

Clarborough & Welham Newsletter

Spring 2015

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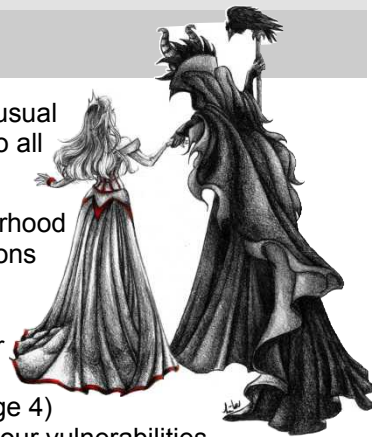
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From the Editor

No – your Editor hasn't had a VERY unusual New Year! However, Happy New Year to all of our readers.

Recent meetings at our Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, presentations by North Nottinghamshire Place Board and discussions within Retford Business Forum all point to the need for our community to 'put itself on the map'. Our Rural Community Profile (page 4) emphasises both our strength and also our vulnerabilities – particularly with regards to access to employment in the widest sense. Note we haven't forgotten Welham in all of this, it's just that Welham is classified as a 'hamlet' and so escapes much officialese!



Back to my starting point; Clarborough is definitely 'on-the-map' in entertainment terms - you've all got your *Sleeping Beauty* tickets? (If not, get over to SPAR soon – at least one performance is sold out as I write). Our Village Hall is scheduled for a wide range of mid-life upgrades over the coming months, but upgrades to the stage lighting are already in place which will make quite a difference to this year's production. Then, of course, in May we have our annual Festival which again draws crowds.

Weekly Village Hall activities are posted on our community website. It gives me great satisfaction that it remains in the top three of a Google search for 'clarborough'. Add to that a steady service of between 7500 and 8500 pages downloaded each month and we are certainly on the internet map!

The present economic climate is putting real pressure on local services – by the time you read this it is likely that Retford's Tourist Information will have closed and pressure is on both Retford's Library and Bassetlaw Museum. You can support these in a number of ways.



Friends of Bassetlaw Museum is a voluntary group supporting the museum in a variety of ways – subscription is just £5 per year (£3.50 for youngsters), and Retford Library provides a range of contact groups and talks, lectures or presentations. Our own twice-monthly family history group is just one example which helps increase the library's 'foot fall' – a crucial statistic in maintaining the service.

See page 10 for contact details for both of these good causes.

Finally – all parents, please take time to consider our Final note in page 14's Easy PDFs article – a crucial security issue exposed.

www.clarborough-welham.org.uk

Newsletter deadlines

27th April (Summer issue)

20th July (Autumn issue – provisional date)



Christmas jumper day

On Friday 12th December all of the pupils were invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. Parents and Carers

were asked to consider making a donation of £1 for **Save the Children**, resulting in £100 being raised. Thank you to everyone who felt able to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

Christmas productions

Once again we ran two different Christmas productions within School:

The Foundation Unit performed 'A Christmas Recipe', a lively show with singing, dancing, gift giving and lots of 'ho-ho-ho-ing'. All children rose to the occasion and performed brilliantly, leaving Parents, Carers and staff incredibly proud.

Children in Years 1 to 6 held three performances of their play: 'Baubles', to a full house. Baubles weaves the traditional Christmas story through a contemporary primary school setting, with funny, fresh songs and a quirky cast of characters. The children performed and sang beautifully for all three performances. In addition over £275 was raised through the sale of tickets and programmes which we have used to purchase microphones for use with future performances.

Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November at 11 o'clock the whole school lined up around the playground and stood in silence to take time to remember. Ms Hunt played the Last Post on her Tenor Horn to mark the occasion. The children all behaved impeccably, including our 3 year olds! We also raised money from the sale of Poppies and gifts in school. Thank you to staff and children for showing so much respect and taking the time to remember.

We were also privileged to welcome Jacob H's Grandfather to school on the 11th. He had served with the Australian Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and talked to Year 4, 5 & 6 about his experiences in the war.

Editor's note: a few days after 11th November a lady phoned our 'office' to complement pupils regarding the above Remembrance which she had witnessed from the Village Hall car park.

Note: Secondary school places allocated on 2nd March.

INSET dates:

2nd April (Thursday)
1st June (Monday)

Clarborough Bowls Club

Announce that their Autumn/Winter tournament was won by Wilf Hawdon. The club meets on Monday afternoons in Clarborough Village Hall – new members welcome.

