

# Clarborough & Welham

## Spring 2018 Newsletter

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### From the Editor

2018 opens with so many imponderables with potentially, not least, the Brexit issue. However, it is always wise to take Winston Churchill's approach to situations – a historical view. How will decisions being taken now affect our grandchildren?

Two commemorations later in 2018, provide an opportunity to reflect in a Churchillian manner – November's commemoration of the end of World War One. This marked the end of the first part of the worst period of inter-European nationalism. Hopefully we – and the rest of the world - have learned the dangers.

Around the time of our next issue of Clarborough & Welham Newsletter, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the inauguration of the Royal Air Force will also be celebrated. On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1917, the Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917 was given Royal Assent. A few months later, on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1918, the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps were merged to create something new, the world's first independent air force, the Royal Air Force.

The topic of volunteering figured large in our Autumn 2017 issue and continues to concern a range of aspects of local life as this issue yet again illustrates. As we go to press the fate of the 2018 village festival hangs in the balance.

The organising committee of Clarborough's Summer Festival and Pantomime (Clarborough Village Ventures) has now shrunk to such a small number that the 2018 village festival may not go ahead unless more people get involved.

Not only does Village Ventures organise key events in Clarborough, Welham and Hayton but since 2012 it has donated over £9,000 to local good causes. If you can help in anyway please come and see us at our AGM at 19:00 on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Clarborough Village Hall or contact Jane McDonald on 01777 719 754 for more information.

Editorial deadlines for our Newsletter are often several weeks prior to the finished Newsletters actually being delivered by our team of volunteer distributors. This can mean that details such as dates and times of meetings and events can change from those published here. While we and our providers do our very best to minimise such changes, we strongly advise readers to check details on the appropriate section(s) of our community website which is updated *very* regularly.

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## Chesterfield Canal Trust receives honour from the Queen

In June 2017, the Chesterfield Canal Trust was selected as a recipient for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2017. This is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the award was presented formally to the Trust by the Duke of Devonshire, who was acting for the Queen in his role at the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire.

The brief ceremony was held at the Trust's headquarters at Hollingwood Hub before an audience of some of its volunteers. There were other dignitaries in attendance, including the High Sheriff of Derbyshire, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire and the Mayor of Chesterfield.

Robin Stonebridge, Chair of the Chesterfield Canal Trust, welcomed the Duke and the other guests, saying how proud he was that this honour had been awarded and also how proud he was of the volunteers who had given more than 40,000 hours of their time last year. He explained that 12 miles of canal had already been restored along with 37 locks, 11 major road bridges and 2 marinas. However, nearly nine miles still await restoration. To loud applause, he said that the Trust was campaigning for the completion of this restoration by 2027, the 250th anniversary of the canal's opening in 1777.

The Duke spoke of his admiration for the Trust and the work it does to get the Chesterfield Canal restored. He wished all the volunteers the very best of luck in the future. He then presented a certificate, signed by Her Majesty The Queen, to David Fox and a domed English Crystal with the QAVS logo insignia to Richard Allsopp. Both David and Richard were original members dating back to 1976.



[Above l-r] David Fox, the Duke of Devonshire, Richard Allsopp

The award was created by The Queen in 2002 to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee, recognising excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.

The Chesterfield Canal Trust is a charitable company run entirely by volunteers. Its aims are to promote the full restoration and appropriate development of the Chesterfield Canal. It has 1,700 members.

Amongst many other activities, it runs four trip boats and a promotional trailer. Work Parties take place on the canal every weekend and often during the week. There are many other volunteers doing tasks ranging from canal maintenance, to gardening, to running its shop.

Rod Auton

## Clarborough & Welham IT Group



Want answers? Google it! However, there are a vast array of techniques used by professional researchers to home-in on the required answers. For more on this see our **Google** article on page 6.

Bring your own laptop to class or use one of our Windows 10 machines. Our Group specialises in so-called OpenSource applications which means we can provide professional quality 'office', image editing and other applications FREE. Come along to discover a new world!

Spring 2018 classes continue in Clarborough Village Hall (DN22 9LN) w/c 26<sup>th</sup> February in our usual Tuesday afternoons (13:30-15:00) or Wednesday mornings (10:00-11:30) slots. Fees remain at just £15 for a five-week block.

Classes run through 30 weeks each year – see our IT Group website [www.cwitagroup.btck.co.uk](http://www.cwitagroup.btck.co.uk) or village hall posters for our calendar of dates through to December 2018.

To book your place, contact Greg on (01777) 700 918 or email [clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com)

## Clarborough Indoor Bowls Club

Chris Herdman and Denise Bell (right) receive their trophies from Club Chairman Roy Collett as winners of Clarborough Indoor Bowls Club's 2017 Doubles Tournament.



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**Clarborough Village Ventures  
Drama Group present:  
Ben Crocker's**



**Clarborough Village Hall  
Thursday 22nd—Saturday 24th February 2018**

**Evening Performances 7:30pm; Saturday matinee: 2:30pm**

**Ticket Prices:**

**Adults: £4.50**

**Concessions: £3.50**

**Family ticket: £14**

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**It's that time of year again** when local people dress up and sing songs for good causes. For the last 5 years Clarborough Village Ventures have presented a pantomime during February half term and 2018 is no exception. From 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February Clarborough Village Hall will be home to the cast and crew of Ben Crocker's Aladdin. Join us as our hero falls in love with a princess then must use his wits and charm to defeat the baddie and win her heart in the classic story. Aided by Widow Twankey, Wishee Washee and of course a Genie or two, this traditional pantomime set in Old Peking promises lots of fun and laughs along the way.

Tickets are available from The Spar, Main Street, Clarborough priced at £4.50 for adults, £3.50 for concessions (under 16 & over 60) with a family ticket (2&2) for only £14.00 it's a great value night out for all the family.

**Ann McCorkell**

**Tracey Taylor Nottinghamshire  
County Councillor**



Just a brief note to say Happy New Year and to remind residents that I am here to represent your interests at County Hall.

My particular areas of responsibility are Children and Young People's and County Planning matters, but I am also your advocate for all matters that fall to the County Council to address, such as Social Care and Highways. If you have a query, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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## IT Group makes another donation

A very merry – even slightly off-the-wall- Christmas Carol's event at Clarborough's Kings Arms on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December was guided by Rev.Mark Cantrill with his usual mix of music, education, good-humour and front-of-house skills.

Greg Herdman, Chairman of Clarborough & Welham IT Group took advantage of a mid-event pause to make a presentation of the IT Group's cheque for £100 to support St.John the Baptist church's ongoing renewal programme.



