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From the Editor

Twenty pages this issue - again! So much is going on around us that your editor has once again had to shelve a crossword designed for these pages - apologies to *officianados*.

Halloween (just gone), Bonfire Night, Swing Concert (23rd November in support of Bluebell Wood Childrens' Hospice), Christmas and New Year – not to mention Clarborough's own Pantomime – all crowd in around this issue. To help you find your way about we have introduced a local contacts section (page 19) which we hope will become a vital local reference. Through this section, and even more so our companion website, you have direct contacts with a host of services and also your own elected representatives.

The Localism Act, which received Royal Assent on November 15th 2011, introduced new rights and powers to allow local [communities to shape new development](#) by coming together to prepare [neighbourhood plans](#). As you will see in this issue, things are starting to move with our own Plan but more support and involvement is needed.

Next year – 2014 – will have a major international focus with the centenary of the Great War of 1914-18 already creating a range of events. We have included a few local ones that have already been published. Speaking of next year – just around the corner – we can also look forward to another sensational Clarborough Pantomime. Clarborough Village Ventures are well advanced with their version of *Snow White* which will be performed from 20th to 22nd February, 2014. Tickets go on sale at our Victorian Christmas Market (1st December) – last year was a sell-out, so get your tickets early! We have a vibrant local scene – from activities at our local schools, library and museum to events at our village hall – just look at the contents to the left.

So, twenty pages it is, but space has been so much in demand that material has had to be trimmed, or even held over to a future issue; such is popularity! Do remember too, that copies of this Newsletter also appear on our community website, providing both contributors and advertisers global exposure (try entering *clarborough* in a Google search). If you want something included in future issues see the deadlines below.

For all of this, and so much more, regularly visit:

www.clarborough-welham.org.uk

2013-14 Newsletter deadlines

20th January (Spring issue)

28th April 2014 (Summer issue)





Charity Tandem Skydive

Through my work at Bassetlaw Museum, I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Bassetlaw Hospice. It was from this that I was inspired to achieve a lifelong ambition while raising money for the hospice.

[Left] It was Friday 16th August at Langar Airfield when I took to the skies on a tandem skydive from 13,000 feet. Initially I thought I might raise about £100, but to my delight and people's generosity it looks closer to £500! I say *looks like* as sponsorship is still coming in and the wonder of gift aid is still being calculated. If you are interested in donating you can still do so by going to the Virgin Money Giving website and type in my name, Amy Davy, which will bring you to my page. Alternatively you can type in <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AmyDavy> which should take you straight to it. It was a fantastic and exhilarating experience which I highly recommend! I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me as that made the occasion so much more special.

Amy Davy

Autumn Activities at Bassetlaw Museum

Full programme, go to www.clarborough-welham.org.uk and explore our *Out-and-About* pages.

For 3-7yr olds FREE:

Sat 2 Nov	Messy Museum	10:30-12:00
Sat 16 Nov	Messy Museum	10:30-12:00
Sat.30 Nov	Messy Museum	10:30-12:00
Sat 14 Dec	Christmas Crank-up!	10:00-15:00

Phone: (01777) 713 749

E-mail: bassetlaw.museum@bassetlaw.gov.uk

Website: www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk

Friends of Bassetlaw Museum

On Saturday 12th October an enthusiastic group came together at the museum to explore ways forward that would support the museum in its ongoing role at the core of our local community.

Sam Glasswell, Curator, and David Armiger, Head of Community Prosperity set out the challenges that face the museum in the current financial climate. However, the group then looked forward to ways that the museum could build on the substantial support it has already generated in the local community.

Over cuppas (and a few chocolate biscuits!) the group discussed the range of challenges and opportunities ahead and mutually agreed that establishment of a Steering Group for **Friends of Bassetlaw Museum** would be a sensible first step. With some 15-20 names immediately volunteered, it was felt that a very positive start had been made to forging a new future for the museum in our community.

Editor

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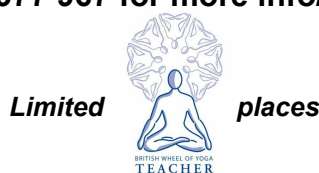
Monday: Retford 14:15 - 15:45

Monday: Babworth 18:30 - 20:00

Tuesday: Retford 17:00 - 18:15

Thursday: Retford 18:00 - 19:15

**Contact Julie Skinner (BWY Dip)
07899 977 967 for more info/to book**



The Law and School Attendance

We repeat here the essentials of our article published in the previous Newsletter:

From 1st September, 2013, revised regulations removed references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. These amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant **any** leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances** which **do not include family holidays, re-unions, special birthdays and other family events**. Requests for absence through exceptional circumstances must be made to Head Teachers, in writing, in advance of the proposed absence.

Parents and Carers must be aware that they are committing an offence if they fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. Unauthorised absence can lead to a Local Authority pursuing cases through issuing penalty notices or even court action. For much more details of these, and other, school attendance, visit:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/attendance>

Police Reports

Once more there was a significant drop in reported crime across the beat area again this month compared to last year. This must be in no small part due to the vigilance of a large number of individuals across our area; keep up the good work!

Could I please ask that all home and vehicle security is reviewed and also ask that any suspicious persons, vehicles and/or activity are reported to the control room on 101, or 999 as appropriate? These calls need to be made not only in hours of darkness but during daytime hours as well.



In order to continue to improve crime figures, and reductions, on this area it is important that all our efforts are maintained as the criminals preferred type of crime usually switches from outbuilding and shed thefts to thefts of items which can be used, or sold on for use, around the festive period.

Contact numbers for the local beat team can be found on the posters displayed across the beat area in shops and the village notice boards. The works mobile phone number for the beat manager, Jason Fellows, (07525 226 893) and mine (07525 226 838) should not be used to report incidents and/or crimes. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters – including advice and information.

Thanks for your continued support – it is very much appreciated.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey

Emergency vehicle access: a timely reminder?

