

# Clarborough & Welham

## Winter 2017 Newsletter

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### From the Editor

#### Keeping well-informed

The pace of change today can be quite daunting – no matter what areas of modern life concern you. It is within this area that your community website, [www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk) can help.

Firstly, to get onto the site is remarkably easy once you are online. Just type *clarborough* into a Google search and click on the blue Clarborough & Welham link that appears near the top of the 'hits'. The site's homepage has a very useful direct link to today's weather forecast – just click on the sunshine symbol.

Weather forecast is just one example of the site's convenience – its roughly 180 pages has links or contact details for pretty much everything else going on around us. Here we list just a few important areas:

- Contacts for elected representatives (District & County Councillors), MP and MEP.
- Health & Welfare: GP surgeries, Local Support Groups, Healthwatch, Bassetlaw Commissioning Group and many more.
- Local Groups such as our own IT Group, Clarborough W.I., Village Ventures and also Clarborough Village Hall.
- Parish Council: including Councillors contacts plus agendas and official minutes of meetings.
- Out-and-About which includes Retford Library, Bassetlaw Museum, Retford Leisure Centre, Retford Hub and more.
- Local Faiths which also has links to Mayflower Pilgrims sources.
- Law & Order which has monthly reports by Dave Airey, our own PCSO plus numerous links including Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire's Police & Crime Commissioner. This section also contains useful tips for your own personal and home security.
- Local education includes contact details for schools, holiday dates through to 2019, Bassetlaw Youth Council plus local courses and apprenticeships contacts.
- A whole raft of information and links can also be found in the Local History pages – too many to mention here. The list goes on!

You've not got internet access? Joining our local IT Group could give you the know-how, and remember that Retford Library has free computer access – just ask!

And, finally, if you or any group you belong to, would like to have an article, or just meeting/event dates, included in a future issue then just contact the editor. Future deadlines can be found on page 24.

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## Chesterfield Canal Trust Christmas

Believe it or not, we have been taking bookings for our Santa Special Cruises since the start of September. Our trip boat, Seth Ellis, will be running Santa Special trips every Saturday and Sunday from 25th November to 24th December and on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December. All leave from the Hop Pole on the A620, Welham Road, DN22 6UG.



For bookings, ring 07925 851 569 or email [sethellis@chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk](mailto:sethellis@chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk).

On all our Santa Special Cruises, there is a present for every child and a mince pie and a drink for every adult. The price is £7 per person.

Should you fancy going further afield for your Christmas treat, we also run Santa Specials from Worksop, Shireoaks, Hollingwood and Chesterfield. Full details are on our website [www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk](http://www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk).

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## Clarborough & Welham IT Group



November-December classes, resuming w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November, will focus on iPad and tablets on Wednesday morning alongside our usual Windows 10 focus which also forms the basis of Tuesday afternoon sessions.

'Gardeners' Question Time' provides our standard start to lessons, epitomising our aims which remain, answering members questions and building skills and experience around these.

If you would like to make the best use of your iPad our Wednesdays morning sessions aim to deliver training based on your needs covering emailing, using the internet safely, managing photographs and running the best applications. Beginners are most welcome. Age is irrelevant!

We provide a friendly, even slightly off-the-wall, atmosphere and with plenty of 'elbow room', small group working on a number of topics is easily attained. We actively encourage members to help each other too – a key part of learning. Add to this our free *Workbooks* package of 100+ worksheets free to all members, and either guided or independent working are quite possible. We also have a range of open-source (which means free) applications easily installed on members laptops which include full, Microsoft-compatible, office suites and digital image editing applications plus several others.

Autumn classes continue in Clarborough Village Hall week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November in our usual Tuesday afternoons (13:30-15:00) or Wednesday mornings (10:00-11:30) slots. Bring your own laptop or use one of our Windows 10 machines. Fees remain at just £15 for a five-week block. Classes run through 30 weeks each year – see our IT Group website [www.cwittgroup.btck.co.uk](http://www.cwittgroup.btck.co.uk) or village hall posters for our calendar of dates through to July 2018.

To book your place, contact Greg on (01777) 700 918 or email [clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com)

## Clarborough Children's Party

Planning for a Christmas Party for Primary-school age children at Clarborough Village Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December (17:00-19:00) is only just coming together, so watch out for posters or contact: Glynis Parkes [glynisparkes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:glynisparkes@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Rights-of-Way Updates

There are many footpath issues which are currently being addressed with a view to ensuring we continue to have an excellent Public Rights of Way network. I hold regular meetings with the Countryside Access Team at Nottingham County Council to discuss these matters and to agree corrective actions.

Though I try to walk along all the Public Rights of Way within the parish on a regular basis to ensure all is well, I am grateful to the members of the public who draw my attention to items I may have missed. Please let me know if you see overgrown crops on paths, missing/hidden way markers etc or any areas for improvement and I will action accordingly.

I have been asked to clarify the responsibilities of both landowners and walkers in respect of the usage of Public Rights of Way, in particular footpaths. Without getting too legalistic, here is a rough guide :

Most of the Public Rights of Ways in Clarlborough cross private land. These paths are generally well waymarked and, where they cross arable land which has been ploughed or has crops growing, the line of the path should be defined by wheel tracks or spraying. It is the landowners' responsibility to mark out the correct line of the path and to keep stiles in good repair.

Walkers (and dogs) must keep to the defined line of the path otherwise they are trespassing. Landowners can ask anyone who strays from the defined line of the path to return to the correct line. It is an offence for anyone to refuse this request or to cause damage.

Dogs do not have to be on leads, but 'must be under control' at all times. It is only common sense to keep a dog

on a lead when crossing a field containing sheep, horses, cows or other livestock.

One of the biggest issues for this parish (and indeed nationwide) is dog fouling. It is an offence not to clean up after dog fouling and the dog walker must either deposit the poo bag in bins provided (usually painted red) or take the package home for disposal.

I hope this clarifies a few points, but for further reading see [www.environmentlaw.org.uk](http://www.environmentlaw.org.uk)

Do take advantage of our footpaths as an excellent form of recreation as winter approaches.

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## Retford Ramblers Programme

The Retford branch of Ramblers is very active and provides a range of walks throughout the year. Our scheduled walks for the next few weeks are :

**5<sup>th</sup> November:** Babworth & Cuckoo Way (9 miles)

**12<sup>th</sup> November:** Askham Surprise (6 miles)

All walks are on Sundays, starting from Chapelgate Car Park, Retford off Cannon Square. The normal departure time is 09:30. Non-Members are invited to participate in any ramble, but would be expected to enrol as members after a couple of trial rambles. All participants are advised to bring suitable walking boots and appropriate seasonal clothing.