[Above] Rev.Mark received Clarborough & Welham IT Group's cheque from Greg Herdman

*Where there is love, there is life.*

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

## Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

The 2017 Parish Christmas Party took place on December 11<sup>th</sup> in Clarborough Village Hall. In spite of the cold weather and the threat of snow over 80 senior residents of Clarborough, Welham and Hayton enjoyed a hot dinner, entertainment and a gift delivered by Santa himself. Once again the ladies of Clarborough and District WI sprang into action to organise the evening and prepare and serve the food. We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all of those groups who helped, either financially or in kind, so that the event could go ahead.



## Retford Ramblers

The **first Sunday in February** will be a leisurely 6 miles in the Clarborough and Welham area. Please ring Mike on 01427 880 984 if you would like any more information or email [retford.ramblers@gmail.com](mailto:retford.ramblers@gmail.com). [www.nottsarearamblers.org.uk](http://www.nottsarearamblers.org.uk)

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We are a traditional village pub located on Main Street just a short walk from the Chesterfield Canal with ample parking. We have an open fire, traditional pub games and cask ales (changed regularly) as well as lagers, wines plus hot and cold drinks. Food is served Tuesdays to Saturdays 12:00 - 20:00 plus Sunday lunch 12:00 -16:00



## Nativity – Call the Midwife !

Entertainment took on a whole new twist with midwife and donkey hunting for Bethlehem's palace – surely where the new king would be born! A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who came to watch our Nativity on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December. The children did such an amazing job and we are very proud of them all. Also a big thank you to parents and carers that helped the children learn their lines and provided costumes. Thank you to Miss Green, Mrs Green and Mrs Waring for all their hard work in preparing the children.

## Volunteers

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to our wonderful volunteers who have given their time to come in to school and help the children with reading, writing and many other things throughout the term.

## Local Community

SPAR Santa weekend of 16-17 & 23 December: Lucy Rose of Clarborough's SPAR Store wishes to thank everyone who came to see Santa (Paul Harpham) and also Aimee Holt from True Blue Photography for taking some Fantastic photos and Paul and Sandra Harpham plus Dan Bartle for his tractor and trailer ..



Together they raised £232 which has been donated to Clarborough Primary School. We would like to say a huge thank you for the incredibly generous gesture from King Family Stores.

## Royal British Legion

This week we received our certification from the Royal

British Legion for the money we raised on Remembrance Day. Our final grand total raised was £181.15. A huge thank you to everyone who bought merchandise and donated money to this wonderful cause.

**Christmas Fayre on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** was a phenomenal success in every way and raised a staggering £1,117 !

## New Age Kurling



Are you looking for something different to do? New Age Kurling sessions take place on alternate Monday evenings in Clarborough Village Hall between 19:00 and 21:00. The £2 fee includes light refreshment - the good company and entertainment come free. You don't need any previous experience and you won't slip on the ice because there isn't any. So why not come along and have a go? For more information and to check the dates phone 01777 704 711.

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If you don't know, Google it!

This is my standard response when helping class-members at **Clarborough & Welham IT Group** as well as to family and friends for many years. If you are having problems or need to know, then thousands of other folks will have met the same challenges and a fair number of those will have written about their solutions – so why struggle?

Having said this, searching the internet is, for some people, their working life – be it pharmaceutical researchers through legal investigators to international political advisers – you can read degree-level (and beyond) in search techniques! We won't go that far but awareness of some important techniques that can help you 'home in' on your question can save hours of struggle. Let's explore a few examples...

#### Use of speech or quotation marks (“ ”)

A recent IT Group question provides an amusing example. The questioner was interested in articles about classic *Triumph Herald motor cars* but on entering this into their Google search was surprised to get a mass of 'hits' that contained not only the required motor vehicle information but also lots of items about women's underwear and also various newspapers!

What we need to understand is that entering the above data into Google results in it identifying 'hits' that contain not only the whole of our entered phrase but also for each individual word – hence *Triumph underwear* and also the various *Herald newspapers*.

Entering “*Triumph Herald motor*” as your Google search – note the “ ” around the phrase – forces it to identify hits for the whole phrase.

#### Use of minus (-) sign

Imagine you are searching for video clips of a particular event or activity but you don't want hits from YouTube. For example, maybe you are seeking *Test match*; to find all hits except YouTube ones, you would enter *test match -youtube* - note the space before the minus sign and no space after it.

#### Don't ask Google questions

Think how an answer might be phrased and search for that.

A much more extensive tutorial along these lines is provided as part of the 100+ worksheet *Workbooks* package provided free to members of Clarborough & Welham IT Group, so why not some along? Contact Greg on (01777) 700 918 or e-mail [clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com)

Another little tip, enter **define:word** into Google where *word* is anything for which you want a definition. Also use Google as your calculator; just use the standard mathematical symbols to get an answer. e.g. **(2\*3/5)+44-1** just note that online systems use \* for multiply.

Then, of course, there is Google's desktop **translation service!**

Editor



Retford Amateur Operatic Society presents

Books & Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner  
Music by Frederick Loewe

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## Why the UK tax year begins on 6<sup>th</sup> April (it's a very strange tale)

You might think that the beginning of the tax year would coincide with the calendar year – and in some countries it does. In the UK, however, the scramble to get your affairs in order comes to its conclusion on April 5<sup>th</sup>, with the new tax year starting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. How this apparently random date came about, we have to go back to medieval times. In England and Ireland, the New Year used to start on March 25<sup>th</sup> known as “Lady Day” in commemoration of the Angel Gabriel’s announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus Christ. This was the first Quarter Day- along with Midsummer, Michaelmas and Christmas Day/ Quarter Days were the four most important days in the religious calendar. All accounts had to be settled by these quarter days, and Lady Day being the first, gradually became the start of the financial year.

The move forward to April 6<sup>th</sup> resulted from changes to the calendar and the actual number of days in various years. Until 1582, Europe had used the Julian calendar established by Julius Caesar. This had a year of 11 months of 30 or 31 days, with one, February, consisting of 28 days but with 29 every fourth or “leap” year. This had worked well for centuries, but because it did not align exactly with the solar calendar (the time it takes for the Earth to move round the sun), over time problems developed.

The Julian year was 11½ minutes longer than a solar year, so, by the late 1500s, this had all added up and the Julian calendar was some ten days adrift from the solar calendar. The Roman Catholic church was especially concerned because celebration of Easter had been gradually getting later than when it had been celebrated by the early church. So, in October 1582 Pope Gregory XIII instituted a change (to the “Gregorian” calendar) to solve the problem. While Europe adopted the Gregorian calendar, England, with its history of conflict with the Roman Catholic church, did not (nor did Russia), and continued with the Julian calendar.

By 1752, when it was 11 days out of alignment with the rest of Europe, England finally accepted that it would have to make a change. The decision was made to drop 11 days from the month of September to catch up, and so September 2<sup>nd</sup> was followed by September 14<sup>th</sup> that year. To ensure that there was no loss of tax revenues, however, the Treasury extended the 1752 tax year by adding on the 11 days at the end. Consequently, the beginning of the 1753 tax year was moved to April 5<sup>th</sup>.

