

# Clarborough & Welham Newsletter

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### From the Editor

**W**hy do you like living in Clarborough or Welham? This question has figured quite large in recent surveys that will underpin our developing Neighbourhood Plan.

**C**ommunity comes through as a key answer – people feel 'part' of a wider group. Specific reasons vary – some speak of the excellent Primary School, others of low crime rates, while others appreciate our semi-rural environment. Others again speak of ease of access to national communication links – even a local airport.

**W**hatever the reasons, it is clear that we have a lot 'going for us' but also some significant issues exemplified by such constant topics as low bridges and by-pass and flooding risks. The ongoing discussions by Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are working to put flesh on the bones of these ideas, but beyond the formalities, *community* depends more than anything else on the people making it up.

**A** quick scan through the 20 pages of this Newsletter, reveals how much is planned for and by our community over the coming months. Also, how much history forms part of our heritage and how many opportunities there are to get involved. And there lies the real point of all of this – being *involved* in our community extends from the simple, cheerful, 'good morning!' when neighbours get their cars out to volunteering at our Primary School, Village Hall or Village Ventures (to name but a few).

**Late News! Public events for revised proposal for Maumhill wind farm by EDF Energy Renewables (EDF ER) at Sturton Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May. See our website for details.**

Our Newsletter can only really highlight a few items and many (such as that above) come in at short notice. To keep up-to-date readers need to visit our community website regularly. With over 130 pages and updated almost daily, can you afford to ignore it?

Since our last issue, our website has delivered an average of more than 7000 pages downloaded every month and **now figures as number 2 in any Google search for 'Clarborough'** – we just need to beat Wikipedia now!

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

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### 2014 Newsletter deadlines

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 (Autumn issue)**

**27<sup>th</sup> October (Winter issue)**





## Tragic local World War I story

The following poignant letter provided by Annette Burton (nee Cobb) regarding her grandfather sheds some light on one of the war graves in St. John the Baptist church:

*I beg to certify the Gunner William John Cobb, No.96,153, served overseas in my section of the 15<sup>th</sup> Battery, RFA (Royal Field Artillery) from May 1917 to April 1919.*

*To my own personal knowledge he suffered during the whole of that period from the effects of gas poisoning, but with a high sense of honour and much gallantry, persistently refused to report himself as a casualty. I have frequently seen him spitting blood as a result of his being caught in a gas shelled area and remember distinctly that on questioning him about it he replied that he had "always done since he was gassed". On one occasion, subsequent to a heavy gas bombardment by the enemy at the time of an attack on our lines in the Arras sector in June 1918, he was seized with a violent burst of bleeding apparently from the lungs. I personally conducted him to the dressing station at Blangy and handed him over to the medical officer in charge, who stated that he was suffering from gas poisoning. In less than a week's time he returned to the battery and said he had been at the C.C.J. at Aubigny and had left as he "felt alright" - again taking up duty with the guns.*

*It is my impression that when Gunner Cobb was a casualty in fact, at a time previous to his joining my battery he was then a 'gas casualty' and treated in hospital in the U.K. as such.*

*There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that Gunner Cobb's fatal illness was the direct result of his suffering from cronic (sic) gas poisoning acquired during his service in France and further, that his steadfast devotion to duty, in spite of his disability, and his continual refusal to report himself a casualty while able to carry on, contributed largely to his actually laying down his life for his country. He was certainly one of the finest and most courageous soldiers I ever knew.*

H.B.McKinty

(Late Lieut. 15<sup>th</sup> Battery R.F.A. and Acting Adjutant 36<sup>th</sup> Brigade R.F.A.) B.L., B.Com. A.C.H.

29<sup>th</sup> August, 1922

William John was just 25 years old when he died in 1921. He left behind a widow, Edith and a son George Cobb who was then just 9 months old. This same

George subsequently served in the Second World War and was a Japanese prisoner of war for 4 years before being released.

The R.F.A. was founded in 1716, its motto, UBIQUE, surmounting the gun, means 'Everywhere' and QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT, below the gun, means 'Where Right and Glory Lead'.



Ongoing research by Annette in association with Retford Library's Family and Local History Group is aiming to 'flesh out' the story of the short life of William John Cobb. To date the only fairly firm result is a GRO death reference for the **March quarter, 1921: Cobb William J 25yrs E.Retford 7b, 7**

which agrees with a Retford Times report of his funeral.

A chemical note: it is likely that William Cobb suffered the effects of phosgene (COCl2) poisoning. This was the most common gas used in WW1, attacking exposed surfaces and the lungs but often not killing immediately.



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## Clarborough Festival 2014

Clarborough Village Ventures will be holding their 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Village Festival on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014**. The festival will begin at 10:00 around the village hall and its playing field as well as the Kings Arms car park. This year the festival will include vintage vehicles and tractors, steam engines, stalls to browse, lots of games for children plus, of course, our **Annual Dog show**; which is quickly gaining a reputation as the place to be seen with your canine companion!



Register your dogs at 12:00 - the show will start at 13:00. Let your creatively run wild at the children's Fancy Dress competition which will begin at 11:30 with the exciting theme of 'Super Heroes'. There's food and drink available, ice creams, a barbecue and beer tent. Feel the beat with the Harworth Drummers at 10:30 and 11:30. Lynx Martial Arts Academy will be showing off some of their amazing skills in the main arena at 12:30. Admission is free! So come along, join in, take part, and have fun! Looking forward to seeing you all, in the sunshine of course. If you are feeling lucky there is the prize draw, with first prize of £100 to our lucky winner!

If you are looking for something fun to do on those long summer nights, then why not come to our **Summer Dance on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July** at the village hall from 19:30 until late? Entertainment by local band the **Juke Box Giants** with a hot supper of filled jacket potatoes and a bar will be available. The admission fee is £5 per ticket, tickets for children under the age of 12 are free.

Finally, this year's **village pantomime** went down a treat with audiences from near and far, well done to all involved. Planning has already begun for 2015 and new people are always welcome. So if you fancy slapping on the grease paint, painting backdrops, creating costumes and 'props' or just helping out, keep a look out for more information at the village festival, just another reason to join us for such an enjoyable event.