Chris Herdman

Dates for your diary

- 16-20 February – Nottinghamshire School half-term holiday
- 19-21 February (Thursday-Saturday) Clarborough's *Sleeping Beauty* Pantomime
- 16th February: Parish Council Meeting (19:00)
- 25th February Village Ventures AGM (19:00)
- 4th March (19:30) CDCA (Village Hall) meeting
- 30th March Parish Council Meeting (19:00)
- 3rd - 17th April – Nottinghamshire Schools Easter holiday
- 17th May (Sunday) – Clarborough Festival



Clarborough & District W.I. provided the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party on 8th December to universal acclaim; food and service were exemplary but special mention must be made of David Bovill who stepped in at the very last moment to entertain everyone when Alex, our scheduled entertainer, was reportedly involved in a motoring accident.

Fortunately, Alex phoned later that evening, having been check over in hospital, He was battered and bruised but otherwise all right although his car was written off.

Regular W.I. meetings in our Village Hall on the second Monday of each month continue. Fortnightly Kurling (also in Village Hall) on Wednesdays resumed with the next dates now scheduled for 11th & 25th February 2015.

For more, see our W.I. page on Clarborough & Welham's community website (www.clarborough-welham.org.uk) – just follow **Local Groups** ► **Clarborough W.I.** from the home page.

Bassetlaw



Centre

Volunteer Drivers wanted – urgently!

Bassetlaw Action Centre are desperately seeking volunteer drivers for Bassetlaw Community Car Scheme Plus.

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Bassetlaw Action Centre, Canal Street, Retford

Tel.: (01777) 709 650

E-mail: pboniface@bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk

Think you've been a victim of a loan shark?

24/7 confidential hotline 0300 555 2222

See also our community website **Your Money** ► **Getting help** for the latest Government Newsletter on this issue.



Clarborough Village Ventures Drama Group

Presents Ben Crocker's

Sleeping Beauty



Thursday 19th— Saturday 21st February 2015

Tickets on sale now from
the SPAR, Main Street,
Clarborough

Clarborough Village Hall
Evening Performance 7:30pm
Saturday Matinee: 2:30 pm

Ticket Prices

Adults: £4.50
Concessions: £3.50
Family ticket: £12



Clarborough's Rural Community Profile – what are we really like?

ACRE Rural Evidence Project: December 2013

The full 51 page document can be read on our community website (**Local Environment ► Planning**) Pages 44-49 of the above report contain a wealth of data about Clarborough compared with Bassetlaw and England.

The *italics* start of each sub-section defines ideal parameters for sustainable communities.

Note: within the planning regime, Welham is considered a hamlet rather than a community and so has not received the same sort of analysis.

Social & Cultural

Active, inclusive and safe. Fair, tolerant and cohesive with a strong local culture and other community activities.

Basic data shows total population of 1280 divided between 555 households.

Our population has a somewhat higher 'elderly' proportion and lower than average 'young people' fraction compared with both Notts County and nationally. Having said that, single pensioner households are about national average while both lone parent with children, ethnic minority households and households of people born outside the UK are all below national averages. Composition of households could, therefore, be characterised as 'more traditional' than the national average.

Over the last decade, the overall population has declined by some 4%, a situation apparently common to many rural communities where house prices and lack of employment/training opportunities drive young families away to be replaced by more affluent, maturer households moving from urban situations. Movements, however, are well below national averages.

How strong and safe is your local community? Data is very vague (only at district or county level at best). This suggests that Nottinghamshire in general is around or slightly below national averages across the age-ranges. *Perception of crime* levels, however, seems to be higher than county or national levels.

Equity & Prosperity

Fair for everyone, including those in other communities, now and in the future.

How deprived is the local area? Data indicates that Clarborough has below average DWP claimant households and/or households experiencing multiple deprivations.

Low income households (measured by a number of benefit claims) are all below national averages with the notable exception of those in 'fuel poverty'. Figures seem to have been stable over the past decade.

Child poverty reflects this same overall picture although over time the proportion of families in this deprived range has steadily increased.

Pupil educational achievement appears consistently good across all Key Stages.

Overall health 'condition' of local people seems to be slightly worse than county or national figures and has nudged upwards over time.

Economy

What does a sustainable community look like? Thriving, with a flourishing and diverse local economy.

The employment picture is no surprise – lower figures for fully and part time employed than either county or national figures although these are generally lower than county or national levels. Figures for self-employed are lower than national averages while those working more than 49 hours per week are larger than national average. Skills and qualification levels appear close to national levels.

Economic sectors in order of employment importance are: retail, health & social work and manufacturing.

Housing & built environment

Well designed and built featuring a quality built and natural environment.

Housing stock analysis shows nearly three times the national average proportion of detached properties with a majority owner-occupied. Proportions of rented and social housing are much less than national averages. Local house prices, however, appear more 'affordable' than national figures – although many caveats apply to such analyses.

Not surprisingly, analysis of council tax banding shows Clarborough to be skewed towards the upper levels compared with county & national figures. Housing price trends over recent years do not appear to exist!

