

Clarborough & Welham

Summer 2017 Newsletter

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From the Editor

Compiling this issue of Clarborough & Welham Newsletter has reinforced in my own mind how important our community website is to the flow of information.

As material; kept coming in for inclusion in this issue, it became progressively more and more difficult to fit all of the words in - the editor's knife has been exceptionally busy!

Now in one sense this is a good thing in that it shows how important our Newsletter is becoming to very wide ranging interests. On the other hand it does mean that all of the information provided has had to be condensed and cut down to fit our limited space. It is for this reason that quite a few articles contain references to pages on our website where the full text can be read. Our website is shown at the foot of this page.

Speaking of our website, readers may be interested to know that it is now one of the most popular sources of information in the wider area. Over the past few months statistics show that 2,500-3,000 pages have been accessed (not 'hits' – these run into the hundreds of thousands) **per week**. So, if you are seeking links to key services such as Education and Training, Law and Order or Health & Welfare services, to name a few, then go to our website.

Editor's thanks must go to an important group without which this, or any other, issues, couldn't get to you, our readers. This is our band of tireless (or that's my assumption!) volunteer distributors who get copies through all of the letterboxes* in our community.

Please note we include editorial deadlines for future issues on the back page of each Newsletter. With pressure for space increasing, it is wise to get material to me before these dates!

*It's worth noting that further copies of our Newsletters are placed in The Kings Arms, SPAR Store, Howbeck Garage as well as Retford Library, Bookworm, Bassetlaw Action Centre, Hope Shops (Retford & Worksop) as well as Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service, also in Workop. Copies are also posted on our community website as well as Clarborough Primary School's website.

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Clarborough Water mains replacement scheme by Anglian Water this summer

Anglian Water are planning to carry out improvements to the water network in Clarborough and Welham in order to reduce the number of bursts as the existing water pipes are now coming to the end of their useful life.

This £1million scheme is due to start in July 2017 and will be completed by the end of December. It will affect properties along Whinleys Road, Howbeck Lane, A620 Road and all of Welham. **(See plan below).**

In order to minimise disruption, Anglian Water will be using no-dig techniques throughout the project, including Directional Drilling, Slip Lining and Pipebursting, which are less intrusive than the traditional open cut excavation method.

One section of the scheme at Little Gringley; will require a road closure, which will last for one week. The diversion route for through traffic during this period will be via Retford, which will be clearly signposted when the road closure is in place. The exact timing of this is not known yet, but letters will be sent to local residents and diversion signs put in place ahead of the closure.

Anglian Water will write to local residents closer to the start date with further details of this planned work

If you have questions about this work in the meantime you can contact the Anglian Water Project Engineer, Brian Sutton on 01522 341 475 or 07803 798 063 (Monday-Friday 09:00-17:00) or the Anglian Water customer contact team on 03457 145 145.

Brian Sutton

Clarborough Festival

Stalls are still available both inside Clarborough Village Hall and outside on the hall field.

For more, contact David McDonald on 07769 600 348 but hurry, spaces are filling fast!

This year's Scarecrow competition is also starting to come together with a theme based on characters from popular films.

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If you require any further information, please contact the
Clerk to the Council, Mrs W Davies: Tel 01777 700 517
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County Councillor Liz Yates

It is with considerable regret that we have to confirm that Liz Yates will not be seeking re-election in May's County Council election.

Thus, the following is Liz's last contribution to our Newsletter:

This is my last article for the newsletter as I will not be standing at the forthcoming County Council elections on the 4th May. It has been a privilege to work with you all, I have thoroughly enjoyed the last eight years and I will miss everyone very much but, it is now time for me to find out what 'retirement' actually means.

I wish all residents, the parish council and all the other groups in Clarborough and Welham, the very best for the future, you deserve the best and nothing less.

My kindest regards to everyone
Liz Yates
County Councillor

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For a wider range of local crime information we have two local sources. The first is our own PCSO Dave Airey's monthly reports which are published in full on our community website (**Law & Order ► Local Police Reports**) and from which we usually include key elements in Newsletters. As an example of Dave's thoroughness, we published one of his full report in our Spring issue.

The second channel of information, and one that is our local Neighbourhood Alert scheme which provides a constant e-mail stream that can be customised to your requirements – either a broad overview of the local area or a much more focused 'patch' of specific interest.

To subscribe to Neighbourhood Alert see our community website **Law & Order ► Neighbourhood Alert**

Editor

Separatist Edward Southworth of Clarborough!

Separatists, Mayflower Pilgrims, do these sound familiar? But did you realise Clarborough had a place in these monumental stories?

Many readers will already be aware of events and celebrations in and around Retford in November of 2015 and 2016 which will be 'ramped up' through 2017 to 2020. That year will see international celebrations of the arrival of the Mayflower Pilgrims* in what was to become Massachusetts in autumn of 1620.

For many, the sailing of the *Mayflower* from Plymouth in England to what would become Plymouth Colony in America is well known. What seems less well-known, even locally, is just how pivotal were the key individuals and places that fall within a 25 miles radius around Retford! Readers may have listened enthralled to talks by Sue Allan about Scrooby Manor which was a centre for *Separatists* who felt unable to pledge allegiance to the Church of England headed by King James I (King of England, Scotland and Ireland from 1603-1625).

At that time they felt the Church of England was nearly as corrupt and idolatrous as the Catholic Church it had replaced.

The names of such key individuals as William Bradford, William Brewster and John Robinson are well known but many other 'locals' believed in the need to reform the 'established church'. Among those was one Edward Southworth. Sue Allan's researches are now pointing very strongly to Edward's roots right here in Clarborough.