Daniel Pattenden



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## Sport Relief 2014

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March the whole school took part in the Sport Relief fundraising event.

Children and staff came into school dressed in either sports wear or dressed as their favourite sports personality in return for a voluntary donation of £1. Sports activities were then held throughout the day in all classes, culminating with a whole school 'cyber coach' session in the hall and then sports activities on the field. Over £124 was raised for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations.

## Car parking (a polite reminder)

Please can we remind you that the school car park is only for use by staff and official visitors. It is NOT to be used to turn around or drop off pupils in, as this practice presents a significant risk of harm to pupils coming in to school and could potentially lead to a serious or even fatal accident.

Alternative parking is available at the Village Hall and there is now a path leading directly to the playground, across the field.

Breakfast Club is also available to use from 8.30 onwards, for £1 a week, for which your child can also have a slice of toast and jam. This would help you avoid the 'rush' in Hillview Crescent. Places can be booked through the office.

## Clarborough student gives her support to the CAL Campaign



Elizabethan Academy student, Vicky Booth, was determined to make a difference when her friend, Callum, tragically lost his life in a cycling accident last year.

Vicky joined forces with her fellow Elizabethan Academy student counsellors and Callum's family to form the CAL (Cycle Awareness Logic) Campaign. They aim to make students who cycle to the academy aware of safe cycling and to aid this they have produced a Six Point Cycle Code.

Students at The Elizabethan were asked to design a logo for the campaign, using Callum's favourite colours, red and yellow, which are symbolic of his passion for Liverpool FC. The winning logo now fronts the campaign and has been printed on the T-shirts, which the campaigners now wear to promote CAL.

The campaign was launched in January with the support of Retford Police, Retford Fire Service, The Retford Times, Halfords of Worksop and Councillor Ian Campbell, who is also passionate about making our roads safer for cyclists and helped to kick-start the



campaign's fund raising by donating a £250 community grant. This combined with the money raised by students through various fund-raising events, has taken the total for the campaign to over £1000.

Vicky said "We are so proud of what we have achieved so far. We have worked hard on this campaign, but it has all been worth it, in memory of Callum. Our aim is to make sure nobody else has to go through what we've had to go through, this past year. The next step for the campaigners will be to work with primary schools to promote safe cycling and help to keep children safe on the road."

**Vicky Booth**

## Clarborough's New Spar Store

First of all we'd like to tell you a little about our family business. Our business was founded in 1997 when we bought the post office and newsagents in Ordsall, Retford. This store was very traditional and despite being a fantastic business in it's time it was in desperate need of modernisation. Between the years 1999 and 2006 we, as a family worked from open till close and did all we could to drive the business forward as independent retailers not affiliated with a brand, but by 2005 the business had stopped growing. So in 2006 we decided to take the plunge and invest heavily in our store and use Londis as our trading partner. Londis and Spar are, in simple terms, a warehouse and a marketing package to our business with fantastic training programmes. We are still a local family business that make all our own decisions but we have the support of these multi national super powers. This allows us to deliver prices that are comparable to the supermarkets whilst still ensuring we conduct our business with that extra care that only a local family business can create.

In 2008 we purchased the store on Wesley Road Retford and immediately developed it into a Londis store. This store then reached the final four of the national small store of the year awards in 2010 and 2011 but unfortunately failed at the final hurdle. In 2012 we purchased the old Joiners Arms on London Road, Retford and developed it into another Londis store. Yet again this was a great success and in February 2013 we finally lifted the crown of the small Store of the year award.

In the summer of 2013 the London Road store reached the short-list for the NACS world convenience store awards which really put Kings Family Stores of Retford on the retail map. Consequently off the back of all the trade press we were seeing all the famous brands of our industry chasing us which made us feel very humbled. Spar being the worlds largest food retail chain obviously got us excited and after months of analysing we feel really excited of what they can bring to Clarborough with their fantastic range and prices.

We are aiming to open at some point in early May. In order for this store to become a success we will need your support. We really look forward to meeting you.

**The King Family**



**Kings Arms Yard, Main Street  
Clarborough, Retford**





**Liz Yates**  
**County Councillor**



Although there are one or two ongoing issues, such as the proposed 40mph speed limit on Tiln Lane/Smeath Road (Lane), which as I write I am waiting for a response from the County Council officers, the main topic at the moment is around coal bed methane gas and shale gas extraction.

This is something that has made a big impact on some of our communities, with people's opinions being very much divided. We live in a democracy and people have a right to demonstrate and that is how it should be, people also have a right to an opinion and whether it is against or for this new technology, I hope those views are respected. The extraction of shale gas uses the method of 'fracking' where the shale under the ground is fractured and let us hope that if this does come to the district, that is all that is fractured and not the communities themselves. I will try and explain what has been happening so far.

A planning permission for test drilling a bore hole to obtain samples from the coal bed deep in the ground, was granted in 2009 at a site near Daneshill Lakes. This had an extension to that permission in 2012 for a further three years. Early this year Dart Energy, who have a

licence to carry out this process are now about to start drilling. This should take 4/6 weeks when they will vacate the site which will be returned to its previous state.

If the samples prove it is viable to extract the methane, the process of obtaining a licence, permits, clearance from the HSE and a planning permission from the County Council, with a final permit from the Department of Energy and Climate Change, would start all over again. The same procedure would have to be followed for 'fracking' if a company wished to do this. We have all heard that Central Government is becoming very concerned about a looming energy shortage and they are supportive of gas extraction from the ground, saying that renewable energy would not meet the shortfall that is expected to occur. This has led to several anti-fracking groups starting up around the country who have the support of many residents. Equally, many residents also support gas extraction for many reasons. My position is that I will support any resident by way of advice on the procedure, whether they are for or against.

While this is happening we have also seen a number of wind-farm applications and solar farms – none in early autumn last year but now approximately eight, either in place, going through the planning process or proposed for the near future.

