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From the Editor

There is a huge amount going on locally at the moment as this issue of Clarborough & Welham Newsletter will try to describe. Bassetlaw District Council has launched a consultation process that will have opened with meetings as Harworth, Retford and Worksop Town Halls in late October. If you didn't get a chance to go to one of those, we have our own session at Clarborough Village Hall on 22nd November – see page 2.

All households will have received BDCs Environmental Guide but may have missed consultations about Council Tax Reduction Scheme that will replace Council Tax Benefit. Links to all of these are to be found on our community website (details at bottom of this page).

While we are talking about BDC, we really do need to highlight the forward looking developments for young people. **Big Ideas, Big Ambitions 2017** which really exemplifies this. Building on the success of the 2016 event at Worksop Post-16 Centre, BIBA17 will be based at Retford Post-16 Centre on Wednesday 8th March, 2017.

On a lighter note, lots is planned for the Christmas period in Clarborough and Welham as well as Retford and the wider area. We might even be lucky enough to meet Father Christmas himself at our Village Hall on 7th December!

The contents panel to the left highlights many of these local events but do read Rick Brand's summary on page 24. Looking forward, we also have next year's Clarborough **Snow Queen** Pantomime to look forward to during February half-term. There are still a few opportunities – both on and back stage, so why not get along to our Village Hall on Wednesday evenings?



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Clarborough- Public Drop In Session

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County Councillor Liz Yates

Looking back we didn't have too bad a summer did we? Although over the past couple of weeks autumn has well and truly taken hold. When I last wrote in the newsletter we were, as a country, still getting used to the idea of leaving the EU – what a lot has happened since then. A momentous event in my family's life has been our one and only grandchild started school in September, at the grand age of four years and six weeks – he loves it!

This brings me to the controversial matter of admissions into schools. The County Council uses specific criteria, brought into effect when a school is oversubscribed. Up to 2016 a child who lives a good distance away from the school, but already has a sibling at that school, took precedence over a child living within the school catchment, but with no sibling in the school. This has changed and the child living a distance away with siblings, no longer has precedence over the child who is in catchment, but with no sibling connection. It has caused anxiety with those families who have exercised their right to express a school preference, choosing a school outside of their catchment and now find they have children going to different schools a good distance apart. The flip side to that of course, is that first born children are more certain to get a place in their local school.

There is currently a consultation on the changes proposed for 2018-19. This can be obtained at - nottinghamshire.gov.uk/2018admissionsconsultation running from 3 Oct to 27 Nov 2016 – I urge all parents to take part as this covers the following:

- Over subscription criteria and in-year admission arrangements
- Proposed changes to the number of places offered in each relevant age group at some schools
- How we work together with partners to coordinate admissions arrangements

I realise this is complicated so if you need clarification please contact me, details below.

The other matter that I mentioned previously was Bassetlaw District Council's bid to join the Sheffield City Region. A delegation visited the Minister for Devolution, Andrew Percy MP, comprising of the Chief Executive from the County Council, two County Councillors, three Nottinghamshire MP's and the Chairman of D2N2 (Derby City/Derbyshire County Council and Nottingham City/Nottinghamshire County Council). The petition asking for either further consultation or a referendum reached over 4500 signatures and was handed in at this meeting, when a strong case for pausing the bid and asking residents a straightforward question "do you wish to join Sheffield City Region or not", was put to the Minister. We are now waiting for the decision.

I am happy to talk to any resident about the above, or any other issues they have, contact me on 01777 860219 or email cllr.liz.yates@nottscc.gov.uk

Lucy Rose – Store Manager of the Year awards

Lucy Rose, Clarborough SPAR Store manager, was recently recognised among the top five at the recent National Independent Retailer awards 2016.



[Above] Lucy flanked by Rebecca King (director of Kings Stores) and (left) Emily Gladman, area manager.

Clarborough & District W.I.