Over coming issues of Clarborough & Welham Newsletter



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we will explore the wider aspects of the *Separatist* story and potential links to descendants in the USA. However, first we need to go back to the origins of what would become the Church of England.

Henry VIII had demanded of Pope Clement VII that Henry's marriage with Catherine of Aragon be annulled so that he could remarry – and hopefully sire an heir. When this demand was refused, Henry declared himself the final authority in matters relating to the church in England and so broke the link with Rome.

This was the official start of the Reformation in England. However, Martin Luther's *Ninety-five Theses* of 1517, which is conveniently considered the start of the Reformation across Europe, had been influencing opinions in England for some time. As the century progressed, a range of ideas and groups sought to reform the church. During Elizabeth I's reign (1559-1603) these groups or *dissenters* were generally tolerated but the ascent of James I to the throne quickly initiated a period of oppression; James demanded adherence to the Church of England or he would 'harry them out of the land'.

By the early 1600s an increasingly influential – and large – group of dissenters had been congregating around Scrooby Manor, then occupied by William Brewster. Around 1607 John Robinson had joined the group which would lead to him becoming sole Pastor for the group when it settled in Leiden, Holland.

However, we jump forward – how is Scrooby (and Clarborough) linked to Holland and America?

James I was an 'absolute monarch' in his belief that monarchs were appointed by, and only answerable to, God. His thoughts on the links between monarchy and church quickly surfaced in his famous 'No bishop, no king!' at the Hampton Court Conference of 1604. This conference did result in some key changes to, among other things, the *Book of Common Prayer*. It also set the scene for translation of the Bible into English, resulting in the *Authorised King James version* of the Bible (published 1611) which is still in common circulation today.

By the time of his death in 1625, James had effectively been sole ruler of a Kingdom of England, Scotland and Ireland, a process formalised much later by the Act of Union of 1707. He had also fought wars with major European powers and begun establishment of colonies in America. On the other hand, many would argue that his

absolutist policies, favourites-at-court and disdain for Parliament would lead to the English Civil War and the execution of his son, and heir, Charles I.



Dissenting groups in 16th and 17th century England were many but united in their opposition to state (i.e. monarch) interference in religious matters. Most of these have either disappeared or been absorbed into larger groupings such as Baptists or Quakers to name but two. Some dissenters, however, found it impossible to remain in James I's realm and sought escape to another country where they could worship as they chose. At the time Holland was seen as such a destination so as state oppression increased, the Scrooby congregation made plans to leave for Holland.

If you are impatient to learn more about this fascinating period in our history, take a look at:

<http://www.pilgrimfathersorigins.org> where you will also find contact details for Sue Allan – and lots more!

*You may have heard what are now known as the *Mayflower Pilgrims* by an earlier label, the *Pilgrim Fathers*. The current name reflects the importance of the wives and other females to the group's endeavours.

Greg Herdman & Sue Allan

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Family history – where to start?

Starting family history research falls into two separate parts. The first is summarised by ***speak to the living*** which is general advice in all standard works on this topic. 'If I'd only asked...' where the subject was a deceased relative/friend/colleague crops up so often at our Family & Local History group at Retford Library*. So, ask questions of those who should be able to remember things and add these to your own reminiscences.

Make sure you start to write all of this down **now!** Using a word processor is a very good approach since your work can be easily extended as new information or recollections surface.

Old photographs are fascinating evidence too. So often the reverse is blank! So, if you have a collection of old, or even not-so-old, photos, do your best to get the names, places or events written on them. Pencil is least likely to cause long-term damage.

Before going further, we can't over-emphasise the key requirement in genealogy – work backwards! Jumping over, by assumption, just one generation can lead to untold errors, wasted time and money. It's not as easy as *Who Do You Think You Are* would have us believe!

This leads to the second platform for family history research or genealogy which is much more formal. It is based on official documents; birth, marriage or death certificates (**bmd** to genealogists).

The **Births and Deaths Registration Act** of 1836 paved the way for the appointment of a **Registrar General for England and Wales** and launch of the General Register Office (GRO). The system required births, marriages and deaths to be registered from 1st July, 1837 with local Registrars. However, in practical terms, this didn't start too smoothly because it appears many people were misinformed about the meaning of the Act. We must remember that until the 1870 Education Act inaugurated education for all, a majority of the population couldn't read. Newspapers were for the few but the vast majority were required or expected to attend church every Sunday. It was local vicars and their equivalents who gave 'headline news' each week from the pulpit. It appears that even they got it wrong sometimes and in this case the misconception was that new-born children could *either* have their birth registered, *or* could be baptised. This misconception was not anticipated when the 1836 Act was framed, so no penalties were incorporated for those who failed to comply. Revisions to the Act in 1874 imposed stiff penalties for failure to register, closing this loophole.

Civil Registration documents are the foundation for researching family history back to, and possibly before, 1837 **but** it is important to understand that birth, marriage and death certificates are considered confidential – **you cannot view these documents anywhere, online, in person or at the GRO.**

Having said that, you can order copies of bmd certificates if you can find the reference to them. What does this mean?

Firstly, we need to go back to the system as set up in 1836. As we mentioned, a local Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths was appointed to every area. Many of these were based on the old Poor Law Unions as confirmed by the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act. Most of the Registry

Offices thus created are still in existence, such as East Retford, although some, particularly in metropolitan areas, have been combined as boundaries have changed.

A basic requirement, imposed on all Registrars, was to send *copies* of all certificates to the GRO, initially in London but now in Stockport. These *copies* were for each quarter of the year and have become known to archivists and researchers alike as the March, June, September and December quarters.

Note *copies*; until the advent of photocopiers, these were hand-copied which means slight errors or omissions could occur during copying.