I am more than happy to talk to anyone who has concerns or questions about any of the above. I am briefed very regularly by officers at the County Council with any developments, but I am not an expert on the matter. If you have a question I can't answer I will get an officer to contact you.

**Liz Yates**

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**Cyril Getliffe's Majestic Theatre**

On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Retford Library will be presenting **Cyril Getliffe's Majestic Retford Theatre**, a talk by Harry Foxley.

Mr Foxley will be describing how the theatre was created by Cyril Getliffe and became a cinema in 1911, through to its post-war demise and escape from demolition by the dedicated efforts of Retford volunteers.

Mr Foxley says "The name Cyril Getliffe seems now to be all but forgotten locally, and yet he was virtually "Mr Entertainment" in the town for more than 30 years, owning four theatres among which, "The Majestic", was a plush theatre in the tradition of Victorian and Edwardian entertainment, in addition to being the largest at that time in the county"

Harry Foxley's illustrated talk will begin at 19:00. Tickets are £1 which will include tea and coffee. There will also be a bar.

**Booking is essential; Retford Library (01777) 708 724 or email [retford.library@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:retford.library@nottsc.gov.uk)**

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- Tuesdays either 13:30-15:00 or 15:15-16:45
- Wednesdays 10:00-11:30

for just £15 per 5-week block. Laptops are provided although some bring their own. The next block of classes began w/c 21<sup>st</sup> April (still time to join!) with further blocks scheduled for w/c 16<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 with more to follow.

Topics are based on members demands but are initially aimed at 'Absolute Beginners', although given our small groups and good pupil : tutor ratios, these can also accommodate much more advanced topics. Need to get to grips with Windows 8 or your iPad?

**So, if you haven't got a computer, or need to get the best from it, get in touch now!**

Last Autumn our Group decided to sponsor **three trophies** to be presented to Clarborough Primary School for recognition of outstanding pupil progress and achievement in Literacy. These will be presented in school assemblies for the first time towards the end of the Summer Term, 2014.

For more details about classes, facilities and calendar, see Clarborough & Welham IT Group's dedicated website at [www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk](http://www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk) or get in touch with Greg on (01777) 700 918 or [clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com)

Details are also posted on the noticeboard just inside our Village Hall along with...

### Clarborough & Welham IT Group AGM

Notice is hereby given that Clarborough & Welham IT Group's

**AGM will be held at Clarborough Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2014**

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 14:50

## Neighbourhood Plan updates

### Neighbourhood Plan – Good News 1

The Public Meeting held in the Village Hall on 17 March attracted about 40 visitors. Light refreshments were available and the Steering Group were pleasantly surprised at the length of time people stayed to consider and express their likes and dislikes about the villages and to put down their thoughts on the issues which should be included in the Plan. A large display outlined the process of a Neighbourhood Plan which is laid down by law. The display laid out the advantages to the villages of having a Plan. Members of the Steering Group were on hand to discuss those issues visitors thought should be included in a Plan and those visitors were given the opportunity to record their views. An outside observer considered the evening to be a great success.



**The comments from this and the other 19 meetings will be analysed to inform the basic issues within a Draft Plan.**

### Neighbourhood Plan - Good News 2

The Neighbourhood Plan now has a website at [www.clawenp.btck.co.uk](http://www.clawenp.btck.co.uk) which will be updated regularly and will include notices of all new events to be held in relation to the Plan as well as having background information and links to wider Neighbourhood Planning information. This will not, however, be the only method of communication with residents and businesses. The usual ones of posters, leaflets, e-mail ([candwnp@gmail.com](mailto:candwnp@gmail.com)) and telephone (07530 141 533) will also still be used.

### Neighbourhood Plan – Good News 3?

Would Brenda Goodwin, who completed a questionnaire for the Neighbourhood Plan at the Pantomime, please contact the Steering Group at [candwnp@gmail.com](mailto:candwnp@gmail.com)? She will hear news which will perk up her day!

**Paul Willcock**

**I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.**

*Last words of Edith Cavell (1865-1915)*



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## Care.data plans on hold

NHS England's 'Care.Data' scheme was about to commence in March, which meant that data about you held by your GP would be released to the Health and Social Care Information Centre to be joined up with hospital data about you, unless you opted out.

Healthwatch Nottinghamshire was one of a number of local Healthwatch to report concerns to Healthwatch England about the lack of clear and understandable information that had been made available about the scheme and what the data would be used for. Healthwatch England took our comments on board and publicly called for NHS England to delay the scheme by 6 months.

We are pleased that on the back of this, NHS England agreed to delay the scheme for 6 months. This is a big win for the Healthwatch network and a great example of what impact Healthwatch can have on a national level. We hope that Healthwatch England will continue to work with NHS England to ensure that improved communications are completed over the spring so that the scheme can go ahead later in the year. See also: <http://www.healthwatchnottinghamshire.co.uk> where you can keep up-to-date with everything.

**Note:** Your own **Healthwatch Champion, Chris Herdman**, is available to advise at any time – see page 10 for contact details.

## Dave Airey's latest Police Report

Contrary to what we might believe from the tabloid press, anti-social behaviour is pretty rare and becoming even rarer in our neck of the woods. To quote Dave:

*...seven years ago there were 192 reported incidents across the beat area. This full year, up to 31/03/2014, there have been eighty two similar incidents reported across the beat area.*

*With the clocks moving forward by an hour, and the weather significantly improving, this is usually the signal for an increase in anti social behaviour across the division. In light of this, could I ask parents/guardians to be aware of where there children are during the evenings and in what kinds of activities they are involved.*

*On the flipside, I also ask residents to be tolerant – and, with that, I do appreciate that we all have different tolerance levels. Being tolerant does not mean that anti social behaviour has to be put up with. Anti-social behaviour can be described as any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life.*

*However, don't assume that all groups of young people are up to no good. Often calls about anti social behaviour are simply misjudgements of intentions. Most young persons are just looking for entertainment, not necessarily to cause alarm and harassment to their local community.*

**See our community website for Dave's full, monthly, Reports in the Law & Order section.**

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### **...and, promotion for Dave?**