The average Sunday group sizes vary from 12 to 24.

**For further information about the above please contact our Membership Secretary, Mike Ogley, on 01427 880 984 who will be pleased to assist.**



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## Retford Christmas Market and Christmas Lights Switch-On

Retford Business Forum's Christmas Market Team is busy putting the final touches to this year's Retford Christmas Market/Christmas Lights Switch-On which will be **held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017**, from 09:00 to 18:00, in and around the market square in Retford.

As well as the usual star guest – Santa - brought to us by Retford Lions, an open-air church service, fireworks, and "Santa's little helper" and Jo Jingles switching the lights on, there will be many new attractions this year. Details are currently being worked out, but here is the latest list:

- Pilgrims Fun Run - 5k, so great for everyone – it's like a Santa run, but reflecting the famous local people who became and supported the Mayflower Pilgrims. Watch out for separate announcements about the Pilgrims art exhibition at Babworth church on the weekend 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; the lantern parade, Illuminate Civic Service and '400' on 21<sup>st</sup>; as well as the Thanksgiving Dinner at Spencer's on the Square on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- Prima Party and Junk Yard Circus will be entertaining old and young in the Buttermarket with appearances from singing princesses Elsa, Belle, Aurora and Merida as well as mascots Chase, Marshal, Lego Batman, Kevin the Minion, Spiderman, Superman – Man of Steel, and Batman. There will be a photo booth with timetabled appearances for some of the characters plus a clown balloon twister, face painter, magician, and for the much smaller visitors, a soft play area.
- Bassetlaw Museum will be open with children's Victorian decoration-making; the Grove will have an even bigger Star Festival; and St Swithun's is holding a Christmas Tree Festival, hoping for a 100+ trees. The Hub will be open with creative activities and the Pilgrims Centre, and there will be a car display on Grove St. A collect-the-stamp trail will be promoted around these attractions with a free prize draw for completed entries.
- Retford Business Forum (RBF) has delivered the Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on for the last three years, supported by Bassetlaw District Council, local businesses and societies, and in 2016, the Big Lottery. It is a community event run for the people of Retford and the surrounding villages, and visitors have been welcomed from Doncaster, Gainsborough, Harworth, Lincoln, Mansfield, Newark, Nottingham, Rotherham, Sheffield, Tuxford, Worksop..... and far beyond.
- The support of local businesses is vital to the success of the event and the team is currently seeking sponsorship for this year's event – to make it bigger and better than ever!

Retford Business Forum is run by volunteers from Retford's business and community-interest enterprises. We are passionate and committed to ensuring that Retford and its surrounding villages prosper today, and provide a future for their next generations.

## Parish Allotments AGM

Clarborough and Welham Allotment Association wishes to announce it's first Annual General Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 19:30 at the Halford room, Clarborough Village Hall. All currently involved 'allotmenters in waiting' and any new villagers interested to take on a plot when they become available are all welcome.

If you are not yet on our e-mailing list, please, contact us before coming, so that AGM agenda and some of the documents could be emailed to you before the day.

**Dace Fenton**  
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or 07948 709 119)

## Parish Pasture

There has been little progress with the Parish Pasture through the summer months except for the vegetation re-growing despite being sprayed by a total weedkiller in the Spring. The vegetation has now been cut.

There is slow progress on the legal transfer of the green space land from Bassetlaw District Council to the Parish Council. There has, to date, been no offer by a housing developer to buy the housing land.

There will be an evening, hopefully before Christmas, where residents will have the opportunity to look at the proposals for the green space land. This will be advertised by posters around the Parish. Please keep an eye out for these.

If anyone is interested in joining the 'Friends of the Parish Pasture' (FoPP) group in order to help implement plans for the land then please contact :

**Paul Willcock at paul@paulwillcock.com**



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### St Michael's Residential Trip

When the children returned to school in September, some of Year 5 and 6 were very excited to be spending the second week of term on a residential trip in Hathersage,



Derbyshire. They took part in a variety of activities including dry stone walling, a river study and lots and lots of walking! A great (and tiring!) time was had by all!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning today, and to those of you who couldn't make it but sent in cakes or donations. Once again the turnout was fantastic and we really appreciate all your support. **We made a grand total of £613.81!**



### ...and then, there is Christmas!

Clarborough School will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 14:00 in the school hall. Details are not yet confirmed but we are hoping to have a variety of stalls and activities along with refreshments for children and grown-ups to enjoy. Everyone welcome!



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## Clarborough & Welham Christmas Tree Lighting

Christmas is approaching fast and those who have events to organise, such as the Parish Council, need to get on with it!



The Christmas Tree Lighting for 2017 will take place on Wednesday 6th December at Clarborough Village Hall. As has become customary, CDCA, managers of our village hall, are providing the hall free of charge for this community event. The lights in Welham, which are also provided by the Parish Council, will also be switched on. The event at the Village Hall starts at 17:00 with stalls selling a selection of items especially suitable as Christmas presents, cakes and cards. There will also be a variety of games and the opportunity to win prizes in raffles and tombolas. The Scouts will serve hot drinks and seasonal refreshments.

The lights will be switched on at 17:30 and Father Christmas will make his usual appearance – but, maybe, in a different way this year. Young children will receive a small gift from him. For adults there will be the opportunity to partake of a glass of warm Mulled Wine to stave off the cold of a December evening! The event will end at 19:00.



**Please Note:** In the interest of safety there will be no to entry or exit from the Village Hall drive for vehicles between 17:25 and 17:45.

The Parish Council hopes that you will come along and have a good time to start the Christmas season. *If you are interested in hiring a table for the evening please contact Paul Willcock on 01777 705 440.*

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**Could you support Bassetlaw Action Centre?**

There are two main ways people can help support us.  
By giving their time as a volunteer or by supporting our projects with a donation.

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## Are you someone who needs help with any of these?

Our Home Support Service provides help with, general housework, laundry, shopping, prescription collection, sitting service, light meal preparation. We offer fully insured, DBS checked staff for the service, which is available across Bassetlaw. The service does not include personal care. Hourly rates apply with a minimum of 1 hour service, there is more information on our website: [www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk](http://www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk) or you can give us a call on 01777 709 650

## Changing your e-mail address

E-mail accounts that are linked to your telephone and internet service provider (ISP) have some serious disadvantages. Firstly, they are invariably restricted to use from your home, so if you move around a lot, your e-mail service can be pretty limiting.

Also, if your e-mail is tied to your Internet Service Provider (ISP) / telephone line then you will find it difficult to switch to a better/cheaper provider. Also, your e-mail could be running on software such as Windows Live Mail or Outlook that are no longer being supported. Free webmail services are available giving you more flexibility – and often greater usability.

