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From the Editor

Community seems to be the key word in this issue of our Newsletter – whether it be Clarborough Village Ventures (C.V.V.), Parish Council, Retford Action Centre, Neighbourhood Watch or Dave Airey's crime report, the theme of community seems to run through this issue.

It is a truism that we often don't appreciate what we have until we lose it. The reverse was my family's experience when we moved to Clarborough nearly 35 years ago having grown up in Birmingham. The contrast between the realities of city living and the sudden shock of finding neighbours who *cared* for each other came like a bolt from the blue; we had suddenly found ourselves part of community!

Now we all know the line 'you're-not-really-part-of-the-community-until-you've-lived-here-for-30+ years'; but in reality that is just a caricature – Clarborough and Welham folk are welcoming and including, we just need to remember that like any other living thing, community needs constant feeding and nurturing.

Fortunately, as this Newsletter illustrates, we have lots of folk willing to do just that – but we all make a difference, every day; just a cheerful 'morning!' or willingness to take in a parcel from 'postie' when neighbours are out all add to the effect. Just ask our Primary School how many locals go into school to help in various ways and you'll see that community really is what we have.

And just to give a flavour of community-past, we have sprinkled a few extracts from Clarborough Elementary School's Log Books through this issue, taken from dates around the two World Wars.

And, finally, a few reminders of community events already planned. On December 8th (Wed) our traditional Christmas Tree Lighting Fayre at the Village Hall will be enhanced this year with hot food outside, care of C.V.V. As previously reported, our Parish Council is planning much improved festive lighting for Welham as well as Clarborough. Clarborough Village Ventures are also planning a Valentine's 'event' on 11th February (Fri) and Clarborough Festival 2011 will take place on 5/6th June (Sat/Sun).

And finally, this Newsletter is just the start! As you will see on page 16, Clarborough & Welham should soon have a Community website too. Sites like ours provide worldwide access to our community, linking those who have moved away as well as those with only distant links to our area. In fact similar sites to ours very often receive most 'hits' from people far away who are researching family or local history. So, be prepared to go onto the world stage!

Emergency Village Help Plan

Your Parish Council are well aware of the problems caused both by the flooding of 2007 and heavy snow falls of 2009.

Acting in good time we have recognised a need to protect and assist the more vulnerable members of our community and in order to do this have put certain plans in place to help and assist where possible using the resources available to us within our village.

As a community we are all responsible for looking after each other in times of crisis. We hope to take that one stage further by co-ordinating help for those who need help in times of an emergency by putting a 'Village Help Plan' in place. This plan will make sure that no one will be stranded, stuck or without essential provisions, or comforts, in either heavy snow or floods, or any other situations where they may need help of any kind.

So how will the 'Village Help Plan' Work?

Problem...

You are in on your own and your boiler breaks down, there is 6 foot of snow outside and snow is still falling.

Solution...

Call any of the contact numbers and outline your problem. A member of the Parish Council will put plans in place to ensure you are warm until help can be summoned to alleviate the problem.*

Problem...

Flood water is outside your house and getting nearer your front door.

Solution...

Call any of the contact numbers and we will try to attend to alleviate the problem where possible and make sure you are not panicking alone. The Parish Council can then contact the necessary people to rectify the problem or at least protect you as much as is practically possible.*

Problem...

You are housebound and there is heavy snow outside. You have just used your last slice of bread and the last of the milk went in your last cup of tea.

Solution...

Call any of the contact numbers and we will do our best to get provisions to you as soon as possible" The last thing we want is vulnerable people in such times without a hot drink or hot meal!!*

There will over the winter period I am sure be many other problems that will arise due to unforeseen circumstances. The Parish Council wish to be on hand to co-ordinate village resources and make sure everyone is safe and well no matter what the circumstances. Even if you are only short of a loaf in the snow!!!!

Anything other than domestic issues should be dealt with using the normal emergency services. We are not doctors and we can't put fires out!!

Andy Hardie (Parish Councillor)
Andrew Winfrow (Parish Councillor)

***A list of contact numbers is currently being compiled – if you would be willing to add your name to the list, please contact any of the following:**

Phil Gibson (Chairman of Parish Council)
John Salmon (Clerk to the Council) – see Office opening hours elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Greg Herdman (Editor)



Bassetlaw Community Health

Alcohol Services

Concerned about your own, or someone else's alcohol use?

Help and advice is available from the Bassetlaw Alcohol Service:

Phone (01777) 274 422 or e-mail

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Dobbies Garden Centre with Christmas Displays (Half Day)	9 th November
Duxford Museum - Remembrance Sunday	14 th November
Chatsworth at Christmas: Russian Theme/Craft Fair	14 th November
Metro Centre Christmas Shopping	20 th November
Mystery Tour	21 st November
St Nicholas Fayre –York	25 th November
Knitting & Stitching Show – Harrogate	27 th November
Good Food Show /MotorCycle Show NEC	28 th November
Lincoln: Christmas Market	4 th December
Wickstead Christmas Special inc Christmas lunch & Tea	5 th December
Tatton Park at Christmas	9 th December
York Festival of Angels & Ice Sculptures	11 th December
Christmas Celebrations – Royal Albert Hall	11 th December
Alladin Pantomime – Nottingham Theatre Royal	29 th December
Strictly Come Dancing — Book Early	18th January

Kettlewells

Multi-day trips

Torquay: Turkey & Tinsel (5 days)	1st November
Bideford: Turkey & Tinsel (5 days)	8 th November
Bosworth Hall: Turkey & Tinsel (5 days)	15 th November
Bath Christmas Market (3 days)	3 rd December
Warners: Alvaston Hall (5 days)	17 th January
Torquay: We'll Meet Again Theme (4 days)	15 th February

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Prostate Cancer

Pssst! A message to men!