Well, actually no – even though this was written on 1<sup>st</sup> April. I am sure Dave won't object to us using this space to provide the Home Office with a window into Clarborough & Welham. If readers visit our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) and go to the **Law and Order ► National policies** pages, you will be able to read Mary Calam's news each month and follow the links embedded in her article for much more background information. For now, here is her latest article:

On 6 March, Mark Ellison QC's independent [review](#) into possible police corruption in the original Stephen Lawrence murder investigation and of deployment of undercover officers against the Lawrence family was published. The Home Secretary commissioned Mark Ellis to carry out this review in 2012. In her statement to parliament, the Home Secretary said the report's findings "are profoundly shocking and will be of grave concern to everyone in the House and beyond." She announced there will be a judge-led public inquiry to investigate undercover policing and the work of the Metropolitan Police's special demonstration squad (SDS). This inquiry will start after the conclusion of the criminal investigation and Mark Ellison's further work to identify possible miscarriages of justice. The Home Secretary also stressed how important it is that public trust and confidence in the police is maintained, and mentioned some of the specific measures that have been taken, such as the College of Policing's Code of Ethics, the expansion of the Independent Police Complaints Commission and an HM Inspectorate of Constabulary review of anti-corruption capability of police forces. You can read the Home Secretary's statement [here](#).



To coincide with International Women's Day on 8 March, the Home Secretary announced that two initiatives to tackle domestic violence and abuse – the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as Clare's Law) and Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) – would be rolled out across all police forces in England and Wales. The announcement follows a [14-month pilot in 4 police force areas](#) which provided more than 100 people with potentially life-saving information. Speaking about the schemes, the Home Secretary said: "Clare's Law and DVPOs are just two of a raft of measures we have introduced to hand control back to the victim by ensuring they can make informed decisions about their relationship." You can read more about the schemes in this news update.

**Mary Calam**  
Director General, Crime and Policing Group  
Home Office

**Dave Airey's non-emergency contact:**  
**07525 226 838**

### **Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings**

**19<sup>th</sup> May**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
**28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Meetings open 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall**

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

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*This highlights the risks of 'tail-gating'.*



## What's Got 48 Legs, 24 Heads, but only One Voice?

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The choir meets every Tuesday at 19:00 in the Methodist Church, Hallcroft Road, Retford (on the right as you head away from Retford, just after Hallcroft Fish Bar and the Post Office - it has a large car park too).

When you arrive you will meet a bunch of men, all whom enjoy "a good sing". Music varies from "Songs from the Shows" through hymns, to those for a specific purpose. "Me, join a choir! What will my friends think?" Well: when you are on stage and they are in the stalls the question answers itself. You sing; they applaud. It's a great feeling.

**Why not call David Jackson on (01777) 248 440, or just come to the Methodist church on a Tuesday evening.....and see what you think.**

## Audacity for sound recordings

Needing to 'track' a cherished twin-CD recording that had none, I discovered the free application Audacity which can be downloaded for Windows, Apple OS X and Linux from: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

It has a huge range of facilities – highly recommended!

Editor



## From the depth to peaks of human behaviour – at Laxton

Hate, the inhuman treatment of others is the story told at the National Holocaust Centre at Laxton. However, a recent talk by Phil Lyon MBE, Director of the Centre, explored the manifestations of hate in our modern world too, whether it be in Ukraine, on football terraces or aimed at ethnic minorities or those with disabilities.

**The National Holocaust Centre** has a mission not only to remember the Nazis programmes of extermination and similar atrocities such as those in Rwanda 20 years ago but also to address the very real issues of hate within modern society. Standing up against hate is not easy – but civilisation depends on it! The centre works with many organisations, particularly schools and other young-people groups, to address these issues.

**On 27<sup>th</sup> January, Prime Minister David Cameron** launched a National Commission to investigate possible further measures for Holocaust remembrance and education in the UK. The National Commission is currently seeking evidence. We encourage all of our readers to submit evidence by following this link:

<https://engage.number10.gov.uk/contact-the-holocaust-commission/>

## Fernwood Trucks from West Burton Power Station

There have been a number of concerns expressed about the driving of Fernwood Transport vehicles travelling through the villages for some months now, both in terms of speed and 'tailgating'.

The Parish Council have received assurances from John Ward at West Burton power station that the station will not tolerate bad driving. In addition, these HGV's should, normally, only be driving towards Retford through the villages and not from Retford.

If villagers have a concern about the speed, behaviour or direction of these HGVs then it is essential that the registration number of the vehicle is noted. Alternatively, there is a number on the top of the drivers cab or a number on the rear of the trailer. Either of these are as good as the registration number as it allows the authorities at West Burton to positively identify the vehicle and, hence, the driver.

This information should be passed to Mr John Ward at West Burton on 01427 882 178, along with the time and date of the incident.

**While this may all seem difficult, it is important as the driver risks a life ban from the Power Station site if reported but positive identification is, in fairness, required.**

Parish Council

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## 2 Shires News

The 2 Shires Credit Union held its AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> February in Bolsover at which members endorsed payment of a dividend of 1.5% on savings held by the Credit Union. This means that our members received a very good return on their savings when compared to the interest received on instant access savings accounts at the major banks.

Offices in Worksop are now open 09:30 each morning Mondays to Saturdays, closing at 15:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 14:00 on Saturdays. On Thursdays we stay open until 18:00. These extended opening hours also apply to contact by telephone and enable us to offer a better service to members and prospective members.

### Opening hours in Retford are:

Thursdays from 09:15 to 11:15 at the **One Stop Shop**, 17b, The Square

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 09:00 to 11:00 at **The Well**, Hospital Road.

### Web Site

Online access to, and control of, accounts via our website is progressing well – watch this space for more!

## Pear, Walnut & Goat's Cheese Quiche

### Pastry

- 100g (4oz) self-raising flour
- 50g (2oz) suet
- 2-3 tbsp cold water

### Filling

- 1 medium egg, beaten
- 6 tbsp milk
- 4 pears – slightly under-ripe ('hard'), cored & sliced
- 200g (8oz) goat's cheese, sliced
- 4-5 walnuts, chopped
- Salt & pepper to taste

### Method

Grease an 8 inch flan dish/tin.

