

# Clarborough & Welham Newsletter

Winter 2015

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*...and much, much more*

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## From the Editor

### Welcome to our new look!

However, not only do we hope you enjoy the new appearance but also that you find lots to help you enjoy the coming festive season – and not least, anticipation of one of the highlights of Clarborough's year, our next pantomime, **Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves** which goes on-stage in February 2016.



We are lucky to have such an active local 'scene' with events for all ages. Retford's Christmas Market and Tree Lighting is particularly focusing on young families this year and our own Christmas Tree Lighting Fayre will follow suit only a few days later while those of more 'mature' years can look forward to our annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party – make sure you book your place!

Added to this regular groups and activities at our Village Hall as well as those only a few miles away in Retford. With school holidays looming, we particularly recommend young families check out activities at Retford Library and Museum.



Looking forward, we have the possibility of Retford becoming a significant focus for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2020, of the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers with all that might mean in terms of tourism and local business.

Windows 10 – that got your attention! If you are still debating whether to update to Windows 10, why not get in touch with your local IT Group to try their laptops?

**A very peaceful and happy Christmas to all our readers!**

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**2016 Newsletter deadlines**

**18<sup>th</sup> January (Spring issue)**

**25<sup>th</sup> April (Summer issue)**



Back on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, Clarborough Primary School held another Macmillan Coffee Morning. Your editor, seeking another excuse for chocolate cake, found himself among a

multitude in the school's hall, all clearly enjoying the produce offered by pupils, parents/carers, staff and Friends of School to support this great cause, but too late – all the chocolate cake had gone!

However, we now learn that all of this hard work and generosity yielded a total of £487.22 for the charity.

**For Nottinghamshire school's term dates through 2016 see our community website's home page.**



## Friends of Bassetlaw Museum

Are you looking for a gift with a difference? Or perhaps you'd just like to treat yourself. The Friends of Bassetlaw Museum are offering something special

for prospective new members this Christmas. Anyone who takes out a subscription during December will, beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January, receive two months membership absolutely free. That's fourteen months for the price of twelve.

As our membership year usually commences on 1<sup>st</sup> March, this means that all newly taken out memberships will last until the end of February 2017. Even if you miss the December offer, there will still be a pro rata bonus if you subscribe during the early weeks of 2016.

So, come and help us support and raise funds for Bassetlaw Museum. The price of membership is £5 for adults, £3 for juniors (under eighteens) with corporate membership being £20 per annum. For this, Friends enjoy special events, previews, talks and a quarterly e-newsletter. Additionally, if you're the creative type, there's the opportunity to contribute to the newsletter, whilst all corporate members receive a mention in the museum's annual Farm and Country Festival brochure.

A copy of our membership form can be downloaded from [Streetlife.com](http://Streetlife.com) or from [www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk). It is also available from the Hub, Retford and Workshop Libraries, Bookworm and, of course, the museum at Amcott House, 40 Grove Street, Retford, Notts, DN22 6LD. Telephone: 01777 713 749. Email: [fobm14@gmail.com](mailto:fobm14@gmail.com). Membership queries: [fobm.membership@gmail.com](mailto:fobm.membership@gmail.com).

## Hayton Village Hall

**Christmas Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10:30 – 12:30 FREE Entry!**



- Friendly and fun!!
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- Plus lots of other prizes.

## Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

- 11:00 Opening ceremony & short service by Rev. Tony Walker.
- Retford District Scouts will be collecting donated presents for redistribution to less fortunate children.
- Retford Lions Santa will arrive at 12:00 and be based in his Grotto in the Town Hall until 18:00.
- The Christmas Market will be in the Square and along Carolgate.
- TRAX FM will be entertaining for the whole day.
- CRAFT FAIR will be based in Retford Town Hall.
- Local singers and musicians will be offering entertainment in the Square all day.
- Lights Switch-on will be at 17:00, ceremony starts 16:15 with new lights!
- There will be a FIREWORKS display
- Fairground rides will mean some road closures

The whole idea is to keep the event FAMILY orientated, and for today's children to have lovely memories of their town looking amazing and being in the centre of a traditional community Christmas celebration.

Anyone wishing to book a stall can contact the Market Team on 01777 713 751 or call in at The Craft Shop, 76 Caroigate to collect an application form.

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## Watch out, there are 40 thieves about...

There is a hint of jasmine on the air as the sun slowly sinks and in the distance a camel is belly dancing by a desert oasis; but somewhere nearby a band of lawless scoundrels are out for revenge.



In the desert town of Clarshahar (twinned with a village not so far from here) Ali and Safyia dream of the day when they can finally be together. When Ali stumbles across a cave full of gold he thinks all his dreams have come true, he doesn't realise that his troubles are just beginning.... From Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 the village drama group will transport their audience from

Clarborough Village Hall to the bustling bazaars and sandy dunes of Persia with their most ambitious production yet; the tale of **Ali Baba and the 40 thieves**. Tickets go on sale at this year's Christmas Tree Lighting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, and will be available afterwards from the SPAR, Main Street Clarborough. Don't miss out on Clarborough's biggest production yet and buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



## Christmas Coffee Morning

21<sup>st</sup> November at  
Bassetlaw Hospice  
10:00-12:00

Come along and pick up a few Christmas bargains from our gift stalls, have a coffee and try some of our homemade cakes.

**For information about our programme of events please contact Helen Eshelby at the Appeal Office on 01777 710 444 or [helen@bassetlawhospice.org](mailto:helen@bassetlawhospice.org) [www.bassetlawhospice.org](http://www.bassetlawhospice.org)**

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# BASSETLAW CHRISTIAN HERITAGE



On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Bassetlaw Christian Heritage (BCH) is organising a number of events to commemorate the Mayflower Pilgrims and their associations in and around the Retford area. Bradford was from Austerfield, Brewster was Master of the Post in Scrooby, Clyfton was from Babworth, Robinson was from Sturton, and Smyth from Gainsborough.

There will be lantern-lighting ceremonies at Austerfield, Scrooby, Babworth and Gainsborough (and hopefully Sturton) - please check with local churches and press for details. The lanterns will then be taken on foot to St Swithun's Parish Church in Retford. to arrive by 16:00.