About 18 months ago, in late spring, I was spending a gentle morning in my garden, pottering, weeding and generally having a pleasant time. Little did I know my peace of mind was about to be shattered.

My wife came down to see me, with a very serious look on what I quickly realised was a somewhat pale face. "I've just had a phone call from X. Y has got prostate cancer." More detail followed but it left us both devastated! X and Y are very close friends of over 35 years standing. As he had more tests it turned out that the cancer was advanced, widespread through his body and inoperable! It is not, however, untreatable, and currently he is subject to courses of treatment intended to stabilise the cancer and prevent it developing further. It has changed his life and the life of his wife and family forever. Don't get me wrong – to see him he looks fit and healthy and he continues to walk, dance and get about - but the disease and the knowledge of it is with us all 24 hours a day! His wife said to us "I wake up in the morning and for about 10 seconds life is normal. Then I remember!"

How could this have happened? They both eat very healthily, they always walked several miles every day, he cycled and ran for many years. However, **he had no symptoms!** How could it happen to someone with such a "good" lifestyle? To put it bluntly – it is "the luck of the draw"?

Women are good at talking between themselves of "women's things". Breast cancer, cervical cancer, etc. are rarely away from press, magazine, radio and television comment these days. There are awareness campaigns, walks, sponsorship and very well organised screening programmes for women.

Men? Well, we rarely talk of health matters unless they rise up and hit us square between the eyes! There is little publicity for prostate cancer and *no screening programme* of any sort. In fact, it is widely considered within the medical profession that the common blood test is unreliable. It was the blood test which identified the cancer in my friend!

With a sense of trepidation I took myself to my GP and asked for a prostate (PSA) blood test. Low and behold – a positive result and that fear! Mine was only very slightly raised above the norm, but enough to put the wind up me and my family. A biopsy followed. Not a procedure I would actually recommend but uncomfortable rather than painful. As predicted by both the Consultant and biopsy Registrar, the results came back exactly 7 days later and there was no evidence of cancer. What a relief!

This result may mean that I have no cancer; it may mean I have prostate cancer which is too small to find.

But it is still a relief! I am now being monitored by the NHS, having PSA tests every 3 / 4 months. The readings rose steadily (but not massively) over the last year, obviously giving some concern. My last reading was, however, down. Again a relief!

The consultant apologised for the worry caused and explained that that was the nature of PSA tests (which I knew), especially at lower levels. My response was that I would put up with the monitoring and that concern rather than be in the position of my friend. I will continue to be monitored, probably for the rest of my life. At least if Prostate Cancer is ever found I will have a better chance of it to being dealt with successfully.

I can only commend the NHS for the way it handled my treatment. Blood test and a week later results and second GP appointment; 4 days later (including weekend!) my appointment with the hospital Consultant; next day, the biopsy. 7 days later the results. Not bad for a system which a Tory MEP recently stated was the "worst thing in Britain for the last 60 years"!

The point of this article is to encourage men in their late 50's and their 60's to have the blood test for PSA. I now know of 6 men who have had various PSA results, some clear, some operable and 2 inoperable and with massive PSA levels. Caught early it is, in the words of the Consultant, "eminently treatable". Caught late it can be, though not necessarily is, disastrous.

Remember, although there are symptoms, you may have no symptoms but may still have prostate cancer. For your own peace of mind and your future health, have a check. ***It is better to be safe than sorry!***

Name and address supplied but not published in order to protect the identity of my friend.

Science & morality?

Surely not! As we saw in an earlier article (Francisco Ayala; Autumn 2010 Clarborough & Welham Newsletter) a common view is that science and religion address separate and distinct aspects of the human experience. However, recent work across a wide swathe of the sciences (neurobiology, genetics, psychology, sociology, economics and so on) has started to question whether this separation is real or just a construct of human thinking – a barrier if you will. The basic tenet of this line of thinking is that morality - ideas of right and wrong, good and evil, are questions about human and animal well-being. The complex part is to define 'well-being' and then to explore how ways of living affect the well-being of our selves and others – the global picture.

This area of study is only in its infancy, but if it proves amenable to the scientific method, maybe we are at the dawn of a new, rational, moral world. For more, much more, consider Sam Harris's *The Moral Landscape* published this month by Free Press.

Editor



Clarborough School News

This term we welcome Miss Mayhew as the new Class 2 teacher and Mr. Bunn as our new Deputy Headteacher and Class 3 teacher. They have both



settled in well and are making valuable contributions to school life.