Recent reports suggest that after an initial improvement, vehicle parking around Clarborough and Welham has, once again, become a potential issue for emergency vehicle access. We therefore repeat the following from our previous issue.

To request that resident's park in such a manner that access for emergency vehicles is available at all times. In cases of fire, they rarely envisage access to be a problem as the lengths of the hose reels invariably eliminate that concern. Very occasionally the service requires access for other reasons and, as such, dependent on the seriousness of the incident access would be gained by one means or another.

The last sentence here seemed rather vague, so enquiries were also made with local insurance agents who assured us that the phrase *would be gained by one means or another* should take into account that a fire engine, for instance, is a very powerful machine and could get through regardless!

Further enquiries with the same source indicated that insurance redress would have to be made directly to the Fire Service (or other service concerned) rather than via a normal road traffic accident insurance dialogue with an outcome that might be unsuccessful if the damaged vehicle(s) had been parked illegally!

The upshot of all of this suggests that vehicle owners need to carefully consider their parking arrangements.

Editor

Neighbourhood Plan update

I am delighted to let you know that Locality have approved our Grant Application for £7000 for work involved with the Neighbourhood Plan.

I have also been told by BDC that our status for the Neighbourhood Plan will not be discussed by Council members until December - don't ask me why! However, it is going to them with an officers' recommendation to agree to our request. So, perhaps, no progress is progress after all.

Paul Willcock

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On Friday, 27th September we held a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses. Parents, Carers and villagers were invited into school to enjoy

a 'cuppa', some cake and a 'natter', with bacon butties on offer too. It was a wonderful morning and great to see so many members of the community, enjoying themselves. Although staff were looking forward to their bacon butties, these proved so popular that all had gone before we got our chance!

Everyone's generous contributions yielded £530 for this worthwhile cause, so a massive "thank you" to all of the staff and volunteers who helped to make it happen.

Sport in School

You may have heard on the news some time ago, that Schools have been given funding to help improve the Sports provision that children receive. Although we haven't actually received this money yet, we have been investing in the provision of sport by employing Mr Rodgers from Target Fitness, who together with Mr Vickers (a volunteer), comes into School once a week to give the children professional sports coaching. Both Mr Rodgers and Mr Vickers work with the children during Breakfast Club, breaks and lessons to help them improve their hand-eye coordination, balance and motor skills. They also provide older children with specific sports coaching.

A look at one class; Class 4

This term's topic has been Time Detectives, travelling back in time, learning about Egyptians, Tudors and Victorians.

Creative homework involved researching a famous person and then presented findings to the rest of the class. Through these presentations the class travelled from Julius Caesar to Kate Middleton!

This all culminated in an assembly in front of the rest of the School and their Parents and Carers telling them all about their work.

Parking in Hillview Crescent

A message from the school's Governors appears in our latest Newsletter – please consider other road users, local residents and the safety of our pupils.

Will your child be 5 by the 31st August 2015?

If so, you should receive your application pack for a Primary School place by the 4th November you haven't received it by then, please call the School Admissions team on 01623 433 499. Applications must be made no later than the 15th January 2014 either by post or online at: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions

Please remember that you must apply for your place, it is not guaranteed just because your child attends the Foundation Unit.



Retford Oaks Academy has won the Retford In Bloom Award in the

secondary schools category. This is a group of students, aided by the Personalised Learning Team at Oaks, who have triumphed. Derek Turner, Chair of the Retford Civic Society told the school: "The voluntary time given by your school is exemplary. We were very impressed by the work your school undertakes with students to encourage involvement in horticultural projects"

Retford Oaks Academy was awarded the Achievement for All Quality Mark this summer.

Achievement for All is a charity which works with the Department of Education to assess a school's commitment to helping vulnerable students. Retford Oaks works with all children, including those with special needs and has an excellent record of raising achievement & good attendance and improving behaviour.

Hand-in-hand with teaching and learning, Retford Oaks is keen to ensure that good nutrition is paramount for its students. The Academy is the first secondary school to have used Pupil Premium money to provide free school breakfast to those who qualify for FSM lunches. All students, whatever their circumstances, are encouraged to eat a healthy breakfast via the Retford Oaks Breakfast scheme. Taking this holistic approach to life in school has led Retford Oaks to be the first school in the region to be able to boast the Achievement for All Quality Mark. Headteacher, Dave Gibson said: "I am proud of the work we do here in ensuring that all students - whatever their background - can achieve their full potential".

On an appropriately wet Wednesday 16th October, your editor was privileged to attend the launch of the local annual **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** at what was both a

moving and uplifting experience. Thanks to the school and all concerned, particularly Father Bill Bergin of St Joseph's Church, Babworth Road, Retford who led the Drum Head Service.





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Staff, students and parents from the **Elizabethan Academy** gathered in September at Retford's Majestic Theatre to recognise the achievements of students in 2013. A total of 270 students were presented with awards.



Three special awards were presented to Year 11 students who had achieved 100% attendance throughout their time at The Elizabethan. One these went to Claborough student **Adam Freeman (above)**. Academy



Principal, Lynn Kenworthy, told them that they were "role models to younger students" who should aim to follow their excellent example. Asked what the Awards Evenings means to her personally, Mrs Kenworthy said that she was "passionate" about rewarding the individual successes of youngsters at The Elizabethan, "our students are fantastic and we are all very proud of their

achievements. ...**Where everyone's unique** is more than just a strapline for us; it is at the heart of everything we do. Challenging young people to be the best they can be is what makes us such a strong and vibrant place."

Last year saw the first presentation of the London 2012 *Games Maker Award*. Academy Governor Lindsey Jones was one of the 70,000 volunteers who spent last summer working tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games. In return, she was presented with a relay baton intended to inspire future generations of young people. The first recipient of the Award was Eddie Thorpe for his successes on the badminton court. This year, Eddie passed the baton on to Emma Dakin (above), who was nominated for her



leadership of school sport and her achievements in the shot putt. Emma is in the top ten shot putters nationally in her age group, and holds local records in the Under-13 and Under-15 category.