Although housing in poor condition appears to be lower than national figures, rather surprisingly households estimated to be in fuel poverty (14.4%) appears to be some 50% higher than national figures.

Transport & connectivity

Well connected, with good transport services and communication linking people to job, schools and other services.

Because of limited public transport opportunities and relatively remote jobs and services, our community is essentially a car-owning one with multi-car households much more common than national averages.

These figures also reflect work locations with fewer than national average people living less than 2km from work but many more than average travelling 40+km to work – or working from home.

Public transport times to almost all important types of destination are greater than either county or national averages with 'to hospital' somewhat skewed in that Retford Hospital does not offer a full suite of services – times to Bassetlaw Hospital would far exceed national averages.

Services

Well served with public, private, community & voluntary services that are appropriate to people's needs and accessible to all.

Distances to two key services far exceed national averages; GP surgeries and secondary schools.

Environmental

Environmentally sensitive, providing places for people to live that are considerate of the environment.

Quality of the local environment data is only available for Bassetlaw in general and shows power stations' much larger CO₂ emissions and lower waste recycling than national figures.

Not surprisingly, our community has a much lower population density than county or national averages.

Governance

Well run, with effective and inclusive participation, representation and leadership.

How engaged are people locally? Data only for Bassetlaw, but rather worryingly, indicates a somewhat pessimistic general population's view whilst actual involvement is rather higher than other averages!

Summary prepared for Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group by Greg Herdman (17 August, 2014)



Major player in Bassetlaw's 'third sector'; have a look at BCVS's **Latest News** section of their home page for a huge range of information, contacts and reports.

See <http://www.bcvs.org.uk/>

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The Kings Arms Clarbrough

Parish Council Pointers....

The voice of Clarborough & Welham Parish Council
'Your local Council - working for our community' We wish all our villagers a Happy and Healthy 2015...

All Lit up... The Parish Council Tree Lighting & Christmas fayre roved busy and popular once again. Children & adults sang Carols gathered around the Tree, with Rev Mark Cantrell leading the switch on, and then the arrival of Father Christmas followed by a packed village hall, with Mulled Wine for adults & soft drinks for children. It all added up to great warm up event for Yuletide. £45 raised at the event has been donated to 'Clarborough First Responders'...

Skate Park Issues... A challenging time for Councillors as we try to solve the problems of Skate Park noise. After a complaint, Environmental Health had no choice but to issue a noise abatement notice, which comes into force on 2nd April. This means we have to try and address the issue of impact noise on the hollow wooden ramps. Parish Councillors should be having a meeting with County Council officials, and others, during January. We will keep you updated...

Good News.... Your Parish Council voted unanimously to keep the Parish portion of the Council Tax at last year's rate - so no increase from this end!

2015... should see the arrival of a new Bus Shelter for Main street (County Council are dealing with this). a cure for flooding on the Village Hall driveway entrance, and a new seat for the front driveway area plus the many other local issues your Parish Council deals with.

Grit Bins

The grit bins around the parish have been checked and filled.

Grit is provided by the Parish Council so that members can grit public footpaths and roads. It should not be used to grit residents own private driveways paths.

Dob on A Dirty Dog

The Parish Council has had several complaints regarding the dog fouling along Little Lane, Clarborough. This is a safe school route that many children use to get to school. If the children tread in the dog dirt it can taken

Dob on a Dirty Dog

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— North Nottinghamshire —



into the school exposing many more children to the health risk that dog faeces can pose. Dog fouling is a real problem that can be seen throughout Clarborough and Welham.

A dog owner can be fine up to £1000 for not clearing up after their dog. If you see someone not cleaning up you can report them to the Bassetlaw Health department on 01909 533 399

There is a real risk to health from dog faeces therefore, I ask all dog owners to act responsibly and clean up after their dogs.

P Gibson

(Chairman Clarborough & Welham Parish Council)

Editor's note: see our community website Local Environment ► Dog & Law for more on this topic.

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Tracing our Great War ancestors (Part 2)

If the centenary of Great Britain's entry into the Great War (World War 1 as it later became known) has prompted you to discover more about your ancestors who lived through, or died in, that conflict our previous issue's article may have given you the basics to build upon. Now we need to get into the military part of their story.

Firstly, do we know the service (Army, Navy, Royal Flying Corps – later RAF, for example)? A good starting point is the **National Archives'** online database of **Medal Cards** for World War 1. These sometimes contain useful data, but copies cost £3.30 which often doesn't add much to the basic information provided on-screen. This usually includes (for Army) rank, regiment(s) and regimental number(s).

If your ancestor died in the conflict – or died of wounds several years later, then a search of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website (www.cwgc.org.uk) may provide anything from basic unit, date of death and location of grave or memorial right through to parental details and home address. This latter site records World War 2 deaths too and is free to use.

