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## Community Support Services

Bassetlaw is really fortunate in having two key infrastructure organisation that organise and coordinate provision. BCVS is based at the Old Priory School in Worksop and Bassetlaw Action Centre is on Canal Street in Retford.

**Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service (BCVS)** supports voluntary and community groups and individuals within Bassetlaw at all stages of development. Whether new or existing, big or small, BCVS will endeavour to provide support wherever possible.



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- Financial Services
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- Funding Support

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**Bassetlaw Action Centre** is a community resource agency offering help and support to

individuals and organisations throughout Bassetlaw; promoting the independence of older and vulnerable people and supporting individuals with long term conditions.

- Befriending
- Car Scheme
- Car Scheme Plus
- Community Minibus
- Energy Advice
- GOGA – Get Out Get Active
- Home Support Service
- Housing Choice
- North Notts Support Partnership
- Self Help
- Share A Ride
- Staying Well
- Stroke/Neuro Information Service
- Groups and Clubs
- Older People
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- Training
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- Volunteering

Visit: [www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk](http://www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk)  
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## Did You Know...

...that you can freeze eggs?

Whisked eggs can be frozen and used later for your next baking session. Try using ice-cube trays to make small, easily accessed batches.

Also, do you waste left-overs from bottles of wine? **Don't!**

Your editor keeps a demijohn in a kitchen cupboard that receives any little left-overs from wine bottles. Over time these mixtures can become very interesting drinks in their own right but are primarily intended for providing the base for sauce components of stews, casseroles, etc. The fruit for our Christmas puds and cakes were soaked in this wine.



*Editor*

## ...also, Clarbrough & Welham IT Group's website's closing - but it's only moving closer!

Before Christmas we received notification from BT that it would be withdrawing its Community Kit free website service from the voluntary sector – which includes our IT Group. If you have used our IT Group's website in the past you will have spotted that its URL (website address) has the .btck.co.uk tag at the end of its name – that is the 'community kit' reference. All such websites will be closed down by BT on 24<sup>th</sup> May which may well apply to other websites locally.

Clarbrough & Welham IT Group will continue to be online – we have already moved into the familiar Clarbrough & Welham Community website ([www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk)) where our IT Group facilities can be found within the **Local Groups** section from the home page menu.

*Greg Herdman*  
**Chairman, Clarbrough & Welham IT Group**

## Late snippets noticeboard

**The Retford Hub:** Sadly, The Hub has had to close again, but there is a display of beautiful arts and crafts work in the window. All these items can be purchased – contact information is in the window. So if you are looking for an original present, The Hub is the place to go.

All 12 of **Nottinghamshire's recycling centres** for household waste remain open (8am - 4pm daily). However, during the national lockdown **only visit if it is really essential.**

**Covid Vaccination scams** – see **Neighbourhood Alert** page of our community website and **also page 10.**

Recent **telephone scams** have shown that if you hang up on a fake caller, they can keep their phone connected so that if you then dial a new number to check about them, you will remain connected to them instead – hence you could be duped. Wait 10-15 minutes before phoning – or use a different device to check the real provider.

## In work or looking for work? Here are some services to help

### Good Work



South Yorkshire Housing Association's services extend into Bassetlaw too! Our job as a housing association does not stop there. We work with our customers and employees to find opportunities to realise their potential, and to really make their mark. Work can provide this meaning, and help us feel connected to the world around us. That's why we're committed to providing good work for our employees and customers through our work and wellbeing services. *Good Work* supports amazing people, including those living with a severe mental health condition, to find the job you deserve.

*Good Work* is based on Individual Placement Support, a 'place then train' approach. We've been given a further £2.7 million of funding from the The National Lottery Community Fund and European Social Fund to support adults from across the region to find employment. First, this means working with you to get a job. We learn about your strengths, skills and interests, and about how you work best. Then, we'll move quickly to find the role that's right for you. People with disabilities and health conditions are among every organisation's best and most resilient employees. We work with employers to recruit and retain these brilliant candidates, and offer specialist training and advice on workplace health and wellbeing. Being in work can also create more connections, give us a sense of purpose, bring financial stability and security, and help us to recognise and build on all our strengths. Visit the **Good Work website** to see some clients experiences.

#### Contacts:

**Rosemary Wilbourne**  
**Work and Enterprise Coach**  
 Mobile: **07393 460 270**  
 Email: **R.Wilbourne@syha.co.uk**  
 Website:  
**<https://www.findgoodwork.co.uk/>**



### Way2Work



**Inspire Culture, Learning and Libraries is delivering a new programme called *Way2Work*.**

The programme provides support to the unemployed, especially for those facing barriers to finding a job and the economically inactive.

**To be eligible you have to be 19 years or over, unemployed and actively looking for work, or economically inactive.**

**Way2Work** provides support and advice to identify barriers to progress and can help with:

- Work preparation, CV writing/ updating, interview skills
- Job application advice
- Self-employment, work experience and volunteering
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Development of new skills
- Qualifications in Maths, English and IT
- Careers advice, help with a career change, information about courses and learning
- Confidence building and referral to other agencies for support.
- Way2Work can even help you with the costs of starting a new job.

**For more information or to make an appointment:**

**Contact Sue McDonald**  
**Information, Advice and Guidance and Employability Adviser:**

**Telephone: 07917 827 802**

**Email:**  
**[sue.mcdonald@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:sue.mcdonald@inspireculture.org.uk)**

The Way2Work project is part financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund (ESF).



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### Towards Work

**Supporting you with those first steps towards gaining employment, education and training through a personalised journey.**

The Groundwork Greater Nottingham *Towards Work* project is part of the national *Building Better Opportunities* Programme. Jointly funded by the National Lottery Community Fund & the European Social Fund, the programme is delivered throughout Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire by a partnership of local organisations who specialise in supporting people in to work.

We aim to support with those first vital steps towards gaining employment through a personalised service and support to overcome barriers an individual may face.



**To find out more about *Towards Work* and how to access one-to-one support, access to a personal budget and employment assistance please visit the 'Get In To Work' page on our website:**

**[www.towardswork.org.uk](http://www.towardswork.org.uk)**

Our website includes some personal stories within the **Case Studies** section that gives you some ideas of what this programme has to offer.

**To find out much more about all three of these services, go to your community website :**

**[www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk)**

**and click on *Employment* from the home page's left-hand menu. Each of these providers has more details and brochures.**



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Councillor  
Ben Sofflet**



A Happy New Year to you all. I don't think any of us will have had much cause to rue the passing of 2020, but unfortunately, the start of 2021 doesn't look much brighter at the moment either. I hope that over the coming months we can show the same community resilience and Dunkirk spirit that was so evident throughout 2020, and that made such a difference to the lives of so many people in our villages.

I know that sometimes it can seem impossible to think of anything else outside of this awful situation, but let's hope that we can take the positives that we have seen over the last year and replace the New Normal, with a New Better. I for one won't miss the daily commute to Sheffield, and will be working from home more, and I also hope that we can maintain the increased levels of friendliness to strangers and an environmental appreciation that has been evident over 2020.

Unlike some Districts in the county, we have been able to maintain essential frontline services, such as refuse collection and housing maintenance, throughout the year, and will obviously look to continue that in the future too. We have also revised and relaunched the Bassetlaw Local Plan, which aims to shape the evolving housing needs of the District through until 2037, I'd encourage you all to take a look at the draft which is currently accessible on our website:

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/planning-and-building/the-draftbassetlaw-local-plan/>

Consultation for this closed on 20<sup>th</sup> January, and if approved, will serve as a welcome curb on unfettered development across the District, but also specifically, across our villages. This is an opportunity, in conjunction with your excellent Neighbourhood Plan, to shape the future of our community, led by our community.

Stay safe, and I look forward to a brighter future, together.

Should you need to reach me at any time, my contact details are on the BDC website, and below:

M: 0771 716 154 E: [ben.sofflet@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:ben.sofflet@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

**Connect to the community**

2020 has been a tough year for most and my story is not dissimilar to that of thousands of others. I won't bore you with the details but suffice it to say I found myself on furlough and spent much of my time walking the lanes around Clarborough, Welham and Hayton with my dog. When lockdown was lifted, as a supply TA, work was not flooding in. A case of serendipity then occurred. I received a notification from LinkedIn advertising a position in a company I worked for a few years ago. I took a punt and landed the job.



**BASSETLAW CONNECT SERVICE**

The job title is 'support worker' but it is much more than that. I work in a team of three and in the last few months we have helped over 150 people claim benefits,

find more appropriate housing, access food parcels and much more.

It is estimated that over £15 billion of income based benefits went unclaimed last year and thousands of pensioners are missing out on non means tested benefits. In the first few years Connect supported over 500 people each year to claim benefits they were entitled to.

