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#### From the Editor

o – I'm not in disguise – but it got your attention! (To find out more about how The Stig got into our Newsletter see page 20).

he central – quite literally – part of this issue is the first draft of your Neighbourhood Plan. On pages 9-12 the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group provides their draft outline. There is a lot to absorb in this document but crucially, what the Steering Group most needs is your feedback.

he draft Plan, as it stands, is the result of the many public consultations that took place earlier this year together with a lot of hard work by the Steering Group team led by Paul Willcock. Much remains to be done before the Plan is developed sufficiently to go through the formal processes of review and amendment required by the **Localism Act**. This Act of Parliament, which received Royal Assent in November 2011, introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans. Clarborough & Welham Parish is one of those communities in the forefront of this new, national, endeavour.

he final version, once approved by all of the official 'layers' imposed by the above Act, will be put to a vote in a local referendum open to all registered voters across our community; the plan will be adopted or rejected on the basis of a simple majority in that referendum.

o, once you've read, absorbed – and hopefully talked to neighbours and friends, make sure you return the questionnaire on page 12. If you'd prefer to keep this Newsletter intact – go to Newsletter page on our community website, download this issue and print just pages 11 and 12.

#### **Neighbourhood Alerts**

Although Dave Airey continues to report the low crime figures for our area, it remains true that 'spikes' in this data do occur, whether it be catalytic converter thefts or break-ins. To keep in touch with trends, and to receive professional advice on minimising your risks, you can't beat signing up for Neighbourhood Alerts.

Alerts are generated by both local police forces and county Trading Standards and cover both recent incidents as well as facilities for members to report suspicious behaviour or incidents.

See page 15 for more and also for contacts to sign-up with East Bassetlaw Police for your own hotline.

You will also find more examples, and more detail on your community website which is your link to everything that is essential:

### www.clarborough-welham.org.uk

Newsletter deadlines 20<sup>th</sup> October (Winter 2014 issue) 19<sup>th</sup> January (Spring 2015 issue)



Congratulations to all concerned for the Year 6 SATS results just received; they were outstanding!

Summer term kept up the pace in other ways too. On 9<sup>th</sup> July Class 6 made a fascinating trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament.

At end-of-term assembly on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, special awards were presented to pupils who had made outstanding progress. A new award was instituted this year – for **outstanding progress in literacy**. Three shields have been generously donated by **Clarborough & Welham IT** 



**Group** to be awarded annually. Members of the IT Group joined pupils, staff and parents/carers for these first presentations.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Admin Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> is INSET, so back-to-school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Reminder:** 26<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee Morning from 08:30. Staff and volunteers will be serving bacon sandwiches and hot drinks, so come along!

#### More Dates for your diary

August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Centenary of Britain's entry into the Great War (a.k.a. World War One).			
Augyst 9-10	Retford War Weekend (1940s)			
August 14	Tracing your Great War ancestors			
	drop-in at Retford Library.			
September 3	Nottinghamshire schools re-open			
September 11	Retfiord Ceilidh in Clarborough			
September 12	Deadline for Neighbourhood Plan			
	Questionnaire returns			
October 16	Retford Library Family history drop-in			
October 27-31	Nottinghamshire schools half-term			

#### Clarborough's Crimean War

No, not an item from the current news, but news nevertheless. Those of us who were recently lucky enough to listen to Harry Foxley's enthralling presentation about the Majestic Theatre's history at Retford Library will be eager to hear what Harry is uncovering now. Even before that presentation Harry was looking for his next project with The Crimean War high on his agenda.

Readers with an historical interest will be able to tell us that the conflict was initially between Russia and Turkey (actually, the weakening Ottoman Empire) which turned to war in 1853. Britain and France sided with the Ottomans in an attempt to limit Russia's expansion into Ottoman lands. In March 1854, they declared war on Russia expecting, with their naval supremacy, a quick victory. For a good overview of the conflict – and the issues that it raised for the British forces in particular, go to http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/battles/crimea/

But what's all this got to do with Clarborough today? Well, Harry Foxley's researches has already discovered that Henry Gregory of Clarborough was in the thick of it! Henry was part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoon Guards who, alongside the 17<sup>th</sup> Hussars formed the first of three lines attacking the Russian guns at Balaclava – the famous **Charge of the Light Brigade**. Harry feels certain that Henry would have been close enough to Light Brigade commander Major-General the Earl of Cardigan, to have heard the order to charge given to him by Captain Nolan who fell in the initial stage of the charge. Henry Gregory survived both the charge and the retreat.

