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From the Editor

the air at December's Christmas tree lighting as members of the Clarborough Village Ventures drama group launched this years production of The Snow Queen.

> Join Gerda as she travels to a land of snow and ice in search of her lost love Kay to bring



him home from the Snow Queen's frozen palace. Follow her journey and watch as she meets fairies, polar bears, a reindeer and even a crow or two! Will her friends catch her in time to help or will she have to face the Snow Queen alone? Don't miss out on this heartwarming performance in Clarborough Village Hall from Thursday 16th-Saturday 18th February (tickets available from SPAR Main Street Clarborough). See page 10 for more.

We would also encourage readers to visit your community website (see foot of this page) on a regular basis. We post all of Dave Airey's complete, monthly, police reports there (follow Law & Order ► Local Police Reports) as well recent news from the Home Office. The site's homepage has one-click access to local weather reports, but also links to masses of other useful local and national information – currently the site has more than 170 pages and services more than 2000 pages every week (not 'hits' which run into the hundreds of thousands every month).

Finally, we would bring parents and carers of students from Year 11 to Post-16 to note the flow of information that starts with the students' invitation letter to BIBA17)page 2). Part of that event on 8th March will be focused on bringing parents and carers up-to-speed with the vast range of career opportunities that are out there. Current plans have Retford Post-16 Centre's huge array of providers targeting parents and carers from 18:00 – 20:00 on Wednesday, 8th March, 2017.

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BIBA 17

"Big Ideas, Big Ambitions"
Wednesday 8th March 2017
Retford Post 16 Centre
Old Hall Drive Retford DN22 7EA

Dear Student,

I am delighted to support "BIBA 17" – the Big Ideas, Big Ambitions event to be held from 13.00-20:00 at Retford

This is a Careers Convention for all young people, parents and carers across North Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and beyond, and I would encourage you all to attend. There will be the opportunity to hear inspiring speakers, discuss further education, training opportunities and university places. You will be able to take part in workshops, learn about apprenticeships and different employment sectors. There will also be a wide range of information, advice and guidance to help you make informed choices about your future.

This is more than a Careers event, it could be a life changing experience – and there will be some super prizes to be won. You will be able to book your attendance through your tutors.

I look forward to meeting you in March.

Yours sincerely

S. Farncombe

Clir Sarah Farncombe Bassetlaw Young People's Champion

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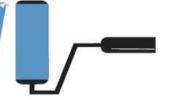
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Post 16 Centre on Wednesday 8th March 2017.

Muddy Fork Receives Generous donation from Clarborough & Welham IT Group



[Above] On behalf of the Clarborough and Wellham IT group Kaye Locke, Vice Chair, presented a cheque of £100 to Dominic Schad of Muddy Fork.

This took place on Sunday 23rd October, 2016 amid the bustle and excitement of the Idle Valley Autumn Fayre when Kaye Locke handed over the cheque to Muddy Fork at their information stand. "Our IT Group had a little money left over" she said, "and as we'd heard of the good work that Muddy Fork had already achieved, we thought of you". Muddy Fork is a much needed new charity in Bassetlaw which engages people with mental health needs, such as

anxiety, depression, PTSD, and work-related stress, in social and therapeutic horticulture. It's a free service and is based at the Idle Valley nature reserve near Retford. Activities include growing fruit and veg for the Idle Valley café, bee keeping, and growing willow and making baskets, all supported by experienced volunteers.

"We are delighted to receive this valuable cheque for £100" said Dominic Schad, founder and CE of Muddy Fork. "Social and therapeutic horticulture is an effective, and cost effective, alternative to mainstream



treatment options. Your £100 donation will be most useful in helping us get set up as one of our very first purchases will be a computer and printer. So it seems entirely appropriate that this £100 comes from your group! Thank you all very much indeed for your generosity."

For further information about Muddy Fork, please visit www.MuddyFork.org or contact Dominic at DomSchad@MuddyFork.org

Dominic Schad

Clarborough & Welham IT Group

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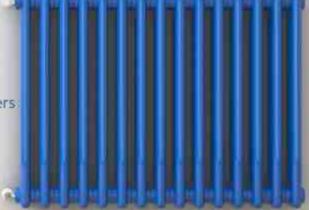
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County Councillor Liz Yates

A very Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a lovely Christmas.

We are now embarking on the year 2017, with a lot of unknowns facing the country, Brexit being the main one.

