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From the Editor

Once again we have too much material coming in to print it all – an editor's dream! For this issue a significant proportion has an educational focus – local schools, colleges or voluntary sector organisations offering the widest range of courses or support. We all too easily take this wealth (quite literally) of 'education' for granted so it is with shock we realise that not everyone,



everywhere, benefits from such riches. **10th November is Malala and 32 million Girls Day**, a United Nations (UN) sponsored world-wide 'push' already supported by almost one million people worldwide who have signed their name to call on both the Pakistan government and the United Nations to achieve Malala Yousafzai's aim, that every girl has the opportunity to go to school. No one could not have been appalled when 14 year-old Malala was shot in the head by Taliban 'hit men' for standing up for the right of women to have an education in her native Pakistan.

Go to www.educationenvoy.org to sign Malala's petition which will be presented by Gordon Brown, UN Envoy for Global Education and Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General to Pakistan's President, Asif Ali Zardari on 10th November.

There is much else to get active about both locally and on a UK stage. Near to home we have proposals from East Midlands Ambulance Service to close both Retford and Worksop Ambulance Stations even when it is apparent that emergency staff themselves have serious misgivings about the proposals. On the national stage we seem to have a generation of politicians who are locked into the past – not quite the past-of-empire, but certainly the past-of-Britain-as-a-world-power. Have they not noticed that Britain isn't that any more and that London is no longer the undisputed financial capital of Europe? If the mindset doesn't change – and soon – it won't just be Ford pulling jobs out of the UK. We are in a new age – of globalisation – and if we don't get on board, particularly with Europe, we will be consigned to has-been status, with all that implies for employment and standards of living.

To explore these, and many other, issues that affect us both locally and more widely, explore our community website at:

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Sloswicke's Almshouses

Following the article that appeared in the Autumn edition of this Newsletter, I was asked to provide some information on the history of the almshouses. I hope the following gives the reader some indication of how the quality accommodation the Charity now offers to local people, first came about.

Almshouses are unfurnished dwellings, usually designed with the needs of older people in mind. They are characterised by their charitable status and by the aim of supporting the continued independence of their residents.

The original almshouses in Retford were established in the 17th century by Richard Sloswicke. When he died in 1657 he gave '*all his Lands and Tenements what-soever lying here or in West Retford, to the building and maintaining an Hospital for three poor men of this town to be chosen by the Bailiffs and Aldermen*'. This included his home in Churchgate which became the site of the 'hospital' [Below].



Additional Almshouses were then acquired in Union Street when the Charity merged with the Corporation Almshouses, a charity providing accommodation for females in Retford. The original Churchgate almshouses were rebuilt in 1806 and from time to time other charities continued to merge with Sloswicke's, including those set up by Thomas Bescoby, Jane Braybrook, Arabella Phillis Chetwode, Thomas Percy Denman, Mary Elizabeth Hartshorne, Bennet Jackson and Charles Moss. At the end of the reign of George III, Commissioners were appointed to inquire into all the endowed charities of the kingdom and in 1827 they investigated those in Nottinghamshire. Some of the charities in East Retford were found to have been lost and others '*grossly mismanaged by the*

corrupt Corporation'. The Sloswicke Charitable Trust, however, has survived over the centuries under the guidance of its trustees. Important developments occurred in the 1970s and early 80s when the charity sold off some land and was able to renovate the existing properties in Churchgate and Union Street. In 1983, a substantial legacy was left to the Charity by Mr. Blaco Yates which enabled the purchase of a row of terraced houses known as Protestant Place on Queen Street. Protestant Place had originally been built in 1827 by Peter Dickonson of West Retford Hall.

Sloswicke's Almshouses now have over 40 residents, the most recent accommodation having been specially designed and built in 2007 at Hawksley House on Coronation Street.