So, if we can't look at the original documents, how do we find a reference to our chosen certificate? Fortunately, the GRO system generates **Registers** of all certificates which can be viewed at the National Archives as well as certain large national libraries. Even more accessible, however, are certain online resources based on these Registers. Top of the recommendations is the service provided at **www.freebmd.org.uk** which is the work of an army of volunteers who have transcribed the GRO Registers to their website. 'Free' also means that searches are free, we can search online at home..

We need to realise, however, that even this doesn't yield a view of the certificate – we have to order it from the GRO based on the reference obtained via **freebmd** to get a hardcopy. At the time of writing, all types of certificates cost £9.25 including postage.

It is worth noting that *original* certificates are still held by the original Registrars so once we have the reference obtained as above, it is a good idea to contact the original Registrar's office to ask if they have the certificate. Although they use differing filing systems, providing the GRO reference will usually unlock the required certificate. Costs are similar to the GRO's.

In our next issue we will look in detail at the use of **freebmd** website and ordering copies of certificates before looking at how these can be used to push back family trees.

Before 1837 our main sources are often Parish Registers – more about those in a future issue too.

*If you'd like some hands-on help in starting your family history come to Retford Library's group which meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month (except August and Bank Holidays) from 17:00-19:00. It's free!

Greg Herdman

North Notts BID?

For the many readers not involved in local business the term 'BID' will be a complete mystery. Briefly, the letters stand for **Business Improvement District**. There are currently around 250 Business Improvement Districts in the UK but these are generally towns, cities or industrial areas. The North Notts BID will be the first place-shaping, area-wide BID in the country.

For a full outline of North Notts BID together with links for anyone with business interests in the area see our community website's **Local Business** page.

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National Volunteers' Week happens every year between the 1st and 7th of June, with over 900 events happening across the country to thank, recognise and celebrate volunteers.

A group of volunteer-involving organisations from across the Bassetlaw district are working together to bring you a volunteer information stall on Worksop Market on Friday 2nd AND Saturday 3rd June, from 08:30. So why not come and have a chat to see 'How can you make the difference?' (the national theme for Volunteers' Week 2017)



There will be information about over 300 opportunities to volunteer in Bassetlaw, as well as a fun activity for children. Volunteering opportunities start from as little as 1

hour per week, in areas including befriending, media & marketing, homelessness, ex-offenders, heritage and driving. With the rise of micro-volunteering, there are now a number of opportunities you can undertake at home, so there really is something to suit everyone.

More details about the National Volunteers' Week can be found at www.volunteersweek.org or to find out more about getting involved locally, call BCVS (Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service) on 01909 476 118 ext23 or visit www.bcvs.org.uk

Natasha Mellors
BCVS

theWI Clarborough & District W.I.

Clarborough & District W.I. will be organising a trip to Cleethorpes on Wednesday 5th July, 2017. This outing is for senior members of the villages of Clarborough, Welham and Hayton. It will leave Clarborough at 10:00 and depart Cleethorpes at 16:00 for the return trip.

There will be no charge for this outing!

If you are interested, please contact either: Glenis on 01777 704 711 or Lesley on 07967 191 007.

W.I. Meeting are held regularly at Clarborough Village Hall on the second Monday of each month starting at 19:00 for a formal start at 19:30. Visitors are very welcome at a charge of £3.50 including refreshments.

Clarborough W.I. will hostess the annual Group Meeting on Wednesday 10th May, again at Clarborough Village Hall with guest speaker Mr Tim Fee, producer of *Emmerdale Farm*. Tim's talk will focus on the day H.M. The Queen came to Emmerdale. His talk will start at 19:30. Tickets for this event are £5.00 including refreshments.

Lesley Baines

Milton Mausoleum

If you are interested in local history, especially how it fits with national history, we are so lucky to live in this area.

From the abandoned Roman town at Littleborough, *Segolocum*, to the 20th century history of the Nottinghamshire coalfield, there are also hidden gems. One of these is the Newcastle Mausoleum, Milton.



Built by the 4th Duke of Newcastle of Clumber as a memorial to his beloved wife, Georgiana. No longer a church in regular use it is still consecrated, and is open for visitors during the summer, May to September, Sunday afternoons, 14:00-16:00 the church is open with stewards present. We also open for groups by prior arrangement. Please contact: mausoleum1833@gmail.com

Beryl Venables

Clarborough Garden Club Show

Although Clarborough Garden Club has suspended their monthly meetings and talks due to disappointing turnout, they are well ahead with planning for their annual Show. Their 13th Annual Show is scheduled for Saturday 19th August at Clarborough Village Hall.

The Show is open to the public from 13:30 with admission just 50p. Refreshments will be available.

The full schedule for the event together with application forms are available on our community website – go to **Local Groups ► Gardening Club** to download these documents. Entry forms should be completed by 10:45 on the morning of the event.

For more details, e-mail: theclarboroughgardeningclub@talktalk.net

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Lessons cost just £15 for 5 weekly 90 minute sessions at Clarborough Village Hall. The full timetable through to July 2018 can be seen in the Calendar section of the IT Group's website at www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk

Our next two 5-week blocks start w/c 24th April and w/c 12th June on either Tuesdays (13:30-15:00) or Wednesdays (10:00-11:30).

To enrol, contact Greg on 01777 700 918 or e-mail clarboroughwelham@gmail.com



John Mann's advice to young people

John Mann, Labour MP for Bassetlaw since 2001, recently paid a visit to Tuxford Academy to give an inspiring talk to Year 12 students.

Following the talk, Mr Mann kindly gave an interview to the school magazine in which he described the claims that young people are not interested in politics as a 'myth'.

"I think younger people are more interested in politics now than they were before. Personally, I would be in favour of the voting age being reduced to 16 and I will continue to vote on this in Parliament until it happens", said Mr Mann.