For example, Gmail is one of the most popular webmail systems and, like the rest, is free. Just do a Google search for **gmail**. Go to the main page and look for the (usually) red box containing **Create an Account**. This takes you through the basics of creating your new e-mail account – all at no cost! Further, you can create several accounts so that you can separate, for instance, personal and business matters. Again, at no cost.

Once your webmail account is created, you can access it anywhere you have internet access and independent of your telephone service provider – so you can hunt around for a better deal.

Editor



# Retford Heritage Trail



Retford's new **Heritage Trail Guide** was launched at Bassetlaw Museum on Heritage Day in September 2017, attended by the Chairman of Bassetlaw Council Madelaine Richardson and the Mayor Helen Richards. The Guide is now available at Retford Hub, Bassetlaw Museum, Retford Library and Bookworm. Beautifully illustrated with watercolours by local artist Andy Massey, it includes a wealth of information presented in a user friendly way, with an easy to read map and two suggested walks that will take in many aspects relating to Retford's heritage. The Guide is free, but donations are always welcome!

The Guide was funded by Retford Civic Society (helped by the Rotary Club of Retford's Percy Law Trust) in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council, and the Museum Development East Midlands supported by the Arts Council England.'

## Fireworks Regulations

It is worth reminding everyone that UK Law has a set of very specific requirements as far as sale, possession and use of fireworks is concerned. The following is taken from our PCSO Dave Airey's September report. Full versions of his recent reports can be found on our community website's **Law & Order ► Local Police Reports** page.

The Fireworks Act 2003 put in place the Firework Regulations 2004. Regulation 4 makes it an offence for any person under the age of 18 to possess any firework in a public place or any place to where the public have access (except indoor fireworks such as cap, cracker snap, novelty match, party popper, serpent, sparkler or throw down).

Regulation 5 prohibits any person from possessing a category 4 firework, whether in a public place or not.

Regulation 7 creates a curfew on the use of fireworks between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00 with the following exceptions :

1. Chinese New Year 01:00 (the following day) to 07:00.
2. 5<sup>th</sup> November 12 midnight to 07:00.
3. Diwali 01:00 (the following day) to 07:00.
4. 31<sup>st</sup> December 01:00 (the following day) to 07:00.

Regulation 9 states that no person will supply fireworks to the general public outside the following periods, unless they hold the appropriate license:

4 days before and including the day of Diwali.

4 days before and including the day of the Chinese New Year.

6 days before the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

3 weeks before and 5 days after the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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## Aladdin – now there's a story!

Aladdin is one of the best-known tales in *The Book of One Thousand and One Nights* also known as *The Arabian Nights* although not part of the original Arabic text.

The *Thousand and One Nights* seems to have origins from a lost Persian book of fairy-tales called *Hazar Afsanab* (A Thousand Tales) translated into Arabic around 850 A.D. The common factor between this lost text and our current one is structure created by the Prologue or *Frame Story*: Its scene is Central Asia (India and China) where King Shahryar, after discovering that during his absences his wife has been regularly unfaithful, kills her and those with whom she has betrayed him. Then, loathing all womankind, he marries and kills a new wife each day until no more candidates can be found. His Vizier, however, has two daughters, Shahrazad (Scheherazade) and Dunyazad; and the elder, Shahrazad, having devised a scheme to save herself and others, insists that her father give her in marriage to the king. Each evening she tells a story, leaving it incomplete and promising to finish it the following night. The stories are so entertaining, and the king so eager to hear the end, that he puts off her execution from day to day and finally abandons his cruel plan. The *Thousand and One Nights* represent the stories told by Shahrazad each evening.

These stories themselves are sometimes stacked rather like Russian dolls and were doubtless added into the overall framework as successive *rawis* (Arabic professional story-tellers) added material – the original 'thousand' was just an indication of 'lots' and not a specific total.



Aladdin itself did not appear in these earlier versions and only became part of the now-familiar Western-translation versions when Antoine Galland who heard it from a Syrian storyteller in 1709. Interestingly, the story opens with Aladdin described as son of an impoverished tailor living in a certain city in China, and indication of the breadth of original source of these stories.

For much more on all of this we would recommend *Tales from the Thousand and One Nights*

translated by N.J.Dawood

Penguin Books ISBN-13: 978-0-140-44289-2

Editor

## Bassetlaw Museum events

**Sherwood and the Dukeries Exhibition**, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September – January 2018. Exhibition of paintings, souvenirs, photographs and personal letters relating to the owners and employees of the grand country estates. Includes recent acquisitions and objects on loan from the National Trust and private collections.

**Bygones Tea Room** – a monthly social gathering for those with memory loss, their families, friends and carers. Come and join us every month. First Monday of every month (excluding January 2018), 14:00-15:30.

**Retford Christmas Lights Switch On**, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

**November** Get into the Christmas spirit with crafts and activities for children including making Victorian style Christmas decorations.

**Christmas Crank-up, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** Members of the NVTEC Notts group will be after a prize and dressing their tractors or engines with a festive theme! Entertainment will be on throughout the event to get you into the festive spirit.

## Parish Council Flood Action

Flood prevention in the parish is mainly the responsibility of landowners, the County Council and the District Council. The Parish Council (PC) is also taking a number of steps about flooding risks. These include:

- Contacting the District Council and the County Council to find out about their plans for reducing the risk of flooding.
- Understanding the work planned for Howbeck and when it will start.
- Seeking technical support for new ideas to mitigate flooding risk.
- Making sure 'riparian' landowners know their responsibilities.
- Contacting villagers who have homes which border Howbeck and...
- Contacting villagers whose home or land was flooded in 2007 and/or 2014.

The objective within the parish is to establish a group of villagers who will act as Flood Wardens and also look into new and different ways of reducing the risk of flooding.. For more details, **you can read the draft Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy posted on our Clarbrough & Welham community website ([www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk)) and go to Parish Council ► Other Documents.**

An initial meeting for those interested in the PC's actions will be arranged later in the year. The PC will put up posters and put details through letterboxes of houses in areas where flooding took place with details of the meeting.

**If you want to get involved or have any suggestions, email Cllr Andrew Avery who will arrange the initial meeting. ([candwflood@btinternet.com](mailto:candwflood@btinternet.com)).**

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## Pilgrim Museum at Retford Hub, the American Constitution and Thanksgiving

A local man visiting the Hub was surprised to discover that the Pilgrim Fathers came from our area. He said he had been to the Museum in Plymouth and that that it made no mention of it, he asked to see proof! He is not alone in his misconception. Radio Nottingham have been leading a campaign with the Hub to change these perceptions in our area and have been giving away Pilgrim 'Pins' free to those who go out and spread the word. These are available in the Retford Hub where there is a new Museum which tells the story, explains why it happened in our area, why the story is so important and what it has to do with America, the Constitution and Thanksgiving. We urge you to visit and support us. The Hub, on Canon Square, is open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, early closing Tues.