In Bassetlaw our own big issue has been the decision by the District Council to join the Sheffield City Region (SCR) Combined Authority. All through last summer you will be aware of the campaign asking for a referendum, organised by the Retford Action Group for Equality (RAG4E). I wrote in this newsletter some time ago with more details and why I personally supported their petition. Just before Christmas we had the good news that the High Court had deemed that the SCR consultation was unlawful – basically because the fundamental question asking people if they wished to join with the SCR or not, hadn't been asked of local people, with the judge saying that something had seriously been wrong with the consultation.

It was Derbyshire County Council (DCC) who took this to the High Court as they were concerned that Chesterfield Borough Council (CBC) had also applied to join the SCR, so it can be assumed the application cannot go ahead without a proper and meaningful consultation first taking place. There still remains the issue of NCC and DCC requesting that the Secretary of State does not allow both Bassetlaw and Chesterfield to join at all, with another different route towards devolution being found. That is something we all need to be mindful of during the next weeks and months of 2017.

I am happy to talk to any resident about the above, or any other issues they have, contact me on 01777 860 219 or email cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk



The W.I. exists to educate women, to enable them to provide an effective role in the community, to expand their horizons and to develop and pass on important skills. W.I. Clarborough & District W.I. recently hosted the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party which saw

94 people enjoy a great event!

Meetings usually take place on the second Monday of each month, in Clarborough Village Hall from 19:00 for start at 19:30.

Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us at any time of the year.

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Lee checked both fire alarms, in the hall and upstairs on the landing. He found one had dead batteries and the other was very old although still working. Both were replaced with new fire alarms each with guaranteed 10 year batteries. Meantime Simon asked me various guestions to check the safety of my home and to ensure I knew what to do in the event of a fire. Prevention is better than cure! So now I shut the doors downstairs before I go upstairs to bed. It is reassuring to find the likelihood of a fire here is very low, and also that if I ever need to phone for fire rescue, the engine should be here within five minutes. The visit and the new alarms were free. I strongly recommend that you ask for a visit too. Just phone 0800 022 3235 for a Fire Home Safety Check,. You will be asked to complete some paperwork to check you are eligible for a free visit so go to their website https://www.nottsfire.gov.uk/home-safety-check first to check your current needs.

Elizabeth Davies



Retford Hub on Churchgate is the centre for local artists

(regular free exhibitions) and local artisans. The Hub also hosts a range of classes and has recently installed a dedicated Tourist Information terminal.

Outstanding local fundraising!

Lucy, Rose, Manager of our community SPAR Store, has co-ordinated collections for a number of good causes recently.

£800 has been raised for football kit for Clarborough Primary School. £200 came from SPAR, £150 from our

Parish Council and £250 from Clarborough Village Ventures. Lucy also organised the recent appeal on behalf of The Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund which raised £482 of which £100 was donated by Clarborough & Welham IT Group. [Right] Greg Herdman, Chairman of Clarborough & Welham IT Group with Lucy at the



cheque hand over outside Clarborough's SPAR store.

Editor

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Clarborough Christmas Tree Lighting Event - reprise!

Some 200 people from the Parish and beyond counted down for the switch-on of the Christmas Tree lights on 7th December 2016, led by Lucy Rose, manager of the SPAR Shop in Clarborough.



[Above] Lucy with 'partner in crime' Kim Clark, supervisor.]

The tree lights in Welham, also provided by the Parish Council, were switched on during the same evening. For the Welham lights, great thanks must go to Richard Kaye who provided power for these lights for the benefit of everyone.

Both before and after the switch-on the crowd were entertained with singing by Clarborough Primary School children. Santa made his appearance next, with small presents for all the children who were there. He had the help of elves who accompanied him from Lapland, or, more likely, just across the road from the SPAR Shop!

The crowd then descended on the stalls in the Village Hall where a wide variety of seasonal goods were on offer, as well as food and games. Hot food was served outside with light refreshments served inside. The Parish Council

provided free Mulled Wine for each adult who wanted it. Some of the visitors donated money for the Mulled Wine which was added to that collected from stall holders in fees for their table. This totalled £96, which was donated to Bassetlaw Hospice under the Gift Aid rules to make it worth about £120 to the Hospice.

The Parish Council hope everyone attending enjoyed it!

Paul Willcock, Parish Councillor



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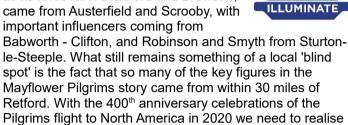
Beat that? They did! ILLUMINATE Pilgrims Festival gets better every year! The 2016 events exceed the success of 2015

on the way to the 400th Anniversary in 2020.

From an inspiring art exhibition and fascinating talk at Babworth church to the closing presentation at Retford Town Hall... The week was filled to the brim with the stories and celebrations of the region and heritage - our 'Mayflower Roots'.