Sticking with WW2 for a moment, from the early 1920s all service records have remained with the Ministry of Defence. If you served after this date or are next of kin to someone who did, you can apply for a copy of the relevant records. Go online to <http://www.veterans-uk.info/> which is the MoD's dedicated website for everything relating to personnel who have served. This site takes you through several stages of the application process which will ultimately cost you £30.

However, back to WW1. Military records prior to the 1920s are now held by the National Archives. However, during 1940 the store holding the Army records suffered bomb and fire damage. For a detailed summary of what remains and what was lost go to:

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/firstworldwar/service_records/sr_soldiers.htm This same source gives an overview of records for the other British military records (Navy, RFC, etc).

Finally, for this brief introduction, we must mention **Pension Records** for personnel who served during the Great War. Searching (at the library) through Ancestry.com's databases can reveal pages and pages of Pension Record information which is a treasure trove of service, medical and family history

But what does all this information mean?

Family history isn't just names and dates – it's trying to understand the times and events that our ancestors experienced and in the case of The Great War, there are many websites that can provide this background knowledge.

We have already mentioned the National Archives several times to which can be added:

- For a comprehensive overview including history,

battlefield visits, museums and events, go to <http://www.greatwar.co.uk/>

- The Long, Long Trail (www.1914-1918.net)
- Wikipedia's World War 1 article for an overview at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I

The Genealogist's Internet by Peter Christian (ISBN 9781408159576 rrp £16.99) is the reference work for anyone seeking family history sources on the internet. So, if this has whet your appetite, or given you a head start, why not get involved with your **local Family History group at Retford Library** which meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 17:00-19:00 (Bank Holidays excepted)?

Greg Herdman



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Lantra Awards and City & Guilds

Using Directgov website for family history research

www.directgov.gov.uk is the official government portal to everything 'official' in the UK.

For family historians, this website's home page **births, deaths marriages and care** link leads to an A-Z page from which the top entry (Certificates, register offices, changes of name or gender...) leads to a wide range of national resources including:

General Register Office – the central link for ordering copies of birth, marriage or death certificates.

- **Contacts for other local Register Offices**
- **National Records of Scotland links**
- **General Register Office for Northern Ireland links.**
Plus...
- **Research your family history using the General Register Office** which contains a wealth of links **PLUS** the download link to very useful, 24 page, pdf copy of *Discover Your Family History* leaflet.

Did you know that 100 years ago...

...photographs were first required in British passports on 1st February 1915?

...sinking of RMS Lusitania on 7th May, 1915 by German U-boat killed 1.198 civilians speeding US entry to WW1.

Law School

My latest Report (Dec 2014) for 01/12/2014 to 31/12/2014 can be read on your community website but includes the following incidents of interest:

- Burglary Dwelling: 1 (Clarborough).
- Burglary Other: 1 (Hayton).
- Theft of Motor Vehicle: 2 (North Wheatley and Clarborough).
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 1 (North Wheatley).
- Theft Other: 3 (Hayton, North Wheatley and Welham).
- Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle: 1 (Welham).
- Criminal Damage Other: 1 (Clayworth).



I would like to remind residents across the beat area of the **free** Nottinghamshire Alert scheme. Users have access to information and reports from various agencies and organisations as well up to date crime information for this and neighbouring areas.

PIR alarms are available at the local Clarborough SPAR store. Suitable for garages and sheds at £10 each. Initiative has been funded by local district and county councillors.

Free No uninvited visitors stickers are also available.

Again, thanks for your support and continual vigilance – we are all one team!

PCSO Dave Airey

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those who commission, deliver and regulate health
and care services.**

The paragraph above is taken from Healthwatch
England's national website's home page – but what does
this mean for us in Clarlborough and Welham?

Firstly, Healthwatch has regional arms – in our case
Healthwatch Nottinghamshire. Secondly – and more
importantly for us – we have our own local 'Champion',
Chris Herdman, who can be contacted at any time but
who also holds monthly 'surgeries' alongside our village
hall post office on the first Monday morning of each
month.

Healthwatch provides a two-way 'communication
channel' linking consumers with our health and social
care providers. Chris can advise on best contacts for
your needs and also feed-back suggestions and
comments regarding service provided or needed.

For much more on Healthwatch, see our community
website **Health & Welfare ► Healthwatch** or drop in at
our village hall (09:30-11:30) on the first Monday of each
month for a chat and free Healthwatch newsletter.

Chris Herdman can be contacted:
(01777) 700 918
clarlboroughwelham@gmail.com

Hope Furniture Project

**Hope's Furniture Projects are based
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Heard about social prescribing?

