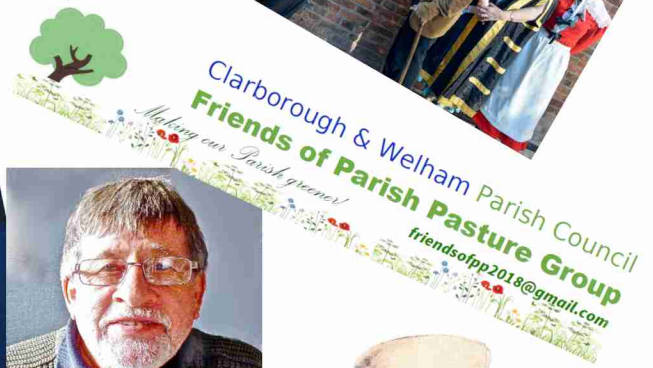


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## From the Editor

### Quick solutions – use your community website!

In a hurry but want some key information? Look no further than your community website: ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) which has more than two hundred pages linking to almost all public services as well as a huge array of third sector organisations and groups.

If your computer is on, simply do a Google search for **clarborough** - our website usually comes up just after Clarborough Primary School on the first page of Google hits. Just a few examples for starters...

Your latest, local, **weather forecast** is right near the top of the home page – just click on this to get the latest forecast.



PCSO Dave Airey's monthly Police Reports (**Law & Order ► Local Police Reports**).

The **Out-and-About** pages detail forthcoming events at **Retford Library, Retford Hub, Bassetlaw Museum** and others.

**Index** page has contact details (phone & email) for many local organisations such as schools, GP surgeries, etc.

Road works/closures across Nottinghamshire from the top of the **On the Road** page.

As this issue of Clarborough & Welham Newsletter shows, the Mayflower Pilgrims story is becoming really big around Retford. To get a better feel for the background history and how important the area has been both as far as UK history is concerned but also on the global scale go to our website's **Local History** pages.

Another very topical subject at this time of year is that of fireworks and the law. For PCSO Dave Airey's most recent summary of this, go to our **Law & Order ► Local Police Reports** and take a look at his **September 2019** report.

Local **job opportunities** are also posted on our site – click on this menu item on our home page.

The list goes on – just explore your community website to discover just how much is at your fingertips! Just type **clarborough** into a Google search or type the web address at the top of this article into the address bar at the top of your web browser.

### ...and a final thought, The Big Issue!

This publication, sold 'on the streets' by volunteers who buy copies from the Big Issue Foundation for £1.25 and sell them to the public for £2.50 is not only a great 'helping hand' to those with a will to work but struggling with social exclusion but also a stimulating read. Free from the news manipulation so prevalent in the wider press, your editor finds the Big Issues articles challenging and uplifting in their challenge to the way things are. Give it a try!



## Drivers Targeted With Fake Fines

Action Fraud have received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'.

Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card.

Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are shoulder surfed for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

### What you need to do

- If you are suspicious about the **authenticity** of the fine, do not pay it until you have **verified** it with your local council.
- Ask to see the 'officials' identity card.
- Always **shield your PIN** from view when using an ATM machine, and **never** share your PIN with anyone.
- If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank **immediately** to inform them.



**Illuminate 2019**

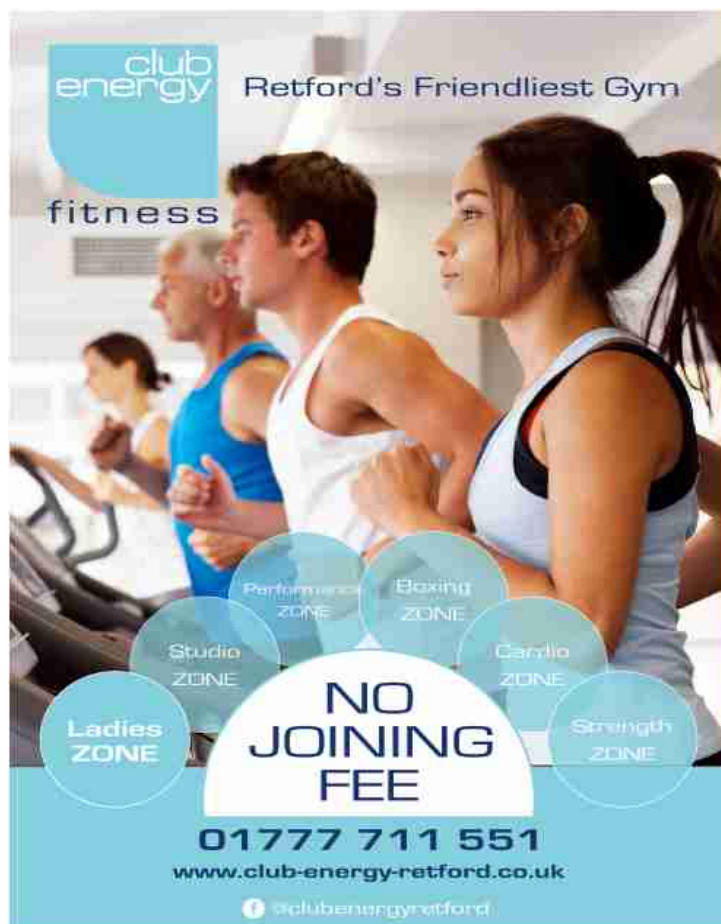
A dazzling display of lights will parade the town!

**Friday 22 November, 5.30pm**  
Carolgate to St Swithun's Church  
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DN22 6EB

Retford's Illuminate parade is one of six parades taking place across the Pilgrim Roots region

Join us as Illuminate parades take place across the country this November to start the 400th commemorative year of the sailing of the Mayflower

For more information visit:  
[www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com/events](http://www.bassetlawchristianheritage.com/events)  
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## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Needs You!

- Do you have a couple of spare hours per month?
- Do you want to be involved with your community?
- Do you want to help shape the villages?
- If yes, then apply to become a Parish Councillor.

Vacancies exist on the Parish council that may be filled by co-options.

If you would like to serve as a Councillor please apply by email to the Clerk (details below) providing brief background details and stating why you'd like to join the Council.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject, aged over 18 years and an elector, must reside in or within 3 miles of the Clarborough & Welham Parish boundary or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principle or only place of work there and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

If you require any further information, please contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs W.Davies:  
[clarandwelpc@yahoo.com](mailto:clarandwelpc@yahoo.com) or 01777 700 517

I am also sorry to inform you that Clarborough and Welham Parish Council will NOT be organising the Christmas tree lighting event this year. **Other organisations are looking into putting something else on for the children however there will not be any stalls required.** The reason for this decision is that the few councillors we have (there are vacancies – see above) are fully occupied dealing with other projects.

Phil Gibson (Parish Council chairman)

## Christmas is coming!



This year's **Parish Christmas Party** for senior citizens will take place on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 16:30 for 17:00 tea. If you are over 60 and live in the villages of Clarborough, Hayton or Welham you are eligible to join us for this annual shindig.

Guests enjoy a two course meal followed by coffee and entertainment and, if he's not too busy, Santa might drop in for a quick visit.

