdman returned to Retford Oaks with Mrs Wadsworth to explore the LRC. This was highly successful and hopefully will be the beginning of a series of joint literacy events between the two schools.

### **Dragons take over**

Class 3 pupils spent a half-term studying dragons, starting off with the film *How to Train your Dragon*. They also learned about St. George, used their senses to describe dragons, wrote poetry and made dragon puppets and biscuits. A trip to Perlethorpe provided opportunities to make dragon potions.

The topic ended with a Creative Homework Challenge which was to make their own dragon. We were all amazed at the enthusiasm and creative ingenuity that the children displayed – their results enlivened school for weeks!

**Miss Mayhew & Mrs Russell**

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## Parish Council pointers....

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**Skate Park update** Construction is now well under way. County Council workmen braved a mudbath, followed by kinder conditions, to start the work. The Skatepark area now has its Tarmac surface, and a pathway is nearing completion. Ramp building should start within the next two weeks.

**School Parking help:** A footpath across the Football field, (away from the playing area) will provide a link from the Village Hall car park, directly to School. The Parish Council have offered to make a significant contribution to the cost involved. Hill View residents can heave a sigh of relief at the thought of eased school parking.

**Congratulations** from the Parish Council to the owners of Barcroft Farm Shop & Café, on their opening in Clarborough. It looks great, so good luck. We also hear the Kings Arms is re-opening shortly - all good news for our community.

## Reminder – Christmas Tree Lighting Fayre

Would your organization or small local business like a stall at the Parish Council's Christmas event on December 5<sup>th</sup> ? Our Vice Chairman Ann Codling would be happy to hear from you : stalls free of charge to Clarborough & Welham residents, £5 to others. Call her on (01777) 705 396.

## Afternoon Meeting

Please note: our next Parish Council meeting will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the unusual time 14:00. Meetings return to their usual 19:00 in October. Everyone is welcome.

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10<sup>th</sup> September at 14:00 (note time!)

22<sup>nd</sup> October at 19:00

3<sup>rd</sup> December at 19:00

Agendas are always posted at least a week in advance on our community website as are approved Minutes

## Too many Nottinghamshire villages have really slow broadband service

Are you frustrated by slow internet speeds? If so, you're not alone, thousands of people and businesses in the more rural parts of Nottinghamshire are still getting very slow broadband, or worse still – none at all! This is annoying for home users but potentially disastrous for rural businesses.

Telecoms companies have been prioritising urban areas where demand is high. "Things might stay this way for many years unless we all get together and persuade the telecoms companies to take action," says Councillor Keith Girling, Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council's Economic Development Committee. "That's why the County Council is seeking at least 5,000 people to sign an online pledge saying we desperately need faster broadband here in rural Nottinghamshire. "We'll present this to the telecoms companies later this year to prove that the demand is high here in Nottinghamshire and to urge them to prioritise our county."

You can help this campaign by simply registering your details on the **Superfast Broadband for Notts** at [www.nottsgov.uk/broadband](http://www.nottsgov.uk/broadband) and click to pledge. It will take two minutes, or phone to pledge on 08449 80 80 80

To find out how fast your internet speed at home is try [www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk](http://www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk)  
**Note:** Slow speeds can also be due to computer issues.

A map of particularly slow Nottinghamshire rural areas can be found on our community website; go to IT Site ► Broadband petition where you can also click-to-vote.

Jane Wallace  
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## Lands End to Dover - 9 days at 80yrs

Frank Hamill, a regular contributor to the life of Clarborough & Welham IT Group, has recently capped it all with an extraordinary bike ride – from



Lands End to Dover, covering some 500 miles on a meandering route raising funds in aid of Bassetlaw Hospice and Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. At any age this would have been an 'epic' journey, but Frank doesn't go for ageism – in either direction – so let's just say his efforts were 'special'.

Details of Frank's trip have appeared elsewhere; here, in his own words, Frank picks a few highlights.

I spent several months planning the route, checking maps - there is no defined route - to find safe roads etc, sorting out hotels for over-night stays and also preparing this old Geordie Frame! The bike needed to be prepared too.