The children in Class 1 had read a story about a toys' party and so we decided to have a party of our own for Spotty, the class bear. We had a super day dressed in our best party clothes with toys, games and treats but as usual there was a lot of learning going on too. The

children planned the food and made cheese straws and a birthday cake. They wrote out an invitation to each of their toys and then made a party bag for them, carefully counting out the correct numbers of chocolates, chews and treats before working out 'how many altogether?'. The Pass-the-Parcel was slightly different in that each layer contained a number and the children had to count out that number of chocolate raisins before enjoying a nibble! Everyone agreed it had a been a wonderful party...and we stretched our brains at the same time!

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Year 6's trip to Southwell Workhouse, 17th September 2010

When we first arrived at Southwell Workhouse we all thought the building was grand and impressive. A couple of us felt anxious because we had never seen anything like it before. But some of us were very



excited and interested about the day ahead!

In the morning we pretended to be children going to the workhouse making up fictional Victorian names and ages. Volunteers from the National Trust also dressed up as people from the workhouse. When we arrived boys and girls were immediately split up. Boys went on a tour of the workhouse whilst the girls went in the kitchens. After that we went to the school room one after another. Once we had a schooling lesson we all met up for lunch.

We then started the afternoon session. It was a drama-based activity. We found out about the Carney family who ended up at the workhouse for a while. We all played parts in the activity to tell their story. The room we were in was in an enclosed environment; it also had warm central heating unlike the inside of the workhouse.

In conclusion we think people at the work house had a sad life because they hardly got to see their family. Their lives were miserable because of the hard work they had to do. It made the year sixes feel lucky for what we have.

Physical Activity and Health Recognition Evening

On Friday, 15th November, 2010 Mrs Hartley our Extended Services and Community Co-ordinator was invited to attend the above event at North Notts Community Arena. She had been nominated to receive an award under the category 'Over and Above, what is expected of someone in their day to day job role'. Mrs Hartley was nominated for this award for all the work she does in organising the After-School Activities for the children enabling them to participate in sports and activities not always available in the area. She also helped organise a 'Change4Life' Roadshow held at School in June for children and families. Mrs Hartley also helps to run the School Gardening Club and arranges for the vegetables to be cooked for the children to have at lunchtime with many children trying vegetables they have never had before.



Mrs Hartley receives her award

Finally – a Christmas invitation

We would like to invite Senior Citizens to our Nativity play on Tuesday 21st December at 10.00 a.m. We hope people will join us for coffee afterwards.

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8 May 1945 VE Day – The school closed for 2 days –
Reassembled on the 10th. Victory celebrations were
held in the Institute on May 8th. Tea and games for
children from 4 till 6.45. Thanksgiving Service at 7pm
– Whist Drive & Dance at night and a Bon-fire about
midnight.

Family history – a case study

On Remembrance Sunday (November 14th) we will,
once again, join veterans, families and friends of 51
Squadron, RAF for a reunion at Pollington, just off the
M62 north of Doncaster. How this unlikely relationship
came about through family history research is worth
retelling.

As so often, older generations rarely speak of the past,
particularly of wartime, and in our youth we invariably
fail to ask! However, one tantalising window on the past
was contained in a poignant photograph of Granny
standing beside a British Military Cemetery grave –
apparently that of her son, Francis. Beyond that, we
were in the dark. Only much later, after Granny had
passed away, did our interest in family history trigger a
quest for more information about Francis, the uncle my
wife never knew.

Where to start? Granny had always said that all of her
children had been born in Birmingham and that Francis
was born between his elder brother who was very
much still with us but living in Canada, and my mother-
in-law. This fact gave us a window for his birth between
1916 and 1924. Knowing his name, probable place of
birth, or at least the Registration district within which he
was born, together with a range of dates, we made an
online search of www.freebmd.org.uk for Francis's
birth – searching is free. Fortunately, his surname,
Moynihan, is not very common and we also knew his
mother's maiden name so quickly found a single entry
for December quarter, 1920 that looked extremely
likely. Feeling confident, we
went to the GRO's website
(www.gro.gov.uk) and
followed the link to **Order
Certificates online**. Payment
by card followed (postal
payment is also accepted) and
within a week or so the
certificate copy arrived
confirming all that we had
deduced but added his father's
name and occupation, the
latter including 'ex-army' which
would warrant further research
given family lore of service 'in Mesopotamia' during
WW1.



However, returning to Francis, we next needed to find
his death reference. Our first attempt met with failure;
FreeBMD yielded only '**Sorry, we found no matches**',
only later did we discover that deaths in military service
are indexed elsewhere.

Next we turned to the old photograph of his mother
beside a military grave. Use of a hand lens just made
out two important pieces of information, **51 Squadron**
and the year **1943**. The **Commonwealth War Graves
Commission** (CWGC www.cwgc.org) hosts the "Debt
of Honour Register", the Commission's database listing

the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died during the two world wars and the 23,000 cemeteries, memorials and other locations worldwide where they are commemorated. Their database can be searched online (free) and yielded his date of death (22 Nov 1943), unit (51 Squadron RAF), rank and service number. Also included were his parents' names (which cross-referenced with known data) and location of his grave in Holland.