### Christmas in full swing at the Hub

The Hub continues to be busy as more people learn about the mix of unique artisan products, hand produced art and local foods. The Hub supports local people through sales of their most beautiful and skilfully made items, unique one-offs at reasonable prices. But its more than that, tourists are now coming to the Hub, the word is spreading, Trip Advisor reviews are helping, Facebook is buoyant, coaches are stopping off, people are finding out about the hidden delights of Retford and the town is starting to see a 'renaissance'. Retford is becoming **the** place to shop and the Hub is **No1** and has been recently nominated for best attraction in North Notts.

**November** will be our busiest month yet, we have Carol Eason's exhibition in the Gallery, there are family art classes to create Christmas Decorations (date to be confirmed) and a craft fair on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition the Mayflower Pilgrim Centre will be open supporting all the activities planned for the month.

If you like meeting people and knowing what's going on in your town, why not volunteer and help us transform the future of Retford.

For further information visit the Hub, see us on Facebook or contact us on [chris@retfordhub.org](mailto:chris@retfordhub.org)

### Background information:

#### Retford Hub (North Notts Artisan and Tourist Information Centre)

Retford Hub is the only Tourist Information Centre in North Notts and 'flies the flag' for the area. It is a not for profit organisation run by volunteers providing a town centre premises stacked with local information, literature, leaflets and memorabilia. It sells locally made arts and crafts, has an art gallery with exhibitions from local and well known top artists, offers artist's studio space, has a farm shop with predominantly local foods and cheeses and has a café. It promotes local activities and acts as a ticket outlet for local groups.

## Security leak of 700 million email addresses

This startling revelation became public early in September [Source; Which? Computing October 2017]. The addresses in some cases include passwords from various data hacks. To find if your email address is one of those go online to [www.haveibeenpwnd.com](http://www.haveibeenpwnd.com) and enter the appropriate email address – you won't be asked to enter any passwords or other details.

Fortunately this author found 'no need to worry' message for each of his e-mail accounts. However, several members of Clarbrough & Welham IT Group did find their accounts listed!

The advice to them, and to anyone else similarly affected, is to change your password(s) immediately.

This probably provides a good opportunity to repeat some standard advice about passwords:

- Do not use the same password for more than one account.
- Change passwords at intervals.
- Do not store passwords on your computer.**

With a number of passwords for different accounts (the author has over 80!) it is essential to keep a written record that is not stored on your computer and is kept in a secure location. Our IT Group classes have regular advice and sharing of password creation and storage techniques plus general security techniques and free supporting applications.

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### John Mann M.P.

The Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service have now announced that it will be holding a consultation into the proposed changes to Worksop Fire Station. I have met with the Chief Fire Officer to discuss these changes and have told him my concerns about the

reduction in the numbers of Firefighters and the public's safety. You can access the consultation by going on the following website [www.notts-fire.gov.uk/nfrs-news/Pages/Fire-Authority-seeks-public-view-on-proposed-changes.aspx](http://www.notts-fire.gov.uk/nfrs-news/Pages/Fire-Authority-seeks-public-view-on-proposed-changes.aspx) or you can contact me on 01909 506 200 for a paper copy.

Unfortunately, the Nottingham Fire and Rescue Service will not be holding public meetings and are hiding from Bassetlaw residents and their views on the changes to both Retford and Worksop fire stations. This blatant avoidance of the general public shows that the Nottingham Fire and Rescue service are running scared of the opposition to the reduction of firefighters and don't want to engage with the public on this matter. I have said before that these proposals are dangerous and will end up costing lives, so please make your voices heard by completing the online consultation and help to save our Fire Services in Bassetlaw.

I have been contacted by residents with concerns about flight paths to and from Robin Hood airport. The airport has now started their public consultation on proposed route changes for taking off and landing planes. These proposed changes are aimed at reducing the amount of noise that can be heard on the ground when aircraft take off or land. The airport is keen to make sure that the voices of affected communities are heard, so if this is a problem for you I encourage you to take part in the consultation to make sure your voice is present in the process. Additionally, the airport are holding drop in sessions every week until the deadline so you can voice your opinions on the proposed plans in person. The consultation and all the details are online and I will be promoting it on both Facebook and Twitter. It can also be accessed online at the following website <http://flydsa.co.uk/about-us/dsaconsultation> or you can contact me on 01909 506 200 for a paper copy. The consultation is running until December 15<sup>th</sup> and is already open.

The new system of distributing Universal Credit will affect the Nottinghamshire area from December. We are anticipating that this will put a greater demand on Foodbank usage as the DWP take approximately six weeks to process claims and many families will suffer big hardship over the Christmas period.. Loan sharks are already prowling in areas where UC is established and they are set to pounce in Bassetlaw.

We need to stand up and support the most vulnerable people in our communities. If you are able to donate, I will be posting regular lists of what items are needed on Facebook. You can donate to my office at Stanley Street, Worksop, Notts S81 7HX or at **The Well** in Retford.

### Gum Drop!



Local hospitals install chewing gum bins to remove and recycle a sticky problem The local health Trust that runs Doncaster and Basset law Teaching Hospitals are encouraging patients, visitors and staff to dispose of their used chewing gum in new bright pink, dedicated bins installed around their three hospital sites., Called Gumdrops, these are made of recycled chewing gum and have been installed in the hope to remove unsightly chewing gum across the organisation's sites which is also very costly to remove.

Suzy Brain England OBE, Chair of the Board for Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals, explains: "Used chewing gum causes a huge litter problem across all of our sites. Installing these bins encourages visitors to dispose of their used gum ensuring that waste is not stuck on pavements and roads around our hospitals which is very unsightly. The bins are hard to miss, being bubble-gum pink in colour, and will save on the cost of cleaning up gum and is part of our commitment to create a clean and healthy environment for patients, visitors, staff and our local community".

