

# Clarborough & Welham Newsletter

## Summer 2015

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### From the Editor

Some have suggested we rename our Newsletter **Clarborough & Welham Journal** because of the wealth of material that is submitted for publication spans such a range of topics and issues. However that might be, we hope that you will find something to amuse, stimulate or inform in this issue.



Scarecrows are hopefully entering stage left (or right, depending on your politics - and that's the last political comment from me for this issue!) this year in the run-up to Clarborough's Festival, our second big event of the year after the pantomime – see page 20 for more. Scarecrows should be popping up all over the place now with examples promised by The Kings Arms, The Gate Inn, King's SPAR store and The Boat Inn, Hayton. It's especially nice to see entries from Hayton too as we've been keen to make folks from Hayton, Welham and Clarborough all feel welcome to join in. There are a scarecrow or two already appearing. Notably there is a scarecrow at the junction of Hillview Crescent and Clarborough Main Street. Dotty the scarecrow is sporting a summer hat in anticipation of great weather to come and has a miniature Scarecrow in her hand. She is there to promote the Scarecrow Competition and get the ball rolling.

Volunteering – now that's a topic! Your Editor is a volunteer as are many of those that keep the local scene so active. Progressive cuts to central Government funding has meant many essential services are increasingly dependent on the third (after private and public) sector. Over the past couple of years, this has particularly affected health and social care areas. But, you may ask, what's in it for me if I volunteer?

Well, from my personal perspective I would highlight two aspects plus a third slightly flippant one. First comes job satisfaction. This is just as relevant to unpaid work as it was when I was in employment. Secondly, meeting people; in many ways being part of Bassetlaw's 'third' sector has given me even greater opportunities to get out and meet people than when I was in full-time employment. And the third point? I can avoid day-time television!

Opportunities to volunteer plus help and support in getting into the scene are widespread but we could particularly refer readers to Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service (BCVS), Bassetlaw Action Centre and our own Clarborough Village Hall or why not become an IT Group volunteer? See this issue for all these contacts.

Too little space for everything we'd like to print – need more pages! However, do have a look at your community website (below) to get a feel for everything from Austerfield Study Centre through the Clarborough Village Hall's weekly programmes, the Holocaust Centre to local history references such as the Pilgrim Father, Chesterfield Canal and local Railways. Add to these all public services and it's a winner!

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

**Newsletter deadlines (provisional dates)**

**20<sup>th</sup> July (Autumn issue)**

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



**Red Nose Day** on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March we raised over £255 for Comic Relief, through the sale of Red Noses and a non uniform day. Thank you to everyone who donated money.

**Solar Eclipse** :on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March the children used different 'tools' that they had made in class to observe the Solar Eclipse. They discussed why the temperature had dropped and why there was a change in the colour of the sky. All pupils then had the opportunity to see the actual eclipse through professionally designed glass - an amazing experience for children young and old alike!

## Manor Barn Fund

Manor Barn Coffee Afternoon Fund with support of the British Heart Foundation, have now installed Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) at the SPAR shop in Clarborough and Hayton Village Hall.

AED's are potentially life savers to sudden cardiac arrest casualties. The AED is simple and safe to use with the machine giving clear verbal instructions and it can be used by ANYONE to help someone when they become unresponsive and stop breathing.

The Fund is also hoping to provide basic lifesaving skills training and an overview of the AED using the British Heart Foundation **CALL PUSH RESCUE** training kit. Anyone interested in attending these informal sessions should contact Ann on 01777 704 123 or Paul on 01777 709 802 with name and contact number,

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Farm, Main Street, on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July from 14:00.**

**Ann Cobb**

**Editor's note:** Late last year, School Governors authorised installation of another defibrillator in Clarborough Primary School for use whenever the school is open.

## Why can't we see films in Retford?

It's a question we have asked ourselves for a long time. Well this is all about to change.

Cinema is coming to Retford.

At last you will be able to see recent and classic films on a big screen in your own town centre. It's all thanks to a group of volunteers, film fans, who have been working hard to make this come true. As from June, you will be able to see some of the biggest films of the last 12 months at **The Screan** which will be shown at the Retford Little Theatre. Film screenings are once a month, and the first one is on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 19:30 pm starting with the OSCAR winning film **THE IMITATION GAME** starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley.

It is a not-for-profit organization, run by volunteers with good value ticket prices Membership is open to anybody over 18, not just people who are members of Retford Little Theatre. It's only £18.00 per person for the first 6 films if you join up as a Member, or you can just turn up on the night and pay £5.00

All films will be selected by the Committee, but we will also be asking our members what sort of films they would like us to show.

Memberships opens on 1<sup>st</sup> May when the first 6 films will be announced. In the meantime you can register your interest by e-mailing [TheScreen@rlt.org.uk](mailto:TheScreen@rlt.org.uk). Membership forms will be available from the Retford Little Theatre from 1<sup>st</sup> May. There are also two open days for joining: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10:00 – 14:00 and 29<sup>th</sup> May 18:00-20:00; both at the Little Theatre.

We look forward, hopefully, to seeing you at **The Screen**.

**Linda Larder (Publicity Officer)  
Ruth Dickinson (Secretary)**



## Clarborough & District W.I.



Meetings generally take place in Clarborough Village Hall on the second Monday of the month. For full details see our community website.

Forthcoming meetings include:

- May 11<sup>th</sup> Resolution meeting
- June 8<sup>th</sup> W.I. Birthday meeting at Brewers Arms and then afterwards at Clayworth Church Hall.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Visit by Hook W.I.
- August – no meetings.

We will also be hosting another **Senior Citizens Summer party** at our Village Hall on Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 for 12:30. Booking is essential by 1<sup>st</sup> June. Contact (01777) 704 711 to book your place.