- The weather was fantastic - I was lucky but got a good sun tan.
- There were lots of hills - too many!
- Almost invariably, the folks I met along the way were friendly and generous
- My B/B's were in general excellent - 10 nights.
- I had loads of cream teas with large pots of tea. However, I still lost 10lbs in weight.
- The South coast was festooned in flags and bunting etc - for me? or maybe the Queen?
- My training was right because I had no real problems, 9 days and 500 miles, and my bike supported me well with only one puncture.

So far around £3000 has been raised which could still increase slightly.

Frank Hamill

If you'd like to add to Frank's already impressive fund, then either go online to [www.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com) and enter Frank's name in the **Make a donation: sponsor your friend** box at top right or contact Bassetlaw Hospice (01777) 863 270 or to donate: [give@bassetlawhospice.org](mailto:give@bassetlawhospice.org)).

Editor

### Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA)

Halloween Evening : 27<sup>th</sup> October

Next meetings: 24<sup>th</sup> October at 19:30

14<sup>th</sup> November at 19:00 (our AGM)

## Clarborough Village Ventures

**Victorian Christmas Market - Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** As this was such a huge success last year and we have had many requests for a repeat performance, the Worksop Brass Band has been booked and plans are underway for a big variety of stalls. Again, this will be held in St. John the Baptists Church, so please come along and join in the with carol singing, have a go on the stalls and browse for those last minute Christmas bargains, whilst sipping a glass of hot mulled wine and eating a mince pie. We've already had a word with Father Christmas who's promised to drop in for a visit. What better way to start your Christmas celebrations could there be?

**Pantomime Project** ...calling all you frustrated actors/musicians/costume designers/set builders etc.

We would like to stage Clarborough's first ever pantomime in February 2013. For this to be a success we need many helpers and volunteers. A meeting on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 20:00 in the village hall for all those interested in getting involved - whether it be acting/singing/dancing or backstage - scenery, costumes, make up, lighting - all jobs are extremely important to the smooth running of this idea. Auditions for parts in the pantomime will take place on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 20:00-22:00 in the village hall.

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Sara & Andy Hardie





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Our memory groups are open to people with dementia and their carer, family and friends to gain practical information and emotional support, with a number of activities and speakers on various topics ongoing each month.

### **Retford Carers Support Group**

This group is for carers only and is on the 4th Thursday of every month from 18:30 - 20:30 at the Hallcroft Community Centre, Randall Way, Retford, DN22 7GR

### **Hallcroft Memory Group**

This group runs on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 10:30 - 12:30 at the Hallcroft Community Centre, Randall Way, Retford, DN22 7GR

### **Carers Information and Support Programme**

This is a weekly course consisting of 6 sessions covering various topics such as understanding dementia and coping strategies. They are run in various locations and on various days and times to help suit everyone's needs.

For further information on any of the above or for information and support please contact the Bassetlaw Dementia Support Service on the following number: **01909 481 356**

**Katrina Walker**

## **Retford Library Family History Group**

The Group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 17:00-19:00.

**Next meeting : 10<sup>th</sup> September**

***Ask the Archivist (Nottingham Archives)  
on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November (16:00-18:00)***

**Meetings are FREE (50p for refreshments) so  
why not come along and get involved?**

## From your District Councillor

As usual I'd like to reflect for a moment. Firstly, congratulations to the Village Ventures for their organisation of our Jubilee Celebrations which were enjoyed by all who participated.

Congratulations also to Adam Freeman and his family who have already raised  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the money towards Adam's trip to Kenya where he will be working in the community. Also many thanks to our W.I. for another lovely Seniors' tea party where we were able to celebrate the special 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of Verdon Marshall who, with his wife Joan, are such a loved and respected couple in the village.

My main thoughts this newsletter revolve around the reorganisation of **Bassetlaw Over 50's Forum** which some of you have already attended. The Committee have decided that there are to be two branches of the Forum – one in Retford and one in Worksop and that we endeavour to have similar topics in both towns; members may attend either. Twice a year we will have a united meeting, one of these being the AGM in November. All meetings are 13:30 to 15:00. The venues have also changed; Retford meetings will be at Retford Library and Worksop ones at The Crossing. Besides our usual social gathering with lots of chat and refreshments we aim to involve members in campaigning on issues that concern us all.

The first meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Lecture room at Retford Library where Neil Williamson of Nottingham AgeUK will be our speaker.