In Retford, there will be a free exhibition in the Town Hall from 10:00 until 16:00 including a talk by historian Adrian Gray (12:30) and performances by Talegate Theatre (11:00 and 14:00) This will mark the start of five annual events leading up to the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower Pilgrims' journey to North America in 2020. It is hoped that, once established in Retford and the surrounding area, the Pilgrims events will continue each year beyond that, and will become a focus for visitors, not only within Bassetlaw, but also nationally and internationally.

Bassetlaw Christian Heritage (BCH) is an organisation bringing together churches and other groups in and around Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire, including Churches Together in Retford and Bassetlaw District Council.

The choice of Retford is important - if you draw a circle 30 miles around the centre of Retford, you would include the origins of every English-speaking non-conformist congregation in the world. Congregationalists, Baptists, Quakers, Methodists, Salvation Army - can all be traced back to the area around Retford. Arguably, as the home of the Mayflower Pilgrims, even the United States of America can trace its family history back to this area. Millions of people across the world have been influenced by the independent thinking, passion and tolerance inherent in the character of the people living in and around Bassetlaw.



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## Neighbourhood Plan update

### BDC Land

The Steering Group are very pleased with the response of Parishioners who participated in the consultation about the Bassetlaw District Council land. Over 80 people attended meetings and there were 164 responses to the Questionnaire. 55 people responded with written comments.

You should, by the time you receive this Newsletter, have received a leaflet detailing the results of the Questionnaire.

### Gifted Land

Part of the development of the BDC Land is the 'gifting' of the non-housing land to the Parish Council. At the Parish Council meeting on 20 September the Parish Council agreed in principle to seek that 'gifting' at the appropriate time.

### Draft Plan

Due to the length of the BDC Land process the finalising of the Draft Plan has been delayed by several weeks. We hope this will now be completed by the start of December. We hope the statutory Consultation on the Draft Plan will now start in December. It will last for a six week period. There will be a number of meetings of different formats, times and venues during this six week period.

The Steering Group will publish a shortened version of the full Draft Plan, which is about 70 pages, to all Parishioners. This will be accompanied by a separate questionnaire. Details of how to obtain a full version of the Draft Plan will be included in the shortened version. Anyone who wishes to have a full copy will be able to request one. All organisations within the villages will automatically be sent a full Draft Plan.

### The Referendum

The Referendum on the Plan is approaching with each step forward in the Plan. To ensure you can vote in the Referendum please check that you are registered to vote. This can be done through Bassetlaw District Council. If you are not registered you will be unable to vote in the Referendum!

### Other Issues

You may have heard that the Chancellor, George Osborne, has made some pronouncements on planning in villages. These do not have the force of law but this may follow. Whilst it is shrouded in terms of enabling villages to develop if they wish, it actually opens-up development for development companies.

The best way for us to protect our village from the over development which Parishioners clearly do not want is for us to have a Neighbourhood Plan in place

**Paul Willcock  
Chairman, Steering Group**

## Did you know...

...that Meccano, Hornby Model Railways and Dinky Toys were all launched by Frank Hornby between 1908 and 1934.

**Editor**



## Clarborough Village Hall

Our village hall continues to host activities and events every day! Latest addition is Line Dancing on Fridays (19:00-20:00) but for a full outline of regular events visit our community website (see page 1) and click on the green village hall icon on our home page.

**With all of this going on, volunteers are needed to supplement the small dedicated team.**

## ...and much, much more...

There is so much more to share than space in this Newsletter allows.

To get up-to-date news and information from the following sources, visit our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)):

Out-and-about and Local Environment links providing lots of ideas for families.

Police Reports in full

Law & Order news from the Home Office

Local Job opportunities links

Retford Library events, talks, etc.

Bassetlaw Museum events and exhibitions

Emergency contacts for all utilities

Contact details for your representative on District and County Councils plus your MP, John Mann.

With some 150 pages, our website, will amaze you with the amount of useful information at your fingertips.

Editor

## Need a helping hand with your computer or laptop?

**Not sure where to start – even best ways to switch it on and off?** If this is you as far as computers are concerned, then why not join our Absolute Beginners groups?



Clarborough & Welham IT Group's next set of 5-week programmes start week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> November on either Tuesdays (13:30-15:00) or Wednesdays (10:00-11:30) and cost just £15.00 for a full 5-weeks. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours and we will take you through the first steps in taking the fear out of computing.

On the other hand, if you already have some skills and want to push things forward, come along to classes too. Recent topics have included e-mails and attachments and we will be starting November classes looking at digital images – everything from getting them off our cameras and onto our laptops through basic image editing to best advice on getting them economically printed.

All of our classes are based around what is known as 'open source' software which in practical terms means that it is free. We provide software such as OpenOffice, a superb alternative to Microsoft's expensive product (and it both reads and writes Microsoft compatible material). We also provide either Firefox or Google Chrome web browsers and Gimp image editor, a very real competitor to Adobe's well-known Photoshop.

Add all of this to *C&W IT Workbooks*, a package of more than 100 worksheets that have formed the basis of our classes over a number of years, and you really can't go wrong.

**Are you still wondering whether to make the jump and install Windows 10?** Before taking this leap, come to classes and get your hands on our Windows 10 laptops and listen to the advice and experiences of those that have already taken this step.

**FREE CLASSES!** Working in co-operation with Kath Sutton, we aim to promote her local history book to a wider audience through a dedicated website plus electronic and online publishing (Kindle, iPad, etc).

If you would like to get involved – either as 'student' or 'tutor' – come to Clarborough Village Hall on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 15:15. This won't cost you a penny for a programme scheduled for 10 weeks

Greg Herdman

To discuss any of these possibilities or to enrol in any classes, contact Greg on (01777) 700 918 or e-mail [clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com)



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Three young people from Clarborough have been the faces of a successful banner campaign for Retford Oaks Academy. Year 10 students, Hannah Beswarick, Harry Burton and Amy Williams, were photographed, reading, for the Academy's Open Evening banner. As a result, record numbers of prospective students & their parents piled into



Retford Oaks Academy on 1<sup>st</sup> October to get a taste of what secondary education life is like. Head of Academy Mrs Wainman spoke of Retford Oaks enabling students to grow academically and personally. A wide range of activities were on show to children & parents to give them a feel of lesson times ahead.

