

Clarborough & Welham Newsletter

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From the Editor

Although this Newsletter reaches every household in our community – and quite a few outlets such as Retford Library and Bassetlaw Action Centre and appears online, we are limited in our ability to a) respond quickly to news items since we are only quarterly, and b) have limited space for all that is going on locally.

Our sister 'publication', our community website (www.clarborough-welham.org.uk) has none of these limitations and so hosts a vast array of useful and interesting items. We will highlight just a few here – get online to discover more!

- Access to local services and important contacts such as GP surgeries and elected representatives – from Parish Councillors to MP and MEPs.
- Sure Start baby and toddler services.
- Up-to-date local news items such as RCAN's domestic fuel purchase syndicate application forms and information leaflet (see page 7).
- Important local consultations by the NHS and Nottinghamshire County Council.
- Nottingham Archives' events and Newsletter.
- Local events and trips including Bassetlaw Minibus trips.
- Agendas and Minutes of Parish Council Meetings.
- Nottingham County Council's *What's On Guide*.
- Monthly local Police Reports.
- Access to local groups and facilities including Village Hall and Clarborough Village Ventures.
- Nottinghamshire Sports Award nomination details and forms.
- Access to local bus timetables.

The list could go on! Do visit your own community website on a regular basis to check what's happening. If you have suggestions for ways to improve this service, please do contact the editor.

Remember, the place to go for things local is:

www.clarborough-welham.org.uk

Parish Council News

December's Parish Council Meeting (5th December) will include budget discussions for 2012-13 determining the budget for the next Parish Council since elections are scheduled for May, 2012. If you want your voice heard – come along on Monday 5th December.

Bassetlaw District Council has just announced publication of its Final Strategic Housing & Availability Assessment. A Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) is a requirement of national *Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing*. Its aim is to ensure that there is an informed understanding of the likely availability of land for housing within Bassetlaw for at least the next fifteen years. Since this document runs to 109 pages, anyone interested should either seek a copy through our library service or go online – contact details are posted on our community website (Representative Links > District Council). Be warned, part of Clarborough is shown to be very suitable!

Phil Gibson, Chairman

Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Wednesday December 7th, 5.45pm, outside the village hall. along with with the Christmas social event in the village hall.
Anyone wanting a stall at the event can contact (01777) 705 396

Ann Codling, Vice Chairman

At the September meeting of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council, it was announced that the Retford Lions Club had kindly donated a supply of daffodil bulbs to Clarborough Village Ventures for planting in the village. A member of the public raised the question of a supply for Welham.

Apparently however, the number of bulbs was not sufficient for a good display in both villages. Somewhat disappointed, I decided to contact Retford Lions Club with a view to obtaining a supply for Welham and was delighted when they responded immediately and a further supply, delivered by Chairman and Lion John Battersby. On Sunday October 9th these were planted around Welham Corner where hopefully, there will be a colourful display in the Spring, visible on the approach from Retford & Clarborough.
Thank you very much to the Retford Lions Club.

Councillor F. Robinson

Progress report for teenagers Play area, off Gill Green walk

Phase one of the project is well under way; After meetings with David Linley of Bassetlaw District Council . they have now Tarmaced the old paved area, removed the disused Basketball posts, and Grass seeded a remaining small area. BDC have also promised to supply two more seats, and will move the seat already in place, so that all the seats are together. Damaged fencing along the Canal side is also to be repaired.

I have also applied for and been awarded a £6,000 grant from Bassetlaw District Council, which will be used for a 'Ball Wall' on the edge of the New Tarmac area, along with line markings. This will complete phase one, the area owned by BDC, by the end of October.

Phase two, The part of the play area off Gill Green Walk, owned by the Parish Council, will be used for a Skateboard park, subject to obtaining the necessary grant funding, something unlikely to be announced before March, 2012. Hopefully we will have more to report in the next Newsletter.