17<sup>th</sup> October at The Crossing, Worksop, Simon Bernacki of Disability Nottinghamshire will explore some 'hot' issues.

21<sup>st</sup> November the Annual General Meeting in Retford Library will be followed by Amy Davy from Bassetlaw Museum who will entertain and challenge us.

Other dates will follow.

So please put the September date in your diary NOW !!! Anyone who would like a lift just phone me on: (01777) 709 034.

Hope to see you there.

Kath Sutton

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## Burt Lancaster kidnapped?

"There is a good film on the television tonight" my mum said, "it should be good, it cost millions of pounds to make" This got me thinking as to how does one starts to make a film – I then got the idea to ask my friend, Arthur, who has worked in this industry as a Film Production Accountant - this is my take on his reply.

Arthur Porter revealed that he had worked as a film production accountant on films such as 2001 A Space Odyssey, Far From the Madding Crowd and The Railway Children to name but a few.

A film production accountant has a vital role to play in film making. Being one of the first on and last off of a picture, he is responsible for every aspect of expenditure. Not only the obvious such as camera, sound, wardrobe, make up, etc. but less immediate ones such as accommodation and travel; not to mention post-production. There is no income from any film until it is released, so all outgoings have to be recorded by the accountant. A budget would have been set for all sections and departments. The outgoings would be recorded and weekly meetings held between accountant, producer and director to ensure everything is 'on budget'.

A film wouldn't be made without this money usually raised by the 'studio'. This accounting can all get problematic if you have a director who's a wee bit crazy and suddenly demands that instead of a small bang for the sound effect for a few gunshots he now thinks the film needs a burning train zooming through Kings Cross station being chased by an alien spacecraft!

Film studios usually raise the money to create the

film - anything less than one million pounds is usually considered low-budget. Not everything 'on location', however, is so serious...

Why would you blindfold Burt Lancaster? Good question! Once on location in Spain, Arthur and some of the other British members of the crew (from now on we shall call them Exploration Team, because they explored around enough to find this pub in the first place) discovered a British-style pub. They decided to keep it hidden from the rest of the cast and crew so they had a quiet place to go for a drink or meal or game of darts even. Somehow Burt Lancaster heard about this pub and asked if he could come too.

If you are trying to protect something you hold dear, drastic measures are required. Burt had heard about this good pub serving Watney's Red Barrel and good food, so could we take him? Yes - but blindfolded as the only way to protect our "local" - so blindfolded it was. He enjoyed a good night and good beer and then had a blindfolded journey back. Unable to give directions to his American friends, the 'local' remained just that. Read more about the film industry in our next, exciting, issue or, if you want a front seat, enrol for Clarborough & Welham IT Group classes in September!

**Connor Dunn, Margaret Roberts & Bernadette Tingle**

**Clarborough Gardening Club**  
**6<sup>th</sup> October – Usual meeting**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> November – Hardy Planters Winter Survival Kit**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party**



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## Quality Homes for those over 60

Have you heard of the Sloswicke Trust? If not, please read on!

The Sloswicke Trust has been established for many years and now provides quality accommodation for over 40 of Retford's retired residents. But many people in the area know nothing about Sloswicke's and what the Charity has to offer – hence this article.

The aim of the Trust is to offer high quality homes for those people over 60 who have strong links with Retford, but have limited means.

The Trust owns several properties in Retford, including flats and cottages in Churchgate, Union Street, Coronation Street and Protestant Place in Queen Street. All the properties provide self-contained accommodation for both single people and couples. Some flats are at ground floor level and others are accessible by stairs or, in Hawksley House, by lift.

As Trustees, we want to ensure that as many people as possible know about Sloswicke's Almshouses so that we can be confident that those who should be benefiting from the work of the Trust are doing so. Sloswicke's Almshouses were established to be an asset to the town and we don't want them to be Retford's 'best kept secret'.

We hope that anyone who would like to know more about the accommodation will contact the Clerk, Matthew Sharpe, at Jones & Co., Cannon Square, Retford DN22 6PB (01777) 703 827

**Anne Kay (Trustee)**

## Joan's Boiled Fruit Loaf

Thanks to Joan Shead for this delight.