If you missed Open Evening, visits and tours of Retford Oaks Academy can be arranged by called 01777 861 618

**Zoë Scott**

Retford Oaks Marketing & Press

## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council latest news

### Do You Want Your Street Lights On?

Street lighting helps to support the local community by contributing towards a reduction in night time road traffic collisions and crime. It also contributes to a reduction in fear of crime and perceived risks of crime.

Residents, businesses, motorists and other groups are being asked for their views on the hours of part-night.

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If you wish to voice your concerns about part-night street lighting, the Parish Council ask that you please contact Nottingham County Council.

### Gill Green Walk Play Area

The Parish Council are looking to replace the skate park that had to be dismantled. The project should involve young people in the design, delivery and management of the project.

We are looking for young people aged 10-19 (up to 25 years in respect of young people with disabilities) to work with the Parish Council.

If you want to be involved then contact the Parish Council

Email: [clarandwelpc@yahoo.com](mailto:clarandwelpc@yahoo.com)

**Finally, we would like to welcome three new Parish Councillors: Stephen Bowler, Stephen George and Dean Watkinson.**

**Phil Gibson**

Chairman Clarborough and Welham Parish Council

### Clarborough Christmas Tree Lighting

Put the date Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in your Diary for the annual Parish Council **Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony starting at 17:45.

County Councillor Liz Yates will switch on the lights at 18:00.

Venue; Village Hall Driveway

- Appearance by Father Christmas
- Christmas Fayre in Clarborough Village Hall
- Free mulled wine for all. Free soft drinks for children.



### Dog Control Order 2015

**The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.**

**The Bassetlaw District Council - Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2015**

Bassetlaw District Council (in this order called "the Authority") hereby makes the following Order:

This Order comes into force on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2015** for a period of 3 years. Offences:

#### 1. Fouling

If within the administrative area of the Authority a dog defecates at any time on land to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission and a person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless

- a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

#### 2. Leads

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on land detailed in **Schedule 1** below he does not keep the dog on a lead unless

- a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

#### 3. Exclusion

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if,



at any time, he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land detailed in **Schedule 2** below unless

- a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

#### 4. Exemptions

Nothing in this order shall apply to a person who –

- a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance; or
- c) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

For the purpose of this order –

- A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land;
- Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces
- “an authorised officer of the Authority” means an employee, partnership agency or contractor of Bassetlaw District Council who is authorised in writing by Bassetlaw District Council for the purposes of giving directions under the Order.
- Each of the following is a “prescribed charity” –
  - Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454)
  - Support Dogs Limited (registered charity number 1088281)
  - Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

#### 5. Penalty

A person who is guilty of an offence under this order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

#### Schedule 1

St John the Baptist's Churchyard, Clarborough

#### Schedule 2

Children's Playground to the rear of the village hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

Children's Ball Park, Smeath Lane, Clarborough.

### Dog Poo DNA – name and shame?

Recent reports from Taragona, Spain show authorities considering creating a DNA database of registered dogs to allow them to identify owners who fail to clear up.

Is this an idea that could be coming our way?

Editor

## St. John the Baptist Church

Our village church is about to undergo a major renovation project and as such will be closed from 18<sup>th</sup> October, the builders beginning from 1<sup>st</sup> November for approximately 22 weeks. We have severe woodworm in some of the pews and the nave flooring.



Areas of the floor throughout Church have had to be taped off as they are dangerous and collapsing (see above!). The heating is no longer efficient or adequate and we have serious problems with water ingress through some of the walls. We are fortunate to have some funds, through a legacy, to be able to redress some of these problems.

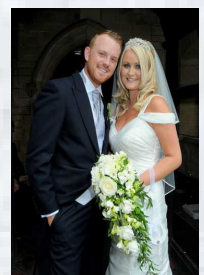
Therefore, after a long consultation period of almost two years, the following course of action is to be taken. There will be new underfloor heating installed, an indoor tea bar and disabled toilet along with new seating and the re-organisation of the area in the Chancel to allow for a multi-use space i.e. concerts. The original tiles on the floor are being re-laid and the lighting brought up to date with much more efficient and effective lamps, both inside and outside. Access to areas of the church will be made easier and safer and we are also hoping to make space for more car parking at a later date.

Whilst church is closed services will either be at Hayton Church or in the village hall, everyone is most welcome, with coffee, tea and a chat afterwards.

These services will be advertised in the Retford Times and on the notice board at the church gates.

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## 2 Shires Credit Union

After going rather quiet for a while, Wonga is back! They have a new advertising campaign which they hope will rebrand the product which had been given a lot of bad publicity. The good news for Wonga customers is that they have reduced their interest rates – to a still massive APR of 1,509%.

Do not be fooled by the new image that Wonga, and the other so called Pay Day Lenders, are trying to portray. Their eye watering charges are still something to avoid – especially when there are other, cheaper and better, alternatives available. I refer here, of course, to the 2 Shires Credit Union which is there to support people in the local community. To give an example, which as close as we can get to a comparison:

To borrow £201 from Wonga for **29 days** and repaying the full amount as a single payment would result in an interest charge of £46.83 with an APR of 1509%. Borrowing £200 from 2 Shires Credit Union and repaying over **12 months** and paying £19 per month would result in an interest charge of £27.10 with an APR of 26.8%.

I saw recently that Citizens Advice is warning that so-called guarantor loans have the potential to be "just as damaging" for borrowers as payday loans. Guarantor loans involve friends and relatives being asked to pay off the debt if the original borrower fails to do so. However, many guarantors are unaware they are signing up for large debts and are not aware that they can be legitimately pursued by debt collectors, even in cases where the borrower has died.

"Guarantor loans carry with them huge risks, and people are getting involved without being fully aware of the dangers," according to Citizens Advice

A report written by the charity says that regulators do not regard guarantors as proper customers, so those involved miss out on some of the protections given to other people who fall into debt. As a result, guarantor loans now "have the potential to be just as damaging" as payday loans. The FCA said it agreed that guarantors should be treated like other customers.

At the 2 Shires Credit Union, we offer loans at a lower interest rate and we do not ask for a guarantor. If you are thinking about taking out a loan, please contact us to see how we can help.

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### Opening Hours

Our opening hours at the One Stop Shop in Retford are the first and third Thursdays of each month from 9:30 to 10:30.