History continues to debate the complex personal and institutional issues that initiated this disastrous charge but the presence of the Savastopol Cannon in Retford stands as testimony to the number of local men who must have taken part in this campaign. Harry Foxley's initial research has found some 20 men and he hopes to push it to 30 or more, hoping to bring their stories to light. He would really appreciate any family memories or records that help to throw light on these histories.

Please contact Harry via Retford Library: (01777) 708 724 or retford.library@nottscc.gov.uk

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## Sleeping Beauty: Clarborough Village Ventures' 2015 Pantomime

Following the success of **Snow White** in February planning for the 2015 pantomime is well under way. Next year will see **Sleeping Beauty** crashing onto the village hall stage with all the fairies, fun and thigh slapping we've come to expect from this annual production. The show will run from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February and tickets will be on sale from the beginning of December.

If you would like to get involved either onstage or back

stage it is not too late; simply come along to the next rehearsal at **19:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September** in the Village Hall, or contact 07766 482 030 for more details.

#### Retford Ceilidh are back!

Retford Ceilidh are very alive and dancing with the next popular community ceilidh booked for **Saturday October 11**th at **Clarborough Village Hall**, 20:00-23:00. Music by local band *Pinch o Snuff*. We have people coming from Grimsby, Rotherham, Doncaster, Bothamsall as well as Retford; so to avoid disappointment its better to book through Kathy Tel **(01777) 706 800** or email Retford.Ceilidh@virginmedia.com.

Kathy Cowbrough for Retford Ceilidh

### Frightened of computers?

'I'm not frightened of it anymore' said one recent member after just a couple of weeks. Your village IT Group has laptops for you to learn with, up to 6 tutors on hand in your village hall to guide you. Learn how to e-mail, surf the net – or just start your family history.

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September. Phone Greg on (01777) 700 918 to find out more – but hurry, spaces are filling fast!



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I want to be the white man's brother, not his brother-in-law.

Martin Luther King (1929-1968)

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## Clarborough's Fifth summer Festival

Another wonderfully sunny day greeted early arrivals for Clarborough's now traditional Festival on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Clarborough Village Ventures organisation of the event really puts Clarborough 'on the map' with visitors coming



from far and wide. The Festival is not only a great community day out but also generates valuable funds which are all ploughed back into local good causes.

[Left] Not our usual welcome! Lynx Black Belt Academy are regular

contributors and here Chief Instructor Andrew Blinston demonstrates.

You can only perceive real beauty in a person as they get older.

Anouk Aimée (1932-)

#### News from Elizabethan Academy

At the end the school year, Lynn Kenworthy retired as Principal at The Elizabethan. After ten years at the helm, she feels the time is right to look for new challenges outside of Headship.

It is hard not to see the immense impact she has had on the lives of young people in Retford, Bassetlaw and beyond. Her tireless, selfless and relentless drive for school improvement has seen The Elizabethan rated "good" by Ofsted in both 2011 and again this year. Her commitment to partnership working has enabled students across Retford to access high quality Level 3 provision at the Reford Post-16 Centre, which has gone from strength to strength since it was set up in 2007. However, her influence has extended way beyond the boundaries of The Elizabethan, and her membership of bodies such as the Schools' Forum and Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw over the years has had a positive impact on young people across the whole of Nottinghamshire. Mrs Kenworthy has not, however, severed her links with The Elizabethan entirely. She will return part-time in September in an advisory role, supporting the Academy's Senior and Middle Leaders in building upon the success that she has achieved during her ten years in charge.

Vice Principal, Jason White, who takes over as Acting Principal in September, says he is "excited" by the challenges and opportunities ahead of him. "Mrs Kenworthy has left the school in very good shape. She will be an extremely hard act to follow!"