Ann Codling, Vice Chairman

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CO₂ hits record high

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So should policy-makers focus on adapting to the effects of climate change rather than trying to mitigate its cause? "We will need to mitigate" says Simon Buckle of the Grantham Institute for Climate Change at Imperial College London. "It is much more affordable." The focus now should be on speeding up the development of carbon capture and storage technologies, he adds. In any case, adaption might not be an option, says Clare Goodess of the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit in the UK. "Beyond a 2°C temperature rise some things become impossible to adapt to - like sea level rises in low-lying countries such as Bangladesh." Emission control will be key in limiting the amount of damage, she adds, "The further you go beyond 2°C, the harder it is to adapt."

New Scientist (4 June 2011, p6)

KURLING

What is it?? Do you need your own equipment? Is it expensive? Do you need to be fit?

The answer is a sport similar to Curling on ice but played on a hard floor and 'NO'.

Curious? Would you like to give it a try - no obligation. The Kurling Group meet at Sturton Village Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month from 14:00 – 16:00.

It costs £1 only and includes a cuppa and biscuit too. Don't be shy; meet a friendly welcoming group of people for a little gentle exercise and some fun.

***Need to know more then ring Gill
on 01427 880 627***

Clarborough Table Tennis Club

Members of the Tuesday Clarborough Table Tennis Club receiving a cheque for £150 from Councillor Liz Yates. The club has used the grant towards the funding of a series of coaching sessions with fellow league player and respected local coach Howard Knott.



The club has been running for 2 years, but has not managed to win any league or cup matches during that time and wanted to improve for the coming season.

Martin Sanderson (third from left)

Political jargon: **redacted** = 'edited out'!

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Meadowhall (Wednesday 16th November)

Lincoln Christmas Market (Friday or Saturday 1st/2nd December)

Clarborough has a full programme of Christmas/ New Year events including:

Saturday 26th November: Swing & Jazz Concert at the Village Hall (see advert opposite for details).

Sunday 4th December: Victorian Entertainment & Market at St. John the Baptist Church.

Wednesday 7th December: Christmas Tree Lighting and Fayre at the Village Hall.

31st December: New Year's Eve dance at the Village Hall. For more information contact Barbara on 860 846.

For those looking for something for study, have a look at:

Working in the Creative Industries – fully funded courses at the Worksop Regal.

Just for Men programme specially designed for Dads and male carers.

In our community website you will also find links to **Nottinghamshire County Council's What's On guide**, **Idle Valley Nature Reserve's Activities** plus links (in Local History > Archives section) to **Nottingham Archives'** latest Newsletter, events and workshops.

Finally, for something a bit different...

Villages Together

All are welcome to **Villages Together** meetings which we hold every other Tuesday at Mattersey Church Hall starting at 13:45. Recent talks have included Housekeeping by the National Trust and Corn Dollies by Janet Goddard. Friends from other villages are welcome too.

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Clarborough School News

In September class 4 visited Gainsborough Old Hall. It was a fantastic day and the children learnt all about Tudor life. They were able to dress up for a royal banquet, do jobs in the kitchens and explore the other rooms. We learnt so many interesting things.



In class we followed up the visit by learning about rich and poor people in Tudor times. We have researched what clothes people would wear, what sort of houses they would like in and what food they ate. We also had some brilliant models made of Tudor houses.

On 26th September years 5 and 6 went on a residential trip to St. Michael's Outdoor Centre in Hathersage, Derbyshire. Our first job was to get to know the centre better so we had a tour around the buildings. We were also issued with wellingtons, a rucksack and walking boots for us to use whilst on our trip.

After lunch we went pond dipping & orienteering. Whilst in the stream we caught a range of species, including fish, worms, leeches, mayflower nymphs and crayfish! During orienteering we had to run

around and locate stamps using our map-reading skills. It was very tiring – but brilliant.

Day two began with a short bus journey and then a VERY tiring walk up a huge hill. We walked to Eyam, via the Riley Graves, with our guide, Bill and there we met the year 4's, Mrs Russell, Mrs Waring and Miss Green. We explored the local church (St. Lawrence's) and then took a walk to the outskirts of Eyam where we found Mompesson's Well – a place where food and money were exchanged during the Plague. After the year 4's left we walked back to Hathersage, through the moors, down an enormous hill, trying to avoid the bull in a field!

The following day we travelled to Grindleford on the train. During our walk we visited the Padley Chapel and met a rather inquisitive cat. We travelled through the picturesque woodlands, finding rare mushrooms and discarded millstones on the way. We also hid like priests in the woods and built our own shelters.