The Charity is administered by voluntary Trustees and the present chairman is Mr. Robert Lamb. The aim of the Trustees is to provide convenient and comfortable accommodation in a setting which supports a positive sense of community amongst the residents and where independent living is recognised as important for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Anne Kay (Trustee)

(Quotes from www.nottshistory.org.uk)

For further information about Sloswicke's Almshouses, please contact the Clerk, Mr. Matthew Sharpe at Jones & Co. 01777 703 827

Anglian Water attacks the leaks

Many locals will have become accustomed to leaking water supplies – particularly those living in the Broad Gores, Southview and St.Johns Drives areas. Well by the time you read this Newsletter you should be seeing a lot of work going on to fix this issue.

For full details including maps and expected disruption to supplies see our community website (www.clarborough-welham.org.uk) *Utilities* page. Briefly, in Anglian Water's own words: *The replacement of the existing main by slip lining will now start on the 5th November. The scheme should be completed before Christmas.*

Editor

Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA)

AGM on 14th November at 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall

Skatepark Opening

Teenagers and younger children attended the opening ceremony on 15th October when NCC Cllr Richard Butler, Chairman of Environment & Sustainability, performed the handover to Councillor Codling by giving a case of battery powered screwdrivers for maintenance use. The Skatepark project, valued at around £48,000 (only £2500 from our Parish Council), was originated by Parish Council Vice Chairman Ann Codling, along with her team & District Councillor Kath Sutton, plus fundraising & design inputs from our local teenagers and support from County Councillor Liz Yates. Major Funding was supplied by WREN. The County Council also provided significant funding & built the Skatepark.



[Above] Adults pictured with the youngsters (left to right): Ross Marshall (NCC project manager), District Councillor Kath Sutton, County Councillor Liz Yates, NCC Richard Butler & Cllr Ann Codling, Vice Chairman, Clarborough & Welham Parish Council.

Photo: Barrie Codling

Rural Crime Summit 19th November at Newark Showground. See website for details

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Retford Library Family History Group

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

but no meeting on 24th December!

**Ask the Archivist (Nottingham Archives)
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Where should our 'county hall' be?

Our 'county hall' lies at the southern end of a very elongated county with Bassetlaw at the opposite end. We also have the peculiar situation of our County Hall actually situated in the centre of another local authority – Nottingham City!

All of this is quite historical, nevertheless it puts quite a strain on both

administrators and

residents when it

comes to services and democracy. A number

of recent comments by local residents have

described 'County Hall' responses to enquiries

along the lines of 'are you sure you are in Nottinghamshire?' or

'aren't you in South Yorkshire?' A recent

meeting that your editor attended included a

lady from 'County' who revealed that she 'had

not been this far north before'!

All of this might seem mildly amusing, but when it comes to representation – democracy even – the situation is less funny. Anyone who has tried to get involved in county-wide dialogue will know that those of us north of Retford have some 40 miles and probably an hour of travel (each way) to invest before we can even engage with 'County Hall'. Is this good enough?

Solutions to this situation may be complex and varied, but for our political leaders to actually recognise the situation might be a good starting point. What do you, our readers, think?

Editor

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On Thursday October 4th
Class 4 went to visit

Bassetlaw Museum in Retford as part of their topic on Britain since the 1950s. The children learned how to display, describe and catalogue historical artefacts with Amy Davy the Education & Outreach Officer at the museum. They also spent some time enjoying the displays and exhibits. We will be using these skills to set up our own class museum...look out for more information soon! Everyone at the museum was so impressed with the children's behaviour, concentration and attitude towards learning. Miss Davy will be making a return visit to school when we open our museum to parents of children in Class 4. The children and I would like to say a big thank-you to Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Herdman and Mrs. Price, who came along to help.

Mrs G.Russell & Class 4

Parish Council Pointers

- Christmas is Coming.... and so is the Parish Council Lights switch-on and Christmas Fayre which will take place at the village hall on Wednesday December 5th starting at 17:45. Anyone wanting a stall at the Fayre should contact our Vice Chairman Ann Codling on (01777) 705 396. You need to hurry as we are getting booked up.
- The community bottle bank is now relocated to the Kings Arms car park.
- A vacancy still exists on your Parish Council – please contact the Clerk if you are interested (01777) 710 902 or clarandwelpc@btconnect.com.

