

Clarborough & Welham

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From the Editor

A well known quote says a *picture is worth a thousand words* – well this little chap definitely seems to sum up the sentiments of much of this issue's content.

Commemoration is a key word for planning explored in many parts of this issue – from November's commemoration of the end of World War One to the somewhat longer-term planning that is coming together to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the departure of the Mayflower with its party of Puritans fleeing religious persecution in Britain. The national and international community is only now finding that our area was the starting point for many of the key movers of this exodus – they may have sailed from Plymouth, but many became active – and persecuted – within a small radius of Retford. Prepare for major invasions of, particularly, Americans as 2020 approaches!

As in previous issues, I would draw readers' attention to our community website at the foot of this page. Several references within the following pages point to our website for a fuller exploration of particular topics. With only 24 pages to play with in an issue of this Newsletter, scope for fully exploring any topic is severely limited. The website, on the other hand, has nearly 200 pages and those often contain compressed pdf files of much bigger documents. Just one example is the Newsletter page which has full versions of every Newsletter from Spring 2010 – some 800 plus pages! Website pages also contain links to even greater resources across the web – from District and County councils all the way through to Central Government passing through Education and Training, Health & Welfare and Law-and-Order; and that's before we get into the voluntary sector! So please, if you find articles in this, and future issues of Clarborough & Welham Newsletter, do follow the links in the articles to our – or other – websites.

Of course, you may be one of those who either has no home internet link, or needs some hand-holding introduction. Why not come along to Clarborough & Welham IT Group sessions to get a gentle introduction? It's also worth noting that this whole Newsletter is produced using the same software application that our IT Group uses for classes; it's all free!

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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 2018 will take place on Wednesday 5th 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 be switched on too.

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 Pupils of Clarborough Primary School will sing around the tree. Father Christmas will make his usual appearance and 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 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 Parish Council Chairman, Phil Gibson on 01777 700 517.

Retford Christmas Market and Christmas Lights Switch-On

The Retford Business Forum Christmas Market Team thinks you will love the plans for this year's Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On. It will be held on **Sunday 25th November 2018**, from 10:00 to 18:00 (some locations may vary), in and around the town square in Retford.

As well as the usual star guest – Santa - brought to us by Retford Lions, there will be an open-air Churches Together in Retford service, entertainment on the stage from local schools and children's groups, with fireworks, Jo Jingles, Traxie Bear, Bassetlaw Bear and "Santa's little helper" switching the lights on. There will be many new attractions this year - here are some of the latest additions:

- Steampunk comes to the Christmas Market! We are delighted to welcome a children's Steampunk experience with traditional games in the Buttermarket with plenty of stalls for adults nearby – go on, you know you always wanted to try dressing up!

- Pilgrims Fun Run supporting Bassetlaw Hospice; gather at 09:15 for the judging of the best dressed 'Pilgrims' – the run is 5k, even better fun for everyone – it's like a Santa run, but reflecting the famous local people who became the Mayflower Pilgrims – for booking and more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-pilgrim-fun-run-2018-tickets-47414075777>.



Photo: Diane Hemsley

- Bassetlaw Museum will be open (see page 19) with lots of activities to entertain the children; the Grove St Methodist Church will have an even bigger Star Festival; and St Swithun's Parish Church is holding its famous Christmas Tree Festival, hoping for a 100+ trees this year. The Hub will be open – why not visit their Pilgrims Room – everything you ever wanted to know about the Mayflower Pilgrims in one room! A collect-the-stamp trail will be promoted around these attractions with a free prize draw for completed entries.

This will be the fourth year that Retford Business Forum (RBF) delivers the Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on, supported by North Notts BID, Bassetlaw District Council, TLS Ltd and other local businesses and societies. It is a community event run for the people of Retford and the surrounding villages, and visitors have been welcomed from all over Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire..... and beyond!

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Family History at Retford Library

Intrigued or mystified by your family background? Want to pull your family history together for your children or grandchildren? Need to know more!

These are but a few reasons that people get into researching their family history – but how to get started?

Your editor also 'fronts' ('lead' is too strong a word!) Retford Library's twice monthly Family & Local History Group. This meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month (except August and bank holidays) from 17:00 to 19:00. Membership is free.

Besides the experience of regular group members, a key attraction is the library's free subscription to Ancestry.com and also other important online resources such as the 19th Century British Library Newspapers archive. With a local collection of documents such as parish registers, electoral registers and censuses together with microfilm and microfiche readers, the small Local Studies area (up stairs) in the library is an ideal place to get to grips with the resources that you will find at larger archives through to the National Archives.

So, if you're fascinated but feel you need some guidance in getting started – or if you are already on your way but would appreciate the free services available, why not come along one evening? The library usually closes to the public at 18:00 so our group has uninterrupted use of the facilities after that but you will need to come to the sessions near the starting time of 17:00. No need to contact us in advance unless you want to drop in to the library to find out more.

On a similar theme, Helen Fox, Library Service's specialist

advisor for Family and Local History, holds drop-in surgeries at the library on a monthly basis. These take place on Thursday between 10:00 and 13:00 and usually have your editor there too.

Forthcoming drop-in dates are 25th October and 15th November.

Greg Herdman

Clarborough Church

Our community run-up-to-Christmas events programme always kicks-off with St. John the Baptist Church's Victorian Market which this year will be on Sunday 2nd December from 13:00-16:00. Craft stalls, entertainment, refreshments available, visit from Father Christmas. Entrance is free.

Friday 7th December Brass Band/Village Harmony Choir concert in church 19:00. Tickets available soon

Vicar to contact re weddings/baptisms etc: Rev. Mark Cantrill (01777) 711 530 or revmarkcantrill@btinternet.com

Events contact for booking tickets / info about events etc: Lesley Keating 07551 381 965 (leave message)

The church's website: www.cwchurch.btck.co.uk

Also, see Facebook page: St. John the Baptist Church Clarborough

See Parish Council article on page 9 for a range of church events across the Remembrance Weekend of 10th & 11th November.

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Muddy Fork

Muddy Fork, Retford's 'Gardening for Wellbeing' charity based at the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Idle Valley Nature Reserve,

marked World Mental Health Day on 10th October with a big event. It hoped that this will help the process of building a powerful network of friends and supporters, strengthening local ties and helping to reach out into the local community. There is still much to be done to raise awareness of mental health issues in the community and of the contribution which Muddy Fork can make in the local context, and this event brought a range of people together to help promote this.

Muddy Fork's Director, Dominic Schad, says 'There had been a fantastic response to our invitations – we had mental health professionals, councillors, Rotarians, representatives of local businesses and voluntary groups, and other supporters, all coming together to hear from an expert on Social and Therapeutic Horticulture and to learn more about the work which Muddy Fork does'.

The guest speaker, Joe Sempik, trained as a pharmacologist and came to social science research after completing a Masters in Environmental Management. He has spent 18 years as a university academic looking at 'Green Care' approaches to health and well-being for people with medical and social problems, particularly with regard to mental health and learning difficulties. His presentation was entitled 'Nature-based interventions for promoting mental health and well-being' and included an introduction to the history of this approach and examples of

research evidence.

Dom Higgins of Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts also gave a short talk on Wellbeing, Nature and what the WTs are doing nationally.

The afternoon also included discussions about developing Muddy Fork's 'reach' into the local community. The really 'muddy' bit came at the end of the afternoon when everyone present was invited to tour the Muddy Fork garden!

Dominic Schad

It's Senior's Party Time!

