

# Clarborough & Welham Newsletter

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### From the Editor

Look both ways! Is one of the first things we teach our children about crossing the road. Maybe this is also a mantra we should deploy whenever we are asked to think about the big decisions in life.

Much of the debate in the run up to the recent Scottish Referendum had this flavour – 'where are we coming from, and what might the consequences be of our decision?'

With remembrance and the carnage and futility of war currently in our minds, maybe we ought to look both backwards to the causes of war in 1914 (and 1939 which in many ways was World War One Part 2) and reflect on what we have learnt from that and how that learning might influence our decisions about our future.

Does it make sense with the fact of 'globalisation' and the centre of power shifting away from the English-speaking world to China and India, for Britain to 'go-it-alone'?

Things are changing beneath our feet - citizenship and social media are coming together. Estonia is the first EU state moving to the top of the technological pile and offering anyone – from any country – the opportunity to become an e-Resident. This will give e-Residents the same online rights as Estonian citizens with all the benefits this has for them and their companies; E-residents won't currently get citizenship in the usual sense – no passports or voting rights for instance but who knows what the next step might be? On the other hand, this will encourage companies to move to Estonia with all economic benefits that Estonia will gain.

Some experts are predicting that this heralds the beginning of the decline of the nation state – already Paris is considering offering e-Parisian rights to outsiders!

The modern concept of nationhood only really took hold in the eighteenth century; is UKIP listening?

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There is a lot going on locally at the moment with major possibilities emerging in our **Neighbourhood Plan** (see page 17 for meeting about this), pioneering **Digital-by-Default** innovations by Bassetlaw District Council (page 7) a host of seasonal events planned that include Clarborough's third **pantomime** in February (page 3). **Your Parish Council also want your advice – see page 20.**

One negative has been the wanton vandalism of the trees planted at our expense in the Children's Play area near the Village Hall. A theme coming through recent Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires was how pleased people are with the general 'feel' of our community it is sad that a few spoil it.

Anything that will lead to identifying those responsible should be reported to police or councilors as soon as possible!

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

### Newsletter deadlines

**19<sup>th</sup> January (Spring 2015 issue)**

**27<sup>th</sup> April (Summer 2015 issue)**



26<sup>th</sup> September was a rather special day for us all – we hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise funds for this extremely good cause.

'Coffee Morning' was a bit of a misnomer (at least in your Editor's opinion) because coffee came well down the agenda which included bacon butties, cakes of all sorts (I particularly enjoyed a rather large chocolate specimen) and lots of cheerful pupils getting involved in *everything!*



[Above] Head Teacher, Mr Bunn, enjoying kitchen work!

The school is pleased to report that the event raised £600, all of which was passed on to MacMillan. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this outstanding result.

Added to this total was another £500 raised by our Bursar, Mrs Hunt, who during the summer holidays swam 8.5 miles down the River Thames!

**Please note that Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November is an INSET Day – children return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Dates for your diary

- **11<sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday 19:00):** Great War memorial rededication at St. John the Baptist Church.
- **30<sup>th</sup> November (Sunday):** Victorian Christmas Market at Clarborough Parish Church.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> December (Wednesday):** Parish Christmas Tree Lighting at Clarborough Village Hall.
- **8<sup>th</sup> December (Monday):** Parish Older Citizens' Christmas Party from 16:30.
- **19<sup>th</sup> December (Friday):** Last day of Nottinghamshire school term.
- **5<sup>th</sup> January (Monday):** Nottinghamshire schools re-open. Clarborough Primary School swimming resumes.
- **18-21 February, 2015 (Thursday-Saturday):** Clarborough's *Sleeping Beauty* Pantomime.

## Seasonal recipe: Apple roll-ups

### Ingredients

- 10 slices bread (you choose)
- 1 can apple pie filling or your own stewed apples
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 175°C / 350°F / Gas mark 4.
2. Cut the crusts off your bread and roll each slice flat with a rolling pin. Combine cinnamon and sugar on a small plate.
3. Pour the apple pie filling onto a plate and chop it so the pieces are small. Put about 2 tablespoons apple pie filling on each slice of bread and roll up.
4. Dip each piece into melted butter (I poured a tiny bit of butter into a "butter dish" and just rolled in there) and then roll in the cinnamon sugar.
5. **Place seam side down on a parchment lined pan and bake 15 minutes or until browned and crispy. Serve warm.**

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# Sleeping



# Beauty



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### Evening Performances

Thursday 19th - Saturday 21st February

Doors Open 19:00 - Curtains Up 19:30

### Saturday Matinee

Doors Open 14:00 - Curtains Up 14:30

### Ticket Prices

Adults £4.50

Concessions £3.50

Family Ticket (2+2) £12

For further details contact: 07766482030

**See you there!**

This production by arrangement with Ben Crocker Pantomimes



Drama Group

## Beware Politician's 'averages'

We are just getting into that period of pre-election 'positioning' that seems to generate a vast amount of statistics to support whichever policy proposal is being 'launched'. It is somewhat worrying then, or maybe I've just got a suspicious mind, that politicians so often imply their statistics mean much when they don't!