- Skatepark is all go... the official handover took place on October 15th. The Skatepark is now owned by your Parish Council on your behalf but It cost the Parish Council just £2,500. The park has been in constant use since it was completed. Bin & done it once more.. We now have another refuse bin, strategically place on the new Skatepark we are now using a bit of gentle persuasion, in getting the youngsters to use it. Picnic Bench & Notice Board for the Skatepark will follow in due course.
- Sign of the times... the new sign on the border between Clarborough & Welham has provided a colourful welcome to the two villages. Thanks to County Council who supplied it.
- DOG FOULING. We are having a small but significant problem of dog fouling on the new Skatepark, which appears to be from one particular source. To whoever is responsible, please use to Dog Bin provided. It is, after all, a play area for children & teenagers. We also note that someone (or ones) have been throwing dog waste bags from the bin in Little Lane. It is worth noting that dog fouling issues are criminal offences and the County Council's Dog Warden has appropriate powers.

Need to get in touch with your Parish Council?
Go to your community website
www.clarborough-welham.org.uk where
contact details can be found along with other
useful material such as meeting minutes and
agendas, etc PLUS a vast array of other local
information, contacts and events.

Editor

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Parish Council Meetings (Winter 2012-13)

3rd December 2012

21st January 2013

4th March, 2013

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall

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

Liz Yates, County Councillor

By the time you read this I will have completed my
surgeries in Misterton and Sutton, and hope to
arrange a surgery in Clarborough in the not too
distant future.

Recently I attended a Chesterfield Canal
Partnership meeting which is all about restoring
the final eight miles of the canal, and will see it
navigable all the way from West Stockwith to
Chesterfield. Nottinghamshire has always been
one of the partners, with considerable funding
through the Local Improvement Scheme, in
conjunction with the Canals and Waterways Trust
(was British Waterways), who have acknowledged
the input from Nottinghamshire which has enabled
new towpaths and improvements to mooring areas
in our villages. One item I raised was the large
amount of Himalayan Balsam on the Ranby
stretch. Apparently, although very pretty, it is
classed as an invasive plant and currently in the
Maun Valley area they have a party of volunteers
out clearing it. Has anyone experienced this
elsewhere?

We are still gathering pledges online at the County
Council for faster broadband
(www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband). Again
my most grateful thanks to the many helpers with
the earlier, paper petition that I carried out. None
of you are forgotten and I will update you when
there is more news on the matter.

A couple of local issues next, firstly the weight
restriction on Smeath Lane is still going through
the usual legal channels. Further updates when I
have more.

Secondly the request for a pedestrian crossing in
the village has been followed through. I met with
the District Manager for Highways, the lady who
made the request, District Councillor Kath Sutton
and a representative from the Parish Council and
the early outcome was positive. They are going to
carry out a 'count' in the village and identify the
best site. This is something that both myself and
Kath Sutton supports and hopefully we will see a
result in the not too distant future. It is so
important for the safety of the young people and
also other residents when crossing the A620.

Editor's note: Following a very recent accident to
one of our younger villagers, a petition is available
supporting this. This was tabled at the Parish
Council Meeting on 22nd October. If you'd like to
add your name contact the Clerk at the usual
Monday morning Village Hall office hours.

I can be contacted **at any time on 01777 860 219** (answerphone when unavailable – ***please leave your name and number and I will get back to you***) when I would be happy to talk to you, will arrange to meet you if necessary and have a chat about your issues.

Liz Yates

Great Britain or Little England?