**Look out for the colourful bins next time you're at one of our hospitals and make sure to recycle your gum!**



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### St John the Baptist church events

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 13:00-16:00** in church. Our traditional Victorian Christmas market takes place with a visit from Father Christmas. There will be mulled wine, mince pies, and lots of other delicious eats! Lots of stalls, including various craft stalls, and raffles etc.  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 19:00** in church. Joint brass band and Village Harmony choir concert performing Christmas music. Plenty of chance for the audience to join in with some well known Christmas tunes  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 18:00** Nine Lessons and Carols. Our traditional Christmas carol service  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 16:00** Crib Service for all ages....come and help dress the Christmas crib and hear the Christmas story  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 23:30** Traditional Midnight Mass  
**June Taylor Rabjohn**

## Aladdin Pantomime 2018

Rehearsals are 'at pace' for Clarborough Village Ventures Drama Group but there is still room for more people to join us. So if you have a yearning to be on the stage (or behind the curtains) why not come along to rehearsals on Wednesdays at 19:00 in the Village Hall and see what all the fuss is about.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that we have done a production and all the money raised goes to C.V.V. and is donated to worthy local causes. Our main objective has always been to have fun and if we can make people laugh while raising money, then what could be better?



If you don't have time to join us then please come and see our show from **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018** in the village hall. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of December and we would love to see you there

Ann McCorkell



Notts Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter | October 2017



Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping, can be read at length in his monthly newsletter, *The Beat*.

Go to [www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk) or our community website **Law & Order** ► **Police & Crime Commissioner** for relevant links.

An advertisement for ReNew Carpet &amp; Upholstery Cleaning. It features a red background with a silhouette of a person cleaning a carpet. The text includes: 'ReNew Carpet &amp; Upholstery Cleaning', 'High Powered Portable Equipment', 'Commercial &amp; Domestic Services', 'Stain Removal / Reduction', 'Satisfaction Guaranteed', 'Dry in Hours NOT Days', 'One Off or Regular Cleanings', 'Fully Insured &amp; Experienced', 'CRB Checked Operators', 'Please Call Mob: 0755 000 2242', 'Tel: 0177 770 2779', and a quote: 'The bitterness of poor quality service lingers long after the sweetness of price is forgotten'.



## Nottinghamshire County Councillor Tracey Taylor



By the time this edition reaches your letterboxes I will already be 6 months into the role; and how that time has flown. From the ordered business of Parish Council meetings, through a whirlwind of summer fetes, to the autumn hues of craft and produce shows, I am slowly getting to know you and the villages of Misterton Division so much better.

My roles at County Hall are the Children and Young People's Committee, and the Planning Committee; both of which touch many aspects of residents' lives. I am the NCC representative on both of the iGas Community Liaison Groups, in respect of the exploratory sites at Misson Springs and Tinker Lane, Torworth. The preparations and the scheduled works are being carefully monitored by the County Council and by other regulatory bodies, and I continue to meet residents involved in both of those groups as iGas prepare for exploratory drilling.

I have been meeting staff from across the vast range of Children's Services, and visiting some of the fantastic facilities that NCC runs. In July leaders from the Youth Service ran "Skatefest" in Kings Park at Retford, with help from young people volunteers from some of the Bassetlaw centres. In September I was lucky enough to visit the outdoor residential centres at Hagg Farm and St Michaels, Hathersage, where school groups are learning to enjoy activities away from the classroom or home. I had been hoping to meet the pupils from Clarborough School on my visit; but as the weather was so good and they were so engaged, I gather that they took the chance for a longer excursion, and I missed their return to base (see page 6).

I've advised the Parish Councils of two NCC public consultations in recent weeks: The Health & Wellbeing Strategy, and the School Term Dates. I will continue to keep Parishes informed and encourage residents' participation in all that interest you. We're about to embark on a recruitment drive for Foster Carers; and I would ask anyone who might consider fostering, to contact NCC to discuss joining the many carers who add so much to the lives of our children and young people.

At this time of year, as we head for Harvest and Remembrance and Christmas, I'm mindful that so much of what marks the pattern of our year is a recognition and celebration of the good things that we have: food, freedom and family; but not everyone is so fortunate. Please call me if there are things that you need help with, or that you think we could be doing better for Bassetlaw and for Nottinghamshire

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## Bassetlaw District Councillor Kath Sutton



Concerns have been expressed about the lack of a Bottle Bank in the village, and indeed from April to July this year 7 tons were collected which shows how valuable an asset it is. At the moment the problem is that no land owner with a suitable site is happy to have it on the premises, because of the previous history of late emptying. Bassetlaw

District Council has now addressed this problem so if anyone can suggest a site – please get in touch.

BDC is now wishing to promote the voluntary smoke free play areas which have been trialled in the main parks in Worksop and Retford, to other children's play parks in the area. Most people who were questioned were very happy with the idea and wished it to be extended.

Many thanks to all those who filled in the CCG Extended Hours Questionnaire where patients were asked to decide at which times they would prefer extra hours in which to see their GP, and their preferred appointment type. Although the survey is ongoing, based on the highest percentage of respondents so far, the results highlighted interest in the following:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday late evenings  
Monday early mornings  
Saturday and Sunday morning

Telephone consultations as the preferred different appointment type if an alternative to face-to-face, with other options welcomed by a minority  
The majority of patients suggest they would see clinicians from other practices, but some would not.

The Bassetlaw Parish Forum was held on the day that it was announced that the four South Yorkshire unitary authorities could not agree a collective way forward with the Sheffield City Region Devolution Agreements, so that the way forward has still to be decided. If there are any issues concerning our village and which you would like discussing please contact the Parish Chairman so that they can be brought to the next Parish Forum.

I would like to add my comments to those of Elaine and Gary Cherrill in the last issue concerning the death of Mo Collins. I always thought of Mo as one of the *Good Samaritans* in our villages as on his long daily walks he generously used to check on his elderly neighbours to see if he could help in any way. I really miss seeing him walking down Church Lane in the early morning..

## Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

The 2017 Senior Citizens' Christmas Party will take place on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall (provided free-of-charge by CDCA) with a 16:30 for 17:00 start. The WI are planning a two course meal and entertainment. Negotiations with Santa are ongoing, but we are hoping that he will be able to fit us into his busy schedule. If you are over 60, live in the villages of Clarborough, Welham or Hayton and would like to join us for a fun evening then please phone 704 711 or 07967 191 007, or email ladiesofcndwi@hotmail.com by December 4<sup>th</sup>.



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Doncaster & Bassetlaw Kidney Association (DABKA) Fundraising Manager, Andrew Wraith, received cheque for £500 raised at our community SPAR Store.



(l-r) Andrew Wraith, Andy's grandson, Andrew Irwin, Tristan King of King Family Stores, proprietors, Lucy Rose and Andrew's wife, Mary Wraith.



## Retford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion



This year's annual service of remembrance will take place on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:45 prompt. As usual the venue is around the War Memorial in Retford's Market Square. Everyone is welcome. Please come and remember all those who have been involved in conflict, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

If you require a wreath please ring Ann Hickman on 01777 818 993. Poppy crosses will be available on the day or from the supermarket outlets during the poppy appeal. A short service of remembrance will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November again around the War Memorial with a 10:45 start. We look forward to seeing you at one or both of the events.