Here we have only a small space to look at one of the most touted statistical terms – **an average**. Now most of us know that an average is something like (all of it) divided by (how many of them). However, a quick check of my old (don't remind me, very old) notes revealed no such statistical term but rather the esoteric sounding **mean**.

A lazy or deceptive use of the term 'average' for this or another, similar, term can lead to falsehood. Two other terms can be found here, **median** and **mode**.

**Mean** we have already looked at just like a cricket average – and our day-to-day understanding.

**Median** is the middle term of the lot.

**Mode** is the most common item in a list..

So you can see that a politician wanting to portray our society getting wealthier might talk about 'average earnings' but be using figures that are actually the median because this takes all the high paid city executives into the calculation. The mode would yield a much lower value.

So, during the forthcoming debates, if you get a chance, challenge the speaker to say which figures they are using – could be interesting!

Editor

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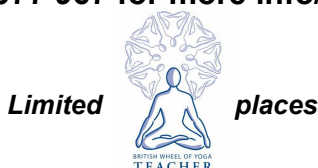
**Monday: Retford 13:45 - 15:00**

**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**



## Retford Ceilidhs are back!

Retford Ceilidhs are giving you a chance to get 2015 off to a lively start. Join all ages and all shapes and sizes on **Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> at Clarborough Village Hall - dancing 20:00-23:00** with one of our favourite bands - Liam Robinson from Lincoln. We are delighted that every



age from 10 to 80 come and dance the night away to good music and with dancers of all abilities. Many come on their own, as a family or with a 'meet up social group', where there is no hesitation about people getting up to dance and have a good laugh when they might go a bit wrong in the dance. People bring their own snacks and drinks but there is a break where we offer home made cakes, tea/coffee and often do fundraising for a local charity. If you want to find out more check our web site at

<http://www.retfordceilidhs.btck.co.uk>

and to book tickets contact Kathy at

[retford.ceilidh@virginmedia.com](mailto:retford.ceilidh@virginmedia.com)

or Tel: (01777) 706 880. Tickets are £7.00 but no charge for children under 16 accompanied by an adult. See you in the New Year!

## Remembrance Service

On Tuesday 11th November at 7pm, an Armistice Day Remembrance Service will be held in St John the Baptist Church, Clarborough. During the service the Poppy Wreath of Remembrance will be laid, followed by the rededication of the two, newly restored, Rolls of Honour Memorials bearing the handwritten names of those who served during the years 1914 to 1918 in the First World War. which were restored by generous monetary donations from :- Clarborough & Welham Parish Council, Clarborough Village Ventures, County Councillor Liz Yates, District Councillor Kath Sutton, Retford Lions Club and Retford Rotary Club.

At the end of the service light refreshments will be served and, who knows, you might even be offered 'Bully Beef Hash' or 'Trench Cake'!

**Brian Robinson**

**Never laugh at live dragons.**

**J.R.R. Tolkien 'The Hobbit'**





## ***A Victorian Christmas Pantomime Preview and Festival Festivities***

**Clarborough's Victorian Christmas Market** will take place on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 from 11:00 at St John the Baptist Church. There will be stalls and seasonal refreshments, with a band playing during the afternoon plus a half hour special Christmas service with Revd Mark around 15:00. The market is a great way to celebrate the beginning of the festive season and perhaps find some unique and unusual gifts for a loved one's stocking at the same time. To book a stall ring (01777) 705 616.

Tickets for the **2015 Clarborough Pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*** will go on sale at the Victorian Market so don't miss the chance to catch what is fast becoming Clarborough's Premier February Event! Cast and crew are all working hard to make this year's show the best yet when it arrives at the village hall from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015. See the page 3 poster for more details.

Looking further ahead the 2015 Clarborough Village Festival will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2015. If you would like to be involved in this or other Village

***A smell of burning fills the air – the electrician is no longer there!***

*Newdigate Poem (1910)*

Venture events why not come along to the next meeting of the Village Ventures **at 19:30 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015** in the Kings Arms. New members are always welcome, so if you have ideas for new events or just want to get involved and support the village come along and find out more.

