

Clarborough & Welham Newsletter

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From the Editor

Another packed edition! It doesn't seem so long since our Newsletter was a 16-page publication and the editor's job was to find enough material to fill it. Now, with 24 pages, the challenge is to squeeze everything in that is submitted!

Our Newsletter is unusual in being freely distributed to every household in Clarborough & Welham as well as copies to local pubs, garage and through Clarborough Primary School to families from outside our community. This is due to generous support from Clarborough & Welham Parish Council and also our advertising income, expertly managed by Val Waring. Copies also go into Retford Library, Bassetlaw Action Centre, HOPE shops in both Retford and Worksop as well as Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service (BCVS, Worksop). Add to this our team of trusty volunteers who distribute this to your door and we have a flourishing flagship for our community.

Further, copies are posted on our community website (see bottom of page) which has seen more and more traffic. Through Autumn 2015 average traffic has amounted to more than 9000 pages accessed every month! You may also note that our website is pretty popular when you Google it – it usually comes our second or third in the list of hits when you simply enter *clarborough* as the Google search term.



Speaking of support, we should thank King Family Stores and staff at Clarborough's SPAR Store for their constant support. You will have noticed their contributions to events such as the recent Christmas Tree Lighting but also their involvement in Neighbourhood Plan and Pantomime documents and tickets support. We are a busy community, read more inside about refurbishments of both our Village Hall and also our Parish Church – both products of some hard work by dedicated individuals. Add to that our Neighbourhood Plan (don't forget to return your Consultation Questions document by 14th February) as well as the multitude of individuals who keep us safe by keeping their eyes open.

Because of the exceptional results on this latter point, we have included most of PCSO Dave Airey's monthly police report in this issue. As usual, his full report is posted every month on our community website – so keep up-to-date.



We are also pleased to report a range of local activities and events reflecting the cultural strengths of our local community, from local Christian Heritage, Muslim charity support for flooded Cumbria to your next opportunity for a community fun-run or even a half-marathon. Local pupils even got messages from The Queen and David Cameron!

Oh, and don't forget your pantomime tickets!

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25th July (Autumn issue)

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Clarborough Village Hall

Funding approval for Clarborough Village Hall refurbishment – Phase II

The people of Clarborough, Hayton and Welham are set to get village hall refurbishment thanks to a £14,000 grant from funding body WREN.

The money, awarded by WREN's FCC Community Action Fund, will be used for essential repairs and improvements to the Village Hall. WREN is a not for profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environmental through the Landfill Communities Fund.

George Armstrong, treasurer of the Clarborough and District Community Association (CDCA) believes that this long overdue refurbishment will provide a more attractive venue for hall users while helping to ensure the long term viability of the hall. The project provides a real boost to the people of Clarborough, Hayton, Welham and surrounding area. It's fantastic that WREN has awarded us this money and we are looking forward to this phase of the hall refurbishment taking shape over the next two to three months.

Work to be carried out during this Phase will include replacement of soffits, fascias, rainwater guttering and

downpipes to the perimeter of the building, a replacement emergency fire exit door, new stage curtains and improved curtain track, energy efficient hand dryers in the toilets and new curtains for all internal windows and doors.

The treasurer would like to thank all members of the CDCA committee for their support during the grant application process and Clarborough and Welham Parish Council for providing third party funding.

Cheryl Raynor, WREN's grant manager for Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, says: "We are delighted to be supporting the Clarborough Village Hall Refurbishment project and pleased that our funding will enable local users to carry on enjoying the hall. WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a

difference to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon." For



more information about WREN funding contact Cheryl Raynor on 01623 755 319, a or e-mail cheryl.raynor@wren.org.uk alternatively, visit <http://www.wren.org.uk/>

Phase I of the refurbishment was completed during December 2015 when the hall was completely redecorated. Many thanks to Greg Herdman for the



photograph showing the new look. Other work carried out during Phase I was a complete upgrade of the existing electrical installation to meet current safety standards, improvements to the internal and external lighting system to provide low energy lighting, upgrade to the intruder alarm and repairs to the fire control panel and emergency lighting system. Funding for Phase I was provided from CDCA's own resources. The new stage lighting bar and control desk was co-funded by the CDCA and the Clarborough Village Ventures Drama Group. The CDCA committee says that it's great to see our vision for this vital community facility moving closer to reality. We are extremely grateful for the funding WREN has given us and we are looking forward to completion of phase II in April 2016.

George Armstrong – Hon Treasurer CDCA

Editor's note: excellent work within the Hall was carried out by A.Lyle & Son – see page 15.

Right-to-view, left-to-do

Learning this little chant has been 'homework' for new recruits to Clarborough & Welham IT Group's recent classes that have focused-in on Microsoft's Windows 10.

Although this jingle applies to all computer systems, be it Microsoft's Windows in its many flavours, or Apple's various OSs as seen on Macs or various 'flavours' of Linux, we try to begin with basics. We often find that although beginners – and sometimes those beyond that stage – quickly learn to click **left buttons** on mouse or touchpad, what they often don't realise is the huge world of features and facilities that unfold once we learn to click the **right button** over an icon or image. The pop-up menus that this little action reveals are sometimes a revelation! If you'd like to feel in-control of your laptop (or desktop) computer, get a handle on the vast range of shortcuts available at the press of a button or sharpen up your use of the internet (e-mails, Google searching or personal security) then go to the IT Group's website (www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk) where you'll find their class schedules through to July 2016 together with Enrolment details and lots of links to free software. Alternatively, call Greg on (01777) 700 918 or e-mail clarboroughwelham@gmail.com



Greg Herdman

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We have too little space to do justice to Clarbrough Primary School's activities and achievements last term so do visit the school's website to read their latest 10-page Newsletter.

Here we pick just a few special items.

With last term running up to Christmas, it wasn't surprising that pupils and staff put on their usual nativity-focused entertainment which played to full houses, providing their audiences with moments of humour as well as tears. Here we pick just a couple of specially noteworthy items from the school's December 2015 Newsletter.

Silent Auction

On Wednesday 11th November Miss Green hosted a silent auction to raise additional funds to buy reading books for Year 1.

Charlie A wrote a letter, which was then sent to local companies, asking them to donate prizes which would then be auctioned.



[Above] Silent auction donation by Clarbrough SPAR. Lucy Rose presents hamper to Miss Green and two pupils

There were some wonderful prizes, ranging from crates of wine & skip hire to an overnight stay at Ye Olde Bell at Barnby Moor. The event was incredibly well supported by parents, carers, staff and their families and over £1,550 was raised.

This was such a brilliant event. The children awaited the post eagerly each morning as letters

came in addressed to Charlie and Class 1. The Class received replies from the Queen and David Cameron amongst many others. As you can imagine, this led to some unexpected and varied learning!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the auction. The children are already enjoying some of the books that your funds have purchased.