By the time you read this, the W.I. will have planted new bulbs down the driveway of the Village Hall. These were purchased for the Queen's 90th Birthday.

We have had a variety of talks this year but our October meeting was different in that antiques were valued by John Leath from Golding & Young Auctioneers. This was an excellent meeting and we had several visitors. Our November speaker will be David Dawson talking about vintage toys.

Monday 12th December will be our Senior Citizens Christmas Party at 16:30 for 17:00. To reserve your place, please ring (01777) 704 711 or 07967 191 007. Closing date is Monday 5th December.

Our January meeting (9th January 19:00 for 19:30) has Deborah Spencer of Long Clawson Dairy. Visitors are welcome at £3.50.

Lesley Baines

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Anon



Retford Christmas Market
and Lights Switch-On

Sunday 27th Nov

Market opens at 10am
Piped Procession from St Swithuns 10.30
Advent Service 11am Live Music 11.45
Switch On Ceremony starts 4.15pm
Market closes 6pm Santa departs 7pm

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John Mann MP



In 2020 a significant anniversary will be celebrated in the USA. It is our job to ensure they know that the roots of that anniversary and of their democracy come from the villages and fields around us.

The modern history of the US comes from a tiny group of men and women from Bassetlaw who, in the autumn of 1620, arrived on board the Mayflower at Cape Cod in Massachusetts. They were a group of religious and political nonconformists who risked their lives, and at times lost their liberty, in order to establish the basis and values of the society they wanted. It was a society that, through the Mayflower compact (the document which was the basis of that first settlement on the east coast of America), created both the foundations for the constitution of the United States and the model for parliamentary democracy.

Many Americans are already aware of the historical significance of our area. A writer from the New York Times visited Bassetlaw and described our villages as "the most important of the Pilgrim villages." The writer continued: "It's also the kind of landscape that urges you to spread out and — far from bishops and bureaucrats down south — think daring, independent thoughts." There is little doubt that we have retained that desire for a measure of independence from the south.

It is important that our area fully celebrates the historic significance and benefits from the anticipated increase in tourism. That should include the establishment of tour routes, exhibitions at local museums, and a sound and lights show. Local churches have already begun preparations with their Illuminate 400 project where there will be celebrations using sound and light to illuminate the Pilgrims' stories.

As Chair of the Parliamentary Group I will be working to ensure that American tourists know all about Bassetlaw and its historic connections and that the Government provides the much needed funding required to highlight our story and encourage visitors to the area.

Meanwhile, speculation is rife at Westminster about the possibility of closing the Houses of Parliament for refurbishment and how much it could cost. A recent report put the cost at about £4 billion, a figure which could well have been plucked out of thin air. I have put forward two solutions. Firstly, it is important that the public can visit Parliament and the refurbishment should allow them to do so for centuries to come. Secondly, we could save billions by holding Parliamentary sessions in conference centres and town halls up and down the country. Locally we could play a part — we have venues that could accommodate sittings of Parliament, perhaps even the underground ballroom at Welbeck Abbey. However, with warnings that the Houses of Parliament could be closed for six years, do organise a tour through me while you can. Email me at mannj@parliament.uk or call 01909 506 200 to be on the next coach down.



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The Bassetlaw Plan : Shaping our District for the next Generation

Bassetlaw District Council is launching a consultation on the first stage of its new Local Plan, 'The Bassetlaw Plan', which sets out the priorities for the District when it comes to housing, employment land and other developments for the next 15 years. The Initial Draft Bassetlaw Plan looks at how the Council can shape the delivery of enough new housing to meet identified targets. As well as ensuring that development is of the right type and character, and in the right location to meet the needs of future generations. The plan also focuses on delivering employment land across Bassetlaw to provide jobs and opportunities and attract investment into the District.