Thus we had the basic outline of Francis's short life, but how to put more substance to this and, if possible, find something about his personality, his service life and, if possible, the reason for his death at the age of 23.

How this search led to a visit to an old airfield just north of Doncaster, new friendships including someone who knew Francis in his last months, and regular commitments to 51 Squadron Association will be concluded in the next issue.



Greg Herdman

Verdon & Joan Marshall - 70 Years of marriage

A Clarborough couple have celebrated an amazing 70 years of Marriage. Verdon & Joan Marshall aged 92 & 91, from Big Lane, Clarborough, have lived locally all their lives. Joan was born in Clarborough & Verdon in Retford.

They have two daughters - Carolyn (68), Gillian (64), and a son - John (60) plus five Grandchildren & four Great Grandchildren.



Photo: Barrie Codling

Verdon served in the Royal Corps of Signals from 1939-46, and then worked at Retford Post office, where he was later in Charge. Joan worked at the former Simpsons Ladies Dress shop in Retford for 13 years. Both are still active, Verdon sings with the Choir at Clarborough Parish Church while Joan enjoys working on various Crafts, including Porcelain, Painting and Needlework.

1 Nov 1918 The majority of the senior boys have been absent this week Potato Picking.

9 May 1941 Owing to a very disturbed night with bombs in the area – the attendance was poor at both sessions...

GRO References

Birth, Marriage and Death (BMD to family historians) registrations were initiated in England and Wales from 1st July, 1837. The originals of these have always remained with the original Register Office but copies were always sent to the General Register Office (GRO) at the end of each quarter year. Original certificates and the copies at the GRO are not open to public view. However, copies can be purchased from either provided a full reference to the required certificate can be provided – this is where indexes to the registers come in, and where online sites such as FreeBMD come into their own.

GRO indexes are always of the form:

Surname, Forename, Mother's maiden name (after 1912), Year, Quarter*, Registration district, volume, page.

**Quarter* is the month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec) at the end of the quarter in which the event was *registered*. Since some leeway (currently up to 42 days for a birth) has always been allowed for registration, it is important to take this into account when searching for an event.

At the time of writing, copies of certificates cost £9.25 from either office (postage included).

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From your District Councillor

It was a happy occasion on October 12th at the Achievers Award ceremony in the Retford Town Hall Ballroom to see representatives of our Village Ventures receive their certificates for services to the community. All of them stressed what a collective effort they make, which has really been appreciated by us all (see page 12 for a Ventures' view).

On a different note I was interested to hear a talk, at one of my meetings, concerning the next Census due in March 2011. We were asked to keep an eye open for vulnerable people who might find it difficult to fill in the form. Concern was expressed that if the necessary details were not completed a collector would have to assist, and most would not appreciate a stranger having to attend. Distraction burglary was one of the worries if unscrupulous people were aware of the situation. So can I ask you all to mentally check your neighbours and be willing to help them yourself if necessary. Thank you.

Kath Sutton

P.S. We have lost our family cat, a long haired ginger cat with white front and bushy upright tail. Very affectionate. Missing since 6th October. Any news or sightings please contact: Kath and John Sutton (01777) 709 034

SANDRA GRICE 1944-2010

We would like to thank the many people and organisations that sent their condolences to the family on the occasion of Sandra's death. Sandra was a very talented and organised person and used these attributes to the benefit of others throughout her life.

It was very moving for myself, Ruth and Charlotte to see the many people both from recent times and from years past who came to remember Sandra at her funeral.

She wished it to be a celebration not a mourning, and people dressed accordingly. She also expressed a wish for donations as opposed to flowers, and to that end we managed to reach the magnificent total sum of £1500. This money has been forwarded to the Macmillan Cancer Charity through the "Macmillan Coffee Morning".

Once again we would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts on the occasion of our loss.

Brian, Ruth and Charlotte

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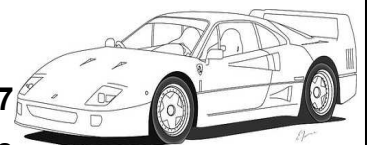
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Updates from PCSO Dave Airey

Essentially, Dave's message to our community is 'Well done, a great joint effort'. The reason for this collective pat-on-the-back is to be found in the published crime and incident figures that consistently show Clarborough & Welham having some of the lowest crime and anti-social behaviour incidents in the area.



An off road bike for Christmas? You buy it, we'll seize it.

It's that time of year again! Youngsters start preparing their Christmas "wish list" – and often, high on the list, is an **off-road bike** or **mini motorcycle**. But parents should think very carefully before agreeing to go down that road.