Clarborough and Welham

# Neighbourhood Plan

*Your village, your plan, your future*

Contacts: [clawenp.btck.co.uk](mailto:clawenp.btck.co.uk)  
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[Facebook.com/clawenp](https://www.facebook.com/clawenp)

## Update

A lot has been going on in the Neighbourhood Plan in the last three months although it may not seem so on the outside.

## School Car Parking

The issue of problems created for residents by cars parking in Hillview Crescent to drop-off or pick-up children arriving at or departing from Clarborough Primary School was raised in our consultations. Parking for school events is also a problem.

NCC do not encourage the provision of parking facilities for schools, believing that children should walk to school with parents. The reality of Clarborough Primary School is that a large number of pupils live out of the village and car delivery is the only option.

After detailed discussions with a member of NCC Highways Department an option of utilising the existing Village Hall car park was proposed. This will involve widening the access road to the VH car park in order to prevent traffic flow problems on Main Street. The NP Steering Group have drawn-up plans for this and these will be proposed to the Parish Council. The removal and/or relocation of a number of posts and signs near the entrance has also to be negotiated with service providers. This will not be a quick fix but it is in hand.

A new footpath should link the car park to the school.

*All that is necessary when this is achieved is to persuade parents to use the better parking facilities.*

## BDC Land 1 – St John's Drive residents

At the meeting in November 2014, the Steering Group were asked if some of the land could be sold to residents of St John's Drive with houses backing on to the land in order to extend their gardens. This was eventually agreed with BDC under certain conditions. Residents were given these details and likely costs in early March.

Unfortunately there were insufficient residents who supported the idea in order to fulfill the BDC conditions and the sale will not now go ahead.

## Dates for your diary

May 4<sup>th</sup> Retford Charter Day  
 May 7<sup>th</sup> General Election plus other local elections  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> Clarborough Festival  
 10<sup>th</sup> June Clarborough Panto initial meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup> June C&W IT Group's next block of classes begin  
 June 25-29<sup>th</sup> Nottinghamshire schools half-term  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> Panto 2016 auditions  
 July 25<sup>th</sup> Manor Barn Coffee Afternoon from 14:00  
 July 22<sup>nd</sup> Nottinghamshire schools break up for summer  
 August 22<sup>nd</sup> Clarborough Gardening Club's Annual Show  
 September 3<sup>rd</sup> Nottinghamshire schools re-open

## BDC Land - 2

Detailed plans for the use of the land, along the lines proposed at the public meeting in November 2014, have now been drawn up by designers employed by BDC.

The details of these plans will be circulated to all residents and businesses and all will be given the opportunity to vote on the proposals. There will be a number of events organised by the Steering Group to publicise and explain the details of the plans.

***Please take part in the public consultation on this issue – it is the most significant development for Clarborough in 40 years!***

## Draft Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is a detailed document outlining plans for the Parish to 2028.

The Draft Plan is currently being drawn-up for the Steering Group by a qualified planner based on all the discussions which have been held by the Steering Group. The Draft Plan will then be put out to public discussion for a period of 6 weeks. This period is required by law. During that time a number of consultation events will be held around the village and everyone will be encouraged to participate in the discussions. This will be in the next few months.

## Finance

We are pleased to be able to say that the Steering Group have recently received further funding to support the progress of the Plan. This is £10,000 from the Awards for All Big Lottery Fund. This ensures that no costs fall onto village residents or businesses.

Remember, it is ***Your Village, your Plan, your Future!***

***There will be public consultation on the Draft Plan. This will cover a period of 6 weeks as required by law. Details of events will be circulated throughout the Parish.***

## Online security – a cautionary tale

Recent work with young children has revealed that some are well aware of their parents' online passwords! This has become apparent when logging on to school IT equipment that demands a password. Some pupils have almost automatically offered what appear to be their parents' password when first encountering the new school situation.

This seems an ideal prompt to carry out what should be a standard security principle: **change your password frequently – and keep it confidential!**

Editor





## Are you interested in policing?

Volunteer Police Cadet Recruitment is currently open, would you like to join us in this exciting opportunity? If you were born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1998 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 1999 then you are eligible to apply. For more information or to download an application form please follow the link: <http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/job-advert/police-cadets>

We are looking to recruit 100 cadets for our September intake. The programme lasts for two years and is a great way to learn new skills and meet new people.

**Beth Lucas**

Volunteer Services Team Leader, Nottinghamshire Police  
'Citizens In Policing' Department  
West Bridgford Police Station, Rectory Road  
West Bridgford NG2 6BN  
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Email: [beth.lucas12930@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:beth.lucas12930@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Clarbrough Gardening Club Show

The Club's annual show (our tenth) will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** at Clarbrough Village Hall. Entry form can be obtained from our community website (see page 1) or from The Kings Arms, The Gate and The SPAR shop

from the end of May. Bring them on the day of the show as stated on the entry form (by 10:45).

The show will be open to the public, with refreshments available, from 13:30. Admission is just 50p.