Where observation is concerned, chance favours only the prepared mind.

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Liz Yates, Nottinghamshire County Councillor



During the last few weeks a couple of transport and highways issues have been at the forefront, one of those being the Discretionary Travel Scheme for young people in secondary education. This scheme started in 2011 to provide free travel to the school of choice, helping parents choose which school their son or daughter attends, having a parental preference to do so. The consultation ran through the summer holidays and 91% of people responding, wanted to retain the free travel. However, the County Council have decided to discontinue providing this. Parents who currently have children using the scheme needn't be concerned as the students who are currently benefiting will continue to do so until the end of their statutory school attendance. Any parent who was considering applying now will not get the free travel. Free transport to catchment area schools remains in place.

At the beginning of October I attended a meeting of the Welham Realignment Group, along with residents, a senior highways officer and other councillors. There has been much said about a potential by-pass for a great number of years but during the last two years we have

worked with the group to try and alleviate the problem of HGV's using inappropriate roads. A paper went to the Transport and Highways Committee in September, (the report can be found on the County Council website) and the outcome is that it is unlikely that a major highway scheme will happen for some considerable time. We now have a commitment from the County Council that, along with the newly introduced weight limit, improved signage and more road markings will be done. There will be a 40mph limit along the unrestricted roadway from Tiln to Smeath Lane probably next year. This will hopefully make the route less attractive as a 'rat run'.

If anyone has any questions about this, or any concerns about other matters, please contact me any time on (01777) 860 219 or email cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk

Retford Library events

Retford Library will be hosting another Local Studies talk on **Wednesday, 6th November (19:00-20:00)** - "**Tracing the History of your House**". Peter Lester from Nottingham Archives will be giving his expert advice about the different Archives' and Local Studies' resources which can help you discover the hidden history of your house.

A Medieval Christ's Mass

Also at Retford Library on **Thursday 5th December 2013** at 14:00-15:00, Sam Glasswell, Curator at Bassetlaw Museum, will give an entertaining insight into what Christmas was like during Medieval times.

Tickets for above talks are £1.00 (includes refreshments) and booking is essential. Please call the library on (01777) 708 724 or email retford.library@nottsc.gov.uk

More events (**Poetry of Thomas Hardy** and **Crime & Punishment**) are scheduled for later in November.

Family & Local History Help

Need advice about family and local history research? Drop in to Retford Library's Family History Group. The Group is free-to-join and meets in the library between 17:00 and 19:00 on the **second and fourth Monday** of each month (although not on 24th December!)

Family/Local History Surgeries are also held at the Library (09:30-13:00) on **28th November** and **12th December** – just drop in, contact the library help desk or phone: (01777) 708 724

Not got internet access?

No worries – book a computer at Retford Library (free, you only need a Library Card). This facility is always available – so everyone can get online with a little help. Now everyone can access our community website resources.

Editor

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Parish Council pointers.....

Skate Park

It is now over a year since the skate park in Clarborough was opened. It appears to be a great success being used by all age groups. To the youngsters who help look after the area, well done ! To some older ones who drop litter about, use common sense, and keep it tidy. Dog owners; please do not let your dog foul this or any play area. It is illegal & morally wrong.....

In September the Parish Council held a public meeting to discuss the concerns and issues associated with the park. The meeting was attended by over 50 residents, all whom were in favour of the skate park. Noise and antisocial behaviour appear to be the two main issues. At a cost of over £7000 the Council have decided to have an acoustic fence installed to alleviate the noise nuisance to the parks neighbours. Anti social behaviour still remains a problem. The council would like 6 volunteers from the community (young or old) to monitor and report misuse of the park. Anyone interested should contact a member of the Parish Council. **Please note the park should not be used after 9pm and litter should be placed in the bins provided.**

Vacancy: There still remains a vacancy on the Parish Council. Anyone interested should write and outline why they would like to be considered for the position. Letters should be addressed to the Parish Clerk, Village Hall, Clarborough.

Grit bins have been checked in readiness for winter. The village hall and the one on Bone Mill Lane require filling. The Parish Council have ordered 3 tonnes from County Council. John Goacher has kindly offered some space at his farm on Church Lane to store two tonnes as emergency stock, the rest used to fill the empty bins. The Parish Council are arranging some tree planting in the small play area at the rear of the village hall. Unfortunately, the saplings that had been planted were vandalised and died. Most of the cost will be met by the Parish Council however, they are hopeful that a grant can be secured by the Greenwood Community Tree Planting Scheme.

Phil Gibson

Chairman, Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

2nd December
13th January 2014
24th February 2014

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall

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

Our Christmas Tree Lighting Fayre starts at 17:45 on Wednesday December 4th at the Village Hall.

This year we have new Lights for the tree, obtained by the Parish Council. Children from Clarborough Primary School will be singing around the Tree, District Councillor, Kath Sutton, will perform the lighting ceremony, and Santa has assured us that he will put in an appearance.....

Then make a Bee-line for the Village Hall, where there will be stalls a'plenty, with a big range of goods available, festive & otherwise. Free Mulled Wine for all adults, free soft drinks for children. Father Christmas will also appear in the hall, with Sweets for the youngsters. It's too good to miss....

To book a stall, contact Cllr Ann Codling (01777) 705 396 (free to Clarborough & Welham residents, £5 to others).

Some other dates for your diary

Sat 23 rd November	Swing Concert at Village Hall
Sun 1 st December	Victorian Christmas Market
Wed 4 th December	Christmas Tree Lighting
Mon 9 th December	Senior Citizens' Party
Fri 20 th December	Schools break up for Christmas
Mon 6 th January	Schools re-open
Sat 14 th January	Ceilidh at Village Hall
20-22 February	Clarborough Panto <i>Snow White</i>

...and, just in from **Retford's Majestic Theatre:**

Sat. 1 st February	ELO Experience.
Sat 15 th February	Rock 'n' Roll Paradise

For full details and loads more – see *Out-and-About* and other pages on our community website:

www.clarborough-welham.org.uk

For even more *Out-and-About* opportunities, take a look at websites for Bassetlaw Action Centre and BCVS on page 19.