Bassetlaw Connect is a Nottinghamshire County Council funded scheme provided by NCHA. It started life as a service for the over 55s to provides short term support to people thought to be at risk of deteriorating health and independence within the Bassetlaw area. Since its inception it has developed into a service for adults of all ages providing short term support with benefits, accessing food parcels, referrals to housing needs, home safety support to access aids and adaptations and much more. Pre-Covid Connect also supported people who were in danger of becoming socially isolated to access befriending services, social clubs, and other activities. As we move back into a more normal way of life Connect will continue to help and support the people of Bassetlaw to live more independent, socially inclusive and safer lives.

If you need support or want advice contact Bassetlaw Connect at:

0115 844 3541 or [NCHAbassetlaw.connect@ncha.org.uk](mailto:NCHAbassetlaw.connect@ncha.org.uk)

**Steve Banks**

**Sharing documents**

The issue of file format when sharing documents has cropped up several times recently, with the likes of school Governor documents. If a file is saved with, for example, Microsoft Word's later .docx format, it may be that the recipient doesn't have software that reads that format. To solve this sort of issue, it is best to share documents in the one internationally recognised format: Adobe's **Portable Document Format (.pdf)**.

All 'office' software can save in this format. **Reader app** to display these files, is freely available – see our community website's home page for a link to download **Reader** if you haven't got it yet.

**Editor**

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Clarborough Village Hall is a modern, attractive and accessible venue managed by Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA) who are a registered charity. CDCA's committee is desperately in need of members since our team has shrunk to just 5 individuals which is managing the hall under guidance from the Association of Communities in Rural England (ACRE) which has meant our hall being closed since March 2020. We can but hope that the national vaccination programme will soon allow us to move to reopening our hall.

Please keep an eye on our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) and particularly the **Village Hall** page for the latest situation. Please also feel free to contact us on **07530 532 185** or email us on [clarboroughvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughvillagehall@gmail.com)

### To help us keep our village hall ready for reopening...

Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA) managers of Clarborough Village Hall, is eligible to receive donations from the **AmazonSmile** programme because it is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

Anyone can register with AmazonSmile and shop on all sections of Amazon's vast website with prices that are exactly the same as those available to 'normal' users. When your shopping is done, AmazonSmile dips into its own pockets – not yours – to give 0.5% of your order value to your chosen charity; customers shop, Amazon donates.

To register with Amazon Smile on your PC or laptop, follow the simple steps below... and many thanks for your support in these difficult times – every penny that you generate for CDCA's account will be invaluable in keeping our currently closed village hall financially viable.

Steve, one of CDCA's committee, recently joined Amazon Smile and confirms that joining only takes a couple of minutes.

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- From your web browser go to:  
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- Scroll to the bottom of the menu that pops up at the left
- Click on **Your AmazonSmile** – this includes an option to select or reselect your chosen charity.
- To select **Clarborough & District Community Association**, just type **clarborough** or enter CDCA's Charity Commission number: **502076**.
- Return to the ☰ section to start shopping from Amazon's opening page which can be accessed from **Full Shop Directory**.

See page 23 for more about our village hall.

## Start your environmentally friendly 2021 with Garden Waste Collections



If you want to become more environmentally friendly this year and are looking for ways to recycle more of your waste, you may want to consider Bassetlaw District Council's Garden Waste Collection Service.

The 2021 season of the service is almost here, with collections to be taking place between the beginning of March and the end of November.

The service includes a fortnightly collection of a 240 litre wheelie bin (per subscription), in which you'll be able to place grass cuttings, hedge trimmings, leaves, small branches and twigs, dead plants, weeds and cut flowers at the cost of just £32 per season (per bin).

Last year, 9,793 households signed up for the service, helping to collect and recycle an impressive 3,950 tonnes of garden waste across the district – 611 tonnes more than in 2019 despite the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cllr Julie Leigh, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods at Bassetlaw District Council said: "Each year, we see an increase in the number of people using the Garden Waste Collection Service; some households even purchase more than one brown bin. This is fantastic as it means that people are taking the initiative to be more environmentally friendly and recycle their garden waste, instead of discarding it along with their general waste."

She added: "We hope that even more people will experience the benefits of having their Garden Waste collected in 2021, resulting in even more waste being recycled across the district."

**The easiest way to sign up or re-subscribe to the service is online at :**

**[www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/gardenwaste).**

**Alternatively, call 01909 533 533, say Environment Services and press 1 for Garden Waste Collection.**



Through the recent Covid-19 crisis Clarborough Primary School has been open only for vulnerable children and those whose parents are key workers.

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## Bassetlaw Youth Mayor

The Bassetlaw Youth Council received an early Christmas present when their proposal to have a Youth Mayor was approved by Full Council on 10<sup>th</sup> December. This Ambassador for young people across the District will work closely with the Member of Youth Parliament for Bassetlaw, the Bassetlaw Youth Council and the Charter Mayors in Worksop and Retford along with the Chairman of the District Council.

They will attend events and perform duties that will recognise and celebrate the achievements and aspirations of young people in the district. Simran Uppal (Member of Youth Parliament for Bassetlaw) said "We at the Bassetlaw Youth Council believe this to be an excellent opportunity for young people to both learn about our district and nurture a variety of transferable skills necessary for their futures. Being the member who took this to the Councillors, I am highly appreciative of the great amount of support and enthusiasm Councillors gave."

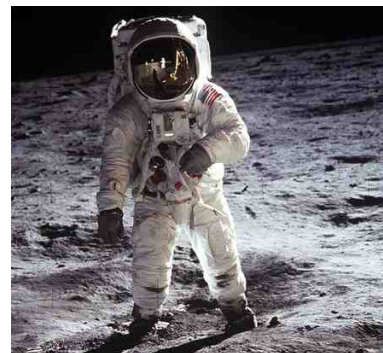
In January we launched a competition for a young person to design the medallion on the chain that will be worn by the Youth Mayor. The election process will commence in March, when nominees will be put forward from the Youth Council.

The Youth Council is currently recruiting so if you are between 11 -19 years old and interested in joining the Youth Council, which offers lots of opportunities and a chance to represent young people in the district please drop an email to [youth.council@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:youth.council@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

## Moon to get mobile coverage!

Latest news just in from NASA!

The US Space agency is starting to plans for a return of humans to the Moon by 2024 and later to Mars. Part of that planning involves communication so Nokia, the Finnish company, has been selected to build an initial mobile network on the Moon for astronauts' communications.



Given that China is also pushing ahead with planned landings on the Moon, hopefully cooperation will be key!

*Editor*

## Recycling really close to home

Recycling programmes that start with Bassetlaw District Council – including 'brown bins' detailed opposite and also blue bins are a big step forward. With recycling of paper products, glass and Tera Pak cartons at spots in Retford what is left to do?

One very effective addition – and partly bringing 'brown bin' approach closer to home is to use a composting bin in the garden. Not only is this major recycling but it also produces compost to rejuvenate the rest of the garden.