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F, Gas mark 6.

Make your pastry by mixing ingredients together with salt & pepper. Add sufficient cold water to make a firm but not sticky dough. Roll out to line your dish.

Arrange the pear slices in the lined dish.

Mix the egg and milk and season, then pour this mixture over the pears. Sprinkle with walnuts and then bake in the oven for about 10 minutes.

Remove from the oven and top with sliced goat's cheese before returning to the oven for 5 minutes.

Excellent either hot or cold!

Editor

## Retford Library's Family & Local History Group

Did you know that you can get free access to Ancestry.com's Worldwide service, which to individuals cost around £150 per year, for nothing? It's true – all you need is a Nottinghamshire County Library card and access to a computer at your nearest library! Just call or drop in at the library to book a computer, again this is free, staff will even give you a bit of help to get started. If you would like – or need – more detailed help, or you have caught the genealogy bug, then why not come to the twice-monthly sessions at Retford Library on the second and fourth Monday of each month (unless Bank Holidays intervene, and excluding August) between 17:00 and 19:00.

The group is a self-help gathering of those interested in family history and makes use of the wide range of skills and knowledge of its core members. So, if you have tales to tell, or niggling questions to answer, come along to our next meeting.

The library also holds a Drop-In Surgery when a Local Studies Librarian will be available 09:30 – 13:00 on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

For more details – or to book a computer – contact Retford Library on (01777) 708 724 or [retford.library@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:retford.library@nottscc.gov.uk)

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*Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931)*

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## My Quest

My name is Pete Cox, I am Caretaker at Clarborough Primary School and Drum Major of The Harworth Corps of Drums.

My friend's, Paul, Stephen (Nobbie), Darren (Daz) and myself made a decision over a few beers in the beautiful city of Ypres one warm summer's evening 2011. We were waiting for the Last Post ceremony, and agreed



that we must do something special for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Great War in 1914. A plan was developed that we would find everyone

who appeared on the Retford War Memorial. Once done, find where they had died, where their graves were or, if they were never found, which Memorial they appeared on and then finally visit every one of them and place a cross on each grave and a wreath on each memorial, in every theatre of operations. As a personal project I will be visiting all those killed from Clarborough, Hayton, Welham, Harworth, Clayworth and Mathersey Village's. I have been researching for the last 2 years and now we are ready to go. The plan started with our first trip of a one day run out to Ypres visiting about 30 graves and laying a wreath at Tyne Cot Memorial Wall and the Menin Gate. Ron Murray, an 80 years young Veteran, kindly agreed to lay the wreath's for us to get us started. This was done on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2014. After that we shall be visiting, Germany to find the Prisoners of War, the UK, Mons, Bethune, Arras, Loos, the Somme, Cambrai, the Marne and Gallipoli in Turkey. Finally we will return to Ypres to lay a second wreath at the Menin Gate on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.

My Corps of Drums will be playing at the Clarborough Festival on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. I will be parked on the car park behind the Village hall all day. **If there are any relatives of the men who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War 1914-1918 from Clarborough, Welham, Hayton or Clayworth who would like to personally sign a cross so that I can take them and place them on the soldiers graves or memorials, then please contact me on that day and I will supply the Cross and even a pen to sign it with...**

Pete Cox (to be continued)

## Researching The Great War

With the centenary of the outbreak of World War One, the 'Great War', fast approaching it seems appropriate to look at some of the avenues available to those of us fired

up to find out more about our relatives who were caught up in that terrible period.

First and foremost, we should look to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) whose continuing care for all of those graves and memorials is a lasting tribute to the fallen. This includes two graves in our own Parish Church graveyard (see page 2 for more).

CWGC's **Roll of Honour** is available online at [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) where details of the 1,700,000 Commonwealth war dead from both World Wars are commemorated. A simple search by name can reveal anything from cemetery or memorial locations through basic personal details to extensive service and family information; searches are free.

At this stage it is worth taking a few moments to remind ourselves that all Nottinghamshire Libraries have free access to Ancestry.com's full suite of databases which include several that are particularly relevant to WW1. Foremost among these, for those that survived military service, a good starting point are service pension records. These provide a considerable breadth of information about individuals, their service history and aspects of their relationships (spouse, children, home address, etc) and extend into the 1920s.

For broader perspectives, a range of resources are available from the BBC's World War One Centenary coverage ([www.bbc.co.uk/ww1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ww1)) through [www.firstworldwar.com](http://www.firstworldwar.com) and Wikipedia's World War 1 articles to [www.1914-1918.net](http://www.1914-1918.net) 'The Long, Long Trail' to name but a few.

A separate line of research, and one that is easiest to follow when the unit is known (often recorded by CWGC), is to do an online search for that unit. Many have active historical societies even if the unit itself no longer exists. These often hold historical records that are available to researchers.

Finally, of course, there are local groups and societies that cater for anyone interested in the whole area of genealogy and these often contains individuals specialising in military topics. So, in conclusion, don't forget your own local group – Retford Library's Family and Local History Group; see page 12 for more.

Editor

## A really good read and topical too

**Liverpool Angels** by Lyn Andrews is a story set in early 1900's about two cousins who grow up together and become nurses in France during First World War. A very emotive story about the girls, their family and friends and how the war affected them. The story is also very graphic about the conditions the soldiers had to endure and the conditions the medical staff had to work under while trying to save lives. A truly good read from start to finish!

ISBN-13 978-0755399697 (Hard cover / £14.99)

ISBN-13: 978-0755399710 (Paperback / £6.99)

Chris Herdman

See our community website's Health & Welfare pages for a huge range of contacts and services.

## Retford Library Events

### Retford & The Great War: 1914 Through August 2014

This exhibition will look back at the outbreak of war, and its impact on Retford people, including Retford men who died serving in 1914.