Please book your place by November 30<sup>th</sup>. You can do this by emailing [clarbdiswi@hotmail.com](mailto:clarbdiswi@hotmail.com) or phone 01777 949 847



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26<sup>th</sup> November Retford Town Hall FREE – see website for detail: <https://imaginationmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/retford-town-hall.php>

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## Nottinghamshire County Councillor Tracey Taylor



Council business paused during August as usual, but started back with a busy committee schedule. The Full Council meeting this month debated a number of matters which received almost unanimous cross-party support, including the overdue Green Paper on Health and Social Care, a raft of work to protect young people from criminal exploitation including County Lines, and

more work to develop electric vehicle technology and usage across Nottinghamshire.

I attended a number of events through September that celebrate Nottinghamshire's rich history and tell its modern story too. Residents from across the county attended the "Showcase Notts" event at County Hall mid-month. This included documents from the county's historical archives alongside displays for innovation and development of County assets, both buildings and open spaces, and information on the work of community and charitable groups. Many of the villages have hosted autumn fayres, and this year's Scrooby show saw the planting of the first "Pilgrim" apple tree, cultivated to mark next year's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mayflower sailing. The new Pilgrims' Gallery at Retford's Bassetlaw Museum opened too.

During October I have been busy at Youth Services events. I visited NCC's outdoor education centre at St Michael's in Hathersage to celebrate its achievement as the first to be awarded Ambassador Centre Status by the Peak District National Park. The centre has provided outdoor learning experiences to thousands of pupils since opening in 1985, including pupils from Clarbrough and neighbouring schools. The partnership with the National Park seeks to expand and enrich future opportunities. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October I attended the 45<sup>th</sup> annual "Shadow" night-time orienteering event in Sherwood Forest. This is run by youth centre staff and volunteers, and included around 200 participants from the county's youth centres and uniformed groups. Fortunately I was not in charge of plotting the routes!

November and December see awards ceremonies for the year's events. The 4Uth Awards recognise young people who have excelled in some way, maybe through personal achievement in sport and activities, or through overcoming adversity in their own life circumstances. And finally the Duke of Edinburgh and Shadow awards in December will recognise those young people who've succeeded in those organised schemes. I'm very proud of NCC's youth service

### Clarbrough Post Office closures for Christmas / New Year

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020

We will be open as normal on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and revert to our established schedule with effect from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

provision, and the young people who I meet at so many of these activities and events.

I close this time by wishing you all a restful Christmas and the very best for the New Year. My contact details are as previously, and I welcome hearing from you if you have any queries.

Email [cllr.tracey.taylor@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.tracey.taylor@nottsc.gov.uk)

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## Bassetlaw Action Centre needs volunteers

Bassetlaw Action Centre need volunteer Befrienders, Drivers, Minibus Drivers, MPV Drivers, Administrators and Staying Well Programme Tutors throughout the Bassetlaw District. If you enjoy meeting people and want to make a difference in your local community then our volunteering opportunities are available from just a few hours a week. You will receive full training for your new role and all expenses are paid.



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Anyone thinking about volunteering is welcome to talk to us first before filling out their application form to discuss the roles and decide which one would suit them best.

Volunteer expenses are paid across all of our volunteering roles on a monthly basis in line with HMRC guidelines. A small amount of paperwork needs to be submitted on a monthly basis but volunteers are supplied with the necessary paperwork and training to support this.

To find out more please contact us:

Telephone - 01777 709 650

Email - [enquiries@actioncentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@actioncentre.org.uk)

Website - [www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk](http://www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk)  
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## Mayflower 400 Pilgrims Festival in Retford

Thanks to funding from Arts Council England, Retford will see this year's Pilgrims Festival Illuminate Lantern Parade travel from outside Wilko's, along Carolgate, to the Market Square, starting at 17:30 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The parade will arrive at St Swithun's Parish Church at around 18:00 where there will be a light projection on the outside of the church and an event starting at 18:15, including performances by the acclaimed Rhubarb Theatre and the Songbirds choir, followed by the ever-popular '400' photograph in the churchyard and light refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome and advised to wear warm clothes – it is November after all!

This will be the fifth year that BCH will deliver events in Bassetlaw to commemorate the sailing of the Mayflower Pilgrim Families' journey to the New World, as part of the countdown to 2020, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are also events planned at Gainsborough on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, at Austerfield and Bawtry on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, and at Worksop on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

The ever popular Arts Exhibition at Babworth Church returns on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November featuring works inspired by the Mayflower Pilgrims Story and this year there will be additional talks on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00, when Diane Hemsley will give a talk on buttons and on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 15:00, Adrian Gray will give a talk on some perspectives from his new book arriving in 2020 – all are welcome – for further information:

[contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com](mailto:contact@bassetlawchristianheritage.com).

The Pilgrim Embroiderers will also be there. Refreshments will be available, and there will be some exciting new exhibits, and **entry is free!**

There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner, with entertainment, at Spencer's on the Square, in Retford, at 19:00 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November (Thanksgiving Day). If you are looking for an excuse for a good night out or a location for a work Christmas 'Do', contact 01777 800 230, or call in to book (£29.95).

BCH, Bassetlaw Christian Heritage, part of the Pilgrim Roots group, is organising this year's activities, supported by Arts Council England, the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham and individual Bassetlaw District Councillors. Visitor numbers to the area are already increasing, and are forecast to increase further, as 2020 grows closer. The story of the Mayflower Pilgrim families and their roots in the area in and around Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire, is becoming better known. It is hoped that more events and activities relating to this story will be developed, throughout next year.

To find out more about the story, please see [bassetlawchristianheritage.com](http://bassetlawchristianheritage.com), the Pilgrims Gallery in Bassetlaw Museum, Retford, the Pilgrims Museum at The Hub in Churchgate, Retford, and the Pilgrims Room at the United Reformed Church in Gainsborough.

**Rick Brand**  
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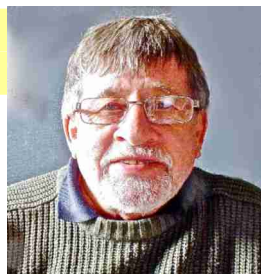
banks and in the fields. We run moth trapping evenings at the Drakeholes Canal Depot, we look out for signs of Otters on our lake and riverbanks, we listen for Tawny Owls, and can usually hear the

wonderful sounds of bats that live by our canals, and in the trees, on our bat recorders.

Whatever your interest, there's always something to see in the countryside.

If you would like to join me, either:

tel: **01777 948 369** or email me on: **drrobert.tansey@talktalk.net**



Dr. Robert Tansey



## Idle Valley Wildlife: What's On November - December 2019

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

#### Idle Valley Wildlife Watch Group: Winter Is Coming

Outdoor fun for 8-12 year olds. This month we will be looking at trees and their fruit. Meet at Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre. 10:30-12:30. £3 donation suggested, booking required.

**Contact:** Ros Schwarz [idlewatch@nottswt.co.uk](mailto:idlewatch@nottswt.co.uk)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

#### Idle Valley Bird Walk

Join local bird enthusiasts for a walk around Idle Valley Nature Reserve. 9:30-11:30. Please bring your binoculars and walking boots. Donation welcome.

**Contact:** Rural Learning Centre 01777 858 245  
[idlevalley@nottswt.co.uk](mailto:idlevalley@nottswt.co.uk)

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

#### Idle Valley Wildlife Watch Group: Cold Days

Outdoor fun for 8-12 year olds. This month will be about winter wildlife and seasonal activities. Meet at Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre. 10:30-12:30. £3 donation suggested, booking required.