Pupil Voice - Smoothie sale

Our school council - Pupil Voice, have been holding meetings this half term to discuss what they would like to do in school to make it a better place to be and learn. During one of these meetings, the children decided that they would like to raise funds for a 'buddy stop' or friendship bench for the main playground.

They then suggested that a way of doing this would be to run a healthy tuck shop, selling refreshments or snacks during morning break time, for one week each month. Their first product idea was to sell smoothies for 50p. All week the children came into school early to prepare the smoothies and then gave up their play time to sell them. These proved extremely popular, with some of the children trying flavours they had never tried before.

School had agreed to match any funds raised £ for £, so the pupils hard work raising over £144 was boosted to £288! Their next idea was to sell hot chocolate and marshmallows – ideal for January!

For much more visit the school's website at:

www.clarbrough.notts.sch.uk and follow the links **Life at School ► Newsletters** from their home page.

Editor's note for parents of any local pupils in full-time education; you may already have received notice that Nottinghamshire County Council closed its consultation on **withdrawal of discretionary travel services to schools, colleges and other educational establishments in Nottinghamshire from September 2018** on 5th February. For their letter's full text, see our community website.

Sit down for breakfast and stand up for farmers

Many individuals, families and businesses in Clarbrough and Welham will be familiar with buying, selling and using Fairtrade products. But if you're not or you want to give some extra promotion to **Fairtrade in Bassetlaw, Fairtrade Fortnight from Feb 29th to March 13th 2016** gives you that chance to highlight the importance of buying Fairtrade products.

This year the aim is to **'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers!'** This gives you lots of scope as focusing on a Fairtrade breakfast at home, at an organisation you support, offering employees in your business Fairtrade beverages or selling Fairtrade breakfast foods can provide good links with farmers to ensure they get a Fair price for their product. For example you could ask your local SPAR shop what Fairtrade products they offer all year round.



To plan for a Fairtrade breakfast you have a few choices: Fairtrade tea from India, Fairtrade coffee from Kenya, Fairtrade cocoa from Côte d'Ivoire, Fairtrade sugar from Malawi, Fairtrade bananas from Colombia, Fairtrade oranges or orange juice from Brazil; can mean producers received a Fair price for their product which allows them to support their children to attend school, allow them to expand their farms, or provide a well for their village. You can also think of breakfast choices which support local farmers.

If you have an idea for promoting Fairtrade breakfasts as part of Fairtrade Fortnight contact the **Fairtrade for Bassetlaw** team to let them know what you are doing, or you could work together to publicise it more widely.

There are a lot of Fairtrade Fortnight ideas and resources for different target groups available to use from the UK wide Fairtrade Foundation. Order or download from <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight-2016>

For local **Fairtrade for Bassetlaw** information contact the Chair, Kathy Cowbrough: Tel. 01777 706 880 or email chair@Fairtradeorbassetlaw.org.uk or Vice Chair Griff Wynne: email griffjw@outlook.com

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Bassetlaw Social Prescribing Pilot

The Bassetlaw Social Prescribing Service is managed by Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service (BCVS). The service helps patients aged 65 and over who are socially isolated or frail to access services and activities provided by voluntary organisations and community groups.

Who can get help from the service?

The service is only available for patients registered with a Bassetlaw GP practice.

How do I get help?

Your GP/Community Nurse/Social Worker will refer you to the BCVS Advisor, if you are suitable for the programme so do talk to them. You could also talk



to your **Healthwatch Champion**, Chris Herdman – see **contacts on page 13**

What does the BCVS Advisor do?

Your Advisor will arrange to visit you to discuss voluntary or community services that could help you improve your health and wellbeing. This is in addition to any NHS or social care support you may already be receiving. Your VCS Advisor will also support you to access other services e.g. community transport.

The list below shows just some of the social activities on offer through a variety of voluntary and community groups:

Befriending (including supported shopping service)	
Books on wheels	Craft Clubs
Card groups (e.g whist etc)	Carpet bowls
Community Transport	Computer classes
Counselling	Gardening clubs
Hobby groups e.g. woodwork	Health walks
Holistic therapies	Keep fit
Movement to music	Pilates
Seated exercise	Line dancing
Luncheon Clubs and coffee mornings	
Social events and bingo	Singing
Social groups with excursions	
Special interest groups, e.g. Antiques	

At the end of the 12 week intervention, the Advisor will arrange to meet the patient and discuss next steps to enable the patient to continue accessing the support they have received from the voluntary and community sector.

Julie Barnes, Social Prescribing Manager at BCVS.

Telephone: 01909 476 118 extension 30 or

e-mail: socialprescribingmanager@bcvs.org.uk

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Some cautionary tales for car owners

The weather over recent months has all-too-often yielded images like this in the media:



SourceL Flickr.com: Gauja_flooding_27.04.13

So many of these incidents arise because the drivers involved failed to remember that their vehicles are air-breathing machines and, just like we humans, if the air is cut off, the machine stops. Modern cars – even 4x4s unless specially modified – have air intakes that less than two feet above (and often a lot less than this) the road. Add to that the bow wave that a car will make when driven into water, and that wave will get much bigger if the water is hit at speed, and we can see why so many news items show cars submerged in water. The temptation to put-your-foot-down just makes this bow-wave situation worse with predictable consequences.

It is also important to be aware that if your car does end up in this situation, it is highly likely that your insurers will refuse to help since you could be judged to be driving without due care.

While on the topic of invalidating your car insurance, it seems appropriate to repeat PCSO Dave Airey's annual appeal for car owners to remember that leaving your car 'warming up' on your driveway or outside your house on a cold morning is a recipe for disaster. It only takes a matter of seconds for a thief to get into your vehicle and drive off – and your insurers will certainly refuse to pay up claiming, quite rightly, that you didn't take care with your car security.

Editor

Copyright-free images

If, like your editor, you have a need to incorporate images in your work, the internet is a vast store of images to choose from. However, you do need to be aware that many of these images are subject to copyright such that using them in published newsletters, magazines or online through Facebook, websites and the like could get you into substantial legal claims for breach of copyright.

All is not lost, however, because the open-source movement (another, future article?) has a broad category of copyright-free resources which are covered by what is known as the **Creative Commons**

(<https://creativecommons.org/>) licence. Such licensing is completely free to apply to your files and also for users of those files although there may be some simple restrictions, usually regarding crediting the resource.

If you are seeking web images or clipart, try the following site:

<http://www.hellasmultimedia.com>

while the following is a portal to a much wider range of images together with some review of each source's relevance:

<http://www.blueglass.co.uk/blog/30-free-image-websites-creative-commons-royalty-free/>

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Editor

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Cicero (Roman statesman & orator) 106-43 BC*

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Parish Council Pointers....

Christmas Cheer... The Christmas Tree Lighting & Festive Fayre was a resounding success.