The Initial Draft Bassetlaw Plan proposes the following annual targets:

- 435 new homes (6,675 over the next 15 years)
- 11.8 hectares of employment land (177 ha over the next 15 years, equivalent to 282 football pitches)

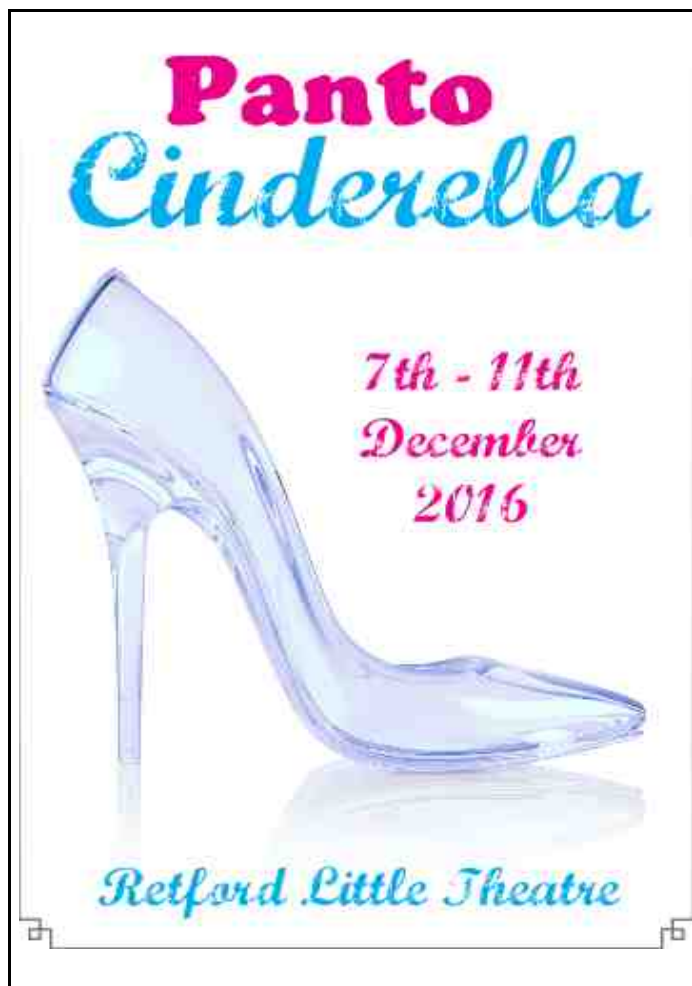
One of the ways the Council could deliver against identified housing targets would be the development of a new settlement in Bassetlaw, of around 1000 houses. This could lead to additional services and infrastructure such as a new primary school and the Council would wish to see any development of this size meet high sustainability and design standards. At this stage of the Bassetlaw Plan, a new settlement for the District is just a concept and the Council are keen to gauge residents' feedback on this. Residents wishing to view and comment on the draft Bassetlaw Plan can do so online via www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/thebassetlawplan. **Planning Officers will also be holding drop in sessions around the District including Clarborough Village Hall on 22nd November (16:00-20:00).**

Councillor Jo White, Deputy Leader of Bassetlaw District Council and Cabinet member for Regeneration said: "The Bassetlaw Plan is fundamental to the growth and success of our District over the next 15 years. This draft document is the start of our conversation with local people, businesses and communities about how we can achieve Government housing requirements in a way that is good for Bassetlaw residents now and in the future. The Bassetlaw Plan also sets out our own aspirations for how we allocate land for jobs, investment and increased opportunities for local people. This is one of the most important pieces of work the Council will be carrying out as it will shape our District for a generation, it is vital that people have their say."

The above Press Release was received on 14th October. For much more on these developments together with a number of other recent announcements by our District Council, go to our community website's **Elected Reps ► Bassetlaw District Council**

In teaching others, we teach ourselves.

Proverb



Free local Defibrillator training

There are three yellow cabinets containing public access defibrillators in Clarborough parish. The more people who are able to use this equipment and who know what to do if someone suffers a cardiac arrest, the more likely it is that lives will be saved. It could be you, or someone close to you, who has a cardiac arrest and needs help. Would you know what to do?