In 1800 a further adjustment was made, shifting the start of the tax year forward by one more day to April 6<sup>th</sup>, once again to mitigate for the differences between the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The year 1800 would have been a leap year under the Julian calendar system, but not the Gregorian one, so the Treasury treated 1800 as a leap year for purposes of taxation to get an extra day’s revenue. April 6<sup>th</sup> has remained the beginning of the tax year ever since, though it was only formalised in 1900. Although many countries have adopted the calendar year as their tax year, the UK and others such as Australia have not.

Another oddity is the UK government’s own financial year, which runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to the following March 31<sup>st</sup>, and so does not coincide with the tax year, although 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March is also the fiscal year for corporation tax.

## Then we have Net Public Debt

The figures here are represented as a percentage of annual gross domestic product (GDP) for 2016..

[Source: Wikipedia / International Monetary Fund]

Belgium	106.7%
Canada	98.8%
France	96.5%
Germany	69.0%
Holland	57.0%
Italy	132.5%
Japan	234.7%
Norway	2.2%
Poland	126.2%
Spain	99.6%
Sweden	41.4%
UK	92.2%
USA	73.8%

Gross government debt is the most relevant data for discussions of government default and debt ceilings. These figures provide an interesting illumination of our own Governments focus on ‘the deficit’.

Editor



With the excellent news of planning permission gained for the new heritage hangar breaking over Christmas, the *Vulcan to the Sky Trust* has just released an official press release giving details of the plans at Doncaster Sheffield Airport, where the facility will be built.. See our community website for the full release.

## Wheatley Bowls Club

The new bowls season opens in April and the club has a full programme of matches arranged over the summer months. These include friendlies, league games, trophy days and, every Saturday, “just for fun” club events.



The club is situated between North and South Wheatley and we welcome anyone who would like to join or just to have a go. Bowls is a moderately active sport for all ages and is one of the few sports where men and women compete on equal terms.

For potential new participants we offer:

- Taster sessions
- No obligation trial membership
- One to one coaching available
- Loan of equipment

**Interested? Please come along and have a go! For further information contact Alan on 07961 842 287 or email: alanryder50@gmail.com**



## Travel: Places and their stories

For a story to illuminate a visit, nothing really comes close to Troy, scene of the culmination of the Trojan War. Homer's *Iliad* focuses on a few weeks in the last year of the war and, in particular, the all-too-human qualities of its key players – Achilles, Agamemnon and Hector in particular.

The ancient Greeks (*Achaean*s to Homer) believed that Troy was located near the Dardanelles and that the Trojan War took place in the 13<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> century BC. However, by the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, both the war and the city were widely considered mythological. However, in 1868, the German archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann began excavations at Hisarlik in Turkey. On the basis of these excavations the site is now considered that of historic Troy.



Most readers will probably be aware of the *Trojan Horse* strategy that ultimately led to the Achaeans' victory but that falls outside of Homer's *Iliad*.

The Trojan War, according to Homer, came about when Paris, one of the sons of Priam, King of Troy, ran off with Helen, the beautiful wife of Menelaus, King of Sparta. The *Iliad* itself revolves around the fall out of the two most powerful Achaeans, Agamemnon, imperial overlord of Greece, and Achilles, the most redoubtable but unruly of Agamemnon's royal supporters. Achilles had captured and looted a number of Trojan towns.

This success had yielded a number of 'prizes' which included a girl, Chryseis. When her father offers a ransom for her release, Agamemnon refuses. The father then calls upon the gods and a plague falls on the Greeks.

Agamemnon was forced to yield Chryseis but in compensation takes one of Achilles' own prizes, a girl called Briseis.

In high dudgeon, Achilles refused to fight and pulled his own forces from Agamemnon's army. After that the Achaeans were on the defensive as Hector, the Trojan Commander-in-Chief, pushed the Greeks back to their ships and then managed to set one of these on fire. That finally made Achilles yield – at least partially – in that he allowed his squire and close friend, Patroclus, to lead his forces to the Achaean's support. Patroclus was very successful but went too far and was killed under the very walls of Troy by Hector.

That disaster re-ignited Achilles who rejoined the Greeks and hurled the Trojan back into their city and finally killed Hector. In his rage, Achilles tied straps through Hector's calves, attached them to his own chariot and proceeded to drag Hector's body around the field.

The Greeks in Homer's day were particular about the care of bodies after death, so Achilles' behaviour would have seemed truly shocking.

The final part of the *Iliad* explores Achilles' return of Hector's body to his father, King Priam.

The archaeological remains have revealed occupation of the site from 3000 BC or even earlier.

While we are on the topic of Greek myths, why not seek out Stephen Fry's take on these? His recent book *Mythos, The Greek Myths Retold*, certainly brings these fantastic stories to life. Published in 2017 by Michael Joseph, Penguin Random House. ISBN 978-0-718-18872-6

Editor

## Broadband regulator



Ofcom engaged in consultation last Autumn on new proposals that would require internet service providers (ISPs) to give customers an estimated range of speeds they are likely to receive at point of sale.

Customers would also be able to cancel their broadband contract without a penalty fee if their speeds fall below a minimum level.

The changes are designed to aid customers when choosing a new broadband deal and to ensure they aren't trapped in a contract that doesn't meet their broadband speed requirements.

## Expectation gap

Ofcom has acknowledged the sometimes significant gap between advertised top speeds and what people actually receive day to day which can be due to speeds falling during peak times.

Under the new Ofcom proposals, providers will be required at point of sale to quote a minimum potential speed. If this speed isn't achieved, then Ofcom will give the provider one month to improve it. The customer will be able to exit the contract without paying any penalty fee if the provider fails to implement improvements within that one-month timescale.

Editor

*God couldn't be everywhere, so he created mothers.*

Jewish proverb



## Dementia – family support

Having a loved one with dementia can be a challenge, both for them and equally importantly, for their carer(s). This is where local support networks can really help.

You may not be aware that The Alzheimer's Society don't just support those with Alzheimer's but, in fact, any form of dementia. We are lucky to have one of their drop-in facilities for both patients and carers in Hallcroft.



## Hallcroft Dementia Cafe

A friendly, informal and welcoming place for anyone with dementia and their carers to gain practical information and emotional support at Hallcroft Community Centre, Randall Way, Retford DN22 7GR.

This is a free service with free parking and refreshments available too.

We look forward to seeing you on the **second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 – 12:30**

Dates for 2018 are:

10<sup>th</sup> January  
14<sup>th</sup> February  
14<sup>th</sup> March  
11<sup>th</sup> April  
9<sup>th</sup> May  
13<sup>th</sup> June  
11<sup>th</sup> July  
8<sup>th</sup> August  
12<sup>th</sup> September  
10<sup>th</sup> October  
14<sup>th</sup> November  
12<sup>th</sup> December



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We look forward to seeing you.