All age groups enjoyed the Yuletide event. County Councillor Liz Yates performed the countdown to 'Switch on', following a charming rendition of Carols, sung by Clarborough School Choir.



The man in Red, Father Christmas then put in an appearance, with sweets for the children. Adults enjoyed free Mulled wine, with soft drinks for youngsters, in a

packed Village Hall. Clarborough's SPAR Store surprised everyone with a Reindeer & Christmas Elves. While a stray camel was also escorted around the Hall:



Our thanks to the Parish Council organising team of Barrie & Ann Codling (Main organisers), Chairman Phil Gibson (Tree & Tree Lighting), Brian & Freda Robinson (Mulled Wine) and everyone who lent a hand....

Goodwill season....

Our local Senior Citizens enjoyed an excellent Christmas Party, organised by Clarborough & District W.I., & supported by the Parish Council. All tucked in to a hot tasty festive meal, with all the trimmings. Great entertainment followed, plus a grand Raffle, and Santa



handing out presents for all.

The W.I team deserve praise for all the hard work they put in.....

Easier Access... You may have noticed the wider Driveway entrance from Main street. A project taken on by Chairman Phil Gibson.

This should avoid a back up of traffic on main street, when cars struggled to pass each other on this section of drive way. It also makes exiting the driveway easier & safer. **We should note that this driveway is now intended as a two lane access, so those leaving the site should keep well to the left (on the new tarmac) to avoid conflicts with incoming vehicles.**

At January's Parish Council meeting it was proposed to extend this drive widening right through to the car park behind the Hall. Quotes are currently being sought.

Another access problem dealt with, is the replacement of the gate into the Village Hall play area, from the Car Park. A new more substantial gate will help keep our village children safe.

Any Ideas ?....

Your Parish Council are considering possible new projects for 2016.

If you've any thoughts on anything we might undertake to improve our neighbourhood, please let us know.

Our email is clarandwelpc@yahoo.com

Parish office in the village hall is open most Monday mornings 09:00 to 12:00. Alternatively, why not come along to one of our Parish Council Meetings – dates and times are on our community website and in this Newsletter.

Stop press - Village Hall barrier! No, don't panic, you may have noticed that the Clarborough Village Hall drive entrance has been widened. This allows cars to enter the drive and leave the drive at the same time thus preventing queues on Main Street. A new barrier has also been fitted. Although it is not intended to lower the barrier on a regular basis it will be used as and when the Parish Council feels it appropriate. This has been phase 1 of the improvements to the Village Hall drive. The second phase is to widen the rest of the drive up to the bend, and also to improve the two bends so they are easier and safer to negotiate.

Flooding Resilient Container

The Parish Council with the help of Kath Sutton (Bassetlaw Councillor) and Ian Davies (Bassetlaw Drainage Engineer) have acquired a flooding resilient container. The container is located at the rear of the Village Hall; it will contain sand bags that can be used in an emergency if Welham or Clarborough residents feel threatened with flooding to their homes. The key for the container is kept in the Parish Council office in the Village Hall. If you require access contact myself (01777) 700 517) or another Parish Councillor whom will advise you – see website for Councillor contacts.

Ian Davies shall be attending the Parish Council meeting to be held 22nd February 19:00 at the Village Hall. If you have any flooding concerns you may want to come along and put your questions to him

Phil Gibson

Chairman Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Police Report for the Bassetlaw East Clayworth/ Sturton Beat Area for The Period 01/12/2015 to 31/12/2015

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tilm, North Leverton with Habbleshthorpe, North Wheatley, South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, Bole, West Burton, Littleborough, Coates and Fenton.

This month there has been no reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with seven crimes reported throughout November 2015 and ten crimes reported over the same period last year.

This is the first time since I began working with Nottinghamshire Police, which is around nine years, that the beat area has not had any crimes of interest reported in a month.

Thanks go out to everyone on the beat area that has allowed this to happen. As I have said many times, at meetings and in local Police reports, we are, parish residents and the Police, all one team with the same objective which is to lower reported crimes of interest and reported anti-social behaviour incidents across the beat area ongoing.



So far this year, beginning 01/04/2015, there have been forty eight crimes of interest reported. This compares with sixty three crimes of interest reported over the same period last year which, after nine months of this current tracking year, is a reduction of around 22%.

Vehicles are still being left insecure overnight and, in a lot of cases, items, which are attractive to criminals, are being left inside on full view. Criminals out and about randomly visit villages in order to check on vehicle insecurities. They will try door handles of vehicles parked on the public highway or on private driveways. Some vehicles, particularly in the colder weather, are being left with the keys in the ignition and the engine running – often 'warming up' first thing. Criminals only need a few seconds to steal vehicles when opportunities such as these arise. Some criminals monitor individuals' movements and habits before targeting their vehicles so do not be caught out as the consequences could be a long and stressful insurance claim to the insurance company only to find that they say you didn't take due care – and refuse to pay up!

November 2015 had four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area compared with eleven for November 2015 and four for November 2014. The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/abandoned vehicles and wildlife/animal issues. Very few of the anti-social behaviour incidents this month, as in previous months, are youth related.

I must congratulate parishes across the whole beat area for their efforts over the festive season – the number of different events and engagements over Christmas have

been very well attended and much appreciated by our team. Lots of credit goes out to you all.

With Christmas and New Year celebrations over for another year, some of you will be making plans for holidays. Whether the break is a short or lengthy one, home security advice and tips need to be adhered to particularly prior to setting off. The lists are generally not exhaustive but must always include:

- **Make sure you stop milk and newspaper orders and ask family, or neighbours, to pick up mail as burglars may consider it a sign that the house is unoccupied.**
- **Assess the exterior of your property as any kinds of visible disrepair, like broken windows, will stand out to would be criminals and identify your property as a potential target.**
- **Lock tools and ladders, which can be used to break into a property, securely away.**
- **Don't hide spare keys under rocks or flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead, give a spare key to a trusted neighbour.**
- **Do not publicise any forthcoming holidays, or breaks, on Facebook or Twitter. If your account is not protected, potentially thousands of strangers will know that your property is empty.**

Please continue to report all suspicious persons, vehicles and activity to the control room on 101. Where a crime is in progress, or has just occurred, please continue to use the 999 number. Such calls do make a difference in helping to drive crime figures lower.

Contact numbers for the local beat team are displayed across the beat area in the shops and village notice boards. PC 1695 Bill Bailey is the beat manager for this area. His contact is 07910 336 844 and E mail is Bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters such as advice or information.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your valued interest and support in the last year, wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2016.

Best regards PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.

Clarborough & District W.I.



Since the last news letter we have been busy arranging the senior members of Clarborough, Welham & Hayton Christmas party which was held on 14th December, members of the WI doing the catering.

A hot meal was served of roast turkey, pigs in blankets roast & new potatoes and vegetables. New York cheese cake tea/coffee was served & mints . Entertainment was by Alex and of course a visit from Santa.