Free training session for members of the public on CPR techniques and the use of defibrillators will be held in Retford Town Hall on 27th October and 24th November starting at 1900 and lasting about 90 minutes. The sessions, arranged by Retford Lions Club, will be led by a qualified nurse and will use training material provided by the British Heart Foundation. There will be an opportunity to practice the techniques on manikins and to discuss areas of concern.

To book a place at one of these sessions contact Bruce Barnett on 01777 704 154 or email bruce.barnett@talk21.com

Normally speaking, it may be said that the forces of a capitalist society, if left unchecked, tend to make the rich richer and the poor poorer and thus increase the gap between them.

Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964) Indian Prime Minister



Clarborough & Welham IT Group supports local good causes

Not only does Clarborough & Welham IT Group provide one of the largest programs of computer tuition in the District but is also noted for its friendly 'feel' that supports many who find it as much a social group as a learning environment.

Recently the Group updated most of its laptops which are now equipped with Windows 10 but it has also donated significant funds to a range of local good causes. These include £500 to the Cobb family's initiatives to provide local Public Access Defibrillators as well as £100 towards *Friends of St.Giles Special School* towards their provision of iPads for all pupils.



[Above] Greg Herdman hands the IT Group's cheque to Victoria Feddesten, Secretary of Friends of St.Giles School.

On top of that, £100 has gone to *Muddy Forks* based at Idle Valley to support their programmes and, finally £100 will have gone to the local *Pancreatic Cancer* appeal being co-ordinated by Lucy Rose at our community SPAR store.

Greg Herdman

Footnote: IT Group classes resume in mid-November with spaces still available. Charges are just £15 for 5 weeks of 90 minute lessons from w/c 14th November to w/c 12th December. Classes run for 30 weeks each year – for a full calendar to July 2017 see either the notice in our village hall or go to the Group's website at www.cwitgroup.btck.co.uk and go to the Calendar page. To book classes, contact Greg (details on foot of front page of this Newsletter).

Muslim Charity at the House of Lords



Muslim Charity, based at Eaton Hall, Retford, launched its 'Children of the World' campaign at the House of Lords on 13th October. Hosted by Lord Nazir Ahmed of Rotherham it showcased a range of Muslim Charity's projects to rescue and support vulnerable children. The projects include rescuing street children in countries such as Bangladesh, finding missing and abducted children and reuniting them with their families in Pakistan, providing informal education to children in slums, supporting refugee and war children as well as sponsoring orphans and vulnerable children around the world.

Lord Ahmed of Rotherham commented, "I have known of the work of Muslim Charity and its Trustees for many years and I am delighted to be hosting this important event to launch 'Children of the World'. One of the components of the campaign is supporting orphans who in many parts of the world are prone to abuse and exploitation due to their vulnerabilities, it is therefore essential that all support is given to such causes that seeks to protect them."

The Vice Chairman of Muslim Charity, Bakhtyar Pirzada, spoke of the role and religious significance of children in Islamic tradition. He recounted the Prophetic tradition stating that there is a place in Paradise called the "House of Happiness" which is reserved for those people who keep children happy. He also commented, "Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was an orphan and lived an orphan's life and we should therefore feel proud in honouring orphans by providing them all the support that we can."

Some of Muslim Charity's leading volunteers attended, pledging to become ambassadors of the 'Children of the World' campaign. Their role, moving forward, will see key volunteers utilise their skills as bloggers and vloggers, professionals and activists to champion the issues affecting children and to raise awareness in their communities and networks.

Volunteers attended from across the country and included partner organisations and representatives from professional bodies. During the event, "Token of Appreciation" awards were given to two inspirational and dedicated volunteers; Tehmina Mohammed from Edinburgh and Naveed Aslam from Newcastle upon Tyne who was joined by Mohammed Rayaz from Team Newcastle.