This is a doctor's prescription for more than medicine.
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enquiries@bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk

Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group
(01777) 863 288

Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service (BCVS)
01909 476 118 www.bcvs.org

Bassetlaw District Council 01909 533 533

Bassetlaw District Councillor (Kath Sutton)
(01777) 709 034 kath.sutton@bassetlaw.gov.uk

Bassetlaw District Hospital 01909 500990
(non-emergency)

Bassetlaw Museum (01777) 713 749
Friends of Bassetlaw Museum fobm14@gmail.com

Clarborough Gardening Club (01777) 707 811

Clarborough & Welham IT Group (01777) 700 918
clarboroughwelham@gmail.com
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Clarborough Parish Council (Office/Monday am only)
(01777) 710 902 clarwelpc@yahoo.com

P.C. Chairman (01777) 700 517

Clarborough Primary School (01777) 708 065
office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Clarborough Village Hall bookings (phone or text)
07530 532 185

Clarborough Village Ventures (events. pantomime, etc)
(01777) 705 877, (01777) 710 780

Clarborough Womens' Institute 07967 191 007

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askidlevalley@nottswt.co.uk

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MP (John Mann) Constituency Office 01909 506 200

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From your MP, John Mann



As our world becomes more high tech and more banks offer online services to their customers, the ability to manage your hard earned money becomes easier. We can now bank online, over the phone and use various apps on our smart phones. However, with this increasing use of online banking more and more people are becoming victims of fraud as scammers use a variety of ways to con people out of their money.

The British Bankers Association have produced a booklet called "Know Fraud" and it contains a simple and easy 8 point guide to protecting yourself against fraudsters. They list **eight things your bank will never ask you to do. They are;**

1. Ask for your full pin number or any online banking passwords over the phone or by email
2. Send someone to your home to collect cash, bank cards or anything else
3. Ask you to email or text personal or banking information
4. Send an email with a link to a page which asks you to enter your online banking log-in details
5. Ask you to authorise the transfer of funds to a new account or hand over cash
6. Call to advise you to buy diamonds, land or other commodities
7. Ask you to carry out a test transaction online
8. Provide banking services through any mobile apps other than the bank's official apps

If anyone would like a copy of this booklet then please contact my office on 01909 506 200 and I will be happy to send you one in the post.

In my work as a member of the Treasury Select Committee I have questioned executives from all the UK's major banks on how they are dealing with the thousands of PPI claims that are still waiting to be processed. The miss-selling of PPI is one the major legacy issues that many banks are still failing to come to terms with and are simply hoping it goes away. Many people were mis-sold PPI when they took out loans and mortgages and are not aware that they have a claim. I would encourage anyone who isn't sure to write to their bank asking them to investigate whether or not they were mis-sold PPI.

John Mann MP

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The North Nottinghamshire Story

Bassetlaw, a largely rural area, is the northernmost district of Nottinghamshire and has two principal towns of Retford and Worksop. It is largely a construct of the public sector and named after the *wapentake* of Bassetlaw (similar to a *hundred* which was the division of a shire) which dates back to Anglo-Saxon times. It came into being as a Parliamentary Constituency in 1885 and the District was formed in 1974 by the merger of elements of the boroughs associated with Retford and Worksop.

Despite its history, it has become clear through a number of local – and more distant – consultations that the area has little sense of 'place' for either locals or the wider national awareness. This is a serious issue when it comes to employment and other economically relevant considerations. Thus decisions were taken a little while ago to institute a local **Place Board** which although supported by Bassetlaw District Council would be an independent body tasked with raising local and national recognition of the area's potential.

For the area to raise its profile and start to realise its potential it needs a shared story for everyone to get behind to help the area to think and act as one place. Whilst the story can hold all the different assets, communities and relationships, it has to have an identity that is recognisable, used and rooted in the reality of the place. Because of the lack of identification with and of Bassetlaw as a geographical entity and to make it easier to market the area nationally, it was decided to use **North Nottinghamshire** to promote the area, its history, environment and potential. **North Nottinghamshire Place Board** has that task.



We all want our area to be successful, to attract people to visit and live in the area, encourage those here already to stay, persuade investors and developers to see us as a place worth investing in and create and attract new jobs whilst keeping the ones we have.

At the same time it is important to raise ambition and aspiration amongst local residents, young people and businesses. Our success will be determined by the choices people make about us and we need to encourage them to view us in a positive light by explaining why we are special, how we are creating a better place, what we offer and our plans for the future. We need to get on their 'short list' of places to consider.

Of course, many other places are doing the same, so we will have to work harder, smarter and together to be successful and this 'new North Nottinghamshire story' will make it easier to deliver our message with clarity and

consistency . Equally, it will act as the test to measure whether we are improving the quality of the experience we offer.

It's important to remember that anyone considering us as a place usually has a number of options in mind. Before they add us to their list they need to have a good feeling of what our place is all about, what sort of reputation it has, what experiences they might have here and what's different to do and see.