Before returning to school we had an historical tour of Hardwick Hall, near Stainsby. This was the home of the Countess of Shrewsbury, also known as 'Bess of Hardwick.' We ate our packed lunches in the botanical gardens and then travelled back to Clarborough by coach.

We would like to say 'Thank you' to Bill and Rachel from St. Michael's, parents (Mrs Fearn, Mrs Hyligar and Mrs Gray) who accompanied us and also to Mrs Brown, Mrs Cowell-Clark and Mr Bunn for organising an amazing trip!

**By Evie Brammer, Charlene Palmer,
Rhys James and Ethan Turner.**

Senior Citizens Christmas Invite

Clarborough Primary School invites senior citizens to their performance of *Sparkle* at 10:00 on Thursday 15th December.

Excursions:

13 th Nov.	Duxford Museum – Remembrance Sunday.
17 th Nov.	Birmingham's Famous Xmas Market
19 th Nov.	London Xmas Shop/Ideal Homes Exh.
24 th Nov.	York St. Nicholas Fayre
26 th Nov.	Knitting & Stitching - Harrogate
27 th Nov.	Good Food/Motor Cycle shows – NEC.
30 th Nov.	Downtown Shopping or Garden Centre
10 th Dec.	Leeds Christmas Shopping
11 th Dec.	York Festival of Angels-Craft Market

Theatres:

10 th Dec.	John Rutter - Royal Albert Hall
28 th Dec.	Sleeping Beauty - Nottingham
3 rd Feb.	Strictly Come Dancing
5 th Feb .	Holiday on Ice Tropicana – Peterborough

Kettlewells

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

2-4 Dec	Waddesdon Manor
9 Jan(5 days)	Warners Nidd Hall
29 Jan (4 days)	Torquay late Turkey & Tinsel
13 Feb (5 days)	Welsh All-inclusive break
2 Mar (3 days)	All-inclusive break – surprise location
9 Mar (4 days)	Brugge weekend
16 Mar (3 days)	Thriplow Daffodil weekend

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Friends of Clarborough School are running a fund raising lottery.

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Alternative Energy 2 – by Paul Willcock

Is there an alternative to wind as **the** alternative energy – yes! There are lots of other options!

Some of these are: solar heating, solar voltaic cells, hydro-electric power, tidal power, wave power, estuary barrages, ground source heat, heat pumps and, of course, nuclear.

Why is wind power the only one seriously being worked on? As already stated, it is relatively cheap and easy to install. Governments over the last 50 years have sat back and put little or no money into research. Energy supply problems for this century have been well recognised since the early 1960's. However, after a spate of nuclear power stations, nothing else has been done. Other technologies have been ignored because they are more difficult to develop, after all a wind turbine works on exactly the same technology as windmills like Leverton and Tuxford so let's go with the easy option.

Why other technologies?

They are mostly more reliable, more efficient and largely have a much smaller impact on the visual environment and land usage.

Take solar power and solar cells. Solar power generally means heating your water directly by the sun. This involves having panels mounted on a roof or elsewhere, water runs through the panels and then the warm water is stored inside the house for use. They do not, in this country, usually heat water right up to a fully usable temperature but in our increasingly sunny summers they can get very close for a substantial proportion of the summer. However, at most times of year they considerably lessen the amount of outside energy (oil, gas or electricity) needed to heat water. Even in winter, a bit of sun will quickly heat the water. **(Editor's note: we have such panels and between April and October 2011 probably used gas for around 6 hours in total for water heating).**

Solar cells produce electricity directly from the sun. Anyone with a solar powered calculator or garden lights already does their (very little) bit for the planet! On a larger scale, e.g. for a house, they are usually roof mounted panels but can be sited anywhere in the sun. The advantage is that any over-generation can be sold to the grid for a profit. (The “wings” on the space station are arrays of solar cells). Even more compelling is the feed-in tariff (FIT) legislation which (currently) pays 43.1p

for every unit (kilowatt-hour) generated, whether you use it or not!