"It's a matter of principle that if you're old enough to fight in the army then you should be old enough to vote. It's very important that younger people are engaged with politics."

Mr Mann also went into his life as an MP, discussing the difference between his duties in his constituency and his duties in Parliament.

"The two are very different; you can be dealing with the United Nations one minute and then dealing with a car parking ticket the next. But I like the variety, variety is very good, it keeps you level headed."

Having been engaged with politics from a very early age, Mr Mann offered some advice for people wanting to get a career in politics. "I would say start early and get involved."

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

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)

Retford Arts Festival

An inspiring and eclectic mix of visual art, creativity, theatre, music, writers, poetry and history will be on display at many venues in and around Retford from 27th - 29th May 2017.

Artists of every kind will take part and exhibit or perform their work for free to the delight of the local community, in the second annual **Retford Arts Festival**. This beautiful Georgian town will come alive with artwork and music for everyone to enjoy.

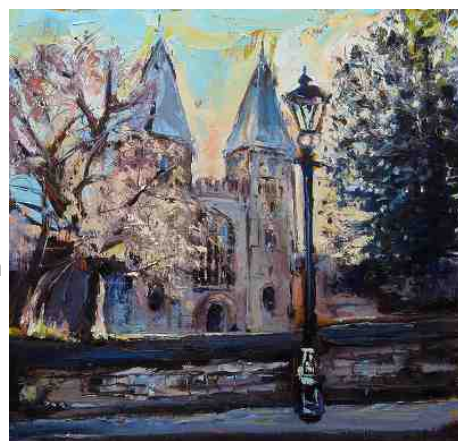
Even more local artists will exhibit this year, building on the success of the inaugural festival in 2016. There will be talks by local authors as well as an exhibition by renowned artist Susan Isaacs - which will make the **Retford Arts Festival** the must-visit, free event for everyone in North Nottinghamshire.

Artists, artisans, musicians, poets, dancers, actors and writers of every type, age and ability will be taking part in the **Retford Arts Festival 2017**.

Renowned painter, Susan Isaac, will be the headline artist at this year's **Retford Arts Festival**.

Susan grew up in Cardiff and trained in fine art at Cardiff and Newport art colleges before studying design history at Brighton and industrial archaeology at Birmingham University. She then worked as an illustrator and surveyor of historic buildings and landscapes and as a freelance illustrator and historic buildings surveyor, when she experienced and recorded some of the most beautiful and remote parts of Britain. She now lives and paints in Nottinghamshire.

A central theme in her paintings is the search for those particular characteristics that define British towns and countryside. Susan conveys this in a distinctive idiom that reflects influences from her time studying industrial landscapes and the built environment.



For further information concerning any aspect of the festival please visit www.retfordhub.org or call The Hub on **01777 860 414** or email: chris@retfordhub.org

Parish Allotments

The well advertised Allotment meeting held on 7th March 2017 was attended by only 6 potential allotment holders. It is intended to hold another meeting on **Tuesday 9th May 2017** at the King's Arms, Main Street, Clarborough. This meeting will decide how many allotments are to be provided.

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Neighbourhood Plan updates

The Referendum of 2nd February 2017 produced the highest turnout (i.e. number who voted compared with the total number who could have voted) of any previous NP Referendum in Bassetlaw. The average turnout for the first five Referenda was 23% whereas it was 42% for the Clarborough & Welham Referendum. The Steering Group were, as you can imagine, really pleased with this high involvement from the residents of the Parish.

The result of 318 voting 'Yes' – 88%, 43 voting 'No' -12%, with only 1 spoilt ballot paper was even more pleasing. A justification of nearly 4 years hard work and an indication that what is in the Plan is what residents want. This is as it should be!

Thank you to all who took part in the development of the Plan in any way during those 4 years by attending meetings, allowing Steering Group members into meetings of your group, completing questionnaires and just showing interest.

The Plan is now 'made' and stands alongside the BDC Local Plan as one of the pieces of legislation which applies to any development in the Parish.

The practical work of implementing the Plan now begins!

The Residential Land in Clarborough

'For Sale' signs have been erected on this land by Bassetlaw District Council.

The Leisure Land

5 days after the result was known, the Parish Council held a special meeting to decide on how the land would be managed. It was decided that:

- A Management Group of residents will be established to develop of the Wildflower Meadow land as requested by residents during the NP Consultations. A public meeting on 2 March established a 'Friends of The Parish Pasture' group.
- An Allotment Association, formed of those wishing to become allotment holders, will be responsible to the Parish Council for running the allotments. A public meeting on 7th March was poorly attended with only 6 people present. Another meeting will be held.

At its meeting of 27th February 2017 the Parish Council decided that the land should be called ***The Parish Pasture***.

Use of The Parish Pasture

Following cutting and clearing of the vegetation on the land it is now more accessible. It can be used for dog walking or other leisure activities. Those using ***any part*** of the land are asked ***not to allow their dogs to foul*** the land and to pick-up any 'little deposits' your pet makes.

Residents who have used the land as a dump for everything from grass cuttings to concrete and for access by delivery vehicles are asked to immediately stop this misuse of the land.