Forthcoming club meetings include:

- **May 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Harding – Hearts of Oak**
- **May 17<sup>th</sup> Village Festival: Plant Stall**
- **June 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**
- **July 4<sup>th</sup> Don Witton – Late Summer Flowering Perennials**

**All meetings are held in the Clarbrough Village Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 14:00.**

**Friends who are non-members are welcome too.**

**Mick Cassell**

## Nottinghamshire Archives News

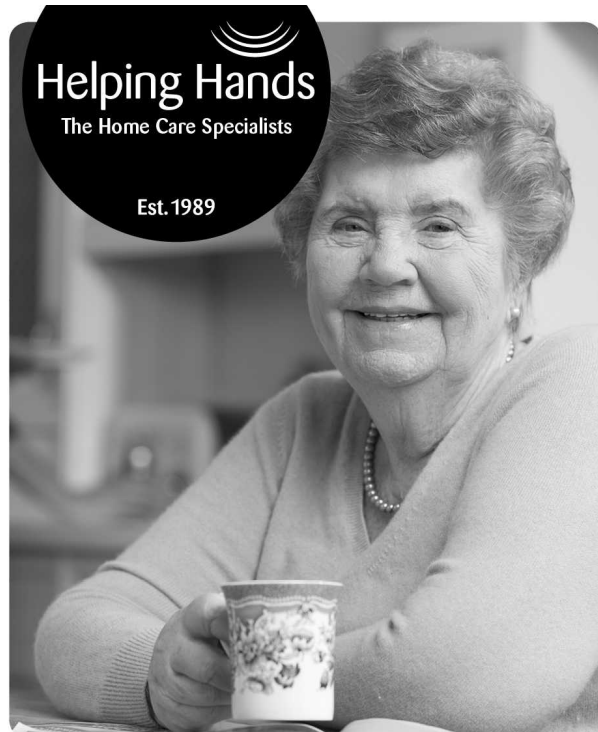
Nottinghamshire Archives reopened to the public on 28 April 2015, following our closure as part of a £2.5m investment project to extend the archives building. More details about the new Archives service will be available on the web site soon.

**Tel:** 0115 958 1634 (search room) or 0115 950 4524 (admin) **Email:** [archives@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:archives@nottscc.gov.uk)

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**Richard Burman**  
Archivist



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## Clarborough Village Hall

CDCA (Clarborough & District Community Association) who manage Clarborough Village Hall, are very keen to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to help continuing support of the hall. Whether its an hour or two with general cleaning or service of the building, help with functions or events through to fund raising – we'd love to hear from you! Phone or text **07530 532 185** for more.

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## The Kings Arms Clarborough

**Coming soon:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Karaoke & Disco from 19:00**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Live band *The Dark Sky* from 20:00**

***Please note that our kitchens will be closed on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May due to Clarborough's Festival. Restaurant facilities will re-open on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May.***

***Bookings welcome : weddings and any other functions***

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**The Kings Arms Clarborough**

## In Search of the Fallen

Regular readers may recall Pete Cox's article in our Summer 2014 issue explaining his plans, along with a small group of friends, to locate and honour the graves or memorials of all those men from Clarlborough, Welham, Hayton and Clayworth whose names appear on Retford's War Memorial. This project is coming to a conclusion and we will be serialising extracts from these researches that apply to men from Clarlborough or Welham as close as practicable to the centenaries of each individual's death.

**Sgt Edward Cashburn** was the nephew of Mr Webster and Madame Benson and lived with them for quite a few years whilst working on their farm in Church Road. He was an esteemed member of the Church Choir and at times was the Organist. On the outbreak of War he volunteered and enlisted on August 25<sup>th</sup> 1914 with the Notts and Derby (Sherwood Foresters) Regiment. He went to Bolton Park. Grantham and through strict attention to his duties was soon promoted to the rank of Sergeant and then posted to D Company 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Notts and Derbyshire Regiment with whom he sailed to the Dardenelles and Gallipoli.

Pte F Boothright of D Company 9<sup>th</sup> Bat had written to Sgt Cashburn's friends saying "it is with great regret I have to tell you of Sgt Ted Cashburn's Death on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1915". Exactly one year to the day of his enlistment. He was calling to a badly wounded soldier who had laid between the firing lines for three days and was trying to encourage him to crawl to his trench when he was shot through the Brain. He had heard him moaning and was talking and directing him and as he looked over the parapet of the Trench a sniper shot him clean through the head. He was 24 years of age and had a brother. Morris Cashburn, both were orphans and Sgt Cashburn has left all his personal property to his brother Morris.

His name appears on Helles Memorial to the missing commemorating 20,886 names on the Gallipoli Peninsula and we visited the Memorial in October 2014.

Pete Cox

*Even while they teach, men learn.*

Seneca c.4 BC – AD 65

## Friends of Bassetlaw Museum

The Friends of Bassetlaw Museum would like to congratulate Sam Glasswell and her team on the museum winning the **Best Tourist Attraction for 2015**, in the North Notts Business Awards. This is a new, people's choice award category, which gives members of the public the opportunity to vote for their favourite attraction. So, the Friends are delighted that the museum has won in this the award's inaugural year.

On a different topic, **A Quick History of Time** is the title of the next talk to be hosted by the Friends. Focusing on clock-making in Bassetlaw, the talk, which will be held at the museum on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 19:00, will be given by Ross Alcock, a member of the British Horological Institute. Whilst booking isn't necessary, there will be a small charge of £1.50 for members and £3.00 for non-members.

If you are not already a member of the Friends, you will be welcome to join us on the night. The price of membership is £5 for adults, £3 for juniors (under eighteens) with corporate membership being £20 per annum. For this, Friends enjoy special events, previews, talks and a quarterly e-newsletter. Also, if you're the creative type, there's even the opportunity to contribute to the newsletter!

If you are unable to attend the talk, but would still like to join the Friends and help us support and raise funds for Bassetlaw Museum, membership forms are always available from the museum at Amcott House, 40 Grove Street, Retford, Notts. DN22 6LD.  
Telephone: 01777 713 749  
Email: fobm14@gmail.com.



**Some of the many forthcoming events at the Museum include:**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Retford Charter Day – Museum open all day.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** Half-term events.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May,** Artempo Local Artists exhibiting and selling their works

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June** Farm and Country Festival crafts, demonstrations, vintage vehicles and shopping opportunities.