You should not be tempted to buy off-road motorcycles, mini motorcycles or quad bikes for your children because there are very few places in this area where they can be ridden legally, and, **if they are used illegally, there is a very good chance that the machine will be confiscated and your child will end up in trouble with the Police.**

If you or your children use a motorcycle in ANY public place – that is anywhere that the public has access such as parks, woodland, footpaths, and, of course public roads – the motorcycle **MUST** be taxed and insured. Even pushing a motorcycle in a public place requires the machine to be taxed and insured. These rules are there because off-roading is very dangerous, both to the biker and to others.

Dave can be contacted on **0300 300 9999 Ext. 807 7367** but if life is in danger or a crime in progress, always dial 999.

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Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch

Prior to October's Parish Council Meeting, Terry Reynold, Chairman of Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch Association explained how their Ringmaster system worked. Essentially a two-way telephone service through which members can post concerns regarding suspicious or worrying matters and also receive warnings of similar incidents generated locally, the system is being rolled out across our community.

Neighbourhood Watch depends on a network of community-conscious individuals who 'look-out' for their neighbourhoods; reports are treated confidentially.

If you'd like to sign up as a co-ordinator (passing the word around your local 'patch') then please collect a form from the Parish Council Office on Monday mornings or contact Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch Association c/o Worksop Police Station, Potter Street, Worksop S80 2AL or phone 01909 473 875

or e-mail terry@bassetlawnw.freeserve.co.uk

1 Dec 1915 Dispatched parcels of tobacco and cigarettes to fourteen soldiers, relations of the children who are serving at the front, etc. One pound has been collected during the past month for this purpose. ...

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A walk on the wild side !

by *Fellwalker*

Map symbols

Each OS map has a key of map symbols along one edge. Become familiar with these both for planning your walk and for whilst you are walking – especially the beer mug symbol for pubs!

Footpaths etc

Most walks follow footpaths or roads. Open Access land, where there is freedom to walk anywhere, now exists in many areas of all National Parks, otherwise all land is privately owned and it is necessary to keep to footpaths etc. This includes land in National Parks, National Trust properties, Forestry Commission Land etc. There are several types of footpath and bridleway, including Public Rights of Way, where the public have an absolute right to walk and Concessionary Footpaths, where landowners allow a footpath but there is no 'right' to it. (Each local authority has maps of Public Rights of Way, called definitive footpaths.)

Timing your walk

Most people can walk comfortably at 3 - 4 km per hour; experience will tell you your comfortable walking speed. Divide your walk distance of by this figure; add 3 minutes for every 10 metres of uphill on your walk. (do not take anything off for downhill) then add 10 minutes per hour of walking for rests. Again, experience will allow you to adjust this figure. Put in 20/30 minutes for lunch – unless in a pub, when you add lots more!! The sum total will give you your walk time, suggesting whether your walk is too long or too short for your group (if the latter, stay in the pub longer!).

Planning before you go avoids unnecessary danger for you and your group!

Safety is the foremost priority of any walk!

NB The advice in these articles is all given in good faith but the author cannot accept any liability for errors, omissions or incidents which may occur to those following this advice. If in doubt, don't do it!

From your County Councillor

This week our very reliable refuse wagon didn't arrive on Monday, our morning for collection. As in the past there have been occasions when the wagon has broken down, or the driver is off sick, we telephoned Bassetlaw to ask if we should leave our bin out.

I discovered that on Monday morning a vehicle had driven into the wagon whilst the driver was at the back. He was thrown onto the vehicle but, thankfully suffered just bruising and minor cuts. Needless to say he was advised by the hospital to take time off and on Wednesday morning a smaller vehicle with two men came and emptied our bin. It demonstrates how

fortunate we are with some of our services, the risks that are taken when doing these tasks and the commitment of the local authority to complete the job. I wish him well and a speedy recovery .

Your Parish Councils seem to be making good use of the monies available from the Local Initiative Scheme offered by the County Council. Currently I think there are plans for new and better village name signs that will be designed to show the uniqueness of each village that have them.

Don't forget, small grants are available from both the District and County Councillors' funds for community projects. It may only be a small amount but it could make a big difference to the many groups and associations in our area. Also, if you are applying for large grants it is often the case that letters of support are needed to be submitted with applications. I am always willing to provide these if asked and will do my best to support you.

Finally, the County Council are going to provide a Highways Liaison Officer who will go on regular walkabouts with a Parish Councillor or village resident to look at the issues that your particular village may have. This has to be good news as it is something we have wanted for a long time. Let us hope it works for the benefit of everybody.

I can be contacted at any time on (01777) 860 219 (answerphone when not available) when I would be happy to talk to you. Alternatively, e-mail elizabeth.yates@bassetlaw.gov.uk or come to District & County Surgery - Tuesday 7th December 2010 at Sutton-cum-Lound Village Hall.

Outside the surgery dates I am contactable anytime and I must stress that if you need advice or help with any issue, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss your concerns. After a quieter few weeks during summer, we are now approaching autumn, the schools are back and council business is on my agenda again.

Liz Yates

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A little bit of history... Clarborough Village Institute

Since 1986 inhabitants of Clarborough have become used to the existence of the Village Hall which stands at the end of the drive opposite the King's Arms. What did villagers do before that time?