We could not put on this event with out help from other organisations who gave donations towards the costs. We thank all our supporters.

Lesley Baines

Editor's note: We really must record the universal thanks expressed by both members of the public and also our Parish Councillors for the superb Christmas event organised by our W.I.

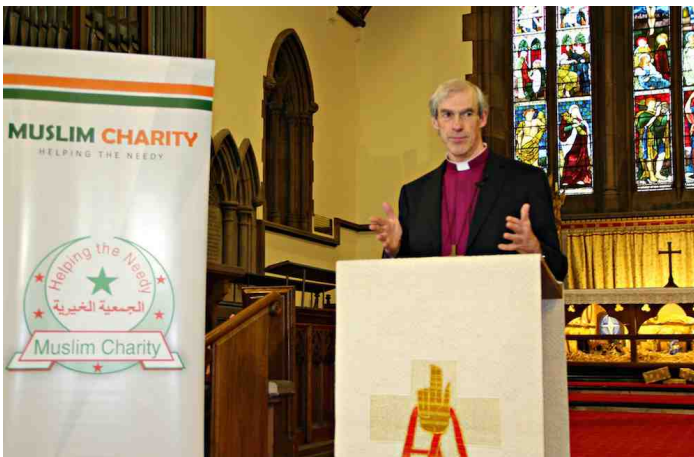


The recent floods caused by Storms Desmond and Eva that struck many parts of Northern England, Scotland and Ireland in December 2015 have been reported as the worst floods for 70 years in the region.

Soon after the floods, *Muslim Charity Helping The Needy (based at Eaton Hall near Retford)* launched its "UK Floods Appeal" which was publicised to its individual donors and Mosques around the country. Muslim Charity has developed a partnership with the Cumbria Community Foundation under which a cash grant of £5,000 was provided to support its Cumbria Floods Appeal.

The funding went towards providing cash grants to individuals or families whose homes have incurred significant damage to property or possessions and to those who have lost work or income because of the storms. The cash grants will assist families and households in the relief and rehabilitation efforts from the damage caused by the floods.

On Friday 15th January 2016, a cheque handover ceremony was held at St John's Church in Keswick that was attended by the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt Rev'd



James Newcome [above], Tara Vallente of the Cumbria Community Foundation, Rev'd Michael Webb, Bakhtyar Pirzada of Muslim Charity and others.

Bakhtyar Pirzada, Vice Chairman of Muslim Charity, commented, "It has been heart-breaking to watch the images on our television screens last month and then to come here and see the devastation caused by the floods. On behalf of Muslim Charity and our associates and donors in the UK, we felt it our duty to come to the aid of flood victims in Cumbria and we urge everyone to donate, volunteer and help in any way they can as those affected begin the daunting task of rebuilding their homes."

Tara Vallente of Cumbria Community Foundation said, "It is fantastic to hear that Mosques up and down the country have been so generous. Cumbria Community Foundation has now distributed £1 million to local people in real hardship to help them clean-up and dry out their homes. Every penny donated is very much welcomed and is greatly received by those seriously affected by the flooding. A big thank you to all who have donated so far."

The Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt Rev'd James Newcome,

said: "This donation is incredibly generous and we thank all those who have felt called to offer support to the people of Cumbria at such a difficult time.

"It's been wonderful to see so many examples of the hands of love and friendship being offered by our multi-faith partners; from offers of practical help clearing out properties and donating furniture and goods, through to the financial assistance and donations which have been made.

"We cannot begin to thank enough everyone who has felt moved to help. I know the money raised through the Cumbria Community Foundation will be put to very good use helping those worst affected by the floods."

Muslim Charity is also working with other volunteer groups such as Eden Flood Volunteers through which cleaning equipment, dehumidifier units and household items are being distributed to flood affected homes.



[Above] On the day, Muslim Charity's team (Maroof at far left) alongside another of its local partners, the Eden Flood Volunteers Group, visited homes of beneficiaries of its humanitarian assistance. Here they are pictured with Janette from Keswick who has been through three floods in recent years and is currently living in temporary accommodation until her home is repaired. She required various household items which Muslim Charity provided to her.

**Maroof Pirzada, Director,
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installation of underfloor heating which will be much more cost efficient and certainly much more comfortable. The first stage of replacement flooring is now complete with 40 tonnes of stones in situ, the next phase will be the installation of



glass beading for insulation and then the heating cables. The boiler is being situated in the vestry rather than in the main body of the church and the font has been moved to further up the south aisle, a much more accessible place for use. Electric cables have been installed alongside the edges of the paths to allow installation of more suitable lighting, floodlights will also be installed to highlight the tower and the east stained glass window. Alongside the north side of the church where we have had problems in the past with damp, a new deeper french drain is being dug out (hence the security fencing) and the drainage for the new indoor toilet is being laid in place. The builders have worked very hard and are on schedule at present, the weather has so far been very kind to them. We are offering people the chance to purchase a chair for the church for £80 to include a memorial plaque on the back, or you can just purchase a plaque for £40, if you are interested please telephone:

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A Happy New Year to you all – this should be the year when our Neighbourhood Plan is finally ‘made’ (i.e. voted for) and passes into planning law.

Draft Plan

By the time you receive this Newsletter the Draft Plan consultation process will either be very near it's end or actually finished. Please remember that the closing date for the return of the ‘*Consultation Questions*’ is **14 February 2016**. They should be returned to the SPAR Shop by 10 pm.

Following the return of responses the Steering Group will analyse each of the responses and decide if the Draft Plan needs amending to accommodate them. Some responses will require amendment to the Plan, some will not for a number of possible reasons. The Steering Group will have the advice of our planning consultants to help in our decisions.

The next stage

Following the amendment of the Plan it will be submitted to Bassetlaw District Council. They will then employ an independent Examiner who will check, firstly that the consultation process with all interested parties (e.g. residents) has been an acceptable one. The Examiner will study our record of consultation. Checks that the Plan represents the views expressed in consultations are also carried out. Beyond that, the Examiner also has to determine that the proposals do not fall foul of local, national and EU law.

The Examiner may ask for changes to the Plan in the light of these examinations.

Referendum

Following the Examination there will be a Referendum of all voters in the Parish. This will be organized by Bassetlaw District Council and could be by June/July 2016, although it could be later depending on the speed of the earlier parts of the process.

A simple majority of those voting will determine whether the Plan is ‘made’ (i.e. voted for) or not.

Voting

In order to vote in the Referendum you need to be registered to vote in the Parish. You can check this with Bassetlaw District Council

Do remember : you can get extra Consultation Questions forms to give all voters in your household a say – contact the organisers as per the leaflets previously circulated for extra copies

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2016 Retford Half Marathon & Family Fun Run - Sunday 13th March

Local club, amateur and fun runners are being encouraged to sign up for the 2016 Retford Half Marathon which is taking place on Sunday 13th March.