The United States of America traces its origins to the people aboard the Mayflower and recognises the Pilgrims as its forebears. Bradford and Brewster, came from Austerfield and Scrooby, with important influencers coming from

just how much our area will be a focus!



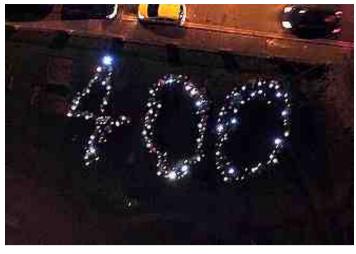
On Thursday 24th November there were candle-lighting services during the day at the 'Pilgrims Churches' in Austerfield, Scrooby, Babworth, Sturton-le-Steeple, and Gainsborough (United Reformed Church). That evening, St Swithun's Parish Church in Retford welcomed all to a Civic

Service. Rev Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin [right], Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Chaplain to the Queen, Priest Vicar at Westminster Abbey and Priest in Charge of St Mary-at-Hill near Monument, gave the address and spoke powerfully and movingly about tolerance and caring. Retford Post 16 Centre drama students performed an insightful interpretation of

'Separatists, Rebels and Religion' written and dramatised by Anna Scott and Neil Thornhill.

Worksop College Choir, VOX, and the North Wheatley Choir 'Songbirds' sang inspirational songs as part of the service, which told the story of the Pilgrims' decision to leave England and seek a new life overseas.

The service began with candles being brought from churches at Austerfield, Scrooby, Babworth, Sturton-le-Steeple and Gainsborough (URC) to provide one light as remembered in William Bradford's words 'as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation.' All those who took part in the Civic Service gathered in St Swithun's churchyard to create a '400' image again using lights to illuminate the shape in the darkness. This is part of the national Mayflower 400 campaign led by Plymouth in Devon, England where towns with a connection to the Pilgrims Story are encouraged to create an image based on light referring to the Bradford



quote. Plymouth created the first '400' in 2014, and Retford has participated in 2015 and 2016.

A Civic Reception followed in the Town Hall at which John Mann MP, gave an inspiring speech on his commitment to the Pilgrims Story and its beneficial relevance to Bassetlaw. He also revealed that he had invited Richard Gere and Bruce Springsteen to visit Bassetlaw's commemorations – it remains to be seen whether they will attend.

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Refugee Crisis Europe: Muslim Charity Response In Greece

Since the beginning of the refugee crisis in 2015 Muslim Charity along with its partners has provided assistance to incoming refugees in Lesvos Island and Athens by providing essential items like sleeping bags, canned food



along with other humanitarian support. To date thousands of refugees have received humanitarian assistance in Kara Tepe and Moria camps in Lesvos Islands as well as the Oinofyta and Thermopiles refugee camps in Northern Greece.

In November 2016, Muslim Charity invited donors to its "Refugee Crisis Europe" appeal to accompany its delegation to Greece to oversee humanitarian work being done thanks to their generous donations. The delegation visited Greece from 1st to 4th November 2016 and alongside visiting the work being doing by Muslim Charity's partner organisations, a visit to the Oinofyta and Thermopiles refugee camps was conducted where Muslim Charity provided non-food items (sleeping bags, warm clothing, winter raincoats) and other logistical support for the refugees in need.

Muslim Charity has partnered with Médecins du Monde (Doctors of the World) in Greece to provide non-food items and medical support to refugees in Greece. At Muslim Charity we understand and appreciate the efforts of the Greek government and civil society organisations in assisting the refugees and people in need despite the difficult economic situation the region finds itself in. As a British charity we are extending our hands of support to Médecins du Monde in their great humanitarian initiatives of provide essential health and other services to meet the needs of people affected by war and crisis.

Speaking at a joint press conference at the Islamic Art Museum in Central Athens on 4th November, Mr Kanakis Nikitas (President of Médecins du Monde) stated, "We are greatly appreciative and thankful to Muslim Charity and their donors from the UK who have contributed towards the humanitarian assistance of refugees in Greece. The cooperation between Médecins du Monde and Muslim Charity is not just positive for the refugees but is also important as it breaks the stereotypes growing in Greek

society with regards to Muslims and we therefore are proud of this partnership."

Mr Maroof Pirzada (UK Director of Muslim Charity) commented, "Having visited refugee camps over the past two days, our delegation has heard the harrowing stories of death, torture and terror as refugees with their children and families migrated from war-torn regions in search for safety. From within these stories, we also found sentiments of hope for a better future particularly from the young children and we hope to return to the UK and convey these messages to our donors and stakeholders."