In the Retford Times of 31st January 1908 it was reported that a meeting had been held to discuss the need for a village hall in Clarborough. On the 20th November it was reported that the hall had been opened on 16th November 1908. Over the passage of time this became known as the Village Institute or more locally as the "Tin Hut" and was located near the corner of Church Lane and Main Street, Clarborough.

The Institute had been built at a cost of £158 by public subscriptions although at the time of the opening only £133 had been raised. Its intended use was for games and recreation. No alcohol was to be served in the building nor gambling to take place. The building was 45ft long and 25ft wide, 9ft to the eaves and 16ft to the ridge. It was a timber building with roof and sides covered with corrugated iron. It had 8 windows – 3 on each side and 2 at the front. Lighting was by 4 lamps of 100 candle power. These would probably have been oil lamps as mains electricity did not arrive in the village until 27th November 1936. There were 3 stoves for heating. Toilets were added some time later. Its first president was the Rev. R. Longford.

Although in use for nearly 80 years, by the early 1970s a more modern hall to meet the growing local population was needed. Planning began in late 1971 but escalating costs and the unavailability of suitable land meant that the new hall did not open until June 1986. The Village Institute was demolished a few years later, the site now forming part of the garden of "Corner Bungalow", Church Lane.

The writer, unfortunately, does not have any photographic records of the building although there are undoubtedly records elsewhere in the village.

Charles W. Cave

Bassetlaw Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Advisor can visit people over the age of fifty in their own homes and offer advice and information on a number of local services such as groups and clubs, transport and meal services.

Visits are made to local groups and clubs throughout the area to promote the service and support older people. Links are also made to organisations who may know of people who need this support.

The Community Outreach Advisor also completes First Contact checklists during visits. This provides quick referrals to a number of services including the Fire Service for home safety checks and the Pensions Service for benefits checks.

The Outreach Advisor has helped with a huge number of issues from arranging for a Befriender to visit a client to finding information on solar heating.

The current Community Outreach Advisor, Laura Goad, will be going on maternity leave in November. Laura is expecting a little boy at the end of November. Whilst she is off Margaret Harrod will be taking on the role. Margaret can be contacted at the Retford Action Centre, Canal Street, Retford, DN22 6EZ or on (01777) 709 650 or mharrod@retfordactioncentre.org.uk



Laura visiting a client in her home

FITNESS CLASSES AT CLARBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday: Aerobics 19:00 - 20:00

£4 per class

Please bring a mat or towel

Contact Sally on (01777) 869 212 or

Mobile 07515 112 148

What are Clarborough Village Ventures really about?

The C.V.V. are a dedicated group who are engaged in the welfare of the village community, our aim is to help the vulnerable - reunite the community through circulating information and increasing community spirit in the village through events and communications. There are many worthwhile local projects that need help and our commitment is to bring these projects to life.

Our first event in June donated over £1000 to The Church, Scouts Group, OAP Christmas Dinner, and The Village Hall.

Our core belief and heartfelt desire is to pursue a better community for all and help sustain existing village events. It was therefore an absolute honour to be informed that the group had been commended to receive an Achievers Award from the Bassetlaw District Council for services to the community. The ceremony was held in the Retford Town Hall Ballroom on 12th October in the company of outstanding achievers from within the Bassetlaw Community,

Did we feel proud? Absolutely! However our destiny is to re-unite the village spirit, to be able to rely on our neighbours when in need - to help those in need, but who do not ask for it; to give support and show solidarity in a small village where we should be united. Sir Winston Churchill said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give". This is what we believe in, by giving we can make a better community!

The C.V.V. would like to thank Councillor Kath Sutton for nominating us for this award and we promise to continue our passion to the community. Together we can make a difference, these are turbulence times and we as a community should ensure that our village is united and we help where help is needed.

Andrew Winfrow

Worksop Library events

Remembering Our Local Heroes with the Sherwood Foresters

Weds 17 Nov, 2 - 3pm

Free (Donations to the Sherwood Foresters welcome) Mark Remembrance Day by exploring the fascinating stories of bravery from our local war heroes. Use the regimental database to search for your own local ancestors from the regiment, and find documents and facts about their time with the regiment. Bring along your own photos, cuttings and memorabilia.

Life at the Coalface

Weds 19 Jan 2011, throughout the afternoon

Free

Explore Worksop's mining heritage with this exhibition of artefacts, and talk to members of the NUM Ex and Retired Miners' Association about life at the coalface.

Hidden House History with Nottinghamshire Archives

Weds 16 Feb 2011

Free

Does your house hold secrets from the past? Find out which local resources can help you to trace the history of your home.

Booking advised - for more information or to book your place, please call 01909 535 353

These events also provide an opportunity to explore the spanking-new library!

14 Sep 1939 Since the last entry on September 1st, War has been declared and all schools were closed – this one among them.

Today, Thursday, Sept 14th it was reopened in the morning to receive all children living in the area of school age (evacuated and the usual residents).