(Similar exhibitions to commemorate the First World War 1915, 1916, 1917 & 1918 are planned for coming years).

### Military Ancestors Drop-In Surgery

14 August 2014 (09:30 – 13:00)

Do you have a local ancestor who fought in the First World War? Come along and find out more about them from local studies resources and local research. Or bring along your own WW1 photos and documents to be scanned and added to library collections. If your ancestor was not local, get help searching for information online, and access all military records on Ancestry Library Edition for FREE.

This session is free and no booking is required.

## The Best, Challenging, Read?

Fed up with the mindless drivel that constitutes much of our tabloid press? Want to read something (like the previous sentence!) that challenges us to think again about real issues affecting us now or thoughts and reviews that step outside the usual media tramlines? If the answer to any of these is 'yes', then why not get a copy of **The Big Issue** 'on the street' and do some good for a deserving cause at the same time?

It's the meatiest read your editor finds on the High Street.

Editor

## Dates for your diary

5<sup>th</sup> May

7<sup>th</sup> May

18<sup>th</sup> May

22<sup>nd</sup> May

14<sup>th</sup> June

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June

28<sup>th</sup> June

11<sup>th</sup> July

12<sup>th</sup> July

19<sup>th</sup> July

26<sup>th</sup> July

Retford Charter Day

Village Hall (CDCA) meeting (19:00)

Clarbrough Festival

Cyril Getliffe's Majestic Theatre talk at Retford Library

Clarbrough W.I. Tea Party\*

Farming & Countryside Festival at Bassetlaw Museum

King's Park Gala day (Retford).

Retford Ceilidh at our Village Hall.

Summer Dance at our Village Hall.

First Responders' Coffee afternoon

Bassetlaw Museum exhibition opens:

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4<sup>th</sup> August

9-10<sup>th</sup> August

National Great War Commemoration

Retford War Weekend (1940s)

\*Contact to book your place (01777) 704 711.

## Bassetlaw Museum

### commemorates the Great War

For an overview of Retford Museum's planned exhibitions through 2014-2018 recalling the Great War through local eyes, see our community website's **Out-and-About ► Bassetlaw Museum** page.

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## ***European Parliamentary elections on 22<sup>nd</sup> May – make sure you have your say! Here candidates speak***

**Editorial Note:** Without wishing to influence individual reader's decisions in the forthcoming elections, it has to be said that the single most consistent support that we have received in recent years has come from Bill Newton Dunn (Lib Dem) whose monthly Reports from the European Parliament can be read on our community website. Bill's views and insights into the wider European scene are there for all to read and consider. He is up for re-election so have a look at our website – follow the links *Elected Reps ► MEP* for more.

The race to the 2014 European elections is now well under way. During the last couple of weeks debate has been hotting up, with Nigel Farage and Nick Clegg arguing over the UK's future with the EU. In the aftermath of these debates, and as both parties make their case for having won, it is important to remember that neither of these men can deliver real change in terms of the UK's controversial relationship with the EU.

Firstly, there are those parties who don't trust the British public to make up their own minds. The Liberal Democrats did at one stage and then reneged on that manifesto pledge from 2010 (not the first time they have done that on a headline manifesto commitment). It's also clear that no matter what happens in negotiations on the UK's future membership of the EU, the Lib Dems will want to stay in regardless. Labour's position continues to be vague, with their only commitment being to hold a future referendum should there be any change to the Treaties. Given that this commitment has already been cemented into UK law by a Conservative government, the Labour Party have nothing new to offer us. All we do know is they are committed to EU membership without change.

And then there is UKIP. They promise to bring the UK out of the EU. But they cannot deliver this. They don't have the power to give the people of the UK a referendum. Never mind take us out of the EU. Their lack of engagement in the European Parliament also shows that they won't fight for a better deal for the UK while we are still in the EU. Time and again their members fail to show for important committee votes on issues vital to the UK, only for us to lose by the tiniest of margins. Do we really want these people representing our great country on the international stage?

So let me be clear. Only the Conservatives can deliver a referendum on leaving the EU or staying in on a renegotiated deal. The Prime Minister outlined recently his priority areas for negotiating; stopping large immigration flows when new countries join the EU; ensuring that migrants travel for work and not benefits; a reduction in red tape for businesses as well as a renewed effort by the EU to establish free trade deals with Asian and North American markets; bringing back

powers to the UK such as in the area of criminal justice; and abolishing the principle of "ever closer union". The Conservatives offer real results, real reform and a real referendum.

### **Emma McClarkin Conservative MEP**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May you have the opportunity to elect Members of the European Parliament to represent the East Midlands, which includes Clarborough, Welham. Labour is focussed on the issues that matter to families in Clarborough and Welham who are worried about the cost of living crisis, rising energy bills, the cost of the weekly shop, long hours and stagnant wages and opportunities for their children. Labour will work to protect the thousands of jobs in the area that depend on our trade with the European Union. We need growth and investment to get the economy moving. The uncertainty created by the Tory and UKIP position on Europe is causing real concern in the business community, putting jobs and investment at risk.

In the European Parliament Labour's MEPs, including your current Labour MEP Glenis Willmott, are standing up to the big energy companies, the banks and fighting to protect your rights at work. Labour MEPs delivered measures to cap bankers' bonuses, but Tory MEPs failed to support these rules and George Osborne is trying to stop this with a legal challenge. Labour MEPs backed a €6 billion fund to provide a jobs guarantee for young people looking for work. Tory MEPs refused to support this whilst thousands of young people in the area are out of work. Our priority is to make Europe work for people in your area. To do that we have to win the argument for sensible reform in Europe, not be isolated on the sidelines when big decisions will get made without Britain's voice getting heard. If proposals come forward that see more powers moving from the Britain to Brussels, Labour will offer an in/out referendum on our EU membership. Labour will put this commitment into law.

Labour will work to close the loopholes in agency workers rules and make sure the National Minimum Wage is properly enforced. We will stop a race to the bottom on wages and skills. We also want to stop the European Parliament meeting in two places by supporting an end to the expensive and wasteful sittings in Strasbourg.