### Ingredients

#### Part A

1 cup of boiling water  
10oz mixed dried fruit  
½ lb margarine  
10oz sugar

#### Part B

1lb S.R. Flour  
2 beaten eggs  
4oz cherries (optional)

### Method Part A

Place all ingredients in a saucepan on a low heat and stir until the margarine has all melted.

### Method Part B

Mix all ingredients into pan.

Put mixture into 2 x 2lb greased loaf tins and bake for approx. 60mins at 160°C or until a skewer comes out clean when prodded.

Leave to cool. Keeps and freezes well.



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## News from Clarbrough & District Community Association

managers of our Village Hall.

Our Hall was busy again over the summer and the autumn has continued like this; many parties using our weekend slots. Regular, weekly activities, are shown on your community website. We have planned a Halloween evening with a local live band and food, bring you own drinks, on the **27<sup>th</sup> October**, More details on posters & website nearer the time. The Hall is available to anyone for their own events, parties, weddings, birthdays etc., prices have remained the same for some years now and are the cheapest in the area.

At a committee meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> August the Treasurer, Mrs Jenny Stockdale, announced her retirement, having served on the committee for some 10 years. She leaves the Hall's finances in excellent shape, operating in surplus with good reserves. Her resignation is with effect from the November AGM (14<sup>th</sup> November at 19:00) leaving a vacancy on the executive of the Charity. Anyone interested in this unpaid post, please contact the Hall via 07826 528 808 or email the Secretary, bobstockdale@hotmail.com

## Community website latest news

As mentioned in our Editorial, the volume of material flooding in to our office is such that only a tiny fraction finds its way onto paper. Some only appears days before the event, so much passes by between our quarterly Newsletter. This page highlights a few notable items that are currently to be found on our community website:

- MEP Bill Newton Dunn maintains a detailed running commentary on European Parliament business. (**Representative Links ► MEP**) for June & July reports.
- Neighbourhood Alerts – police & Trading Standards local news & hints-and-tips. (**Law & Order ► Neighbourhood Alert**).
- **ICT Site** for computer advice including online security and users' online forum for help.
- **Utilities** page for emergency contacts.
- **Law & Order** for everything from local contacts and reports, national policies to becoming a Special Constable.
- **Out and About** for up-to-date info about local events *and* courses.
- **Local Schools** for everything from school holiday dates through to 2016 to discussions of

Academy status.

- **Local Groups** for Village Hall activities, Village Ventures plans, Scouts, Gardening Club, IT Group, Bassetlaw Over-50s Forum and W.I.
- **Latest News** page contains – well, latest news! The whole website is usually updated daily, so this is *THE* local place to keep your finger on the pulse.

We receive constant updates from public bodies such as county and district councils, local police, NHS health & welfare as well as education centres from local schools through to course providers such as local colleges. Such networks extend into the voluntary sector with close liaison with Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service (BCVS), Bassetlaw Action Centre, Idle Valley Nature Reserve as well as organisations such as St.Johns Ambulance, WRVS and many others.

And if you haven't got a computer or internet connection? All Nottinghamshire Libraries have computers for hire (free) – you only need a library card – but do phone ahead to book.

**Alternatively, why not join Clarborough & Welham IT Group (page 10) who are always online – your local Internet Café?**





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## St John the Baptist Bell Ringers

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** a team of ringers proudly rang the Church bells at 3pm to mark the starting of the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations on the Thames.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June** Clarborough ringers were invited by the Doncaster & District Society of Change Ringers to the very first 'David Nichols Memorial Striking Competition' which was held at All Saints Church, Harworth. Clarborough entered 3 teams and in keeping with the fun theme named their teams 'Edna's Babes', 'Clarborough Clangers' and 'Andy's Angels'. All 3 teams did very well in the competition with the winners being 'Edna's Babes' made up of Clarborough ringers Dave Baron, Monica Baron and Lynne Brook, the 3 experienced ringers were Marian Thomas from Howden, Annabelle Pebble from St Nicholas in Bawtry and Jonathan Ratcliffe from St Swithun in Retford.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Clarborough Dog show results

Best Pedigree was 'Roxi' a 6 month old Beagle and shown by Brooke Lee

Best non Pedigree was 'Reggie' and shown by Donna Webster

Best Rescue Dog was 'Winston' a 3 year old Pug shown by Harriet Longworth

Obedience was won by 'Toodles' and shown by Janette Bull

Child handling was won by Harriet Longworth with 'Winston'

### Novelty classes

6 Best legs were won by 'Arthur' and Bridget Carline

Waggiest tail, 'Chole' and shown by Sallie Ransby  
Fancy dress, 'Jock' and shown by owner Elizabeth Banks

Scruffiest, 'Maisie' and shown by Xander Baker  
The Dog that looks most like its owner, 'Arthur' shown by Bridget Carline

The Dog the judge would like to take home was 'Toodles' shown by Janette Bull.