For over 20 years our W.I. has been organising the Parish Christmas Party for senior members of our community. In the early days guests enjoyed a salad tea and trifle followed by entertainment. Over the years this has developed and the ladies now provide a hot two course meal and tea or coffee for up to 100 guests before everyone sits back to enjoy the entertainment. The evening usually concludes with a visit from Santa delivering the gifts himself.

This could not go ahead without the support of our Parish Council, local councillors, Village Ventures, the Village Hall Committee and many other individuals and groups who offer their help financially or in kind. Clarborough and District W.I. would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'Thank you' to all of those people.

If you are over 60 and live in the villages of Clarborough, Welham or Hayton then please join us for this year's celebration. Contact on (01777) 704 711, 07967 191 007 or email clarbdiswi@hotmail.com to book your place for 10th December party.



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Parish Pasture

Seeding

The end of September – the very last day actually – saw the seeding of the Pasture by a small number of members of the public and FoPP group members. Some days prior to this the land had been sprayed with a selective weed killer to take out thistles.

Two days previously the First Clarborough Scout Group brought about 20 of their members to seed the Community Orchard area of the Pasture. That was a great help.

After having a drink and a bacon 'butty' the volunteers sowed three different types of seed mixture. The majority of the Pasture has a 10% wildflower and 90% grass mixture with the area near the canal having a denser grass mix with clover included. The three wildflower "scrapes" were seeded with a 20% wildflower and 80% grass mix. There are 19 different species of wildflowers in the mix.

Following the seeding the Pasture was chain harrowed to level the ground and then rolled to consolidate the seed.

Footpath

With use, the footpath, which is composed of wood chippings, has consolidated and is now quite firm for pushchairs and cycles. Being of wood chippings it is environmentally friendly and porous to rain. We hope it retains all these positive characteristics through the winter.

Tree Planting

November will see the planting of trees on the land including Beech, Copper Beech, Chestnut, Hazel,

Sycamore with White and Silver Birch. Anyone who would like to help with this should contact friends of pp2018@gmail.com or phone (01777) 705 440.

World War 1 Commemoration – 11th November

As part of the commemoration of the men of Clarborough who died in the First World War (see page 9) we will be planting 5 Oak Trees on the Parish Pasture. These have very kindly been donated by the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire; Sherwood Forest Country Park, Edwinstowe and the National Trust, Clumber Park, Worksop. Each tree will be planted by a different resident of the Parish from the whole age spectrum. These plantings will be marked by individual plaques.

Dog Poo! - POO!

A small number of dog owners are still allowing their dog to mess (poo!) on the Parish Pasture.

Be a reasonable person and clear up after your dog. If it poos and you leave it then it is your fault – not the fault of your dog. Do you allow your dog to mess in your own garden and then do you leave it? Probably not! Why should a public space be different? Pick it up and put it in one of the three dog poo bins (one is a 'normal' rubbish bin) at the three access points to the Parish Pasture.

Your dog doesn't know any better but, by law, you are supposed to! **Do you? Then please bag it n bin it!**

Paul Willcock
Chairman, Friends of Parish Pasture group

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Fairtrade

How should we support Fairtrade in the Clarborough and Welham area? Fairtrade for Bassetlaw trusts you know the principles of Fairtrade: *better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.* As you lead up to Christmas and realise how well we do in our country, its worth thinking about opportunities to buy or promote Fairtrade.

Stir up Sunday is an ancient tradition, a day for making Christmas cakes, puddings and mincemeat before advent starts, allowing all those lovely flavours to mature. This year it falls on 25th November giving you plenty of time to stock up and prepare. Think Fairtrade raisins, mixed fruit, sultanas, sugar as you plan your stir-up. 'One World Week' celebrates their 40th birthday this year 21-28th October with the theme 'The World is Changing - How about us?' Looking at exploring what changes we can make to move towards a world in which we can all thrive within the life supporting systems of our common home.'

There are events throughout the year to promote Fairtrade, but you don't need a national promotion to support Fairtrade anywhere. Think of your school, church, business, workplace, where you shop, events in the community. Could you offer Fairtrade products at your school or church if you don't already? Would there be opportunities to sell Fairtrade products through your business or offer Fairtrade tea, coffee, snacks to your workforce? When you are planning a community event or your own hospitality, do you make sure there are plans to include Fair-trade products in the food, drink offered, or crafts that might be used.

Encouraging use of Fairtrade products is a year round campaign. But Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 February 25th-March 10th is the most important time of the year for us all to celebrate Fairtrade achievements, whilst encouraging further commitments from the public, companies and governments to take action for fairer trade. Next year, Fairtrade Fortnight will focus on cocoa.

We welcome ideas for local action anytime-please send them to the Chair of Fairtrade for Bassetlaw

kathy.Cowbrough@gmail.com

There is more detail on ways to support Fairtrade on the Clarborough and Welham web site:

<http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk> - go to **Local Business ► Fair Trade.**

Kathy Cowbrough

Letter to the Editor

A note to all car drivers. My 14 year old granddaughter got knocked off her bike, on the way to school the other day, when someone opened their car door as she was passing. Fortunately she was not badly hurt, but it could have been a lot worse. Please, can I remind ALL drivers to make sure they look in their mirrors before opening their car door, not just once but twice, in case there is a cyclist in their blind spot .

Thank you.

Marilyn

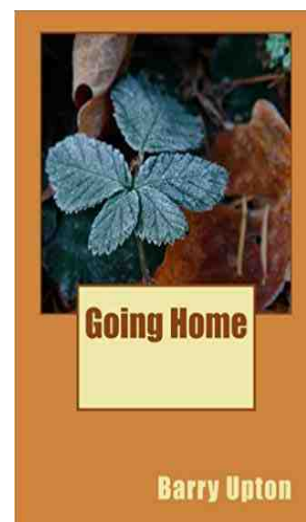
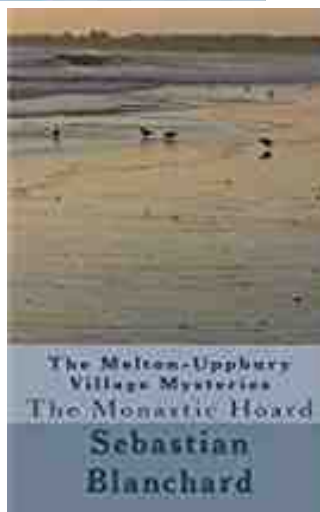
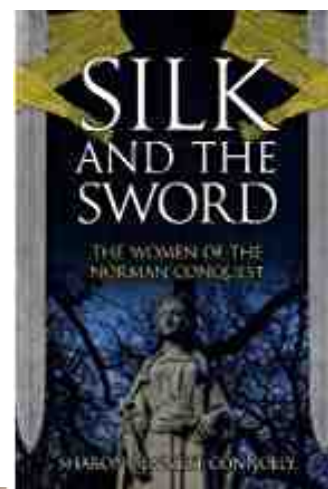
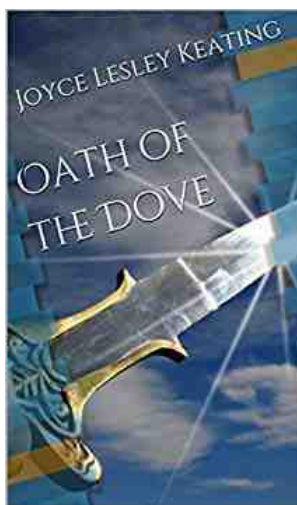
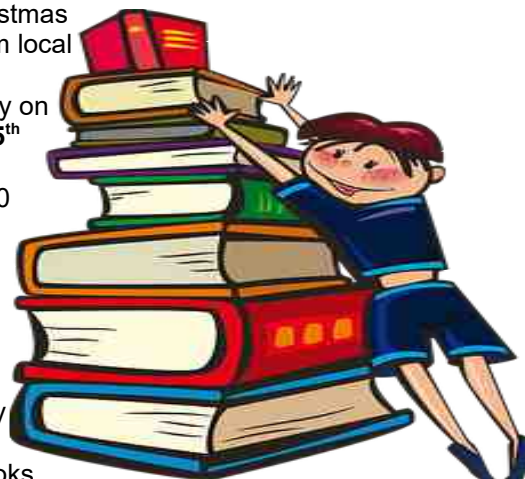
Retford Library's Local Authors Group

Books for Christmas Written by Local Authors

Buy your Christmas gift books from local authors at the Retford Library on **Wednesday 5th of December** between 14:00 and 15:00.