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

## Goings-on at the Library

Well, maybe not quite what you expected, but Retford Library has lots of activities and events taking place every week added to which are activities specifically programmed for youngsters during school holidays. For a full month-by-month summary, go to your community website's **Out and About ► Retford Library** page.

Of particular interest to family historians will be the talk on 19<sup>th</sup> November by Nottinghamshire Archives **Resources for Family History** which starts at 19:00 and cost just £1.00. Booking, however, is strongly advised. We might add that that same morning Helen Fox, specialist librarian, will be holding her monthly **Family History drop-in surgery** (09:30-13:00) assisted by your editor who is a regular. He also leads the library's Family History Group twice monthly meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, 17:00-19:00). Both events are free. Although space is too limited to do it full justice (see our community website for much more) we must mention Nottinghamshire Archives new course **Medieval Family History** which starts on 14<sup>th</sup> November for four consecutive two-hour sessions. Cost is £75.

### Mobile Library

It's also worth noting that Nottinghamshire mobile library still visits us. In the scheme of things, this is known as **North Mobile Route 4** but what is important to us is that the mobile library will visit on the following **Thursdays: 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December and 7<sup>th</sup> January.**

Scheduled times and stops are:

'Danby' Church Lane	09:40 – 10:05
Howbeck Lane	10:10 – 10:25
Hillview Crescent	10:30 – 10:40
Gill Green Walk	10:45 – 11:00

To request titles or other aspects of this service, contact Worksop Library on 01909 535 353 or [worksop.library@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:worksop.library@nottsc.gov.uk)

## Windows 10 personal security

Almost immediately Windows 10 was launched, experts started to question Microsoft's apparent invasion of user's personal data. For much more on this and practical steps to minimise your risks follow the Windows 10 link from our community website's home page.

Ebuyer's blog hosted there has been our IT Group's approach to these issues.

**Greg Herdman**





Healthwatch is your guide to the network of NHS and Social

Care provision in the area. Local Healthwatch Champions can advise on how to contact these services. They also provide a channel for individuals to pass their experiences back to the professionals. This can be either complaints or compliments. Many professionals say that complaints far outnumber compliments because we (and I include myself here!) tend not to pass back our thanks for good service as often as we ought.

**Healthwatch Champion for Clarborough & Welham is Chris Herdman** who comes with a wide range of experience and insight derived from a long career in the local health service. Chris holds drop-in services at Clarborough Village Hall on the first Monday of each month (except bank holidays) from 09:30-11:30. Alternatively contact her on (01777 700 918 or e-mail [clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com) putting *Healthwatch* in your Subject line. She would dearly love to pass on your compliments to the professionals as well as help you with 'issues'.



For regular **Nottinghamshire HealthWatch newsletters**, see our community website's **Health & Welfare** pages.



**-BASSETLAW-**  
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**District Councillor  
Kath Sutton**



One of the interesting meetings I attended recently was the Bassetlaw Parish Forum where there were a couple of presentations. I Gas Energy described their careful health and safety checks, their processes, community consultations and community benefits. Seismic surveys, test drills and exploitation lead to production.

Quite a few local areas are being investigated. The new Community Speed Watch was outlined where there is a new, quite heavy kit with four interactive signs and a car. There are three signs before the volunteer clocks the driver and the hope is that the signs will have forewarned the driver sufficiently to slow down and not have to receive the advisory letter which is sent if you are caught speeding twice in one month. If the driver is 15 mph over the speed limit then they receive a visit. The vision is to have two tiers of volunteers – one to man the gun and the other to drive the car to deliver the kit.

Devolution is the hot topic at the moment with the Government's plans to transfer power to local or regional level. I attended a talk from the Sheffield City Region where its bid was outlined. Because of our geographical location our area will eventually have to decide where to link up to as local communities have to work together and make collective decisions under an elected mayor. The Council Leader thinks that the best way for Bassetlaw to go is to combine with South Yorkshire's economic zone but work with Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire too.


Since the last newsletter we've had our book launch which was an enjoyable occasion with many residents who attended recounting events which should have been in the book! We gave away copies to all those who had helped in its production but even so have been able to hand over £500 from sales to the Parish Council and IT Group who are receiving all profits. I have copies at home, plus the Bookworm Retford are selling them at £6.95. See page 5 for more about this initiative.

**As always do get in touch with any concerns (see page 11 for Kath's contacts).**

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**Bassetlaw District Councillor (Kath Sutton)**  
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**For Clarborough Village Hall weekly activities, go to your community website (see front page) and click on the Village Hall button on our home page. This is also the place to find hall booking contacts and 'paperwork'.**

## Stop press! Parish Council update

Your Parish Council has been trying to address the issue of overhanging hedges on several roads including Smeath Lane and may, at last, be making progress with our County Council.

They are also trying to address the lack of sensible speed limits up Howbeck Lane. Watch this space!



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## A knee job!

'Don't put it off any longer' was the advice after yet another crippling painful episode with my knee, so I bit the bullet and spoke to my GP.

So it was that he arranged an appointment at Barlborough NHS Treatment Centre, a place that I'd already heard good reports about.

That appointment initially struck me as daunting because I was told to expect anything up to four hours! However, as you will see a little later, this was actually a blessing in disguise.

However, back to the appointment. A quick check showed I'd not had a very recent knee X-ray, so I was sent a few yards along the corridor to the X-ray department and with that done I saw my consultant who confirmed my knee's condition and the need for surgery.

Having signed consent forms, I then waited for further consultations with pre-assessment nurse, phlebotomist (blood sampled), anaesthetic nurse and occupational therapist. Although these took a while, they were all accomplished in one visit, saving a lot of back-and-forth over what could have been a number of weeks. Having finished all of these assessment my husband and I presented ourselves at the reception desk, expecting to be told that an appointment letter would be 'in the post' – not so, it popped out of the printer on the other side of the reception area in a matter of moments!

So, as mentioned earlier, the long morning was really worth it – and well managed. Several information booklets and an exercise DVD were also provided.

When the big day came my husband dropped me off and I was taken directly to my small, 'cosy' ward which already had three other 'inmates'. Our friendly and occasionally lively relationship quickly developed, aided by staff who were cheerful and who would bend over backwards to ensure we were comfortable and who couldn't do enough for us.