**Jason White** 



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#### Liz Yates County Councillor



Life as a County Councillor is very busy in my area this year. We have potential 'fracking' in the north of the division (not around Clarborough, Welham and Hayton). Coal bed methane exploration, which seems to have gone away for the time being, solar farms, wind farms, sand and gravel quarries and now, proposals to close the level

crossings on the East Coast Main Line, all of these issues are giving some causes for concern. The most recent is the level crossing closures where the options given are likely to disrupt peoples day to day lives if any go ahead. I don't think anyone would be totally against getting rid of the time consuming crossings, but it must be done correctly with full consultation and agreement from local people. It looks as though this will run for some time to come.

A big step forward has been made by a resident in attaining Grade 2 listing for the canal bridge on Smeath Lane, thank you very much Alex, this could help us with the battle to take traffic away from this route in the future. Let us all hope so. Highway issues continue to be a major part of my work. Over the years we have seen many measures put in place to improve safety and the environment for villages. We can't always win - we were not successful with a pedestrian crossing - but the Smeath Lane 7.5 tonne limit, the 40mph limit on the same road, to be in place soon, interactive signage and better road marking all help. However, I will be the first to say more needs to be done.

If you would like to discuss any of the above or any other matter with me, call (01777) 860 219 or email cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk

I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.

Last words of Edith Cavell (1865-1915)

## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

15<sup>th</sup> September 20<sup>th</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> December

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall

Agendas are always posted at least a week in advance on notice boards and our community website where you will also find approved Minutes

Parish Council Office (Village Hall) is open on Monday mornings (excluding Bank Holidays), so do drop in for advice or to make comments on any local issues.

#### Parish Council Pointers....

#### WW1 Remembered...

Villagers from Clarborough & Hayton gathered on a sunny Saturday afternoon, to mark the unveiling of a plaque, dedicated to the local people, who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War One. See facing page.

#### Rubbish...

None of us like it, especially when it's strewn across the Sports field, Play & Skatepark areas.

Your Parish Council has striven to provide good Play facilities. All we ask Is that users put rubbish in the Litter bins, or take it home with them. Parents, please make sure your children use the waste bins too.

#### Vandalism...

Two of the Leylandii trees planted in the Skatepark area, have been broken down on purpose.

This follows other recent deliberate damage in this area. If you know who is doing this, please let the Parish Council or police know.

Help us, so we can all have pride in our Villages.

#### Ideas Welcome...

Got any suggestions or ideas on Village improvement? Willing to get involved in looking after our villages? Have you any problems you wish to air? Come along to our Parish Council Meetings. The next one is on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 19:00 in the Village Hall. The Parish Council office is open to all on Monday Mornings too.

#### Reporting a problem...

Street light not working, pot holes in the road, overhanging trees, verges need cutting back, blocked drains and other faults can all be reported online. Log on to the Nottinghamshire County Council website and use their online service. It is a really user friendly system and in my experience a very effectual way to report problems.

If you would prefer to report it over the phone, then call NCC Customer Service Centre on 0300 500 80 80. An individual resident appears to have more influence with NCC than the Parish Council! However; you can call in at the Clarborough and Welham Parish Council office based in the village hall on Monday mornings. Our clerk Wendy Davis will be more than happy to raise the issue for you.

Contact details of your Parish Councillors can be found on the Clarborough and Welham community website. When ringing if there is no answer please leave your contact details so the councillor can get back to you.

#### Phil Gibson Chairman, Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

**Editor's notes:** 'Tropical' rain/hail storm and flooding on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June reminded everyone why our Parish Council still has flooding high on its agenda.

Both Agendas and Minutes of our Parish Council are published on our community website as well as contact details for Councillors - explore *Parish Council* pages.

#### Clarborough & Welham's Great War Memorials

Much has been done over recent months to enhance our community's commemoration of all that the centenary 1914-2014 means.

Memorials that have graced the interior of our Parish Church for the best part of a century were in a desperately poor condition. Thanks to the efforts of Parish Councillor Brian Robinson and support from our



Parish Council, these have been expertly refurbished and are well worth a visit [see above].

On 14<sup>th</sup> June a dedication ceremony took place on the edge of the play area behind our Village Hall. Trees had been planted by our Parish Council to enhance the play area and these were dedicated by Rev. Mark Cantrill in the presence of Parish Councillors, District Councillor Kath Sutton and friends.



[Above] Phil Gibson, Parish Council Chairman, seated with Rev. Mark on the bench which was also dedicated

along with the trees. [Right] The bench's plaque.