Enjoy an afternoon meeting local members of the authors group and buy some signed Christmas books.

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With the retirement of head teacher Richard Bunn, the Autumn Term's exciting developments have been guided by Acting Head Teacher, Allison Cowell-Clark. Foremost among

these has been the opening of the fabulous extension to the school which, since September, has provided two dedicated classrooms of wonderful proportions. We would like to thank all of our neighbours and parents for their patience and support in the difficult situations that the building work entailed.



Moving forward, school has already taken part in a number of activities that have included visits to our local church for sessions with Rev. Mark Cantrill, the **EDF Power Surge** in which the children and parents took part in 10k and/or 3k fun runs with proceeds coming to school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who baked, donated and attended our Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 28th September. It was great to see so many people here and together we raised a grand total of **£545.50**.

We would also like to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to Donna at *Bake My Day* for her very kind donations to the raffle.

Also, another big 'THANK YOU' goes to the SPAR shop for donating the bacon and bread rolls – yum!



All set for 'big school' next September?

Parents of children due to start secondary school next September are being reminded that they have until 31st October this year to apply for a place.

To make application(s) got to:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions>

Editor

Local Footpaths

Several people, some walkers and others landowners/farmers, have asked me to clarify the responsibilities of both landowners and walkers in respect of the usage of Public Rights of Way (PRW), in particular footpaths.

Without getting too legalistic, here is a rough guide.

Most of the PRW's in Clarborough and Welham cross private land.

The 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/gates 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. Recent legislation has now stated that 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. It is also an offence to discard the poo bag into the hedge bottom or similar and it is against the law not to carry poo bags in readiness.

I hope this clarifies a few points, but for further reading go to **www.environmentlaw.org.uk**

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

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Howard Oats
Parish Footpath Warden

We are remembering them!

The Parish Council is commemorating the Centenary of the end of World War 1 in a number of ways. It is working with other Parish organisations, including the Women's Institute, St John the Baptist Church, Bell Ringers, First Clarborough Scouts and the Clarborough and District Community Association (The Clarborough Village Hall). Some of these events, the Beacon Lighting and Bell Ringing, will be part of the national commemoration events.

The Parish Council hopes that everyone can take part in some or all of these events. A display, mainly remembering those men who lived in the Parish and who died in the War, will be available to view in Clarborough Village Hall. We are very grateful to many people for the information provided.



The programme:

You will already have seen that lamp post Poppies and a Silent 'Tommy' silhouette are being displayed.

Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th November 10:00 to 17:00

Commemorative Flower Festival at St. John the Baptist Church of flower arrangements and also Poppies made by the W.I.

Sunday 11th November 10:45 to 11:30 am (approx.)

Remembrance Day Service at St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Clarborough.

Service conducted by Reverend Mark Cantrill

Sunday 11th November 13:30 to 13:45

Planting of Memorial Copse, Parish Pasture, Broad Gores, Clarborough

5 Oak Trees will be planted by residents of the village in memory of those men of the Parish who died in the War.

The Oak trees have been generously donated by National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire, Sherwood Country Park, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire, Clumber Park, National Trust, Worksop

Sunday 11th November 13:50 to 15:30

Drop-in display commemorating the 28 Men of the Parish who died in World War 1.

Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough. Other information, such as how the war started and important dates will be featured. Free hot refreshments will be served by our W.I.



Sunday 11th November – 18:30

Free Mini-bus transport from Village Hall car park to Parish Beacon.

Please use this free service to avoid the difficulties parking on Howbeck Lane will cause.

Sunday 11 November – 18:50

Reading of the dedication at the Beacon lighting.

Sunday 11th November – 18:55

Sounding of the last post

Sunday 11th November – 19:00

Lighting of the beacon by Graham Bartle.

Top of Howbeck Lane, Clarborough

[Part of the national commemorative event of 1,200 beacons across the country]

Sunday 11th November – 19:00

Ringling of the bells of St John the Baptist Church

[This is also part of the national commemorative event.]

If attending the beacon lighting, please use the free minibus from the Village Hall Car Park. There is no parking on Howbeck Lane, it is dark and there are no footpaths for those who walk. (Think Safety)

Parish Councillor Steve Bowler

Parties at Retford Leisure Centre

Just in – latest news from the Leisure Centre; they now host parties! For details and to view/download their Parties Booklet, go to our community website (see front page) and then **Out-and-About ► Retford Leisure Centre**

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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.

Alternatively, go to the Trust's website <http://www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk> and then their Shop section and Merchandise for these and many other items including Gift Vouchers.

These can be exchanged as part or full payment for cruises onboard any of the Chesterfield Canal Trust's tripboats for public trips, charters or Easter or Santa Specials.

Gift Vouchers are available in units of £5, £10 or £20 and are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase.

Rod Auton



MUSLIM CHARITY

Our Emergency Response team left the UK in the first week of October and has been in Palu, Indonesia, since the end of that week. They were immediately into the process of delivering urgently needed aid to the survivors of the tragic disaster.

At the time of writing, things were still unfolding but to get an up-to-date report on our endeavours, go to:

<https://www.muslimcharity.org.uk/project/indonesia-earthquake-tsunami/>



Maroof Pirzada
UK Director, Muslim Charity

Editors note: Muslim Charity's UK office is based at Eaton Hall, just outside Retford. Readers will have noted that the charity has responded to local good causes and UK disasters as well as those currently affecting both Indonesia and Myanmar.

My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?

Bob Hope (1903-2003) UK/American entertainer

British Naturalists' Association

Get involved with a small group of members who undertake to work on the canal side, and in local Wildlife Trust Reserves. We record insects from butterfly counts and moth trapping, to live trapping small mammals and recording their details. All our records are sent to national and county biological recorders. We do not get involved with the practical maintenance of any of the sites we work on. We are budding and experienced naturalists' all keen to learn from each other. We have our own collecting equipment; nets and live traps etc. We each commit a few hours each month to our hobby, which is enjoyable and rewarding, we all have varying degrees of fitness, and can normally accommodate most people.

Join us on occasional visits to places out of our local area; Donna Nook Seal Colony; Gibraltar Point Nature Reserve, Skegness; the Wildflower Centre near Nottingham and others.

We usually car share and take packed lunches if needed. If you would like to spend a few enjoyable hours out with new friends do join us:

Membership of the BNA is £15 per annum for senior citizens, and £4 for additional members at the same address. Standard Membership is £20, and £4 for additional members at the same address. Please Contact us at: (01777) 7948 369 or email: drrobert.tansey@talktalk.net

Robert Tansey

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Pisa; science – and image editing!

