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**Snow laden trees presented a beautiful sight, but for motorists the picture was something different when winter arrived with a vengeance on 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

Although snow had fallen before Christmas it was nothing compared to what fell during the night and morning of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January. In fact snow continued to fall for most of the day on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Several inches of snow fell making it impossible for motorists to negotiate Clarborough Hill on the main Retford to Gainsborough Road.



It was not until around 1.30 pm. that the road became navigable for traffic. At one point a snow plough itself became stuck on the hill.

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Alternative routes to Gainsborough via Gringley-on-the-Hill or Leverton Hill also proved impassable. Motorists passing through the village had no alternative but to wait patiently until the hill became passable. Several villagers congregated at the bottom of the hill, during the morning, to watch the snow clearing operations. Whilst the main road was cleared over the following days unfortunately side roads and



the roads on housing estates were not cleared and remained difficult for residents to reach the main road.

Children at the local primary school were not due to start back until the 6th January following the Christmas break, but in the event the School did not re-open until 7<sup>th</sup> January – sooner than several in the area.

Thanks must be extended to all staff at the school for clearing the footpaths on school property although access via Little Lane and Hillview Crescent still made access to the school difficult.



*(This article was submitted for publication on 16th January. Between 5th January and 16th January there were further light falls of snow followed by a slight thaw during the day and severe frosts at night. The night of 15th January and morning of 16th January saw heavy rain. Only light pockets of snow remained but water from the hills raised the level of the village beck. Hopefully this will not produce any flooding).*

**Article prepared by Charles Cave**

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## Clarborough School

### Snow News

We are proud of the children and staff because we were closed for just one day on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. Everyone has made a tremendous effort to keep the school open. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January we decided to have a snowman building competition – in the end everyone who took part was a winner. Thanks you to all the parents who were able to come along to 'help'! Sadly the snow was too cold to stick together so we made sleeping snowmen!



Carter with a mini snowman

### Staff News

Some of our staff have been studying for additional qualifications for some time. We are very please to be able to tell you that Mrs M. Stocks and Mrs H. Waring have achieved NVQ level 2 as Teaching Assistants. Miss E. Footitt has qualified very successfully as a teacher and is now in charge of Class 3.

Mrs Yorke, one of our Headteachers, will be leaving us at Easter to take up the post of Headteacher at Rampton Primary School. We are delighted for her success but sad to be losing her. Mrs Sewell will continue as sole Headteacher until a suitable Co-Headteacher can be appointed.

### Strictly Come Dancing

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December children in Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a 'Strictly Come Dancing'



competition. They all learned a waltz and a jive as part of their work on World War II. Many parents, carers and friends were able to attend and we had a very enjoyable afternoon.

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## New events committee formed in village

Two stalwarts of village life here in Clarborough decided that more things should be done in the village and that other people should be doing them!!!

Not willing to let things slide and not content with having done their bit for longer than anyone can remember, they have now decided to encourage others to get involved and reduce their heavy burden of organising all the Ho downs, Bungee jumps and wild parties within the village. Now for those of you who don't know, I refer to the formidable team of Mrs Edna Bradley and her side kick, the equally intimidating, Mrs Maureen Marsh.

They set about recruiting members of the village community to form an events committee in the hope that finally it would encourage a more exciting and event filled village life, something both these ladies desperately craved. So several shrinking violets, overseen by this formidable duo have formed an events committee/group/gathering. The committee consists of all walks of life from an ex-bank clerk to a secretary, (now Hon sec) and various other well known village comics; we have Bartles, Baines's and all manner of expert slowly gathering speed.

The plan is to try for a 'bit of a do' in June 2010 involving steam and all things agricultural, vintage tractors, side shows etc. to evolve into a good old annual kneez up with even a ceilidh on Saturday night. Andy and Angela at the pub have threatened us with a real ale weekend to coincide and lord knows what else might happen!

The ever popular dog show takes place on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June and it is thought that we could expand the weekend to become a proper good 'Clarborough Festival'. The festival would, of course, be of an agricultural nature as we are an agricultural community, oh yes we are...

A meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January considered a draft constitution for the group, to be known as

**Village Ventures Committee (V.V.C.)**, followed by preliminary planning for our proposed event. As it currently stands, this would be a two-day extravaganza incorporating the traditional dog show but much expanded to include steam traction and vintage tractors sections, a car-boot, side stalls and summer fair combined with a Saturday-evening ceilidh in the Village Hall (tickets £10 including a pie-and-peas supper and free raffle).