Dedications were followed by a Summer Tea provided by our local W.I. with entertainment by Retford Male Voice Choir.





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or young person(s)

aged 0-25yrs who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)?

The Children and Families Bill comes into force from 1st September 2014. It will radically change support for children and young people with SEND. Statements of special educational needs are being replaced by Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP), which are designed to offer a more 'joined-up' mechanism for identifying, assessing, planning and resourcing SEND provision across Education, Health and Social Care. Watch school and health service notices for how this may affect you as the autumn progresses.

Note: Chris Herdman, your local Healthwatch **Champion**, is available at our Village Hall on the first Monday morning of each month – or see page 19 for contacts.

#### Clarborough Post Office

A reminder that Clarborough's Post Office's opening hours at our Village Hall are:

> Monday 09:00-11:30 Tuesday 09:00-11:30 Wednesday 15:00-17:30 **Thursday** Closed Friday 09:00-11:30

Full Post Office facilities except for driving licence renewals are available.

#### Law School

Our new, regular, column combines local PCSO Dave Airey's inputs with information from Nottinghamshire's Police & Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping. In this issue we have a separate column about Neighbourhood Alerts (see page 15).



Firstly, from Dave comes the reassuring news that crime figures across the area have remained constant – and low – for the past 12 months. Dave wants to thank everyone who has helped to keep this so by continuing to report anything suspicious that they come across; remain vigilant! Read Dave's detailed monthly reports that include latest statistics on our community website (Law & Order ▶ Police Reports).

Paddy Tipping's key messages can be read in his regular newsletter, *The Beat*, which can be accessed from our community website (go to Law & Order ▶ Police & Crime Commissioner) but here we note his key message of tough times mean tough decisions. "Our Police force is facing further budget cuts this year, however, I am confident that I will still be able to fulfil my pledge and employ more Police Officers and PCSOs. I am trying to meet as many people as possible to find out what your priorities are and believe if we stick together positive changes can be achieved."

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## Neighbourhood Plan

July 2014

What has been happening?

You may have been wondering what has happened to our Neighbourhood Plan.

Well, the Steering Group have analysed the results of the 22 meetings which we either attended or arranged and have used this analysis to produce a Vision, Aims and Objectives for the Plan. This is what this part of the Village Newsletter is about.

This is not the Draft Plan, which we are required to publish, but a draft of a Draft. It is important that we get the Plan right and Your Views are Vital in doing this.

Let us know what you really think about the ideas in this

'draft' DRAFT PLAN

#### Remember

The Neighbourhood Plan will help to shape our Parish for the next 15 - 20 years, influencing your lives and those of your children.

#### How to find out more . . .

You can comment on the 'draft' Draft Plan in the following ways:

- Use the questionnaire in this supplement and return it to The King's Arms. The Gate Inn. the Spa Shop or Clarborough Primary School
- > Visit our website at: clawenp.btck.co.uk
- > Send an e-mail to candwnp@gmail.com

Please do not duplicate your ideas by sending in both this paper copy and an electronic copy!

The final Draft Plan will be available to you in the Autumn for comments and will contain much more detail. The Final Plan will be voted on by you in a local Referendum in the Spring of 2015.

(NB To be able to take part in this

(NB To be able to take part in this Referendum you must, of course, be registered as a voter in the Parish.)

#### However:

We would really like to hear your views NOW, so that we can change the Plan if necessary and be confident that the Final Plan really does reflect the views of, and is supported by, local people.

If you wish to comment on the Plan, remember that the deadline for comments is 12 September 2014.

#### How to have your say

At the end of this section of the Newsletter there is a questionnaire, which we ask you to complete. These can be returned to The Gate Inn, the King's Arms, the Spa Shop or Clarborough Primary School. Comments can also be made on-line via our website clawenp.btck.co.uk or e-mail at candwnp@gmail.com.

#### A note of caution:

The Neighbourhood Plan has to reflect National Planning Guidance, the Bassetlaw Local Development Framework and even BU legislation as it applies to planning issues. A Plan is also about planning issues, not about all matters to do with the Parish. But please don't write it off because of these restrictions! If approved at the Parish Referendum it becomes a very powerful document for our Parish.

Have your say now!

Your village, your plan, your future!

### Our Neighbourhood Plan 'draft' of a Draft Plan

#### Our Vision for the Neighbourhood Plan

We would seek to encourage a vibrant, developing community with an improved environment and better communal facilities.