A recent trip to Northern Italy provided an opportunity to revisit Pisa, one of Tuscany's famous cities (Tuscany's name remembers the pre-Roman civilisation of the Etruscans – but that's another story!)

The city itself is of very ancient origins – at least the fifth century BC according to recent archaeological finds but visitors usually flock to its so-called *Piazza dei Miracoli* (Miracle Square) – a name only given in the early 20th century to what is officially *Piazza dei Duomo* or Cathedral Square. Here we find the cathedral (*Duomo*) itself and Baptistery of St. John (*Battistero di San Giovanni*) together with the bell tower – the world-famous 'leaning tower'. The tower was started in 1173 and only completed in 1372 but its lean began almost immediately construction started due to the alluvial nature of Pisa's subsurface. Close examination of its appearance reveals how successive sections were constructed to try to counteract the lean. However, this progressively increased to a dangerous 5.5° by 1990 after which it was closed to the public. Foundations strengthening allowed re-opened in 2001 with its lean corrected to 3.99° which had been its 1838 value. Engineers say this recent work should be good for at least another two centuries.

Pisa is famous for its leaning tower but is also remembered for one of its most illustrious sons, Galileo Gallilei (1564-1642). His contributions are recognised world-wide for developments of the sciences, engineering, time keeping... the list goes on, but the most famous is most likely to be a thought experiment rather than a real physical test. In this, Galileo is said to have shown in experiments between 1589-1592 how two objects of similar size but greatly different weights were dropped from the tower and seen to hit the ground simultaneously. This contradicted the commonly believed theory of gravity held at the time that originated with Aristotle which stated that heavier objects fall faster than lighter ones. These experiments would ultimately lead to Isaac Newton's 'laws of gravity'.

Galileo's thought experiments were published as fact in Galileo's pupil Vincenzo Viviani's biography composed in 1654 and published in 1717. This has gone down as fact in many sources but we need to remember that a similar experiment was conducted some years earlier in Delft in the Netherlands, by the mathematician and physicist Simon Stevin and Jan Cornets de Groot from the top of the Nieuwe Kerk which was published in 1586 – before Galileo's reputed experiments!

Current visitors, however, will quickly realise that modern photography demands much creative ability; compositions such as this were taking place everywhere...

Well, to be honest, this was an edited version made up of two images – the tower and also your editor's wife taken elsewhere – which were then combined using our open source image editor, Gimp.



This leads us neatly into a Clarborough & Welham IT Group note regarding a potential new course that could be starting in January 2019 with a specific focus on digital image editing.



Another example of a potential area of interest, beyond the simple editing of camera images such as cropping, colour and exposure correction, sharpening, etc. is that of colourising black-and-white images. This facility, as shown in the examples below, can be a really powerful way to bring out the personality of old photos...



This image actually dates from around 1910. The editing process probably took about 15 minutes using Gimp.

Clarborough & Welham IT Group hopes to launch a five-week digital image editing course in January 2019. This will take place in Clarborough Village Hall from 19:00-20:30 on Friday evenings, starting on 4th January and will cost just £30. It will be primarily aimed at Windows 10 users since our IT Group laptops will be available for anyone who doesn't bring their own. However, Gimp is available for Apple Mac and also Linux users, so the sessions will be suitable for those too.

The sessions will begin with installation of Gimp if you don't already have it (go to www.gimp.org to download your own, free, copy). Broad outlines of sessions are as follows although, as with our usual IT Group classes, 'gardeners question time' sessions open classes, so 'students' have considerable control over session contents:

1. Gimp installation. Getting images off camera/phones and onto computers; basic filing system organisation and storage approaches. File types, properties and conversions. Recommended reference sources.
2. First steps in editing; cropping, sharpening, exposure correction.
3. Colouring monochrome images as examples above.
4. Printing images; advice on commercial vs home printing and why inkjet printers are uneconomical
5. Session reserved for members suggestions although preliminary thoughts look forward to possible later sessions dealing with online book production.

Reservations must be made before 16th December to enable Hall bookings, so get in touch with Greg on (01777) 700 918 or clarboroughwelham@gmail.com to reserve your place!

Regular classes continue on Tuesdays (13:30-15:00) and Wednesdays (10:00-11:30) at just £20 for 5-weeks starting again w/c 12th November and w/c 7th January 2019.



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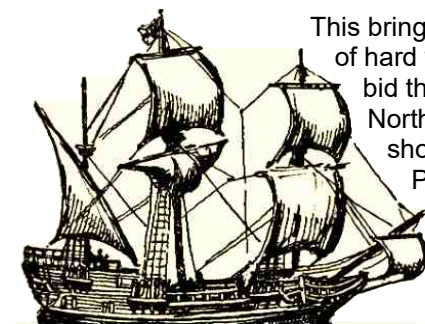
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Over 400 Years in the Making: Heritage Lottery Fund helps tell the Pilgrim Roots Story

More than 400 years after the Pilgrim Leaders, William Bradford and William Brewster, escaped religious persecution in Bassetlaw and began their arduous journey to the New World, the origins of their story will be retold, thanks to a National Lottery grant, awarded through the Heritage Lottery Fund. (HLF).

HLF East Midlands have approved the Pilgrim Roots project, which will see £776,000 worth of investment into the Roots area (North Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and West Lindsey). HLF have committed almost £450,000 to the total sum.



This brings to fruition four years of hard work, putting together a bid that will really enable North Nottinghamshire to shout about our famous Pilgrim ancestors and position Bassetlaw at the forefront of commemorative plans for 2020, which is the 400th

anniversary of the Mayflower reaching America. What does this mean for North Nottinghamshire?

A state of the art Pilgrims Gallery at Bassetlaw Museum in Retford that will be interesting, educational and fun, giving families an opportunity to find out more about William Brewster of Scrooby, William Bradford from Austerfield, and the other familiar names including Clifton, Smyth, Robinson and Carver who are all associated with this area as well as the views of the native Americans they encountered in the New World.

An enhanced Pilgrims Trail with new interpretation boards at eight key sites that each have their own stories to tell, underpinned by a dedicated new website containing information on history, ancestry, news and events. The funding will also allow Bassetlaw District Council to employ two new members of staff for a three-year period to tell the story of how the Pilgrims' Journey began.

The Heritage Engagement Officer will visit schools and groups across the Roots area equipped with dressing up costumes, learning boxes and lesson programmes to increase knowledge and pride in our ownership of the Separatist part of the Mayflower story.

The Heritage Support Officer will act as an intermediary, working with tour operators and individual visitors to ensure churches are open, tour guides organised, transport arranged and hotel and restaurant facilities booked.

Commenting on the difference the Heritage Lottery Grant will make, Cllr Jo White, Deputy Leader at Bassetlaw District Council said:

'We are absolutely thrilled to receive this funding. At last we will have a fully staffed Gallery dedicated to the Pilgrim story, from where we can signpost visitors around Retford on a mini-Pilgrim trail including St Swithun's and the

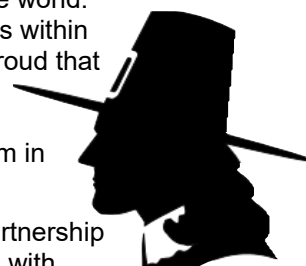
Pilgrim Room at Retford Hub and then on to the surrounding villages where our Pilgrims lived and worshipped. This visitor experience is going to be greatly improved and will be a positive impact on our local economy. It will attract many new visitors to our area and gives US descendants who have previously visited a reason to return.'