Anyone wishing to join in is more than welcome, and to be fair we need as much help as we can get, this is a big task. Why not come to the **Group's AGM on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February (7pm) at the Village Hall ?**

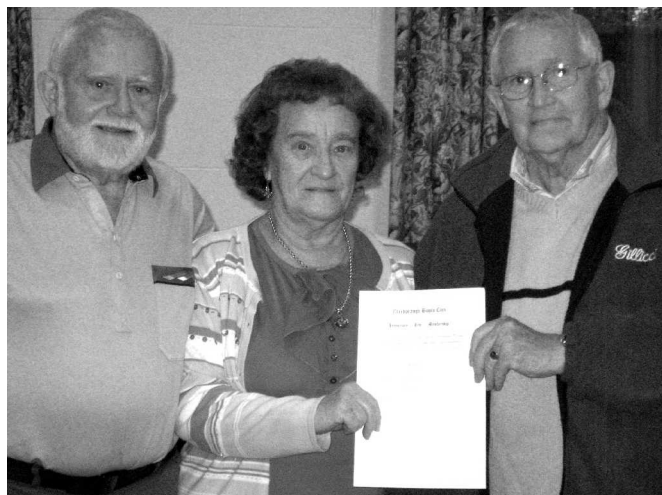
*Andy Hardie, Chairman designate, V.V.C.*

## Clarborough Bowls Club



[Above] Lesley Keating receives the 2009 Tournament Cup from Wilf & Geoff Hawdon.

[Below] Pam Stokes receiving Life Membership certificate in recognition of her donation towards replacement bowls mat.





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Laura Goad, our Community Outreach Advisor, is available to visit people in their own homes to offer advice on a number of local services such as Befriending Schemes, Transport and Meal Services.

Laura has helped with issues such as:

- Contacting groups and clubs to help combat isolation
- Crime prevention
- Adaptations to the home (ie. Grab rails)
- Helping to arrange DIY and gardening
- Arranging benefits checks

For more information contact Laura Goad at:

**Retford Action Centre (01777) 709 650**

or [lgoad@retfordactioncentre.org.uk](mailto:lgoad@retfordactioncentre.org.uk)

Each Thursday Laura may be contacted through Retford Resource for Older People at the Buttermarket, Retford Town Hall on (01777) 862 745 or why not drop in at the Buttermarket for lunch (very good, and very reasonable prices!) and a chat with Laura and her team.

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## Senior Residents Christmas Party

Monday morning 14<sup>th</sup> December, the ladies of Clarborough and District W.I. and friends met at the village hall to prepare for the party. It was cold and raining but we still managed to keep cheerful. In the main hall, tables had already been put up for us which was a great help. The room was soon transformed with Christmas tree decoration and festive cloths on tables. Meanwhile, others were busy in the kitchen and guess what, it was time for a coffee break – at which point John Salmon (Parish Council Clerk) and Greg Herdman (IT Group) seemed to get involved!

Janet and Val arrived to organise the raffle which made £150 pounds towards 2010 Christmas party. Our thanks go to Janet and Val for their hard work.

By 4.30pm everyone started to arrive ready for 5pm tea. They were greeted at the door and offered a sherry or orange juice. Children from Clarborough School came to entertain for 15 minutes before tea. This really made everyone feel that Christmas was around the corner and our thanks must go to the children and staff. Mrs Kath Sutton, District Counsellor, welcomed everyone and then tea was served; hot new potatoes, ham, turkey and salad, sherry trifle, tea, coffee and mints.

You have all heard of "Britain's got Talent", well "Clarborough has got Talent" in our very own Reverend Mark Cantrell who entertained, singing solo as well as leading community singing.

The evening ended with Father Christmas presenting everyone with a present. A lot of hard work was put into the evening before and on the day, but it was all worth while.

We would like to thank all those who made the event possible by donation or fund raising.

**L.S. Baines**  
**Secretary W.I.**

### *Hints & Tips*

Most Word Processors include a number of shortcuts via the CTRL (control) key. Hold down CTRL and tap the A-key to mark a whole passage for editing (CTRL-A).

## Play Area Success

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council have started the New Year on a High.

News that WREN have granted funding, to refurbish the Childrens' Play area, was received in late December.