The event also screened a short film written, directed and filmed by former street children about their daily lives. Harun Rashid, Head of Fundraising, said, "Never in a million years would they have thought that their film and their work would be shown in the House of Lords. For some their life goals are centred around survival and how to earn money for their next meal."

Harun spoke of four inspirational stories: Maryam from Pakistan who was rescued after being missing for six months; Jannat from Bangladesh who was a young girl that was rescued after being missing for 3 years; Bushra from Pakistan who was a sponsored orphan and going onto becoming a doctor; and Farzana from Bangladesh who was trafficked into sex trade and now rescued by Muslim Charity's team in Dhaka.

Maroof Pirzada



Putting Retford on the map

Have you noticed how invisible Retford is to the wider UK? Only one last-minute sign on the A1, nothing on the M1 and nothing on Retford station to suggest to the millions passing through each year, that Retford is worth a look? This might be just a niggle if it didn't also have significant implications for jobs and general prospects (like a full stock of town centre shops).

Your editor has been nagged by this issue for a number of years and recently, as a member of Retford Business Forum (RBF) has become a part of local interests, along with John Mann MP (see page 5) starting to engage with Virgin East Coast. This has already started, with the active support of Bassetlaw District Council, to make small improvements to Retford Station. Discussions continue alongside Retford Civic Society to try to make some significant impact of the appearance of Retford Station to encourage more visits to the town.

We are also developing links with **North Notts & Lincs Community Rail Partnership** which is looking to develop opportunities with not only Virgin but also Arriva, East Midlands Trains, TransPennine Express and also Stagecoach East Midlands.

Working with such large organisations is never a quick process, but I am hopeful that we will start to see developments which will need to be in place before the, potentially, massive influx of tourists driven by the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower Pilgrims journey scheduled for 2020. Watch this space!

Greg Herdman

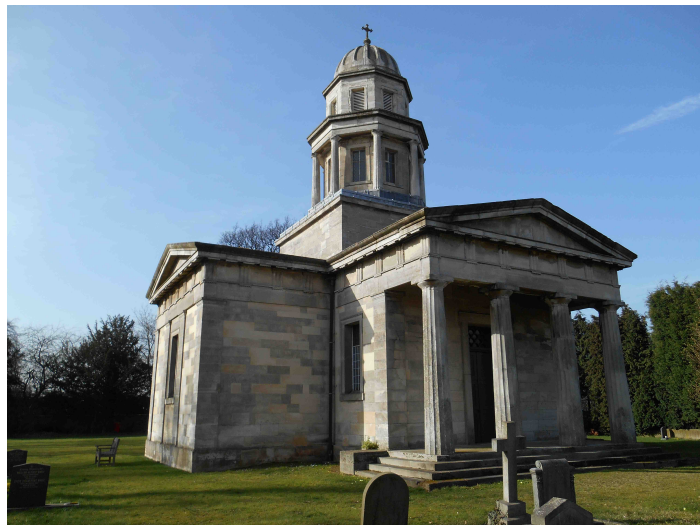
Milton Mausoleum

The stewards at Milton Mausoleum have had a busy summer. We have for the first time opened every Sunday from May to September, 14:00-16:00.

We have been to the University of Nottingham archives a number of times as part of our Heritage Lottery Fund project. We have seen amazing maps of Milton and West Markham from just after the enclosure acts, as well as the very detailed accounts books from the estate office and the 4th Duke's diaries.

Part of our project was also to organise events. June 25th was an evening of wine and music. It was such a lovely evening we were able to be outside for our canapes and wine. The Dukeries Singers with other voices and musicians made the most of the acoustics.

The next day was the Churches Conservation Trust's national fundraising event, Mid-Summer Tea Party. This started with a guitar recital before tea and cakes and the chance to look round the building with our stewards. Heritage Open Day in September gave us the chance to hear local historian and writer, Janet Roberts. Janet wrote our guide book and published the book "The Clumber Love Story".