The Annual event which is organised by Retford Athletic & Running Club, and also includes a popular Family Fun Run, attracts around 700 entrants each year including local runners, and many from across Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and further afield.

The half marathon is also a regular fixture for many seasoned runners, and is also popular amongst those wanting to get in shape to take part in, and to complete their first half marathon. Due to growing demand, which saw the 2015 event sell out in January, for the 2016 event the race organisers have increased the entry cap to 900.



[Above] Fun-run start

David Corbett, Race Director for the Half Marathon, said "The event has grown extremely well over the last few years, increasing from just over 300 runners in 2013, to 700 in 2015, and for the 2016 event we're expecting a bumper turn-out of around 900 runners.

Securing Retford Oaks Academy as the base for the 2014 and 2015 is partly down to the success as the venue offers excellent facilities for runners and their supporters including indoor registration, changing rooms, showers, indoor bag store, outdoor cycle store, hot & cold refreshments, waiting areas and ample car parking. It's also enabled us to hold the entire fun run in a safe and secure traffic free environment. We are delighted that we will be using Retford Oaks again for the 2016 event".

A lot of runners also use the event to raise money for a variety of good causes. This year the organisers have teamed up with Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, who will be the main charity partner. As well as many entrants to the half marathon and fun run running on behalf of Bluebell Wood, each half marathon entry fee includes a donation to the charity.

With almost 350 entrants signed up already, the 2016 is set to be the biggest and best yet and the organisers are encouraging runners to sign up as soon as possible as the race is expected sell out again well before the day. Links to

online and postal entry is available on the Retford AC website www.retfordac.co.uk

The website and the event Facebook page www.retfordac.co.uk/retfordhalf also includes more information on the event including course maps, results and photos from previous races and example training plans.

The entry fee for the half marathon is just £16 for UKA Affiliated runners, and £18 for Un-affiliated runners. (£2 extra on the day if places available). The fun run is free of charge to enter but each entrant must complete an online or offline entry form. The start time for the half marathon is 10:00, with the fun run starting at approximately 10:15.

Editor's note: For further details, go to your community website where a link is posted on the homepage.

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Much has been written about how the internet has changed our world, and much of what appears in the national media has been quite negative – although we must admit that this is what our national media do best! However, search engines such as Google can be a real boon when it comes to solving real-life problems. Just two recent examples might be worth sharing, one slightly trivial but the other much less so.

About a year ago your editor purchased a Samsung CLP-365 colour laser printer. This came with toner cartridges that were only half-full – quite a common cost-saving approach. So it was that replacement cartridges quite quickly became an issue. A long history of using a provider of third party replacement cartridges led me to check out their offerings which proved to be substantially cheaper than Samsung's own.

However, when it came to installation of the new cartridges, the printer refused to accept them, just sitting silently with lights flashing and refusing to print at all. Now I was aware of this sort of behaviour from previous experience, and that work around were usually available. So it was that I went online and put something like *Samsung CLP-365 toner issues* into a Google search. Unbelievably, the second 'hit' on the screen had a title something like *Problems with non-Samsung cartridges*. Disbelief continued when the article simply said, *open-and-close the toner flap twice and all is solved*. Not only did that solve the issue but my initial belief that I'd need to do this each time I powered up the printer proved completely false – it's been working faultlessly ever since!

The second example was altogether sadder, but unfortunately one of life's unavoidable; an acquaintance's mother-in-law passed away recently. However, it turned out that she had not left a will, so the issue of probate dropped into their laps.

They initially sought preliminary advice from local solicitors who indicated something like £500 to sort out the probate. However, feeling that the job couldn't be particularly complicated given that the lady had left no house or other significant property and only (to their initial knowledge) had a couple of accounts with local banks and building society, looked into sorting out probate for themselves. Initial contacts with the banks revealed her savings to be so small that probate formalities were not needed (although each bank has different rules in this area, so do check. If sums are larger than in this case, probate may still be needed even if the estate is just money) so they did a few searches online to find out the national probate rules.

Here it is vital to know that anyone doing such a search can very easily fall into websites that are commercial - solicitors or other domains, so it is vital to look at the website's URL (more generally known as 'website address' – the bit that starts with <http://> or www.) and which ends with **.gov.uk** – this means you are on official, government territory.

In this case, starting at the main Government 'portal' or entrance, www.gov.uk, simply enter 'Probate' in the search box near the top of the page which takes you to the the **Wills, probate and inheritance** section.

Click on the first subsection on this page called **Overview**.

Lower down that page is the following:

When a grant of representation may not be needed

You don't normally need a grant if the estate either:

- *passes to the surviving spouse/civil partner because it was held in joint names, eg a savings account*
- *doesn't include land, property or shares*

You should contact the organisation holding the money, eg the bank or building society. They may ask for proof of death, eg the death certificate after the death has been registered.

That solved the problem – no solicitor's fees and just a slow plod through the usual contacts with banks (they discovered more they knew nothing about!) and a building society to sort out all of her remaining monies.

So, to summarise; use the internet (i.e. a Google or similar search) to ask your question in as concise a form as possible. There is a skill in this and quite a lot of online help in learning how to do effective searches – or you could seek the help of **Clarborough & Welham IT Group** who have some skills in this area. It is also vital to cross check possible answers because there is a lot of rubbish out there on the internet too! In the case of probate above, the answers would be found in government circles (and so the gov.uk tag) but for other matters the search can be more complicated. On the other hand, with a bit of expert support you could, like these examples, save significant sums by doing-it-yourself.

As a footnote we can report that recent class members of our IT Group have reported attempts by quite legitimate websites to, effectively, rip-off customers seeking family history certificates (birth, marriage or death) which are available from official sites for £9.25 by charging £20-£30 each. Similarly, renewing your driving licence on reaching 70 should cost nothing, but a range of online 'help' services can charge up to £80, so be aware!