WREN have awarded a total of £34,720. the amount bid for, which together with the Parish Councils compulsory match funding of £3,189, and £375 raised from the Tree Lighting event, gives a total of £38,284 to provide new Play equipment and new surface. Vice Chairman Ann Codling said "We were delighted with the news. The hard work in compiling the bid, obtaining letters of support, plus the involvement of Clarborough School, has really paid off

A lot of work still remains to be done to satisfy WREN's regulations, in deciding on the best value contractor to use and to see the project through to completion. We hope to have the job completed within six to eight months.

Our thanks to everyone who supported the successful bid, we hope to have your continuing support."

## The Old School

Lonely on the hillside  
The old school stands  
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## From your County Councillor

As I write this, tomorrow is New Year's Eve. I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and wish you the best for 2010.

I certainly enjoyed the run-up to the festivities. Among the highlights were the tree-lighting in Clarborough with so many people turning out and a wonderful atmosphere in the village hall. Also the Christmas Party which was so enjoyable, great food, great company and some excellent entertainment from the school children and from your vicar. Thank you to Ann and Lesley for inviting me to both memorable events.

On a quite different matter, it has been a hot topic for some time now as to who can use the recycling facility in Retford. The permit system is now applicable to Vans, Pick-ups, Trailers and sign written vehicles wishing to use the recycling centres.

Residents can apply through the Customer service Centre (08449 80 80 80), County Contact Points, Nottinghamshire County Council Web Site or collect a form from their local HWRC's.

Residents with a car do not require a permit (unless they are towing a trailer). Hire Vehicles are not eligible for the permits, but can request short term access through the Customer Service Centre.

Permits will be enforced from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at the centres (Retford and Worksop).

I hope this is clear to everyone, any time you may wish to contact me, my number is 01777 860 219 or [cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk)

**Liz Yates**

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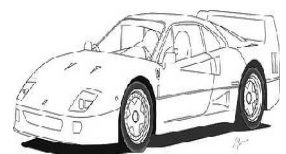
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## From your District Councillor

First I'd like to recall Christmas. We thoroughly enjoyed three local events; The Parish Council Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree lighting, the wonderful W.I. Older Person's Party, and the Carols and Church Draw at the Kings Arms. They were such fun and there was a really lovely community spirit at all these events. Thank you Clarborough and Welham !

Next I'd like to remind you of the Goodwin Charity Trust which benefits older persons in financial need. The fund is generally awarded for a specific need, e.g. disability/mobility aids or household goods/furniture. Applications are invited by letter with supporting information and also quotations showing costs of the items desired. Anyone would like a chat concerning this please do feel free to ring :

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All communications are dealt with in strict confidence.

Finally another reminder concerning the Bassetlaw Over Fifties Forum which really needs your involvement. The group meets monthly and enjoys the usual social chat, speaker and refreshments **BUT** it is also an opportunity for you to share your concerns or good ideas in lively discussion. We have already been able to address and resolve some smaller concerns e.g. a disabled lady having problems travelling by train from Retford. However we are keen to increase our membership. Our next meetings (all 13:30 – 15:30) are :

February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Retford Town Hall
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Crossing Worksop
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Retford Town Hall
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	The Crossing Worksop
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Retford Town Hall
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	The Crossing Worksop

Hope to see you there !

**Kath Sutton**

## Good Pub Guide?

The year 2009 seemed to be the year of 'pub closures' throughout the UK and in Retford and surrounding villages.

From childhood, I have always been fascinated by Inn signs, from both the artistic and historical aspect. Often the age of the premises or, the site of the same, could be dated from the name e.g. Saracen's Head, Turk's Head -- relating to the Crusades or, The Royal Oak, The King's Head -- the Civil War. The Hop Pole on Welham Road came from the hop growing industry on land across the Tilm Lane, Bigsby Road, Lees Long (now part of Longholme Road) area. The hops being transported by barge from the Hop Pole wharf to the local breweries in Retford and Worksop. As a child, cycling with my father along Smeath Lane from Retford, I was always pleased to arrive at the canal bridge and the Gate Inn on the roadside. It meant that we were only a few yards from our destination. There was an 'eye' catching miniature farm

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gate suspended from the roof above the main entrance to the Gate Inn. I was always keen to see if the little gate was swinging when we passed by or indeed, creaking when it needed lubrication. In poor weather conditions the creaking was a good indication as to your whereabouts. My father told me that in his childhood the following rhyme was written near the inn sign, perhaps not good poetry but amusing and informative.