Jonathan Platt, Head of HLF East Midlands, said: 'We are delighted to support this project that will resonate with visitors from both sides of the Atlantic, making Bassetlaw a prime destination as the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower approaches, and it is the generosity of National Lottery players that is helping to make this possible.'

A year-long calendar of events had been planned to coincide with the Mayflower 400 commemorative year, starting with Illuminate in November 2019 in Retford and ending with a headline Illuminate event in 2020. These events are part of the national Mayflower 400 Compact partnership led by Destination Plymouth. However, HLF funding enables the calendar to extend to an 18-month period as it will begin with the opening of the Pilgrims Gallery in Retford in Spring 2019 followed by the official launch of the Pilgrims Trail in Summer 2019. Other activities include a lecture series, festivals, touring exhibitions, photography and short story competitions, music and drama.

John Mann, Member of Parliament for Bassetlaw and Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Mayflower Pilgrims said:

'Thanks to HLF for recognizing Bassetlaw as this small fragment of England where values of liberty, justice and tolerance have spread across the world. These values are intrinsic themes within the Pilgrim Roots bid and I am proud that HLF share my confidence in our ability to tell this story on a local, national and international platform in 2020'.



The Pilgrim Roots project is a partnership led by Bassetlaw District Council with support from West Lindsey District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Bassetlaw Christian Heritage and the University of Lincoln. The project will run from September 2018 until September 2021.

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Jonathan Brassington
Policy & Communications Manager
Bassetlaw District Council

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.***

***The Ode to Remembrance from For the Fallen by
Robert Laurence Binyon (Verse 4)***



Clarborough & District WI

The highlight of our summer was the trip to Yorkshire Lavender in August when over 40 members and friends enjoyed good food, an amusing presentation about growing different types of lavender and the development of the business in the Howardian Hills. Many of the group came away with ideas for using lavender in the garden and in recipes.

The weather has been perfect for our season of summer strolls. A small but select group of ladies enjoyed evening walks on Mondays through July and August. It was great to watch the changes in the countryside as the season progressed, whilst enjoying gentle exercise and good company.

Our programme secretary works really hard to bring us a wide variety of speakers and the autumn meetings reflect exactly that. Formal meetings began in September with a talk on Doddington Hall. This stately home, not that far away, has a fascinating history and beautiful gardens. Many members have been inspired to visit.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to a visit from Clive Rudd in October. Clive promises an evening of live music and stories from the 50s, 60s and 70s. This will be a real trip down Memory Lane.

We should all look particularly glamorous this winter as the speaker at the November meeting will teach us how to use colour to complement and enhance our appearance. Don't buy your party outfits until you've heard this!

The meetings all take place on the second Monday of the month and visitors are always welcome. There is a small fee of £4 which includes light refreshments.

November also sees the commemorative events to mark the end of the Great War in 1918. The WI will be helping with the displays in the church and will also be serving refreshments in the village hall after the tree planting on November 11th.

There is no meeting in December, but instead the WI will be organising the Parish Christmas Party on Monday December 10th in the Village Hall. Please read more about this fantastic event in the separate article on page 4. For more information about our activities visit our facebook page, email clarbdiswi@hotmail.com or phone (01777) 949 847.

Lois Chell

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"Do you love Game of Thrones? Drawn to the intrigue and mystery of politics? Fancy yourself as the next Prime Minister? What better place to cut your teeth than Clarborough and Welham Parish Council?

But seriously, the number of councillors is on the wane and we would love applicants to join up and help steer the future of our villages.

Anyone tempted...? Do get in touch or attend our next meeting at Clarborough Village Hall on Monday 19th November to see what it's all about"

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Bassetlaw District Councillor Kath Sutton



First of all the new law concerning the collection of dog faeces began on September 1st this year, which 82% of you agreed with. See page 5 for more on this topic.

At the Bassetlaw Parish Forum in July there was a report from Barnsley Premier Leisure who run the leisure centre and they discussed the number of groups they organise linked with the local doctors surgeries, such as:

- Self referral and GP referral where programs are tailored to individual needs,
- the senior circuits sessions where there is a low impact programme, and the cardiac rehabilitation groups which you attend by referral.

There are chair based exercises now at Clarborough Village Hall – see below, opposite, and page 23 for timings. A talk was given on dementia where many facts were given about the various causes and the best way to treat one who is suffering. Local support can be gained from: *Bygone Tearooms* at the Museum, *Forget Me Not* Sessions at Tuxford and from the Well, Retford. These meetings might be of interest to someone who would appreciate some help.

Bassetlaw District Council stated that the local plan update is on the website.

As I'm sure you are aware Notts County Council are proposing a unitary authority which will be a lengthy process, and of course has been considered before. BDC has expressed its disapproval, but there will be much discussion with different agencies before a decision is made.

Town centre events are now organised through North Notts Business Improvement District and they have chosen an outside professional body to ensure high quality events. So, for example the Christmas Lights event should meet with more approval than it has on some occasions in the past.

Bulk Waste Collection is to be cheaper from 1st October. The 1st item is at £12.50, and subsequent items are £9.50 each. This is because it was discovered that other areas tended to be a little cheaper than our previous rates and it is hoped that the new rates will deter fly tipping.

There is an options appraisal taking place on the future of the derelict St Albans Church.

Because of changes in the National Planning Policy Framework more guidance will be given to parishes on how their neighbourhood plan might need to change to comply with the revised policy. BDC are arranging a series of meetings.

Much information was also given at the Rural Conference in early September, where a presentation was given concerning the Pilgrim Fathers. There have been lead-up events each year for the last 3 years and there will be more this year, as 2020 is the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers. One comment which excited me was that the Chair of the Pilgrim Fathers Association

referred to the Clarborough links previously reported in the Summer 2017 issue of this Newsletter. BDC will work with any groups who wish to be involved in an event so perhaps some of our local organisations might be interested.

There was also a talk from the Chair of Torworth Parish Council about the 2 Parish Wardens they employ to help with odd jobs round the villages, which I know are going to be considered for our situation soon.

Community Road Safety was also presented but it does require a number of dedicated villagers who have the time to regularly assist at peak speeding times.

BDC reminded the groups present that they hold what is called the Bassetlaw Conversation where officers will attend any community event to engage with people and hear their concerns. So if any of you are planning an event and would like such an input please get in touch.

Next time you are considering getting rid of some of your unwanted goods, could I ask that you consider first of all whether they have any working life left in them? In conversation, on a few occasions, with Mrs Barbara Rose from The Well Retford, working with Christians against Poverty, she has reminded me of how desperate some of her clients are for the most basic items. So if you are refurbishing in any way please check with Barbara in case you can be of assistance. Tel: (01777) 704 435 Alternatively have you any garage space which she could use to store such items?

As always do remember that I am available to share your concerns: Tel: 01777 709 034

Kath

Senior chair-based Exercise Class

A senior chair based exercise class to aid fitness and mobility takes place at Clarborough Village Hall on Tuesdays from 10 until 11 then followed by free refreshments of biscuits, coffee or tea and a chat to 11:30. The sessions are run by Steve Bell who is a qualified level 2 chair based exercise coach with over 10 years experience and assisted by Sarah Bennett. If you want to have fun and a laugh and keep fit and mobile come along and give it a go; cost is just £3.50 per session. For more information call Steve Bell on 07938850706 or email steve.r.bell@sky.com.