We seem to hear so much about 'powers to Brussels' and 'the sovereignty of Westminster' that it is all too easy to lose sight of the bigger picture. Setting aside observations that virtually all of recent consumer protection law has originated in Europe, and the issues of Scottish 'separatism' we seem (as a nation) to be living in a past in which Britain was a global power. For a refreshingly objective 'take' on Britain's current situation, take a look at Bill Newton Dunn's (our MEP) latest report. This is far too extensive to print here but is available in full on our website. Go to the *Representative Links > MEP* page.

Editor

Kath Sutton, District Councillor

What a treat it is to live in Clarborough at the moment! At different times I have enjoyed a crispy bacon sandwich with my coffee and sampled various freshly baked cakes at the Farm Shop. Also taken home some delicious fish and chips from The Kings Arms. Thank you to both those establishments!

Youngsters in the village appear to be thoroughly enjoying the new skateboarding facilities, now opened officially by Nottinghamshire County Council. We are going to hold a village opening party for the youngsters early next spring. As you know our Youth Group helped design the equipment, raising money and are now monitoring its use. We can't speak highly enough of them. The workmen commented on their politeness and helpful behaviour, and they have really responded positively to requests for help checking the area. As this group was created solely to create the skateboarding area and their mission is now complete we have some lively and delightful young people who, I am sure, would enjoy someone organising activities for them, particularly in the winter months. Is there anyone in the village who has the time, experience, and interest to take up such a challenge? It would be so rewarding for everyone if this were possible.

Kath Sutton



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Challenging young people to achieve their best informs all our work and **respect** was at the heart of our Poppy Appeal event in school on 16th October:



Retford Oaks, being housed in such a spacious and modern facility in the centre of town, has become the venue for commencing the local Poppy Appeal each year. On this special October day, our school and the Royal British Legion launched the Poppy Appeal with a moving ceremony, attended by local dignitaries, in which the students honour those who fought & died for our country. Fifteen of our students sang with the Retford Male Choir. We are so grateful for their support & friendship. We were joined also by Father Bill Burgin & other representatives of the local community. Along with the Choir, our Drama Group performed a poetry reading. Our entire school timetable that day was themed around the Poppy & what this symbolises. The Art Department took on the Poppy as it's inspiration and students got through plenty of red paint that day!

Nurturing our young people is at the heart of what we do at Retford Oaks and we have a House

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Dave Gibson, Headteacher

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Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

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Bluebell Wood Swing Concert at Clarborough Village Hall on 24th November.

Contact Jenny (01777) 709 662 for tickets.

Bassetlaw Over 50s Forum: meeting at Retford Library (AGM) on November 21st plus 'fun-and-games' courtesy of Bassetlaw Museum! Free.

Disability Nottinghamshire for all your questions, issues and support. 01623 658 060 or Simon Bernacki simon@disabilitynottinghamshire.org.uk

Bus schedules: have you experienced unreliable bus timetables lately? If so, please keep a record and contact either Stagecoach or your elected representatives to do something about this.

Daytime burglaries: Police are warning of an increasing tendency for burglaries or attempted burglaries to occur during daylight hours. If you are at home during the day keep an eye open!

Apprenticeships Minimum Wage

Following the introduction of the national minimum wage for Apprentices in October 2010, the Government has reviewed the rate paid and after a number of recommendations has increased it. Please be aware that from 1st October 2012 the new rate employers must pay, as a minimum, to Apprentices aged 16-18 will be £2.65 per hour for a 30 hour week.

European perspectives: For Bill Newton Dunn's MEP reports from Brussels, go to our community website (see page 1) Representative Links > MEP.

Road issues: if it's a law-enforcement issue ring 101 when you will be connected directly to Nottinghamshire Police. If it's a maintenance issue contact Notts C.C. on <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/roads/> or 08449 808080

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£1200 raised for Clarborough First Responders

Ann (above, centre right) Louis & Susan Cobb have, once again, masterminded a fantastic fund raising event in Clarborough. Along with family and friends, Ann organised a Coffee Afternoon on 21st July, 2012. The event was supported by donations (£100 each) from Clarborough Village Ventures and Clarborough Gardening Club. Local businesses also came on board including Bacons of Retford, Rouge Salon and Wilkinsons, all providing vouchers. Further donations came from some 16 individuals and when the proceeds from cake stalls, bric-a-brac, etc were added, the grand total had reached the staggering sum of £1200. This very large cheque is shown being presented to Angela Jones of St.John Ambulance, Clarborough First Responders at the Kings Arms on 17th October, 2012.