Our Neighbourhood Plan foresees Clarborough and Welham preserving their separate identities. We envisage phased and planned growth, which preserves the character of each village. We would also seek to encourage a greater sense of community both within and between the two villages.

Over the period of the Plan we intend to create and develop a safe, sustainable community, which respects and nurtures the local environment, both green and built. We would also seek to encourage small scale, local developments in keeping with the current villages and to promote safe transport links both between the villages and to Retford and Gainsborough.

#### Aims and Objectives of our Plan

#### Aim 1: Employment

Encourage the development of employment opportunities appropriate to our rural environment Objectives

- 1.1 Identify sites where extension to existing business or new business can be encouraged
- 1.2 Provide a positive framework for the growth of other business, in existing buildings, including home-based working
- 1.3 Ensure internet communication links are fast and reliable
- 1.4 Encourage the use of electronic communication to inform the wider community about our neighbourhood

#### Aim 2: Environment

Develop a planned layout for future development and improvement to both the green and built environments. Objectives

- 2.1 Identify sites within the villages and the surrounding countryside where the encouragement of wildlife can take place
- 2.2 Identify sites within the villages and the surrounding countryside where landscape improvements can take place
- 2.3 Examine the demand for allotments and where these could be sited
- 2.4 Establish a central 'village green' for each of the villages
- 2.5 Work with the Chesterfield Canal Trust to develop this and the banks of the canal as wildlife habitats and as part of a 'green heart' for the villages
- 2.6 Work with the Chesterfield Canal Trust to develop improved leisure facilities along the canal
- 2.7 Work with the Notts Wildlife Trust to develop and improve the Clarborough Nature Reserve and it's use by the community
- 2.8 Work with the relevant authorities to reduce the risk of flooding in the Neighbourhood
- 2.9 Work to protect, improve and extend the footpath and bridleway network

#### Aim 3: Housing

Identify and designate (with owner agreement) sites for small scale housing development which complements existing housing and meets specifically identified local needs.

#### Objectives

- 3.1 Develop a Village Design Statement to ensure appropriate design of building in specific areas of he villages.
- 3.2 Identify those sites where housing would be appropriate
- 3.3 Quantify the need for social housing within the villages
- 3.4 Encourage the provision of mixed housing, including starter homes and retirement housing which allows villagers to down-size and remain in the community.

#### Aim 4: Community Facilities

Improve the provision for the community of indoor and outdoor facilities within the villages Objectives

- 4.1 Examine the feasibility of an extension to the Village Hall to improve availability of meeting venues and for community development activities
- 4.2 Examine provision of outdoor facilities especially for youth and older groups
- 4.3 Examine the relocation of the skate board play area

#### Aim 5: Transport

Seek a safer environment within the villages, especially in relation to the A620, and to improve walking, cycling and public transport access to Retford and Gainsborough.

Objectives

- 5.1 Vigorously support efforts to obtain a bypass for Clarborough and Welham
- 5.2 Examine the possibility of moving the low bridge warning gantry, to the vicinity of the Hope Pole public house, or the provision of a reduced height barrier, in order to prevent over-height vehicles travelling beyond the rail bridge near the Hop Pole
- 5.3 Examine the possibility of improving the ability of HGVs to turn in Bonemill Lane
- 5.4 Seek the creation of cycle ways between the villages and between the villages and Retford
- 5.5 Seek an extension of public transport timetable times between the villages, Retford nd Gainsborough
- 5.8 Seek an improvement to the width of public footpaths on the A620 between the villages and between the villages and Retford
- 5.7 Seek a location for the provision of a parking area in the vicinity of the School for use by all visitors to the school
- 5.8 Provide a car park for visitors to Clarborough who wish to walk from the village or use the facilities in the villages
- 5.9 Investigate the feasibility of improving the canal towpath to ptovide cycle ways and / or footpath connections to Retford

#### Aim 6: Tourism

Enable the development of facilities which will help to promote the area as a tourism destination Objectives

- 6.1 Work with the Chesterfield Canal Trust to encourage the development of more mooring facilities along the canal
- 6.2 Seek an extension of public transport timetable times between the villages, Retford and Gainsborough
- 6.3 Encourage increased provision of accommodation and services for tourists and visitors

#### Now we really do need your input:

Below and overleaf you will find a questionnaire about your views on the 'draft' of the Draft Plan.