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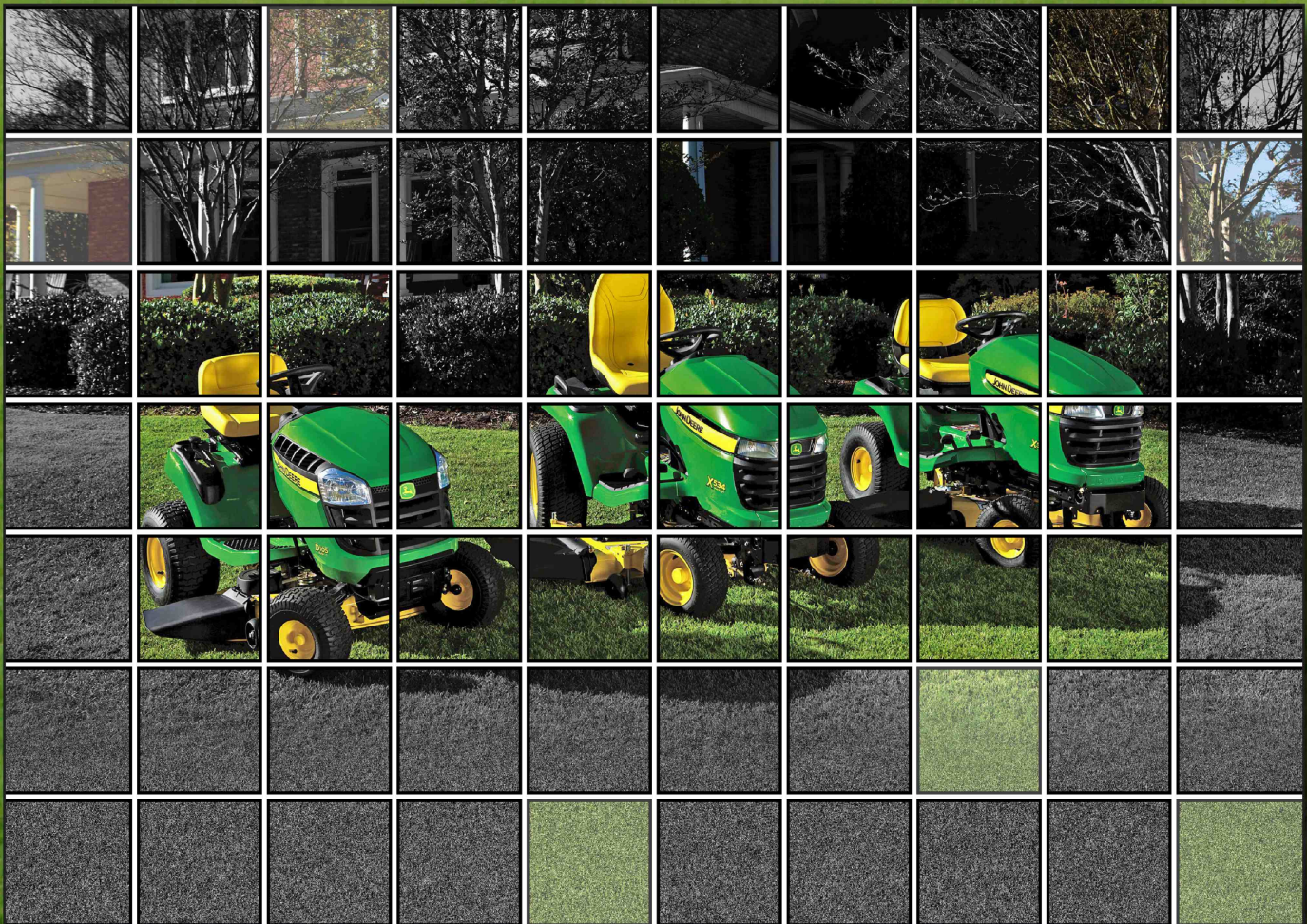
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Who was Thomas Helwys?

Helwys was from a north Nottinghamshire family and probably born at Askham. The family held lands there, at Saundby and in Lincolnshire. His uncle Gervase was governor of the Tower of London but was executed after an important prisoner was poisoned. Thomas moved to Broxtowe Hall but became a friend of the puritan and separatist, John Smyth, and helped finance the escape of the 'Pilgrims' to the Netherlands in 1608. There, Smyth and Helwys became Baptists but Helwys felt called by God to return to England to start

an illegal Baptist church – the first congregation of the Baptist denomination. He also wrote the first book in English to argue that all people should have freedom of religion, for which he was imprisoned by King James and was never released. The message of freedom was taken up by other Baptists, such as John Murton of Gainsborough, and taken to America by Roger Williams who was married to Mary Bernard, daughter of Helwys's friend who had been vicar of Worksop.

Thomas Helwys is of global significance because:

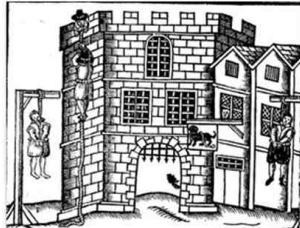
- He founded the English-speaking Baptist denomination – the largest single Christian group in the USA and with nearly 50 million Baptists worldwide
- In an age dominated by strict Calvinists, he preached that God's love was available for any person who wanted it
- Helwys was the first Englishman to explicitly state that people of any religion – Christian, Jew or Muslim – should be free to exercise their faith without government interference; the importance of this view has increased greatly in recent times

How are we marking 400 years since his death?

On Saturday, **12th March 2016** (start at 10:30, buffet lunch at about 12 noon, followed by an optional tour of local churches) we will be holding a commemorative **free event**. However in order to manage facilities, it would be very helpful if you could let Sandra Withington know if you would like to attend - **please contact sandra.withington@bassetlaw.gov.uk**

The commemoration event will include two keynote speakers:

Baroness Elizabeth Berridge: Elizabeth became Baroness Berridge of the Vale of Catmose on 20th January 2011 and is a working peer. She sits on the Select Committee for Social Mobility and Ecclesiastical Committee, is a member of the London Policing Ethics Panel and the Co-Chair of the All Party Group on International Freedom of Religion and Belief. Since 2012, Elizabeth has become a key voice in the deepening worldwide discussion on freedom of religion and belief as defined in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. 2014 saw the beginning of a partnership between



the British APPG and United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, which resulted in the launch of an International Panel of Parliamentarians (from 18 different countries), of which Elizabeth is Chair, whose pledge is to work together to end belief based persecution worldwide. In addition to her Parliamentary work, Elizabeth is a trustee of the think tank British Future which focuses on identity, integration, migration and opportunity. She is a member of the advisory council of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East and an active member of her local Church, St. Michaels, Chester Square. She has lived in Trinidad and Tobago and Ghana and continues a special friendship with British African Caribbean and British African Church leaders. ***Elizabeth will explain the importance of Helwys in the World today.***

Rev. Tony Peck: Tony is General Secretary of the European Baptist Federation and also an ordained Baptist minister. He has spoken widely on religious freedom and wrote a well-received report on the history of religious freedom in central Europe. Following his upbringing in Scotland he studied music and education at the Guildhall School of Music and the University of London, and theology at the University of Oxford. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1984. He has worked as the pastor of a local church, a regional minister and a Baptist college teacher, before taking up his present post in 2004. In his work for the EBF he has travelled widely in Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East visiting the 57 member bodies of the EBF. His main academic research interest is in the concept of religious freedom, especially as pioneered by the English Baptists in the 17th century, as well as its contemporary role in the modern concept of human rights. He has written on this theme, as well as on aspects of Baptist identity and contemporary missiology. Tony has participated in several ecumenical dialogues, most recently between the Baptist World Alliance and the Roman Catholic Church. He is a past member of the CEC Commission on Church and Society and its Human Rights Group. ***Tony will introduce us to the life of Helwys.***



There will also be a short film about Thomas Helwys, some music, and a chance to talk with representatives of groups campaigning for religious liberty today

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At Clarbrough & Welham Newsletter we have been using MailBigFile now for nearly two years – each issue going to our printers is around 30MB.