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Nottinghamshire County Councillor Tracey Taylor

So here at last the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" (with thanks to John Keats); and coming on the heels of the most glorious summer. A reflective time; and particularly so this year as we mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.



Communities across Nottinghamshire have been holding events to commemorate this anniversary and I've been privileged to attend some of those, most recently the unveiling of the memorial plaque in Worksop recognising the Victoria Cross awarded to Sgt William Johnson; just one of a national series of permanent memorials. The County and City Councils together are building a memorial on the banks of the river Trent

recording the names of men and women who served in a Nottinghamshire Roll of Honour. The Retford branch of the Royal British Legion has organised the installation of a commemorative bench in Retford and a new wall hanging at the Bassetlaw Museum, both unveiled in October; please take the time to enjoy these wonderful local acknowledgements of the service given by so many.

Regular Council business recently has included two major strands that may have significance locally: Firstly NCC's response to a Government consultation on how to handle planning applications for shale gas exploration; this in two parts: should such exploration be covered under "permitted development rights"? and should such applications be handled nationally (rather than locally) through the NSIPs (national strategic infrastructure projects) scheme? NCC planning officers crafted a comprehensive response to the consultation. It made the reasoned case against either of these scenarios, recommending that such decisions should be made at a local level. This response was unanimously supported by both the Planning Committee and the Full Council.

Second is the possibility of local government reorganisation in Nottinghamshire. This comes from a resolution by NCC (in response to financial constraints for all councils) to explore a business case for moving to single tier governance in the county area. That could lead to the closure of both the County and District council tiers (where each deliver just some services) to create a single tier delivering all services. There has been a lot in the local press already about this; mostly speculation, as no case has yet been put; but this conversation is likely to run for some months to come. Government has made it clear that any proposal must show clear evidence of real cost savings and secure service provision, that the views of residents are sought and that current geographical boundaries will be retained. NCC undertook consultation with residents throughout October, and a report will go to Council by the end of the year. I remain in regular contact with the parish councils and I will keep residents informed when there is a business case to consider.

As we head towards the close of the year, I wish you all season's greetings, good health and happiness. I'm looking forward to a busy 2019; please feel free to contact me to discuss your plans and community projects and to raise any concerns that you may have.

With very best wishes.

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IT Group Laptops for sale

Some of Clarborough & Welham IT Group's **Windows 10** laptops are surplus to requirements because many folks now bring their own laptops to classes.

These **Windows 10 laptops** have been updated and security checked during August 2018. They all come with a full suite of open-source (free) applications that include: **Apache OpenOffice**: used to produce Clarborough & Welham Newsletter. It contains all of the components found in Microsoft Office and can read and write Microsoft-format files.

Gimp: the image editing application, equivalent to Adobe Photoshop Professional.

Free security applications including antivirus, anti-malware and disc-tidying utilities.

So, if you are interested, come along to one of our classes or to the Christmas Tree lighting on 5th December to give these machines a bit of hands on testing. At just £200 (or £175 for one without a CD/DVD drive) these are a really cool pre-Christmas snip!

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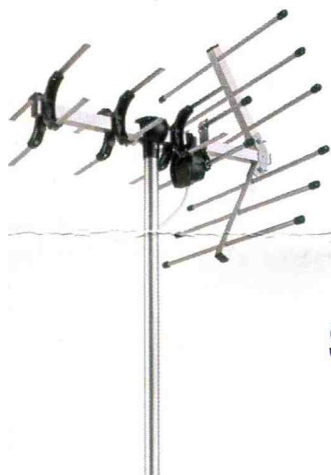
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Want to show off your language skills – or, like your editor, are all-to-aware that yours are seriously lacking? Recent sessions of Clarborough & Welham IT Group have explored the wonderfully easy ways to translate between languages, something that can also be useful when searching the web and finding material in foreign tongues.

Google Translate is easily accessed on the internet – just pop those two words into your browser's search window. What pops up is the extremely basic version shown below:



However, clicking on the link at the bottom of this image opens up a much more useful version shown at the top of the next column.

You can either type directly into the left-hand box or, very usefully, copy-and-paste from another document, or even enter the website address of something you want

translated.



Once that is done, the application will either try to identify the language of your entered document – usually very quickly and successful – or you can use the drop-down menu above the box to confirm the language.

The right-hand box will show the translated result and, again extremely usefully, you can either leave it to sense the language you have defined for your computer (English I assume!) or you can choose another language.

This latter approach has been used by at least one member of our groups who has friends in Portugal, Germany and Norway. He will be writing a much more extensive Christmas letter this year and then translating it into these three languages to impress his overseas friends!

This sort of Artificial Intelligence (AI) translation used to be quite crude and notoriously unidiomatic, but over recent years the system has been radically improved, learning both word translation *and* idiom/syntax so that it is now really good. Google's project was based on millions of documents housed at the United Nations.

Editor

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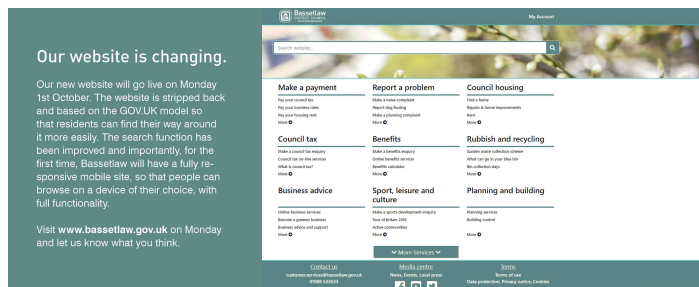
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Bassetlaw District Council's website updated and mobile

By the time you read this note, Bassetlaw District council's website will have been completely restructured to make it easier to navigate and also suitable for access by your mobile devices.



The website is stripped back and based on the GOV.UK model so that residents can find their way round more easily.

The search function has been improved and importantly, for the first time, Bassetlaw will have a full responsive mobile site, so that people can browse on a device of their choice with full functionality.

To get a feel for this new service, go to www.bassetlaw.gov.uk. Your council is also keen to get your feedback on this new site.

To use the site you will need to have created an account – if you haven't done that yet, go to *My Account* at top right of their home page.

Editor

For Bravery in the Field

Local researcher, historian and author, Harry Foxley, will be giving a talk on World War 1. The talk, at Retford Library, will be on:

Thursday 8th November 2018 at 19:00

Harry Foxley will share information from his latest book, *For Bravery in the Field* describing some of the action and circumstances which characterized trench warfare along the Western Front 1914-1918. It will reveal stories of gallantry which resulted in medals for heroism above and beyond the call of duty. Such medals were awarded to 100 men from Retford and the surrounding area who were serving with the Royal Navy and British Army.

£1.00 to include refreshments.

Booking is essential so please telephone 01777 708 724 or email retford.library@inspireculture.org.uk to reserve your place

Open Source Software

One of the off-putting aspects of owning a computer is the cost associated with the applications (*apps* to geeks) that need to be added to make them usable. Adding an office suite (word processor, spreadsheet, presentation...etc) and possibly an image editor can quite easily double the cost of the machine.

Open source software is produced by global volunteer-led organisations and, crucially for us, at **no cost** to the end user! This is the basis of classes at Clarbrough & Welham IT Group – so get in touch to learn more!