Because it's people who make these choices the decision is often as much about emotion as it is about facts. Therefore, ensuring that they have a good 'feel' about North Nottinghamshire as a place is critical.

That North Nottinghamshire is a largely rural area becomes apparent from both maps and any trips around the area. On the other hand, the area has excellent communication channels in the form of A1 and M1 road links, East Coast Mainline trains and local airports at Gamston and Doncaster/Robin Hood as well as a fairly central, national, location.

Robin Hood is just one example of a rich and readily accessible history, whether it be local such as Sherwood Forest, Clumber Park and Cresswell Crags or The Pilgrim Fathers and Vulcan bomber. Add easy access to centres such as Lincoln and York as well as Sheffield and Nottingham, and the tourist potential looms large.

The North Nottinghamshire story is a joint initiative between Bassetlaw District Council and the private sector that is seeking to raise the profile of the area in order to increase the prosperity of everyone in the area. It is a task of considerable challenge and which demands the support of a wide cross section of our community, whether it be by word of mouth, publications like this Newsletter or more dynamic forms such as social media; if everyone gets behind the concept then results will follow.

For more. Contact Sally Gillborn, North Nottinghamshire Place Manager: sally.gillborn@bassetlaw.gov.uk

**This article based on extracts from
The North Nottinghamshire Story produced by
The North Nottinghamshire Place Board**

What's the latest in science?

Regenerative medicine promises a new world in science – the ability to harness the body's own power to regenerate itself and repair damaged tissues and organs. It may sound like science fiction, but Loughborough academics are working to make it science fact through cutting-edge applied work in healthcare engineering.

The field is a group of technologies, including application of stem cells, to rebuild or help the body to repair or regenerate diseased or damaged tissues in the body which may be the result of ageing or trauma. Current trials for stroke patients (stroke kills brain cells) shows these technologies help patients become more independent after treatment.

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If you want to view pdf files on your computer, Adobe's **Reader** is your tool. *Reader* is available widely across the internet – bottom of our community website's homepage for example! Most modern word processing and image editing applications can output pdf files.

*This Newsletter was sent to our printers as a 26MB pdf file, too large for e-mail attachments (usually in the 12-15MB range). Such files *can* be transferred to an e-mail account by two *free* services – MailBigFile (www.mailbigfile.com) and www.wetransfer.com. We use the former, just drag-and-drop your file into the space provided, add e-mail addresses for recipient and yourself to receive a receipt.

An important security issue: it has become apparent that some children are fully aware of their parents' passwords when accessing school systems. This is not only dangerous for parents but also for their children. **Passwords should be secret!**

And, finally – heard about Windows 10?

As I write in late January we are awaiting Microsoft's presentation about the next version of Windows (note that Windows 9 has been skipped (trying to forget the fiasco that was Windows 8?!). Whether this will be a free update or paid-for is the hot question, so it may be wise to hold-fire on purchasing a Windows 8 laptop just now.

Editor



New learning strategy

We must be doing something right because some members have been returning for classes for a number of years!

Having said that, we don't rest on our laurels and have moved to what we are calling our *individualised learning* approach.

This provides (free) resources so

that members can plot their own way along their chosen path, whether that be internet purchasing, e-mails (including attachments), digital image editing or office applications. With 4 or 5 tutors usually on hand, individualised it really is!

Next 5-week block resumes w/c 23rd February.
See IT Group website at www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk for more details or phone Greg on (01777) 700 918

SPAR/Kings Arms Fundraising Day

WEAR IT BEAT IT. Join the nation and wear red - Friday 6th February

Come and join Spar and the Kings Arms for some fundraising fun on Friday 6th February. Lucy, Matt and the team will be raising money (raffles, cakes, guess the sweets etc) with all money going to good causes.

All money raised will be split between The British Heart Foundation's Wear It Bear It campaign, and Ann Cobb's campaign to raise enough money for a community defibrillator.

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Liz Yates County Councillor



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that you enjoy a very good 2015. It has been quiet over the holiday period but I now find there is plenty to report.

Firstly we were hit with some cold and snowy weather from Boxing Day until the New Year, which although inconvenient, was not unusual during a normal winter.

What seemed to come from it was the question "Where were the gritting lorries?" I had an exceptionally high number of parishes making complaints and my own experience, of the A620 through Babworth with solid ice down the middle and between the tyre tracks on both carriageways, which stayed until New Years Eve. There are many more stories and it does seem that something went wrong. It was the Full Council Meeting at County Hall last Thursday when a motion was put to the Council, not blaming anyone, but asking that a review is held to see what could be learnt from this with a report coming back to councillors. Unfortunately the current administration voted it down, saying everything was fine. Rest assured I will continue trying to improve the gritting of our roads in our area over the coming months.