Both solar cells and solar panels do require a site which catches the sun, a problem if your building does not face in the right direction. But this is not an insurmountable problem, especially in new build. Until recently, nothing much has happened in this direction but with Feed-in Tariff (FIT), things are changing – fast! To its credit, Bassetlaw has recently announced plans to install solar PV panels on some of its properties.

PV systems – purchase or rent-a-roof and the, of course, there's FIT?

Until April 2012 anyone installing a PV system can expect 43.1p per unit of electricity generated (for new installations it then falls to around 38p per unit) – regardless of whether it is used on the premises or not. Energy suppliers will also pay for any surplus exported and, of course, the amount of energy bought-in to the property will be less than previously – so bills will be lower too.

Having said all that, THE biggest money spinner is FIT, introduced in April 2010 under the Energy Act 2008 – this is guaranteed for 25 years and can amount to £1000s over the lifetime of the project. For this reason you will have noticed many companies offering to install the hardware on your roof for free; the catch (if catch it is) is that they take the FIT. The property owner gets reduced energy bills plus a little back from their supplier for surplus energy.

So, if your roof is suitable, there seems little to lose either way. Currently, investment analysts see PV installation as one of the best long term financial investments.

Editor

Domestic heating oil – save money!

Fed up with ever increasing costs? Have a look at RCAN's (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire) community-based countywide oil buying syndicate and see how easy it is. For more information see your community website *Latest News* section (www.clarborough-welham.org.uk).

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Nottinghamshire County Council's Budget Conversation

The full text of Mick Burrows' (Notts.C.C. Chief Executive) press release is posted on our community website (Representative Links > County Council) but here we print a summary. **The Budget Conversation will run until Friday, 27th January 2012 and will help inform the budget proposals for next year.**

Last year's consultation attracted views from nearly 10,000 people and informed a number of significant changes to the final proposals. The total the Council has to spend is expected to reduce from £507m in 2011/2012 to £491m in 2012/2013.

In February 2011, the Council had the foresight to approve nearly £45m worth of savings to deal with next year's pressures and help offset the reduced income. However, the authority still needs to find an additional £10m to help balance the budget over the next two years.

Your opinion matters! So we want as many people as possible to take part in the Budget Conversation. To find out more please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/conversation where you can submit your comments. Alternatively you can:

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The budget proposals will be announced early in November and will appear on-line and in the next edition of the Council's magazine County News.

Constituency Boundary Changes

You will probably have realised that changes to MP's constituency boundaries are currently being discussed. For much more on this issue go to our community website's *Representative Links > MP* to engage with the Boundary Commission's consultations.

Clarborough First Responders

First Responders and St John Ambulance (SJA) are working together to bring life-saving support to the members of Clarborough Village via a structure made up of Volunteers.

Trained SJA First Responders can provide fast life-saving care to seriously ill members of the village with equipment provided by donations before a NHS front-line ambulance may arrive. When you dial "999" your call will go through to the Ambulance Control Room where a trained operator will process your call. Whilst asking you questions they will start the necessary procedure to mobilise help to travel to the required location. This can be a First Responder or a Fast Response Vehicle with a Paramedic being despatched initially plus an ambulance following on to provide extra back-up and the necessary transport to transfer the patient to hospital.

Having First Responders who live in the village or very near is an essential part of providing a rapid response to a "999" call. First Responders are volunteers who "log-on" with the Ambulance Control Room to provide this service and the Controllers are aware of their availability on their screens and also the equipment that they carry so that when a call which would be appropriate for them to attend comes in they can quickly make contact and use the services which are on offer. For this service to continue, regular Fund Raising is essential to ensure that on-going training and replacement of stock has adequate funds. Eric and Angela Jones came to see Clarborough Village Ventures to be receive £1000 donation. A further £600 was presented by the Cobb family. Angela and Eric would be happy to receive enquiries from potential new members for both St John Ambulance and First Responders.

Angela & Eric Jones



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News from your District Councillor

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New development plans for our village

Bassetlaw District Council is currently working on a series of documents that together will replace the Bassetlaw Local Plan. The first of these, the Core Strategy, has been the subject of extensive consultation over the last 18 months and was the subject of a formal Examination in Public earlier this year. It will be adopted by the Council by the end of the year. The Core Strategy commits the District to delivering over 6000 houses across parts of Bassetlaw over the next 16 years. Further information can be found on the Planning Policy pages of the Council's website www.bassetlaw.gov.uk.