Editor

Law-and-Order: Fireworks

PCSO, Dave Airey's monthly *Police Report* can be read in full on our community website: (www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk). Here we copy his notes about possession and use of fireworks:



As another year draws to a close and Halloween/ Mischievous Night and Bonfire Night approaches, it would be a good time to remind everyone of the rules and regulations associated with the use and possession of fireworks. Every year the Police get numerous complaints about the misuse of fireworks and, as we know, people are still maimed and killed by their misuse.

On the flipside, for this beat area, over the last few years we have received very few complaints relating to the use and abuse of fireworks. 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 23:00 and 07:00 with the following exceptions:

- (a) Chinese New Year 01:00 (the following day) to 07:00.
- (b) 5th November 12 midnight to 07:00.
- (c) Diwali 01:00 (the following day) to 07:00
- (d) 31st 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 31st December.

3 weeks before and 5 days after the 5th November.

Best Regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey



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Lions Award for a young person

Many young people do a lot to benefit their community or help others, but their efforts often go unrewarded. Every year Retford Lions Club makes a valuable award to one such person aged between 15 and 18 years old. They are now looking for candidates. The person chosen will be offered a place next summer at a youth centre of their choice run by Lions abroad where they will enjoy a wide range of exciting activities in the company of young people from other countries. In recent years people chosen have attended centres in Finland, France, Denmark and Switzerland and most have also enjoyed living with a family there for a week or two to learn more about local culture.



One commented, 'It was a wonderful experience. I stayed with two very different but really kind host families. They showed me many things about their country and introduced me to lots of their food and drink. The youth centre was amazing. Everyone was really welcoming and friendly and we all got on well. We went on a lot of excursions and I enjoyed every single one of them.'

If you know someone who may be eligible, or if you would like to apply yourself, please contact Bruce Barnett on 01777 704 154 for further details and an application form. But hurry! The closing date for applications is Wednesday 7th November.

Bassetlaw Museum Awards

Our Education and Outreach Officer, Katherine Ashton gone to pastures new at the National Trust. Katherine left us with a parting gift, thanks to her hard work we have now achieved **the Sandford Award**. The Sandford Award is an independently judged, quality assured assessment of education programmes at heritage sites, museums, archives and collections across the British Isles. Bassetlaw Museum took part in the Sandford Cascade which came with a grant of £1000. This was used to create a new learning session based on Prehistoric Britain.

More good news has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Thank you Lottery Players! A grant has been given to make the former Tourist Information Centre into a new gallery telling the story the Mayflower Pilgrim whose struggle for

religious freedom had such a profound impact on the history of America.

Christmas at the Museum

Well, time has flown again and Christmas is just round the corner. Bassetlaw Museum will be opening for the Christmas Lights Switch on in Retford on Sunday 25th November from 12:00 to 18:00. The museum will be lavishly decorated with a different theme or period in each room (Eat your heart out, Chatsworth!) If anyone has any spare Christmas decorations, please can we have first refusal? We are also taking part in St. Swithun's Christmas tree festival, The Grove star festival in Retford and Worksop Priory Christmas Tree Festival. Look out for our displays!



The Christmas Crank-Up will take place on Saturday 8th December. Friends are manning the tea stall so please come along and help. There will be hand bell ringers, carols singers, mummers play, children's activity and, not to be missed, best decorated vintage tractor. Explore the house and become a Christmas Time Traveller.

Tour and Tea!

Another new Friends initiative is Tour and Tea. Our veteran tour guide, Derek Taylor, will explain the history of this beautiful building, unlock a secret or two and share anecdotes of modern day museum goings on. A cuppa and a cake round off the afternoon. People on the tour will be given an envelope inviting them to pay as much as they like with proceeds to the Friends of Bassetlaw Museum!

Volunteers are needed to serve tea and coffee and donations of cake would be welcome. This will not be too arduous as places on the tour are limited to 10 and booking is essential. The pilot tour will take place on 29th November at 14:00. It is hoped to offer the tours on the last Thursday of the month from February 2019.

Sam Glasswell
Curator, Bassetlaw Museum

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Local support for LNER funding bid for Retford Railway Station

Representatives of some of the many local organisations supporting the LNER bid for funding to improve access to platform 3 at Retford Station gathered on Friday 29th September to demonstrate the current difficulties.

Attendees included Tim Hedley-Jones and Maxine Joicey (LNER), Cllr Mick Storey (Retford Mayor), Cllrs David Pidwell and Carolyn Troop (Bassetlaw District Council), Rick Brand (North Notts & Lincs Community Rail Partnership), Pam Barnsdale (Retford Civic Society), Cllr Keith Panter (Gainsborough Deputy Mayor), Bob Fleming (Bassetlaw Railway Society), Victoria Feddersen and Alison Beevers (The Friends of St Giles School), and John Battersby (Retford Lions).

Platform 3 at Retford station is where the trains to Sheffield and Leeds (via Northern) arrive from Lincoln on the East/West line. At the moment, anyone with restricted mobility or difficulties climbing stairs, including those with heavy luggage, pushchairs, etc or those in wheelchairs, need to summon a member of staff to come from the station office on platform 1, and arrange for them to cross the line on the barrow crossing. The staff member has to contact the signal box and block the line in both directions, then supervise the passenger across the tracks before re-opening the line. All of this takes time and is inconvenient to both passengers and staff.

The Bassetlaw Area Group of North Notts & Lincs Community Rail Partnership (NNLCRP) has been campaigning to have government funds allocated to providing improved access at platform 3 since its first meeting in 2016. The favoured solution is to install a new lift on platform 3, and this project has previously been specified and costed, so it is a 'ready to go' solution. LNER has agreed to lead on the current bid to the government's "Step-Free Station" initiative as part of the Access for All programme.

LNER is currently seeking support from organisations working in the public, private and community sectors. All letters of support need to be received by LNER by Friday 9th November to allow for submission to the Department for Transport by the end of the following week. Please send any letters of support for this funding bid to tim.hedley-jones@lner.co.uk.

Tim Hedley-Jones, who is LNER Major Projects Director, said "It is the last platform at any station served by LNER services between London and Edinburgh that does not have modern level access provided by a lift. It will make a significant contribution to the improvement of accessibility for the town, the Nottinghamshire region and the East Coast Main Line (ECML) route as a whole."

David Pidwell, Cabinet Member for Transport at Bassetlaw District Council, said "Retford Railway Station is a vital transport hub for the Bassetlaw district, and the wider region. By improving access to platform 3, many more residents will be able to use the station for both work and leisure travel."

Rick Brand, Vice Chair of NNLCRP and Chair of the Bassetlaw Area Group said "NNLCRP has worked with LNER and Northern to support the increased levels of



[Above] Rick Brand struggles with his luggage across platform 3's barrow crossing.

service coming into operation in 2019 and 2020.


Improvements to the station environment planned with LNER, especially platform 3, will increasingly help Retford to become a travel destination of choice."

NNLCRP is looking for a Community Rail Partnership Officer. This is a paid post, which is currently part time, working across all 11 stations within the NNLCRP area which reaches from Lincoln and Barnetby to Shireoaks. Details are available at <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-council/jobs/view-all-wldc-job-vacancies/>

Editor's note: We have already submitted a letter of support for this project to Tim Hedley-Jones.

Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs the Panto!

by David Crump and Paul Simcock



Retford Amateur Operatic Society

5th – 9th December 2018
Retford Little Theatre. RAOS Box Office: 07845 116 698

Local Contacts

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Alzheimer's Society 01909 730 886
 (Bassetlaw Dementia Support Service)
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Anglian Water 0800 771 881
 (report leaks or other service issues)
Bassetlaw Action Centre (01777) 709 650
enquiries@bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk
Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group
 (01777) 863 288
Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service (BCVS)
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Bassetlaw District Council 01909 533 533
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clarbdiswi@hotmail.com 07967 191 007
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Environment Agency (water pollution) 0800 80 70 60
Emergency Services (all) **999**
Fire Brigade (emergency) **999**
Food Bank (Retford - The Well) (01777) 702 344
Gas Leak? Call National Grid immediately: 0800 111 999
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 Crown House (01777) 703 672
 Riverside (01777) 713 330
Healthwatch Nottinghamshire 0115 963 5179
Idle Valley Nature Reserve (01777) 858 245
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archives@inspireculture.org.uk
Nottinghamshire County Council 0300 500 80 80
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 0115 8043 177 cllr.tracey.taylor@nottsc.gov.uk
Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner
 General enquiries 0115 9670 999 Ext. 801 2005
Nottinghamshire Womens' Aid 01909 533 610
PCSO Dave Airey 07525 226 838
(non-urgent, for information only)
Police (non-emergency 'official' contacts) **101**
 (be prepared to give county and other location details)
Police (emergency) **Always 999**

Retford Bus Station – only via Notts. County Council!
Retford Carers Support Group 07793 268 235
Retford Leisure Centre (01777) 706 500
Retford Library (01777) 708 724
retford.library@inspireculture.org.uk
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Village Hall Bookings

Looking for a modern, accessible, attractive venue for your birthday party or family gathering? Look no further!

Clarborough Village Hall's entrance is directly opposite the Kings Arms pub on the A620. A spacious car park is to the rear of the building – follow the sign on the entrance drive.

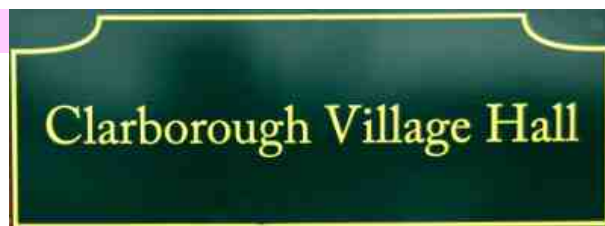


The Village Hall itself provides a spacious hall, adjoining function room, modern kitchen, a small bar/kitchen, toilet facilities with baby changing and disabled access and toilet. The building has been subject to ongoing upgrade with, most recently, a completely refurbished floor to the main hall – see above. We have slots available for children's parties and other such events at weekends, so why not get in touch! Our rates are surprisingly reasonable - £12.50 per hour for casual hire and an amazing £40.00 for 4 hours for a children's party booking. This usually allows 1 hour setup, 2 hours for the party and 1 hour for tidying up.

Please feel free to contact us on 07530 532 185 or email us on clarboroughvillagehall@gmail.com

Clarborough Village Hall

Clarborough Village Hall is managed by Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA). Our Hall has been substantially refurbished recently to a high standard (see facing page) and is also base for our community Post Office.



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

	Post Office	Morning	Mid-day	Afternoon	Evening	Parish Council
Monday	9:00-12:30 (Halford Room)	10:00-12:00 <i>Table Tennis</i>		14:00-16:00 <i>Indoor Bowls</i>	19:00-21:30 <i>W.I.</i> (Every second Monday of the month)	19:00-22:00 <i>Parish Council</i> meetings as posted on notice boards and community website Also see page 24
Tuesday	9:00-12:30 (Halford Room)	10:00-11:30 <i>Chair-based exercise</i>		13:30-15:00 <i>I.T.group</i> (Both rooms) School term time only	17:30-18:30 <i>Pilates</i> 19:00-21:00 <i>Table Tennis</i>	
Wednesday	13:30-17:00 (Halford Room)	10:00-11:30 <i>I.T.group</i> (Both rooms) School term time only		14:00-16:00 <i>Retford U3A</i> <i>Table Tennis</i>		
Thursday	Closed	9:30-10:30 <i>Pound cardio workout</i>			17:00-18:00 <i>Beavers</i> 18:00-19:30 <i>Cubs</i> 19:30-21:00 <i>Scouts Explorers</i> (School term time only)	
Friday	9:00-12:30 (Halford Room)	10:00-12:00 <i>Table Tennis</i>	12:00-16:00 <i>Hall Maintenance</i>		17:30-18:30 <i>Pilates</i> 19:00-20:30 <i>Digital Images</i>	
Saturday	Closed	9:30-12:00 <i>Table Top Sale</i> (1 st Saturday of each month)				
Sunday	Closed					

Please contact **07530 532 185** (phone or text) or e-mail clarboroughvillagehall@gmail.com for any enquiries or bookings.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is the largest voluntary organisation the UK and is operated worldwide. Its aim is to help reduce crime and to reduce the fear of crime which many people have. These people are usually those most vulnerable in our society. To do this Neighbourhood Watch encourages everyone to develop a better community spirit and engage in a wider communication with everyone in their area.

Crime has changed and currently the Home Office and Police concerns are related to Scams, Domestic Abuse, Serious Violence (including knife crime), Modern Slavery, Terrorism, Child Sexual Exploitation, and Loneliness & Vulnerability.

Loneliness is clearly not a crime but is a problem that has been identified by the government as increasing people's risk of falling victim to crime – particularly older people – hence its inclusion.

By providing street signs and house stickers a community can openly display its intention to reduce crime and immediately report suspicious activities in its area, therefore reducing the potential for crime to take place.

Nottinghamshire County Neighbourhood Watch is known (obviously!) as NottsWatch. To find out more or to get involved, go to their website: www.nottswatch.co.uk

If you want to keep up-to-date on local crime issues, then the e-mail system run by the police through their East Bassetlaw community website is just the job...

Neighbourhood Alert Keep up-to-date about local crime

This system, which your editor has been using for many years, is an e-mail system by which police and other organisations keep us informed of local crimes, scams and related matters.

The system can be configured so that issues relating to the whole area can be restricted to only cover our own, chosen, local 'patch'.

The system does pull in issues from much wider areas, however, such as those relating to online scams and such like since they will apply to anyone, in any area. On the other hand, the limited area option can be useful when it reports such things as vehicle thefts or house break-ins; this can be a real wake-up call when we realise these things may have happened in the next village – or just around the corner!

To sign-up for this service – which is completely free – go to the East Bassetlaw Community website: www.eastbassetlawcommunity.co.uk

The **Join Here** button is clearly shown at top left of their homepage.

You can tweak the communication settings too – prefer text Alerts rather than e-mail, just go to the **Message Settings** button at the top right of the homepage.

Editor



Patients Staying Well Programme

The Staying Well Expert Patients Programme is a 6 week **FREE chronic disease self-management course** (CDSMC), a government initiative to help people living with long term conditions maintain their health and improve their quality of life through a self management course led by someone else with a long term health condition.

Currently, dates/times are:

5th November 09:30-12:00 or 19:00-21:30

9th January, 2019 at 09:30-12:00.

To book onto one of our courses please ring Bassetlaw Action Centre on 01777 709 650.

Dates for your Diary

5th November: Nottinghamshire schools re-open

10-11th November: Parish Remembrance activities

17th-25th November: Retford's Pilgrims Festival

25th November: Retford Christmas Market

5th December: Clarborough Christmas Tree Lighting

10th December: Parish Senior Citizens Party

21st December: Nottinghamshire Schools end-of-term

7th January, 2019: Nottinghamshire Schools re-open

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

19th November

17th December

14th January 2019

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, 2019.

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