Work on The Parish Pasture

There will be periods in coming months when there will need to be work, including spraying and ploughing, on this land in order to prepare it to become the Wildflower Meadow requested during consultations. This will restrict usage of the land for short periods. ***Please take note of all signs which will be placed when work is to be, and has been, done!***

It is possible that a 'drone' will be used occasionally to monitor and keep a record of the work on the leisure land. This will not overfly private gardens and will be flown by a licensed pilot. ***The flying of private drones over the land is not allowed by law.***

Paul Willcock

Retford Easter Markets and Market updates

A recent meeting regarding the Farmers Market (something that was mentioned at March's Retford Business Forum) covered several points regarding improving the appeal of the market. We are holding a Easter Trail on the Farmers Market on Saturday April 15th (Day before Easter Sunday). This is a competition for people to locate hidden letters on the Farmers Market stalls. When all letters have been found they make up word/words associated with Easter. The winning prize is a hamper full of farmers market goodies. We will be trialling new backsheets that match the current stall covers so as to make the Farmers Market brighter and more appealing when you view it from the main market square. People should look out for the red and white striped covers! On the main market we are having an Easter Egg trail for the children. There will be a first, second and third prize (all chocolate themed!). Entry forms for both will be available on the day and flyers advertising the event will be put around town before the events take place.

Carol Vanderhoven
Markets Supervisor
Bassetlaw District Council

Letters to the Editor

I must express my sincere admiration and gratitude to the team who have been responsible for all the arrangements leading up to the Parish Referendum. Having spent a number of years as Clerk to a Parish (in another area), I have a real understanding of what all of this has entailed,- hence my admiration. And to enthuse your fellow parishioners to an extent which resulted in a very high turn-out to vote,- that must have taken some doing. Thank you.

Linda Davies

I told Paul Willcock what a grand job he and his team had done in publicising the referendum. They certainly worked tirelessly with information, posters, leaflets and even on the day of voting they were out putting Vote Today notices up.

Dorothy King

Public Rights of Way

In March 2016, I was very pleased to be asked to take on the role of Paths Warden for the parish.

You may know that there are many kilometres of Public Rights of Way comprising byways, bridleways and footpaths which cross the parish, some of which link in with similar in adjacent parishes.

The map of the parish shows the network with each category having an identification and reference number. The simple definition of each of the above categories is as follows.

Footpaths: Can be used by pedestrians and prams and in some cases cyclists who should stop/ dismount when approaching pedestrians. [The canal towpath comes into this latter category]

Dogs should always be kept on a lead especially when crossing fields where there may be livestock, and not foul the footpath.

Bridleways: As above with the addition of horses.

Byways: As above plus any mechanically propelled vehicle which must comply with Road Vehicle Regulations in all respects ie vehicles/motor bikes must be taxed & insured and the driver hold an appropriate licence. [Market Hill comes into this category]

Most of the network crosses private land and as such users should not stray off the path without the land owner's permission.

The network is a great asset to the parish and is widely used by the farming community and recreational walkers.

There are proposals to extend the footpath network as outlined in your recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan which will enable a much wider recreation facility.

My duties as Path Warden are to ensure that the Public Rights of Way are maintained in a suitable and safe condition for public use. I must ensure that all footpaths etc are clear of obstructions, the surfaces are fit for purpose and that all furniture ie stiles, gates, way markers are adequate and in good condition.

Though appointed by the Parish Council, I work closely with the Countryside Access Team at Nottingham County Council who fund any necessary work and employ contractors to remedy any reported faults.

Following my appointment, I have surveyed all the network, made a record of all the stiles etc with photographs and identified those items needing replacement or repair. A report has been submitted to the Parish Council/ Notts CC and a programme of remedial work over the next two years has been agreed.

One of the major issues has been the very poor surface condition of Market Hill caused by the excessive use by off

road vehicles. To protect the surface, gates have been installed which will be closed during the wettest time of the year ie Nov-April.

One of the busiest thoroughfares in the village is Little Lane whose surface is badly eroded. This bridleway is also a priority item, hopefully to be rectified in the near future when funding comes through.

I intend to carry out Ploughing Surveys in the spring and autumn to ensure that any footpath crossing land which has been ploughed or has crops, can be walked without hindrance.

Though I try to walk the network on a regular basis and look out for problems, I would be grateful for your cooperation in reporting to me any damage or obstructions you come across.

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Readers should note that our community PCSO, Dave Airey's monthly Police Reports for our beat area are always posted on our community website in full. Go to our community website's **Law & Order ► Local Police Reports** page to read Dave's latest and previous Reports.

Here we just highlight a few of Dave's items from recent Reports.

- A rash of house – and outbuilding – break-in have occurred across our rural area. Many of these have occurred during daytime or evening periods. Make sure exterior doors are kept locked - **at all times!**
- Works vehicles have been targetted with valuable power tools being stolen.
- Garden items – both plant containers and machinery or tools – are traditionally targetted as the season progresses. An added security measure is to ensure that access gates to back gardens be kept locked.

On a separate road vehicle note, yet again police have been informed of parked vehicles blocking road accesses for either emergency or utility vehicles. This is a road traffic offence and, as we have highlighted in previous issues, could mean damage to your vehicle if emergency vehicles have to force access. It is highly likely that owners would find their insurers refuse to pay in such situations!

Warning – scams continue!

Two recent scams notified to our office include one purporting to come from **Verified by VISA** and the other directly from Microsoft. The Visa scam claimed the holder's account had been subject to fraudulent activities and had been 'frozen' by Visa. Re-activation involved clicking on a link within the e-mail message.

The second claimed to have identified a security breach on the user's tablet. Microsoft asked for the user's e-mail address and would send a message containing a link to their security branch that would 'clean-up' the user's system.

The first of these scams attempted to get the account holder to click on links purporting to take them to Visa's website when, in fact, they would be going to the criminals site where account details would be harvested. The second attempted to gain remote access to their victim's tablet.

We strongly urge all readers to enrol with East Bassetlaw Police's Neighbourhood Alert scheme for regular e-mail updates on all security matters including online scams. See your community website's Law & Order pages.