Ann tells us that her event will now be an annual fixture of the local calendar.

Editor

Retford Lions Santa in Clarborough

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Clarborella, progress so far.....

If you hear strange noises every Wednesday evening coming from the village hall, don't worry, it's only the chorus and cast practising for the next village extravaganza (Evening performances on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and a matinee and evening performance on Saturday 23rd February 2013)!

We've all entered into the spirit of pantomime (oh, yes we have!) and are throwing ourselves into it with great gusto! You might spot someone who looks suspiciously like the landlord of the Kings Arms skulking around in charity shops looking for an odd ball gown or two, or a very slim lady practising thigh slapping as she walks down the main street. Quite a few are wandering about the village manically singing under their breath and giggling – our Scout Leader isn't in it, is he? Oh yes he is!

Suffice it to say, we're all getting organised, it's going to be wonderful, fast paced and funny. You'll spend quite a lot of time trying to identify local village characters - I'm sure you'll never look at some of them quite the same way again - enough said! We'll keep you up to date on the community website, but please remember tickets are limited so call (01777) 705 877, 07780 630 882, (01777) 705 616 or The Kings Arms (708 845) to get yours. They are only £3.50 each (£2.50 child or £10 family ticket for 4) - bit like the Rolling Stones concert tickets, they'll be gone before you know it!

Steve Dodd & Greg Herdman

2012-2013 Newsletter deadlines

January 21st (Spring 2013 issue)

April 15th (Summer 2013 issue)

What's on in Clarborough Church?

December 2nd will be the very special Victorian Christmas. There will be stalls and seasonal refreshments, with a band playing during the afternoon plus a half hour special Christmas service with Revd Mark at 15:30.

To book a stall ring 702893 or 702959



Dec 9th: Evening Worship
16:00 Advent 2

Dec 16th Holy Communion
10:00.

Dec 23rd Join with Hayton for
their 11:00 Carol Service.

24 Dec Christmas Eve: Crib Service 16:00
23:30pm The wonderful midnight Holy Communion. This year we hope to have with us Rev R Goodhand who was previously Parish Priest here.

25 Dec Christmas Day: No Clarborough service but there will be a 10:00 service in Hayton.
December 30th All Clays group join with the Methodists at Grove Street at 10:30.

Jan 6th 10:00 Holy Communion with Revd Mark

Jan 13th 16:00 Evening worship

Jan 20th 10:00 Holy Communion

Jan 27th 16:00 Holy Communion

From then on, except for special festivals, there will be morning services at 10:00 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and evening services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 18:00. Each 5th Sunday will be a joint service somewhere in the Clays. Details on the website cwchurch.btck.co.uk or ring 702 959.

Camps International update

As many of you may have read in the last Newsletter, I am going to Kenya after my GCSEs in July 2013. I am doing really well raising the £3,800 for the trip and the additional costs like Visa, insurance and inoculations. We are waiting for flight dates and more details of where will be working and what we will actually be doing. What we do know is that we will be staying on a Camps International Camp, which employs local people to support us and all materials for projects plus our food are bought locally, so by just being there we support the local community.

Our time will be split between working on a Community Project and Wildlife and Environmental projects. The Community Project will help to improve the living standards of local communities and could involve physical work, such as constructing water tanks, or teaching the local children (we learn some Swahili at the start of the trip to help with this). Working on environmental or wildlife projects could include collecting rubbish off the beach (there are tonnes of it), or things such as helping to build a visitor centre or making elephant dung paper.