*[Above] Model of replaced knee with upper body to the left. Photos by Chris Herdman*

The operation itself entailed initial anaesthesia by a lumbar injection which removed all sensation below the waist. In the operating theatre I lay in a dozy but conscious state while the heavy duty work of sawing leg bones to remove my knee took place followed by the almost d.i.y. sounds as the two metal parts of the new knee were drilled and cemented in place. I was aware that my lower body was being pulled and pushed about, but could feel nothing of the action going on beyond the sheet hiding my view! When all was over and I had been through the recovery suite, I found myself back on my ward of four.



Over the next four to five hours the anaesthetic wore off and powerful pain killers were provided while I sat up in bed with drinks and refreshments provided. Refreshments continued to be offered both regularly and whenever requested – even through the night, and always with a smile and cheerful chat.



[Above] Replacement exploded – total cost £1600.

By the following morning I was put on my feet – initially for toilet duties using a walking frame for support but this was quickly swapped for two crutches as my confidence increased. Pain was managed by paracetamol and codeine with ibuprofen making it, generally, manageable although something stronger was available on request. The pain decreased substantially over the first 24-36 hours so that I was soon walking about with my crutches and the following day was checked for my ability to navigate stairs. With that done, my husband was called and I was on my way home. By doing the exercises regularly as instructed and walking about the village and shopping I found that after 3 weeks I could walk around the house crutch free, by 4 weeks was down to one crutch when going out and by 5 weeks completely crutch free. An appointment was sent out for an assessment with the physiotherapist after 6 weeks, where I was discharged. Three months later I was back playing badminton. However I was told any problems could be discussed either over the phone or by going to the centre without the need to see my GP again. The ward staff also called at intervals (the last being after 6 months) to check that all was well.

To summarise, if in doubt, get it done, you won't regret it!

**Chris Herdman**

### More Dates for your Diary

- 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Retford Christmas Market
- 30<sup>th</sup> November:** Parish Council Meeting; C.V.V. Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Clarborough Christmas Tree Lighting
- 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Clarborough Victorian Christmas Market
- 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Clarborough Senior Citizens' Party.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term for Notts schools
- 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Parish Council Meeting.
- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016:** Start of term for Notts schools
- 12<sup>th</sup> February:** Notts schools last day before half-term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Notts schools reopen after half-term
- 18-20<sup>nd</sup> February:** Clarborough Pantomime
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Clarborough Festival

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## Law School

PCSO Dave Airey's monthly reports can be read in full on our community website (see page 1), just follow **Law & Order ► Police Reports**.

Here we highlight a few of Dave's recent point. Firstly and very usefully, Dave has posted an overview of the law as far as use of fireworks in public places are concerned. Now it is possible that you are reading this after Bonfire Night but fireworks are now quite a popular feature of a number of other celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Diwali and New Year celebrations. Dave's Report for September, available in full on our community website (**see above**) gives a useful reference point for keeping within the law.

On the personal safety and security front, Dave has a very comprehensive section covering security at home and when out-and-about, but possibly one of the most relevant as we run up to Christmas is:

- Don't leave presents under the Christmas tree if they are visible from windows or doors.
- Never keep large amounts of cash at home.
- Make sure you keep doors & windows locked at all times.
- Keys should always be kept out of sight and not left in doors or in view of windows.
- Make your house look occupied, use a timer switch to operate lights as it starts to get dark, leave a radio on.
- Don't open the door to anybody you don't recognise. Not sure? Don't open the door.

**Dave's contact number is on page 10.** PC 1695 Bill Bailey is beat manager for this area. His contact number is 07910 336 844 and E-mail address is [Bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Finally, did you know that we are in constant contact with the Home Office? See our website's **Law & Order** pages for the latest Home Office news!



## Clarborough Village Ventures Young Person Grants

Many of you will know that Clarborough Village Ventures raises money for good causes in Clarborough and the surrounding district. This is money you contribute through the Clarborough Festival, the Panto, the Scarecrow Competition and other events.

### Supporting young people.

A fund has been established to make grants to young people (aged 15 – 24) who are resident in Clarborough, Welham, Hayton and the surrounding district to support educational, cultural, sporting or charitable activity or projects.

Young people are invited to **apply by 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015** for a grant using the form available on our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)). Send completed applications to Steve Dodd, 12 Hillview Crescent, Clarborough, Retford, DN22 9JZ or to Steve at [stevedoddhome@gmail.com](mailto:stevedoddhome@gmail.com).

**Awards may be up to £200.**

A decision to make an award would be made by a committee of Clarborough Village Ventures. The amount will depend on the needs of the activity and the number of applications and may be up to £200 per person. It is expected that with limited funds, some worthy applications will be rejected but if at first you don't succeed, try again.

Applications will be assessed on the following basis:

- Benefit to the individual, Clarborough and district community, people and/or planet.
- Where the grant will make the most impact.
- Where candidates have shown effort and enterprise.
- Where the activity will benefit others (now or in the future).

Successful applicants will be encouraged to provide a short report on completion of the project or activity with this appearing in a future edition of this newsletter.

Steve Dodd

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**4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (to be confirmed)**

**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

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As autumn takes a hold on the countryside and winter approaches, the County Council is now preparing for the 2016/17 budget setting. A consultation with the public will begin before the end of the year. For the first time ever it has been proposed that it will be a whole council budget, not any one political party presenting it, but all political groups working together. There is a long way to go but, at the moment the goodwill is there, it remains to be seen if this continues and our council leads the way for future budgets at other councils across the country.

All 67 councillors have been asked by the Highways Department for any projects that will benefit residents, to be put forward. I have submitted three, one of which is a request for a pedestrian crossing in the middle of Clarborough. This was something that came to me two to three years ago and a pedestrian survey was carried out, with the result being that there were insufficient numbers crossing the road in Clarborough to justify the spend, it has now been accepted as a viable project but will depend on an officer decision, taking into consideration the cost and necessity for a crossing. I believe it is necessary and hope it will be done – I have tried.

If anyone has any concerns or questions about the above, or any other matter please contact me at any time on 01777 860 219 or email [cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk)

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If you have any queries, visit the Will Aid website at [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk) or call the Will Aid helpline on 0300 0309 558.