**Contact:** Ros Schwarz [idlewatch@nottswt.co.uk](mailto:idlewatch@nottswt.co.uk)

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

#### Idle Valley Bird Walk

Join local bird enthusiasts for a walk around Idle Valley Nature Reserve. 9:30-11:30. Please bring your binoculars and walking boots. Donation welcome.

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## Welcome to Clarborough School

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the best they can be. Children are challenged to attain high standards and as staff we encourage this with a range of teaching styles that create an environment where children feel safe and valued. We work hard with our pupils to develop their skills of self-motivation, mutual respect, understanding and love of learning so that they are able to expand their knowledge of the ever-changing world.

We are very fortunate to have an amazing school building right at the heart of the village with large classrooms, a wonderful Foundation Stage unit and plenty of outside space to play.

Successful learning is about partnership and we see support from parents and carers as vital to ensure that children can gain the most they can from their time here.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported this year's Macmillan Coffee morning. Your kind donations of cakes, and the cakes and raffle tickets that you bought meant that we raised a massive **£470.46** for this very deserving charity. Congratulations to Lily T who won the amazing cake kindly donated by Donna at *Bake My Day* and also to Donna C who won Morrisons' hamper.

### Harvest Festival

It was great to see so many parents and carers in church for our Harvest Festival on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. The children performed excellently showcasing some harvest songs. We would like to thank Reverend Mark Cantrill for his part in making the afternoon such an enjoyable success.



We are also very grateful to our kind parents and carers for their incredibly generous donations for the Bassetlaw Food Bank. We sent 24 huge bags full of produce and 7 packs of nappies!

### Life at Clarborough

There's always plenty going on...

A well-attended breakfast club which children can start at 7:45 or 8:30.

Childcare @ Clarborough – very popular for nursery children parents requiring afternoon childcare.

We offer child care after school. This runs from 15:30 until 17:30

Many fun lunchtime clubs including football, drawing, netball, computing, and sewing.

After school clubs run every day: art club, sports club, football and dance.

Exciting events which enhance our curriculum: creative art week, carnival week, music concerts, Summer/Christmas Fayres, residential trips and day trips, our latest being to Magna, The National Space Centre and Skegness.

Freshly-prepared school dinners from our school kitchen  
Sporting events such as football, netball, tri-golf, quad kids and boccia

Our Educational Assistance Dog Jeske, is currently training to work with children.

**#TeamClarborough**

### Check us out Tuesday: Come and meet us!

If you would like to look around our amazing school, please pop in on any Tuesday morning. The Head Teacher or another member of staff will give you a guided tour and answer any questions - no appointment necessary!

### Christmas Fayre

And finally, a date for your diary, Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, will be our Christmas Fayre. Times to be confirmed. This will also be the last day of term for pupils since 20<sup>th</sup> December is scheduled as a staff INSET day.

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## Clarborough School Log Books and Clarborough Institute

As Clarborough School was preparing to move out of the Victorian building on Church Lane in 2008 your Editor arranged with Nottinghamshire County Council to make an edited transcript of the current Head Teacher's Log Book. Further enquiries with Nottinghamshire Archives resulted in me carrying out the same through all of the Log Books back to May, 1871\*.

Readers will find these transcripts from 1871 to 1922 on our community website. However, with **VE75** now on the horizon I thought readers might be interested in the Log Book entries for the start of 1945:

**22 Jan 1945** Attendance very low owing to severity of weather: Morning and afternoon 27 out of a possible 35.

**30 Jan 1945** Heavy snowstorm wrecked the attendance today – 11 scholars only were present in the morning and 14 in the afternoon. Registers were not marked.

**14 Feb 1945** School reopened this morning with 28 out of a possible 35. Several scholars reported to be suffering from Chicken Pox. Nurse visited school this morning on enquiry – re epidemic. Received 3 doz pencil crayons today.

**22 Feb 1945** Only 19 scholars were present today. Fresh cases of Chicken Pox & contacts have reduced the number to such a low level.

**26 Feb 1945** More cases of Chicken Pox reported today – 17 only out of 35 were present at each session.

**20 Mar 1945** The school was closed today for the Test Examination for Entrance to Secondary Schools. Completed papers & unused booklets were dispatched today.

**4 May 1945** Received instructions regarding closures for VE Day.

**8 May 1945** VE Day – The school closed for 2 days – Reassembled on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Victory celebrations were held in the Institute on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Tea and games for children from 4 till 6.45. Thanksgiving Service at 7pm – Whist Drive & Dance at night and a Bon-fire about midnight.

The numbers of 'scholars' – pupils in today's language – illustrate how small was Clarborough in 1945; today's Primary School has around 140 on roll.

\*It's worth noting that the very first entry in the first Log Book has tantalising hints of an earlier existence – possible directly following the 1870 Education Act that initiated compulsory 'state' schools but maybe also hinting at earlier 'church' school. Attempts to discover more on this have currently yielded nothing! This entry is:

*1 May 1871 Clarborough Mixed School. This day I (Ellen Robinson) took the charge of the above named school. It has not been placed under government but is to be, though it has been subject to the Inspector's visits. I have not been able today to find out the childrens attainments so as to place them in the various standards.*

The mention of *Clarborough Institute* is also tantalising since attempts over the years to find out more have yielded nothing – not even photos! Your Editor would much appreciate any information that readers can provide regarding Clarborough Institute mentioned in the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1945 entry above. Having moved into Clarborough in the

mid-1970s we have dim memories of a building at the entrance to Church Lane but that's about it.

Further searches through all of the Log Books revealed two important entries regarding Clarborough Institute:

**16 Nov 1908** A day's holiday was given by the Managers on the occasion of the New Institute in the Village.

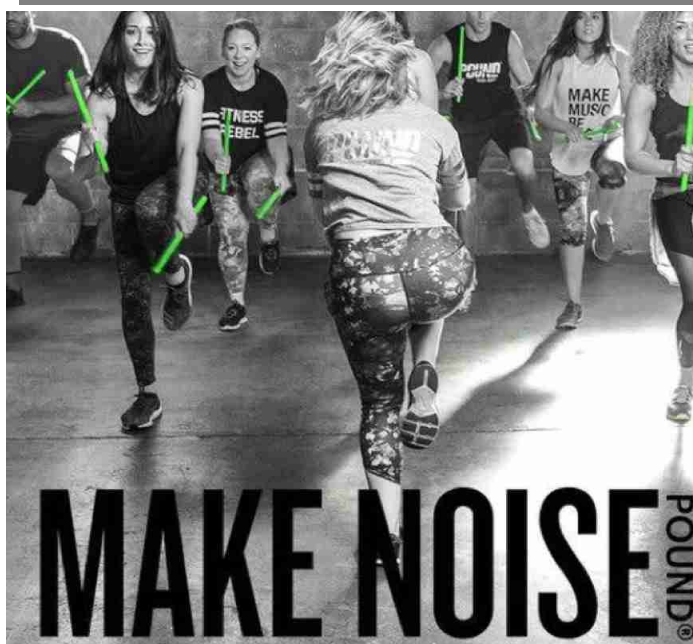
**22 Sep 1981** Meeting in Institute to discuss the building of a Parish Hall.