Editor

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Bassetlaw Action Centre marks its 20th Anniversary

The Retford Action Centre (as it was then called) was established as a Manpower Services Commission project in 1983 and was transferred to Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service in 1989, who managed the project until it became an independent registered charity in February 1996. From 1989 it was jointly funded by Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council as a Community Resource, Information, Training and Advice Centre for Bassetlaw.

In 1996 the Retford Action Centre was based in The Square in Retford, had four part-time members of staff and eight volunteer drivers – all driving for the Bassetlaw Community Car Scheme. At that time the Bassetlaw Community Car Scheme served alongside the Bassetlaw Community Link which provided the link between community based services and the local population, and the typing courses that were offered by the WEA. Thanks to a successful IBM award in 1997 the first word processing courses were available through the centre too. By 1998 when the current chief executive came into post, the Action Centre had relocated into West Street and operated through a shop front approach on 4 mornings and two afternoons per week. Over the next few years the services expanded as did the number of volunteers and staff that were attached to the organisation. As a result, the Action Centre changed its legal status to become a limited company in July 2004. In 2009 the organisation relocated again into Canal Street taking up larger, fully accessible, offices and becoming a prominent feature in the town. The Retford Action Centre then changed its name to the Bassetlaw Action Centre in March 2011 - a name which better reflected the reach of the organisation.

In 2014 the Bassetlaw Action Centre was presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services (QAVS) in recognition of the excellent services provided through the organisation and one of its most valuable resources – the volunteers. The team of dedicated volunteers, supported by a dedicated staff team, give their time and commitment to supporting people in the local community. Today the organisation is a well-established, professional organisation offering a range of services to the local population including:



Bassetlaw Community Car Scheme, Accessible Minibus Scheme and Car Scheme Plus (an accessible multi-purpose vehicle adapted to meet the needs of people with mobility issues).

Bassetlaw Self Help Link – support for self-help groups and contacts.

Bassetlaw Share a Ride – which encourages individuals to car share.

Stroke Information Service – for stroke survivors and their carers/family

Expert Patients/Looking After Me – a six week self-management course for people with long term conditions or for people in a caring role.

First Contact – a comprehensive checklist of 10 key questions for completion by frontline workers coming into contact with an older person.

In addition the centre has a fully accessible training suite offering a range of IT and basic skills courses. It also has meeting rooms and office space available for low cost. And a **talking therapy service** is also available through a partnership with Insight.

The Action Centre also has a dedicated **Energy Advisor** and actively promotes “keeping warm and well” to the local vulnerable and older population with a range of practical interventions. It is also an **Advice Bassetlaw Partner** and is supporting the **Social Prescribing pilot** in Bassetlaw.

There have been many changes along the way but the Action Centre still maintains strong links with the Bassetlaw CVS, still offers training courses through a partnership with the Workers’ Educational Association (WEA) and continues to have the needs of the local community at its heart.

All staff, volunteers and board members of Bassetlaw Action Centre are coming together for a celebration event to mark the 20th Anniversary in February where all volunteers will be presented with a small token of appreciation to mark the event.

Lynn Tupling, C.E.O., Basetlaw Action Centre

Editor's note: the Action Centre's birthday is actually on 26th February 2016.

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Some snippets of local history from Harry Foxley

Those of us lucky to hear Harry Foxley's talks about aspects of Retford's past may find the following snippets interesting. Harry is currently researching Retford's industrial and engineering past so we can expect another of his outstanding talks at Retford Library (and elsewhere) in the near future – watch this space!

These snippets from *Retford, Gainsborough & Worksop Times* tell us much about life in Victorian Clarlborough
1857: William Chapman, 11, was convicted of stealing a shirt at Clarlborough and sentenced to one month's gaol.
1872: William Ranyard, bricklayer, was sentenced to six months at hard labour for stealing a waistcoat, a prayer book and a glass salt-cellar from Thomas Marsh at Clarlborough.

1887: An inquest was held on William Walker, miller, who was crushed to death when caught between his cart and a barge at Clarlborough.

Editor

Retford Library: Coming soon!

Byron, Frankenstein and 'friends'

What really happened 200 years ago on the shores of Lake Geneva? Many different versions of events will be heard in this bicentenary year, but this is your chance to learn the real facts from this fascinating and beautifully illustrated talk by local Librarian and Byron expert Ralph Lloyd-Jones.

"That Night at the Villa Diodati:

The truth about Byron, Frankenstein, Mrs Shelley and the Vampyre Polidori"

Talk at Retford Library

Thursday 18th February 2016

7.00 - 8.30pm

£1.00 (includes refreshments)

The cost of the talk is £1.00 (including refreshments) and booking is essential – please call the library on 01777 708724 or email retford.library@nottscc.gov.uk

Half-term activities at Retford Library:

Come along to our **Pop-Up Flashback Poetry Making Workshop** on Saturday 13th February, 14:30 for children aged 5-9 years of all confidence levels.
£2 per child (accompanying adult free)
Join poet and performer Peter Rumney for a fun filled library hour.

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Retford Library, Churchgate, Retford (01777) 708 724

Local Food & Drink Support by your MEP

One of the things I am passionate about as a local MEP is helping to promote local food and drink, and we are very fortunate here in the East Midlands to have a lot of great local produce to shout about.

From Dovedale Cheese to Melton Mowbray Pork Pies, Rutland bitter to the Lincolnshire Sausage, and many more in between, there are lots of fantastic treats right here in the heart of the UK. Some are very well known, while others currently enjoy a more local appeal.

Some of our better-known foods which are named after specific geographical areas also enjoy what is called the European Protected Geographical Indication (EPGI), which means that food which has become synonymous with a town, region, or area, can only be made there. So if a pork pie is marketed as a Melton Mowbray pork pie, it must be made in Melton Mowbray according to a specific recipe.

In my role as Conservative spokesman for trade in Europe, I am also continuing to push for the opening of trade across the world in my role as Conservative spokesman for trade in Europe. Supporting our farmers and producers domestically, while lowering trade barriers such as burdensome regulation in third markets, opens up vast opportunities for our local food. Many of our small producers simply don't have the time to work their way around costly and detailed regulations in third countries in order to comply with import requirements. If we can sign agreements with these third countries that include mutual recognition of standards, for example, these processes will be simplified and will cost less, allowing easier access. I am hugely proud of what we grow and make here in the East Midlands, and when foreign consumers see the quality of our products as they become more visible through trade deals, they will surely want more.