Still at the Council Meeting, we had a report that would increase our allowances by 2.2%, we tried to amend the recommendation to allow us to vote against it, but legal officers told us that we couldn't do that and it would increase along with a National Pay Scheme.

Nottinghamshire County Council pays one of the highest allowances in the country to its councillors. That is still the case since the last increase in 2009. I will not be taking the increase along with many colleagues, it would be inappropriate when cuts are being made to front line services.

Finally, we have had a decision made by the company IGAS as to where they hope to do an exploratory borehole, to evaluate how much shale gas could be extracted. The site is off Springs Road at Misson Springs. To those who know the area well it is at the old rocket launching site that RAF Finningley had during the Cold War. A planning application will be submitted to the County Council during the next few months. At this stage there will be no hydraulic fracturing (fracking) carried out, that would form part of a further planning application if the exploratory bore shows a good quantity of shale gas.

As always, if anyone has any questions about these or other issues, you can contact me on (01777) 860 219 or email cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk

A gardening tip

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Editor

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Neighbourhood Plan progress

Bassetlaw District Council Land

Retford Times – 4 December 2014

You will all be aware of the article which appeared in the Retford Times stating that Clarborough had a new housing allocation of 50 houses. *This was completely wrong, there has been no new housing allocation and it remains at zero.* The Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) official responsible was quick to put the record straight and let all residents know, within 48 hours, of the error.

The article did, however, contain a larger implication. With the withdrawal of planning guidelines for the District, the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) becomes hugely more significant as a way of protecting our villages. Our proposals for the BDC land are a major part of that protection.

Background

In 2011 Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) proposed 93 houses for the Council owned land between the Smeath Lane and Big Lane estates. This was part of its District wide (now abandoned) Local Development Framework. Following a display in the village there were massive objections to the proposals and BDC dropped the idea. However, the non-cultivated section of this land is now an eyesore in the village with some sections of it being used to dump grass cuttings, tree pruning, waste soil and even lumps of concrete. This is in the centre of our village!

With the NP we have the ability to decide for ourselves what could happen to this land. BDC agree that our outline ideas are the way forward!

The ideas

We produced an outline picture of what could happen to the land. We publicised these ideas and held a Public Meeting on 3 November 2014 to discuss them. 42 people attended the presentation and many questions were asked with different points of view being expressed. The Meeting was seen by the Steering Group as a 2 way process, information giving and the gathering of ideas. At this stage there were many questions which the Steering Group could not answer.



Questionnaire

At the end of the Meeting, members of the public were asked to complete a short questionnaire. The results are shown below:

1. Do you support the principles of the ideas shown?
Yes: 80% Neutral: 12% No: 7%
2. The maximum number of houses you would be prepared to accept?
0 houses - 3 people; 1-10 houses - 5 people;
11-20 houses - 9 people; 21-30 houses - 24 people
3. Should there be allotments?
Yes: 80% Neutral: 17% No: 0
4. Would you be interested in having an allotment?
9 said yes
5. Should there be a water park/marina?
Yes: 66% Neutral: 15% No: 20%
6. Should there be a workshop for the marina?
Yes: 34% Neutral: 27% No: 37%
7. Should there be a car park for the school?
Yes: 61% Neutral: 12% No: 24%

There were a large number of written comments, mostly centering about the number of houses, flooding and noise from any car park or workshop.

A number of comments were received by e-mail and post, including one letter with an alternative, but similar, layout for the whole site. These ideas are being examined.

What progress?

On 28 November the Steering Group met **BDC Property Department** to discuss the land. This meeting was very successful with the Steering Group 'pushing on an open door'. A site meeting with BDC, NCC highways, flood engineers and Canal Trust was held on 15 January 2015. Some interesting progress was made. Alternative layouts for the land will be produced as a result of this meeting.

On 1 December the **Parish Council** voted unanimously to back the principle of the ideas.

Your View

Contrary to some opinion, the Steering Group are very interested in what villagers think. Your views are vital to our plan; that is why we hold meetings and try to keep you informed about what is happening.

The design(s) produced by BDC will be published to all residents and businesses. A number of meetings will be held to discuss these.

If you have a view, please don't just keep it to yourself. Let us know by using the contact details below!

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Some recent online pitfalls

Although not illegal, a feature of online purchasing or renewals has surfaced again recently during 'gardener's question time' at our community IT Group.

In the first instance, attempts to renew a driving licence appeared to come at a £90 charge whilst another example was renewal of a European Health card (E111) which required an £80 fee.

Fortunately, both individuals were savvy enough to realise that charges should have been around £20 and free respectively for these services. The clue was in the small lettering on the Google search (or equivalent for other search engines):

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These were the first two 'hits' for this search as I was composing this article. The underlined would appear on a Google search in blue and would be the link that a user would click on to access that particular site.