'Hands-on' guidance and support together with examples of attempted scams is your best protection. Clarborough & Welham IT Group classes regularly explore and highlight just such activities. Classes resume w/c 24th April. At just £15 for 5-week blocks of 90 minute classes, why not get onboard on either Tuesdays (13:30-15:00) or Wednesdays (10:00-11:30)?

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To make sure as many voters as possible take part, the Electoral Commission and Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) are running campaigns to remind people to check they're registered to vote, and make sure as many eligible voters know about the 2017 mayoral elections as possible. **Are you registered?**

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The Electoral Commission needs your help to make sure as many voters as possible take part. Together we can ensure no one misses their chance to have their say. To help promote voter registration and provide information about how to vote, the Electoral Commission has created a range of resources which you can find on their website at: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>

The Commission will also be running social media activity, which kicked off on 7th March. It will then continue with organisations across England, Wales and Scotland highlighting the role of local government.

Lucy Rose Recognised for Services to our Community

Lucy, Manager of Clarbrough's SPAR Store, was awarded an Achievers Certificate at Retford Town Hall on the 21st March in front of a packed audience. Along with other

worthy winners the Award acknowledged her hard work in our community. She has raised much money for Charity and shows much community spirit.

Kath Sutton

Night at the Museum 2 Steampunk Festival August 2017

West Street Galleries, working in partnership with Retford Steampunk Society and many local supporters, will be holding another Steampunk Festival 'Night at the Museum 2' on Saturday 5th August 2017 in response to local demand, this time focussing on helping community groups.

One of the most important missions of the event, is to raise awareness of the ethos of Steampunk to young people, especially those who may not fit mainstream expectations. Kenny Roach, founder of West Street Galleries, said 'the whole approach of Steampunk allows people to be creative, have fun and share their experiences, without being judged. Everyone should have opportunity to create on their own terms, knowing that their efforts won't be picked apart. There aren't many occasions where this happens in everyday life, and for some young people, being able to express themselves is crucial to them finding out who they are. Young people need that chance, and that's what West Street Galleries is aiming to provide.' Volunteers, traders, performers and artists are all welcome to contact Kenny to be part of the Festival, particularly those who can offer a Steampunk twist or community involvement to their offering. More information about the Festival can be found at retfordsteampunk.co.uk and Kenny can be contacted on 07880 728 512.

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Bassetlaw District Councillor, Kath Sutton

As usual, at this time of year, I am able to share where my Community Grant has been distributed. In Clarborough and Welham the W.I. received money

for the Senior Christmas Party, plus there was finance for a Bouncy Castle for the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations. A local student also received a grant as did the Table Tennis group. In Hayton there was a grant for their July Fayre, plus help for the refurbishment of their Village Hall. Clayworth received help for their Senior Christmas Party.

It is highly likely that the amount available will be reduced in the future although all Councillors are stressing how such small amounts can prove so beneficial to activities in their Ward.

It was a pleasure to join the Litter Pickers one Sunday in March and it was amazing how much was collected. There is a real community spirit here which was appreciated by all.

Do contact me if I can be of any help.
Tel: 01777 709 034

Kath Sutton

Purple4Polio crocuses

You may have seen three groups of purple crocuses flowering in the village hall drive recently. The Rotary Club of Retford has planted 15,000 crocus corms across the town and villages. 18 local primary schools have also planted purple crocuses. Purple is the colour of the dye that is used to mark the finger of a child who has been immunised against the polio virus.



Polio is a paralysing and sometimes fatal disease of the nervous system. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable but completely preventable by immunisation with a vaccine.

In 1985 Rotary pledged to rid the world of polio through the mass vaccination of children. There were 1,000 cases a day detected in 125 countries at that time. In 2016 there were 37 cases worldwide in just three countries. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunise more than 2.5 billion children.

The polio cases remaining are the most difficult to eradicate due to geographic isolation, poor infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

The local President of Rotary, David Towers, said: "We hope everyone will enjoy the display of colour. Rotary is recognising the progress that has been made in eradicating polio and we will continue to fight against this cruel disease."

The Women's Institute have also planted bulbs along the village hall driveway. These celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. We hope everyone enjoys the displays.

Andrew Avery
Clarborough & Welham Parish Councillor

Lest we forget

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



Here we remember William Walker who died on May 16th and Harold Jeffcock who died on May 30th, 1917.

Editor

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Here we would just note the regular **Family & Local History Group** that meets on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month (except August and Bank Holidays) between 17:00 and 19:00.

Sessions are free and make extensive use of the library's free subscription to Ancestry.com online resources* as well as the considerable body of local documentation and resources contained in the first floor Local Studies section.

*It is worth noting that provided you have a library card (free from the front desk) you can book a computer at any Nottinghamshire library to use this free subscription. It is advisable, however, to phone ahead to make sure a computer is free.

Retford library: Tel.: (01777) 708 724

E-mail: retford.library@inspireculture.org.uk

Editor

What a load of Rubbish!

The 'Litter Less' campaign by the Parish Council, to clear litter from our Parish, saw the first picking date on Sunday 19th March.

The Parish is not yet litter free even with 11 bags of rubbish collected, despite the efforts of 20 people, children and adults! The 11 bags were filled in just an hour from areas near the Hop Pole pub; Welham - Main Street, Pinfold Lane, Little Gringley Lane; Clarborough - Main Street, Howbeck Lane, Church Lane and around the Village Hall.

The worst areas were easily the area from Bone Mill Lane to the Clarborough railway bridge and the area from the Hop Pole towards the Welham railway bridge. In fact the Hop Pole area was so bad that in just one hour the two pickers collected a full bag of rubbish each and covered only about 80 metres – between them!