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Alternatively (anytime) contacts: **0300 222 1122** or

e-mail [helpline@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:helpline@alzheimers.org.uk)

*Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.*  
Source unknown

## Bygones Tea Room

A monthly social gathering at Bassetlaw Museum for those with memory loss, their families, friends and carers.

Come and join us every month -

**First Monday of every month**  
(excluding January 2018)

**2pm - 3.30pm - FREE!**

Starting Monday 6th November 2017

Tea, coffee and delicious home made cakes served.

Meet friends, old and new

Reminisce - using objects and photos from the museum's collection

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For more details, contact the museum on 01777 713 749

Bygones Tea Room is supported by Home Instead Senior Care Retford and Gainsborough



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## MUSLIM CHARITY

The Shadow Housing Minister and MP for Rochdale, Tony Lloyd MP, recently led a delegation from the UK of representatives from the Rochdale Council of Mosques, Al-Mahmood Foundation, Children of Adam, Humanity without Borders and philanthropists and supporters of Muslim Charity. The delegation arrived in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where they first visited the Thikana Transitional Shelter which is funded by the **#ChildrenOfTheWorld** campaign of Muslim Charity.

The street children phenomenon is one of deep concern with more than 150 million children on the streets in the world with Dhaka one of the cities where this is a major problem. Chased from home by violence, abuse, death of a parent, family breakdown, or simply socio-economic collapse, many destitute children are forced to eke out a living on the streets. Over the past 4 years, Muslim Charity has rescued more than 2,000 street children and many of them have either been reintegrated into their families or referred onwards to permanent shelters.

The delegates met with some of the rescued children and heard their shocking and eye-watering stories. One particular child's story caught the emotions of the delegates when a boy said how he loved being at the Thikana Transitional Shelter because it was the only thing that reminded him of his "mother's lap", his mother had passed away a few months earlier. His step-mother used to beat him which led him to the streets.

The delegation then left for Cox's Bazar where they met the Rohingya and saw emergency and development programmes being implemented by Muslim Charity at first hand.

Since the hostilities of 2017, more than 620,000 new Rohingya have arrived into Cox's Bazar bringing the total population to more than 830,000. New arrivals are living in overcrowded camps with increasing needs of humanitarian assistance, including shelter, food, clean water and sanitation. The delegation visited the following projects being implemented in the camps for the Rohingya:

**Water Solutions** – costing £15,000 each water solution comprises of a deep water borehole linked with 4 water reservoirs (each with a capacity of 5,000 litres). Each is able to provide daily clean and safe drinking water to up to 10,000 people..

**Child-Friendly Space** – amongst the newly arrived Rohingya, 50% are children under the age of 16. The atrocities that they have witnessed at such a young age cannot be imagined, many of them having witnessed family members being killed in front of their eyes. The Child-Friendly Space is a staffed area run by qualified child psychologists where children can come and play as well as participate in non-formal schooling. Each Child-Friendly Space costs £15,000 a year to run and the one visited attracts 500 children per day.

**Shelters** – Muslim Charity has completed 120 shelters and aims to complete 1,000 shelters over the coming months subject to donations being received. Each shelter costs £350 and can accommodate one family of up to 6

members and is handed over to Rohingya families along with a household-items kit which include mats, blankets, bed sheets and cooking apparatus.

**Medical aid** – regular medical camps are staffed by qualified medical practitioners to provide treatment to seasonal illnesses and for critical cases there is a referral system with local government hospitals as well as NGO field hospitals. Muslim Charity funded emergency response vehicles support this.

**Winter kit distributions** - the delegation participated in the distribution of winter kits which comprises blankets, shawls, warm clothing etc all sourced locally.

Commenting whilst in Cox's Bazar Tony Lloyd MP said, "I have seen the camps where the refugees are living and sometimes the conditions there are simply not good enough for human beings but they are improving because of the work being done by charities like Muslim Charity and their local partners on the ground. That work can only be done because of the contribution from people in Britain and I pay particular tribute to the Al-Mahmood Foundation, the Rochdale Council of Mosques and generous donors from Rochdale for their support in this cause."

The UK Director of Muslim Charity, Maroof Pirzada, added, "We are grateful to the members of the delegation for taking time out to visit and personally see the impact of their donations. Muslim Charity believes in openness and transparency and it gives us no greater satisfaction than to take donors out on the field so that they can personally experience how their donations are used to maximise the impact on needy beneficiaries."

**Muslim Charity is a UK-registered charity with headquarters at Eaton Hall, Retford, Nottinghamshire. We seek a world of hope, tolerance and social justice where poverty has been overcome and people live in dignity. We are committed to making efforts in becoming a global catalyst and partner of choice to end poverty.**

Maroof Pirzada

## Clarborough Christmas Tree Fayre

Some 150 people attended the tree lighting at Clarborough Village Hall on a dry but cold evening on 6<sup>th</sup> December. The event started off by a choir of children from Clarborough Primary School singing three carols to the delight of those present. This was followed by a short speech by former Nottinghamshire County Councillor Liz Yates who then led the count-down to the switching on of the lights. The tree was once again supplied by Mrs Jackson of Celery Cottage.

Santa then appeared and gave small presents to all the children. Adults were able to enjoy a drink of mulled wine supplied free of charge by Clarborough & Welham Parish Council with other hot drinks and mince pies at a very small charge from 1<sup>st</sup> Clarborough Scout Group. 21 different stalls saw brisk business as those present bought items for their Christmas gifts. Stall holder fees and donations by the public for the mulled wine raised a total of £141.30 which has been donated by the Parish Council to the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance charity.

Parish Councillor Paul Willcock



## John Mann MP

Happy New Year to all of you in Clarborough and Welham! I wish you all the very best for 2018 and I am looking forward to working on your behalf once again this year.

I will be campaigning on a number of things that are relevant to local residents.

Old age loneliness has risen up the political agenda due to the work of the Jo Cox Commission on loneliness. Jo Cox said that she came into parliament to help people less fortunate than herself. One of her key pledges was to do something to combat loneliness, particularly among elderly people in her area. This has inspired me to do more to tackle the causes of loneliness and isolation in Bassetlaw.

For the residents of places like Clarborough and Welham, this means making sure that community facilities are available and that the villages are well connected. Good public transport links are essential to make sure that elderly people are able to meet with friends and family.

Look out for more work on this later this year, but for now I am supporting the Jo Cox 'Happy to Chat' campaign. This means that when we are out and about, we should all try and strike up a conversation with someone who we feel may be lonely or isolated—for some, a conversation or cup of tea could mean the world and this excellent idea could be one small step to making someone's life a happier place.