As we have no electricity, therefore no light or heat, a carol concert seemed a mad idea. But we did it last year and we are doing it again this year. Saturday December 3rd at 14:00. We will have solo and group singers but audience participation is guaranteed. We expect it to last about an hour, but do dress appropriately and bring a blanket if you wish.

We welcome contact from groups who wish to visit at any time of the year. Do contact us on mausoleum1833@gmail.com

Beryl Venables

Carbon monoxide (CO) : be aware

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of incompletely burned carbon-based fuels. This means gas including LPG, coal, coke, wood, charcoal and many other combustible materials. If not enough air (oxygen) gets involved in the burning process, carbon monoxide can be formed. Carbon monoxide is highly poisonous and insidious because it is colourless, odourless, tasteless but is highly toxic in even small concentrations.

We bring attention to this because nationally we find an increase in fatalities from CO poisoning through the winter months as heating systems come back into use.

For much more on this topic, together with the charity's summary of symptoms and practical things to look out for if carbon monoxide might be present, go to our community website's **Utilities** page or: www.gassafetycharity.org.uk

Editor

2018 Electoral Commission Initial Boundary Review (of Nottinghamshire)

Quote from initial report: "We noted that six of the existing constituencies had electorates that were within the electoral range. With electorates, respectively, of 76,764 and 74,066, we propose that Bassetlaw CC and Mansfield CC should remain wholly unchanged."

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Emma McClarkin MEP

Following our vote to leave the European Union, the United Kingdom can now forge a new path, free from European bureaucracy and red tape, and move away from protectionist practices to take advantage of the opportunities and growth now available to us in making new trade deals.

As we now look to set the foundations for securing our own trade deals with countries around the world, it is imperative that Small and Medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Nottinghamshire and across the East Midlands have their voices heard and are given the tools to enable them to take advantage of the countless opportunities we can now pursue.

For too long, our SMEs have been held back by unnecessary red tape, unable to compete on the world stage. Now with the United Kingdom working on a unilateral basis, we will be able to make our country a global one that works in the interests of its own market, exporters and businesses who are eager to be on the international market.

In the first half of 2016 the East Midlands exported £1.7million in exports to China, Australia, the USA and New Zealand – none of which the EU has a trade agreement with. Last year this figure was £3.9 million, just from our region. If this is what we are able to do without a free trade agreement and with high barriers, just think of the potential once the UK achieves tariff-free agreements. The UK now stands ready to seize upon these opportunities and deliver with the pro-free trade agenda for these companies, which has been so hard to achieve in the EU.

Already we hear that working groups have been set up to look at trade deals with our partners from India and Australia, whilst other countries from around the world such as Mexico and Singapore have expressed their interest in pursuing trade deals with our nation. It is clear to the world that we are strong, outward-looking, ambitious and ready to capitalise on our new freedom. Now we all need is to become global free trade champions.

Emma McClarkin MEP



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Clarlborough's Victorian Market

Clarlborough's traditional Victorian Market is back in refurbished St. John the Baptist church (see page 19 for more on the refurbishment) on **Sunday, 4th December**.

The programme will run between 13:00 and 17:00. Worksop Miners Brass Band will be playing throughout the afternoon. Perhaps a guest appearance from 'you know who!'

Carol Service at 16:00. Also tombola, hamper draw, etc. Refreshments available all afternoon, including mulled wine and mince pies. Entrance is FREE.

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Clarborough & Welham Neighbourhood Plan



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Submission Plan Consultation

The completed Neighbourhood Plan and 3 accompanying documents were submitted to Bassetlaw District Council on 8 August 2016. These were put out to consultation on the website and in the Village Hall until 23 September. There were a number of returns from organisations, none of which contained any suggestions for major changes.

Examination

The next stage of the process for the Plan is Examination. The Steering Group have appointed an examiner and this process will take place in mid-October. The examiner, Mr R High, will make recommendations as to any changes he feels are needed and his Report will be returned to BDC and the Steering Group. The Report is then considered by BDC and if they accept the comments it can go to a Referendum in the Parish.