Although the government of Greece and civil society organisations are making all the efforts, the needs for the protection of refugees and access to services are beyond available resources. Thousands of refugees are still stranded on Greek islands and there is limited safe and acceptable accommodation to host asylum-seekers pending their decision. With the complete closure of the main Balkan route there is need to provide basic services to the stranded refugees across Greece, therefore, Muslim Charity is making its efforts to raise awareness and funds for the refugees in Greece. Muslim Charity is planning to extend its cooperation with Médecins du Monde to provide primary health care and other necessary services for refugees in the future.

Maroof Pirzada



Editor's note: Muslim Charity is based at Eaton Hall, just outside Retford.

Writing, to me, is simply thinking through my fingers.

Isaac Asimov 1950-1992 Science fiction author



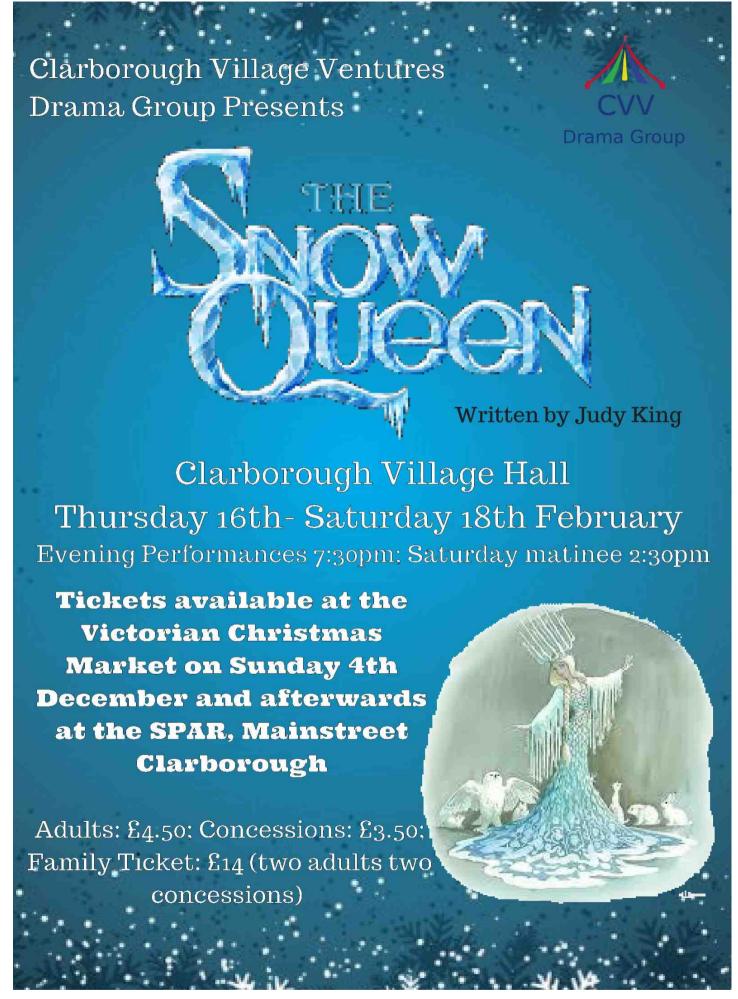
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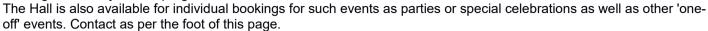
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Clarborough Village Hall

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.





	Post Office	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Parish Council
Monday	9.00 – 12.30 Halford room	10.00 – 12.00 Table Tennis	14.00 – 16.00 Indoor Bowls	19.00 – 21.30 Women's Institute (every second Monday in the month) Kurling (alternate weeks)	9.30 – 12.30 Parish Office (Not Bank Holidays) 19.00 – 22.00 Parish Council meetings as published.
	9.00 – 12.30	10.00 – 12.00	13.30 – 15.00	19.00 – 21.00	
Tuesday	Halford room		I.T Group (Both rooms) School term time only.	Table Tennis	
Wednesday	13:30 – 17:00	10.00 – 11.30 I.T group	14.00 – 16.00 U3A Table	17:30-18:30	
	Halford room	(Both rooms) School term time only	Tennis 16:00 - 17:00 Dancing	Keep Fit	
Thursday	Closed	10.00 – 12.00	14.30 – 15.30	17.00 – 18.00 Beavers	
Thursday	Ciosea	Dancing	Dancing	18.00 – 19.30 Cubs 19.30 – 21.00 Scouts Explorers School term time	
Friday	9.00 – 12.30	10.00 – 12.00	16.00 – 17.00		
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Saturday		Table Top Sale (1 st Saturday of each month)	Gardening Club (1 st Saturday of each month)		
Sunday	Closed		16.00 – 17.00		
			Dancing		

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General

By the time you read this, the Referendum - *due on 2nd February 2017* - may have been held and the result known.