This year, I also hope to be campaigning on the issue of



funeral poverty. I was shocked to learn that the average cost of a funeral has risen by 70% over the last decade, whilst wages have increased by 20%. The cost of dying has fast outstripped the cost of living.

Sadly, one in six of those who arrange a funeral have to take on debt to do so. I intend to publish a local guide on how to plan a funeral cheaply and affordably and will be pushing for change at the national level too.

Any residents who have experienced financial hardship as a result of planning a funeral should contact my office so that I can learn more about your experiences.

Finally, as many residents will know Parliament will be relocating for a ten year period in the near future so that urgent restoration place can take place. The Palace of Westminster is a beautiful building, and I would like as many residents as possible to have the chance to visit it before it closes for the restoration.

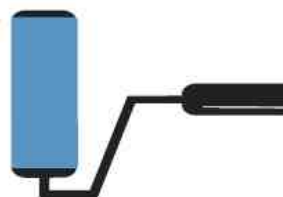
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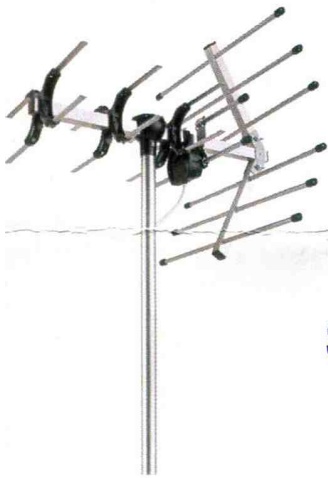
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## Family History at Retford Library

Want to find out more about your ancestors but need a helping hand? Want to make use of online sources but either haven't got computer or internet or can't afford the subscription charges for the likes of Ancestry.com?

If all of this sounds familiar, why not drop in to find out more at one of Retford Library's Family History Group's sessions. These are completely free and are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (except August or Bank Holidays) between 17:00 and 19:00. Members get free access to all of the library's local studies collection which provides excellent grounding in techniques that are vital when visiting larger archives. This includes use of microfiche and microfilm readers as well as a wide range of printed resources. Members also get access to the library's online resources which includes free access to Ancestry.com. This latter would cost you in excess of £100 per year if you subscribed from home!

On top of all this, it is worth noting another free services provided by the Library. Specialist Librarian Helen Fox provides a drop-in 'surgery' each month on Thursday mornings. Come along to discuss your research questions and Helen will provide her insider knowledge to point you in the right direction – either within libraries or at Nottinghamshire Archives.

Forthcoming dates for Retford Library's Family history Group are:

12<sup>th</sup> February  
26<sup>th</sup> February  
12<sup>th</sup> March  
26<sup>th</sup> March

Dates through to July 2018 are posted in the library as are dates for Helen Fox's surgeries.

## The Clays Horticultural Society

The Clays Horticultural Society meets every month at North and South Wheatley Village Hall. A warm welcome is always extended both to the occasional visitor and to new members. At each meeting we host a speaker who is an acknowledged expert in his/her horticultural field. The audience is educated and entertained in equal measure. Following the talk light refreshments are available and this gives members the opportunity to chat to the speaker and to fellow members.

Plants, brought along by members, are also on sale at bargain prices with the proceeds donated to a horticultural charity. Our nominated charity for 2018 is "Greenfingers" – an organisation which builds family gardens in hospices for children.

In addition to monthly meetings we organise regular days out and every spring the society organises a "horticultural holiday". This year we will be spending five days in Hereford and Worcester visiting a variety of gardens in those two beautiful counties.

If you would like further information about the society, please ring Pauline on 01427 880 916.

## Heritage Events at Workop Library



### Castles of Nottinghamshire

Wednesday, 28th February 2018, 14:00-15:00

Tickets £3 / Booking essential

Nottingham and Newark castles may be famous, but Archaeologist James Wright uncovers the stories of castle sites that are often unrecognised, even by local people. Traces of motte and bailey castles hide in the landscape and medieval fortified manor houses still stand and bear witness. Based on a book of the same name (Nottinghamshire County Council, 2008), this is a refreshed and updated talk on a popular local theme.

### Voices from a Trunk: The Lost Lives of the Quaker Eddisons

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018, 14:00

Tickets £3 / Booking essential

A chance discovery of a trunk of documents revealed the fascinating story of the Eddisons, a Quaker family who lived for five generations at Gateford House, near Workop. Author Sara Woodhall talks about the Nottinghamshire Eddisons and their houses in Gateford and Shireoaks. Learn about Luddite disruptions, small pox, cholera epidemics, and Nottinghamshire Quakers who settled in America.

Book your place/purchase tickets from Workop Library (Tel: 0115 804 4373) or go to the *What's On* section of the Inspire website to book online  
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## Law & Order

Regular readers will be aware that our local PCSO, Dave Airey, produces a summary of local crime and policing issues every month which are posted on our community website. Go to **Law & Order ► Local Police Reports** to read Dave's current and past twelve months of reports in full.



Although by the time you read this Newsletter the weather should be warming (!) it is worth repeating one of Dave's cautions from previous winters – don't leave your car 'warming up' unattended.

Criminals only need a very short period of time to steal vehicles when opportunities such as these arise. Some criminals will monitor individuals' movements and habits before targeting. Further opportunities are being offered when visiting the local shop or, indeed, when collecting the vehicle from a garaged area.

Dave also reports that vehicles in our area are still being left insecure overnight and, in a lot of cases, with items attractive to criminals fully visible inside.

The control room continue to receive reports from community members of sightings of suspicious persons, vehicles and activity across the beat area. These calls are important to us all and do help in keeping reported crime figures relatively low across the beat area.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is **david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk**  
PC 3258 Jason Fellows contact number is 07525 226 893 and his E mail address is **jason.fellows@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk**  
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## Are you ready for GDPR?

From 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 all organisation – whether commercial or voluntary – must be compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – an EU-wide strategy.

The government has confirmed that the UK's decision to leave the EU will not affect the commencement of the GDPR which can be considered a replacement for UK Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). The Regulation extends the data rights of individuals, and requires organisations to develop clear policies and procedures to protect personal data, and adopt appropriate technical and organisational measures.

**It is vitally important that all voluntary and community groups – as well as commercial concerns – are aware of the demands that GDPR will impose on all of them.** Enable's website at <https://enable.uk.net> has much more. Enter 'GDPR' into the search magnifying glass on Enables homepage for articles on GDPR and how to comply.

**Editor**



Notts Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter



To keep up-to-date with Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire's Police & Crime Commissioner, go to our community website's **Law & Order ► Police & Crime Commissioner**



The following is a brief extract from Paddy's December 2017 issue of *The Beat*.

I gave evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee's inquiry 'Policing for the future'. As chair of the Police Reform and Transformation Board, I highlighted the real costs of the cuts in police funding; the fact that police budgets have reduced by £2.3bn over the past five years representing a 25% cut. To put it simply, this means 20,000 fewer police officers on our streets.