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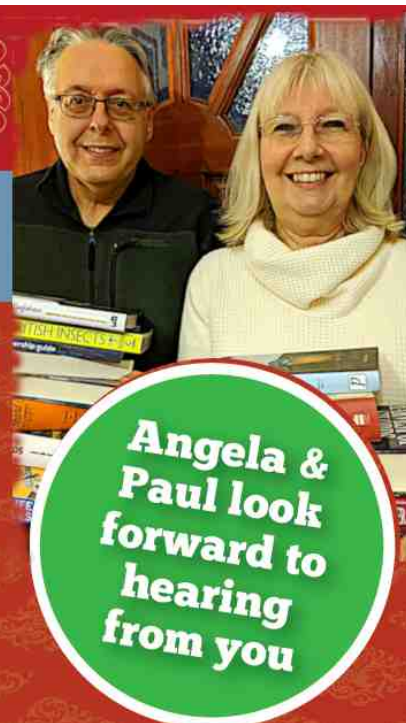
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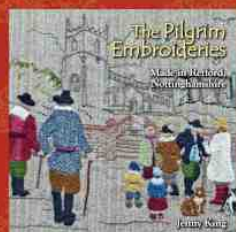
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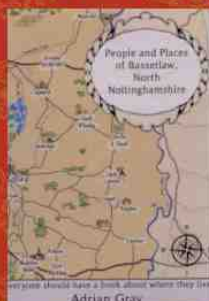
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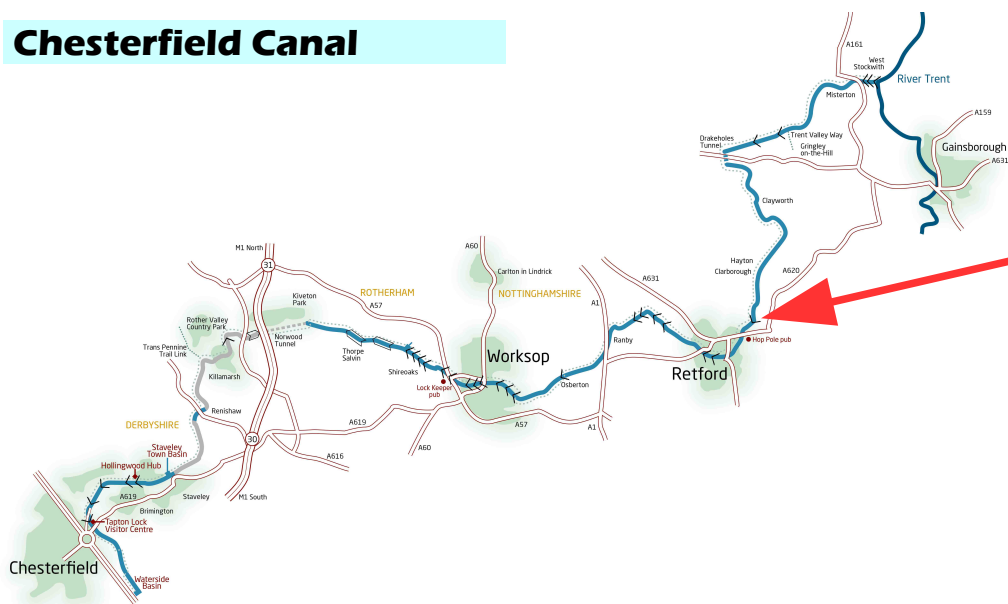


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## Chesterfield Canal



## Whitsunday Pie Lock

Travelling along the A620 from Retford towards Clarborough, the Chesterfield canal is clearly visible on your left. Just after passing the Hop Pole public house and just before the railway bridge, you may notice an access drive just before the house – this leads to a bridge and canal lock.

A local legend claims that when the canal was built a local lock keeper used to serve pies to the boatmen on the religious festival of Pentecost (Whit Sunday), hence the bridge and lock name. However an old map that was recently discovered showing that a nearby field already had that name before the canal was built.

Chesterfield Canal, opened in 1777, ran for 46 miles and 65 locks from the River Trent at West Stockwith via Retford and Worksop to Chesterfield. The first six locks were 14ft wide allowing Trent barges to reach Retford; the remainder, including the steep climb to Norwood Tunnel, descent to Killamarsh and final climb to Chesterfield were all built for 7ft-beam narrow boats. The canal was successful, carrying coal, stone and metals from the mines and quarries near its western lengths. The arrival of the railways provided competition for the canal (and led to it being diverted in places to accommodate the new lines) but it continued in use until a collapse caused by mining subsidence closed Norwood Tunnel in 1907. Some trade remained on the eastern lengths until the 1950s, while the remainder fell derelict. In the 1960s it was threatened with closure.

The Chesterfield Canal Society (now the Chesterfield Canal Trust) was launched in 1976 with the aim of restoring the derelict 20 miles west of Worksop, the 26 miles from there to the Trent having already been rescued from falling into an unnavigable state by the activities of the Retford & Worksop Boat Club in the 1960s.

Extract from *Waterway Recovery Group's* magazine 'Navvies' by Martin Ludgate.

**Editor's note:** We hope to include more of Martin's article in forthcoming issues.



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## Saint Petersburg, Leningrad or Petrograd – which?



St. Petersburg was known as Leningrad between 1924 and 1991 having had the less German-sounding name of Petrograd during World War 1. The whole region (Oblast) is still called Leningrad.

Founded in 1703 by Tsar Peter the Great, it was imperial capital for two centuries and is currently one of the most populous cities in Europe.

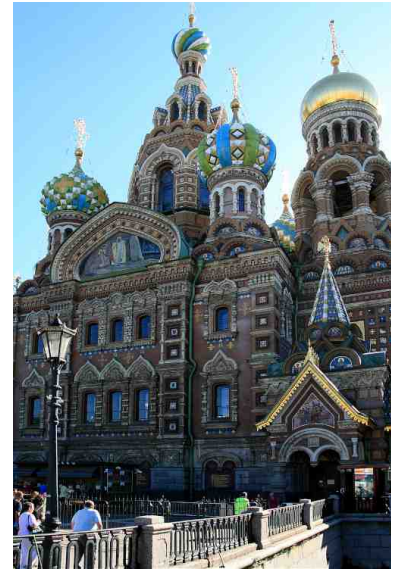
[Right] Peter the Great statue created by order of Catherine the Great (1729-1796).

To even outline St. Petersburg's importance to Russia would take many full Newsletters so here we will just highlight a few of the key places to visit in the city and its surrounding area. We start with the Winter Palace and Hermitage Museum [below].



The Neva River snakes through the city making a trip on one of the pleasure boats really interesting... The Peter & Paul Fortress [bottom left] dominates the skyline on the northern shore of the Neva River. This was the original citadel of Peter the Great's capital. The spire (123 metres) of the Peter & Paul Cathedral within the citadel. This contains the tombs of most of the Tsars.

Several small rivers flow into the Neva within the city and on the banks of one of these, the Moyka River, stands The Church of the Spilled Blood which marks the spot at which Tsar Alexander II was assassinated on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1881.



The interior [below] is just as stunning...



The palace was official residence of the Tsar from 1732 to 1917 when the revolution ended Tsardom. Now known as the Hermitage Museum, the palace complex is worthy of a day's exploration on its own.



[Left] Embroidered Imperial Emblem.

These are just a few tastes of St. Petersburg.



Other's nearby are just as stunning. Probably the Catherine's Palace, the Tsar's summer residence which is some 30km south of St. Petersburg, comes top of that list...



## Central Retford Neighbourhood Planning



Retford Business Forum and Bassetlaw District Council are working together to lay the



foundations for a new **business neighbourhood plan for Retford Town Centre**.

A neighbourhood plan is a way for residents and businesses to shape the way their local area develops, through the creation of locally-specific planning policies. If approved by the local community on completion, the plan becomes part of Bassetlaw's strategic planning framework, used to determine planning applications.

An essential first step is to set-up a **neighbourhood forum** to oversee the process, and expressions of interest to join this group are still being actively sought. For more information, including how to get involved, please see the details below.

Before work to develop the neighbourhood plan can begin, a formal application needs to be made and approved, identifying the boundary of the area (for a map of the proposed area go to the website at the foot of this article), and confirming that a neighbourhood forum has been established to manage the process. The aim was to have the application ready to submit by mid-November 2020.

The neighbourhood forum is required to have at least 21 members from the identified area. To this effect, expressions of interest are actively being sought from people who:

- Live in the area.
- Run or represent a business or organisation in the area.
- Live outside the area, but have a connection to it and are committed to shaping its future.

For more information, and to get involved, please get in touch; we look forward to hearing from you:

**w: [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/retfordtowncentrenp](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/retfordtowncentrenp)**

**e: [neighbourhoodplanning@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@bassetlaw.gov.uk)**

**t: 01909 533 533**

## HSE (Health & Safety Executive) Latest news

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. It prevents work-related death, injury and ill health.

### Hydrogen - Gearing up for FutureGrid

HSE is helping to safely deploy a pioneering project that aims to understand how existing gas transmission assets could be used to transport hydrogen in the future. The HyNTS FutureGrid Programme seeks to build a hydrogen test facility from decommissioned assets to demonstrate that the National Transmission System (NTS), Britain's gas transmission network, can transport hydrogen to heat homes and deliver green energy to industry. HSE, through its Safe Net Zero solutions, will support the project by independently reviewing the safety aspects of the programme.

### Electric cars - On the road to RECOVAS

HSE's expertise in battery safety is being put to good use in a project to create a new circular end-of-life supply chain for the electric vehicle industry.

Vehicle electrification is an important step towards decarbonising transport.

HSE is one of several partners in the RECOVAS project, which aims to provide a standardised and reliable route for recycling and repurposing lithium ion car batteries at a scale in preparation for expected future sales of electric vehicles in the UK.

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## Fake Covid Vaccine messages

Early in January reports were received from local law enforcement agencies that a fake NHS text message was circulating, telling people that they are eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Click on the link took you to a convincing fake NHS website that asks for personal details including bank account information. Any text message containing a link like this should be treated with extreme caution. The best way to find information from GOV.UK, or any other agency, is to visit that particular website via a trusted source (such as through Google or Bing) and do not click on links in unsolicited texts or emails.