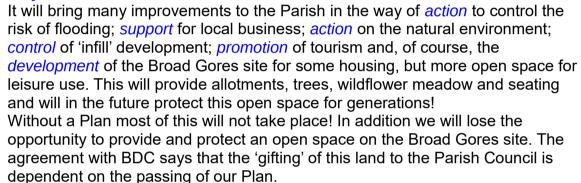
If this edition reaches you before 2nd February then the Steering Group urges you to vote in the Referendum. *It is the biggest development in the Parish for 40 years and deserves your attention.*

Examination



The Examiner Recommended some changes to the Plan but these actually produced very little change in content. The Steering Group and Parish Council approved the changes, the Steering Group considering these changes clarified and strengthened the Plan.

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The Referendum Plan

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Letter to the Editor

Could something please be included in the next newsletter about parking on St Johns Drive, the bin man couldn't get through this morning due to the inconsiderate way people had parked. There was one evening last week too that the road was blocked due to cars parked on both sides. Not good if someone needed emergency services.

Clare & Richard Turner

Editor's note:

The above was received on 16th November, 2016, just after your Editor had noted that our bin hadn't been emptied and set me hunting through back issues of this Newsletter because I knew we had published advice from the emergency services on just such an issue. I finally found the article in our Autumn 2013 issue on page 3. If you want to read it in full, go to our community website's Newsletter page where back issues are available.

The important point that comes from that advice that specifically addresses Clare and Richard's last point; if emergency vehicles need to get through, they *will* get through and if, in the process, your vehicle is damaged or causes damage, you will be liable and it is highly likely that your insurers will refuse to pay any claim you may make.

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Clarborough Indoors Bowls Club

Chairman Roy Collett recently presented Beryl Middleton with the Winter Tournament Cup.



Hayton Village Hall 50s Night

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Law School

In this issue, we are printing Dave Airey's monthly report almost in full rather than the key bits that we usually include. We do this to emphasise the detail he includes and to encourage readers to visit our community website where every month's report is published (Law & Order ▶ Local Police Reports from the home page).

So, over to Dave:

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

The reported crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/12/2016 and 31/12/2016 were:

- Burglary Dwelling: 1 (Bole)
- Burglary Dwelling (Attempted): 2 (Bole & Clarborough)
- Burglary Other: 1 (Littleborough)
- Theft from Motor Vehicle: 1 (Clayworth)
- Theft Other (Attempted): 1 (Clayworth)
- Theft of Pedal Cycle: 1 (Sturton le Steeple)
- Criminal Damage Other: 1 (North Leverton)

So far this year, from 01/04/2016, there have been sixty six crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with forty nine reported in the same period last year. As such, nine months into the tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crimes of interest in that period of seventeen crimes. In December 2015 there were no crimes of interest reported across the whole beat area for that period. This tends to show just how unpredictable and random occurrences of this type can be, particularly around serious acquisitive crimes.

Regular readers of my monthly Police report will notice that there has been a spike in crime on this beat area in the last month, particularly around burglary dwellings, including attempts of the same. There was an increase in burglary dwelling crimes reported across East Bassetlaw over a two day period in December, around the 28th and 29th of that month. Investigations are on-going in relation to these reported crimes. A Nottinghamshire Police Alert was sent out by a colleague of mine, to those registered on the system, to advise local parishes of these happenings.

This spike in reported burglary dwelling crimes reminded me of a similar period in early January 2015 where the parishes of Beckingham and Walkeringham, in particular, were targeted. Offenders were arrested for those crimes. Following the Christmas period and, in some cases, visits to January sales events, please be careful in how you dispose of unwanted packaging. Do not advertise to criminals what new items have been purchased to enhance the look of your home.

Some auto crimes are being reported across adjoining beat areas, and historically across this one, which could be prevented by adopting basic security measures around vehicles. Vehicles are still being left insecure overnight

and, in a lot of cases, items, which are attractive to criminals, are being left inside on full view to the same.

There are criminals out and about who randomly visit villages in order to check on vehicle insecurities. They will try door handles of vehicles of vehicles parked on the public highway or on private driveways.

Some vehicles, particularly in the colder weather, are being left with the keys in the ignition and the engine running. 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.

This month there have been seven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, of various incident types, across the whole beat area. This compares with six reported incidents for November 2016 and four reported for the same month in 2015. The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/abandoned vehicles and wildlife/animal issues. Very few of the anti-social behaviour incidents this month, and in previous months, are youth related.