The implications of standing-still are ominous. Police numbers are at their lowest level for 30 years and crime is on the rise. We're not only dealing with a population increase, crime itself is changing. It's complex, it's increasingly sophisticated and it requires a specialist, highly resource-intensive response. That can't happen when we're struggling to afford the very basic level of service to the public. Counter-terrorism, cyber-crime and child sexual exploitation all demand highly trained personnel - a cost that cannot be easily met through current budget levels without sacrifices to other areas of safety.

I will continue to work with colleagues to secure a fair and reasonable funding arrangement for policing. It's important that we all feel confident that our streets and neighbourhoods are safe places to live and work.





## Bassetlaw District Councillor Kath Sutton



Once again I would like to thank all those who worked so hard and organised our Christmas festivities. From the Victorian Fayre to the Parish Council's Senior Citizens' Christmas Party organised by the W.I. - and not forgetting Santa and his elves at the Spar shop - we had a really wonderful time. Thank you so much.

The last few weeks have been quiet of course, but by the time you read this I will have attended my first few District Council meetings of 2018 and will therefore have more to report in the next edition.

My best wishes to you all for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

## Bassetlaw District Council's Recycling service exceeds expectations

Bassetlaw residents helped to recycle more than 2,000 tonnes of garden waste in just nine months thanks to Bassetlaw District Council's new Garden Waste Collection Service.

During 2017 almost 6,500 Bassetlaw residents subscribed to the seasonal collection service, which ran between March and November, and generated 2,177 tonnes of garden waste.

This is the equivalent to the weight of four fully loaded Airbus A380s, 10 Angel of the North statues, 35 British Army Challenger 2 Tanks or 311 adult elephants.

Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Cllr Julie Leigh said: "The first year of the Garden Waste Service has exceeded our expectations and we are thrilled at the level of support that Bassetlaw residents have given us."

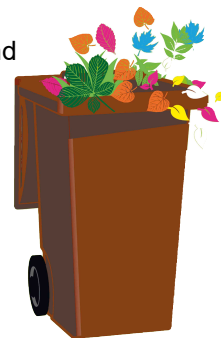
This new service prevented a large proportion of waste being sent for incineration as part of the domestic waste collection and is also likely to have improved the Council's recycling rate by approx. 4%.

"Improving the amount of waste that is recycled in the district is a high priority for the Council and this service is just one of the ways that we are trying to reduce the amount of waste that is sent for incineration," added Cllr

Leigh. "We hope to have an even greater take up for this year's seasonal service and would like to thank the people who have supported the service so far."

The 2018 season service will resume at the beginning of March and the number of residents re-subscribing is already approaching the 4,000 mark. If you would like to sign up for the 2018 seasonal collections, which run between March and November and remains at just £30 per season, please visit the Council's website. Alternatively, call 01909 533 533, say Environment Services and press 1 for Garden Waste Collection.

The £30 fee includes an additional 240 litre wheelie bin (for new subscribers), in which you'll be able to place grass cuttings, hedge trimmings, leaves, small branches and twigs, dead plants, weeds and cut flowers. It is possible to sign up for the scheme at any time of the year, but in order to guarantee a full season of collections please sign up or re-subscribe before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.



## Clarborough and District W.I.

Can you help?

Clarborough and District WI was established in 1961. The members at that time made a table cloth which had all of their names embroidered on it. Of course this became a treasured item and was cared for by a number of different people over the years. Unfortunately none of our current members know what happened to it and we would dearly love to be reunited with this piece of our history. If any of your family had a link with the WI, and you come across a tablecloth with a lot of names embroidered on it, please get in touch. It might be just what we are looking for.

Meanwhile our 2018 programme is well under way. In January the ladies enjoyed a pie and pea supper and a chance to exchange news and ideas for the coming year. We are looking forward to hearing about life with the RNLI on February 12<sup>th</sup> and on March 12<sup>th</sup> two of our own members will share their ideas for tasty Easter treats.

All of our meetings take place on the second Monday of the month at 19:30 in Clarborough Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome for a fee of £4 which includes refreshments. For more details phone 01777 704 711, email [ladiesofcndwi@hotmail.com](mailto:ladiesofcndwi@hotmail.com) or see our facebook page.

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## Family History Research – part 3

Before continuing our exploration of 'official' sources of information it is worth stopping to reflect on our own sources – and particularly our memories. So often I have listened to people who come to Retford Library's Family & Local History Group recounting events, experiences or recollections from the past – sometimes distant past – only to ask, 'Is any of this written down?' If we don't write about these experiences while we can remember them, they will evaporate with us! Maybe here is a reason to get some word processing skills from the likes of Clarbrough & Welham IT Group (see page 2 for contact details).

However, back to where we left off with *Civil Registration* in our Winter 2017 issue. As mentioned there, although ordering copies of birth, marriage or death ('bmd') certificates from GRO is often the simplest, these are copies of copies and so, particularly for older certificates, can contain transcription errors. My own research has demonstrated this on several occasions which has made me seek out copies of the *original certificates* through the appropriate local Register Office. In the case of Walter Trichler in the previous article, this meant seeking our Northampton Register Office – easily done through a Google search.

But what other sources are there to both fill-in details of peoples' lives and also extend back before 1837 when Civil Registration began in England & Wales? Probably the most accessible and also widely available of these sources are:

1. Censuses
2. Electoral Registers
3. Parish Registers

We don't have space here to go into details, but Census data is available online through a number of (paid-for) services but is also available at Nottinghamshire Libraries free of charge if you have a library card. This is one of the benefits of joining (free) Retford Library's Family & Local History Group – see page 12 for more.

Electoral Registers clearly only record those eligible to vote which becomes progressively more restricted as we go back in time, but details do include home addresses.

Parish Registers have a much longer reach, in many cases going back to the time of Henry VIII although many only go back to Civil War times. These contain data for baptisms, marriages and burials, so cover slightly different data to the 'bmd' of Civil Registration.

The major challenge of researching these – besides being able to decipher ancient handwriting (or even Latin!) is that few have been put onto the internet, so research often involves travelling to Library or archive in the area in question. In the case of our local area, Retford Library has many for Retford and surrounding villages while Worksop Library has a wider coverage. Nottinghamshire Archives then provide an even wider coverage but since we are on in a county borders area, some may need to travel to the likes of Lincoln, Doncaster or Sheffield. Many of the authors ancestors lived in Leicestershire or Worcestershire, so we have become quite familiar with their Archives!

Having said this, there are some free online source that contain at least a moderate amount of UK Parish Register information. As a starting point it is worth visiting [www.parishregister.co.uk](http://www.parishregister.co.uk) which has links to The Genealogist website (a subscription service). The Parish Register site gives useful historical/background information but no specific Parish Register data.