The local supermarkets are again supporting the poppy appeal and there will be the chance to donate to the appeal or acquire some of the items that have been locally sourced for sale. A stall will be located in Morrisons from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and later that same week in Aldi, Asda and Home Bargains. Local shops and businesses will also be displaying the poppy boxes from 30<sup>th</sup> October. Without your valuable contributions The Royal British Legion would be unable to continue their programme of help for ex-military personnel and their families. Thank you.

Judith Goodall



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## Bookworm is 25 in November!

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Armed with cutting-edge technology in the form of a clunky second-hand microfiche reader, a fax machine and next-day delivery of books from wholesalers, we embarked on creating a reputation for an exemplary, speedy ordering service. This is still a core part of our business today. Two years after opening, the Net Book Agreement (which held the same price on a book wherever it was purchased) started to dissolve, making way for relentless discounting. We opened our shop thinking that customer service and quality of product was the most important element in running a successful business, but the powers that be were now saying it was all about price promotion. We knew that we couldn't compete with the supermarkets and chain stores, so we developed several niche areas (such as history and transport) and we added a few non-book products to create variety within the store.



books, so they complement each other, and we now have returning customers from many miles away. Our selection of greeting cards, children's trading cards and Games Workshop miniatures also bring in customers who are not natural bookshop customers.

Publishing is something which quite a few independent bookshops have added to their services and Bookworm is no exception. We have published several local history books, poetry, a novel, the biography of a travelling cat and two cookery books, one of which became an unexpected bestseller - The Halogen Oven Cookbook has sold over 27,000 copies and is still selling.

Like all small-town bookshops, we are community-oriented and our links with schools and the wider community go back many years. We sometimes reflect on those years, but mostly we are forward-looking, and creative with a little bit of the unexpected.

Paul and Angela Meads



At this time it was our loyal customers who were (and still are) our main reason for success and survival in a tough market place. Our customers value the presence of a bookshop in their town. They love to browse real books, see before they buy, or just spend a while in the ambience of a bookshop. After 25 years many customers are now true friends whom we can't thank enough for their support.

Five years ago we decided to introduce a second-hand/collectable book section. At first this was a very small area of just two bookcases, but after encouragement and appreciation shown by customers this section now accounts for about 15% of our shop with no reduction of new books - we have just had to be more creative with display space. Our second-hand books (like our new books) are selected for quality and are mostly reference books, especially military history, local history and transport. These subjects are also our strength in new

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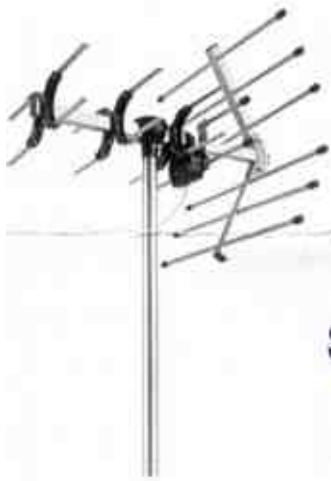


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## Family History – civil registration

Readers of part 1 of these articles (Spring 2017) will recall that the **Births and Deaths Registration Act** of 1836 initiated the civil registration process by which all of our births, marriages and deaths are recorded by the state.

While it is forbidden for the state to expose these original documents to public view, it is possible to obtain printed copies if the index of the required certificate can be identified – and the appropriate fee (currently £9.25) be paid.

The GRO uses an extended filing system to manage all of these millions of certificates which can be viewed as hefty leather-bound (and sharp brass cornered!) books that can be viewed at the National Archives and several large city libraries or archives. Fortunately, however, an army of volunteers has been coying these indexes onto the internet for many years and has made their efforts free to users – this is the basis of the freebmd website ([www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk)).

It's worth noting the extremely useful – and wide content of another website that is commonly used in this sort of research – [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com). Ancestry contains much valuable, even essential, data that can include that in freebmd, but there is a catch – Ancestry demands a subscription that can run to more than £100 per year. However, we should also note that Ancestry's website is available, free of charge, in any Nottinghamshire library, provided you have a library card; just book a computer or come along to the, usually, twice-monthly Family and Local History Group at Retford Library on second and fourth Mondays of each month (except August) from 17:00 to 19:00.

However, to return to the freebmd website, let's explore a search for one Walter Tritchler, a family member born sometime in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Entering the website into your web browser – or a Google-type search for 'freebmd' and choosing the hit with the correct, green, website beneath it, leads to a homepage with a number of red subsections – search is at the extreme left. Click on **Search**.

The Search page has a large number of option but only a few are needed for most searches. These are:

**Type:** Choose either Births, Deaths, Marriages or, occasionally, All.

**Surname:** This and all other boxes are case insensitive.

**First name(s):** Generally just the first although this is often a long-term trial and error option. William may have been entered as Wm, Bill or even with his middle forename! The other boxes on the left of the page can, initially, be ignored except for the **Date range** boxes. Enter the start and end years for your research and remember that Mar and Dec correspond to the first and fourth quarter of each year – you can narrow your search if you know roughly which quarter contains your target.

The right-hand side of the search page deals with **where** the event took place, remembering that this database covers England and Wales only..

If you have no concrete evidence for the location of your chosen event, click on **All Districts** at the top of the Districts box and **All Counties** at the top of the Counties

box.

With this data entered, run your eyes quickly over the full Search page to check for errors, then click on **Find** at the lower left-hand part of the page, just above the blue *Advanced Facilities* button.

This example was easy because the surname was

Surname	First name(s)	District	Vol	Page
Births Dec 1885 (>99%)				
Tritchler	Walter	Northampton	3b	48

unusual. The above was the only 'find' that was identified between Mar 1880 and Dec 1890.

The person's surname and forename appear first followed by month – this month indicates the last month of each quarter of each year. The December quarter will contain all births from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December. The other quarters are referred to by GRO as the Mar(ch), Jun(e) and Sep(tember) quarters with corresponding meanings. Walter Tritchler was actually born on 9<sup>th</sup> September – something only a copy of the certificate will reveal. In this case, his birth was registered in Northampton and the rest of the data is referred to as *Volume Number* (3b) and *Page Number* (48).

Quoting all of the above information to either the GRO or a local Register Office will allow an order for the certificate to be made. **At no stage in any of this process can you see a copy of the actual certificate – this is hidden from view by law and no-one can reveal it to you. This is important because there are some unscrupulous individuals out there who would have you believe otherwise – and charge you for the privilege.**

The actual copy of Walter's birth certificate not only revealed his birth date but also the location, his parents' names and his mother's maiden name as well as his father's occupation. It is this data, and particular his mother's maiden name, that is so crucial when building your family tree.