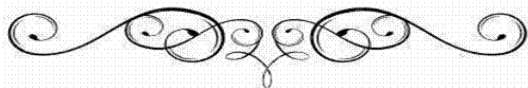
**"If you pass by and thirsty be --The faults  
in you and not in me,  
For I swing here just you to tell –  
(landlords Name) has good ale to sell "**

Sadly the Gate Inn is no longer trading. One of the casualties of 2009.  
At this moment of writing, I am trying to recollect how many hostelries have gone from the area in my lifetime.

**How many can you think of ?**

***Freda Robinson, Welham***

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## Friends of Clarborough Churchyard (keep fit group)

Some of you may have noticed works being carried out in the church yard. I write to bring you up to date with the plans and proposals for the coming spring.

Some of the long neglected conifer hedge at the side of the lane has been removed and it is the plan to remove the rest shortly. The hedge was beyond economical repair as it was, and had got too far out of hand for any remedial work to save it. It was therefore decided to replace it with a far more manageable and appropriate Yew hedge (*Taxus baccata*) which will be planted, weather permitting, within the next month or so.

Terry and Becky Hunt have decided to do the same on their side to help with the overall balance and aesthetics of the area and they should be thanked for their input.

The work has been done at this time of year, although the weather is not ideal, to minimise the impact on wildlife and nesting birds. Work has also been carried out on existing trees to raise the crowns and allow access for improved maintenance beneath the canopy. The only trees to be removed will be self sown seedling Sycamores and Ash with no visual change to the overall area at all.

The work is an ideal way to lose weight after Christmas over indulgence; anyone willing to lend a hand will be more than welcome. Dan Bartle has been lending a hand with tractor stolen from Graham his father and John Goacher was also conned into giving up a Saturday to load and maintain the fire.

Everyone is very grateful for their assistance.

**If you would like to lend a hand and shed a few pounds please call Andy Hardie on 01777 705877 and he will let you know when the next attack is planned.**

**Andy Hardie**

**Coffee & Prayers:** a group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, alternately for fellowship and support and then Home Communion. Phone 702 893 or 703 378 for information.

## St. John the Baptist Church Clarborough & Welham Services to Easter, 2010

Date	Clarborough	Hayton
14 Feb		6:00pm Evensong 9:15am Holy Communion
17 Feb <b>ASH Wednesday</b>		7:30pm Group Service with Ashing at Sturton
21 Feb	9:00am Holy Communion	
28 Feb		6:00pm Holy Communion 11:00am Morning Worship
7 March	9:00am Holy Communion	
14 March <b>Mothering Sunday</b>		6:00pm Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday 9:15am Holy communion
21 March	9:30am Holy communion	
28 March <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	10:30am Special Service at Wheatley	
4 April <b>EASTER DAY</b>	9:15am Holy Communion	
11 April		6:00pm Easter Songs of Praise 9:15am Holy Communion
On Sundays, when the main service is elsewhere, transport can be arranged for those needing it. Please contact the Church Wardens to either offer transport or request help.		

**Beetle Drive:** from 7pm each fourth Monday in the month. Come along to the **Kings Arms** for a fun evening.



## Parish Council Christmas Tree Lighting and Market.

Clarborough Village hall was bursting at the seams, packed with stalls, Children and People of all ages adding to a colourful festive spirit.

Tree Lighting was conducted by County Councillor Liz Yates, assisted by Will Smith from Trax FM.



Will is shown above with local children and Father Christmas.

Children sang a Carol, followed by a countdown to Tree Lighting time. The sound of a bell ringing, heralded the appearance of Father Christmas, with sweets for the children.

Earlier a competition for Children to design their own Christmas Tree. was judged by District Councillor Kath Sutton; winners were :- Year 2 Bethany Straw, Year 3 Shanon Trinder, Year 4 H.B (we only have initials, Year 5 Molly.

A Parish Council Raffle, along with games, stall fees and donations, raised £350 towards the Play area project.

Vice Chairman Ann Codling on behalf of her organising team, thanked everyone for coming, said she hoped all had, had a good time, and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

## Dog Fouling

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council would ask all DOG owners to avoid walking and exercising their pets in children's play areas.