Editor

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Hannen Swaffer (1879-1962)



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Housing – a decade of change

We keep hearing about the need to 'kick start' the housing market but what we don't hear are the complex issues that might better inform the debate.

A quick look at Shelter's new Magazine, **Here**, (Autumn/Winter 2013) expands and explains some of the issues. As the introduction says, 'After all, where we live is as universal as food or love.' Just a few snippets from this issue gives a flavour of the wider debate that ought to be taking place:

- More than one in five families now live in private rented accommodation – more than twice the proportion of ten years ago.
- When the price of food, clothing and virtually every other necessity goes up it is almost universally considered to be bad news. Yet when the price of housing goes up – no less a necessity – it is widely regarded as good news. Few, from headline-writers to government ministers, even use the word 'inflation' to describe it, preferring phrases such as 'house price growth'.
- Rising house prices have put buying a home far out of the reach of people who once would have taken it for granted. Home ownership grew rapidly throughout the 20th century, peaking in 2003 when 70.9% of households were owner-occupier. By 2012 this had fallen to 65%. Among 30-year-olds the fall has been much more precipitous, with only 56% now owning their homes.
- The high cost of renting is not just a problem for tenants; it places an increasing burden on the taxpayer who is forced to subsidise low-income households in the private rental market. Anecdotal evidence suggests that as soon as (Local Housing Allowance) rates are published, and it becomes clear how much tenants can afford to pay, landlords react by putting up rents. The increased rates then feed back into an increased Local Housing Allowance.

Contact Shelter to get your copy of **Here** – and read all of the issues. See page 19 for contact details or go online to www.shelter.org.uk

Editor

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The Great War Centenary

With 2014 just around the corner, it seems appropriate to take a look at what we can expect as we approach the centenary of the 'Great War' – that of 1914-1918.

About the First World War Centenary

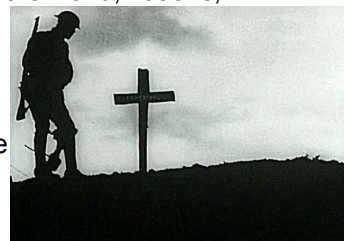
One hundred years on, we are all connected to the First World War, either through our own family history, the heritage of our local communities or because of its long-term impact on society and the world we live in today.

From 2014 to 2018, across the world, nations, communities and

individuals of all ages will come together to mark, commemorate and remember the lives of those who lived, fought and died in the First World War.

IWM (Imperial War Museums) is leading the [First World War Centenary Partnership](http://www.iwm.org.uk/first-world-war-centenary-partnership), a network of local, regional, national and international cultural and educational organisations. Together, through the First World War Centenary Programme, a vibrant global programme of [cultural events and activities](http://www.iwm.org.uk/cultural-events-and-activities), and online resources, we are connecting current and future generations with the lives, stories and impact of the First World War

For much more, go to www.1914.org



Here're just a few events planned in our own back yard:

Clumber Park: *Lest we Forget* (4-15 November, 2013) Free. Contact: Danielle.Brown, 01909 544 909, danielle.brown@nationaltrust.org.uk

Nottinghamshire County Hall: *Trent to Trenches – Great War hidden treasures* (9 November, 2013) Free www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/trent-to-trenches

Above is repeated on 16 November at **Newark Showground**. At both, bring your WW1 items for identification and possible display.

Mansfield Museum: *Trent to Trenches – Everybody's Darling The First World War Nurse* (8 Feb – 29 Mar 2014) Free. www.mansfield.gov.uk/museum

Do you have someone in your family tree who served during the Great War but whose story remains a mystery? Why not get involved in your local Family History Group at Retford Library? See page 6 for more.

Editor

Clarborough School Log Books

Readers may recall that, some years ago, your editor made transcripts of extracts from our village school's log books dating back to 1871. So what have they to say about August 1914?

The answer is a stark *nothing* - the war, was, after all, expected to be over by Christmas!

For log books 1871-1922, follow the links **Local Schools ► Primary School History** on our website.

Webmail Privacy issues

Gmail is a free online email service which is part of Google and is very popular, partly because it provides a free service which is independent of broadband service providers. This makes it easy for people to change their broadband service provider without having to tell all their contacts about a new email address. These services (Yahoo and Hotmail/Outlook are other popular versions) are known as **web mail**.

However, it seems that there are hidden dangers in the use of this service, dangers which may also be present with Gmail competitors.

In the United States a pressure group called *Consumer Watchdog* has taken Google to court over the way in which Google handles Gmail messages. In short, the content of these messages is scanned by Google's computers in order to obtain information which may be of commercial interest. This information can then be sold to businesses which are then able to target advertising based on this information.

In a submission to the court, Google has stated that users of Gmail should have no "legitimate expectation" that their emails will remain private. All users of email must necessarily expect that their emails will be subject to automated processing" adding that the practice of targeted advertising is industry wide. "The automated scanning of emails to deliver advertising is a common industry practice not limited to Google."

Interesting! It is worth noting here that the European Union has launched Anti-Trust action against Google. For more on this story go to our website and read MEP, Bill Newton Dunn's latest report (*Representative Links ► MEP*).