The specific sites for new housing and employment development, among other things, will be set out in the *Site Allocations* document, on which the Council has now started work. This is, clearly, a very significant document and the Council's Planning Policy team is holding a series of public consultation events in November and December, publicising the Site Allocations document and taking views on the potential sites for new development.

Please take the time to view the potential development sites and have your say on where future development might take place in your

settlement. For further information please contact the Planning Policy team on 01909 535151, at future.plans@bassetlaw.gov.uk or at Queen's Buildings, Potter Street, Worksop, Notts, S80 2AH
[Editor's note: also look at our website in Representative Links > District Council for much more detail]

As has been mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the Gill Green Walk play area is being renovated and thanks must go to Ann Codling for her sterling work. We have had a few meetings with the Clarbrough Youth Group and are encouraging them to try to collect funds so that our possible sponsors can gauge their enthusiasm. Their spirits are willing but need our active encouragement to participate actively! Has anyone an odd job they could help with or a car to be washed? Do contact one of the young people you know are involved. Finally, do remember that I can be contacted at any time on (01777) 709 034.

Kath Sutton

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Tales from the Workhouse

September's meeting of **Bassetlaw Over 50s Forum** hosted a fascinating presentation by *The Workhouse Storytellers* based at Southwell. The Workhouse, near Southwell, was built in 1824 by the Reverend J.T. Becher and became the blueprint for similar workhouses across the country. The imposing red brick building is England's best preserved workhouse and offers visitors today a sense of what life was like for the poor in the 19th and early 20th centuries. *The Workhouse Storytellers* are a group of National Trust volunteers with an enthusiasm for sharing the tales of the building's former occupants.



Each story is inspired by the wealth of information in The Workhouse's records, which include census documents, punishment and medical records as well as correspondence with the Poor Law Commissioners in London. Incidents found in these records are richly embroidered by the *Storytellers* to create engaging and compelling tales. These stories are told in a variety of ways: in the first or third person, in costume, as a dramatic monologue or collaboratively by two or more Storytellers. *The Workhouse Storytellers* deal with all aspects of life and death. Perhaps surprisingly, misery and sadness, whilst present, are not overriding themes. Prepare to be surprised, entertained and moved by the Storytellers as they take us back to life in a Victorian Workhouse.

A visit to Southwell Workhouse is strongly recommended (Editor)

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PCSO Dave Airey's full monthly reports are always published on our community website (look in *Law & Order > Police Reports* for these along with Jenny Madin's Crimebeat articles).

Winter is fast approaching and darkness will soon be upon us earlier each night. Opportunistic thieves relish the extra security that darkness provides and won't think twice about stealing your valuables and precious items. In two out of ten burglaries, thieves don't even have to



use force, entering through open door or windows. Everybody can reduce the risk of their home being burgled by taking some simple – and often inexpensive – precautions. Start by making sure your doors and windows are fitted with strong locks – and keep them fully locked. My advice would be to keep all windows locked even when you are in the house, certainly in rooms that are not being used.

Look at your home through the eyes of a burglar. If you had forgotten your keys, how would you get in? An open door or window is an open invitation and, if you can get in, then so can a burglar.

By the time you read this, Bonfire Night will be upon us – check our community website (*Law & Order > Police Reports*) to read Dave's latest reports including the full set of regulations about use & ownership of fireworks.

Thank you for your continued vigilance and support.

Also on our website (*Law & Order > Get involved*), an opportunity to become a **Special Constable**; two awareness events are planned so why not go along? Dave's contact is 07525 226 838.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey

A spate of cold call scams purporting to come from Microsoft yielded the advice: *that Microsoft do not make telephone calls unless they have a request for technical support from a customer.* The representative advised individuals to ignore the call and not to provide any personal details should they receive another call.

Local Broadband issues; from your County Councillor, Liz Yates

I understand your editor will be including an article about the Budget Conversation that the County Council are running. It would be difficult for me to make comments about any budget proposals but, after the success of public participation last year, I would urge you to take part and fill in the questionnaires that are being publicised. You can make a difference!