On a Google search, the smaller type below would appear in green and is the website's address (actually, for geeks, this is the Uniform Resource Locator or URL).

Those in the know, such as our member mentioned above, either knew that quoted costs were excessive or recognised that the URL wasn't the one required.

Everything that is in any way a UK Government department has the .gov.uk terminator to its URL so the

second of our 'hits' is the one to go for.

The first hit isn't illegal as it is actually marketing itself as an 'agent' – it claims to help you get the job done with less effort, but for £70 or £80 and just a couple less clicks?!

One final point; notice the **https** at the start of the official sites URL. All URLs start with http (hypertext transfer protocol) but sometimes this isn't shown, the extra 's' on the second site's version indicates an enhanced **security** system which is particularly important where online purchasing is concerned. It is always important to feel secure, so when you get to the point of an online transaction that wants you to enter your card details, take time to look at the address bar (top of window) to check the website's full URL is shown with **https** at the beginning. If not, get out of there!

If you need some help and guidance in making online purchases - including eBay or PayPal - why not get onboard with Clarborough & Welham IT Group. See pages 10 and 14 for contacts.

Predicting the future in 1950?

The three fundamental rules of robotics... One, a robot may not injure a human being, or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.. Two... a robot must obey the orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law... Three, a robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Laws

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Men's Health – Prostate Problems

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We men do not talk health – football, golf, tv or politics, yes – not health – not 'manly'!

My friend survives five years on, thanks to the excellent medical processes now available for cancer treatment. He is active and, without knowing him, you would not know he had health problems. My own monitoring continues but I remain cancer free. However, my own PSA readings show just how careful PSA readings have to be interpreted as mine are well above the average and, I repeat, I am cancer free.

Another friend, who I had unsuccessfully tried to persuade to have a test, had a PSA blood test by accident when his doctor inadvertently ticked that element of blood testing in a general blood test. A lucky accident as it turned out! The result was slightly above average but the doctor called for a second test in two weeks. The reading had increased and a biopsy was carried out. A very small amount of cancer was identified. This friend had a reading less than half of mine - the vagaries of PSA testing! He had immediate treatment and is now cancer free but continues to be monitored.

Remember, prostate cancer shows no symptoms in many men.

Go on – have the blood test – you might save your own life!

Name and address supplied

In Search of the Fallen

Regular readers may recall Pete Cox's article in our Summer 2014 issue explaining his plans, along with a small group of friends, to locate and honour the graves or memorials of all those men from Clarlborough, Welham, Hayton and Clayworth whose names appear on Retford's War Memorial. This project is coming to a conclusion and we will be serialising extracts from these researches that apply to men from Clarlborough or Welham as close as practicable to the centenaries of each individual's death.

A little late for this, we start with **Pte. John William Briggs** who we find as a young man at Clarlborough School in the early 1890s as recorded in School Log Books (see our community website's Education & Training ► Primary School History for Log Book extracts). On leaving school he soon joined the army and served in both India and South Africa before 1914. He was soon posted to the Lincolnshire Regiment, part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) tasked with stopping German advances through Belgium. Having seen fierce combat, including fixed-bayonet charges, he then took part in the battle near Loos where he lost his life on 20th October, 1914. His grave is in the Guards Cemetery Windy Corner, east of Bethune



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Sleeping Beauty comes to Clarborough



The scenery is painted, the curtains straightened and the wigs are out of the box! So here we are again; after six months of singing, dancing and high spirits the third Clarborough Pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty* is ready to hit the village hall stage. Ever since the auditions in June last

year preparations have been underway for February's performances.

Members of the group, new and old, have been busy learning lines, costume making and creating the set for this year's show. Building on our experience of the last two years, the endless enthusiasm of our cast and crew and new lighting in the village hall this year's performance promises to be our best yet!

So what is *Sleeping Beauty* all about?

All is not well in Woollycomb, the land of sheep and spinning wheels. Whilst the palace prepares for the christening of the year the evil fairy *Caraboss* plots her revenge for being left out in the cold. Can *Peaceful* and her fairy crew save the day and ensure a happy ever after? or will more



powerful forces of nature need to step in? Will our sleepy head heroine wake up in time for breakfast? Will the love-struck prince find his match? And who is the stranger in the red cloak who appears when all seems lost?

To find out more, join us between the 19th and the 21st February 2015 as Clarborough Village Ventures Drama Group presents Ben Crocker's *Sleeping Beauty*. Tickets are on sale now from the SPAR shop in Clarborough; book early to avoid disappointment. At only £12 for a family of four (adults £4.50, concessions £3.50) it's the perfect way to brighten up a February evening.



Heather Heard

The formula for youth: keep your enthusiasm and forget your birthdays. (Anon)



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30th March
18th May

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

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