**Hopefully see you all there!**

**Heather Heard**

## ***A quick 'undo' shortcut***

Made a typing mistake in a hurry and really 'screwed up' your computer task? We've all done it at some times!

The first rule is, don't panic! There is usually a simple mechanism available to undo your last mistake – or maybe a whole series of them. Many types of application sport an 'undo' button somewhere among their menu bars – they often look something like this: The 'greyed out' clockwise arrow is the 'redo' button – just in case you go too far!



All of this is well known to regular computer users, but what isn't so well known is that the **CTRL-Z** key sequence does the same thing. Just hold the Control (Ctrl) key down – there is one either side of the bottom edge of your keyboard – while tapping the Z letter key; bingo – your last operation is undone!

In some future issue we might hold a competition to guess how many times your editor did CTRL-Z while composing this Newsletter!

**Editor**

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## *Come and celebrate your Christmas with us!*



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**Wishing all our guests a very Merry Christmas**



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## **Kath Sutton District Councillor**

Once again planning issues are in the news, with various applications having been presented recently concerning Smeath Lane. You will all know now that the Tiln Lane application for 175 houses was successful and only two of us voted against it. We all know that it will inevitably lead to more traffic down Smeath Lane and consequently through Clarborough and Welham. We will all have to hope that this is not too disruptive.



The Rural Conference in early October was well attended and is proving to be a useful venue for discussion on topics which concern our villages. I also attended training on the Individual Electoral Registration where obviously the situation is going to be so different at the next election.

We have twice been to the Nottingham Archives to view the original Clarborough and Welham Enclosure Act and map and take photographs for our local history book. The Act itself isn't in book form, but is a series of large parchment sheets, carefully rolled with the map, and bound with a linen sheet for protection. It was amazing to study it and realise, quite possibly, that very few people will have viewed it since 1777. The Act itself was almost impossible to read, due to the staining of the parchment, but strangely enough the map was extremely clear and we hope to use a photograph of it as a front cover for the book. Many thanks again to all those of you who have volunteered information – and don't forget I'm still hoping for more of you to get in touch.

Thankfully I have been able to sort out a few problems in the last few weeks but do remember if you have any concern you wish to discuss with me telephone (01777) 709 034

**Kath Sutton**

***In an emergency ALWAYS phone 999***

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

**1<sup>st</sup> December  
5<sup>th</sup> January  
16<sup>th</sup> February**

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

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

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

## **Parish Council Pointers....**

### **Festive fun....**

The Parish Council Christmas Tree lighting & Festive Fayre is moving ever closer. Make a note in your diaries for Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tree lighting at 5.45pm, along with our Festive event in the Village hall. Children from Clarborough School will sing Carols around the Tree, and Rev Mark Cantrill will perform the Switch on. Santa has also agreed to put in an appearance. All stalls are now booked, with a great variety of games and gifts for sale. Oh, and don't forget the **Free** glass of mulled wine for all adults, and soft drinks for children...

### **The Bad....**

Vandals have broken another of the lovely trees, in the Junior play area. Ironically, it is one placed behind the bench carrying the WW1 Memorial plaque. The Trees & plaque were dedicated by Rev Cantrill earlier this year...

### **The Good....**

One Clarborough lady was so upset to see the criminal damage to the trees, that she phoned to offer her help. This good hearted lady has offered to raise sponsorship money whilst Running in the Worksop Half Marathon. to help replace the broken Trees. It's nice to see there are public spirited people in our villages, who do care....

A party of Hikers from Doncaster, who paused for a rest in our Canal-side play area, remarked to two of our Parish Councillors, 'What a pleasant area to visit'. We are lucky to have nice countryside around us, with many scenic walks....

## **Disgusted of Clarborough**

So many people have contacted Parish Councillors - and your Editor - to express their anger at the wilful damage, no - vandalism - of the recently planted trees around the children's play area next to our village hall. That these were bought from our community funds and in memory of local people who had died during World War One makes this so much more troubling. At the October Parish Council Meeting it was recorded that one local resident, who will be taking part in a local half-marathon soon, has offered to contribute the funds that she raises to restore these trees. We would repeat here our local police request for anyone who knows anything about these vandals to get in touch - see page 8 for contact details.

## **Storing apples**

Here's a tip, probably now for next year!

- Store only unblemished apples
- Wrap individually in newspaper
- Keep in a cardboard box, anywhere frost-free such as a cellar or shed.