Using the same search facilities quickly identified Walter's parents' marriage date, pushing the family tree back a generation. Moving forward, it was also easy to find his marriage.

\*Censuses every 10 years, starting in 1801, became a standard feature of the nation's statistical gathering regime. The first few censuses simply 'counted heads' in each area and since they contain no names or personal details are of no practical use to family historians. However, by the time of the 1841 Census, personal names were recorded in each household and this is where family historians start to investigate.

**There was no census in 1941 (World War 2) and the records of the 1931 Census were destroyed by fire in 1942. With the 'hundred year' rule to protect personal confidentiality, the 1911 Census is currently the most recent one that has made (most) of its data publicly available.**

For ordering copies of certificates, read on...

## Ordering copies of certificates

The Registration District (Northampton in this example) has links to details about the district which can be particularly useful if/when it was combined into a larger existing, or newly created Registration District. This happened quite widely in the 1974 amalgamation of districts during wider local authority reorganisations.

Here we need to outline two sources of certificate copies, the pros and cons of these two routes, and the methods to access the sources.

Firstly, however, a repeat of the caution that appeared in part 1 of this article (Summer 2017 issue) – you've binned that copy, shame on you! However, all is not lost since we post copies on our community website – just look for **Newsletter** in the left-hand menu. Part 1 of this article is to be found on page 6 of this Summer 2017 issue.

So, back to the important point; if you order from the General Register Office (GRO) you will be receiving a copy of the original copy forwarded to 'head office' by the appropriate Registrar's staff. This may contain a range of transcription errors – not an uncommon fact, particularly in these early days of systems when such devices as photocopiers – even typewriters – were not used.

GRO can be found at [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk), now part of HM Passport Office.

Once on the GRO site you will see a bold **Order certificates** online which takes you to the next page which has a bold **Order Certificates Online and search the GRO historic birth and death indexes** which takes you to a registration page. **You have to create an account before you can use this system.**

The next steps create your account and card payment information. Finally, you are presented with input boxes for the basic information that the likes of the freebmd search on page 19 uncovered.

The current cost, including postage, is £9.25 per certificate.

The alternative, which this author prefers, is to use the data uncovered by freebmd to identify the present Register Office holding the original certificate(s). A quick Google search for the Registrar's office will yield phone and e-mail addresses as well as postal addresses. In my experience, using an e-mail to incorporate all of the same data required by the GRO is the most time efficient, but phone calls are just as effective. Although Registrars' offices use a range of different filing systems, they are experienced in translating the GRO data to their own. One significant difference between local Register Offices and GRO is that only the larger ones are equipped to accept payment by card. All of them, however, charge the same £9.25 per certificate.



Clarborough and District WI were involved in a number of activities over the summer. Pom-pom production was top priority, preparing for our first yarn-bombing which was displayed from the end of September. We do hope that you saw it and that it

made you smile.



One of our members challenged herself to walk 100 miles on the village footpaths in order to commemorate the centenary of the Nottinghamshire Federation. She was supported on her walks by other ladies from the group and at the time of writing has passed the 50 mile mark. Only 50 more to go!

The new season of regular meetings began in September with a talk on veg growing in small spaces, and was followed up in October by a visit from Julie Payne who introduced us to Neal's Yard remedies. The November meeting is to be an 'unfinished objects' evening when members are invited to bring along a craft project which has stalled (we've all got them!) and seek help or inspiration from the other ladies. Also in November we have a very special meeting planned for new and prospective members from all over the area who have been invited to join us for an evening of informative and fun activities, whilst learning more about the history, structure and aims of the WI. If you missed this visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings at a cost of £4 which includes a cup of tea or coffee.

December's calendar has Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> highlighted – this is the date of the Senior Citizens' Christmas party – see page 15 for more details.

Don't forget the regular Kurling sessions running on alternate Mondays 19:00-21:00 in the village hall. These are open to anyone (even men) at a small cost of £2 which includes light refreshments. Why not join us one night and try something new in a relaxed atmosphere with good company?

**For more information about any of our activities see our page on the village website, our facebook page or phone 704 711.**



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Readers may remember the report on Muddy Fork in the Spring 2017 issue following a very kind donation by Clarborough & Welham IT Group – one of our very first. A lot has happened to this

'Gardening for Wellbeing' project, based at Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Idle Valley Nature Reserve, since then.

A year ago, the project's funding from NWT had come to an end and efforts were being made to set it up as an independent charity. This was achieved last November, and thanks to a gratifying level of local support, successful funding applications, and the continuing goodwill of the Wildlife Trust, after a holding operation lasting a few months, the project worker was re-employed from March and the project was back in action.

The challenges presented by gardening in a nature reserve continue: the runner beans were demolished by a rogue rabbit, the acorns in the tree nursery have been attacked by mice, and if the local snails were an edible variety, Muddy Fork would have a healthy export market! But squashes and melons thrived in the polytunnel this year and somehow the redcurrant bushes were overlooked by the birds, so jelly is on the cards. And the Idle Valley café continues to feature produce from the garden – a lot of courgette cake has been eaten.

Muddy Fork now needs more participants (and is always happy to have offers of other support of any kind). Working outside in beautiful natural surroundings is beneficial for mental and physical health and there will be many who could benefit from the service (which is free). If you are interested, or know someone who might be, or can tell other people locally about the project, do please get in touch.

For more information, please see our website:

[www.muddyfork.org](http://www.muddyfork.org)

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email [info@muddyfork.org](mailto:info@muddyfork.org)

or call **Dom Schad** on 07421 356 717.

## Mayflower Pilgrims from Bassetlaw

Almost four-hundred years after the momentous voyage of the Mayflower in 1620, we still do not know much about the roots of many of the Mayflower passengers. Therefore to be able to discover the origins of one of these is a very rare event. On September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Triennial Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, Massachusetts, not one but the origins of three linked Mayflower Pilgrims was revealed.

Two Pilgrims, William White, Dorothy May/Bradford, were shown to be uncle and niece, from the town of Wisbech in Cambridgeshire. The third, William's widow and later wife of one of Plymouth Colony's prominent citizens and three times Governor, Pilgrim Edward Winslow, was revealed to be the daughter of Separatist Richard Jackson who, like his Pilgrim neighbour, William Brewster, once lived at Scrooby Manor in Nottinghamshire.

I had been working on research into the origins of Dorothy Bradford's family when I sensed that I had possibly

stumbled upon something 'big' and so shared my findings with my trusted American friend and colleague, Mayflower historian Caleb Johnson. As a result we decided to continue the research together as a team with our shared researcher, Simon Neil.