There have also been reports of criminals making telephone calls and asking for payment over the phone before you can attend your vaccine appointment. **The vaccine is free. If you receive a call, please hang up immediately.**

## Covid-19 Guidance

To read all of the current guidance for the ongoing Covid crisis go to your **community website's home page**.

Here you will see Government and Nottinghamshire guidance along with links to World Health Organisation views as well as booking tests – and much more!

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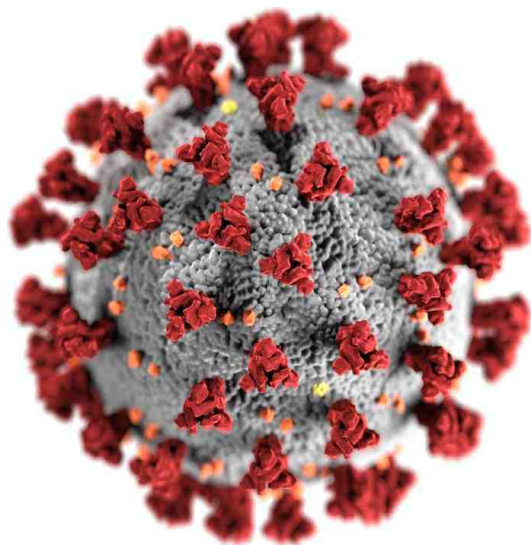
## The Covid Vaccine Challenges

UK's anti-Covid vaccination programme started with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine\* in early December, 2020. At that time the size of the task ahead was massive – some 12 million people over the age of 65 were the first target – and each of these would need to receive two 'shots'.

Across the world literally dozens of vaccines have now been given the 'green light' for mass vaccination programmes. *Sinoparm*, a Chinese company began mass vaccinations and had already treated more than a million people by November, 2020. In early December mass vaccinations also began in Russia.

With identification of a mutation of the Covid-19 virus in early December this became the focus of more research. At this early stage it is felt that the mutation would not make current vaccines less effective, however, research continues!

So how do vaccines work? The key is recognition of the protein on the 'spikes' of the virus – red in the image below. Vaccines mimic these proteins so priming our immune systems to respond if a real virus arrives.



The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine's active ingredient is messenger RNA that carries instructions for making the virus's spike protein which it uses to enter cells. The mRNA is synthetic – made in the laboratory – not derived from real viruses.

It is delivered by injection into muscle in the upper arm in a saline solution containing the mRNA suspended in an inert fatty particle known as a lipid nanoparticle.

Once in the body, the mRNA is taken up by specialist immune cells which follow its instructions, just as if they had suffered a real infection. The spike protein thus made is recognised as 'foreign' by the immune system which mounts an attack against it; antibodies, T-cells

and B-cells are activated. This process teaches our immune system to recognise the real virus and has learned how to defeat it.

Following hot-on-the-heels of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, the Oxford AstraZeneca\* vaccine followed in early January 2021. This has a somewhat different route to its protective properties. The genetic code for Covid-19 is extracted and then injected into a cold virus to make the Covid-19 spike proteins when it enters cells. This modified virus is then injected (this modified form is not able to reproduce inside the human body) and causes the body to produce antibodies for the spike protein. T-cells are also produced that search out and neutralise infected cells. The final result is an immune system primed to fight future infections. For more on T-cells, see our Winter 2020 issue, page 19.

The Oxford vaccine has one major advantage in that it can be stored at 'normal' fridge temperatures rather than the -70°C required by Pfizer/BioNTech's version. Shortly afterwards, a third vaccine was given the green light in the UK, this being one from Moderna\* which worked in a similar way to the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine. However, supplies of this vaccine aren't expected until 'the spring' but it has an advantage over the Pfizer/BioNTech version is that its shipping temperature is around -20°C, normal freezer temperature much like the Oxford/AstraZeneca version.

The key defeating the virus is now getting vaccination into full swing!

How long do these immune memories last? The short answer is that we don't know! However, this is on-going science research since the accelerated trials that led up to official 'release' of vaccines didn't last long enough to answer this question – yet. What about youngsters or pregnant women? Again, this is an unanswered question at the time of writing. Further trials are underway but have yet to report their results.

\*Pfizer is a US Pharmaceutical company and BioNTech is its German partner. Oxford's AstraZeneca vaccine is a product of Oxford University's Vaccine Group and AstraZeneca plc a British-Swedish multinational pharmaceutical company. Moderna Therapeutics is a US-based company.

## Did you know?

GP practices are run as businesses which are contracted to provide various services to the NHS.

In a letter sent to GPs on 9<sup>th</sup> November, NHS England said that it had agreed with the British Medical Association that the *Item of Service fee* for a potential Covid vaccine would be £12.58 per dose (and so £25.16 for a two dose vaccine). The letter also confirms that the fee for the flu jab would remain at £10.06.

These fees cover the costs associated with providing vaccinations, and are paid by the NHS to practices. It is used to pay for costs associated with providing the treatment.

According to the NHS, the fee for the Covid-19 vaccine is higher than the flu vaccine to cover associated costs "including training, the need for post-vaccine observation and any associated costs thereafter."

In England, GP practices are independent private companies that provide services in line with one of a number of contracts outlined by the NHS. Practices are usually run by a GP partnership.

The health think tank *The King's Fund* says: "This involves two or more GPs, sometimes with nurses, practice managers and others (as long as at least one partner is a GP), working together as business partners, pooling resources, such as buildings and staff, and together owning a stake in the practice business."

Practices have many different streams of income and many things they need to spend this income on, but the majority of it comes from a formula called *Global sum allocation* which is based on how many patients are on the practice's books, and their needs.

Practices also receive money for *enhanced services* which include the flu and Covid-19 vaccines.

**Editor**



**Editor**

## 1946-1947: A Winter like no other – well, until 1963!

The winter of 1946–47 was a harsh European winter noted for its impact in the United Kingdom which was only just starting to recover from the aftermaths of World War 2. It caused severe hardships in both economics and living conditions. There were massive disruptions of energy supply for homes, offices and factories. Animal herds froze or starved to death.

What confronted people was not only heavy, drifting snow, but bitterly cold weather in between the showers which froze the snow up to a metre deep in places. Some drifts were nearly two metres deep in Clarborough, and even a snow plough got stuck on one occasion!

The country was still living in the aftermath of war, coal was rationed, as it would be until 1958, with each family limited to 50 hundredweight (2,500kg) a year. This was when people still cooked on coal ranges and relied on coal-fired boilers for hot water. Coal stockpiles had been run down, and as rivers froze, ships carrying coal were held up. Power cuts were instituted and factories closed. Fences and garden trees became firewood. Domestic electricity was restricted to five hours per day in many places and some industrial supplies completely cut with fines or even imprisonment threatened for failure to comply! People shivered in chilly beds under layers of clothing.

### Food rationing still in force

Nationalisation of the coal industry, forming the National Coal Board on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1947, had only just come into effect which didn't help. The meat ration was reduced; the government compensated with imports of whale meat and a tinned fish called snoek - neither was popular. Local shops, the source of food supplies, tried to remain open if unheated – supermarkets were yet to appear in the UK. Hardship was further enhanced by the fact that many family members were away – still in military services.

The main cause of the cold weather was an anti-cyclone which sat over Scandinavia from 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1947. This high-pressure area blocked the progress of depressions across the Atlantic Ocean and forced them to the south of the United Kingdom, resulting in strong easterly winds which brought snow to eastern and south-eastern England before progressing across the entire country. This cold spell continued and by 30<sup>th</sup> January the overnight temperature at Writtle, Essex, was -20°C (-4°F). The easterly winds continued into February, which developed into one of the coldest months on record. At Kew Observatory there was no recorded temperature above 5°C (41°F) for the month and only twice was the overnight temperature above 0°C (32°F).

From 22<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> March in 1947, snow fell every day somewhere in the UK, with the weather so cold that the snow accumulated to great depths. The temperature seldom rose more than a degree or two above freezing, which meant that very little melt occurred and snow just piled up, layer upon layer, until great drifts were everywhere. There were several snowfalls of 60cm (2 ft) or more in a single night. Across Britain, drifts more than five metres (16 ft) deep blocked roads and railways. People were cut off for days.

In addition, radio broadcasts were limited, television services (for the very few!) were suspended, magazines were ordered to stop publishing, and newspapers were much reduced in size.

### Flooding followed

Throughout this period, Food Rations, still in force from the Second World War, were cut to levels lower than even in the war years. Frost destroyed 70,000 tons of potatoes and, as a result, potatoes were rationed for the first time. Some were extracted from frozen ground but required pneumatic drills to release them!