**Margaret Sivel**

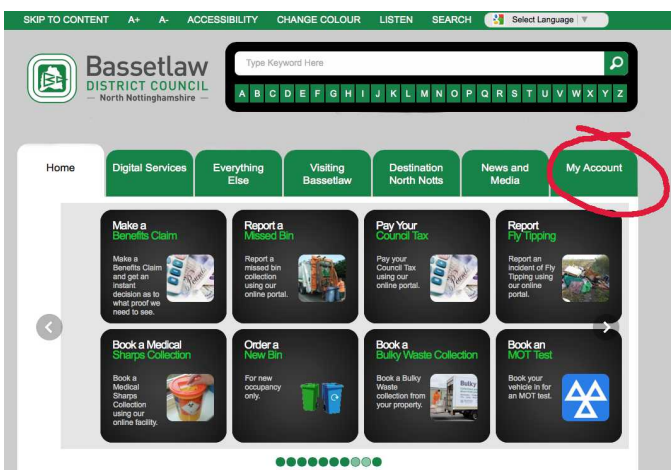
## Digital by Default

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, your Editor was invited to the presentation and launch of Bassetlaw's revolutionary Digital-by-Default initiative. Anyone who has accessed Bassetlaw District Council's (BDC) website in recent weeks will have noticed the dramatic changes but only after making use of the services provided do the full implications of Digital-by-Default become apparent. In essence, the new approach assumes that anyone contacting the BDC will do so by electronic means. We ought to add, however, right at the outset, that this does not mean that other, more traditional contacts routes are closed – 'phone, post or face-to-face are still there! BDC is at the forefront of this type of initiative which makes all electronic contacts complete in themselves – no 'we will phone you back' or 'download these forms and post them to us' – everything can be completed online, much like renewing your driving licence from DVLA or ordering from Amazon.

Further individualised facilities include **creating My Account** which provides a secure hub where residents can view Council Tax, Business Rates and Benefits information, as well as setting up direct debits and keeping track of any transactions with the Council. Residents will be able to use their smart phones, tablets, laptops and PCs to carry out a number of tasks completely online, more simply and much quicker than ever before, including:

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- Booking an MOT
- Reporting a missed green or blue bin
- Accessing Account Information

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To sign up for your account, follow the link shown above on Bassetlaw District Council's home page at [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

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Whether it's improving them today or helping to shape them for

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'Have your say' about the local health and social care services in your area by telling us the good and bad experiences you have had recently. We will use your evidence to build a better picture of local services, and to make recommendations to local providers and commissioners.

**Remember**, your local **Healthwatch Champion**, Chris, is 'in residence' at Clarborough Village Hall in the morning of the first Monday each month. Come to speak to Chris or go to <http://www.healthwatchnottinghamshire.co.uk> and 'have your say'.

### Clarborough Post Office

A reminder that Clarborough's Post Office's opening hours at our Village Hall are:

Monday	09:00-11:30
Tuesday	09:00-11:30
Wednesday	15:00-17:30
Thursday	Closed
Friday	09:00-11:30

Full Post Office facilities except for driving licence renewals are available.

### Law School

With Bonfire Night almost upon us, it's important that everyone understands the safety and legality issues surrounding what is potentially a dangerous period. The regulations set out in the Fireworks Act 2003 prohibits anyone under the age of 18 possessing any firework in a public place or any place to where the public have access. Further regulations prohibit anyone possessing a firework outside specified dates while Regulation 7 places a curfew on their use between 23:00 and 07:00

A recent broad-daylight burglary reported elsewhere in this Newsletter (page 11) emphasises yet again the need for vigilance – and keeping doors locked.

Dave's monthly Reports contain a wealth of basic, sensible, security advice, at home and out-and-about.

Paddy Tipping (Notts Police & Crime Commissioner) has the following to say about the challenges facing budgets: *"Responding to the symptoms of crime will never deliver long-term improvement. Our new model recognises the value in developing a preventative approach to offending and we're progressing a package of measures to do this including education in schools, training for frontline workers and procedures for sharing knowledge, data and best practice with our partners."*

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## Clarborough & Welham IT Group

Your local IT group continues to grow in popularity - at the time of writing we have more than 50 members and a team of five tutors providing a hand-holding introduction in our Village Hall. We are noted for our somewhat light-hearted and even entertaining approach which has got some members returning year-in-year out.

Two classes on Tuesday afternoons (13:30-15:00 and 15:15-16:45) and one on Wednesday mornings (10:00-11:30) are arranged in 5-week blocks to avoid school holidays, and cost just £15 per block of five 90min sessions. Classes run through 30 weeks each year. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours. Classes through to Easter 2015 (June/July dates will be announced later) are posted in our Village Hall and in the **Calendar** section of [www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk](http://www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk) our dedicated group website.