Any information about the Institute's history, governance or photographs would help to fill this gap in local history since nothing seems to exist in current records.

Editor

**"What keys can't open locks? Monkeys, donkeys and turkeys."**

**Anonymous**



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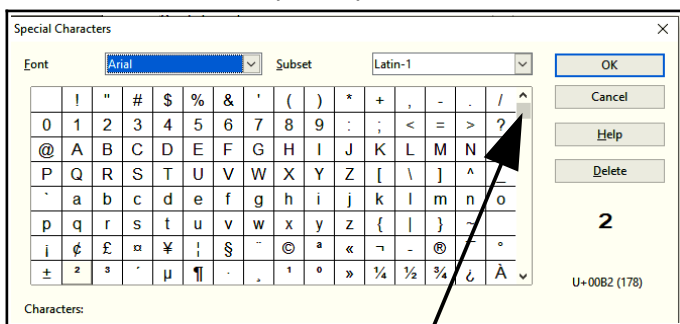
Have you been wondering how people include the host of symbols that appear in professionally published material in their own word processed documents? Symbols such as:

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Happy composing!

Editor

## Retford Hub Refreshed!

We have been given a makeover, and shop is now welcoming old and new customers, who are impressed with what they find: a brighter, lighter shop, with more café seating, and more effective display space. The Hub is a community asset, and proud of being chosen to receive funding for the refurbishment from the *King and Miller* through the Sizzling Carling Community Action Award.



The shop was closed for a week in September: Hub volunteers, led by Chris Daniels, worked tremendously hard, removing stock, sorting, doing carpentry, painting and so on. They were joined on Action Day by volunteers from the *King and Miller*, and it was all filmed for a promotion video by a team from Sizzling Carling – there was even a drone taking overhead shots!

The Mayflower Pilgrim Centre is working well in conjunction with the newly opened Pilgrims Gallery attached to Bassetlaw Museum, and we have already had an influx of American visitors, including some by the name of Brewster! (If you don't know why this is significant, come and find out!)

The Hub is run entirely by volunteers: some work behind the scenes, where there is lot to do in various ways, and some like to be 'out front'. Obviously, quite a number of volunteers are needed to staff mornings and afternoons for six days a week, and whenever someone is away for whatever reason it is sometimes not possible to cover that slot. So we would like more people to come forward. It's not necessary to have any experience: we have friendly volunteers to help newcomers. It's an interesting experience: you meet old friends, greet visitors and welcome them to our town, and you really feel that you're at the heart of things – at The Hub! Do come and join us.

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## Clarborough & Welham Parish with Hayton Parish

**VE DAY**  
75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
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8-10 MAY 2020

**VE Day Celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

In the Autumn Newsletter I suggested that the Parish of Clarborough & Welham could, perhaps, organise some form of celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War 2 on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945. That Anniversary, called **VE75**, is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Since that suggestion was made all of the voluntary organisations in the Parish have held a series of meetings to discuss and make decisions as to the format of that celebration. Some 20 residents have taken part in those meetings. In addition, Hayton Parish Council is also taking part in the celebrations and contributing to the funding of the events.

The following programme of events has been established (*National* or *Local* indicates the nature of each event)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** All events take place in Clarborough Village Hall/Playing Field (unless otherwise stated)

14:45	Arrive for Street Party	<i>Local</i>
15:00	Bagpiper	<i>National</i>
15:15	Nations Toast	<i>National</i>
15:20	Street Party continues	<i>Local</i>
18:55	Cry for Peace	<i>National</i>
19:00	Church Bell Ringing	<i>National</i>
	Clarborough Parish Church	
19:30 – 22:00	Family Disco	<i>Local</i>
22:00	Firework Display	<i>Local</i>

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

13:30-15:00	Family Fun afternoon	<i>Local</i>
	Hayton Playing Field and Village Hall with WW2 displays and refreshments	
19:30-23:00	1940's Dance & Live Band	<i>Local</i>
	Clarborough Village Hall including Pie and Peas Supper	

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

14:00	Outdoor Celebration Service	<i>National</i>
	Clarborough Church	
15:00	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea	<i>Local</i>
	Clarborough Village Hall	

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

10:00-16:00	Clarborough Festival	<i>Local</i>
	Clarborough Village Hall & Playing Field with 1940s theme*	

Needless to say, this level of provision of events does not come free of charge and Clarborough & Welham Parish Council has agreed to a contingency budget of £2,900 towards the overall cost. However, some events are expected to be totally self-financing (e.g. the disco and 1940s Dance), some are being financed from organisation funds (e.g. Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea by WI) and there have to date been promises of nearly £800 in grants from organisations.

There will be further details circulated to all homes much nearer the date in April of next year and the Spring 2020 issue of Clarborough & Welham Newsletter will give an update on the plans as they develop.

We hope you can all look forward to the celebrations and take a full and active part in as many as possible.

\*Clarborough Festival, organised by Clarborough Village Ventures, will include the usual Scarecrows competition but this will include a special category for a 1940s theme – see page 16.

**Paul Willcock**  
Co-ordinator - VE75 ClaWeHa  
ve75.claweha@gmail.com

## VE 75 Reminiscences

I am collecting reminiscences from anyone who has memories of World War 2 and/or of VE day - wherever you were living at the time. I already have some fascinating stories and would be really interested in anyone who has even the smallest recollection as we hope to produce a booklet or collection of some sort.

In the past I have interviewed people if they did not wish to write it themselves then given them the draft to ensure that they are happy with the content. Remember - if we do not collect these stories they are lost forever !!

We are also collecting memorabilia to form an exhibition, and would really appreciate anything you have.

Please ring **01777 709 034** if you can help.

**Kath Sutton**

**Editor's note:** It is worth noting here Japanese Emperor Hirohito announced surrender on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1945 which was officially signed on 2<sup>nd</sup> September bringing World War 2 to a close. Japanese surrender follow two atomic bomb blasts over Japanese cities of Hiroshima (6<sup>th</sup> August) and Nagasaki (9<sup>th</sup> August).

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## Public Rights of Way.....Update

I recently completed the Triennial Survey of all the Public Rights of Way within Clarborough & Welham Parish. I am pleased to report that in general the footpaths, bridleways and byways are in good condition and continue to be an asset for the community.

There are a few exceptions to this clean bill of health as there are safety issues that need addressing. There are ditch boards that are rotting and in urgent need of replacement, which have been reported to Nottingham County Council for rectification as a matter of urgency.

The most worrying aspect of the network is the poor condition of Market Hill [Byway No 22] which has been severely eroded over the past few years. I consider this to be a major hazard for both walkers and horse riders as some of the water filled ruts are 600mm deep.

This byway has a Seasonal Traffic Restriction Order in place which closes the byway to the passage of vehicles from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov to 30<sup>th</sup> April each year. Regretfully this has done little to preserve the fragile surface. Nottingham CC has been asked to review the situation and advise a comprehensive course of action to make it safe for all travellers.

On a less serious note, there are a few missing way markers which will, hopefully, be replaced in the near future should budgets allow.

I am indebted to several residents, who over the past year have drawn my attention to matters requiring attention. Their help has been invaluable in assisting to keep the network in good order.