I was born and grew up in Bassetlaw. I know the area well and I would be proud to represent your community in the European Parliament. If elected I would want to work with your local councillors, the Parish Council and your MP John Mann. Labour MEPs will work tirelessly for all parts of the region and will deliver results on the issues that matter.

[www.rorypalmer.org](http://www.rorypalmer.org) or at [www.eastmidslabour.org.uk](http://www.eastmidslabour.org.uk).

You can also follow me on Twitter at @Rory\_Palmer

**Rory Palmer**

**Labour candidate for the European Parliament**

**Need to know more about the European Parliament before voting? See our community website's *MEP ► European Parliament* pages.**



## **Kath Sutton District Councillor**

One interesting meeting I attended was the Rural Conference on March 26. This was the third conference in its new format and possibly the most interesting so far. Paddy Tipping attended and spoke about the improvement in policing in Nottinghamshire, and there were speakers giving balanced views on fracking and solar panels. Flooding updates were also given. The Bassetlaw Planning Team were represented and one gave a fascinating talk on his Enforcement work, and another spoke about the small grant for Heritage work which the Council is able to use. Three examples were given here. First of all you might have noticed the two gate houses at Drake holes which have been restored. The grant also helped to renovate the Newcastle Arms in Tuxford and also a rather splendid Victorian lamp just across from the Newcastle Arms.

**Items on the agenda were suggested by the public, so if you have any items you think should be discussed, do get in touch.**

### **Local History Book – Clarborough and Welham from 1778**

Just to bring you up to date. The first two sections have now been written. The first section outlines the details of the 1778 Enclosure Act of Clarborough and Welham, a copy of which resides in the Clarborough and Welham Parish Council Office. The second section details some of the interesting facts gleaned from the old Parish Council Minutes Book starting in 1899.

Now I am needing your help! An important section concerns the reminiscences of the villagers and the histories of some of the older families in Clarborough and Welham. Some villagers have already kindly agreed to be interviewed and Mr Bunn, Head Teacher of Carborough Primary School, is supporting our project by allowing some of the older children to participate. But I would be so grateful if others could become involved. There are two ways this can happen. You can either write down facts and memories and let me have them for



inclusion in the book, or if you would prefer, allow me to interview you. If the latter happens I then show you the completed interview and ask for your comments and corrections so that you are always in charge of the account. I do hope some of you will feel able to contribute. Any incident, however small, will be gratefully accepted.

Just to give you a few ideas. Have you any memories of attending the village school? Did your family have any evacuees in the war? Do you have any memories of occasions in the Village Institute? The Minutes mentioned Warship Week and a Wings for Victory plaque. Does anyone know where this plaque is so that I can take a photograph of it? Any photographs of village life in the past would be most gratefully "borrowed" and your link to it noted in the book.

Here's hoping! **Also of course, if you have any personal concerns please contact (01777) 709 034.**

### **Clarborough & District W.I.**

May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Resolution / Jane Jefferson
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Comedy Heroes / Alex Belfield
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to Hook W.I.
August	No meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Hodssock Priory / George Buchanan

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## Parish Council Pointers...

### Pathway to success...

The newly installed tarmac Pathway along the side of the Sports field, is proving a hit with villagers of all ages. Access to the School, Village Hall, Post Office and bus stop is improved, especially for people with mobility scooters. With the opening of a village shop on the cards, the new pathway will provide a useful link.

### Play area blossoming...

The recently planted trees, in the younger children's Play area, are bursting into blossom. An attractive addition to our ongoing quest to improve the village.

### Commemorating 1914...

Plans are in hand to unveil a plaque to commemorate the local people of Clarborough & Welham, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the 1914 -1918, 'Great War'. The Plaque will be situated on a seat, close to the children's play area. The Parish Council are also supporting the renovation of First World War commemorative plaques in Clarborough Church. Recently discovered local people who were killed in the 1914-1918 War are also being added. See a summary of Cllr Brian Robinson's work with the Church below.

### Your Council

Remember the Parish Council is our village watchdog. All Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers, looking after and trying to improve the locality. We do have a say on Roads, Planning, village maintenance, and many other subjects. Villagers input is always welcome so either drop in at the Village Hall office on a Monday morning, or come to one of our meetings. The Annual meeting, is on May 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 19:00 in our village hall with further meeting dates on page 9.

Barrie Codling

Restoration of two Clarborough WW1 Memorials in our Parish Church is progressing satisfactorily and on completion of the very necessary repair and conservation work, they will be re-erected in their original position in Church.

Re-dedication of these will be held during the Church WW1 Remembrance Service in November – more info in the next Newsletter.

Brian Robinson

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## Wanted: Memories of Bebop & Beer

Retford War Weekend event volunteers are appealing to local people to come forward with their stories, memories and photos of local dances, tea rooms and pubs from the 1940's. Who were the local heroes and heroines in the village or in your street and what were their stories? Where were the dances held? Was there live music, radio or gramophone? Who organised the dances? What was the dress code? Which was the favourite local beer? How did people learn the new dances like the Lindy Hop, Big Apple, Rumba, Swing and Bebop? Did romance blossom at the tea room dances? Are there any untold love stories out there? Questions like these help to paint a picture for future generations of what life was like in North Nottinghamshire in the 1940's.

If you think you might be able to help, whether they are your memories, or memories of your relatives, please call Charlea on 0797 044 450 for a chat - the stories, accounts and anecdotes are really important; they will be recorded and archived as local social history to be handed over after the event to local museums, heritage groups, Retford library and local schools.

To find out more, visit the Totally Locally Retford stall on Charter Day.

**If you or your community group would like to support or participate in any way, please contact Di Fisher on 07763 111 694 or email [TLRetford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:TLRetford@yahoo.co.uk), and to keep up to date with progress and snippets, follow the facebook page 'Retford War Weekend 2014'.**



## Friends of Bassetlaw Museum

Plans are well advanced to launch Friends of Bassetlaw Museum at the Farm and Countryside Festival at Bassetlaw Museum over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2014.