Contact Greg (01777) 700 918 or [clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com) for more information or to book for classes resuming w/c 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 **We will also have our usual stall at the Village Hall Christmas Tree Lighting Fayre on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, so why not call in to find out more?**

## Surplus hardware

Steady equipment upgrades mean that we have a 'drawer full' of items seeking a good home. **All will be available at the above event, so come along and get a bargain!**

**We also have JVC T-X1L FM/AM tuner (£30) for sale.**

Item	Price each
Toshiba Satellite Pro Windows Vista laptops** (ex-IT Group units)	£75
Dell Inspiron 1100 Laptop/Windows XP	offers
Netgear Wireless N-150 Modem Router Offers**	offers
Finauto Scanradio incl. earphones*	£5
HP PSC 1410 Printer-Scanner	offers
Epson R285 Photo Printer	offers
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HP Procure Switch 2512 with lots of cables**	£20
Sony VTX-D800U Digital Terrestrial Receiver**	£5
Fellows WB-150 Wire Binding Machine**	£25
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*Out of that bungled, unwise war  
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*William Plomer 'The Boer War' (1960)*



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## A word of warning with regard to Odd Jobbers

The other day a very presentable young man called and asked if we wanted any gardening done. At first we said 'No thank you', but then we remembered a small tree that we had tried to dig out and thought he could probably do it more easily than us.

He looked at the tree, agreed a price and went to fetch his 'mate'. The said 'mate' was older and nowhere near as presentable as the younger chap, anyway he came and said 'I believe you want a tree removed'. He looked at it, pushed it a bit and said, 'I'll go and fetch my spade.' We went back indoors and we never saw either of them again.

The next day we got ready to go to Retford in order to do our weekly shop, but my wife could not find her handbag. After a lengthy search we realised that we had been conned. We later found that three jewellery boxes had also gone, everything my wife had collected over 80 years, the small amount of good stuff, the rubbish and, worst of all, that which had memories for us.

Between the Police and us we pieced together the chain of events. While the older chap was talking to us, the younger one had gone round to the side of the property and in the back door. He had snatched what was easily taken and easy to sell and escaped over the hedge and out through our neighbour's garden. The neighbours having been out, something the thieves had probably checked before they tried their luck.

We hope this will make others like ourselves a little more suspicious and less trusting than we have been.

**Name and address supplied**

**Editor's note: ... and keep back doors locked!**

## Checked out HOPE's new shops on Retford's Exchange Street

In Retford we have 'Essential Designs' full of brand new High Street clothing, donated by leading stores. **Our Retford shop is based at; Buttermarket, Unit C, Exchange Street, Retford DN22 2AN.**



**HOPE's Furniture Project Warehouse** in Retford, is open to the public for second hand furniture and white goods; from sofas to tables to fridges and more. We also provide a service to those in crisis, offering free furniture for those with nothing. **Our Retford unit is: Unit 4, Hallcroft Road, Industrial Estate, Retford, DN22 7SS.**

HOPE Community Services is the homelessness charity serving Bassetlaw and surrounding areas.

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**Closing date for bookings is 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.**

### W.I. meetings for Spring 2015:

- 12<sup>th</sup> January: **Social Evening** with Pie & Pea Supper
- 9<sup>th</sup> February: **30 Years in Broadcasting** by David Bussy
- 9<sup>th</sup> March: **Sugarcraft Easter Treats** by Julie Cotton

Non-members welcome for an entrance fee of £3.50.



Bassetlaw Food Bank is a local independent charity (1154703) who's primary mission is to provide crisis support to the people in the district of Bassetlaw who are facing food poverty or finding it difficult to manage their finances for a variety or combination of circumstances.

In April 2013 Bassetlaw Food bank opened their first distribution centre on Lowtown Street in Worksop.



[Above] John Mann MP officially opened our Retford Food Bank on Exchange Street, Retford on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 with Allison Palmer and Jean Coulson (right).

On average Bassetlaw Food Bank are now distributing between 80 – 100 emergency aid food parcels to people in crisis every month. We are currently supporting old and young, single and families on a daily basis. We have nearly 1000 people registered on our database

who have collected one or more food parcels. Although we have a criterion of clients being able to access UP TO 3 parcels in any 6 month period so not to promote reliance, we do sometimes find that we have to provide further discretionary support to people who have no other means of feeding themselves or their families.

If you would like to find out more about the work of the Bassetlaw Food Bank, including how to get a referral, donate to us or volunteer with us, please contact our Co-ordinator on either:

[adminretford@bassetlawfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:adminretford@bassetlawfoodbank.org.uk)

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## Bassetlaw ACTION Centre

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, saw your Editor join a select group of invited guests and volunteers to witness Bassetlaw Action Centre's receipt of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.