We are very lucky to have such a comprehensive network of footpaths in the parish that can be freely used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

If anyone would like a map of the area with all the numbered paths highlighted, please contact me. I would be happy to provide paper copies or as an email attachment. You also might like to explore a larger local area shown on Ordnance Survey Pathfinder Map 745 which covers not only Clarborough & Welham Parish but also several adjacent parishes.

Don't let the autumn or winter weather keep you indoors, don your boots, put on a jumper and enjoy our wonderful local countryside. Happy walking!!

Howard Oates  
Paths Warden  
01777 869617

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## Santa is coming

As usual, Retford Lions will be busy in December taking Santa in his sleigh round the streets of Retford and the villages. They will be visiting Clarborough and Hayton on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Details of all the places being visited will be on the Retford Lions Club Facebook page. This also has a link to the live tracker which shows where Santa has got to.

Bruce Barnett  
Retford Lions Club  
01777 704 154



## Illuminate Workshops

Be part of this year's Illuminate parade and make your own lantern with professional artists. Drop in at any time at any of these locations and get creative!

**Monday 21 October, 10am – 4pm**

**The Crossing, Newcastle Street, Workshop S80 2AT**

**Tuesday 22 October, 10am – 4pm**

**Retford Library, 17 Churchgate, DN22 6PE**

**Monday 28 October, 10am – 4pm**

**Bassetlaw Museum, 40 Grove Street, Retford, DN22 6LD**

**Wednesday 30 October, 10am – 4pm**

**Workshop Library, Memorial Avenue, S80 2BP**

All welcome. **FREE** to attend!

Join the parade at 5.30pm in Retford (Carolgate, 22 Nov) or Workshop (The Crossing, 27 Nov)

For more information visit:

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## St. John the Baptist Church

This has been a very eventful few months as we are now beginning to use to the full all our new facilities. The organ and the Baby Grand piano which were gifted to us are both now in regular use. With concerts and services over the Christmas season everyone will be welcome to come and hear the beautiful sounds.



We held our September **Messy Church** on the wettest day we could find, but it didn't dim the enthusiasm of those brave enough to come. Rev Mark introduced everyone to the delights of parachute games,

Jackie told a story, and there were art and craft activities as well as decorating biscuits. Our next one is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 14:00-16:00.

The **Friendship Club** is also going strong, with several new members there to hear Graham Barthorpe give an illustrated talk about Mexico. In October, one of our Members, Carolyn,



supplied us with all the materials we needed to produce some lovely Christmas table centres. Everyone concentrated so hard that for the first time ever the group was quiet. What an achievement, Carolyn!

**Links with the school** continue to grow. They have visited church for the beginning of the year assembly and harvest festival and we look forward to sharing the Christmas Nativity in church this year.

The very popular Worksop Miners Welfare Brass Band will be with us again this year on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We are also putting on the **Victorian Christmas Market** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

One more new venture is **Rev Mark's, "Faith Matters"** group which is to be in church on the third Tuesday of each month, in the evening. It is a chance to talk over the burning issues of our time in an informal way. Everyone welcome. For details of any activities send a text to 07989 895 813 or check out the church's Facebook page.

## Thursday CCC (Coffee and Chitchat)

A group of us, as some of you are aware, are running a coffee morning in Clarborough Village Hall from 10:45 to 12:00 every Thursday. We already have some regulars who enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, with its tablecloths, flowers, chat and socialising, and of course... Cake and Coffee/Tea £1.20



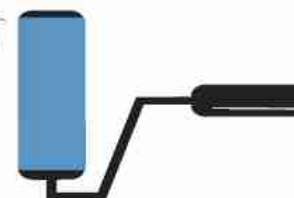
We have a table for free exchange of books, a children's corner with play mat and toys.

Please do join us !!!!

Kath Sutton

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## Can you help Clarborough's Bell Ringers?

For all those that have missed the sound of our bells ringing out over the village, the holidays are almost over, most bell ringers have now returned and practice nights have resumed. As most of you will know we have 8 magnificent bells but, like most other towers, are short of ringers. The nights are closing in and this would be an excellent opportunity for you to come and have a go. You might hate it, you might love it, but if you don't give it a go you will never know. You don't need to be super fit or strong, but you must have a good sense of humour! Tea and cake are much in abundance! Clarborough church 18:00 – 19:30 every Thursday.

We have now also got a set of handbells, oh yes!, so immediately after the tower bells we are having a practice on these, 19:30 – 21:00, so if you feel the big bells may be a step too far, come and have a go on the little bells. We are all learning these together and you do not need to be able to read music either!

The bell ringers have funded the purchase of a bell simulator for our bells. This entails the 'silencing' of the bells with the ingenious use of bits of motorbike tyres, and the fitting of sensors to pick up the action of the bell whilst it moves, transmitting the sound to a computer in the ringing area. This means that although the bells are still moving, no sound can be heard outside, only inside by the ringers, this must surely be a great relief to some of you!!!! It will mean that we can practice without driving the neighbours mad. **To do this we need some kind person to donate a laptop**, it does not have to be super good, all singing all dancing, we have a very basic ringing programme to run that's all. So, we have the tyres, we have the technical bits, we have the bells and we have the enthusiasm, can YOU help us to carry this out?

Contact Andy or Sara Hardie 07970 409 613 or 09793 821 311

## Bassetlaw Youth Council

Forthcoming Meeting dates:

14<sup>th</sup> November (Worksop Town Hall)  
9<sup>th</sup> January (Retford Town Hall)  
13<sup>th</sup> February (Worksop Town Hall)  
12<sup>th</sup> March (Retford Town Hall)



## Workshop Library Heritage Events

Talk: "Spirit of Mayflower: Adventures of a Pilgrim Woman"

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Sculptor and artist Rachel Carter recently completed an epic voyage across the Atlantic, reliving the historic Mayflower crossing of 1620 as part of a project to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famous voyage. While on board the ship she created weavings, kept her own voice journals and read extracts from the diaries of William Bradford written during the original 1620 crossing. Rachel will share readings from her travel diary and video clips made whilst tracing her own Nottinghamshire Ancestry.



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Rachel's talk at Worksop Library on 12<sup>th</sup> November starts at 14:00. Tickets are £3 and must be purchased in advance - call 01623 677 200, book at the library, or go to the *What's On* section of the Inspire website to book online [www.inspireculture.org.uk](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk)

**Family Arts Workshop**  
**Mayflower Macrame Keyrings**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 10:00**

Make a macramé keyring. Join sculptor and artist Rachel Carter in this two-hour practical workshop and have a go at a knotting technique that she will be using for her Mayflower commissions in 2020.

**The workshop is free and suitable for ages 7+**  
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## ...and Retford Library?

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Editor

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**New technology fights rural crime  
in Clarborough**

Rural crime officers joined landowners and gamekeepers in a targeted crackdown on illegal poaching in the Clarborough area. Armed with night-vision goggles and ANPR vehicle recognition technology, the team carried out a series of proactive night patrols in poaching hotspots in October as part of a national Rural Week of Action to tackle rural crime.

Rural officers now have the benefit of Nottinghamshire's new drone unit providing officers with a valuable "eye in the sky" and enabling their investigations to cover a greater area, including inaccessible and remote locations, more speedily. During the Clarborough operation, a vehicle linked to illegal poaching was stopped on the A1 and investigations are continuing.

Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "Technology is giving us a huge tactical advantage in the fight against rural crime, enabling us to conduct surveillance of vast areas of land while under cover. I'm really excited about Nottinghamshire's new drone unit, in particular, which is a vital tool in the detection of a whole range of rural and wildlife crimes including poaching, hare coursing, illegal hunting and agricultural theft.

"We have recruited additional officers to police our rural communities and invested in new resources and equipment, which are making a big difference to the safety of local communities. I'm positive with further multi-partner operations like those in Clarborough, we will continue to disrupt the criminal activities which bring misery to our rural communities and impact the livelihoods of local farmers and businesses."

The force also has an active Horse Watch scheme with a dedicated Nottinghamshire Police Horse Watch Facebook page or you can visit the website at <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/site-page/horse-watch>



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**Trees**

The acute shortage of rain in 2018 and early 2019 - (who would believe that after the rain of the last few weeks?) - have taken their toll. A small number of trees have died as a result of the droughts despite our best efforts to water them. They will be replaced this winter.

**Main Pasture**

The Pasture was mown at the end of August. In mid-September, having allowed flower seed to fall from the dried plants, the resulting hay was baled and stacked. Unfortunately, due to the Wild Oat plants contained in the hay, it is unsuitable for either animal feed or bedding. If you are organising a bonfire for November 5<sup>th</sup> and would like some starting material then please contact our email address below.

We are considering the best approach in order to eliminate the Wild Oats from the Pasture, a difficult process as it is such a difficult weed to get rid of. We will let you know our ideas.

**Wildflowers**

The 3 "scrapes" have been sown with a mixture containing 100% wildflower seed. There are 19 different species of wildflowers in this mix. They should all flower in 2020 to produce a stunning display.

**Community Orchard**

See the separate article on this new project on page 19.

**Footpath**

With no prospect of funding for the desired hard surface footpath it will continue to be dressed with tree chippings throughout the autumn and winter months. We are grateful to Fenton Forestry for their donation of the chippings. If you have a spare 30 minutes, or the odd hour, and are willing to help spread some of these chippings then please contact our email address below.

***Do you use the footpath? Then please help us to maintain it! We are all volunteers too!***

**Clr Paul Willcock**  
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## Santorini - an explosive past

Santorini in the Eastern Mediterranean figures in many holiday programmes. The island's white building capped cliffs and spectacular views of sun drenched blue seas have become *the* image of this part of the Mediterranean.



But many don't realise that what we see today is the result of one of the most violent eruptions in recorded history! The island itself is in the form of what geologists call a **caldera**. A **caldera** is a volcanic feature formed by the collapse of a volcano into itself, making it a large, special form of volcanic crater. A **caldera** collapse is usually triggered by the emptying of the magma chamber beneath the volcano, after a large volcanic eruption.



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As we can see from this aerial view of the island and also the photo above, it has a number of smaller islands in the centre of the caldera – these are the result of more recent volcanic activity, most recently in 1950 although minor activity continues to this day. However, the cataclysmic event generating the caldera is dated to around 1650 BC. Much academic discussion has yielded different estimates of the violence of this eruption but all figures are truly

massive – some say that up to 60km<sup>3</sup> (14 cubic miles) of material (technically known as *tephra*) was ejected. The eruption itself and particularly the volcano's collapse to form the caldera along with earthquakes before/during the eruptions generated tsunamis that destroyed coastal settlements as far away as the northern coast of Crete. Some have argued this to be what precipitated the decline of Crete's so-called Minoan civilisation.

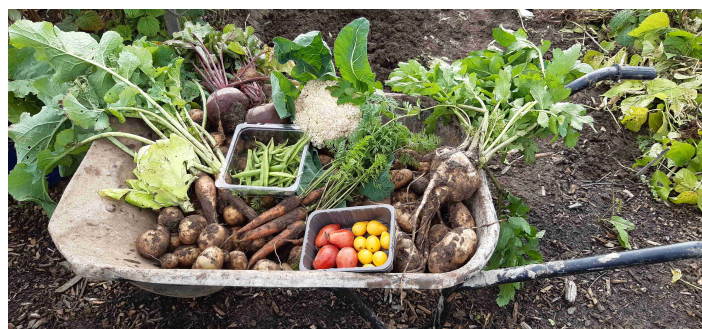
Minoan? Meaning? This leads into the history of the whole Aegean and particularly Crete and mainland Greece – worth a lifetime of study!

However, back to our question – what does Minoan refer to? We are talking about the Bronze Age - from around 3000 BC until absorbed into wider Greek cultures from 1000 BC onwards, details are vague. What is fairly clear is that *Minoan* refers to *Minos*, either as a dynastic title or an individual ruler. The individual, known as Minos, is part of Greek mythology and as such is regarded the first King of Crete who ruled from Knossos, near modern Heraklion, on the north coast of Crete.

Editor

## Clarborough Allotments

It's been a busy growing season on the allotment and it continues to evolve from the farmer's fields it started off as. Some allotment holders have found it too much with other commitments or have lost the battle with weeds and become disheartened while others have come in to take their place and seen the benefits a little hard work. There were some very impressive crops from some of the holders with everything from alliums to cucurbits performing well, once the weeds are removed and the clay soil is lightened with organic matter it is surprisingly fertile.



The decision to ban Metaldehyde slug pellets is reaping benefits with Song Thrushes successfully rearing young in adjacent gardens and the broken snail shells on the plots evidence of them feeding there, hedgehogs have also been present attracted by the available food and a couple of the plot holders are putting in hedgehog houses. Red mason bees were also noted nearby, these harmless and increasingly declining pollinators are a bonus on any allotment.

The hedgerow came back very strongly after being laid and became home to some nesting birds including migratory white throats, while the wildlife corridor around us played host to many seed eating birds.

Now starts the winter clearing and preparing for the next growing season so is a great time to get involved. If you fancy fresh air and exercise with organic fruit and veg as a reward then get in touch by emailing;

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**Pete Tutalo**  
Chairman





The summer went by so quickly but we made the most of it with visits to Newark and Doddington Hall. Some of our members attended one of the regular 'Literary Lunches' organised by the County Federation and enjoyed an excellent meal followed by a talk from author Margaret Dickinson.

Our summer strolls gave us the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the local countryside. Congratulations to the first of the 'walk 1000 milers' who achieved her target. Well done, Katy!

Thank you to everyone who helped us with the litter-pick in September. We had a very successful morning – the rain stopped just in time!

The Autumn season of meetings began in September with the first of our 'Bring a Buddy' nights. It was great to see so many new faces and we all enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining talk from Stephen Flinders followed by excellent home made apple pie.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to an evening of poetry in October and in November we will learn more about our local heritage in the form of Trinity Hospital. As usual our year will end with the Parish Christmas Party in December. Please read the separate article on page 4 for more information.

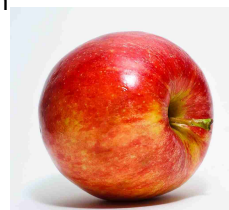
Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings - the £4 fee includes refreshments. If you would like more details you can visit our page on the village website, look at our facebook page, phone 01777 949 847 or simply come along to one of our meetings at 19:30 on the second Monday of the month.

## Mayflower Community Orchard

The plans for the Parish Pasture to have a community orchard are taking root!