**The vast majority of dog owners in our community are responsible, clearing up after their four-legged friends; however it is clear that one or two individuals have still to see the light – and their legal responsibilities.**

350,000 tons of dog excrement is deposited each year in public places and each year over 100 children have eye diseases caused by swallowing *Toxocara* eggs of the parasitic roundworm found in dog faeces; there is also evidence that dogs carry *e.coli* and hepatitis in their faeces.

It is a **criminal offence** to allow a dog to foul in a public place and fail to pick up after it, dog walkers should always ensure they carry a plastic bag with them. Dog faeces should be picked up straight away, securely wrapped and tied in a plastic bag and put in a bin. Your Parish Council has spent considerable effort to provide bins for just this purpose.

**Roundworms** are the most common parasite



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of the digestive system in cats and dogs. These can only spread to humans by ingesting roundworm eggs. This can happen when a child comes in contact with ... contaminated soil and then transfers the eggs to the mouth via contaminated fingers or by putting contaminated objects in their mouths. *Toxocariasis* is a disease caused by roundworm that can affect humans; it is a potentially serious disease that can affect the eyes and other organs. The disease is caused by *Toxocara canis* (dog roundworm), which lives in the intestine of dogs. After the eggs are inadvertently eaten they hatch in the human intestine, the larvae from these eggs are then released into the bloodstream and find their way to all parts of the body, including the liver, lungs, heart, brain and eyes.

**Hookworms** are intestinal parasites found in dogs in which the parasite attaches to the inside of the intestinal wall by means of a hook-like mouth and feed on the blood of the host.

Hookworm is transmissible to humans via contaminated soil. Hookworm eggs are deposited into the soil which have been excreted in animal faeces. The larvae, which hatch from the eggs, can infect a human either by ingestion or by penetrating the skin. In skin penetration humans can develop into a characteristic itchy rash called *coetaneous larva migrans*, or creeping eruption. The rash can take the form of a snake-like tract with blisters, which is caused by the hookworm larvae travelling under the skin. In humans

when the hookworm enters via the skin it does not find it's way to the intestines. Children or adults can become infected through the soles of their feet by walking barefoot in a hookworm-infected area or on the buttocks by sitting in an infected area.

Andrew Winfrow

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## What's the problem at Little Lane?

For a number of years parish councillors past and present, under several different Chairmen, have been trying to ensure that the Little Lane bridleway retains its long-standing status as a safe lane for pedestrians and horse riders, free of vehicles. As long ago as 1996, under Bill Bradley's Chairmanship, the Parish Council asked the County Council for improved street lighting along the lane as a community safety issue. In 2002, with Freda Shaw now Chairman, the Parish Council at its meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February agreed to object to a planning application for the erection of a bungalow and double garage on land near Little Lane, on the grounds that the access appeared to cross a footpath and the development would be backfill. However, at the August meeting it was reported that permission had been granted by the District Council. The minutes record that members of the Parish Council were not happy with this decision: access for the bungalow off Little Lane was not possible, there was a boundary fence and hedge between St. John's Drive and Little Lane, and two footpaths were crossed. It was noted that children from the estate used Little Lane to access both schools in the village. The Chairman had spoken to the Planning Department at Bassetlaw District Council, and a letter confirming the Parish Council's position was sent to that department.

In 2003, the Parish Council indicated to solicitors acting for the owners of the property that it did not support, and would contest, the provision of any vehicular access via Little Lane. The owners nevertheless went ahead with work to create such an access. Their solicitors were informed that "your client is currently doing criminal damage by removing hedges etc. and is creating the access which the Parish Council declined to approve. I am instructed to require your client to cease this action forthwith and to restore Little Lane to its previous state." Several residents of St. John's Drive also registered objections. Correspondence at the time recorded that "the County Council seemed to be facilitating the

creation of this dangerous arrangement by agreeing to a closure of Little Lane whilst the work was taking place." On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2003 the Parish Council decided to install bollards along Little Lane to prevent vehicular access from St. John's Drive; this was duly done in December 2003. The bollards were reinstalled in both January and February 2004 following their unauthorised removal. The Parish Council also, at this time, asked the District Council to take enforcement action as the applicants were in breach of planning conditions by attempting to go ahead with the access. The bollards were removed without authority yet again.