Editor

The Great Europe debate

Your editor has engaged in a debate with Emma McClarkin (Conservative), one of our region's 5 MEPs, on the future of UK/EU relations. Here we kick off this debate with the opening sections of our discussions (Editor/Emma):

An 'in-or-out' of the EU referendum seems to me to be a watershed in the drift from Great Britain to Little England. The other part of this possible future is also approaching, the matter of Scottish independence. What troubles me is the lack of what Churchill always described as the historical perspective; we don't seem to have anyone looking up from the script of the present to ask, 'Where will Britain be in the world of 2050?'. All the indicators are that such a world will have a very different 'shape' to what we currently take for granted; have you noticed how quickly China has surfaced as the main 'opponent' of the USA? By 2050 key commentators are telling us that the top table will be occupied by China, India, Europe (EU), USA, Brazil. The European Union already has a GDP roughly on a par with USA (who currently top the charts) but China is expected to overtake both around 2017. So are we, as UK citizens, confident that

we can 'defend our corner' in such a world if we go-it-alone? Remember, children currently in Clarborough Primary School will be in mid-career in 2050.

David Cameron's has helped to kick-start a debate around the country about what kind of EU do we want and what relationship the British people want to have with it.

With support for the EU in the UK at wafer thin levels, I believe that failing to have that debate now would lead to the very thing you criticise - our drifting out of the EU. Instead, the government is arguing that we must now take the opportunity to discuss with voters and taxpayers, with businesses, and with other interested groups to determine the kind of relationship they want us to have with Europe. This was one reason why I launched my survey of East Midlands residents.

In the coming years, the EU will have to significantly alter how it is organised, almost certainly with a re-write of the EU's Treaties. If the Single Currency is to survive in the longer term, greater economic integration will be needed for its 18 Member Countries. However, as the UK is not a member of the euro (thanks to the efforts of William Hague ten years ago), we will have to agree a new relationship for a looser EU. This will give us an opportunity to forge a new settlement for the UK, and then I believe it is only right that we seek consent for that agreement from the British people.

To be continued

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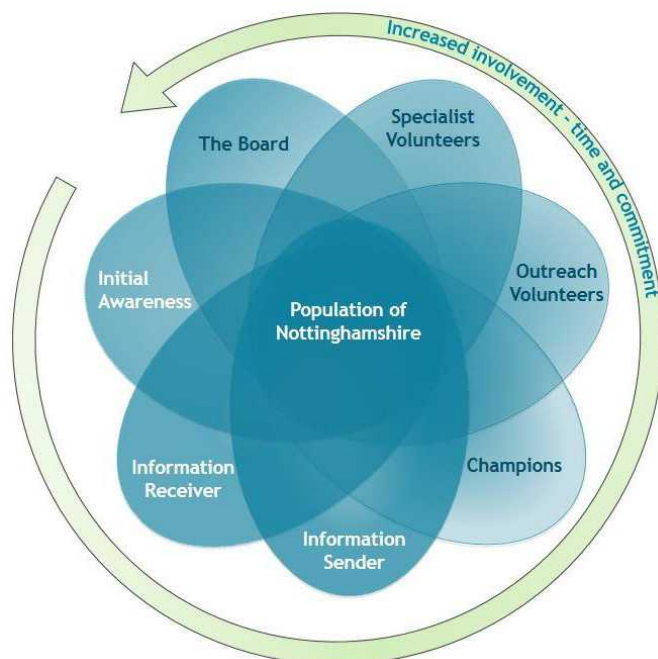
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Healthwatch Nottinghamshire is your independent consumer champion for health and social care services. Healthwatch is here to gather your views on health and social care in Nottinghamshire.



We have been very busy discussing how we think the population of Nottinghamshire might want to get 'involved' with Healthwatch. After feedback from former LINK volunteers at an event in May, we have developed the following diagram to represent Involvement in Healthwatch Nottinghamshire:

These forms of involvement provide a variety of ways for the population of Nottinghamshire to contribute to our work, all with different levels of time and commitment required.

Initial Awareness: People know that Healthwatch exists and how to make contact

Information Receiver: People actively seek information from Healthwatch, for instance by signing up to our mailing list.

Information Sender: People feed information into Healthwatch about their ideas, issues, and experiences

Healthwatch Champion: Our network of champions will be the eyes and ears of Healthwatch within meetings or groups that already exist. These volunteers will fulfil a 'double agent' role, acting as a conduit for information between the group and Healthwatch.

Outreach Volunteer: People who help to promote Healthwatch and encourage people to sign up and report their issues e.g. by taking stalls to events or giving talks.

Technical/Specialist Volunteers: People who have specialist skills or who are willing to undertake training to support particular aspects of Healthwatch

Nottinghamshire's work e.g. Enter and View visits, or representing Healthwatch at a strategic level

Board: A small group of people who direct the work of Healthwatch Nottinghamshire and take responsibility for the strategic direction, sustainability and delivery of contracts.

Much of the 'in house' structure is now in place with Chief Executive Claire Grainger and Chairperson, Joe Pidgeon.

Local consultations coming – have your say:

From April 2013 Nottinghamshire County Council has been responsible for commissioning a wide range of lifestyle services such as stop smoking, substance abuse and weight management.

Between 7th October and 31st December the County Council is consulting with service users and providers, other stakeholders and the wider community on how best to commission **obesity and weight management** services for people across the county.

Obesity & Weight Management consultation

(Wednesday 4th December 10:00-12:00) at Worksop Town Hall. To book your place phone: 01623 433 006 or obesity.consultation@nottscc.gov.uk

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If it's the *Chesterfield Canal*, what's it doing in *Clarborough* (part 3)?

The Chesterfield Canal was built as a commercial investment by private capital. It served the investors and the local community well for more than a century, but it could not last for ever. In the mid 1800s, the railways came. At first this was good for the canal, as heavy materials were carried by water to the railway construction sites. But trains were faster, cheaper and of course "modern". Trade on the Chesterfield Canal began to fall away. Its *swan song* was certainly at The Palace of Westminster. This was re-built following a major fire in 1840-1845 and stone from Anston (between Worksop and Sheffield) was selected for the reconstruction. So every time you see a television "political pundit" with the Houses of Parliament as a back-drop, just remember that all the stone used in its construction passed, from the quarries at Anston, on canal boats, right through the parish of Clarborough and Welham on its way to London..