Please take a little time to complete the questionnaire and return it to one of the places given on the first page of this supplement.

We really do take note of what you write!

## 'Draft' Draft Plan - July 2014 Public Consultation Questionnaire

Please complete this section as we need evidence to support any action we take as a result of this Public Consultation. (Please circle the appropriate answer)

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Address:					

### Please turn to the next page for the Questionnaire

#### 'Draft' Draft Plan – July 2014 Public Consultation Questionnaire

Your Comments - Please tick the word which best supports your opinion of each section of the Plan

Vision Support Neutral Disagree Any other comments							
Aim 1: Employment							
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## What's Clarborough & District W.I. been up to?

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For a small W.I., Clarborough's has been very busy. On 9th June it was the 53rd birthday of our W.I. Alex Bellfield entertained with his 'Comedy Heroes' talk. Anecdotes about working with the likes of Ken Dodd whose engagement with audiences and lack of time-keeping has become legendary, plus Alex's excellent singing voice, kept all entertained.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June saw members again providing refreshments at our Village Hall; afternoon Tea was provided for local senior citizens before which Rev.Mark Cantrill led the blessing of Great War memorials (see page 7) After tea, Retford Male Voice Choir sang a selection of popular songs of the 1914-18 period. The National Womens Institute celebrates its centenary in 2015. As part of this a W.I. Baton has been relaying round the country. On 18<sup>th</sup> June it came to Clarborough.



[Above] Mrs J.Goacher, President of North/South Wheatley W.I. handed the Baton over to our President, Margaret Campbell.

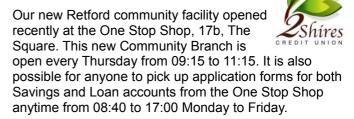


[Above] Vice-President Kath Goward was then transported in style to Gringley-on-the-Hill by Ken Davis, owner of this Austin Chummie, where the Baton was passed to Gringley's president, Mrs B.Dunkerley. For more photos see our community website's W.I. page. County Quizzing in Worksop in late June followed by a mid-July return visit to Hook (near Goole) W.I. for a lovely supper and folk songs entertainment. This recent link forged with the Yorkshire Federation is much valued.

P.S. New Age Kurling in Clarborough Village Hall resumes on 17<sup>th</sup> September; £1.50 including tea & biscuit - everyone welcome

Lesley Baines Clarborough & District W.I. Secretary

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The following was recently received from Lynn Tupling, Chief Executive of Bassetlaw Action Centre:

I am delighted to write to inform you that the Bassetlaw Action Centre has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is a prestigious award that is the equivalent of the MBE but for an organisation rather than an individual.



The Queen's Awa

There were over 300 nominations this year of which 111 were recognised for their outstanding voluntary work in the community. Only 3 organisations were recognised in the East Midlands and only ours in Bassetlaw.

I was privileged to be invited to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the organisation and look forward to being presented with the crystal bowl and certificate that will follow as a result of this award.

I write to thank you sincerely for your part in making our organisation worthy of this magnificent accolade. I thank you too on behalf of all of the beneficiaries of our organisation for your ongoing help and support.

Our presentation by the Lord Lieutenant will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> September – so watch the next issue for photos!

#### Editing music? Download Audacity FREE!

#### Charlotte's Dellissima Brownies

This delicious chocolate Brownie recipe is donated by Dellissima Cakes (dellissimacakes@gmail.com)

Named after my son's girlfriend, she is now expected to bring them to all family gatherings! The recipe is simple, although young children will need an adult to do the chocolate melting part.

These are a firm favourite with our many customers, and we are now sharing the recipe with you.

#### Ingredients

- 200g dark chocolate
- 175g unsalted butter
- 325g caster sugar
- 135g plain flour
- 3 eggs

#### Method

- Preheat your oven to gas mark 3 / 170°C / 325°F
- Melt the chocolate and butter together in a glass bowl over simmering water.
- Take it off the heat and stir the sugar into the mix.
- Sift and stir in the flour.
- Whisk and stir in the eggs.
- Pour the mixture into a baking paper lined brownie tin and bake for 35-45 minutes.
- Leave to cool in the tin for 20-30 mins.
- Lift it out onto a wire rack to cool completely before slicing.