**Ancestry.com** has a rich collection of Parish Register transcripts/extracts in Extracted Church of England Parish Records, 1538-1837 – another reason for joining Retford Library's twice-monthly group!

On the other hand, *FamilySearch* – **which is free, although you will need to sign in to its free account**, makes home-based research affordable - does provide *some* direct Parish Register data although the massive nature of such data means that only a small portion appears here. *Familysearch* ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)) is a free resource provided by the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – probably better known as the Mormons.

Once you have created your free account, go to Familysearch's home page and click *Search* and then click on the UK in the world map *Search By Location*. A sub-menu pops up offering England, Wales... etc. Choose *England*.

Beneath the data entry (left-hand side of page) section there is a blue *Filter by collection* option. Clicking on *Show all 69* provides options to search various Parish Register databases as well as a thought provoking list of other resources.

Happy hunting!

Editor

## Have you tried cruising?

This question cropped up a while ago when chatting to a friend of many year. The lady concerned knew that my wife and I often took cruise holidays. She expressed concerns that ship movements when at sea would upset her such that these holidays were a no-no.

However, she was persuaded that not only were modern vessels well equipped to minimise such feelings, but also that careful choice of cabins could further minimise discomfort. This latter point, confirmed in our own case by coming through several extremely rough seas, can be summarised as choose as lower deck as possible, and get your cabin mid-ships.

Our prime example of coming through a rough sea occurred on a trip up to Alaska. We had been totally unaware until the following morning's captain's briefing that the ship had been through a force 11 storm! We had wondered why exterior doors had been chained shut when 'surfacing' for breakfast and why numbers at breakfast seemed rather low!

A reverse situation occurred more recently when after choosing our cabin as usual, we arrived onboard to be given an upgrade – 6 decks higher up. Unfortunately, crossing a rough North Sea near the top of the ship left us both feeling rather queasy.

Back to our friend mentioned above, she took a short 'trial' trip on the latest P&O Cruiser and is no longer worried about the experience!

Editor



## Pilgrims Fun Run supports Bassetlaw Hospice

The first ever Pilgrims Fun Run in Retford, which took place at the start of this year's Retford Christmas Market on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, raised £170 for Bassetlaw Hospice.



[Above] Bassetlaw Hospice Community Fund Raising Coordinator, Debbie Rawlings, accepting cheque from Steve Bennett of TLS (Traffic Labour Supplies), who organised the Pilgrims Fun Run on behalf of Retford Business Forum and Bassetlaw Christian Heritage.

Debbie Rawlings said: "Bassetlaw Hospice is delighted to be the Pilgrims Fun Run's chosen charity. The Hospice serves all of the people in Bassetlaw and we hope that, as the Pilgrims Fun Run grows in popularity, more people from across the district, as well as within Retford, will take part in making it a truly Bassetlaw-wide event"

Steve Bennett added: "It is great to be involved with the Pilgrim Fun Run from the beginning and we look forward to the event growing every year, raising even more money for the Hospice, and helping to increase community spirit." Rick Brand, Vice-Chair of Retford Business Forum, said that working with Bassetlaw Hospice was especially rewarding, and he hopes that the Pilgrims Fun Run raises even more money in the future to support this worthwhile local cause. Retford Business Forum has some exciting

plans for the future, and this event is one of the ways it will attract more visitors to the town, and further enhance the experience of its residents.

Retford Business Forum's meetings are on the first Monday of every month (except Bank Holidays), 17:30 for 18:00, in the Council Chamber, Retford Town Hall.

Members include a wide variety of businesses, not-for-profit, community and charitable organisations, and individuals who freely give their time to help Retford and its surrounding villages prosper, and continue to be a great place to live. The Forum is currently seeking a Secretary, please contact [vice\\_chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:vice_chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk) for further details.

**Rick Brand**

## Clarborough Parish Pasture

Proposals for the Parish Pasture were displayed at an open 'drop-in' meeting for the public in late November. The proposals were discussed and accepted by those who attended except for some minor suggested changes which the Friends of the Parish Pasture (FoPP) group have yet to consider.

2018 should see progress being made in converting the Pasture from the current 'waste land' condition to an asset for the village as an 'open green space'. This will eventually be open for all to use but there will, inevitably, be periods when work is being carried out on the land and that only the public right of way will be open. This will be closed for very limited dates, especially when weedkiller spraying is being carried out, when work close to the path is being carried out. The footpath will be re-aligned to put it in the correct legal position which has not been the case for the last 40 years! All potential closures will be well signed as will alternative routes.

In March 2018 we hope we will have received hedgerow 'whips' to plant 2 new hedges across part of the land at either end of the proposed allotments and started 'infilling' gaps in the existing hedge. Towards the end of August it is hoped to seed the land with Nottinghamshire wildflower mixes in some areas and appropriate grasses in other areas. In the period from November 2018 to March 2019 we hope to see the planting of specimen, mainly Nottinghamshire, trees. At other periods there will be the planting of individual wildflower types such as bluebells and cowslips.

All of this will take some effort and time and we will be asking for volunteers to help with the work at different points through 2018, especially with the different planting. Please give some time, probably never more than a couple of hours for any one activity. Let's make the Pasture a truly 'public space'!

Although this is a planned programme aimed at having the land in use by mid 2019 it is all governed by finance. The Parish Council have allocated money for the early stages but the rest will depend on either grants or obtaining donations of hedging, for example, from organisations such as the Woodland Trust. A number of grants have already been applied for.

Please bear in mind that the Neighbourhood Plan covers a 15 year period and this will be reflected in the time it takes to get the Parish Pasture close to its final form.

**Paul Willcock, Chairman FoPP**

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## Why not become a School Governor?

**Clarborough Primary School is looking for two more governors – could you be just the person for this?**

**What is a school governor?** School governors are volunteers who help to **run** the school. Most schools work with a group of school governors - together they're called the '**governing body**'. They're involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards of school discipline.

Governors also help to make big decisions about the school's long-term goals. They support headteachers, but also ask questions and make sure the headteacher is taking the school in the right direction.

Employment law gives people the right to reasonable unpaid time off and some employers give paid leave for **school governor** duties. Many employers actually encourage their staff to **become school governors**. They realise that the skills gained through being a **school governor** are transferable to the workplace.

**Who can be a school governor?** Anyone over 18 can be a school governor – you don't have to be a parent with a child at the school. However, every governing body includes parent governors, and it can be a rewarding way to be involved in your child's school.

The most important qualities for being a governor are **enthusiasm, commitment** and an **interest in education**. You don't need teaching experience, but it's useful to bring

skills from other areas of your life. The role is also a good handle into wider aspects of local communities.