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## ODE to Road Planners Everywhere

The road menders came to our village today  
to dig up Smeath Lane and to take it away  
it's not that the road had been naughty or bad,  
it's just that its potholes were driving us mad

Some were so deep you could almost see Oz  
some were so old they were covered in moss  
lorries would pass with a bang and a rattle  
the noises were so bad they scared all the cattle  
Lycra clad bicyclists would pass slowly and swerve  
a white knuckle ride and just testing their nerve  
whilst ladies from Hayton, Morrison's bound  
would go via Welham 'though its a bit further round

But now lots of men, all clad in Dayglo  
arrived with machines that went ever so slow  
they coned off the street then stood man to man  
all in a line, outside the tea van.

Once they had started the job took no time  
and at this point I struggle for rhyme  
A very large planer began with a roar  
and kept filling lorries that came back for more

Soon we could see the old village street  
with coble stones laid in a row all so neat  
but not for long was this feature on show  
'cos hot tarmac lorries arrived in a row

Another machine this time it lays tar  
by the time it was finished folk came from afar  
old people gave the workers a clap  
whilst youngsters searched 'phones for the appropriate  
app.

Smeath Lane is all shiny its tarmac is new  
the gullies are working, that's a benefit too  
but the big lorries remain a pain in the.....  
Oh why can't we have nice new by-pass?

Helen & David Dawson

***There were many words that you could not stand  
to hear and finally only the names of places had  
dignity. Abstract words such as glory, honour,  
courage, or hallow were obscene.***

American novelist and WW1 veteran Ernest  
Hemingway, in 'A Farewell to Arms', 1929.

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## Clarborough's own Scarecrow Competition

This year's Clarborough Festival (our sixth) will get a  
further boost with our first **Scarecrow Competition; it's  
almost upon us!** Rules and entry forms have been  
available for some time from Kings SPAR Store in  
Clarborough or our community website (see page 1).

with a **closing date of 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

Our Scarecrow Competition is a great way to do  
something different while generating funds to support  
(very) local good causes.

Maps of entries to be published in the run up to this  
year's festival with judging between 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May. So  
why not take a walk around your community, possibly  
exploring ways that are not normally on your 'beaten  
track' to see what other folks have managed to create?  
Part of the judging process will also be for 'walk in'  
Scarecrows on Festival Sunday which should add even  
more to the entertainment.

### ***This is a war to end all wars***

American President **Woodrow Wilson.**

Wilson made the strophe famous, but he was not the  
first one who used it - the British novelist H.G. Wells  
invented it.

***Only the dead have seen the end of war.***

**George Santayana**

Spanish-American philosopher, as a counter to  
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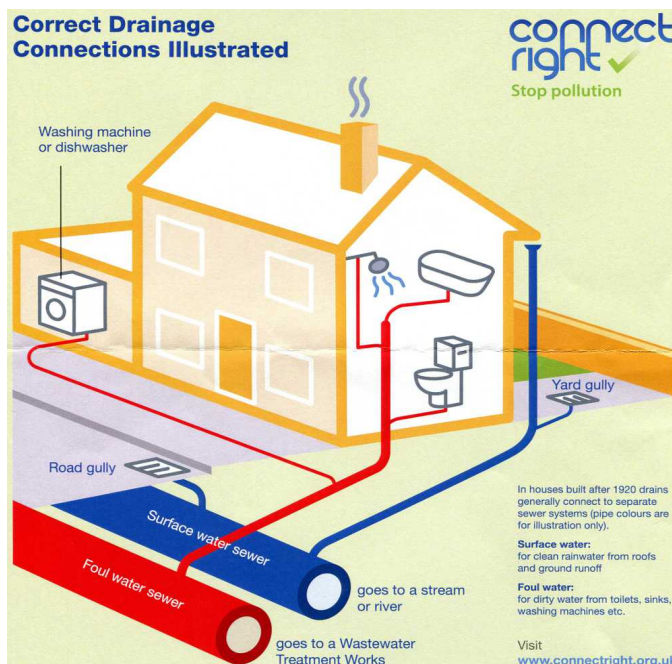
## Mis-connected drains pollute our rivers

Following a recent scrutiny review which looked at flood resilience in the District, a surprising fact was highlighted that one in ten houses have mis-connected drains and could pollute local waterways and cause flooding. For most houses built after 1920, the waste water drains into a separate foul sewer taking it to a sewage treatment works for clean-up, allowing clean rainwater to drain to the surface water sewer and straight to a local river.

Sometimes builders, plumbers or householders wrongly connect pipes, which carry waste water from toilets, baths, showers, sinks, washing machines or dishwashers, to the surface water system instead of the foul sewerage system. The dirty waste water could then be draining straight into your local river. Similarly, if gutters and gulleys are wrongly connected, they will be sending clean rainwater into the foul water sewer, overwhelming it and causing flooding. This increases costs which impact on all our water bills.

It's the homeowner's responsibility to ensure there are no mis-connections at their property, so if you're buying a new home it's very important to make sure this is checked.

The **ConnectRight** campaign is asking local property owners to check their drainage connections and where there are mis-connections to take action to connect drains correctly. You can visit the website for details on how to check your drainage connections and contact a local WaterSafe plumber who will be able to advise you:



<http://www.connectright.org.uk/>

Alternatively you can contact **Severn Trent Water** for more advice on 08456 016 016.

Please report water pollution to the Environment Agency's incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60.

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Deborah Morton

## Open Studios Notts 2015

### County-wide Arts & Crafts Event 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 14<sup>th</sup> June

Courtyard Galleries Retford is opening it's latest gallery, 9 West Street, Retford, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, at the start of the County-wide Open Studios Event. Courtyard Galleries is a voluntary initiative led by Kenny Roach with the aim of encouraging local people from all walks of life to get engaged with art and to be creative, and to provide support and showcases for local talent.