Adding dried fruit to the mixture at the end makes a delicious alternative. We love adding a handful of dried, sour cherries!

Maria Paola Ditch





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Here we give a snapshot of Alerts received in early July.

#### Received 9 July 2014

Have you taken enough steps to protect your jewellery from thieves? Now is the time to review your security after ten burglaries across Nottinghamshire in which gold jewellery and large amounts of cash was stolen.

This alert when on to give a long list of sound advice on protecting not only your jewellery but also other valuable – including car keys which have been a particular target for many years. This alert concluded with...

Report unusual and suspicious activity around your neighbourhood to police on 101. If you suspect someone of being involved in burglary or the handling of stolen jewellery call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

#### Received 8 July 2014

There are websites available on the internet to help, advise on, and warn you of the many scams which are going on. One of which is

http://www.scamwarners.com/

Again, this e-mail gave a long list of scams the site could help with. It concluded with...

There are other websites available like

http://www.hoax-slayer.com http://www.urbanmyths.com http://www.419.org.uk/

This list is not exhaustive.

If you are worried that it is a scam, have a look at these websites, and if you think that you are a victim of a scam, please contact Notts Police on Tel: 101

#### Received 7 July 2014

We have received a complaint from a Bingham resident who has had work carried out by a trader named "All Weather Property Developments" but has subsequently been unable to contact the company. The trader's website gives an incorrect trading address belonging to a different, and unconnected, company.

This particular Alert then explained standard good practice for contracting for house repairs that are too extensive to print here. Again, the alert concluded with:

If you have any concerns about this or any other trader please report the matter to the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06

So, to conclude, get yourself enrolled with Neighbourhood Alerts and be crime savvy!

Note: our community website has a larger selection of example Alerts – take a look within *Law & Order*.

Editor

#### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor.

Our lovely Mum recently died and was laid to rest in the churchyard at Clarborough. So you can imagine, we are visiting the churchyard regularly to lay flowers and to pay our respects, not only to Mum, but also to Dad, whose ashes are interned in the churchyard.

We were astounded to find that some person is allowing their (not small) dog to foul in the churchyard regularly; something we feel is not only disgusting but also deeply disrespectful. We thought it may be someone who is entering the churchyard at the very top, from Bartle's field, through the gate on the left and walking along the pathway and leaving through the top gate on the right. However, on visiting on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May I found another pile at the side of the path behind the church, going up the steps. The churchyard is a place of comfort and quiet reflection to us and to many other bereaved families. Such a shame that someone is spoiling it in this way.

As your newsletter is distributed to every house in the village, we are hopeful that you might include this letter in your next edition, so that the owner of the dog may read it and be shamed into cleaning up after their dog. Either that or change their route. (Preferably the former.) Yours hopefully.

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## Kath Sutton District Councillor

Much concern has been expressed by some

villagers over the activities currently occurring down Tiln Lane, and so a meeting is to be arranged with the B.D.C. Planning Department for interested Councillors from both Clarborough & Welham and Hayton Parish Councils. Whilst it is regrettable



that there is this disquiet and unrest it is pleasing that the two Councils are working together to answer some queries.

I have been able to give some of my Community Fund to Dave Airey in his quest to sell shed alarms and stop the theft of some of our gardening tools. In the near future they will be on sale in the Spar shop.

Good news! The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded us a grant so that we can publish our local history book on Clarborough and Welham from 1778. I have a year to complete the project and already have managed much reading in preparation for the writing! The Enclosure Act is so detailed, outlining as it does every parcel of land, all roads, ditches,dykes and hedges that it defies belief that it was managed by only three main Commissioners. Research has shown one of our local landowners at the time was Earl Fitzwilliam who was one of the richest men in the country – so rich he once gave a party for 40,000 people – the whole of the county! But also there were local landowners whose memorials are reputed to be in Clarborough Church.