## Clarborough & District Womens' Institute



The annual **Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**, funded by Clarborough & Welham Parish Council and delivered by Clarborough & District W.I. is scheduled for the afternoon of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Doors will open at 16:30 for a tea starting at 17:00.

Bookings are now open so contact:

Glennis Bennett on (01777) 704 711 or

Lesley Baines on (01777) 703 027.

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## Beware the ...er

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## In Search of The Fallen

Pete Cox's ongoing recognition of local men whose names appear on Retford War Memorial records that none of these appear to have lost their

lives 100 years ago – but so many did.

The Battle of Loos, which took place between September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> 1915, was the largest British offensive mounted in 1915 on the Western Front during World War I. The first British use of poison gas occurred and the battle was the first mass engagement of New Army units. British casualties amounted to 50,000 with at least 20,000 deaths.

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BCVS, along with Bassetlaw Action Centre, are the two key players in the local community and voluntary sector. If you are looking for either opportunities to volunteer or are seeking help that may be sourced in the voluntary sector, then these two organisations are your keys. You will find much more about what they both have to offer if you visit your community website (see page 1) where links to both of them along with some tasters of what they offer can be found. Here we look at just two aspects of their services, placing volunteers with organisations and a few of the services that you might like or need to access. So, firstly to Natsha from BCVS...

Hi, my name is Natasha Mellors and I have just started at BCVS (Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service) as Volunteer Co-ordinator. I would like to tell you a bit about this role and how we may be able to work together. My main task is to meet with people who want to volunteer, we talk about skills and interests and match the person to one of the hundreds of volunteering opportunities listed on our database. We have roles ranging from caring to gardening, and admin to mentoring. If you would like to make an appointment for help finding your perfect volunteering match, please call me on 01909 476 118 (extension 23). At the moment, all appointments take place at our office in Worksop, but I am in negotiation to soon offer regular sessions in Retford as well.



I also meet with organisations to find out about their volunteering needs and make sure our database is kept up to date. If you belong to an organisation that needs volunteers in Bassetlaw, for a one-off event or on a regular basis, you can email details to me on [involve@bcvs.org.uk](mailto:involve@bcvs.org.uk) or call me on **01909 476 118 (extension 23)**. I look forward to working with you.

**Natasha**

Another vital service, particularly in the current climate, are BCVS's training programmes. Very recently some of these have become a focus for small or even one-man-businesses looking to skill up in vital aspects of the modern scene. Topics such as Reception Skills, Responding to Aggressive and Violent Behaviour in the Workplace through to Minute Taking are figuring. These are just a few of the many running now at BCVS.

To find out more, contact John Nightingale, BCVS's Learning and Development Coordinator:  
**01909 476 118** or e-mail [training@bcvs.org.uk](mailto:training@bcvs.org.uk)

**Water leak? 0800 771 881 for Anglian Water.**



## Syria Crisis: our Government's view

Over the summer we all watched the migrant crisis in southern and eastern Europe unfold. The heart-breaking photo of Aylan Kurdi, the little boy washed up on the shore, really brought home to everyone the human face of the crisis.

As a UK MEP, I am proud of the UK's humanitarian response to the war in Syria and to those seeking asylum. The UK by far has donated the most to the situation on the ground in Syria - some £1.1 billion and has so far granted asylum to just under 5000 Syrian Refugees. We have now also pledged to take up to 20,000 more over the next 5 years and in the longer term the government will continue to direct its additional aid spending to failed states in order to help with addressing the underlying issues, helping to find a solution to keep people safe in their home countries.

Despite this many have criticised our policy of only taking asylum seekers from Syria and the surrounding refugee camps. However, I do not support a compulsory system of reallocation of asylum seekers that have travelled to Europe already. Journeys from the original destinations - particularly across the Mediterranean - are perilous and lives are put in real danger. Continuing to take refugees on this basis sends the wrong message that travelling to Europe in this way will lead to a better life when refugees

reach our shores, and only encourages more to make the dangerous journey

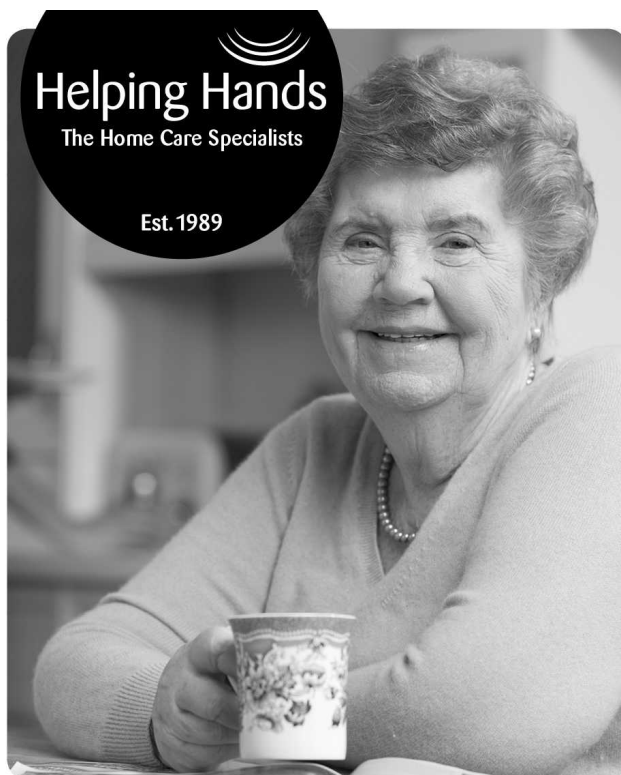
Instead, refugees should be encouraged to make their way to the UN camps, a journey which is safer and which provides safety closer to home. Refugees can then be processed according to the proper guidelines to ensure that Europe is only taking in those people who really need our help.

While the situation is constantly evolving, Member States in the EU and beyond need to work on building trust as well as sharing expertise and resources, and offering refuge on a voluntary basis rather than finger pointing.

We need to massively improve the speed and efficiency of processing the asylum applications. Member States need to contribute staff, resources, and expertise in order to achieve this on the front line. Those that do not meet the asylum criteria need to be returned immediately and helped to resettle in their own country, and the European Commission has said it will come forward with proposals soon.

Simply stating the intake of large numbers is not a solution to the crisis. We need a comprehensive solution that deals with the people most responsible for the terrible scenes we see, as well as the criminal gangs that are running this terrible trade in people. We have to be as tough on them and stop that trade but ultimately we need stop the conflict making people flee their home and work towards longer term stability.