Mid-March brought warmer air to the country which thawed the snow lying on the ground. This snow melt rapidly ran off the frozen ground into rivers and caused widespread flooding.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March the River Idle had risen at a phenomenal rate, with a 30cm (one foot) rise in one morning, bursting its banks between Albert Road and Bridgegate. In West Street the houses were flooded, with people having to go upstairs with what furniture they could save. From Chancery Lane to the old Police Station was a solid stretch of water which lapped at the doors along the street. By the afternoon Kings' Park was flooded too. Across the UK, March became the wettest month in 300 years.

Editor

Your Editor unearthed some local insights into how the winter of 1946-47 affected Clarborough when making transcripts of Clarborough School's Log Books\* which included:

*15 Jan 1947 The stick shed is finished and in use.*

*4 Feb 1947 The roads are snowbound, walking conditions.*

*6 Feb 1947 Snow falling. One tin of milk was to-day taken from the emergency stock to supplement school dinners.*

*The B. Restaurant sent 1 tin of milk instead of custard to eat with stewed prunes. This was not enough to go round and the supply of potatoes had made only a meagre helping each.*

*7 Feb 1947 Weather and roads have been very bad all the week. Attendance poor on this account. Attendance 306, Average 30.6, Percent 73.*

*10 Feb 1947 Coal was to-day fetched from us for Hayton School.*

*21 Feb 1947 Snow again, conditions very bad. Further inquiry for coal for Hayton School.*

*26 Feb 1947 School was closed today as a snow blizzard stopped all transport. School lane had drifts waist high.*

*27 Feb 1947 Weather and road conditions bad. Attendance 24, Percentage 58.*

*School dinners cancelled – lane impassable. Emergency dinners used v. poor.*

*7 Mar 1947 There are 3 cases of whooping-cough, one contact.*

*13 Mar 1947 Another blizzard – roads are nearly impassable – attendance 56%*

*18 Mar 1947 This morning a large part of the classroom was under water. This flood was caused by melted snow-water running so quickly down the hill behind the school that it brought down mud and debris which blocked up the two grates. I closed school.*

\*The County Council will hold copyright in school log books and I am pleased to grant you (G.A.Herdman) permission to publish transcripts providing due acknowledgement is made to Nottinghamshire Archives Ref.: MSD/JS/101/1/3/08-2817



## Progress on local Flooding Issues

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council has been working alongside Nottinghamshire County Council and the Trent Rivers Trust on natural flood management schemes. Already a bund and pond have been installed and a series of other schemes will be put in place over the next 18 months with consent from the landowners. The plans are for 45 leaky barriers, 2 on-line storage areas and tree planting this winter; and more ponds and a large storage area before March 2022.

All this work takes place in the rain catchment area south and west of Clarborough and Welham with the aim of slowing the water entering the parish. The Parish Council is very grateful to the landowners who are cooperating with this initiative.

Bassetlaw District Council arranged to clear the course of Howbeck from Main Street down to the canal before Christmas. We plan to monitor this watercourse to try and ensure it remains clear.

The Parish Council is also liaising with Nottinghamshire County Council on another scheme which would ensure when Howbeck threatens to flood, the waters are also directed down a new culvert and under the canal. This scheme will require significant investment by the Environment Agency as well as Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire Councils and other agencies.

A description of the work involved in natural flood management is on the community website. Follow **Trent Rivers Trust's leaflet on Natural Flood Management** on the home page.

**Clarborough & Welham Parish Council**

## Market Hill. Byway 22

In the last edition of the newsletter we reported that the Parish Council is trying to ensure the repairs to the Market Hill Byway are not destroyed by inconsiderate use, particularly by off-road vehicles.

We have received an update from Nottinghamshire County Council's Rights of Way Manager which explains the actions that will be taken. There is also an encouragement to report illegal use to the police.

The Parish Council will keep the position under review to try and ensure this attractive walk remains accessible for pedestrians and doesn't deteriorate again after the extensive repairs that have been made. We will keep you informed of any details we can obtain about progress.

**Editor's note:** If Market Hill is a mystery to you, take a look at our community website.

Go to **Out-and-About ► Footpaths** and then click on the first map (**Clarborough Parish OS Map**) where you will see Market Hill and 22 running from Welham to the railway crossing off Whinleys Road. The **Clarborough East OS Map** has Byway 22 in considerably greater detail.

**"If you would like to know how it feels to be in hospitality during this Coronavirus pandemic, remember when the *Titanic* was sinking and the band continued to play.**

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## Clarborough & District W.I.

We are celebrating! (as best we can). This year is our **Diamond Jubilee!** Yes, for 60 years Clarborough and District WI has

been supporting each other and the community, learning and laughing along the way.

Normally by now we would have a calendar full of meetings and celebrations planned, but of course with the Covid situation that is all on hold. Let's hope that things ease in the summer when we will be ready to party. In the meantime our members are busy enjoying a large range of activities on zoom, including craft sessions and talks.

February marks an important date in the campaigns calendar. Members throughout the country will be displaying green hearts and those who can will pledge to do something to reduce their carbon footprint. This is all in support of the WI's campaign to fight climate change. If you read this article in time why not join in? Make a green heart - preferably from reused or foraged materials and display it on your gate/door/fence wherever in the week Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. It would be fun to see the villages festooned with green hearts on Valentine's Day.

If you are interested in finding out about any of the other activities have a look on the WI's website ([www.thewi.org](http://www.thewi.org)) or get in touch via our facebook page.



Nottinghamshire's Police & Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping, publishes a monthly newsletter, **The Beat**, outlining recent initiatives that he has been coordinating.

His December 2020 issue particularly focused on efforts to urge the public to show greater respect towards shop workers and retail staff. Incidents of violence and aggression against retail workers had doubled during the pandemic as a result of shopworkers being given greater responsibility to protect the public through the supervision of social distancing rules, the 10pm curfew and the requirement to wear masks. Retail workers play a crucial role in our communities and put their own safety at risk during the health crisis as key workers. It is simply unacceptable that they should face abuse while performing their job.

Paddy is always keen to hear from you – via any of these routes...

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# census 2021

**Census date will be Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**

## What is a census and why is it so important?

Every 10 years since 1801 (except in 1941 when no census was taken due to World War 2) the nation has set aside one day for the census – a count of all people and households. It is the most complete source of information about the population that we have. This data set allows authorities to plan all aspects of their provision be it health, education, finance (such as taxation, pensions, etc) – in fact everything!

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is responsible for planning and carrying out the census for England and Wales which are legally enabled by the **Census Act 1920**, as amended by the **Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007**. These make it a legal requirement for households to provide their information.

Every effort is made to include everyone, and that is why the census is so important. It is the only survey that provides a detailed picture of the entire population and is unique because it covers everyone at the same time and asks the same core questions everywhere. This makes it easy to compare different parts of the country. The information the census provides allows central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to target their resources more effectively and to plan housing, education, health and transport services.

Collection is being designed to make it easy and clear for respondents.

**The 2021 Census for England and Wales will be predominantly online for the first time.** In 2021, we have a target to achieve a 75% online return rate. We will provide a wide range of assistance to the public to encourage online completion, including a dedicated census contact centre, work with community groups, and work by census field staff on the doorstep.

We recognise, though, that some people may struggle with this. Therefore, we are proposing comprehensive arrangements to make sure that everyone can complete their form, whether online, on paper or even by phone.

Our aim is to deliver better quality, to make it easier for people to fill in the form and all the while being more efficient.

Information was just starting to be produced for the general population, so keep an eye on the news. However, to keep really up-to-date, visit the official census website at:

<https://census.gov.uk/>

## Footnote:

For full details of the legislation, Acts of Parliament and a range of Census Regulations, go to:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/censustransformationprogramme/legislationandpolicy>

## For Family Historians

A **Rule of 100 years** is applied to census data which means that nothing from its records may be made publicly available until 100 years after the census date. Thus, the 1911 census should have become available online in 2012 but special arrangements meant it was actually published to subscription accounts in 2009.

As noted, UK Census takes place every 10 years so the next one to be made publicly available should be the 1921 Census – probably within the next 12-18 months. For family historians – and many other interests – this will be a much anticipated event!

But what about other recent censuses? This is where history deals a real blow; the 1931 UK Census was completely destroyed in a fire in December, 1942. Although this was not attributed to enemy action, the cause of the fire seems to have remained a mystery. Whatever the cause, all of the 1931 Census records for England and Wales were destroyed although the Scottish and Irish records remain.

The 1941 Census did not take place because of World War 2 so the next one that will become available won't appear until around 2051 – watch this space!!

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## Staying safe with emails & phones

Emails are now the most common communication tool and because of the way we use them, they are potentially the gateway to our personal data – so keeping those safe is really vital. Here we will explore some of the simplest but most effective ways to keep your data secure.