### What does the role involve?

At most schools you'll need to attend a governors' meeting each half term. You may also be expected to join a **sub-committee** – these cover different areas like curriculum, finance or buildings. You'll need to be able to work well in a team, as you'll be making **joint decisions** on policy. Demands on your time depend partly on how the school is doing generally.

**Retired people can make excellent governors because of their former work/professional experience and also because of greater time flexibility.**

**So, to summarise, why should you consider becoming a school governor?**

1. **Invest in the learning and development of children and young people – our future!**
2. **Help the school achieve its aims.**
3. **Encourage the staff.**
4. **Get involved in the community.**
5. **Develop your own skills.**

### How do I become a school governor?

If you're interested in becoming a governor, talk to the current chair of governors who leads the board.

Before you put yourself forward, talk to your employer.

Many employers recognise the role of school governor as useful work experience and may offer paid leave for governor duties.

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## Camps International visit to Tanzania July - August 2017



*Asante sana!* Thank you everyone for supporting my trip to Tanzania, especially Clarborough Village Ventures, Retford Lions, the local councillors and all the kind people who donated or took part in my fundraising events including the Halloween party and stalls at the festival and Christmas market. I had the most amazing time helping the community and meeting the local people in the villages we visited.

I was part of a group of 27 students from Queen Elizabeth's High School, Gainsborough. We arrived in Tanzania on July 11<sup>th</sup> and our first camp was at Camp Mbokomu. The first project was helping to create a new path for the children at the local primary school. We quickly learnt new skills such as sawing and cementing. The local children were very curious of us but also full of fun, and they sang to us and we played games with them. Did you

know that they love to do the conga? Although the children had very little, they were incredibly happy and playful. It was a very humbling experience.

After 5 days, we moved into the mountains to begin our acclimatisation ready for our expedition up Mount Meru (4565m high). At Camp Kidia, we helped to plant hundreds of tree saplings to reforest the foothills of Kilimanjaro in an attempt to conserve the natural habitat and climate.

The expedition on Mount Meru took 4 days and was very hard work! The air was thin and we all suffered a little with altitude sickness. However, after a very early start (1am) on our third day we all managed to summit and watch the sun rise over Mount Kilimanjaro – a wonderful sight.

After the physically demanding trek up Mount Meru, we were all excited to visit Camp Tanga which was on the coast. There, we helped to reinforce and weatherproof a house for a family of eight, continued to help build the first primary school in the community and also took part in cultural activities such as making chapattis and mundazis (an African version of a doughnut).

Our fifth location was Camp N'darakwai which was in the National Park. We went on a walking safari and met some Masai people, made paper out of elephant dung and learned some simple survival skills such as shelter building and archery. After moving to a safari camp we went on a safari in the Tarangire National Park where we were lucky enough to see zebras, elephants, giraffes and a lion.

Our final camp before flying home was Camp Kiboriloni and our project was to help renovate an unsanitary school toilet block. This wasn't our favourite project work but the improvements were definitely necessary! After being away from home for a month, we were all looking forward to hot showers (as opposed to a bucket shower), eating sweet foods again and of course getting back in touch with our friends and family!

The expedition was amazing and a once in a lifetime experience. I'm very proud to have been able to contribute in a small way to improving the lives of many people and helping the children I met get an education. I can definitely recommend this to anyone who gets the opportunity to go on a trip like mine, it is absolutely worth all the fundraising and work to see the smiles on the faces of the people you meet. I would not have been able to do this without the support so many people gave me in raising the funds for this trip, so thank you again for your generosity!!

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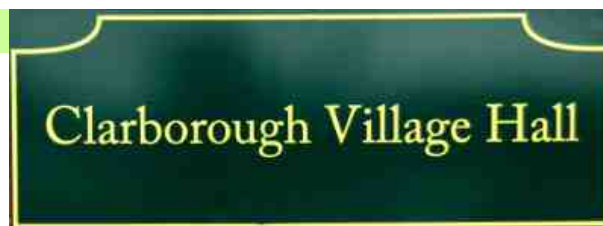
## Clarborough Village Hall

Clarborough Village Hall is managed by Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA).

The Hall has been substantially refurbished to as high standard recently and is also base for our community Post Office.

The regular weekly events programme is set out in the table below.

The Hall is also available for individual bookings for such events as parties or special celebrations as well as other 'one-off' events. Contact as per the foot of this page.



	Post Office	Morning	Mid-day	Afternoon	Evening	Parish Council
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00-12:30</b> (Halford Room)	<b>10:00-12:00</b> <i>Table Tennis</i>		<b>14:00-16:00</b> <i>Indoor Bowls</i>	<b>19:00-21:30</b> <i>W.I.</i> (Every second Monday of the month) <b>19:00-21:00</b> <i>Kurling</i> (Every fortnight)	<b>19:00-22:00</b> <i>Parish Council</i> meetings as posted on notice boards and community website
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00-12:30</b> (Halford Room)	<b>10:00-11:30</b> <i>Chair-based exercise</i>		<b>13:30-15:00</b> <i>I.T.group</i> (Both rooms) School term time only	<b>17:30-18:30</b> <i>Pilates</i> <b>19:00-21:00</b> <i>Table Tennis</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13:30-17:00</b> (Halford Room)	<b>10:00-11:30</b> <i>I.T.group</i> (Both rooms) School term time only	<b>12:30-13:30</b> <i>Pilates</i>	<b>14:00-16:00</b> <i>Retford U3A</i> <i>Table Tennis</i>	<b>17:30-18:30</b> <i>'HIIT'</i> <i>Keep Fit</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed</b>				<b>17:00-18:00</b> <i>Beavers</i> <b>18:00-19:30</b> <i>Cubs</i> <b>19:30-21:00</b> <i>Scouts Explorers</i> (School term time only)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00-12:30</b> (Halford Room)	<b>10:00-12:00</b> <i>Table Tennis</i>	<b>12:00-16:00</b> <i>Hall Maintenance</i>		<b>17:30-18:30</b> <i>Pilates</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>9:30-12:00</b> <i>Table Top Sale</i> (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month)				
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>					

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Looking ahead, our Easter Egg Hunt and Fun afternoon will take place on Sunday 1st April. Further details will appear on our community website nearer the time.

June Taylor-Rabjohn

## Dates for your Diary

**17<sup>th</sup> February:** Retford Steampunk- Retford Town Hall.  
**21-24<sup>th</sup> February:** Clarborough's Aladdin Pantomime  
**28<sup>th</sup> February:** Village Ventures AGM  
**22<sup>nd</sup> April:** St.George's Day celebration in Retford.  
**20<sup>th</sup> May:** Clarborough Festival (provisional date)  
**9<sup>th</sup> June:** Retford Arts Festival  
**8<sup>th</sup> September:** Retford Heritage Day

## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings 2018

**12<sup>th</sup> February  
26<sup>th</sup> March  
30<sup>th</sup> 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 and meeting dates through to January, 2019.

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