Since early in the year the County Council has been developing a broadband programme based on obtaining Government funding to improve access where it is most needed. Parish Councils have been made aware of this through various forums and liaison groups with over 2000 responses and a picture has been built up of the 'not spots' across the county area. Bassetlaw has 50% of households accessing below 2mbps, with nobody accessing more than 50mbps which makes it the poorest performing district or borough in the county. So, what is happening?

Some time ago the County Council submitted a bid to the Government's BD:UK funding stream. There is a lead elected member for economic development, who is dealing with this and I have asked that Bassetlaw is given its fair share of the money and the response was "yes they will".

Indicative allocations were announced on 16th August 2011 when Nottinghamshire was allocated £4.25m. Match funding has to be provided and this is expected to be sourced from local public sector partners, EU funds and private sector sources. The focus for phase 1 will be Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe and Bassetlaw District Council has applied for EU and LEADER funding to match their portion of the £4.25m. Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) and Nottinghamshire Business Engagement Group will represent the Parish Councils and rural businesses.

I will leave it there for the moment, but will update you when I have further information.

I can be contacted **at any time on 01777 860 219** (answer phone when unavailable) when I would be happy to talk to you, will arrange to meet with you if necessary and have a chat about your issues. **email cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk**

Why not meet me on Thursday 10th November 2011 at the Misterton Centre from 10:30am – 12:00noon.

Clarborough Village Hall News

Clarborough village hall is having a new floor laid in its main room, the old pine floor having finally got beyond economic repair. However when the old floor was removed, a card was discovered, obviously filled in by the people who laid it.

Besides names, it's text reads: *This Floor was laid by E.T. Worker's in 1991. All for £2 a day.* (Note the random apostrophe!) Who or what were 'E.T' workers? The only other clue as to their identity, is the reverse of the card which is a table tennis score card. On talking to a founder committee member of the hall, he remembers nothing about the workers other than them saying the floor would only last a few years at most - it has lasted 20 years! For much more about the re-flooring and a full programme of weekly events, go to:

www.clarboroughvillagehall.btck.co.uk.

For enquiries, bookings, etc. 07530 532 185.

Formal opening by John Mann MP will take place on **12th November** at 12:00 – come along!

Monday 21st November - CDCA AGM in the Village Hall at 19:00 Come along!

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Some of the things we can provide are activity holidays for older children of those serving abroad, the bereaved and the injured. We have trained personnel to accompany bereaved families to inquests, very distressing for all those involved. Holiday homes, nursing homes, help for those leaving the forces, the elderly, the injured, the list is endless.

So please when you buy your poppy remember how many people you will be helping. Wear it with pride, encourage everyone you know to do the same – we need your support. If you would like to help by having a box on your business premises, collecting house to house in your neighbourhood or helping in a supermarket, please contact Ann Hickman (01777) 818 993 – we really need your help and support.

Ann Hickman
Poppy Appeal Organiser – Retford area

The Winter Sky

With changes to street lighting coming into effect this autumn and some pretty clear evenings we have been reminded of the spectacular scenes overhead – in some cases a real revelation as the urban 'pollution' of street lighting has been reversed. This little article points out just a couple of the most easily identified constellations.

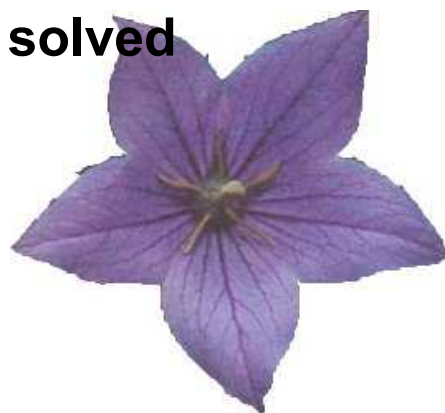
During the winter Orion dominates the sky. The constellations striking appearance is easy to spot and fun to view every time you go outside into the cold. The two brightest stars of Orion are Betelgeuze and Rigel. Betelgeuze is orange while Rigel is blue-white, a difference due to their different surface temperatures; Betelgeuze's is a much cooler 3500 Kelvin than Rigel's 10,000 K.