A newly-elected Parish Council under the Chairmanship of Derek Heapy took office in June 2004. Almost immediately members were faced with defending a legal action initiated by the property owners, being an attempt by them to secure the desired access from St John's Drive over Little Lane. On 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005 the court ruled in favour of the Parish Council, but also ruled that the Parish Council was to meet all of its own costs as well as most of those of the applicant, a total of some £40,000. The impact of these costs caused the amount charged by the Parish Council by way of Council Tax to increase from £7,000 in 2004-05 to £37,500 in 2005-06, thereby significantly heightening public awareness of the issue. At around this time the bollards were reinstated at St. John's Drive for a fourth and final time. On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005 the Parish Council's Solicitor referred, in a letter to the Chairman of the Parish Council, to a separate but related issue relating to another person claiming a prescriptive right of vehicular access, indicating that "practically speaking I would suggest that you install bollards at the other end of Little Lane in order to prevent him from driving along Little Lane and see what happens." Accordingly bollards were also installed to prevent vehicle access from South View Drive onto Little Lane. This person made a number of requests to the Parish Council that the bollards should be removed; on each occasion the Council decided to retain them.



Another newly-elected Parish Council under the Chairmanship of Phil Gibson took office in May 2008, and took a fresh look at the situation. Meetings were held with persons disputing the legality of the bollards and with local residents. Following receipt of a letter from the County Council indicating that the bollards had been put in illegally, a decision was taken by the Parish Council to remove the bollards from the South View Drive end of Little Lane. Having considered all the available advice and having looked at the relevant legislation, the Parish Council took this decision after having reached the view that Little Lane is the responsibility of the County Council. A petition was received from residents asking for the bollards to be replaced, following which the Parish Council decided to replace the bollards *if and when the proper authority is given by the County Council*. A meeting between County Council representatives and parish councillors discussed various aspects of the situation at Little Lane including the surface and overgrown trees as well as the long-standing issue of vehicular access. It was made clear by the County Council that the Parish Council would have to prove the existence of a nuisance before the County Council would consider giving authority for the bollards to be reinstated. The County Council refuse to recognise their responsibility to maintain Little Lane although they were the ones that provided the tarmac surface in the first place. They indicate that budgetary constraints prevent the resurfacing of Little Lane, but they may patch the worst areas. In the meantime, local residents are asked to report, with full details, all occasions when vehicles are seen on Little Lane.

With the opening of the new school, the Lane was formally designated as a 'safe route to school' so the Parish Council again wrote to the County Council about overgrown trees and shrubs and the state of the surface. The County Council were very slow to respond (six months) and they have still not taken full responsibility. The trees and surface of Little Lane remain a serious safety problem;

although the Parish Council have repeatedly asked the County Council to do something, still nothing has happened. Vehicles still continue to use Little Lane from South View Drive to access a small paddock and the Parish Council is still encouraging residents to complain, thus enabling a nuisance to be proved.

As a separate initiative, the Parish Council is currently in the process of replacing the original (St. John's Drive) bollards with a more attractive and less hazardous arrangement, which will still prevent vehicular access whilst enhancing the environment.

The Parish Council remains fully committed to refuting any claimed rights of vehicular access across or along any part of Little Lane.

**Clarborough & Welham Parish Council**

## Parish Council Meetings

Want your voice heard? Want to get involved? Come to Parish Council meetings at the Village Hall. Forthcoming meeting dates:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

All meetings begin at 7:00pm prompt. A public question-answer session usually occupies the first part of each meeting

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## Clarborough and District Community Association

### The Village Hall Programme Spring 2010

Day	Main Hall			Halford Room
Mon	10:00am to 12:00am <b>Parish Office</b> Open (Bennett Room)	2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Carpet Bowls</b> All welcome	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in Month 7.00pm to 9.00pm <b>W.I.</b> (Halford room)	Monday 7:00pm <b>Parish Council</b> See elsewhere in this issue for dates
Tue	10:00am to 12:00am <b>Over 50's Keep Fit</b>	1:30pm to 3:00pm <b>IT Group</b> (Halford Room)	7:00pm to 9:00pm <b>Table Tennis</b> All ages	7:00pm to 8:30pm <b>IT Group</b>
Wed			7:00pm to 9:00pm <b>Keep Fit</b> All ages	10:00am to 11:30am <b>IT Group</b>
Thur			5:00pm to 9:00pm <b>Cubs, Beavers, Scouts</b>	
Fri	10:00am to 12:00am <b>Table Tennis</b> All ages		7:15pm to 9:00pm <b>Bingo</b> Entry 50p Incl. Tea and biscuits	
Sat	No regular programme, but watch out for posters advertising events The hall is available for hire, minimum 2 hours, please ring for details			1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in Month 2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Gardening Club</b>
Sun	To book all or part of the Village Hall, ring Vivienne Lilley on (01777) 710 984			