County Councillor Tracey Taylor supported the Parish Council's bid for funding from a Nottinghamshire county scheme for community developments. We have been successful and obtained a grant for just over £1800 which the Parish will match with a mix of "volunteer" hours and a cash sum of £1090. This will allow us to plant and manage an orchard that hopefully, will grow to be a community asset for us to enjoy.

We need to work out a planting scheme to cover the types of fruit trees and the look of the orchard. We hope to begin planting in the spring of 2020. We also want to make the area suitable for recreation and education purposes. This may involve a hard area with seating for small groups to use. We want to tie Clarborough and Welham's links to the Separatists with information boards and the planting of the "Pilgrim Apple Tree" which has been created for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pilgrims' journey to America.



We need support for work on the parish pasture, including the orchard. If you can offer some time and energy, please contact Andrew Avery at:

[avery100@btinternet.com](mailto:avery100@btinternet.com) or Tel: 01777 869 913.

Parish Councillor Andrew Avery

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## Pilgrims Gallery at Bassetlaw Museum is now Open!

An exciting and innovative new gallery has opened at Bassetlaw Museum in Retford, celebrating the life of William Brewster, one of the District's most famous sons. The Pilgrims Gallery is part of a £750,000 National Lottery-funded project which commemorates the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage to America in 1620. The Gallery was opened by Dr Jeremy Bangs, Director of The Leiden American Pilgrim Museum in the Netherlands, John Everitt, Committee member for the Midlands & East, representing The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace and Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council, Cllr Debbie Merryweather.

The Gallery has two sections: one part is a reproduction of an early 17<sup>th</sup> century study and the other is a contemporary exhibition space.



The study is not dissimilar to one which would have existed at Scrooby Manor where Brewster lived. In here, through a mirror, visitors see William recounting four stories: his early



life in North Nottinghamshire; the reasons why the Separatists wished to break away from the Church of England; the life the Pilgrims experienced in Leiden, Holland and finally, the journey aboard the Mayflower and their later life in America. There is also a 'story chair' where visitors can sit and listen to King James becoming angry with the Separatists; the child's voice of Jonathan Brewster talking about being forced to leave his home and everything he is familiar with; Mary Brewster, William's wife explaining her fears and also her faith, which enabled her to follow her husband to a new and unknown life ahead;

and a further story from a traveller along the Great North Road who recounts the secretive and dangerous times that existed in 1608.

The exhibition space includes interpretation highlighting the themes of Religious Tolerance, Freedom and Migration; challenges which are as relevant in today's world as they were when the Separatists fought for the right to practice their beliefs. There are panels that give more information on the women and children involved in the Pilgrim story, and others that tell of the Wampanoag, the Native Americans who lived in Massachusetts when the Mayflower landed in 1620. There are dressing up costumes for visitors of all ages, and old fashioned games such as Pilgrim dominoes contrast with quizzes on modern tablets. Bassetlaw District Council worked closely with Workhaus, the gallery designers, to ensure that visitors of whatever age would find the experience fun, entertaining and thought-provoking. Assigning children the character of one of the Mayflower's passengers for example, brings home to them the reality that half of the people who travelled on the ship died during that first winter in America.

Bassetlaw District Council's Deputy Leader Councillor Jo White said; "One of the features within the gallery that I am most proud of is how we have tackled telling the controversial aspects of the subject of colonisation. We have done this by working closely with the Wampanoag nation with whom we have built a strong relationship and they have written their own story and provided the images that accompany those panels".

John Everitt, Committee member for England: Midlands & East at The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "It's fantastic to see the gallery opening in time for the landmark Mayflower 400 anniversary next year. With many of the ship's passengers, the Separatists, being from the East Midlands, the story of the Mayflower is intrinsic to the heritage of the area, and thanks to National Lottery players the inspiring stories of their journeys and pursuit of tolerance and freedom, will live on through the gallery."

The 'Pilgrim Roots' made possible thanks to The National Lottery players, also includes the upgrading of an existing Mayflower Trail with new interpretation at Babworth, Scrooby and Sturton-le-Steeple in Nottinghamshire and Austerfield and Gainsborough in neighbouring counties; a new website [pilgrimroots.org](http://pilgrimroots.org) which is now live; an exciting events calendar associated with the Mayflower 400 anniversary in 2020 and the appointment of two additional members of staff, dedicated to improving the visitor experience and helping to tell the story of North Nottinghamshire's Mayflower pilgrims to the rest of the world.

Pilgrims Gallery opened on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and is open Monday to Saturday 10:00 until 17:00. As part of a comprehensive evaluation plan, Bassetlaw District Council confirmed they would consider opening on a Sunday if there is a demand. The Gallery will also offer evening tours on pre-determined dates throughout the year.

**All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not wither,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.**  
*J.R.R. Tolkien (Fellowship of the Ring)*



## Do I have to pay an arm-and-a-leg for printer inks?

With computer printers now so cheap many will quickly realise that the ink cartridges for common desktop printers can easily cost the same as the printer itself for a year's use. Savvy users will have found that it isn't necessary to buy 'own brand' cartridges – even for Hewlett-Packard models after the recent outcry when they were found to be preventing users 'shopping around'. But is this the best option? In your editors opinion the short answer is 'No'. The only circumstance that really needs an inkjet printer is for anyone who must print single copies of photographs onto top-quality glossy, photo-paper. So what is the best solution?

The short answer is a laser printer. Now, five years ago this would have seemed a very expensive option but recent prices have come down to much the same level as inkjet printers. Add to this refill toner cartridges that generally last many times longer than their inkjet equivalents and any price difference fades into the insignificant.

A simple example is provided by my own monochrome (black) Brother Laser printer which is used for all of my correspondence, all of the worksheets that I print for every Clarborough & Welham IT Group class together with many personal uses. A replacement toner cartridge (6000 pages standard) comes in at around £40. My current cartridge has been in use as above since December, 2017.

A practical advantage of laser rather than inkjet made itself felt during my teaching career. I had to move between separate buildings for different classes and if the weather was wet it was essential to keep inkjet-printed worksheets covered, otherwise they got smudged; laser sheets are waterproof in this respect!

But wait a minute – isn't all of this only applicable if I don't want to print in colour? Well, yes, this is true for a monochrome laser printer – but again, in your Editor's situation, I have a Samsung colour laser printer which offers the same high quality printouts with replacement toners (three colours plus black) for around £70. I don't print anywhere as much with colour so my first set of toners (printer purchased in late 2017) are still in use.

But, isn't the print quality of laser colour printers lower than that from inkjet printers? This is a tricky question to answer because I have looked closely at photos printed on friends' inkjets and can see little if any difference between those and images I've printed on my Samsung laser printer.

**However** (note the highlights!) when it comes to being economical, printing your own photos at home, on an inkjet printer is really a no-brainer. Recent Which? Reports have looked at this and found that typical inkjet printers cost around 45-55p per print using quality photo-paper for a typical 6"x4" print. Your Editor typically prints several hundred prints each year but does not do it at home. I use AldiPhotos (<https://www.aldiphotos.co.uk/>) who charge around 7p for a similar sized print on top-quality paper. Their service is excellent – typical orders being delivered in a few days.

The only proviso is that their standard postal charge is £1.99 irrespective of order quantity.