Emma McClarkin MEP



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## Village Hall access

W/c 23<sup>rd</sup> November should see work to widen the driveway entrance to Clarborough Village Hall; disruption is likely!

## Clarborough's Defibrillator

Ann & Louis Cobb together with their family and friends would like to thank everyone who attended or supported the Manor Barn Coffee Afternoon in July. The event, which raised funds to provide Public Access Defibrillators for local villages, raised **£1505** on the day with a further **£520** from donations and table-top sales during the year. In addition the staff and customers of the King's SPAR shop in Clarborough have generously donated **£518** since December 2014.

AEDs have already been placed in Clarborough and Hayton villages and this year's funds will be used to provide a machine in Welham.

Many thanks to all who have and continue to support our efforts.

Then on 7<sup>th</sup> September, a cheque for £150 was presented by Emily Gladman from Blakemores to add to the collections listed above.



[Above l-r] Emily, Paul Harpham, Lucy Rose (SPAR Manager), Tristan King (King Family Stores) and Ann Cobb.



[Above] Cheque presentation by Emily Gladman to Ann Cobb beside the Defibrillator.

## APTCOO North launch local services for children and young people with SEND



A Place To Call Our Own is a registered charity formed in 1991 by a small group of parents who had given birth to children with a range of disabilities and complex needs. Feeling isolated and lonely with no real information or support to guide them on their unknown journey, they decided to set up a network that would provide the much needed and undervalued peer-to-peer support enabling families to receive services at the right time, by the right people, in the right place.

APTCOO services offer vital support to families caring for a child or young person with SEND. We work in partnership with statutory, private and other voluntary organisations. We do this by:

- Working with parents and carers of children with an additional need, offering information, emotional support and group activities.
- We raise public awareness of the needs of disabled children or children with special educational needs.
- We provide facilities which offer an equal opportunity for positive play and educational development for children and young people of all abilities in a safe and stimulating environment.
- We encourage local partnership working to meet the expressed needs of children and young people who have **special educational needs (SEND)** or an additional need, their parents, carers and families.

APTCOO can be accessed by self referral via the phone, email or drop in or via a GP, paediatric consultant or other professional. For more information or to seek support, contact APTCOO at:

01623 629 902 or [enquiries@aptcoo.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@aptcoo.co.uk) or go to their website [www.aptcoo.co.uk](http://www.aptcoo.co.uk)

**APTCOO provides outreach services in both Retford and Worksop, just contact as above for more!**

**Nottinghamshire Participation Hub (NPH)** is an independent group of parent carers from across the County who find out what others think about services and feed this into the decision makers to hopefully improve provision. NPH can be contacted :

### NPH North (Bassetlaw)

- Elaine Plumtree
- Email: [north@nphub.co.uk](mailto:north@nphub.co.uk)
- Phone: 07751 776 472

APTCOO are currently developing a new standalone website for NPH so this will be superseded in due course: [www.aptcoo.co.uk/nph](http://www.aptcoo.co.uk/nph)

**Clarborough Post Office opening times on our community website.**

## Bombers over Clarborough

Living in Church Lane, we often see aircraft lower their wheels, on approaching Gamston Airfield.

Gamston was built in 1942, for the Royal Air Force, as part of the expansion, which saw over 450 airfields built from Durham down to Cornwall. These airfields were mainly in East Anglia, but many were built in Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

Today, many think of these airfields as either fighter or bomber bases, but in this area most of them, Gamston, Finningley, Sandtoft and Ossington were either OTU's or HCU's.

An Operational Conversion Unit provided trained aircrew to operate a specific type of aircraft to go on a specific type of mission, while Heavy Conversion Units were formed to train aircrew for the new four engine bombers, the Sterling, Halifax and Lancaster.

RAF Gamston was a satellite airfield of RAF Ossington, about 8 miles to the south, near Carlton on Trent.

Originally both airfields would have used Airspeed Oxfords and later Vickers Wellingtons.

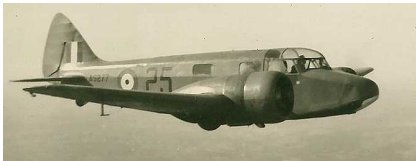


Photo from the Alan Brown Collection

The Oxford [left] was a basic twin engine training aircraft, whilst the Wellington [above right] was a front line bomber.

In July 1943, at the height of the bombing campaign over Germany, Air Chief Marshal Harris chose Hamburg for the second 1000 bomber raid. In May 1942, the RAF had

carried out its first raid using all available aircraft to bomb Cologne, which in the air ministries view was a success.



The target this time was to be the northern port of Hamburg, which is about 90 miles from the coast, along the River Elbe.

By this time some aircraft had radar, which would show the difference between water and land, so Hamburg was perceived to be an ideal target. Also for the first time, 'window' was dropped by many aircraft.

'Window' was bundles of tiny aluminium strips and designed to jam enemy radar. All available aircraft were again used, including this time those based at Gamston. The other main bomber airfields also contributed aircraft. The Canadians of 6 Group, Bomber Command, based in North Yorkshire, 4 Group based in East Yorkshire, and 1 and 5 group based in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. These four bomber groups all operated 'heavies', Sterlings, Halifaxes and Lancasters. There were roughly

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15 airfields to a Group, and 2 Squadrons of about 18 aircraft to an airfield. The bulk of these aircraft at one time or other would probably all have passed over Clarborough, either to or from the target.



Lancaster of Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flanked (left) by Hawker Hurricane and Supermarine Spitfire [Photo: Greg Herdman]

At the end of the war, the RAF closed or put into 'care and maintenance' many of their wartime airfields. There was an upsurge in 1950, at the time of the Korean War, when a number of airfields were re-equipped and leased to the newly created United States Air Force. The USAF had Sturgate just outside Gainsborough from 1953, and they based Republic F-84 Thunderchiefs there, up until 1964. These aircraft were the first jet fighter capable of carrying the Mark 7 Nuclear Bomb.

Of course, by 1953 the RAF had its own 'V' bomber force, capable also of carrying Nuclear weapons. By now, the 'Cold War' was progressing, and in our area we would have routinely seen the Vickers Valiant, the Handley Page Victor and the Avro Vulcan.