### Account names

This is a common issue – don't incorporate any personal information in your account name – common issues include dates of birth – either the year or day/month.



### Setting – and renewing – passwords

The first point here is don't use the same password for different applications. If your password should be stolen, all of your accounts will be exposed in one shot!

**Don't save passwords on your computer!** Keep them somewhere secure!

**Banks, Building Societies** as well as Government and local authorities will never contact you by email asking for anything to do with your account or personal details – **that is legal policy!** They may contact you, as many do regularly, to inform you about changes that may affect you but will **never** ask you to give confidential information by reply.

One of the commonest scams comes from emails that purport to be from an official organisation but that has been copied by scammers. If you get an email that purports to come from, say, your bank, just put your pointer over the email's name – don't click, just hover. After a few seconds the name of the email sender will appear – if it is not the official email address (check your paperwork from the organisation) then simply delete the email.

### Take your time!

Scammers often try to rush you into making a decision. Common plays include threatening some sort of legal or financial penalty if you don't respond immediately..

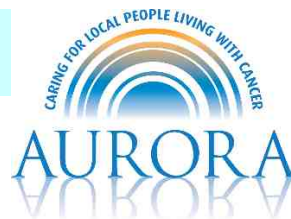
**Don't rush!** If you have doubts, hang up.

**Don't click on links unless you are sure the email is genuine.** The **best security advice is don't click on links in emails.** Better to go to the organisation's website and make contacts that way.

Check a sites **encryption** before entering vital data. If you look at the strip at the top of a website's page you will see its URL. If the page is one on which you enter card details or other personal data, the usual leading **http://** should change to **https://** - the 's' is critical; it shows that the page contents that you enter will be encrypted before passing on to the organisation. *Encryption* is the scrambled conversion of your data into a form only readably by an authorised

*Editor*

## Aurora Wellbeing Centre Bassetlaw



### Our Wellbeing Practitioners

continue to work remotely across the locality supporting people and their families with a cancer diagnosis or a long term health condition. They have a great understanding of how difficult it is for people due to Covid-19 and can support the individual needs of people affected by cancer their families and friends with advice, support and information.

**The Heritage and Health Project** at the Old Library Building is finally underway. Work began in December to transform the Grade II listed building to its former glory thanks to a National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant. Aurora's aim is to engage people affected by cancer their families and friends with heritage to support their wellbeing. Keep up to date with the latest news by visiting <https://www.aurorawellbeing.org.uk/workshop/heritage-health/>

**Run the Wall are fundraising for Aurora Bassetlaw** are stepping up their training schedule to prepare for a 90 mile run on Hadrian's Wall. The *Run the Wall* team were forced to postpone the original run date last year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The team have continued to raise funds throughout the year with many social distancing activities and online events across Bassetlaw taking place to raise much needed funds. Hope remains high that they can complete their aim to run Hadrian's Wall in May 2021 and smash their fundraising target of £50k to help support local children and families affected by cancer in Bassetlaw. For more information visit their *website: runthewall.co.uk* or visit their Facebook page *Run the Wall*.

Sarah Johnson, a PE teacher from Worksop, is the inspiration behind *Run the Wall* following her cancer diagnosis in 2019. Families and children when confronted with a cancer diagnosis face significant challenges and services can be limited and sometimes difficult to access. The money raised will hopefully be used to fund facilities at Aurora Bassetlaw for children to offer local people bespoke support that is focused entirely on meeting children's and family's needs as well as a range of services that will include counselling and emotional support delivered through activities and play in an informal setting"

**Aurora is a local charity and like many other charities has continued to offer support to the local community throughout the coronavirus pandemic.**

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## Asylum seeker support

What pictures come into your mind when you hear about asylum seekers? Young men trying to climb onto the back of lorries at Calais? Boatloads of people trying to cross the English Channel? Or the body of a drowned child on a beach? For three years I have volunteered with the Doncaster Conversation Club, helping support and integrate asylum seekers and refugees. We help people from across the world to understand colloquial English (rather than school English!) and help untangle the bureaucratic, cultural and health issues that they face.

The range of backgrounds and wealth of experience asylum seekers bring to our country amazes me. There are men, women and children, students, doctors, farmers, nurses, engineers, sports men - all sorts.

Why do so many people seek asylum? Different areas have different problems, ranging from war to Climate Change. In some places people in power steal other people's land, steal people's homes, imprison people, torture them, or force them to join Militias to terrorise and kill innocent neighbours. Frankly, what would you do if **our** government seized your home and possessions, tortured you, threw you in prison without charge or forced you to bear arms to kill your neighbours - personally I would run as far and fast as my legs would carry me!

So why are so many coming to Britain? Actually there are literally millions of asylum seekers, with the vast majority moving to countries adjoining their native land. For example the huge majority of refugees from Syria flee to Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon, despite poor conditions in refugee camps - only a handful come to Britain.

But why Britain? For centuries British people have moved all over the world, whether to explore, fight, settle or colonise. Despite all the bad things that have happened in the past, many people from other cultures now know the English

language, understand something of the British culture and so believe that they can have a safe and settled life if they move here.

Why do they settle in Doncaster? While our government decides whether individuals should have a right to remain in Britain, they disperse them to areas where housing is available and relatively cheap, such as in Doncaster. Sadly often the housing is crowded and of poor quality.

So how can we help? It is difficult to help people understand our culture, customs and language when we are all restricted by COVID-19. Nevertheless there is still a lot we can do to make their lives more bearable.

- An unused mobile phone can help someone start to rebuild connections with friends and family dispersed across the world.
- Unused bedding can keep a family warm in bitter winter weather.
- An unused bicycle can give hope that soon they will be able to cycle to do voluntary work, meet friends or for exercise
- An unused vacuum cleaner can help keep crowded housing clean

Mohammed, a refugee fleeing from the fighting in Syria. We have passed to him a bike someone has donated. You can tell from his smile that the future is getting brighter!



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Regular readers of our Newsletters will be aware that our local PCSO Dave Airey advises that his personal contact number should only be used for non-urgent advice, not for reporting activities or events that should receive an 'official' police response – criminal behaviour.



To quote from Dave's recent online Report:

Residents must be comfortable in reporting occurrences to our control room on **101** in order to receive the best, and real time, service from those officers who are on duty. When ringing 101 the first item which is asked is which Police force you require. This is because 101 is the non-urgent number for all Police forces throughout the country and the signal is picked up from where you are ringing from. In rural East Bassetlaw many parishes are located close to county boundaries, hence the first question. Then, you are asked if you know the person or extension number of the department you require. At this stage, just hold the line. After this, there are a number of options available. For reporting an incident or crime the option is option 7 – there is no need to listen to all the alternatives before selecting this option number.

So, to summarise, if you either witness a potentially criminal activity, or have found evidence of such activity such as damage to property or vehicle, then phone 101.

Some vehicles, particularly in the colder weather, are being left with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. These instances might only be occurring for very short periods of time, such as when visiting the local shop or, indeed, when collecting the vehicle from a garaged area. 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 their vehicles. Please do not be caught out as the consequences could be a long and stressful claim to the insurance company who may not honour the same due to the circumstances.

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## Investing in your Community!

The story of the impact of food shortage on the childhood of Marcus Rashford, before he became an international football star, has moved many people recently. At this time when many of us are celebrating the Christmas holidays with special meals, the Bassetlaw Food Bank helps us understand how we can help people in our community who lack the basic foods to turn their lives around....

The need for Food Banks has changed radically with the pandemic which hit us early in 2020. The impact of the crisis was massive both on supplies for the food bank to operate and on volunteer numbers. This meant there was a danger the Food Bank could not meet the needs of the community. Then something wonderful happened. The Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Services (BCVS), Bassetlaw District Council, (BDC), Centre for Sports and Learning (CSL) in Manton, all joined together with Bassetlaw Food Bank to create an Emergency Food Hub. This meant there was a central place to cope with the situation and to be there for people in crisis or impacted by the pandemic. All the organisations worked together to make the food hub work both in organising food sources and managing volunteers and a new and enthusiastic Food Bank Manager, Robert Garland took on the challenge of making all this work. Food donations have been daily coming in from a very wide range of individuals - some purchasing food from their birthday money, or collecting from their local street. Organisations such as banks, workplaces, #bassetlawtogether, as well as individual or family purchases made through supermarkets and then delivered to the Food Bank by the supermarket staff. Food donations are sorted by volunteers ready for distribution, which is also done by volunteers. While ideally we should not need Food Banks in Bassetlaw or anywhere in the UK, at this time of crisis for people in our own community, the Bassetlaw Food Bank is a fantastic community response.