The Minutes book from 1899 outlines many fascinating local occasions, for example when electricity first came to the villages and where once there was a plague of sparrows and one was paid to kill them and collect their eggs! The local library has provided a wealth of detail. So too has the Bassetlaw Museum where there is a box full of oddments concerning our villages. Most interesting was a Catalogue of a Clarborough Farm Show in the 1920s which was a huge affair with many classes devoted to produce, cattle and horses. There too is a poster advertising the sale of the Gate Inn in 1828. Mr Bunn, the head of Clarborough Primary School has allowed me to talk to some of the older pupils who are going to help interview some of our senior residents. He hopes to be able to incorporate our study into his curriculum in the next academic year too. I hope to involve as many of you as possible in your reminiscences as they will be one of the most important sections in the book.

Such a lot to be discovered in two quiet villages!

**Kath Sutton** 

**Editor's note:** to support Kath's work, and also to provide a resource for future historians, I plan to compile outlines of Clarborough and Welham's expansion over the years. This involves identifying construction dates of a sample of properties across our community. For instance, our own on St.Johns Drive was built in 1974.

Watch our next issue for more!

#### First Responders Tea Party

Afternoon of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July experienced 'monsoon' weather as the Cobb family and friends hosted what is



starting to become a traditional Summer Tea Party in support of Retford First Response Unit.

[Left] Hailstones on nearby grass!

Fortunately an early

decision had been taken to retire to our Village Hall which soon filled with people buying raffle tickets and enjoying an enormous range of home-baked goodies and other refreshments.

Lots of chatting and reminiscing were followed by the raffle draw which on this occasion went on for nearly an hour! Ann Cobb announced to everyone present that plans for a publicly-accessible defibrillator in our community would be a key aim for the funds generated. This would be one more element of our community's support for Retford First Response Unit. Initial counts show more than £1000 was generated on the day and over £1600 since last year's event. Well done everyone concerned!

It is also worth noting that recently Governors of Clarborough Primary School also decided that the school should purchase a defibrillator with associated training for use within school.



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#### It's all Europe's fault!

The rhetoric around looking after our individual interests seems to be gaining heat by the day and so often a finger seems to be pointed towards Europe with the implication that most of these woes are 'Europe's fault'. So let's ask the question, 'If Westminster is such a good safeguard of our individual liberties and rights, where is the evidence?'

Well, a guick search by this author failed to pin down much in employee or consumer law that originated in Westminster! Let's look at this in a bit more detail...

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These are two of the most important instruments for protecting our individual right – and both originated substantially in Brussels!

Maybe a more balanced discussion needs to be presented by both our national media and many of our politicians.

**Editor** 

## News from the Spar Store

First of all we'd like to give a big thank you for all the great support the local community has shown our team and family since opening the store. The store is considerably ahead of target but still has a long way to go before we can label it a success. It has really surprised us how many customers have pledged there loyalty from the start, in fact we'd like to quote a customer comment that we had recently, he said he understands that if the community want a shop here for the long term they must change there buying habits and buy as much from the store as they can because fuel into Retford is getting more and more expensive. We've been truly surprised because we've had so many customers say very similar things. We'd like to say to everyone come and compare our prices and if they are comparable why not support us and, in effect, the village.

The King Family

#### **Emergency Vehicle access**

Once again it seems appropriate to repeat the advice given last year regarding emergency vehicle access. Regular readers will recall that police and emergency services warned that in dire emergencies, their vehicles are empowered to force access if parked vehicles are blocking access on public highways. We were also advised by insurers that under such circumstances, owners policies may well not cover damage caused.

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#### Friends of Bassetlaw Museum

No, we didn't sign-up The Stig as a Friend of Bassetlaw Museum (FoBM) at the hugely successful (and sunny!) Farm & Countryside Festival in late June. However, we



did sign up more than 80 members of the public to formally launch the Friends. Membership is just £5 for a year (or £3 for Junior Members). Not only does membership get you into private functions such as the 6th September sneak preview of the Museum's World War One exhibition and talk by the curator, Samantha Glasswell, but also other events through the year.

It's not too late to join either! Drop in to the Museum on Retford's Grove Street to pick up an application form!

And The Stig? Well have a look at the Bassetlaw Museum page (*Out-and-About* ► *Bassetlaw Museum*) on our community website for a few of The Stig's unexpected skills!

Forthcoming Museum events (not just for Friends) include:

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** *Heritage Day.* The museum's theme will be **suffragettes**.

27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October: *Half term activities* everyday, more detail on our website nearer the time.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December: *Christmas Crank-up*.

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Not visited the museum yet? – shame on you! You will be impressed.

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