[L-r] Victor, Vulcan & Valiant

Photo by Malcolm Taylor

These were the iconic aircraft and during the 1950's were painted white, as the perception was they would be used for high level bombing. After Gary Powers was shot down

in the U2 spy plane in 1960, there was a change. The Valiant had reached the end of its service life, prematurely, due to metal fatigue.

The Government decided to switch to low level strikes and both the Victors and Vulcans received green and grey camouflage, and the crews retrained for low level flying. During the period between 1960 and 1982 low level flying of these aircraft was a common sight, with V bombers using RAF Cottesmore in Rutland, RAF Finningley, RAF Scampton and RAF Waddington.

Since the mid 1980's we have seen Tornado fighter bombers and recently Typhoon aircraft from RAF Coningsby. What we don't get now is the noise of 12 Vulcan Bombers practising a quick action alert at 4.00 in the morning, when the ground around Clarborough vibrated and the air 'howled' with Vulcan Olympus engines. Some would say 'Ah Happy Days'.

Roy Evans

## How to save water effortlessly

In September I applied to Anglian Water for their free *Bits and Bobs* home visit. I was surprised at what was fitted. There are 2 showers in the house and each showerhead was replaced with an EcoShower with a 2 year warranty, and a digital shower timer for each. It has 4 kinds of spray one can use. The former showerheads were left should I want to revert to them. Each of two older toilets had been fitted with a flush saving device so that I can choose between a shorter flush and a more powerful flush. The bathroom tap now has a water efficiency device. I was given a leaflet on how to remove what I did not like (nothing so far); 2 hose-pipe guns (we have 2 outdoor taps) with a variety of sprays; and a box of goodies for the garden that included SwellGel water storing granules, a water-stick to check if a plant needs watering or not, a packet of drought tolerant herbs, a water retaining mat (invaluable for indoor plants when I am away), and other useful information.

I strongly recommend all who use Anglian Water to invite them to visit you: either phone 01522 341 000 asking for 'bits and bobs' or go to

<http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/environment/how-you-can-help/using-water-wisely/we-products/> I hope you enjoy your Freebies as much as I do.

Elizabeth Davies

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Bassetlaw Action Centre manages a range of local services ranging from Bassetlaw Community Minibus and Car Sharing services through Housing Choice support which may be of particular interest to older people struggling to manage in their present home. Befriending schemes, Stroke Information and Staying Well services support NHS services and add to our services.

This is just a taster – if you, or someone you care for may benefit from support in any of these areas don't hesitate, get in touch with Bassetlaw Action Centre at the contacts shown above. You will get friendly and carefully considered support.

A further string to their bow is a range of training opportunities that extend from Lip Reading, Computer Skills and Crafts through to improving your English and Maths skills.

**Don't hesitate – get in touch!**

**And finally, don't forget Bassetlaw Action Centre's Great Days Out and Short Breaks on the Community Minibus.**

Contacts above or visit our community website and follow this link from our homepage for an up-to-date programme of outings.



**Latest Home Office news regarding immigration and failed asylum seekers on our community website.**

### Retford-based Muslim Charity providing humanitarian aid to refugees in Eastern Europe



Muslim Charity, based in Retford, is a humanitarian organisation that seeks to alleviate poverty and assist the victims of natural and man-made disasters around the world.

The symbolic and tragic image of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi washed up on the Turkish coast in September raised the international profile of the crisis. According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), almost 600,000 migrants have arrived by sea this year into Europe and out of these 76% have entered via Greece. More than 3,000 migrants have died trying to cross the Mediterranean\*.

In September 2015, a group of donors and supporters from the UK travelled with Muslim Charity to Lesbos Island, Greece, which has seen in excess of 4,000 refugees arriving on a daily basis from the Turkish coast and it was also the location that Aylan Kurdi's body was washed up sparking worldwide media attention. Muslim Charity delivered 1,000 sleeping bags, tinned food, milk for young children and newborns on this visit.

Locally in Greece, Muslim Charity has teamed up with Médecins du Monde (Doctors of the World) and a group of volunteers based in Molyvos to deliver the aid to the new-arriving refugees. Muslim Charity's "Refugee Crisis

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Europe" appeal will continue to raise awareness and funds for the refugees in the weeks and months to come and will be particularly focusing on providing food and warm clothing to refugees stranded in Croatia, Macedonia and Greece over the winter weather that will soon hit the region in the weeks to come.

You can watch a short documentary covering the recent journey of Muslim Charity's first aid delivery in Greece by visiting: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaaJBuk\\_5W0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaaJBuk_5W0)  
Learn more about Muslim Charity's work by visiting: [www.muslimcharity.org.uk](http://www.muslimcharity.org.uk)



[Above] from left to right: Athar Mahmood (Al-Mahmood Foundation, Rochdale), Mohammad Asam (Golden Mosque, Rochdale), Maroof Pirzada (UK Director, Muslim Charity), Tahir Mahmood (Al-Mahmood Foundation, Rochdale), Humayun Akhtar (Golden Mosque, Rochdale)

Al-Mahmood Foundation and Golden Mosque, Rochdale, were both donors to Muslim Charity that funded the aid so we took representatives of these two organisations for added transparency and to allow them to monitor the delivery of the aid funded by their supporters and donors.

\*Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-34546482>

Maroof Pirzada

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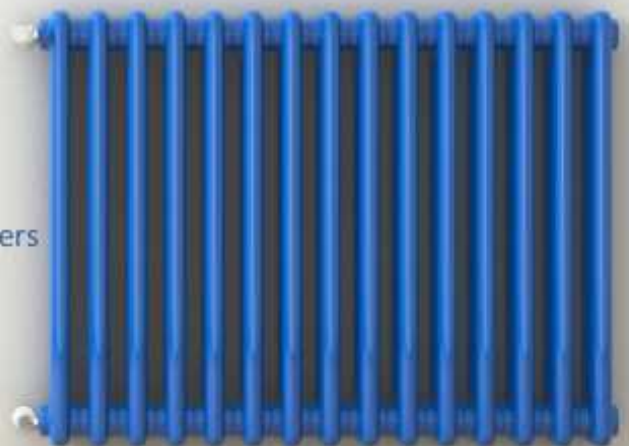
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