There are lots of unknowns at the moment, but what I do know is that I will have an amazing time and that my exams will be over by then! Thank you to everyone who has supported me so far, I still need to raise a little more so get in touch if you would like to help.

Adam Freeman (01777) 702 493

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Ambulance Stations Closure Petition

Many will already be aware of East Midland Ambulance Service's proposals to close Retford and Worksop Ambulance Stations. Our MP, John Mann, has organised a petition opposing this plan. To add your name go to our website where John's petition is on *Representative Links > MP* page.

Editor

Bluebell receives Queens Award

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is an annual award made to recognise and reward excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. It is given for outstanding achievement by groups of volunteers who regularly devote their time to helping others in the community, improving the quality of life and opportunity for others and providing an outstanding service. Jenny Stockdale belongs to the Retford Support Group and along with other volunteers from Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, has been honoured with The Queens Award for Voluntary Service for 'donating their time, enthusiasm and fundraising, ensuring continuation of care to children with shortened life expectancies'. Jenny's support group of 7 or 8 members run several events each year as well as many other events put on by groups such as the WI, where they sell Bluebell Wood branded items. Bluebell Wood needs £3 million this year to operate but receives no direct funding from the Government and so are dependant on their many support groups.

To add your contribution, go to Bluebell Wood's website: www.bluebellwood.org



I am really proud to announce that in the Jubilee Honours List our volunteers are to receive the Queen's Volunteer Award. This is an MBE for volunteer groups and reflects all the hard work and support our volunteers give to the hospice.

On behalf of the trustees, staff and families at Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice I would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who we could not manage without.

The Lord Lieutenant of Sheffield will be arranging a presentation to the hospice of a crystal plaque and the certificate, signed by Her Majesty.


Sarah Champion
Chief Executive



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Welham Christmas Lights

Recently the Parish Council (PC) has been investigating why the Welham Christmas lights were so poor last year. They found that the lights were not the correct voltage & the incoming power supply equipment was faulty. The PC had an arrangement with NCC to use their power supply for the lights, however, after this year this arrangement will cease. NCC would not stand the cost of repair to the incoming supply equipment. However; they did say the PC could have it repaired at our own expense. At the PC meeting held 22nd October the PC considered it unreasonable to incur costs associated with the power supply equipment & the purchase of new lights for one year only. **With regret** they agreed that they would not be installing the Welham Christmas lights. A Welham resident offered to look at putting some lights up using his own power supply & tree. The PC said that they would support any resident that was prepared to do this; however they stressed it would have to be the resident's sole responsibility.

Phil Gibson

Chairman, Clarborough & Welham Parish Council



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Clarborough Gardening Club

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3rd November : Hardy Planters Winter Survival Kit
15th December : Christmas Party



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Letter to the Editor – a Village Plan?

About a year ago we were all made aware of the Local Development Framework (LDF) as published by Bassetlaw District Council. This is a legal document which Bassetlaw, as the local planning authority, has to produce on a 16 year cycle as part of its Core Strategy. This document is still in the process of finalisation by BDC and a final version will be put out for consultation in November before being ratified by BDC early in 2013.

You may remember that proposals for Clarborough and Welham involved quite large numbers of new houses. Many residents thought that this was inappropriate and responded in this way to the original consultation. If you responded to that original document then you should be given the chance by BDC to respond to the final draft.

We, as a community, can have a greater influence in planning decisions if we have recorded our wishes in a Village Plan or Village Design Statement. These documents need to be drawn up by residents rather than the Parish Council but supported by the Parish Council. It sets out an outline for the village from a planning point of view. There are only four villages in Bassetlaw where communities have such a Plan or Design Statement but other local villages, including Hayton, are now beginning work on their own. This is not a “quick fix” but a process with certain “hoops” through which the group must jump.

The idea of a Village Plan was broadly supported by Clarborough and Welham Parish Council at their meeting in October.