## Village Hall News

At the start of the new decade the Village looks back over the previous year which was busier than ever. The programme of regular events is now getting full, with only a few slots left in the weekly programme. We have had many more Birthday and Christmas parties, not having your house to clean up afterwards, must make a strong case for using the Village Hall. The committee held their AGM in November; with a surplus of income over expenses, a decision was taken to invest in new chairs for the main hall.,100 of which have been purchased at a cost of some £2800. The normal Friday Bingo has had an extended Christmas break this year due to the car park and drive being too dangerous for pedestrian use. However spring beckons; if you have a club that wants a home, please get in touch.

### Contact details:

**Keep Fit (All ages):** Sally on (01777) 869 212

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

**Beavers (6-8yrs):** Norman (01777) 703 778

**Cubs (8-10yrs):** Stephen (01777) 711 583

**IT Group:** Greg (01777) 700 918 or Peg (01777) 703 058

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

**Church Wardens:** Lesley (01777) 703 378 or Edna (01777) 702 893





**Retford Rotary**  
Present  
An Evening of 60's Music and Dancing  
with  
**TIMEZONE**  
**SATURDAY 27th MARCH**  
**CLARBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM**

**Tickets £8**  
**which includes a hot supper.**  
**Bring your own drinks!**

**To reserve tickets contact**  
**Jenny Stockdale on**  
**01777 709662**

Proceeds from this event will support Rotary's work with young people locally.



## Clarborough & Welham IT Group

### Why pay up to £1000 for software?

**Which? Computing** (Nov 2009) found that a raft of **Open Source** (i.e. FREE) software provides realistic alternatives to common paid-for products. Clarborough & Welham IT Group would agree – like Which? we use these products (**websites** for downloads shown):

**Firefox** web browser ([www.mozilla.com](http://www.mozilla.com))

**Thunderbird** email client ([www.mozilla.com](http://www.mozilla.com))

**OpenOffice.org** suite ([www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org))

**Gimp** image editor ([www.gimp.org](http://www.gimp.org))

**AVG** antivirus ([www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com))

**ZoneAlarm** firewall ([www.zonealarm.com](http://www.zonealarm.com))

Free updates come as part of these packages which are available for **Windows** (Microsoft), **Apple Mac** and **Linux** operating systems.

If you'd like to know more, why not join **Clarborough & Welham IT Group** for hands-on experience. This Newsletter was produced by the IT Group using OpenOffice suite.

The IT Group has sessions for beginners and more experienced individuals alike:

- Sessions in Clarborough Village Hall.
- In school term times only.
- Three alternative 90min sessions each week (Tue 13:30-15:00 & 19:00-20:30 and Wednesday 10:00-11:30).
- Sessions scheduled in 5-week blocks
- £10 per block (five sessions).

The Group was completely re-equipped in 2009 having 12 laptops (Windows Vista) fully equipped with all of the open source software detailed above **which is also Microsoft compatible** and internet connected.

The Group has particular experience in Desktop Publishing (DTP – this Newsletter being an example), Family History and Digital

Image Processing and photography.

In collaboration with Clarborough & Welham Parish Council and also Retford Oaks High School, the IT Group hopes to launch a community website in the near future. If any young (or not-so-young) people would like to bring their skills to this exciting project, then please contact either: Parish Councillor Andrew Winfrow ([sadira@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sadira@tiscali.co.uk)) or Greg Herdman.

Also contact Greg if you'd like to join any of our classes - next block starts 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Nottinghamshire School Holidays

Want to plan for your summer holidays – or avoid them! Nottinghamshire County Council have posted schools holidays for 2009-10 and 2010-11 on their website:

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/)

Simply type *school holidays* into the search box at top-right of their homepage and then click on the first search result that includes 'dates' in its title (alternatively, type nottingham school holidays into a Google search).

**School holiday dates** page contains a summary of term times and also pdf files of calendars (August to July) which you can download and print for reference. These show not only holidays but also Bank Holiday closures and Admin/INSET closures.

Now you can avoid bookings in school holiday periods, and save money (provided you don't have children of school age, of course)!

### Newsletter

#### Advertising rates (4 issues)

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