The Lord-Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace [above, right] officially presented the Award to Lynn Tupling, Chief Executive and Michael Browne, Chair of Bassetlaw Action Centre. The Bassetlaw Action Centre is delighted to be one of only 111 UK volunteering groups to be granted this year's The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups.



This prestigious award is given to such groups across the UK for outstanding work done in their local communities. It recognises volunteering work that is of social, economic or environmental service to the local community and is supported, recognised and respected by the people who benefit from it.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, was created by Her Majesty to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee in 2002. Winners of this year's award were selected from over 300 nominations of which 111 were recognised for their outstanding voluntary work in the

community. Only 3 organisations were recognised in the East Midlands and only one in Bassetlaw.

Lynn Tupling, Chief Executive said "I am very proud of the work of the Bassetlaw Action Centre which makes a real difference to the lives of older and vulnerable people throughout the district in North Nottinghamshire. This award is very special as it acknowledges the contribution of the thousands of hours of effort made by every single one of all our staff and volunteers past and present. This Award recognises our value to society, our professional approach, our contribution to the community and our dedicated hard work. I am delighted to accept the award on behalf of our organisation."

The Bassetlaw Action Centre received a certificate signed by The Queen and a commemorative piece of crystal for display at its headquarters in Retford.

### Bassetlaw Community Minibus Trips

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: The Deep Hull £16.00** does not include admission

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Downtown Grantham £15.00**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: National Railway Museum York £15.00**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Xcape Leeds £15.00**

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#### January 2015

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We have moved our Retford community branch to the **One Stop Shop, 17b, The Square** with a fixed weekly opening time of Thursday morning (09:15 – 11:15). **We would like to increase the time we are open in Retford but urgently need more volunteers to achieve that – please get in touch!**

The Credit Union's new web site with it's new look and new facilities including the ability to join the 2 Shires Credit Union on-line, apply for loans online, allow members to view their accounts on-line and to allow members to transfer funds from their 2 Shires account to another bank account.

Our expanded opening hours at the main office in Worksoy were a result of the time savings following the implementation of the new computer system. We believe that any savings of this nature should be used to improve services rather than reduce staffing levels.

For more information visit [www.2shires.org.uk](http://www.2shires.org.uk)

We can also be contacted by phone (01909 500575) at our Worksoy office which is open from 09:30 each morning Mondays to Saturdays. We close at 15:00. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 14:00 on Saturdays. On Thursdays we stay open later – to 18:00. E-mail: [info@2shires.org.uk](mailto:info@2shires.org.uk)



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**It's your money and your council want you to have your say, so go online and answer their questions.**

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## **Liz Yates County Councillor**



The main issue over the past couple of months is the ongoing problems with traffic, particularly heavy traffic along Smeath Lane, affecting both the parishes of Clarborough and Hayton. Also what travels along this route also travels along Tiln Lane into Retford with residents there experiencing the same problems.

During the past two years there has been a 7.5t weight limit introduced and very recently a 40mph speed restriction along the whole of the route from the end of the 30mph in Retford to the start of the 30mph in Clarborough. These have not been introduced instead of a potential bypass, but were requested by myself and colleagues to try and improve the behaviour of drivers using the road, when it was recognised that it would be some time before a bypass is reconsidered.

The reason for this is that costs of a bypass are way beyond available County Council funding, who would have to apply to the Department for Transport for most of the funding and provide them with a suitable business case to achieve that. To date the County Council have not been able to demonstrate this sufficiently to meet the necessary criteria. It is extremely frustrating, I find it so but the affected residents are the people who feel it the most. Therefore my commitment is, and has always been, to put in place measures that may reduce speed and number of vehicles using the road.

Of course this has been made even more an impossible task with the recent planning permissions that have been granted, mostly the outline permission for up to 175 homes off Tiln Lane. I, along with many others sent an objection in to the District Council and when I was asked to comment by the County Council they chose to ignore what I had said, making no observations about the traffic impact. I am pleased to say that your District Councillor, along with one other Planning Committee member, voted against the application, but it was granted.

We are where we are, but we will not let this be the end of the matter, along with the WRAG group I will be objecting again when this comes back for detailed permission. In the interim I intend speaking to the officers at the County Council who respond to planning applications, to try and make them understand the situation we now find ourselves in.

Finally we do have a very sympathetic Highways Officer, who is looking at the feasibility and cost of installing a wider footway over the listed canal bridge by The Gate Inn, along with traffic lights. If this were to happen it would help pedestrians and continue to make the route more difficult for vehicles time-wise.