If you wish to support the Food Bank work with a financial donation, we have a 'Just Giving' page setup (there is a link on the donate button on our web site : [www.Bassetlawfoodbank.com](http://www.Bassetlawfoodbank.com)) or you can get in touch via email [info@bassetlawfoodbank.org](mailto:info@bassetlawfoodbank.org) or via our Facebook page for details on how to donate food or to volunteer

**Kathy Cowbrough**



Congratulations to Lucy and her team at Clarborough's SPAR Store for their recent raffle and collection in support of Clarborough's Scouts – it raised £178.89.

**"For it is in giving that we receive."**

*St. Francis of Assisi (c.1182-1226)*

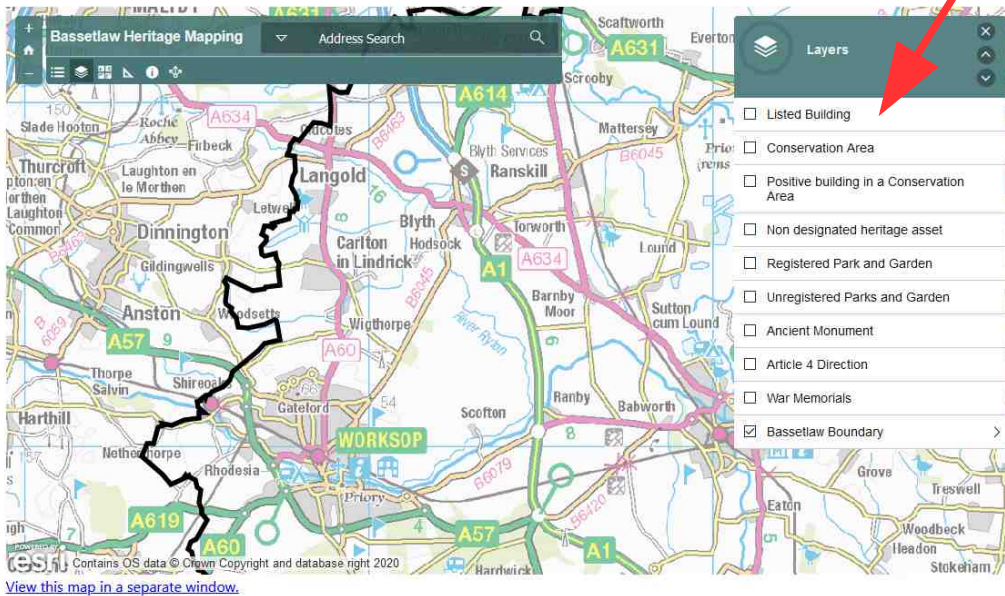


## Bassetlaw Heritage Mapping

Have you driven down Main Street Clarborough, Welham or Hayton and wondered what the old buildings you glimpse back from the road are? If so, go to **Bassetlaw's Heritage mapping** facility at:

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-services/conservation-and-heritage/bassetlaw-heritage-mapping/>

To cut out all of the typing required to enter this URL, simply do a Google search for **bassetlaw heritage mapping** to reach the above site page. The lower part of that page has the following map :



Clicking over the map [above] gives you the ability to drag the map and also zoom in or out over it to find the particular area that interests you.

At top left of the map you will see **Bassetlaw Heritage Mapping** and **Address search** box. The lower strip of this box has six icons – hovering over any of these reveals a little text of their function. The second from left, **Layers**, opens the menu shown above over the right of the map.

This menu has 10 categories of items: Listed buildings, Conservation Area, Positive Building in a Conservation Area, Non designated heritage asset, Registered Park and Garden, Unregistered Park and Garden, Ancient Monument, Article 4 Direction, War Memorials, Bassetlaw Boundary. The last of these is already ticked showing the thick black district boundary on the map.

When you click on any of the above categories, little black spots appear on the map showing where such places are to be found.

Clicking (accurately!) over a black dot reveals information about that particular place. Fascinating!

## Clarborough's St.John the Baptist Church

Choosing **Listed Buildings** from the **Layers** menu and then scrolling the map to the Retford area shows dots on Clarborough's Church Lane. A click on that dot opens a little pane of three linked items. The first of these is the church of St.John the Baptist, a Grade I listed building with the Grade II Old Vicarage and also two Grade II Chest Tombs available from the links at the top of this little pane.

This church is thought to have come into existence soon after the normal conquest around 1120 but the current building is based on structures originating in the mid-13<sup>th</sup> century.

For much more on the history of the church, visit our community website's **Local History ► Clarborough History** page where a link at the start of the second paragraph leads to an extensive article compiled by Southwell and Nottingham Church History Project.

When considering the nature of Clarborough it is important to note that until 1934 the parish stretched into central Retford (down Moorgate and Spital Hill). As the population of Retford grew, the population of the parish became centred there. A Chapel of Ease (now St.Saviour's) was opened in 1829. In 1934 that end of the parish became separate, so Clarborough's population shrank.

*Editor*

## Herd immunity – what is it and how do I fit in?

Herd immunity is a form of indirect protection from infectious disease that occurs when a sufficient percentage of a population has become immune to an infection, whether through vaccination or previous infections, thereby reducing the likelihood of infection for individuals who lack immunity.

In the case of Covid-19, the notion of allowing immunity by infection is unacceptable because of the dangers associated with this infection – herd immunity can only be achieved by vaccination. The percentage of people who need to be immune in order to achieve herd immunity varies with each disease. For example, herd immunity against measles requires about 95% of a population to be vaccinated. The remaining 5% will be protected by the fact that measles will not spread among those who are vaccinated. For polio, the threshold is about 80%. The proportion of the population that must be vaccinated against COVID-19 to begin inducing herd immunity is not known. This is an important area of research and will likely vary according to the community, the vaccine, the populations prioritized for vaccination, and other factors [based on World Health Organisation].

**The key is, get yourself vaccinated to protect everyone!**

## Bassetlaw District Council's Local Plan



At a recent Retford Business Forum meeting Karen Johnson was welcomed to the meeting to give an update on the Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) Local Plan. This plan covers the period until 2037 and is concerned with balancing the number of homes with employment in the area.

1802 houses are planned for Retford (+4% on target set in January 2020) – 7 sites are being identified (up from 3 previously) – Trinity Farms will remain in the plan; Leafield and Sandhills have been removed following objections.

The plan recognises Retford, Worksop and Harworth Town Centres with Worksop having a Town Centre Development plan proposed and looking to the Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan to provide the same focus for Retford. In town centres, the views of businesses need to be taken into account and the use of the upper floors of buildings, whether for housing or commercial purposes

Key infrastructure needs to be in place and there is a commitment to improving the public realm.

The closing date for the consultation was 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, which means it would have been open for 8 weeks.

Questions:

- What was happening about Tuxford? – Tuxford is currently undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. The Local Plan plans for one site at Ollerton Road for 90 homes; Ashvale Road has been removed following objections. All other housing in Tuxford should be planned for through the Neighbourhood Plan
- Do people moving into Retford have to stay for any period of time? – no people are free to move as they wish.
- What would be the mix of housing? - the Plan provides guidelines about types of housing relating to size of development project and the existing mix in the local area.
- How does the Retford Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan fit in? – Retford is a unique town centre and the views of its businesses and residents about its future will be important – it is important that residents engaged with both consultations so that the links between them are clear.
- Regarding cycling and walking, is there reliance on current infrastructure? – the Plan provides for new and improved walking and cycling routes linked to new development, including Ordsall South, Retford
- What about the rest of Retford outside of the Town Centre Neighbourhood Plan? – if cohesive areas want to form their own Neighbourhood Plan, they can – however engagement with the BDC local plan consultation should enable these areas to be represented,
- Transport services are important to outlying areas e.g. Ordsall South – what guarantees of support for residents will there be...especially young and older people? A subsidised bus service will be provided – the issue is that this support will taper down over time, new walking and cycling links will be provided as well.

- The new village adjacent to Babworth (from A1/A57 roundabout either side of B6420 down to level crossing) was discussed with 4000 houses planned (eventually); 500 initially. A new railway station and bus service are also planned with environmental issues being considered.

## Improvements to Little Lane

The surface of Little Lane is the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council. For over a year Clarborough and Welham Parish Council has been working very hard to get NCC to resurface the whole of the lane. The response has been that the lane is not a footpath but a bridleway and the surface is good enough for a bridleway.

As NCC refused to carry out the work the Parish Council decided to fund some repairs to the worst parts. The PC budget is not big enough to do the whole lane. NCC had to be consulted again. They agreed the PC could have the repairs carried out they did insist that they were done to their specification. NCC has agreed to make a contribution to the cost.