By 1908 the mile-and-three-quarter long, Norwood Tunnel, had collapsed through mining subsidence. It was never re-opened. Traffic dwindled and just after the second world-war, trade ceased altogether, and the canal slumbered slowly into decay. It became a ribbon of neglect, just a rural home for reeds, coots, swallows and in the towns, of course, a home for rubbish!



The canal would have faded into the landscape as it silted up and became overgrown but for a small band of enthusiasts who, in 1962, formed the Retford and Worksop Boat Club. Local people such as Les Baines and George Stokes of Clarborough and Harry Spencer of Retford (and your author) were some of the small band that set about reversing the pattern of neglect and decline.

The canal had been Nationalised in 1947 along with 3,000 miles of the Nation's other waterways and almost the whole railway network. So it already, in a sense,

belonged to all of us. The Boat Club had great difficulty in the beginning with "the authorities". As always bureaucracy was much happier doing nothing. These awkward boating people actually wanted the canal; "their canal!" repaired, dredged, even the locks re-opened.

Whilst waiting for British Waterways to agree to begin major repairs, club members organised their own work parties. Unofficially, locks were drained and the mud and debris of years was cleared away. Vast garden rakes were made from television aerials and used to rake out the weed. Happily energy and enthusiasm won the day, eventually the authorities took over and gradually the canal shook off its slumber. Locks were repaired, mud was dredged, and water levels restored. This encouraged a wider variety of flora and fauna to the waterway corridor. Fishing improved and the water became clear. Brightly painted boats made their way between Worksop, the river Trent and on to York, London, Bristol or Stratford-upon-Avon. Canal-side cottages became sought-after, and closed-down pubs re-opened.

As early as 1964 the Boat Club had purchased a converted wooden narrow boat called "Nelson" to use as a canal-based Headquarters. Its journey from near Daventry, by water, all the way to Worksop attracted huge newspaper and even television coverage, and this finally confirmed that the canal as far as Worksop would be kept open and maintained for the enjoyment of local people for the foreseeable future. The Boat Club still campaigns to keep the local waterway in good condition for the benefit of us all.

But what of the rest of the canal? Was the length from Worksop to Chesterfield to be lost for ever?

David Dawson

A useful wash-day tip: if colours have run in washed clothing - don't panic! Don't iron (it fixes the dye) but wash again with a sheet of Dylon Colour Catcher. Iron when dry.

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Other things

Europe is generally ahead of Britain in safety legislation. Most require high visibility jackets (in the car not the boot), first aid kits, warning triangles and even light bulb replacement kits. France also requires two breathalyser units to be carried! Most countries also require our British headlights to be altered to prevent them shining onto oncoming vehicles. Take care, however, some modern headlights are acrylic and will be damaged by the stick-on headlight masks commonly available. All cars also have to have a GB symbol on the back. This can be as part of the number plate or separate. Details of requirements are on the AA website. Insurance is compulsory and is often included as part of a normal British insurance policy. It is always wise to check with your insurance company on the level of cover and if you have to pay any extra for your trip. Breakdown cover is also recommended as recovery of a vehicle from Europe can cost thousands of pounds. Similarly with normal travel insurance. It is relatively cheap but the cost of repatriation to Britain can be enormous. There is also the European Health Scheme in Europe - a freely available card can ensure medical treatment is given.

Policing

We have all heard stories of hefty fines by, especially, the French police. Many are true, there are more traffic police than in Britain and they are much keener to catch motorists. They are prevalent around the ports where they catch British motorists rushing to catch ferries and trains. Fines are high and often on the spot!

Sat-navs are not illegal but some functions are, especially the identification of speed camera sites and mobile radar speed guns. Confiscation and particularly heavy fines - €1000 (£800) can be imposed for the use of this. Make sure it is turned off!

Money

Despite its recent problems, the Euro is a godsend to travellers, especially those visiting several countries. Only Switzerland stands out as having its own currency.

Language

Do not expect everyone in Europe to speak English, especially in rural areas. Some French will not speak English on principle, many Italians are delighted to try theirs out (frustrating if you want to try Italian) and in some countries (Netherlands) even youngish children have good English skills - they put us to shame! Generally, the more rural and elderly a population then the less likely people are to speak English. Try to take a phrase book of some kind with you. Having-a-go often leads to a more positive response.

Border crossing

Passports are required to get out of and return to the UK.

They are also almost always required when checking into a hotel. Once in Europe borders effectively no longer exist across the EU. However, many Italian borders still have some sort of control but, in true Italian style, are very casual. The twitch of an eye can be enough from the guard to indicate you can drive on without stopping – we have seen it – just!

Summary

Preparation, planning and care are the cornerstones for enjoying your European driving.

On one day of our last trip we were helped at a petrol pump by a young German couple in Italy, had coffee with an Italian motor cyclist driving the Alps, lunch with a German couple driving to southern Italy and dinner with an American couple in Austria. All this whilst enjoying incredible driving and views and travelling in three different countries! Brilliant!

So, go on, try it. After the first few hours you may well find you are thoroughly enjoying it!

References

Get as much information off the web as possible about your destinations from the likes of tourist agencies. Route finding and distances can be helped by the AA website, Google earth, ViaMichelin (this latter can also give toll rates)

European Regulations are available on the AA website. Michelin Maps (paper version) are very good and available through local bookshops or on-line. Retford library has a selection of tourist books.

Paul Willcock

Microsoft's Windows 8.1 was released on 17th October.

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Royal Charter on Press Regulation Who's hiding?

Readers will have been following the twists and turns at both Westminster and in the media as politicians and newspaper editors struggle to address the issues raised by Lord Leveson.

Following further discussions on independent press self-regulation based on the Leveson Report, this final draft of the Royal Charter was agreed by all 3 political parties at Westminster in mid-October.

The broad arguments of editors need careful consideration because freedom of the press is a crucial element of a 'free society' (whatever that is!). However, recent scandalous excesses of this freedom clearly do need to be addressed.