If anyone would like to discuss this, or any other matter please feel free to contact me on 01777 860 219 or email [cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk)

**County Councillor Liz Yates**

## **Local History Events at Retford and Workso Library**

**Christmas is Cancelled** talk by Sam Glasswell, Bassetlaw Museum Curator at **Retford Library** on **Thursday 4 December 2014, 14:00-15:00**. Don't like Christmas? Well the 17<sup>th</sup> century is just the place for you! Come and find out how the English Civil War killed off Christmas celebrations as well as King Charles.

**Tickets cost £1.00 (includes refreshments) and advanced booking is essential - please call the library on 01777 708 724**

or email [retford.library@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:retford.library@nottscc.gov.uk)

**Parish Registers with Nottinghamshire Archives** talk by Archivist Peter Lester at Workso Library **Wednesday 21 January 2015, 14:00-15:00**.

Were your ancestors churchwardens or constables? Did they ever need poor relief? Come along to this parish records talk to find out why dogs were whipped in church, why it mattered if you wore a woollen cap, and who, exactly, were knocknobbles.

This fully illustrated talk will help local and family historians find out more about the wealth of information available in parish records. The talk will highlight a selection of documents held by Nottinghamshire Archives and Nottinghamshire Libraries.

**Tickets cost £3.00 and advanced booking is essential – please call the library on 01909 535 353 or email [workso.library@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:workso.library@nottscc.gov.uk)**

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## Clarborough and Welham Neighbourhood Plan

We are sure you will remember the Questionnaire published in the last Clarborough & Welham Newsletter at the beginning of August 2014.

We would very much like to thank those of you who returned questionnaires, either on paper or electronically. There was a total of 60 responses. 29 of the responses had additional written comments.

### General Analysis

- As would be expected, the majority of respondents were from Clarborough residents.
- The gender split was almost equally divided between Female and Male respondents.
- There were more respondents from the 60+ age group than all the rest put together.
- A number of respondents identified themselves as living on Smeath Lane Hayton and expressed their gratitude at being included in the process.

### Analysis of Aims and Objectives

- 1 *Vision Statement* - Overall approval rate averaged 77%. 15% failed to respond.
- 2 *Employment* - Overall approval rate averaged 80%. For improved Internet link it was 90%.
- 3 *Environment* - Overall approval rate averaged 90%. Several Objectives reached the mid 90%, most notably 2.5 (to improve the canal bank for wildlife) and 2.8 for Flooding action which reached 98% (the 2% discrepancy due to 1 person not completing). There were 5 lengthy written comments on flooding. A major concern, included under 2.2, was the state of roadside verges and the need for grass cutting.
- 4 *Housing* - Overall approval rate average 79%. Objective 3.3 (social housing) received the lowest at 63%. 23% were Neutral on this Objective. Smaller homes were a common theme in written responses.
- 5 *Community Facilities* - Overall approval rate averaged 55%. This is brought down by Objective 4.3, moving the Skate Board play area, to which 38% were opposed and 33% approved. 28% were neutral on the issue. Written comments indicated that 'it would be a waste of money'.
- 6 *Transport* - Overall approval rate averaged 72%. The re-location of warning signs for the low bridge had an approval rate of 88%. The idea of providing visitor parking was supported but many returns were neutral on the issue, the main argument being that parking is available in the pub car parks.
- 7 *Tourism* - Overall approval rate averaged 68%. There was little enthusiasm for the provision of accommodation for Tourists with 38% Neutral on this issue.


Overall, all Objectives were approved with the exception of the moving of the Skate Board Park but there were a large number of respondents who were Neutral on the issue.

### Bassetlaw District Council Land: Your Views

You will have recently received a flyer containing some exciting proposals regarding the large expanse of B.D.C. Land between Smeath Lane and the Big Lane area. It is vital that all residents respond to this proposal which has the potential to enhance our community in many ways.

Come along to the **meeting at Clarborough Primary School on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 19:00** to hear more and to share your thoughts.

If you can't make the meeting please register your opinions by:

e-mail to [candwnp@gmail.com](mailto:candwnp@gmail.com)  
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*I have striven not to laugh at human action, not to weep at them, nor to hate them, but to understand them.*

*Baruch Spinoza 1632-77*

### What's the latest in the sciences?

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**This isn't a bad place for students to keep an eye on either, whether it's GCSE, A-level or H.E. courses, it all adds to the wider understandings and – who knows – may kick start a career.**

Editor

## Tracing our Great War ancestors (part 1)

If the centenary of Great Britain's entry into the Great War (World War 1 as it later became known) has prompted you to discover more about your ancestors who lived through, or died in, that conflict this little article may give you a few tips about how and where to look.