Having been fed on bacon 'butties' at the start the pickers returned to a hot coffee. The weather was kind to the pickers despite some strong winds. Phil Gibson, Parish Council Chairman, thanked all the children and adults concerned and expressed his surprise at the number of bin bags filled. He also thanked Bassetlaw District Council for supplying bags, 'high vis' jackets, pickers and gloves.

Easter cruises on the Chesterfield Canal

The Chesterfield Canal Trust will be running lots of special sailings for Easter at Retford and Worksop.

On Sunday 9th April there will be **Easter Egg hunt** trips every hour on **Seth Ellis** from the **Hop Pole** pub in Retford (DN22 6UG) accompanied by our Easter Bunny. All children get an Easter Egg, with a drink and a hot-cross bun for adults. All tickets cost £7. Booking essential, ring 07925 851 569.



On Sunday 16th and Monday 17th April there will be trips on **Hugh Henshall** from the **Lock Keeper pub** in Worksop (S80 1TJ) accompanied by our Easter Bunny. Every child will receive an Easter Egg, with a drink and a hot-cross bun for adults. All tickets cost £7. Booking essential, ring 0114 360 0460.

On 1st May **Seth Ellis** will be leaving **Retford Town Lock** for a 30 minute cruise (tickets £3.50) and from the **Gate Inn** in Clarborough 60 minutes cruises will take place on June 3rd and 4th.

Through the summer, **Pirate Trips** from the **Hop Pole** (30 minutes) are scheduled for July 9th and 30th plus August 13th.

For bookings and information such as exact timings, ring 07925 851 569 or e-mail sethellis@chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk

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- Free entry
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- Beer tent

Friends of Bassetlaw Museum



The Friends held their AGM on Tuesday 7th March after enjoying a preview of the current Retford Art Society's The Human Form in Art exhibition (entrance free until 22nd April).

After the customary election of Chairman and officers, the committee and considerable audience enjoyed a light-hearted selection of Victorian and Edwardian recitations by Helen Shaw-Browne drawn from her own family's collection. Laughter and applause punctuated Helen's half-hour!

Forthcoming talks at the Museum include the fascinatingly titled *Talking Stock*, the history of the Oxo cube on Wednesday 17th May and also *Corn Dollies* on Tuesday 12th September. Both to start at 19:30. For more details, see our community website **Out-and-About ► Bassetlaw Museum**.

And finally, an interesting request from Museum staff; is there anyone out there fluent in Latin? There are some old Charter Notes which need translating.

Contact Eileen Dicksbury or Katherine Ashton at the museum (01777 713 749 or

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On Saturday 4th March 2017, a group of twenty children from Y4-6 took part in the annual Retford Rotary Club Swimathon. During this sponsored event, swimmers had 13 minutes to complete as

many lengths as possible to raise money for the Rotary Clubs' chosen charities (DEFRA and Idle Valley Nature Reserve), and our own nominated charity, The Children's Bereavement Centre. As always, the atmosphere was fantastic and the swimmers did themselves and the school extremely proud. In total, they swam 362 lengths and raised a combined total of £847.21. In addition, we were awarded with another four trophies for our cabinet.

Thank you to all the children who participated in this fantastic event and to the parents who supported it again this year!

Laura Goad

Getting Married Shortly?

Try this recipe for a good wedding cake

4lb love	1lb pounded wit
1lb butter of youth	1lb good humour
½lb good looks	2 tbs sweet arguments
1lb sweet temper	1 pint rippling laughter
1lb blindness to faults	1 glass common sense
1lb self-forgetfulness	1oz modesty

Put the love, good looks and sweet temper into a well furnished house. Beat the butter of youth to a cream and mix well together with the blindness to faults. Stir the pounded wit and good humour into the sweet argument, then add the rippling laughter and common sense. Work the whole together until everything is well mixed. Bake gently for ever.

Thanks to Frank Bradley

The Parish Pasture – and dogs!

Residents are very welcome to use the new **Parish Pasture** (former BDC land between the two Broad Gores) for walking their dog. However, some residents appear to think it is a dog toilet area! **It is not!** It is an offense, and offensive, to allow your dog to foul this public open space. As a public open space **all dog 'poo' must be picked up**. The Parish Council has already provided a new bin for this, there is now one at each access to **The Parish Pasture**.

Paul Willcock
Parish Councillor

Muslim Charity Recognised again



Muslim Charity, based at Eaton Hall near Retford, have once again received recognition for their international efforts. The charity aims to becoming a global catalyst and partner of choice to end poverty through relief and development projects without any racial, religious or linguistic discrimination.

For a full report on their **Most Impactful International Programme Award** at the MCF Humanitarian Awards held in Church House, Westminster, London on 24th February, see our community website's **Local Faiths** page.

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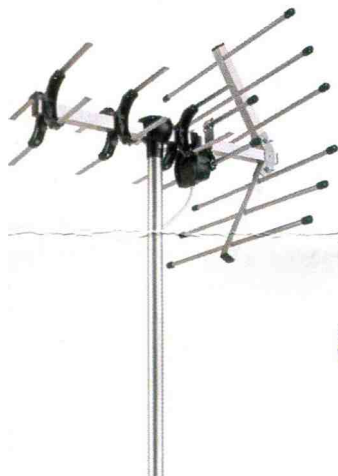
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What is a Community Rail Partnership?

The Bassetlaw Area of **North Notts & Lincs Community Rail Partnership** held its inaugural meeting in October 2016 and has been working since to co-ordinate moves to improve Retford station's impact on the local area. Community Rail Partnerships (CRPs) consist of councils, train operators, local volunteers and community groups and aim to improve and generate travel by rail and bus to the benefit of local businesses and communities.