The Open Studios Notts event has over 200 artists & makers taking part in the whole of the county. Alongside the programme of events and activities is an exhibition at Rufford Craft Centre (3<sup>rd</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June) showcasing work from participating artists.

Brochures available from Bassetlaw Museum and

Courtyard Galleries, Retford

**Contact:** Di Fisher 07763 111 694 or  
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## Kath Sutton



One of the meetings of interest recently was the last Rural Conference in March when the Police outlined their future plans for Bassetlaw's rural areas. By the end of the year ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) will ring Bassetlaw and keep known criminals from entering and troubling residents. Evidently one third of Bassetlaw's crimes are committed by criminals entering the area. Better communication between the Police and the Parish Councils was also recognised as being essential for sound progress. An innovative idea – not fully explained – was that of introducing a voluntary role of Parish Constable who would help local policing. This of course was used in the 19th century and was only phased out when the regular police force became more organised. Certainly the Police seem to have taken rural concerns quite seriously. Our local history book is now at the publishers and we hope to have it ready in July when a tea party is planned at the Village Hall to thank everyone for their help, encouragement (and patience !). Greg and his IT team are working on a website which the Heritage Lottery wanted as part of our project. As always do not hesitate to telephone me if there is any way in which I can help. Tel. 01777 709 034



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## FREE family history software

At Retford Library's twice monthly Family History sessions, the topic **which online resources should I use?** Often crops up.

Now, the group's primary reason for existing is to provide members with free access to Ancestry.com's resources. These are almost certainly the most comprehensive databases of information for genealogists **but** a private subscription sets individuals back more than £150 so access to them for nothing (just holding a Library Card) is a big draw to the group.

However, when working at home these resources are obviously not available, so where should anyone getting to grips with their family history start? My advice is to use two sources that are **absolutely free**:

- [www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk)
- [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

The former provides **free** indexes to birth, marriage and death certificates (hence 'bmd') from 1837 to around the mid-1960. The site is a volunteer organisation and the indexes provide the data needed to order copies of certificates, either from the GRO (General Register Office) or local Register Offices – both currently costing £9.25 each. Don't get pulled into some online organisation which promise to 'do it for you' but then demand £20-30 or more!

**Familysearch** is the online presence of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This organisation has collected together one of the largest databases of genealogy information and makes it available **free of charge** both online and through a wide network of worldwide Family History Centres (over 100 in the UK alone). **Familysearch** is particularly useful as it has probably the largest collection of Parish Register data.

Family search has one more 'winner' up its sleeve – a free software application for storing all of your hard-won family history information on your laptop or computer. Called **Legacy Family Tree** is an ideal, free, way to structure your researches and keep all your records in an easily accessible form – no piles of paper! For more on these topics as well as introductions to archive techniques (microfilm and microfiche readers) and paper records such as Electoral Registers, Parish Registers, Newspaper archives, historical photos and maps plus lots more, why not come along to one of our **free** Monday sessions – 17:00-19:00?

These are generally held on the second and fourth Monday of each month (except August and Bank Holidays) and are **free of charge** but contact the library for latest information on **(01777) 708 724**.

Further opportunities are provided at monthly **Local and Family History Drop-in Surgeries** at Retford Library.

Why not drop in for a chat and find out more about the library's local and family history resources that could help with your research?

This drop-in session is **free** and **no booking is required**.

**Greg Herdman**

## Know it all?

No, not name calling, but some thoughts for pupils, students and parents on the brink of this year's summer examination season!

Recent scientific studies have thrown more light on preparation for exams and, more widely, the whole business of learning. *New Scientist* 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 explored in some detail those techniques that have been *proven* to aid learning – and those that don't! This short summary is intended to offer some quick-fix approaches to the last-minute demands on students as examinations loom.

Firstly, however, some techniques that are pretty certain **not** to work. These include such time-worn techniques as reading and re-reading important texts, copying your notes, summarising the material along with a number of keyword and mental imagery approaches.

So, what has been proven to work? Well, what does seem to come through – and has been recognised by teachers themselves – is that you only really get to grips with your subject/topic when you try to explain it to someone else. As an ex-teacher, I can vouch for the reverse of this; you don't realise what you don't know, until you try to teach it!

So, how can those preparing for examination use this to drive their own learning? Suggestions include such approaches as small group work, try to explain your chosen topic to friends, or why not use your parent's as audience/critics? This family-based approach could also provide a good way to pull parents into your tasks so that they can be supportive. Try to get them to understand your current revision topic by explaining it to them. What seems really to consolidate learning is being quizzed about what you've just taught. So, after explaining your topic, get your parents to ask you to clarify certain points.

What about timing? Research seems to confirm what we have really known for ages – late-night work is generally unproductive and can actually have significant negative effect if it leads to tiredness the following day. Whether morning or afternoon/evening study works best seems a much more personal matter

Sleep is a time in which the brain turns the day's learning into memories - our knowledge. So a good sleep pattern is vital and may explain why younger people often learn better than older people who generally sleep less.

Hopefully, these few examples of modern research will help modern students – good luck!

**Greg Herdman**

## 800 Years of the Magna Carta

The Magna Carta, one of the founding documents of the modern world, celebrates its 800<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Join Nottinghamshire Archives at Worksop Library on 17<sup>th</sup> June (15:00-16:00) for a look at this unique and still relevant piece of our shared history. Tickets cost £3.00 and booking is essential.

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## Law School

Dave Airey's monthly Reports (see our website for full Reports) continue to show that our area has generally low crime rates but, having said that, there are some trends that should concern us. The most notable one concerns vehicle crimes. Dave explains...



On this beat area and, indeed, across East Bassetlaw there has been an increasing amount of vehicle crime reported which could potentially have been avoided.