A big thank you to the Judges Anne and Mel Hardy, and to Mark Cantrill who for the first time bravely judged the novelty classes. Also many thanks to everyone helped and supported this event, we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Lynne Brook

### Church Services

2 Sept Morning Worship 09:15

9 Sept Holy Communion 6pm

16 Sept. Holy Communion 09:15

23 Sept. Evening Worship 18:00

30 Sept. Fifth Sunday, joint service Sturton 15:00.

7 Oct. No Service in Clarborough, we are invited to Harvest at Hayton, 11:00.

14 Oct. Holy Communion 18:00.

21 Oct. Holy Communion 09:15

28 Oct. Holy Communion 16:00

4 Nov. All Souls 17:00; all invited to come and light a candle in memory of loved ones.

11 Nov. Remembrance at Hayton, 10:45.

18 Nov. Holy Communion 09:15.

25 Nov. Holy Communion 16:00.

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## Anglian Water: Leaks News

Followers of our community website will be well aware of your editor's ongoing correspondence regarding 're-maining' the supply in Clarborough. Dan Whelan of Anglian Water provides the latest news (mid-July): *Just a quick update. Following on site meetings and discussions with third parties, including the highways, this scheme is now planned to commence in November 2012. Sorry this has slightly slipped back but we need to ensure everything, including environmental reports and road opening notices etc, is in place before we start.*

Dan Whelan, Anglian Water

### Where's my crossword?

Apologies to readers who have enjoyed our recent crosswords. We just haven't had space to include one in this issue. The answer to our Summer crossword is available on our community website.

## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor,

The ever present dangers of crossing Claborough Main Street have recently been brought home to me as my son prepares to move up to secondary school in Retford in September as he will have to cross the road to catch his bus each morning. Having made some local enquiries with Health & Safety Governors at Claborough Primary School it appears that efforts have been made in the past for a pedestrian crossing to be installed although nothing actually came of those moves. I am unsure where to go with this now – Nottinghamshire County Council, Bassetlaw District Council or some other agency. Any views – including support for the idea – or advice would be much appreciated.

Aldra Burton

Your editor passed this to County Councillor Liz Yates whose reply is printed below:  
"The request for a pedestrian crossing in Claborough is very valid, and one that I can support. I have already made a request to Highways North, asking them to seriously consider providing one in the future. It is hoped that by the next edition of this newsletter, I will have had a positive response."

Liz Yates

District Councillor, Kath Sutton, further endorsed this move.

### Dear Editor,

The Welham Re-Alignment and Claborough By-pass has been cancelled by Nottinghamshire County Council without any proper consultation with local residents.

We believe that the whole scheme may never happen as one project but we have proposed a two phase plan. The whole of the plan was to cost approximately £30 million. Welham Re-Alignment Action Group (WRAG) have proposed to County Hall that the Welham Re-alignment, which avoids the two low railway bridges, should be the first phase, costing approximately £5 million. This should be followed by Phase 2, the Claborough by-pass. If phase 1 does not take place, then obviously, phase 2 won't either.

WRAG is steadily obtaining support from local residents and businesses. A number of local haulage companies have given their support

stating that the present routes are not safe or practical and that the by-pass is the only solution.

Nottinghamshire County Council are proposing a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Smeath Lane/Tiln Lane with an exception for high-sided vehicles. We feel that these short-term measures will make little difference to the problems. We need support from everyone in our community.

We are proposing to call a public meeting very soon. We urge you to report any motoring incidents on Tiln Lane, Smeath Lane and the A620 to our contacts given below. We also urge you to contact your local councillors making your concerns known.

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Graham Atchinson on behalf of WRAG

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