The first Community Rail Partnership is generally reckoned to be the Penistone Line Partnership (Huddersfield – Penistone – Barnsley – Sheffield service). Formed in 1993 it sought to build deliberately on a trend already apparent on the Cotswold Line (Oxford – Evesham – Worcester – Hereford), where independent voluntary activities at neighbouring stations had had a beneficial effect on the line as a whole.

Led by Dr Paul Salveson, the Penistone Line Partnership expanded this concept to on-train activities such as live music and Santa Specials on more lightly-used trains; guided walks between stations using the train service; and establishing general environmental improvements such as community art and station gardens involving the community, often through local schools.

The impact CRPs can make is illustrated by just one example; in 2001, 199,000 journeys were recorded on the Barnstaple 'Tarka Line'; and with support from the Devon and Cornwall CRP the figure for 2015 was 666,000.

Our CRP covers eleven stations in North Notts and Northern Lincolnshire. It is a bottom up organisation with four area groups forming the key parts of the organisation. Each area reflects local methods for developing travel. Rick Brand Chairs Bassetlaw Area group with Greg Herdman as Vice-Chair.

An early co-operation has been established with Bassetlaw (North Notts) Railway Society whose rooms on Platform 1 of Retford Station have been made available for CRP meetings and who are also keen to promote 'Friends of Retford Station' interests. *Anyone interested in getting involved in this 'Friends' initiative should contact either Greg or Bob Fleming of the railway society – contacts are given at the foot of this article.*

The Bassetlaw area is currently pressing for a lift serving platform 3 at Retford station to make changing trains arriving from Gainsborough with Virgin Trains East Coast a lot easier. With the cooperation of Virgin Trains East Coast and *Railfuture* we hope the funds may be forthcoming in 2017.

Folks using the tunnel linking Platforms 1 and 2 will have already experienced the revitalised appearance as will drivers who have made use of the somewhat enhanced parking facilities near the station; two initiatives by Bassetlaw District Council and Virgin Trains East Coast respectively.

Parallel initiatives, again initiated by Virgin Trains East Coast, have been exploring ways to improve passenger experiences at and around Retford Station. Discussions involving County, District and Civic interests along with

passenger surveys have been taking place since mid-2016 with decisions on ways forward due as this article went to press.

So, if you belong to a business or community group with ideas for our CRP, do get in touch.

Bob Fleming: rjf451@outlook.com
Greg: clarbroughwelham@gmail.com



Editor's footnote: I just couldn't resist getting a bit of steam – and then Steampunk? (see page 14). Photo shows A4 Bittern at Retford station. taken on 2nd August 2010. Thanks to Bob Fleming.

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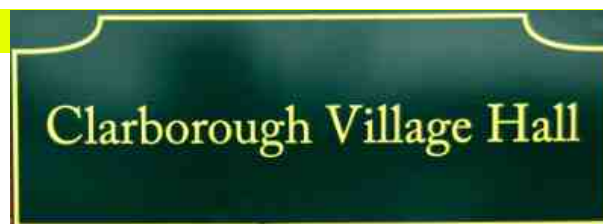
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Clarborough Village Hall

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

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



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

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

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

Please contact **Michelle** on **07530 532 185** (phone or text) or cdcabookings@gmail.com for any enquiries or bookings.

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Clarborough Village Ventures welcomes you to the



Clarborough Village Festival and Dog Show

Sunday 21st May 2017

Free entry from 10am!

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Dates for your Diary

23rd April: St. George's Day events in Retford
25/26th April: Clarborough & Welham IT Group's next 5 weekly block of Windows 10 classes begins.
1st May: Retford Charter Day
3rd - 6th May: *Oliver* at Retford's Majestic Theatre
21st May: Clarborough Festival
27th-29th May: Retford Arts Festival centred on The Hub
29th May-2nd June: Nottinghamshire Schools' Half-term
13/14th June: Clarborough & Welham IT Group's next 5 week block of Windows 10 classes begins.
25th July: Nottinghamshire Schools break up (reopen on 6th September)
19th August: Clarborough Gardening Club Show

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

15th May
26th June
31st 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 and meeting dates through to January, 2018.

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

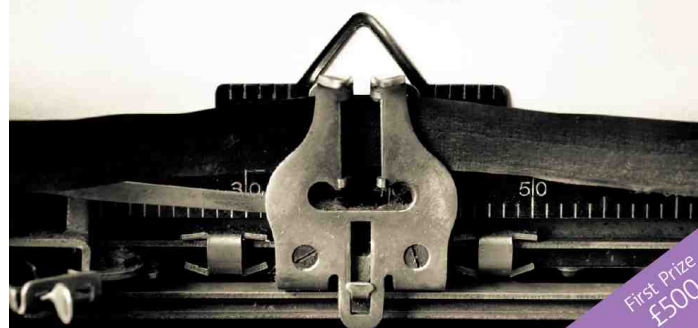
Aladdin will be Clarborough's 2018 Pantomime

Yes, the cat's out of the bag, so to speak! Clarborough Village Ventures have recently confirmed that Ann McCorkell will be directing the 2018 pantomime which is scheduled, as is now the tradition, for the half-term week in February 2018. The provisional dates for the production would be 22-24th February. Look out for a stall at Clarborough's Festival on 21st May where the team will be looking to sign-up interested folks – for front or back of stage!

Editor

North Nottinghamshire 2017 Short Story Competition

SHERWOOD AND THE DUKERIES



A short story competition with the theme of **Sherwood and the Dukeries** has been launched by Bassetlaw District Council in conjunction with Retford Arts Festival.

With a first prize of £500, a limit of 8000 words and a competition deadline of midnight on 29th May, what are you waiting for?

Anyone tempted by this brief overview is well advised to exploring the competition leaflet which can be found on our community website's homepage. It contains some useful hints to unexpected subjects!

Editor

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