This is a vast and absorbing topic which we can only give the briefest of introduction to here. We will start with some of the basic aspects of researching our ancestors using online sources. What many readers may not realise is that with just a Nottinghamshire library card, you have access to Ancestry.com's worldwide service FREE at any library! If you were to subscribe to this as a private individual it would cost you more than £150 each year! So get your library card out (or sign up for one at the Library) and book a computer – again free!

At the outset, we must acknowledge that the use of the internet has dramatically opened up such genealogical research. The author's work with Retford Library (see elsewhere in this issue) and also with Clarbrough & Welham IT Group has helped lots of people who were previously frightened of computers to get to grips with topics such as family history.

So, if you are interested in finding out more about family members, where do we start? Well, since July 1<sup>st</sup> 1837 (England & Wales) the key are copies of births, marriages and death certificates ('BMD' to family historians). Now a word of caution at this point; finding references to these is relatively easy and they currently

cost £9.25 each (postage included) but you will find a number of online organisations promising to obtain these certificates for you – at a price! £20-30 is not uncommon so be warned.

A FREE website specialising in *indexing* BMD certificates is [www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk) but once you have found the index reference, you will need to contact the General Register Office (G.R.O.) [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk) to actually order a certificate. Original certificates are not available *anywhere* to view. What you get is a nice certificate with the relevant historic information photocopied onto the modern form.

There isn't space here to go into details about this process – get in touch with Retford Library's Family History Group for hands-on guidance or go to your community website [www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk) and download Greg's worksheet *BMD Certificates – how to get them* (**Local History ► Family History Group**).

What you need to know is that birth certificates are crucial to confirm the maiden name of the mother as well as parents' names and occupations.

Marriage certificates provide names of fathers of both parties together with their occupations. Death certificates, other than causes of death are usually less useful sources.

A vital research strategy is always **work backwards** from the known (such as yourself and your parents, etc) to the unknown. **Never, ever, skip a generation and never, never work forwards** from a supposed ancestor – both of these strategies can lead to huge errors and vast wastes of time and money. It is also vital to be sceptical – **don't believe everything you read**, particularly on the internet. It is all too easy to take other



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people's researches/family trees 'as gospel' when they may well contain errors – or just plain fantasy. Trust original sources only!

Hopefully, we now have the basic outline of our ancestor's life; but what about military service. Here our job gets off to a flying start if we know something about our ancestor's military service. Part 2, in our next issue, will look in more detail at what is available online to illuminate our ancestor's military experiences, in the meantime – speak to relatives, rummage through old documents and try to discover your relatives service number or unit(s).

Greg Herdman

### Public Access Defibrillators

The Cobb family and their friends who organise the Midsummer Coffee Afternoon fundraising event at Manor Barn each year, would like to thank all those who helped and supported the event this summer. This year the event raised in excess of £1600, with which it is hoped to provide Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) for the surrounding villages. Talks are currently under way with the British Heart foundation to provide PADs in Clarborough & Hayton. If the applications are successful it is hoped that more machines could be purchased over the coming years for Welham, Wheatley, Clayworth and Sturton le Steeple etc.

Whilst the PADs are simple and easy to use (the machine talks you through the procedure) the more people that are trained in Basic Lifesaving Skills (BLS) the more lives could be saved with the aid of these PADs. We hope to hold BLS training sessions in the new year, these include practice using CPR dummies and a DVD presentation. So, come along for a cup of tea and learn a lifesaving skill all in less than an hour. Anyone interested in attending a training session could you please contact either Ann on (01777) 704 123 or Paul on (01777) 709 802

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**Tickets just £12**

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*It is as wholly wrong to blame Marx for what was done in his name, as it is to blame Jesus for what was done in his.*

*In Alan Freeman : The Benn Heresy (1982)  
'Interview with Tony Benn'*

*We might add, in the current climate, that this applies to Mohammed too!*

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## From your Parish Council - You Decide

Trentside Association is an organisation of local Parish Councils that are opposed to wind farm developments on Maumhill, North Leverton, Treswell, Bole, Beckingham, Wheatley, and Sturton.

We would like the residents of Clarborough and Welham to give guidance to our Parish Council to join the association or not.

Although there are no costs involved by joining it cannot be ruled out that there may be sometime in the future.

Please use the voting slip below and hand in the Spar Store in Clarborough. or hand it to a Parish Councillor.

**Closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Please tick ONE of the following boxes to register your views.**

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