For many people - after their home - their car is their second most expensive single purchase yet it is amazing how many people fail to look after their vehicle. Vehicle thefts, including bicycles and motorcycles, are crimes of opportunity, yet around one fifth of all drivers admit they regularly leave their cars unlocked.

To outwit the thief, there are four golden rules:

- Always keep your car locked. This includes the sunroof and windows, even if you are only leaving it for a few seconds - that is all the time it takes for a criminal to steal your car or your belongings.
- Don't leave anything in your car, whether it is valuable or not, particularly when it is parked overnight. More than sixty per cent of thefts of and from vehicles occur when they are parked outside the home. If you must leave items in your vehicle, lock them in the boot or out of sight and be particularly careful with expensive stereo units, mobile phones and sat navs.
- Park with care. Park in busy, well lit areas near CCTV cameras or in Police approved "ParkMark" car parks. Always chain bikes, motorcycles and scooters to something fixed, like a security rail or post
- Keep your car secure: Never leave the keys in the ignition, not even when you are filling up or paying for petrol. Don't leave anything on display, and wipe any suction marks off your windscreen as they alert a thief to the presence of valuable items in your car.

Never leave vehicle documents or spare keys in your car and, if your car doesn't have one already, consider fitting an approved alarm or immobilizer, or a steering lock on an older vehicle. If you own a high value or performance vehicle, consider fitting a tracking device.

Have your cars registration number etched on all glass surfaces, including the headlamps, and ensure that your number plates are secured properly to prevent theft of the same. If your number plates are stolen, report this to the Police.

Even when you are driving, keep doors and windows locked and bags and mobile phones out of view. A thief can lean in and snatch them in the time it takes for a red light to change to green.

Keeping your motorcycles secure: Put a steering lock on and use a strong steel cable or D-lock to attach your bike to security rails or a ground anchor. Consider a professionally fitted combined alarm and immobilizer. If you have a garage - use it, or at least cover your

motorcycle when you are not using it.

Keeping your bicycle secure: Buy a good quality lock that can withstand attack. Two locks will double your security, and lock your bike to an immovable object. Keep your bike secure at home. Keep it in the garage or shed and lock it up even when it is in there.

When locking it to a fence or post, make sure it cannot simply be lifted off and get your bike frame security marked with your name and postcode.

The more difficult you can make life for a thief the better, and the more likely you are to retain your valuable possessions.

With immediate effect, PC 1695 Bill Bailey has replaced PC 3258 Fellows as beat manager for this area. His contact number is 07910 336 844 and E-mail address is **Bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk**

PC Bailey also covers adjoining beats to this area and will be known to some of you.

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**PCSO 8139 Dave Airey**

### Editors notes:

1. Your editor spotted three local vehicles sitting on driveways with engines running and no-one in sight during the cold weather earlier in the year!
2. Dave is always very appreciative and complementary about the amount of 'information' that local residents pass to police regarding potentially suspicious activities. This is surely a key factor in our low crime rates. As Dave has said before - and it's true - **we are one team.**

## Clarborough & Welham IT Group

Now probably the biggest providers of computer guidance in the district, Clarborough & Welham IT Group's next block of classes at Clarborough Village Hall will resume w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June. For just £15 you get five 90 minute sessions with support from our team of 6

tutors. So, whether you are an absolute beginner or want to explore more specialist topics get in touch. Recent topics have included getting online, digital photography & image editing and advanced word processing - this Newsletter is word processed using OpenOffice. Use your own laptop or one of ours.



An exciting new development for the autumn is our planned support for Kath Sutton's latest book project (see page 9) which will involve launch of a dedicated website. So, if you'd like to get involved or you belong to a voluntary group that would like to set up its own website, why not come on board for some hands-on tuition and experience. Watch this space or better still, keep an eye on **www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk** which uses the same, **free**, tools to both design and run the website as the autumn programme will explore. Contact Greg on (01777) 700 918 or **clarboroughwelham@gmail.com**



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## Liz Yates County Councillor



I hope Easter was enjoyable for you, time to relax with friends and family and lots of chocolate for everyone. That is not to forget the special time that Easter is, which is reflected in increased church attendances.

It has been a quiet time at the County Council, with me pursuing ongoing issues such as traffic on Smeath Lane, hedge cutting, drainage on the Village Hall drive and many other issues. Sometimes these things seem to take forever to resolve but I am persistent, and I think that sometimes CC officers are swamped with my requests but do their best to help us.

We have called into your village shop a couple of times and were very pleased with the range on offer, with fair prices, it is an asset to the village.

As always, I am pleased to hear from you about any issues and concerns you may have, so please contact me on: 01777 860 219 or Email [cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk)

## Crimean War – Retford men's involvement

Harry Foxley, who delivered a stimulating illustrated talk about Retford's Majestic Theatre in May, 2014 will be delivering another talk about his latest researches. Harry has been exploring the history of those men from Retford who took part in the Crimean campaign and will doubtless have many insights and surprises to explore. That conflict raised a wide array of issues that British military leaders struggled to address – and then, of course, there was Florence Nightingale. His talk at Retford Library will be on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 19:00**. Tickets are just £1.00 but booking is essential as places are limited.

**Either drop in at the library, phone (01777) 708 724 or e-mail [retford.library@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:retford.library@nottsc.gov.uk) to book.**

**Editor's note:** Visit our community website's *Out-and-About* ► **Retford Library** page to see the wide range of regular activities, groups and events that take place.

## One Hundred Years Ago

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1915 Great Central Railway Company in Britain begins employing women in limited roles; other companies soon follow.

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1915 A German U-Boat torpedoes the British passenger liner *Lusitania* off the Irish coast. It sinks in 18 minutes, drowning 1,201 persons, including 128 Americans. Neutral American sympathies swing significantly towards UK and allies. President Woodrow Wilson sends four diplomatic protests to Germany.