I would suggest that Clarborough and Welham residents need one or other of these documents. It is, after all, our village and we should be the ones making the decisions not people who work in Worksop who, with the best will in the world, cannot know or understand what it is like to live in our village. I am, therefore, proposing a meeting of those interested in helping to produce a Village Plan. The purpose of the meeting would be to examine the method of producing such a plan. The meeting would have an input from Bassetlaw District Council Planning Department and also, hopefully, from a representative of one of the villages where a village plan already exists.

If there is sufficient interest in the idea (it is a task for a group, not a single individual) I would be

prepared to organise the above meeting and set a date, probably early in the New Year. An expression of interest in this meeting, or attendance at the meeting, would not, of course, imply a commitment to any further participation in the project – if indeed there is a decision to proceed.

Please remember; it is *our* community, *our* environment, *our* homes and *our* village. We should, therefore, put ourselves in a position to decide what happens here as far as possible.

If you are interested in attending an evening meeting then please contact me on paul@paulwillcock.com indicating which evenings of the week you can be available so that I can set an evening which is most convenient to most people.

Paul Willcock
Clarborough

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XH558 the Mighty Delta (part 1)

Soon the mighty sight (and sound – Vulcans make a truly awesome noise) will be no more for within the last few weeks it has become apparent that 2013 will be XH558's last flying season – to keep her airworthy (and safe) is just too big an ask. So make sure you book your chance to see her next season before the experience is just history. To find out more see contacts at the end of this article). Here we give a bit of background to the 'plane that knows Finningley as home.

After being grounded for almost 14 years, Avro Vulcan XH558 finally took to the skies again on 17th October 2007. The aircraft had not flown since being delivered by the RAF to Bruntingthorpe Aerodrome in Leicestershire on 23rd March 1993. Owner David Walton had purchased the aircraft and a huge stock of spares, including 8 Rolls Royce Olympus 202 engines, with the thought that one day, perhaps, XH558 would fly again.

Other than a few fast taxi days, XH558 then sat at Bruntingthorpe until Walton and Dr. Robert Pleming formed a small team in 1997 to conduct a feasibility study into the condition of the airframe and the possibility of returning the aircraft to flight. This eventually led to a successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, forming of the Vulcan To The Sky Trust, and the start of full restoration. After first flight, XH558 returned to the air show scene in July 2008. Having entertained millions at air shows here and in Europe, the aircraft is looking forward to the 2013 air show season – her last. However, this is a long way from what this aircraft was designed for.

The Vulcan was conceived as a high altitude, long range, nuclear capable bomber, with work on the concept starting in 1946 under Roy Chadwick



(designer of the legendary Lancaster bomber). The first prototype flew in 1952, and Avro

Vulcan serial number XH558 was ordered under a Ministry of Supply contract placed in September 1954. XH558 was completed at Avro's Woodford factory in 1960 and was first flown on 25th May that year and on the 1st July XH558 became the first Vulcan B Mk.2 to enter RAF service at RAF Waddington. XH558 then moved to RAF Finningley in 1961, serving with No 230 OCU

(Operational Conversion Unit) training Vulcan pilots for Squadron service. Between 1968 and August 1973 she served with No's 44, 50 and 101 Squadrons at RAF Waddington. In August 1973 she was converted to Maritime Radar Reconnaissance (MRR) standard, remaining in this role with No 27 Squadron at RAF Scampton until March 1982, when she was returned to Waddington and No 44 Sqn.

With the outbreak of the Falklands conflict in April 1982, XH558 was converted again, this time to a stop-gap tanker role, known as the K.2 version. Although XH558 took no part in the conflict itself, her current Chief Pilot is Squadron Leader Martin Withers DFC (ret.), who flew Vulcan XM607 for the first Black Buck bombing raid on Port Stanley airfield during the conflict.

By 1984 the Vulcan fleet had been retired from Royal Air Force service, the final official RAF sortie being on the 26th March 1984 when XH560 carried out a refueling mission. XH558 was flown to RAF Marham on 17th September 1984 to see out her final days on the fire dump there.

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