This Newsletter has a large front page image of the plough, another recognisable shape in the sky. So named for looking like an old fashioned farming plough; in France the same shape is called "the saucepan". Find it in the north and use the two stars on the edge of the pot of the saucepan to guide you across the sky to the North Star. The plough is not actually a constellation; it forms part of a larger group of the constellation *Ursa Major* (the Great Bear).



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Clarborough Gardening Club

The club is a coming together of enthusiastic amateurs meeting at 14:00 in the Village Hall on the first Saturday of each month – new members are most welcome. However, we will not hold a meeting on 3rd December, rather we will be having a Christmas Party on December 17th at 14:00. There will be no meeting in January and February will bring round our AGM which will be followed by a talk entitled *Plants that Excite* by Dr. Andrew Ward from Norwell Nurseries.

Not only does the group come together to discuss a multitude of matters, but we also enjoy regular talks by 'experts' as well as preparing for our annual show and contributing to Clarborough Village Ventures' successful annual Festivals. On September 10th a very successful show was held with section winners as follows:

Veg+fruit	Peter Turver
Flowers/plants	Jim Keating
Cookery	Ann & Don Rimmer
Preserves	Brian Grice
Apple Pie	Kathy Lee
Handicrafts	Catherine Mann
Photo	Mr J.Frow
Children's	Clarborough Primary School
Reserve in Show	Brian Grice
Best in Show	Peter Turver

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Gardening tip: Get your spring bulbs into planters or pots now.

Parish Council Meetings (Winter 2011/12)

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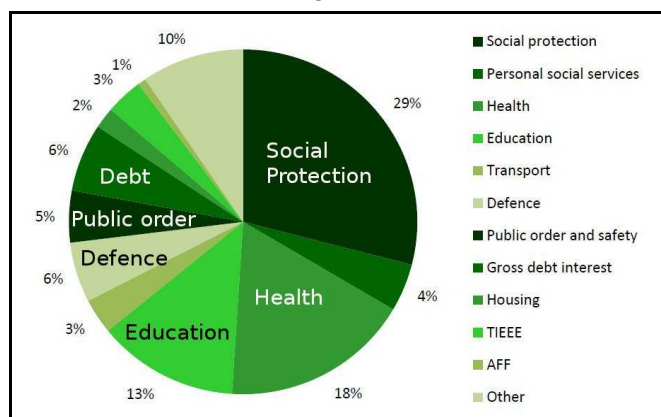
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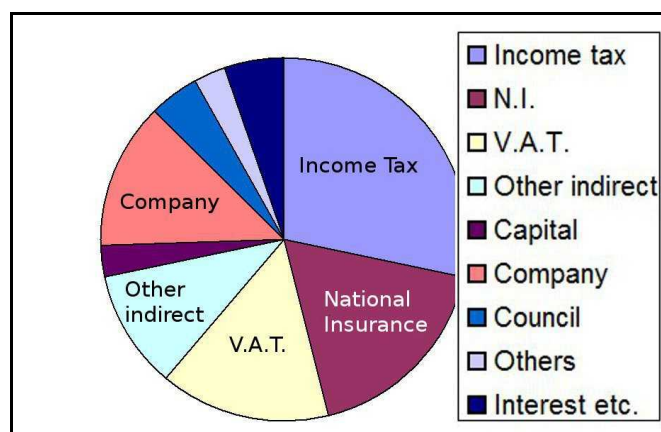
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The Great Deficit Debate

If you, like me, are variously confused, challenged or mystified by debates about our Government's deficit, or the wider international issues, this first of a planned series, setting out some of the facts



behind these debates might just prove calming!
[Above] Government spending (2010-2011)
 Notes: Social Protection includes social security benefits and state pensions. TIEEE is spending on trade, industry, energy, employment and the environment. AFF is spending on agriculture, fisheries and forestry. Other includes spending on public and common services, international services, recreation, culture and religion, EU transactions and accounting adjustments.
 Source: Table 4.2 of HM Treasury, *Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses 2011*, Cm. 8104,



July 2011.

[Above] Government Income (2009)

Source: Institute of Fiscal Studies *Briefing Note No.9* (April 2009). 2009 is the latest data available.

To read either of the above pie charts, start with the labelled item and read in a clockwise direction.

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