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## 3D printing isn't just a hobby!

Many readers will have been aware for quite a while now that so-called 3D printers have become available to enthusiasts who have been making all sorts of plastic bits-and-pieces. Some have used their printer to make replacement parts – control knobs for washing machines or a broken knob on a kettle lid.

How many know, however, how fast this revolutionary technique is developing and how great will be its impact on industry at large? The technique, variously known as additive technology, has exploded such that techniques are now available to not only print plastics but materials as varied as clothing 'fabrics', glass and concrete. However, probably the most remarkable example of this technology is Rolls-Royce prototyping of additive technology. Incorporated into its Trent XWB-97 engine, the UK aerospace manufacturer and defence contractor has **3D printed a titanium structure** that measures 1.5m in diameter and 0.5m-thick. This front bearing housing contains 48 aerofoils and was manufactured using Arcam's electron beam melting technology, as the result of research performed with University of Sheffield and the UK's Manufacturing Technology Centre. The technology is beginning to change the repair and spare parts industries because parts are now becoming available 'on demand' – no need for vast stores of spare parts.

*Flight International 3-9 March 2015*

## Men's Health 2 – AAA

No, not an advance motoring organization – but Abdominal Aortic Aneurism. **Abdominal** – that bit of your body between the bottom of your ribs and your pelvis.

**Aortic** – the aorta is the main artery, which takes the blood from the heart to the rest of the body. That blood is under pressure and this can be felt as pulses in other arteries when they go over bones and therefore not as deep in the body as they usually are.

**Aneurism** – a thin section in an artery, which is vulnerable to splitting due to the pressure of the blood.

So an AAA is a thin part of your main artery, which is deep in your abdomen. Why is it a problem? Because, being thin and weak, it may 'balloon' as it fills with blood. Worse, this balloon may burst and so release blood into the abdomen. If this happens there is an 80% likelihood of death. Around 6000 people die each year from AAA!

The test is simple, an ultrasound scan, much like that which pregnant women undergo, which is non-invasive, pain-free and very short. It usually takes between 5 – 10 minutes. Results are given there and then. If you have one it may never need treatment but you would be monitored as a precaution.

A friend of mine had the test, he was clear. Talking to a group of friends he managed to persuade some of the group to have the scan. All clear. Except one, who had a different problem identified and eventually rectified as it was a serious condition.

Why is offered to men? 1 in 25 men have an AAA and men are 6 times more likely to have one than are women.

Call Bassetlaw and Doncaster NHS Trust on 01709 321 189 or by emailing [dbh-tr.dbhaaa@nhs.net](mailto:dbh-tr.dbhaaa@nhs.net) to arrange one. **Go on – you might save your own life!**

Paul Willcock



## 2 Shires Credit Union

2 Shires Credit Union now offers a new Budget Account which is separate from our standard Savings and Loan products.

The idea behind this new facility is help people who are having trouble with their regular monthly payments. Your income is paid directly into your budget account and the balance (after allowing for regular payments) is then paid into your "normal" bank account. As part of this service, we can also set up a regular payment into a separate savings account to cater for those bills trip us up from time to time.

The 2 Shires Credit Union is a not-for-profit, community based financial co-operative run by our members for the benefit of our members and offer safe savings and loans facilities. Any surplus at the end of our financial year is distributed to our members in the form of a dividend based on the amount saved. Our directors are all volunteers who give their time free as are the people who run our community branches. We are the face of "ethical banking", so please come along and join us – and please also pass on the word to family and friends. Why not come and talk to us about our savings and loan products? The 2 Shires Credit Union is there to help you.

**Opening Hours** at the **One Stop Shop** in **Retford** are Thursdays from 09:15 to 11:15.

**For more information visit [www.2shires.org.uk](http://www.2shires.org.uk) or telephone 01909 500 575.**

## A Special Mention

Your Editor must give special thanks to **D.C. Building Services** who jumped to our rescue when I accidentally disconnected a drainpipe union high overhead. They had been working nearby and jumped to the rescue with their ladder and then refused – twice - to accept any payment. **D C Building Services** are based at 4 Coronation Terrace, Dunham-on-Trent and can be contacted on 01522 821 889



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## Parish Council Pointers

**Branching out...** The Junior Play area has its full compliment of Trees once more, and it's looking good. Five new Trees have been planted to replace those vandalised over the past year. A local lady raised funding towards one of the Trees, with sponsorship from a half Marathon. A nice gesture. Our thanks to her.

**Sheltered...** You may have noticed the smart new Bus Shelter on Clarbrough Main Street, replaced by the County Council. The Parish Council along with local residents, have pushed for a while to have the broken old one replaced.

**Skate Park update....** Following a noise abatement notice issued to the Parish Council by Bassetlaw Environmental Health. A survey by MAS Environmental, a company who specialise in Skate Park Noise problems, was carried out. They identified the hollow wooden ramps as the main noise problem. The centre ramp being the biggest culprit. In a bid to comply with the abatement notice, we had no choice but to remove the centre ramp, leaving the two end ramps in place. Environmental Health will now monitor impact noise once more, to see if acceptable levels have been achieved. The MAS Environmental costs were paid by Bassetlaw District Council.

**Election all change...** Clarbrough & Welham Parish Councillors, are all up for re-election on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Some Councillors are retiring, and we thank them for their efforts in helping to keep our villages, great places to live - but see opposite for late news.

Whatever happens, we pledge to look after our two villages, and keep improving them....

**Clarbrough & Welham Parish Council**

**Late news: Parish Council election result before the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Only 7 candidates put forward so the elections were uncontested. Full results on the BDC website under - believe it or not - elections!**

## Bassetlaw Action Centre

Great Day Trips and Short Breaks on the Community Minibus through 2015.