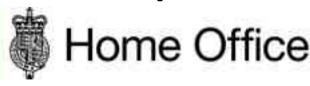
The control room continue to receive reports from community members of sightings of suspicious persons, vehicles and activity across the beat area. These calls are important to us all and do help in keeping reported crime figures low, when compared with adjoining beat areas. Contact numbers for the local beat team can be found on the posters displayed across the beat area in the shops and village notice boards.

My contact number is 07525 226 838 and my E mail address is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk PC 1695 Bill Bailey is the beat manager for this area. His contact number is 07910 336 844 and his E mail address is Bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters – including seeking advice and/ or information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their vigilance, support, interest and help over the last twelve months and wish you all a happy and prosperous 2017.

Best regards PCSO 8139 Dave Airey



With national and international law-and-order issues constantly in the news, also check out our community website's dedicated page of updates from the Home Office. Clarborough & Welham are on the map! We get regular updates from this key Government department.

Editor

Clarborough & Welham Newsletter Spring 2017



In the Autumn term Ofsted visited Clarborough Primary School. The visit to the school on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMI) of Education took place on 27th September. It

was a short inspection, carried out since the school was judged good in December 2011.

The HMI found that the school continues be good.

The Inspection key findings were:

- Pupils experience a varied curriculum and enjoy many opportunities to learn outside the classroom.
- There is a culture of high expectations and high levels of support for all pupils.
- Pupils attend more regularly.
- The education provision for pupils in the Early Years is effective.
- More pupils than the national average achieve the required standard in reading in Y1.
- Pupils make good progress in both Key Stage 1 and 2, from ages 5 to 11.
- Pupils who have special educational needs and/or disability receive high quality bespoke help, so that they succeed rapidly and want to attend school.
- The school is aware that pupils are hungry to learn, and pupils in Year 5 & 6 said that 'every lesson was exciting!'
- Pupils say the best thing about their school was the respect that they are given, that teachers listen to their views and these views are acted upon.
- Pupils are emphatic about how safe and well cared for they feel in school.
- Bullying is unusual. It is dealt with promptly and effectively by teachers, if it takes place.
- The support and work of the governing body is good.

The full report can be found by going to the school's website (http://www.clarborough.notts.sch.uk) and then choosing the Parents drop down menu and then Ofsted Report. A link is clearly shown on the resulting page to take you to the Ofsted report in full.

Richard Bunn, Head Teacher

Snowdrops Galore Spring is coming!

Come and enjoy carpets of snowdrops and a bowl of hot soup at Bolham Manor, Retford, DN22 9JG.



This 3 acre garden is open for the National Garden Scheme on 12th February 11:00 until 15:00. Admission £3.00 Children free.



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Pam Barnsdale

In today's Britain, middle age is from 25 to 75.

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Bassetlaw District Councillor, Kath Sutton

As usual I would like to give a huge thank you to everyone in the villages who gave the Clarborough and Welham residents such a wonderful Christmas.

From the Victorian Market to the Christmas Fayre and tree lighting, Senior Citizens Tea Party. organised by the WI to the Kings Arms sing along with the Rev. Mark Cantrill, it was a joyous time and makes you so grateful to live here.

At the last Bassetlaw District Full Council Meeting in December the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group patiently sat through the whole meeting-they were the last item on the agenda - so that they could enjoy the success of four years hard work and note that the plan had been successfully examined and a Public Referendum arranged for 2 February 2017. The Group were thanked by Bassetlaw District Council and told that the turnout by villagers for various consultations proved to be the highest in the area. Well done everyone!

Do contact me if I can assist in any way. Telephone (01777) $709\ 034$

Kath Sutton

Clarborough Gardening Club seasonal thoughts

January is usually the coldest and wettest month and although it might not look very inviting to be going outside and walking round the garden, it can be a rewarding experience. It might still be too early for snowdrops to be making an appearance, but Hellebores are now in bud, and the first flower of this plant, named the Christmas rose, is a joy to behold. Old leaves should be cut back, both to discourage disease and to enable the new flowers to be seen.

Try to remember not to walk on frosty lawns as this will burn or scorch the grass, causing the footprints to appear as black or brown patches. If the grass looks waterlogged



you could take the opportunity, on a fine day, to spike the lawn with a garden fork or a mechanical aerator.

Mole activity increases in January and February so try to remove the largest hills and reseed the bare patches.

There are many jobs to keep us busy this month, both inside and outside.

Clean pots ready for use later on in the

year and clean out the greenhouse. Move any snow from the roof to prevent damage and ensure good light penetration.