They offer a huge range of other products including photo prints up to A4 size for amazingly low prices.

So, to summarise; if you are finding your printing costs getting beyond a joke, look to replace your inkjet printer with a laser model – just monochrome if you don't need to print colour at home but even if you do some home colour printing, look to use online print services for substantial batches of photos.

**Your editor is pleased to tell you that the above article will be included in *Which? Computing's* December 2019 issues although that has required quite a bit of editing down to fit their limited space.**

Editor

## Clarborough & Welham IT Group

Microsoft is now broadcasting that their support for Windows 7 will be completely closed down from 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. 'Support' in this sense means everything, but most importantly the latest security protections, potentially leaving your computer at risk of online threats.



If your laptop or desktop PC is too long in the tooth to handle Windows 10, this may mean you need to think about buying a new machine. Before considering that, it could be that getting hands-on experience of Windows 10 could be a good idea – look no further, our IT Group has a set of Windows 10 laptops you can use in our classes!

For just £20 for a full 5 week programme of 90 minute sessions you can not only get to grips with Windows 10, its desktop and new features but also access to a number of key applications. These are all free (legally!) and come from the open source movement. They include Apache OpenOffice (used to publish this Newsletter) and Document Foundation LibreOffice, both of which are full-feature alternatives to Microsoft Office and also interface with the latter – reading and writing their file types. We also use Gimp digital image editor (used to process all of the images in our Newsletters including the front cover) along with free security applications.

Classes run on Tuesday afternoons (13:30-15:00) and Wednesday mornings (10:00-11:30) at Clarborough Village Hall. Book either 'block' of classes for just £20 and bring your own laptop or use one of our Windows 10 laptops. November-December classes start w/c 11<sup>th</sup> November and January-February classes resume w/c 6<sup>th</sup> January.

For a full calendar of classes through to July, 2020 together with much more about our group and the open-source applications mentioned above, go to:

**[www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk](http://www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk)**

Our group is also seeking volunteers – something that could be a real boost for any young parent(s) looking for back-to-work skills. You don't need to be a computer expert, just be willing to help others. If you engage with any of our classes we could help with your CV and provide a reference. If you'd like to discuss this further, use the following contacts.

To book your place, or to get more information, contact Greg on: **(01777) 700 918** or:

**[clarboroughwelham@gmail.com](mailto:clarboroughwelham@gmail.com)**

## Community Flood Prevention

After the severe flooding in 2007, various agencies came together and agreed to take actions that would prevent a recurrence, if at all possible. The Parish Council has been encouraging the organisations involved and some progress has been made.

### Responsibilities

We have tried to make sure the various agencies accept their responsibilities and tell us what they are doing:

The Environment Agency has overall responsibility for rivers and flooding. It holds the purse strings if we can get a scheme agreed that would offer protection against events such as those of 2007.

Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) is the Lead Local Flood Authority. It investigates incidences of flooding and considers initiatives to prevent flooding.

Until recently, Bassetlaw District Council had 2 flood officers and a budget to carry out small-scale works. These 2 officers have retired and the responsibilities have transferred to NCC.

House owners have a responsibility to take steps to protect their property against flooding. There is advice available on the internet on the flood defences you can consider.

Riparian owners – those who have a stream or river at the edge or running through their property – are responsible for maintenance of the course of the stream. Sometimes the riparian owner can be an agency such as Highways England, but often the house owner or landowner has the responsibility.

### Engineering solution

Bassetlaw commissioned a report to look at ways of improving the flow of water through the villages to prevent flooding. This report is still under consideration. The latest iteration proposed a scheme to divert the dyke at the bottom of Church Lane and take overflow in a culvert across the fields and under the canal. We are pressing for a positive decision to be made on this possible scheme.

### Natural Flood Management

There are examples across the country of landowners and communities supporting initiatives that ensure rainwater is diverted or delayed in periods of high rainfall. This involves the creation of bunds, leaky dams, planting trees and other initiatives. Southwell has successful examples of this in place. The NCC has agreed to look towards funding a feasibility study that would propose appropriate initiatives for our villages. Cooperation with and from landowners will be essential to any such scheme.

### More Information

We plan to arrange a drop-in session in the Village Hall for all those interested in this topic. We will do this when we know more about the initiatives above.

If you are interested in being a Flood Warden and supporting these schemes, please contact Cllr Andrew Avery: [candwflood@btinternet.com](mailto:candwflood@btinternet.com) or (01777) 869 913.

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Our authors would like to meet like-minded people to talk about books, writing, editing,

and book publication, etc.

Our authors: Graeme Cummings; John Holmes; Lesley Keating; Barry Upton; and Dr Robert Tansey.

We can be found at the Retford Market occasionally throughout the year, if you would like to contact or join us please email:



[drrobert.tansey@talktalk.com](mailto:drrobert.tansey@talktalk.com)

Dr. Robert Tansey



## Bassetlaw District Scouts

Organised by 7<sup>th</sup> Retford Scout Group, a charity registered in England and Wales, registered charity number 508049



### Post your local Christmas cards

Your Editor recently received the following from the local Scouts Group:

We would be extremely grateful if you are able to publicise the Retford Area Scout Christmas Post in your area. This scheme helps to support four local Scout Groups which are all voluntary run and self financing.

Retford Area Scout Christmas Post stamps will go on sale on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 and the final collections on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Each stamp will cost you 35p each, irrelevant to the size of your card. Shops and businesses who will have stamps for sale and a post box are still being finalised.

As long as your card is correctly addressed, within our advertised area and that we can access the property's letter box, your card will be delivered by Christmas Eve at the latest. All deliveries are undertaken by our volunteers and all profits are returned to the Scout Groups that are involved in the scheme.

Our delivery area is **all parishes around Retford and Retford itself**.

**Editor's footnote:** the accompanying poster to the above is to be found on our community website's home page This lists all of the communities covered by this service – from Askham to Woodbeck in alphabetical order. Further details can be obtained from Hazel and Kenny on **01777 704 835** or [hazel.newstead@btinternet.com](mailto:hazel.newstead@btinternet.com)

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**Newsletter 2020 deadlines**  
20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 (Spring issue)  
20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 (Summer issue)

### Dates for your Diary

14<sup>th</sup> November: BYC\* Meeting (Worksop)  
19<sup>th</sup> November: *Purple Tuesday* (see Autumn issue)  
22<sup>nd</sup> November: Retford Pilgrim Festival Parade.  
1<sup>st</sup> December: Retford Christmas Lights Switch-on and Christmas Market.  
24<sup>th</sup> November: Victorian Market: Clarboro' Church  
9<sup>th</sup> December: Clarborough Senior Citizens' Christmas Party  
14<sup>th</sup> December: Last Scouts Xmas Post collection.  
19<sup>th</sup> December: Clarborough School Xmas Fayre  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Schools close for Christmas.  
22<sup>nd</sup> December: Retford Lions' Santa in Clarborough  
6<sup>th</sup> January, 2020: Schools re-open.  
7/8<sup>th</sup> January: C&W IT Group classes resume.

The early May Bank Holiday in 2020 has been moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1945.

\*BYC = Bassetlaw Youth Council

**Clarborough & Welham  
Parish Council Meetings**  
18<sup>th</sup> November  
30<sup>th</sup> December  
3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020

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