Referendum

Due to the timing of BDC meetings, a decision on acceptance of the Report from the Examiner will not be made until early December. With the Christmas and New Year season coming up immediately after this and the period legally required to give notice of a Referendum it is unlikely to take place before mid to late February. This is much later than the Steering Group had hoped but it has no control over any of the processes or the timing of them!

The date of the Referendum will be publicised by BDC and by the usual leaflets and posters produced by the Steering Group.

Bassetlaw District Council Land

In mid-July the Cabinet of BDC approved the sale of approximately 3.9 acres of land in Clarborough for 'in the region of 38' dwellings. (This phrase is a legal requirement, not an indication that there will be more than 38.) The building area is largely that which has always been designated as development land. Also approved was the gift of the remaining 5.3 acres to the Parish Council for an 'open green space'.

Work on the Parish Council section of the land will commence as soon as the Parish Council have a written licence from BDC, hopefully before the end of 2016, and before the final legal transfer is drawn up. This is a major step forwards.

The agreement to transfer the land to the Parish Council does require the Neighbourhood Plan to be in place.



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Bassetlaw Action Centre partners with Smart Energy GB to make sure everyone can benefit from smart meters

Bassetlaw Action Centre has announced a partnership with Smart Energy GB, the voice of Britain's Smart meter roll out. Bassetlaw Action Centre works with elderly and vulnerable consumers, helping them to remain safe and independent in their homes.

This partnership is part of Smart Energy GB's national campaign to ensure that everyone across England, Scotland and Wales knows how to get a smart meter and use it in their home to bring their energy under control. Bassetlaw Action Centre will work with consumers to ensure that the people they support get the right information, in the most accessible way, so they can understand and benefit from the smart meter roll out.

SMART meter roll out

Every household will have the opportunity to upgrade to a smart meter, at no additional cost, by 2020. Smart meters will bring an end to estimated bills and show us how much energy we're using in near real time and in pounds and pence. There are particular benefits for prepayment customers, who will no longer have to top up at a shop or pay a premium for this payment method.

As part of this partnership:

- Bassetlaw Action Centre staff and volunteers will receive regular communications on the smart meter rollout and how to spread the word with the people they support.
- Clients will be supported through the whole process of having a SMART meter installed should this be required.
- Information will be distributed at upcoming events such as flu fairs and events.

Lynn Tupling Chief Executive of Bassetlaw Action Centre said: "I am really pleased we are able to work with SMART Energy GB to provide support to elderly and vulnerable consumers in Bassetlaw during this roll out. We believe that SMART meters will be very beneficial to our

clients, and by ensuring they are supported through the process we can ensure they are able to take control of their energy usage, put an end to estimated billing and heat their home in a more affordable manner. This will in turn have a positive impact on health and quality of life experienced by the elderly and vulnerable in Bassetlaw".

Working in partnership with organisations across Great Britain is at the heart of Smart Energy GB's approach to reach every home and micro-business with information about how they can get and benefit from having smart meters installed. Whether working with national organisations, supporting small local groups, or partnering with major brands to bring the smart meter experience to life, Smart Energy GB and its partners know that meaningful conversations led by trusted charities, brands and people will be a critically important part of engaging everyone.

Editor's notes about smart meters and the roll out

Smart meters replace traditional meters we currently have in our homes. They provide consumers with near real time information on energy usage costs and greater control over their gas and electricity. Between now and 2020, everyone across England, Scotland and Wales will be offered a smart meter by their energy supplier at no extra cost. To find out how you can get a smart meter from your energy supplier please visit smartenergyGB.org/get-a-smart-meter.

Funding Boost For Bassetlaw Action Centre

Bassetlaw Action Centre has received £19,882.00 thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The funding boost from **People's Postcode Trust** will enable Bassetlaw Action Centre to recruit more volunteers to help to deliver its projects.