Seeds of begonia, salvia and pelargonium can be sown now, if the greenhouse is heated.

Sweet peas can also be sown this month. Those sown earlier in the Autumn can now be potted on, remember to take care so as not to disturb the root system.

Keep raking borders to keep them weed free and tidy.

Plant your vegetable crop rotation for the coming season. Why not try growing something new and exciting. Chard is an amazing plant, with bright yellow and red stems - it looks good in the garden and tastes even better!!

Remember to keep putting plenty of food and water out for the hungry birds and above all - Enjoy your garden!

Dorothy King

Lest we forget

Regular readers will be familiar with Pete Cox's honouring the memories of men from Clarborough, Welham, Hayton and Clayworth whose names appear on Retford's War Memorial.

Here we remember Charles Grant who died on 12th November and John W.Stephenson who died on 12th April 1917.

Editor

If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.

Isaac Newton (1642-1727)







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T-shirt for a year!

Our Winter 2016 issue recorded Clarborough & Welham IT Group's donation to Friends of St.Giles School. What we didn't have space for was to describe Victoria's extraordinary one-year journey, Over to Victoria.

Half Way Day, Day 182, 31st August

The journey I started on 3rd March, 2016 will end on 2nd March 2017 – not long to go now!. I'm wearing my Phelan Lucky t-shirt for one whole year, 365 days, to raise awareness of my daughters rare genetic condition; Phelan-McDermid syndrome.

Emily, our youngest daughter (4), is one of just over 1,300 patients diagnosed with this condition world wide. It's a condition that leaves her with severe developmental delay, she's non-verbal, has low muscle tone throughout her body, she has autistic traits and she is prone to seizures. The journey so far has been pretty incredible. I take a photo and publish a Facebook

(www.facebook.com/365daysphelanlucky) and Twitter (@TeamFeddo) post everyday to show people I'm wearing the t-shirt and to give information about the syndrome to help create more awareness. I've had support from all over the world as well as support here closer to home and from councillors and politicians.

I wear this t-shirt everyday without fail so any formal or



informal event that's taken place over the months I've had my t-shirt on. I've attended a masquerade ball, a fancy charity function for Changing Places (one lady just thought I was being a rebel not wanting to wear a fancy dress till I explained, then she wanted to support), a wedding, a christening and on the other end of the scale every school run or anytime I walk out the house, it's on.

I wash the t-shirt (phew!!!), but I have to be selective about when I wash it. If I wash it too much the t-shirt deteriorates more quickly (it's already very faded and the lettering is

beginning to crack so I'm being very careful), I have to make sure I don't need to leave the house and remember to allow for drying time as I can't tumble dry it, it's a complicated process in itself!!

On the up side not having to think about what I need wear each day is brilliant, that's probably the easier part of the challenge and I'm saving a little on clothing bills. I've received so much support from people near and far. The sponsorship target I set myself of £2213 has been smashed and the funds are still flooding in. I'm raising funds for PMSF UK (Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation UK), who provide so much support and strive to improve the lives of effected children and their families. My sponsorship page is:

https://www.justgiving.com/Phelan-Lucky

I marked the Half Way Day of the challenge, Day 182, by wearing half a hair do, half a face paint and had half a cake made for me. It's been wonderful reflecting on the achievements of the past months and I'm so excited about what's still to come.

Emily's taught us so much as parents. Her strength and determination amazes us, we're so proud of her and everything she achieves. I feel it's my role as her mother to be a voice for Emily and her Phelan-McDermid brothers and sisters. Awareness + Knowledge = Acceptance.

Victoria Feddersen

We're raising awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome **pmsf.org.uk**

Brindley Anniversary

This year too is a historical milestone. It is the 300th Anniversary of the birth of James Brindley who was the initial surveyor of the Chesterfield Canal among many other waterways. It is being celebrated nationally as "Brindley 300" by many organisations like the Inland Waterways Association and the Canal & River Trust. It is very significant to us here in Retford. James Brindley had dined with the Rev. Seth Ellis Stevenson and his family here before setting off to survey the Caldon Canal. It was there that he was taken ill and died in 1772. He left the two men John Varley and Hugh Henshall to complete what he had started. The legacy which we enjoy today as the popular waterway through the Clarborough has therefore been in existence and working since 1777. When we realise that the Emperor Napoleon was just a boy of eight in that year, and that our own Hero, Lord Nelson had only just joined his first ship as a 12 year old midshipman, it does give one pause for thought.

Linda Davies





Move to webmail

We are sometimes contacted by people who feel stuck with an internet service provider they don't like, simply because they have an email account with them.