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## Surviving Windows 8

Anyone who has purchased – or considered purchasing – a computer over the past six months or more could not avoid the bad press received by Microsoft after the launch of Windows 8, their most recent operating system. With all of the major retailers telling us that they 'recommend Windows 8' it comes as a shock to discover that well respected reviewers are saying much the opposite!

Here, however, we will avoid mud slinging – and also discussions of the very real alternatives – and look at how to bring some sort of 'normality' to the situation. By normality, what we mean in this short article is 'like the Windows I am familiar with'.

Now don't misunderstand me, there is a lot in Windows 8 that has been speeded up, tidied up and enhanced, it is just the attempt to bridge the gap between touch-screen hand-held devices and laptop and desktop computers that has resulted in Microsoft largely falling between those two very different stools.

So, how can you get Windows 8 to behave more like Windows 7 or even earlier versions? Well, the best currently signposted solutions are:

1. Make sure you buy a machine with Microsoft's update for Windows 8 – **version 8.1** already installed. Be warned that a recent check of several high profile 'high street' retailers still found 'old' Windows 8 on offer.
2. Join **Clarborough & Welham IT Group** where you will get hands-on support to get to grips with your new system; it's really not that difficult with someone on hand to guide you!
3. Alternatively, install **Classic Shell** from [www.classicshell.net](http://www.classicshell.net) which is a free tool to reinstate the traditional Start button menu as shown here.



Editor

## From John Mann, your local MP

In the centenary year of the outbreak of the First World War, the conflict which claimed many millions of lives can seem distant to younger generations. It is a challenge for us all to ensure that we all appreciate the sacrifice that so many made in both wars, and take time to consider the situation faced by our soldiers fighting for us today.

Having a local focus on commemoration can help build on that understanding, and bring the experience of the First World War closer to hand. The planting of trees dedicated to those from Clarborough and Welham involved in the war behind Clarborough Village Hall



creates in my view an appropriate living memorial. But for young people to fully comprehend the meaning behind the memorial it is essential that they have the appropriate education and learning tools. Fortunately, this year we should all have plenty of opportunities to understand the roles that local people played in a war that started a hundred years ago. Many pupils will undertake First World War research projects, and may be surprised to discover that young men only a few years older than they are now were sent out to war in 'Pals Battalions' with their friends and neighbours. The exhibition opening in Retford's Bassetlaw Museum later this year will enable today's young people to relive that experience.

My Veterans' Event this year will have a special significance, when schoolchildren from across Bassetlaw will be presenting their research into our First World War heritage. It will be hosted by St. Augustine's primary school in Worksop on the afternoon of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, and I hope that many of you will be able to join me there – please contact my office for further information (contact details to be found at the end of this article). As well as a time of reflection on the past, this centenary year will I hope help us to consider how our veterans who are still with us are treated. I will play my own small part in this: in May I am helping to take a group of injured former soldiers to Ecuador. We are climbing Cotopaxi, one of the highest active volcanoes in the world, with the



aim of raising awareness and much needed funds for the Battle Back programme. Battle Back is a military initiative which brings injured veterans together and helps rehabilitate them both physically and psychologically through sport and adventure training.

My time spent working with these veterans will be an honour. In this year of commemoration, let us

also keep in our minds those who are still serving along with our local veterans who have previously protected our country.

For tickets to the Veterans' event, or to get in touch on any other issue, please contact me: 01909 506 200 or write to John Mann MP, Stanley Street, Worksop, S81 7HX.

**First rule of Genealogy: don't believe everything you see in print – or (particularly) online!**

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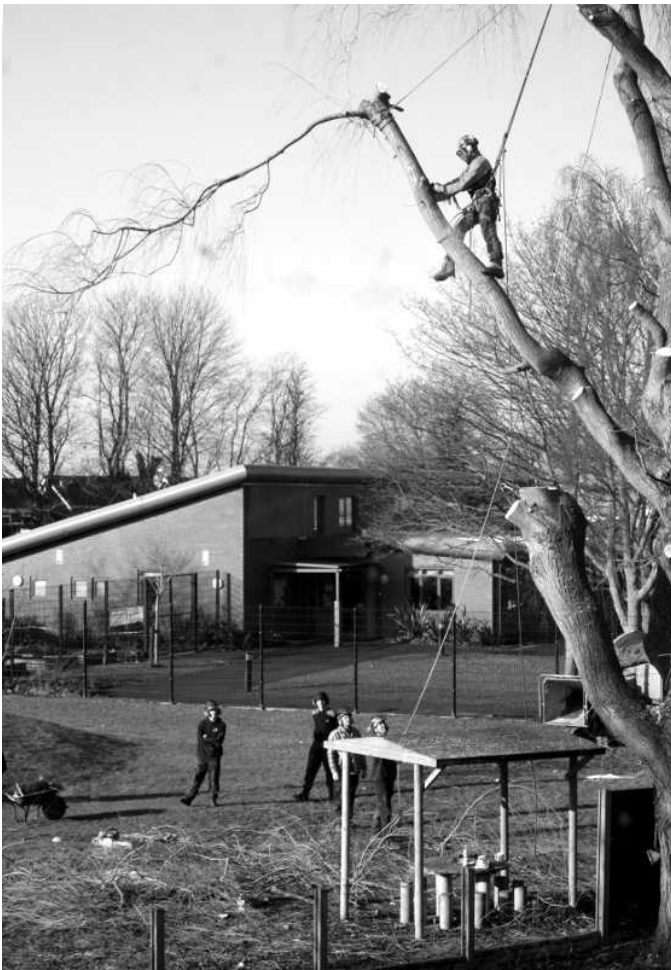


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## ***A touch of windy weather!***

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each of the 2 trees had to be cordoned off until the very skilled tree surgeons could get to work and remove the threat on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**Martin Sanderson**

## ***A useful tip to repel cold callers***

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## ***First Responders Coffee event***

This year's Coffee Afternoon from 14:00 to 17:00 on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July** at Manor Barn, Main Street Clarbrough to raise funds for the Retford Area 1st Response fund.

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