*Clarborough & Welham Parish Council*

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Tracey remains 'hard at work' although face-to-face meetings are not possible under current restrictions.

To keep up-to-date with the vast array of Nottinghamshire County Council services and initiatives, check out their website at <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>



**"The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger--but recognize the opportunity."**

*John F. Kennedy  
(1917-1963. 35<sup>th</sup> President of the USA)*



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## Alternatives to Microsoft Office – and more!

Your Editor has recently found it necessary to 'tick off' Computing Which? for seeming to concentrate only on either Microsoft or Apple systems and totally ignoring the *open source*\* movement. That seemed particularly odd given that Which? prides itself in giving members 'value-for-money'.

Readers will be aware of my Editor role of this Newsletter and webmaster of our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) and that I lead (when times get back to 'normal') our community IT Classes.

Those classes are built around open source applications which include both Apache **OpenOffice** (right)



and Document Foundation's **Libre Office**. The latter in particular is completely secure in both reading and writing Microsoft Office documents.



This latter fact is born out by my wide links for our community website (it has more than 220 pages) and draws information from local authority sources (Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire) as well as our MP, all Government departments, local Law-and-Order authorities, NHS, Education - the list just goes on and on.

Virtually all communications arriving in my office from these sources for either website and/or Newsletter inclusion in Microsoft Office formats but I have no problems in transferring them to open-source formats and vice versa.

The key point that I made to Computing Which? was, why spend probably a minimum of £120 on a newer version of Microsoft Office when you can get either – or both – Apache OpenOffice and The Document Foundation's LibreOffice for now!

These two applications are used to produce this Newsletter that you are now reading.

**Footnote:** Download links for both of the above office application – as well as other open source applications – can be found on our community website; go to:

**Local Groups ► IT Group** page from our site's home page and explore the lower half of the IT Group page.

These include:



**Gimp** image editor – used for all images in this Newsletter. Gimp's mascot is *Wilbur*!



**Audacity** sound recording and editing application.



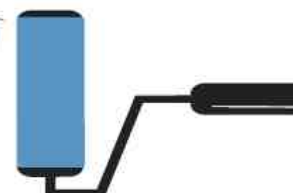
**Inkscape** vector graphics editor.

\*For a full discussion of the meaning of **open source**, type that into your web browser and look for the Wikipedia article. However, briefly, open source means that the so called source code used to create computer applications is freely available for inspection **and** copying – hence the free aspect of all open source applications.

*Editor*

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## Keep up-to-date; your community website is key!

Updated every day with information from the likes of Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire Councils, Libraries and Archives, Voluntary Services, Primary Care Networks, Education, Law-and-Order... the list goes on and on!

Our website has more than 220 pages which I try to keep up-to-date from the vast wealth of information that flows in from the likes of those above – and many more.. With so much changing almost daily I have tried to keep the site's home page as a pivot point with articles of more long-term nature residing in their appropriate pages – just explore that and then the long menu on the left of our home page.

Our website is certainly popular as the site statistics below show – the key point is probably that shown in the Daily average visits.

Summary by Month  
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	Hits	Views	Pages	Visits	Sites	RDYs	Visits	Pages	Views	Hits
Jan 2021	578	520	169	26	44	53981	26	169	520	578
Dec 2020	5982	3687	308	146	1631	5348816	4543	9572	114320	185448
Nov 2020	5277	3858	275	163	1730	4905406	4904	8270	115752	158317
Oct 2020	4177	3760	278	150	1603	4411796	4679	8646	116582	129493
Sep 2020	4442	3659	367	231	1846	3883870	6953	11034	109795	133279
Aug 2020	5365	4324	320	159	2165	5262876	4959	9925	134051	166343
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Jun 2020	4166	3681	217	125	1634	4048453	3770	6511	110451	125005
May 2020	5092	4021	213	107	1687	3392067	3328	6613	124659	157873
Apr 2020	12291	4812	263	114	1663	3070717	3436	7898	144369	368735
Mar 2020	9973	7021	320	174	2644	4869461	5412	9923	217679	309168
Feb 2020	5106	4682	218	135	2975	3690401	3929	6346	135791	148085
Totals						48224975	49648	92648	1441476	2017613

We keep this up-to-date on our website – go to the **Version Details ► Website statistics** page. An average of more than 100 visitors daily is pleasing!

A quick way to find our site is to just enter **clarborough** into a Google search; our site usually comes up near the top of the list.. Enjoy!

Editor

## Return of historic Canberra to flight

To get the full picture go to our community website's **Local History ► Vulcan to the Sky** to read much more about how the Trust is working at Doncaster/Sheffield airport.



## Retford Cycling Campaign



We need better attractive, connected, safer, direct, cohesive infrastructure that helps people on foot, cycles, and wheels enabling people of all life stages, ages and abilities, to get from A to B.

Retford Cycling Campaign, is a new charity raising issues with decision makers in local business, charities, and government for walkers, cyclists and people of all abilities. Our aims are to promote and lobby for better infrastructure, to support safety, education and encourage people to use sustainable transport, which opens up a new world of independent transport to many people of all ages and abilities.

We consult with the local community on what their needs, and wants are, and balance those with the demands and constraints of what can be delivered through communicating and collaborating with and raising awareness with local, regional and central government, and other local organisations.

You can find more about us on Facebook via <https://www.retfordcyclingcampaign.org> and you can find responses to our surveys at : <https://survey2020.retfordcyclingcampaign.org>

Stuart Thomas

**Editor's note:** A 26-page presentation by RCC can be viewed on our community website; go to **Out-and-About** and then **Cycling**.

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## Village Hall Bookings

Clarborough Village Hall is a modern, attractive and accessible venue for all sorts of activities and events but has, unfortunately, had to remain closed since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March, 2020.

Our hall is managed by Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA) who are a registered charity. **CDCA's committee is desperately in need of new members since our team has shrunk to just 5 individuals who are managing the hall under guidance from the Association of Communities in Rural England (ACRE).**

ACRE's most recent (2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020) guidance makes it clear that halls can only open for very limited purposes, mostly driven by the need to host just single 'bubbles'. These rules also make any physical activity-based events impossible since the 'rule of six' also applies.

We can but hope that the national vaccination programme will soon allow us to move to reopening our hall.

Please keep an eye on our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) and particularly the **Village Hall** page for the latest situation.

When reopening our rates will be surprisingly reasonable - £12.50 per hour for casual hire and an amazing £40.00 for 4 hours for a children's party booking. This usually allows 1 hour setup, 2 hours for the party and 1 hour for tidying up. Please feel free to contact us on **07530 532 185** or email us on [clarboroughvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughvillagehall@gmail.com)



**"Let China sleep, for when she wakes, she will shake the world."**

*Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)*

## Good Reads

Anyone who took up my suggestion in our last Newsletter of Greek Myths Retold will have appreciated Stephen Fry's retelling of classic tales. Now comes his follow on, **Troy**. This volume, some 400 pages, retells the story of the origins of the fabled city of Troy before concentrating on its war with the Greeks of Agamemnon.

Two appendices explore the historical links with the myths. Stephen Fry's **Troy** is available as:

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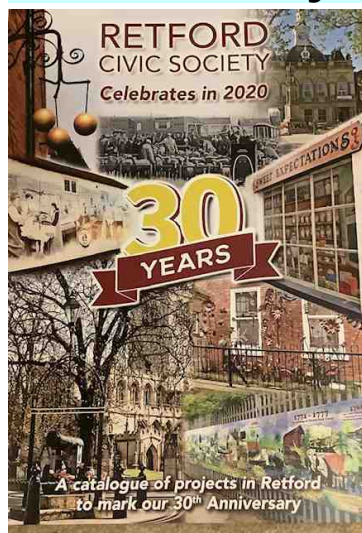
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Editor

## Retford Civic Society Celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



At the end of 2020 Retford Civic Society celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the publication of a booklet detailing the 80+ projects it has completed in the town to date.

The 24-page, full colour, photographic catalogue of its achievements was delivered to all members in December 2020.

Due to Covid restrictions, our usual meetings and social events have not been possible, but the

Annual General Meeting was held on Zoom and the Committee regularly meets in this way to plan for the future.

For Retford Civic Society membership details, please contact Pat on 01777 704 154.

For details and delivery of a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Booklet please contact Derek on 01777 702 929 or email [rcs@retfordcivicsociety.org.uk](mailto:rcs@retfordcivicsociety.org.uk)

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## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

8<sup>th</sup> February

22<sup>nd</sup> March

26<sup>th</sup> April

24<sup>th</sup> May

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall but during Covid-19 are Zoom meetings; see Agendas on community website's **Parish Council ► Meeting Dates & Agendas** page for links to these virtual meetings.

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, 2022.

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