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Services to Christmas, 2010

Date	Clarborough	Hayton
7 Nov. 3 before Advent		16:00 All Souls; come and light a candle in memory of a loved one.
14 Nov. Rememb- rance Sunday		10:45 Remembr- ance Service
21 Nov. Festival of Christ the King	10:00 Holy Communion	18:00 Deanery Confirmation at St.Saviours
28 Nov. Advent		15:00 Christingle 11:00 Morning Worship
5 Dec Advent 2		15:00 Holy Communion
12 Dec. Advent 3		09:15 Holy communion
19 Dec Advent 4	10:00 Carol Service	16:00 Crib & Carols
24 Dec. Christmas Eve		16:00 Crib Service 23:30 Christmas Holy Communion
25 Dec. Christmas Day	09:15 Holy Communion at Hayton	

Beetle Drive

At the King's Arms on the last Monday of the month
except December. Tel 703378

Table-top sale

First Saturday of the month in the Village Hall; 9am to
11am. Just turn up. We urgently need people to look
around and have coffee with us.

Christian Book Club

Beginning on Thursday 30 September and usually on
the final Thurs of the month, we shall meet at 21
Howbeck Lane at 7.30pm.

All Souls

Many people from the village and beyond find the "All
Souls" service at the beginning of November to be a
comfort when there has been a time of loss. An
opportunity is offered (to any who wish to take part) to
light a candle in memory o a loved one. Names are
also read out. If you wish to have a name read, please
telephone 01777 703378 to ensure that our list is
complete.

During the winter, all the evening services will be held
in the afternoon to make it a little bit easier for people.
The Advent Sunday service will be for children and
parents to support the work of the Children's Society
and Christingles will be there for those who come.

Diary Date

There is a concert by Worksop Miners' Welfare Brass
Band, in Clarborough Church at 7.30pm on 3rd
December. The concert costs £6 and will include mulled
wine and mince pies. Tickets can be obtained from
01777 702893 or from 01777 703378 or pay at the
door.

Carols

The Kings' Arms will again host carol singing and the
grand Christmas Draw from 7.30 onwards on Friday17
December.

The Eternal Artist

Can you imagine a life without colour ?. If every thing
existed in either black, dull shades or white - could you
exist in a colourless world ?.

In Nature,colour is all around us with a great variation
in shades of varying kinds. A rainbow shows this up
particularly but always in a particular order with the
visible spectrum being made up of different
wavelengths of light following the order of RED,
ORANGE. YELLOW. GREEN, BLUE, INDIGO and
VIOLET.

Many plants contain chlorophyll showing up as the
green pigment necessary in the process of
photosynthesis. The green changing to golden hues,to
russet and other similar shades as the chlorophyll is
absorbed back into leaf in the autumn - again
producing a spectacular show with a change in the
season. Similarly,in the spring there are the fresh
shoots of growth producing greens which are hard to
reproduce artificially or even from a paint box.

Also in the plant world, the beautiful world of flowers
show a great variety of colour and fragrances designed
primarily for the purpose of attracting insects for
pollination purposes - important in seed production.
The natural world also produces some breath-taking
scenes in sunset and sunrises. It as if the sky becomes
a giant canvas which is used to great effect in
producing majestic scenes that truly do take one's
breath away. In fact, the colours and overall effect could
not possibly be re-produced in worldly scenes such is
the power of that eternal artist. As the hymn writer has

it, " He paints the wayside flowers, he lights the evening star."

Colour figures greatly in the Bible and to give just a few examples we have Joseph's coat of many colours and the redness of Christ's blood at Calvary. There are the colours of the beautiful gem stones used to decorate the temple built by Solomon. There is a modern hymn, "Colours of Day..." which has a chorus asking people to give the God of this amazing, colourful world a chance:

*So light up the fire
And let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return,
Take seeds of his Spirit
Let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show...*

Jim Keating

3 Aug 1914 Bella Robinson is still absent. Constance Bingham's name has been removed from the register as she is fourteen, and is required for work at home. The children will be dismissed at 3.5pm as it is Bank Holiday and several wish to go out with their parents. Received the money for Elsie Preston's eyeglasses from her parents & forwarded postcard notifying same to the Chief Medical Officer.

Ed. note: Log Book is silent that war began on 4th

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Bassetlaw Seniors Directory

Want to know what activities are available in your area? Bassetlaw District Council have just published their Seniors Directory (although it will also be of interest to younger people too). Copies have been distributed to Libraries and other public places, but you can view your own, up-to-date, version online too.

In September 2009, Bassetlaw District Council completed a Scrutiny Review of Services provided for Older People by the Council, other public organisations and the voluntary sector in Bassetlaw. The review identified that access to information about how and where services were provided was very important.

Bassetlaw is fortunate that it has many active groups to support and improve lifestyle.

As a result the Scrutiny Panel recommended producing a Directory to inform Older People about the services available. An online is available either on the Bassetlaw website at

http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/services/community_amp_living/older_people.aspx or on the Retford Action Centre site's homepage at www.retfordactioncentre.org.uk

Updating the Directory

We want to keep the information in the Directory as up to date as possible. It will be amended quarterly. An on-line version is available on www.bassetlaw.gov.uk

We have tried to include as much information as possible but there may be gaps. You may know about a service/group that should be included in the Directory or a service/group that no longer exist. If you want to make amendments to the information please contact:

BCVS- Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
Telephone: 01909 476 118

Retford Action Centre Telephone 01777 709 650

Member Champion

The Council recognises its responsibilities to Older People in the community and has an elected Councillor who is an Older Persons Champion.