The search for the origins of Susanna White hinged upon a poignant letter penned by Edward Winslow, her second husband, in 1623 and addressed to Susanna's 'uncle', Robert Jackson of Spalding, asking after the whereabouts and health of her unnamed father and her siblings.

Much intense research into this letter had been carried out over the years but with each attempt the researchers were foxed as to finding the right family line. However Caleb, me and Neil had an advantage- my intimate knowledge of the Scrooby Separatists and the places they lived. A burial entry for a James Jackson of 'Braywell' in Yorkshire in the parish registers at Spalding sparked my immediate interest. I knew that 'Braywell' was in fact *Braithwell*, not far from Doncaster and that in the 1580's it was the home to a young teacher named Richard Jackson who I had previously researched and believed to be the later Separatist and leaseholder at Scrooby Manor. From this it was simply a case of sheer determined detective work drawing numerous other threads of information together which culminated in the proof we needed to make public our findings. Our research is being published in a three part article in *The American Genealogist* with part currently going to print.

**Sue Allen**

*Author, Official Historian Scrooby Manor, Chair ~Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association, Historian Austerfield Field Project, Owner ~ Mayflower Pilgrim Tours.  
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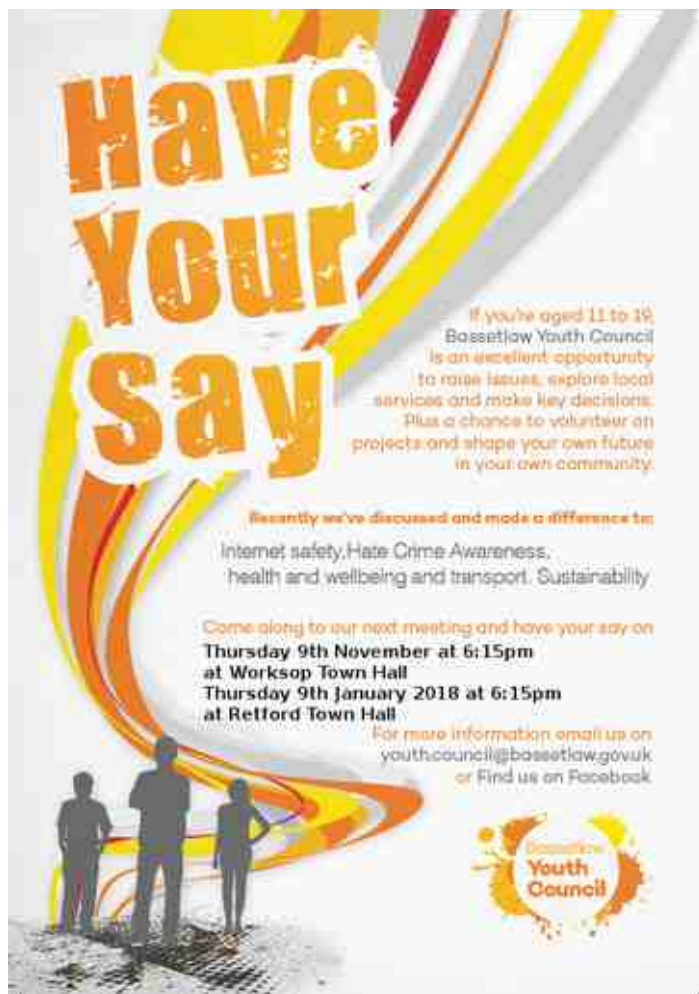


The regular weekly events programme is set out in the table below.  
The Hall is also available for individual bookings for such events as parties or special celebrations as well as other 'one-off' events. Contact as per the foot of this page.

	<b>Post Office</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Mid-day</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00-12:30</b> (Halford Room)	<b>10:00-12:00</b> <i>Table Tennis</i>		<b>14:00-16:00</b> <i>Indoor Bowls</i>	<b>19:00-21:30</b> <i>W.I.</i> (Every second Monday of the month) <b>19:00-21:00</b> <i>Kurling</i> (Every fortnight)	<b>19:00-22:00</b> <i>Parish Council</i> meetings as posted on notice boards and community website
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00-12:30</b> (Halford Room)	<b>10:00-11:30</b> <i>Senior Keep fit</i>		<b>13:30-15:00</b> <i>I.T.group</i> (Both rooms) School term time only	<b>17:30-18:30</b> <i>Pilates</i> <b>19:00-21:00</b> <i>Table Tennis</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13:30-17:00</b> (Halford Room)	<b>10:00-11:30</b> <i>I.T.group</i> (Both rooms) School term time only	<b>12:30-13:30</b> <i>Pilates</i>	<b>14:00-16:00</b> <i>Retford U3A</i> <i>Table Tennis</i> <b>16:00-17:00</b> <i>Private Dancing</i>	<b>17:30-18:30</b> <i>'HIIT'</i> <i>Keep Fit</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>10:00-12:00</b> <i>Private Dancing</i>			<b>17:00-18:00</b> <i>Beavers</i> <b>18:00-19:30</b> <i>Cubs</i> <b>19:30-21:00</b> <i>Scouts Explorers</i> (School term time only)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00-12:30</b> (Halford Room)	<b>10:00-12:00</b> <i>Table Tennis</i>	<b>12:00-16:00</b> <i>Hall Maintenance</i>	<b>16:00-17:00</b> <i>Private Dancing</i>	<b>17:30-18:30</b> <i>Pilates</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>9:30-12:00</b> <i>Table Top Sale</i> (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month)				
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>			<b>16:00-17:00</b> <i>Private Dancing</i>		

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## Dates for your Diary

**18-26<sup>th</sup> November:** Illuminate 400 Mayflower Pilgrims Festival.  
**6<sup>th</sup> December:** Clarborough Christmas Tree lighting.  
**9<sup>th</sup> December:** Bassetlaw Museum's Christmas Crank-up.  
**11<sup>th</sup> December:** Senior Citizen's Christmas Party  
**16<sup>th</sup> December:** Children's Christmas Party  
**22<sup>nd</sup> December:** Nottinghamshire school close.

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**8<sup>th</sup> January:** Nottinghamshire schools reopen  
**22<sup>nd</sup> April:** St. George's Day celebration in Retford.  
**8<sup>th</sup> September:** Retford Heritage Day

## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

**27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

Further dates to be decided as we went to press – see our website.

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall

Agendas are always posted at least a week in advance on notice boards and on our community website where you will also find approved Minutes and meeting dates through to January, 2018.

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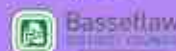
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## Clarborough Post Office Christmas closures

Michael Carnall has informed us that our Village Hall Post Office will close for Christmas/New Year on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and reopen on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018.

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

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