What strikes your editor is the complete invisibility of the key players on the media side of the arguments. Let us not forget that newspaper editors are employees – it is their owners, the Rupert Murdochs of this world, who decide newspaper policies. How many of them have been quizzed by MPs or explained their aims and objectives to their readers and the public at large – do they publish their 'mission statement'?

UK Newspaper proprietors – both tabloid and broadsheet – have much to explain when we explore the increasingly insular messages they seem to be projecting. Just consider how issues such as immigration, Euro-sceptic views and emphasis on minority bad behaviour are influencing the wider public's attitudes – and ultimately their voting tendencies.

Just to take one example; I personally have fielded a number of questions from people of my generation, who have not had the pleasures that I have been lucky enough to experience, working with young people. Their beliefs about younger generations are heavily skewed by the bad press that (particularly tabloid) press gives to the young. If these folks had been exposed to young people in schools and other environments rather than getting their views from sensationalist newspapers, we might see better relations between generations. Remember, bad attitudes are not just the prerogative of the young!

Having said all of this, let us not forget that power, real power, is in the hands of all of us – if we don't buy the newspapers that overstep the mark then their owners will take notice!

Editor

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Time-out in Kenya

Between GCSEs and starting A-levels at Elizabethan Academy, Clarborough student Adam Freeman embarked on a little trip that would have daunted many a more experienced traveller. Let Adam explain...

We left Retford at 07:30 on Friday 12th July 2013 and arrived in Nairobi 24 hours later. We stayed overnight in a boarding school (our last night in a bed for 4 weeks) before travelling for 6 hours by road to our first camp.

This first camp was called Imani Camp. A couple of outstanding memories are the red sand that got into everything, and the less than basic shower which was a bucket of cold water!

We worked hard: Levelling and re-concreting the classroom floor and harvesting maize from the field close to camp in the scorching heat. De-worming the goats which involved using syringes to squirt the medication down their throats much to their disgust. We dug Zay Pits, to prepare for the planting of trees during the rainy season. The team were able to complete 28 holes which was a great achievement helping the local farmers immensely! Later in the afternoon we returned to fill them with fresh compost from the local livestock. Finally we worked on a farm using pestle and mortars to grind cow peas, pigeon peas, and green grams as well as stripping maize that was harvested earlier in the week.

Week 2 saw us at "Ocean Camp" where I successfully completed my PADI Open Water Diving course. No blisters this!

The third camp was Camp Muhaka. We had regular rain here, but it did not stop us working. We started to build a library, which involved cutting rocks into rectangular shapes with machetes, mixing the cement and building to the height of my neck.



That's me, in the centre of the photo holding a shovel. The next group of students will carry on with our masterpiece.

The final camp was Camp Tsavo which was situated between East and West Tsavo National Parks. Our work here was making elephant dung paper, which the locals can then sell and constructing a fence to deter elephants. We had to hang rags dipped in oil and chilli over a wire fence. Finally we cut back brush at the road side with machetes to allow access for Ranger vehicles.

Our R&R day was a day's safari where we saw all the African wildlife that we hoped.

Our journey home was marred by a delay due to a fire at Nairobi Airport, which saw us ending up in Brussels and then onto Heathrow 24 hours later than planned.

A huge thanks to everyone who supported me in so many ways. I had a fantastic time that I will never forget.

Adam Freeman



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Senior Citizens Christmas Party: Not to be missed! Monday, 9th December 16:30 for 17:00. Numbers are limited by hall capacity so get your names to G.Bennett (01777) 704 711 by 2nd December at the latest.

Forthcoming Meetings: These are held in our village hall on the second Monday of each month (19:30).

Forthcoming meetings:

11th November: Chesterfield Canal.

9th December: Christmas Party.

13th January: Aromatherapy.

10th February: Talk on Pantomime

10th March: Idle Valley Nature Reserve.

14th April: AGM

For further details, see our community website **Local Groups ► Clarborough W.I.**

Lesley Baines
Secretary



Kath Sutton Bassetlaw District Councillor

I am writing a local history book of Clarborough and Welham inspired by the rediscovery of 4 old books in the Parish Council Office. One of the sections is going to be based on local family histories and villagers reminiscences of their life in Clarborough and Welham in days gone by. I am anxious to involve as many people as possible and hope that you can help. If you wish you could write some memories for me, or alternatively let me chat to you, record your thoughts, and write it for you. At all times you will be in control of everything written about your family.



I attended a Rural Conference in October between the rural District Councillors, Parish Councillors and the District Council in order to discuss issues of interest to the villages. Some of the topics covered were flooding, broadband issues and the Localism Act. It was in a new format and was much more informal and informative. If you have any topic which you feel needs bringing to the attention of the District Council please telephone me so that we can consider it for the January Agenda.

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Clarborough & Welham IT Group

IT classes in Clarborough Village Hall have been so well received that they are now one of the most popular in the area. Three classes each week (in school term-times only – we've learnt that members are often pulled away on 'family-duties' during school holidays) are often full to capacity which is limited to 13 laptops and the 'elbow room' available. All classes explore and make use of the Group's internet links which have recently been dramatically improved in co-operation with our Parish Council – see below.

Much of our provision is currently focused on **Absolute Beginners** which provide, as 'it says on the tin', a gentle introduction for those who have either don't have a computer or who have depended on husbands, children or even grandchildren.

The Group's **Beyond Beginners** class, although requiring little beyond essential keyboard skills, does explore a wide range of more advanced topics which have recently included:

- Internet security issues and solution
- Spreadsheets: layouts, formulae, printing, etc.
- Image editing using the powerful and free application called Gimp.

The Group also has interests in family and local history, publishing (we have recently moved material from word processors to Kindle for example). If you are interested in any course, see contact details on page 19.