In such cases, we advise moving to a free webmail service, such as Gmail, Yahoo.co.uk, etc. Webmail lets you read, send and receive emails all from inside a web

browser. You can log in to access it from any computer, tablet or phone - anywhere. This also makes it ideal for folks who are constantly on the move. Also, crucially, setting up webmail accounts cost nothing!

A really good example of just such flexibility surfaced a while ago when we took a holiday in South America. Our desktop computer had been behaving rather erratically, so we arranged with Chris Guest, our regular 'servicer', to take our machine for the three weeks we would be away. All went well until I awoke suddenly on our first morning in Lima, Peru, to realise that I'd not given Chris my computer's desktop password! Not much he could do with it without this vital bit of information. However, that's where webmail came in. I used the hotel's internet cafe to get online, then searched for Gmail. Logging on to my account was 'as per usual'. I then e-mailed Chris's business e-mail address with my password. Job done and no need to worry for the rest of the trip!

To help you make the move to webmail, Clarborough & Welham IT Group have a set of worksheets dealing with Gmail accounts, one of the most popular webmail providers.

A further point often missed by people switching to (or even having been using one for a while) is that we can set up several different accounts. In your editor's situation this helps to keep family-focused e-mails separate from community-related items. In fact we did set up a third account that is simply used for training within our class situation – and all for nowt!

Editor

I cannot forecast to you the action of Russia. It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)



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- 5. 1942 film starring Humphrey Bogart & Ingrid Bergman.
- 10. Colloquial 'Dad'.
- 11. Shouted the news in medieval streets.
- 12. Metal containing mineral.
- 14. A souped-up cheese on toast, popular in Wales?
- 16. Second longest river in Iberia.
- 17. To perform an action.
- 18. Double-reed wind instruments.
- 19. Elgar's famous variations.
- 22. Verb meaning to copy illicitly or without acknowledgement.
- 23. One word form of any person.
- 24. Texting 'over to you'.
- 25. Wood chopping tool.
- 27. Noun; what is owed to one.
- 28. Chemical symbol for the element Lithium.
- 29. The world's largest island; Danish-linked.
- 30. A conjunction used to link alternatives.
- 31. Middle Eastern Empire of the Bronze and Iron ages.

Down

- 1. East coast resort and Paul Simon 'fair'.
- 2. Groups are called droves and the young, leverets.
- 3. White ...; pub in old Retford.
- 4. Number of strokes a good player would take in golf.
- 6. Local centre of Mayflower Pilgrims.
- 7. Cloth or plastic round a child's neck to protect clothes when feeding.
- 8. Dutch city that was first stop for Mayflower Pilgrims.
- 9. Anglicised name for German city Köln; smells nice too!
- 13. Mediterranean island, Napoleon's first exile before St.Helena.
- 15. A person who settles a dispute or has ultimate authority in a matter.
- 17. One of a large group of highly toxic chemicals polluting the environment.
- 20. Spiral-horned antelope native to East Africa.
- 21. Used by a speaker to refer to oneself.
- 23. A business or organization providing a particular service on behalf of another business, person, or group.
- 26. Long, narrow sea inlet with steep sides or cliffs.

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- in a public place
- in a private place, eg a neighbour's house or garden
- in the owner's home.

Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone
- makes someone worried that it might injure them
- A court could also decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if either of the following apply:
- it attacks someone's animal
- the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal

A farmer is allowed to kill your dog if it's worrying their livestock.

You can be given an on-the-spot fine if you don't clean up after your dog. If you refuse to pay the fine, you can be taken to court and fined up to £1,000.

Phone Box

Sometime ago Heartbeat Trust adopted the Clarborough disused phone box they intended to installed a defibrillator. Some local residents beat them to it as they raised funds and have had a defibrillator installed at the SPAR shop therefore the phone box needs another use. Heartbeat Trust has offered the phone box back to the community. To restore the phone box back to its former glory shall cost a substantial amount of money. The Parish Council are looking for suggestions for what the phone box could be used for before deciding if to go ahead with adopting and refurbishing the phone box. Please submit your suggestions to the Parish Council before 27th February.

Phil Gibson, Chairman Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

27th February 3rd April 15th May

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, 2018.

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

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Article from Loughborough University's December 2016 issue of their Alumni Magazine.

Dates for your Diary

2nd February: Clarborough Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

13-17th February: Nottinghamshire schools half-term.

16th **-18**th **February:** Clarborough's Pantomime **8**th **March:** BIBA17 at Retford Post-16 Centre.

3rd - 17th April: Nottinghamshire Schools Easter holiday

3rd - 6th May: Oliver at Retford's Majestic Theatre

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