**When you have booked onto a trip the minibus coordinator will telephone you up to 4 working days prior to the trip taking place to inform you of the collection time. All collections will be from your home or your designated collection point.**

Go to our community website's **Out-and-About** section for the full programme of trips.

**Volunteer befrienders** are urgently required at Bassetlaw Action Centre, to support those suffering from loneliness and isolation. If you enjoy meeting people and are able to visit someone once a week for six weeks you could help us. All personal travel expenses will be paid.


For more information contact Bassetlaw Action Centre Canal Street, Retford DN22 6EZ

Telephone: 01777 709 650 or

**Email:** [minibus@bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk](mailto:minibus@bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk)

or **Victoria Wright** [vwright@actioncentre.org.uk](mailto:vwright@actioncentre.org.uk) for **Befriending Service.**

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## Fairtrade for Clarborough, Welham & Bassetlaw

Many Clarborough residents will be aware that Fairtrade Fortnight was celebrated in February-March this year. The emphasis for 2015 was to highlight the producers who grow the products we love and share their stories. This was to remind ourselves of the dramatic difference Fairtrade makes and how much it is still needed. Recent research shows that while 78% of the UK public recognise the FAIRTRADE Mark, over half still don't actively choose Fairtrade products. When asked, people say this is mostly because they don't know what Fairtrade does or don't believe buying it has any benefits. So how many Clarborough residents are clear about the benefits of Fairtrade? The FAIRTRADE Mark means that the Fairtrade ingredients in the product have been produced by small-scale farmer organisations or plantations that meet Fairtrade social, economic and environmental standards. The standards include:

- protection of workers' rights and the environment,
- payment of the Fairtrade Minimum Price
- an additional Fairtrade Premium to invest in business or community projects.

If you are a tea drinker, here's an example of what your purchase of Fairtrade tea could mean.

Fyson Tchale is a 79 year old tea farmer in Malawi. Fyson is married with eight children and 33 grandchildren. The 79-year-old started growing tea as a smallholder farmer in 1964. The benefits of Fairtrade for Fyson range from being able to drink safe water from a community water tap rather than unprotected wells, to a fund for maize which he can buy at a 30% lower price than the market offers – both funded by the Fairtrade Premium. His grandchildren are schooled in modern blocks and sit at desks also paid for by the Fairtrade Premium. In the future, Fyson would like to grow more tea and see piped water taps in every household. It will be easier for him if he can sell more tea with the Fairtrade mark.

Why tea farmers still need you to purchase Fairtrade:

- Tea producers in the Fairtrade system sell on average under 9% of their product on Fairtrade terms
- Only around 7% of tea sold in the UK is Fairtrade
- Tea production relies on established rainfall patterns. In recent years weather patterns have become increasingly unpredictable, linked to deforestation and climate change, and affecting producers' livelihoods.
- More tea sales mean more benefits for the 285,900 tea farmers and workers in the Fairtrade system, and the opportunity for more farmers and workers to start selling on Fairtrade terms.

So here's a challenge for Clarborough residents. You can play a part in convincing more shoppers and businesses to choose products that change lives - there are over 4,500 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE Mark during your next shop.

**Kathy Cowbrough**  
For Fairtrade for Bassetlaw



**Retford Business Forum** is driving a project to replace Retford's Tourist Information Centre but offer far more as an exciting **Hub** for the arts, as well as a fun place to shop. We will have a range of local products and provide a showcase for local artists and crafters. Plans are advancing rapidly to develop the **Hub** in the recently closed Lloyds Chemist premises in Retford's Churchgate.

We are keen to hear from business and entrepreneurs who would like to explore links as well as volunteers to help us develop the fascinating old building.

To get involved or just keep up-to-date with this exciting development, go to [www.retfordhub.org](http://www.retfordhub.org) or e-mail [chris@retfordhub.org](mailto:chris@retfordhub.org) or phone 07940 166 692.

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## Clarborough Village Festival 2015

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** sees the return of the sixth annual Clarborough Village Ventures Festival.

The festival begins at 10:00 with stalls and activities centred on Clarborough Village Hall and its playing field as well as the Kings Arms car park.

During the day you can feel the beat with the Harworth Drummers, channel your energies with the Lynx Martial Arts Academy, discover the winners of Clarborough's first ever scarecrow competition and try your luck with the prize draw and other games...



**Come and join us in and around the Village hall, field and surrounding car parks**



- Harworth Drummers from 10:30am
- Lynx Black Belt Leadership Academy 11:15am
- Register for the Dog Show from midday
- Scarecrow competition prize giving 12:00
- Dog Show starts 1:00pm



- Prize Draw
- Vintage Cars
- Beer Tent
- BBQ
- Ice Creams
- Bouncy Castle, Games
- and lots, lots, more



There's lots to see with vintage vehicles and tractors, steam engines, stalls to browse, lots of games for children plus, of course, our Annual Dog show which is the place to be seen with your canine companion!

There's food and drink available, ice creams, a barbecue and beer tent so come along!



## Pantomime 2016...



...an Arabian adventure...

Why not join in, make new friends and be part of the fourth Clarborough pantomime?

The Clarborough 2016 pantomime kicks off with an initial meeting on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015; 7pm** at Clarborough Village Hall.

Whether you are a complete novice or have been at it for years we look forward to seeing you there!

**Singing** **Make-up** **Costumes** **Sound**  
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**Scenery** **Acting** **Lighting** **Props** **Dancing**

Auditions will be held on **Wednesday 8th July**, full details will be available at the initial meeting or call 07766482030.

## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

**11<sup>th</sup> May**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
**20<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 on our community website where you will also find approved Minutes

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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