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**Clarborough and District
Community Association
The Village Hall Programme
Winter 2010**

Day	Main Hall			Halford Room
Mon	Parish Office Open (Bennett Room) 10:00 to 12:00	10:00 to 12:00 Table Tennis 14:00 to 16:00 Short-mat Bowls	2 nd Monday in Month W.I. (Halford Room) 19.00 to 21.00	Monday 19:00 Parish Council See elsewhere in this issue for dates
Tue	10:00 to 12:00 Over 50's Keep Fit	13:30 to 15:00 IT Group (Halford Room)	19.00 to 21.00 Table Tennis All ages	19:00 to 20:30 IT Group
Wed		14:00 to 16:00 Table Tennis	19:00 to 20:00 Keep Fit All ages	10:00 to 11:30 IT Group
Thur			17:00 to 21:00 Cubs, Beavers, Scouts	
Fri	10:00 to 12:00 Table Tennis All ages		19:15 to 21:00 Bingo Alternate weeks Entry 50p	
Sat	No regular programme, but watch out for posters advertising events The hall is available for hire, minimum 2 hours, please ring for details			1 st Saturday in Month 14:00 to 16:00 Gardening Club
Sun	To book all or part of the Village Hall, ring Vivienne Lilley on (01777) 710 984			

Contact details:

IT Group: Greg (01777) 700 918
Keep Fit (All ages): Sally (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
Bowls Club: Geoff (01777) 703 140 or Chris (01777) 700 918
Church Wardens: Jim (01777) 703 378 or Edna (01777) 702 893

Parish Council Meetings

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

November: Monday 1st
December: Monday 6th

Bassetlaw Over 50s Forum

The second year of the Over Fifties Forum is almost at an end and their AGM is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th at Retford Town Hall. The meeting will start at 13:30.

Recent meetings have explored topics of Lasting Powers of Attorney (September) and Meals at Home (October). It is worth noting the first of these sessions because it is clear that many people are unclear about the complex issues surrounding wills, care-costs (and means to minimise them) as well as recent changes to 'powers of attorney' that have seen Enduring Powers of Attorney replaced by Lasting Powers, with a whole raft of implications.

That meeting also explored concepts such as Protective Property Trusts and/or Family Trusts which can prevent the family home being assessed for payment of care fees. The bottom line is, make sure you have an up-to-date will, and when talking to your solicitor do explore these trust options to protect the family home.

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Having put together a website for our community IT Group it was just a little off-putting to discover that BT (our hosts) were closing down the facility at the end of October! All was not lost, however, because this closing down was 'simply' to bring what had been a sub-contracted service 'in-house'.

A few hours of fairly frantic work using BT's new CommunityKit service soon had our website redesigned and up-and-running. I mention this little exercise for two reasons – to encourage you to have a look at our site (see above), but also to publicise the fact that BT provides this service FREE to all non-profit-making, voluntary organisations. So, if you run or take part in such a group and would like to launch a website like ours, go to www.btcommunitykit.co.uk and register. Provided your organisation meets BT's criteria, you will soon be up-and-running.

Now the idea of a wider community website has been circulating for quite a while, but since BT's service doesn't extend to 'statutory' groups such as Parish Councils or schools, etc. it was difficult to find an economical but reliable means of establishing a website. However, with support from several local communities and Sturton-le-Steeple in particular, we are now almost ready to launch a website for the whole community.

A domain name; www.clarborough-welham.org.uk has been purchased (£8.50 for two years), a web host has been engaged (£20 per year) and website design software obtained (open-source/free). What remains is the little task of designing our website!

All of this has been pursued by Clarborough & Welham IT Group but our Parish Council has indicated its willingness to meet the costs listed above. Having said that, the IT Group does not see this as either an IT Group site (we have our own!), nor will it be a Parish Council site but rather it will be, just like this Newsletter, an instrument available to all groups and individuals in our community to pursue their particular aims. A constitution document, setting out these guiding principles will be tabled at November's Parish Council Meeting and will doubtless figure in other discussions with interested parties before arriving at a mutually agreed form.

It is envisaged that the website will link to others as appropriate, early links will include (not surprisingly) the IT Group, Clarborough Primary School as well as Bassetlaw District and Nottinghamshire County Council and also Retford Action Centre.

Please contact me if you would like any further information – or possibly enrol with the IT Group (Tuesday 13:30-15:00 or 19:00-20:30) starting 16th November, to explore BT's service in a hands-on way.

Greg Herdman

Bassetlaw Hospice are holding a **Christmas Coffee Morning** on Saturday, 27th November from 10:00 to 13:00 at Chapelgate Hall, Grove Street Methodist Church, Retford.

There will be all the usual festive features; raffles, cakes, gifts – and refreshments!

For further information please contact:

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