Greg Herdman
Chairman, Clarborough & Welham IT Group

Village Hall Broadband

As many readers will know, broadband services in our area have traditionally been of the 'we should buy a pigeon' quality. Although Nottinghamshire County Council has been trumpeting its 'superfast broadband for rural communities initiative' for some time, the sad fact is that Clarborough seems to be excluded from their plans! It was against this backdrop that discussions between Clarborough & Welham Parish Council and Clarborough & Welham IT Group started earlier this year.

The outcome was that a BT Infinity optical fibre connection was installed in our village hall in late August with an agreement that the recurring annual costs would be shared equally by Parish Council and IT Group. Both have seen an immediate and dramatic increase in performance although we were both rather disappointed by BT's responses to our requests to be treated as other than business users. Although many providers would consider both a parish council and a not-for-profit voluntary group more favourably, BT were adamant that we are 'business'! Having said that, our previous, 'stone-age' service was also with BT and cost virtually the same as our new service.

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Editor



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	16:00-17:00	Dancing
	19:00-21:00	Parish Council Meetings
	19:00-21:00	W.I. (2 nd in month)
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	13:30-15:00	IT Group (1)
	15:15-16:45	IT Group (2)
	19:00-21:00	Table tennis
Wednesdays:	10:00-11:30	IT Group (3)
	14:00-16:00	U3A Table tennis
	19:00-21:00	Kurling (alternate week)
Thursdays:	14:30-15:30	Dancing Queens
	17:00-18:00	Beavers
	18:00-19:30	Cubs
	19:30-21:00	Scouts/Explorers*
Fridays:	10:00-12:00	Table tennis
	16:00-17:00	Dancing
	18:00-21:00	Bingo (alternate weeks)
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Following the huge success of Cinderella back in February, **Clarborough Village Ventures** have chosen *Snow White* as next year's spectacular. Rehearsals are well underway with a dedicated cast and chorus frantically learning lines, lyrics and the odd dance move while the back stage crew are busy making costumes, scenery and props!

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Church Services for Autumn

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While there are alterations to the roof and ceiling, services will be at Hayton Church, but at our times. Help is in the *Retford Times*. No weekend opening while work is going on.

3 November 15:00 All Souls, a chance to remember your loved one. Please ring (01777) 470 852 with any names you wish read out.

10 Nov Remembrance Service 10:45

17 Nov 10:00 Holy Communion

24 Nov 15:00 Holy Communion



Advance notice, Sunday 1st December from 14:00. Why not come and join us for an afternoon of seasonal delights? With a brass band and a range of gift stalls, it promises to be a great start to the festive season. There will be mulled wine and mince pies along with cakes, sweets and a Christmas hamper raffle to mention just a few, plus hot soup and crumpets to keep out the



December chill. To get you all in the spirit of the season a Carol service will be held at 15:30 and you never know who might make an appearance! So come along and experience the warm welcome offered by St John's Church this Christmas. Want a stall? Ring (01777) 470 852

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Credit unions aim to help people take control of their money by encouraging them to save what they can, and borrow only what they can afford to repay. They are community savings and loan cooperatives, where members pool their savings to lend to one another and help to run the credit union. Credit Unions are not for profit organisations run largely by volunteers. The 2 Shires Credit Union was established in June 2000 as Worksop & District Credit Union. Since then the Credit Union has offered people a friendly way to save and borrow. We offer a service for local people and over the years have allowed local people to save and borrow at an affordable rate.

Who can join?

Anyone who lives or works within the "common bond" area (which comprises the districts of Bassetlaw and Bolsover together with Warsop, Mansfield Woodhouse, Ollerton and Edwinstowe) whether employed or unemployed, young or old.

Why should I join

Joining the 2 Shires Credit Union gives people an excellent way to save. Members can also enjoy the benefits of cheaper loans when these are required. Free life savings insurance and loan protection insurance may be available but are subject to conditions.

How do I join?

Membership requires proof of identification and a small one off non-refundable membership fee. Please contact our office in Worksop (01909 500 575) or one of our collection points for more information. Alternatively, visit our website www.2shires.org.uk

Jon O'Neill, the chairman of the 2-Shires Credit Union says, *At the 2-Shires Credit Union, we are planning to introduce a series of exciting new products over the coming months as part of the Credit Union Expansion Project. We are also seeking more publicity in order to make our services better known to the people in the area we serve. This is an exciting time to join our credit union – both as a member and as a volunteer.*

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clarwelpc@yahoo.com

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Your Neighbourhood Plan

With support from the Parish Council, a number of residents from the villages have started the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Clarborough & Welham. We have won £7000 to help produce the plan and cover expenses such as printing, holding meetings, running a referendum and asking for help from planners who have experience of getting a Neighbourhood Plan in place.

The background to this is that local communities can now produce a Neighbourhood Plan as a vision for the future development of the area and to create policies that will support the vision. A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding *future development, regeneration and conservation* in the area. The Plan will be part of the statutory development plan for the area. It cannot go against the content of the Bassetlaw District Council's Development Plan but it can go into more detail about developments in Clarborough and Welham.

Villagers will have the opportunity to approve the final Neighbourhood Plan in a local referendum before it is adopted. However, before the referendum people in the villages need to make sure we draw up a plan that represents the range of wants and needs in the local area.

We need to find effective ways to consult with villagers as we draw up the draft plan. There are a number of steps we plan to take. One of them is to make presentations and hold discussions with people at open meetings. We will also seek to attend meetings held by organisations and groups who are active in the area, write to businesses that are based here and contact organisations such as the Church and School. The underpinning purpose of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan is to find out what villagers think would make Clarborough and Welham a better place in which to live. Then we can try to find ways of influencing developments in the area to support these ideas. It should be emphasised that the outset that our plans should be couched in positive terms – anything of a 'we-don't want...' nature cannot form part of a Plan.

What can you do now?

- If you want to join the steering group contact Paul Willcock who is the chair of the steering group. (paul@paulwillcock.com)
- Keep your eyes open for further articles or presentations in the villages
- Think about what would make the villages a better place to live and make your views known at open meetings or in questionnaires.

Andrew Avery for the Steering Group

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