Over the coming year, I want to really put our locally-produced food and drink on the map. Home-grown produce supports jobs and livelihoods in the local area and it tastes better. As such, I hope to visit many food producers, growers and sellers across the East Midlands next year and put together a comprehensive directory of all the different local foods which are produced here. If you know of any local food or drink which you think deserves a wider audience, please do let me know about it, by emailing me at emmamcclarkin@eastmidsmeps.co.uk

We have a lot of fantastic food and drink here in the region, and I want to make 2016 the year that many more people learn about the wide variety we have.

Emma McClarkin MEP

Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty.
Bertrand Russell (philosopher & mathematician)
1872-1970



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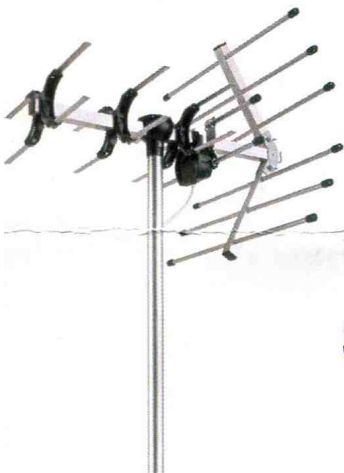
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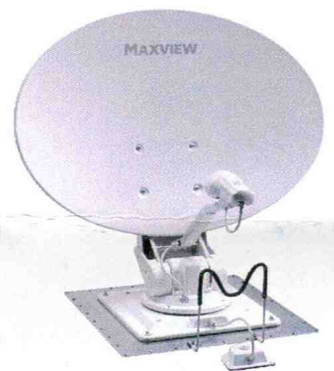
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Friends of Bassetlaw Museum

The Friends of Bassetlaw Museum will be hosting their second AGM at the museum from 19:00 on Thursday, 3rd March 2016. The AGM will be followed by a talk called 'More than Poppies,' which will be given by Ann Hickman who is the Secretary and Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Retford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. Entry is free to both members and non-members. If you are not already a member of the Friends, but would like to help support and raise funds for Bassetlaw Museum, you will be welcome to join on the night. The price of membership is £5 for adults, £3 for juniors (under eighteens) with corporate membership being £20 per annum. For this, Friends enjoy special events, previews, talks and a quarterly e-newsletter. Additionally, if you're the creative type, there's the opportunity to contribute to the newsletter, whilst all corporate members receive a mention in the museum's annual Farm and Country Festival brochure.

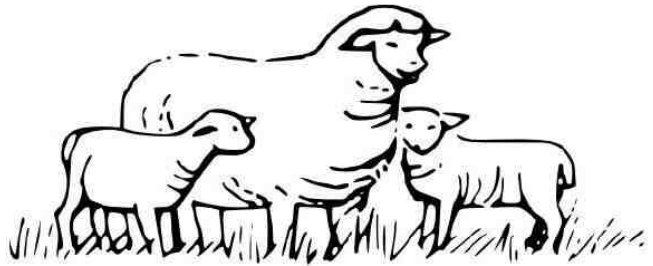
A copy of the membership form can be downloaded from Streetlife.com at <https://www.streetlife.com/page/friends-of-bassetlaw-museum>. It is also available from The Hub, Retford and Worksop Libraries, Bookworm and, of course, the museum at Amcott House, 40 Grove Street, Retford, Notts, DN22 6LD. Telephone: 01777 713 749. Email: fobm14@gmail.com. Membership queries to: fobm.membership@gmail.com.



Sheep Worrying...

Calling all dog walkers!.....

Please remember that during the months of November through to April all dogs should be kept on leads when walking near any livestock, especially flocks of sheep.



We would like to make it clear that a dog does not have to attack sheep to cause severe problems. In the early stages of pregnancy, if sheep see dogs running at the other side of a fence, it can be enough to cause them to abort the foetus. Later on, if dogs are allowed to enter a field with sheep without proper restraint they can again cause them to lose their lambs.

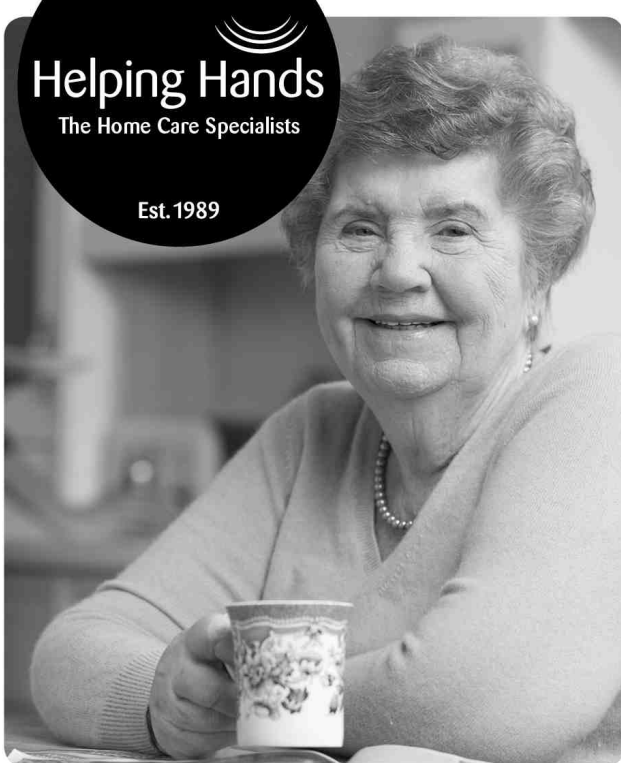
It is much better to avoid all livestock during this time and keep a close watch on your dog and not allow it to roam freely. Sadly, we have had several incidents of sheep sustaining injuries from roaming dogs and some of these have proved fatal and run up heavy vet's bills. Thank you for taking notice and being considerate at this time.

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The Royal British Legion

The Retford & District Branch of The Royal British Legion is organising a Ladies Pamper evening on **Friday 11th March 2016**. The event will be held in Grove Street Methodist Church Hall. Local businesses will be on hand



to advise on hair, nails, skin and beauty, with products available to purchase. There will also be a fashion show by Edinburgh Woollen Mills with some willing RBL volunteers acting as models. The entrance charge is only £5.00 each and this will include

tea/coffee and cake. Those standing at the event have all donated a prize and these will be raffled on the night. Why not come and treat yourself, whilst helping to raise funds for the RBL. Men will be made most welcome. Tickets on sale – contact Ann Hickman on 01777 818 993.

The Branch has once again been overwhelmed by the fantastic local support that it has received during the recent Poppy Appeal. The current total raised to date is £43,000. This couldn't be achieved without the help of a band of volunteers and for this help and support the Branch is indebted. If you would like to find out more about us, to either join, volunteer to help or to find out if you may qualify for some help yourself, ring Ann on the number above. We meet on the first Monday of the month at Babworth Road Sports and Social Club at 19:30, so if you prefer come to see us there.

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

22nd February 2016
4th April

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall

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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