Lynn Tupling, Chief Executive said: "I am delighted that People's Postcode Trust has supported our application to employ a dedicated volunteer recruitment post for a year. Our organisation heavily relies on volunteers to deliver our projects and the demand always outstrips the supply. We are currently looking for volunteer car drivers, minibus drivers and MPV drivers to enable people without transport to make essential journeys. We are also looking for volunteer befrienders to reduce isolation amongst our older and vulnerable clients and volunteer admin assistants to work alongside us in the office.

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Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Pointers

The council has co-opted Andrew Avery to serve on the council. Andrew asked to come on to the council specifically to look at flooding concerns in the villages. If you have any flooding information that may help to form a contingency plan please send it to the council.

There remains one vacancy on the council. If you are interested to become a councillor please send your details to Parish Council clerk.

Overhanging vegetation on Howbeck Lane and Clarborough Hill has been reported to Mr Parker the County Council Highways manager whom has promised to chase up the problem.

Mr Parker also met with Parish Councillor early one morning to carry out a survey of school children and resident crossing Main Street Clarborough. The purpose was to see if a zebra crossing could be justified. Numbers of people crossing the road during the survey was minimal although this is the busiest time of the day. Positioning a crossing on Main Street is difficult due to the number of property entrances and road junctions. Due to these reasons Mr Parker indicated a crossing is very unlikely to be installed.

A new Parish Council notice board has been installed at the entrance to Clarborough Village Hall. Local residents and organisation wishing display their information should contact the Parish Council chairman or clerk.

Howard Oaks the PC footpath warden continues doing a good job reporting issues regarding our bridleways and byways directly to County Council.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council email clarandwelpc@yahoo.com or phone 01777 710 902 or visit the PC office Monday mornings only.

Phil Gibson
Parish Council Chairman

Parish Council Logo

The Parish Councillors have decided that there should be a logo to represent the Parish.

They are, therefore, asking for ideas from the community and running a competition open to anyone who lives in the Parish, of any age, 0 – 100!! The competition will be judged by Councillors and there will be a first prize of £10 with the runner-up receiving £5.

The logo will be used on letterheads, signs, notices and posters for the Parish Council.

It should represent the Parish in one or several ways. It could, therefore, include fields, the church, a well, the canal, people at play or work, trees, the railway or anything else at all which you can think of about the village.

The completion is open from now until the end of November. Designs should be completed on a single sheet of white A4 paper with the design on one side and the name, address, telephone & email of the designer on the other side.

These should be handed in at the SPAR Shop by 22:00 on 2nd December 2016. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Tree Lighting Event on 7th December 2016.

Good luck!



Christmas Tree Lighting Fayre

Autumn, the season of mellow fruitfulness, is now upon us and we also turn to thinking about Christmas!

"Too early!" is often the cry, but all of these things take time to organise and publicise.

The Clarborough and Welham Parish Council Christmas Tree Lighting event will take place on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at Clarborough Village Hall. The usual lights will also be in place in Welham.

The event starts at 4.30 pm with over 25 stalls from where visitors will be able to select some choice presents for family and friends or take part in games to get them in the Christmas spirit. For those who get 'peckish' Clarborough Scouts will be providing seasonal refreshments. There will also be a 'Hot Potato' van outside in case it is cold listening to the choir.

The Tree Lights will be switched on at 17:30, accompanied by singing around the tree by children from Clarborough Primary School. Then - Father Christmas will arrive to give out small presents for all the children! For adults there will be a glass of mulled wine provided by the Parish Council and the event will end at 19:00.



The **Parish Council** looks forward to seeing you there – so come along and have a good time!

Miriam's Banana Muffins

Ingredients.

- 200g plain flour.
- 100g sugar
- 50g butter.
- 150 mls milk.
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder.
- 1 teaspoon baking soda.
- 2 mashed bananas.

Method.

- Melt butter.
- Mix all dry ingredients.
- Whisk the egg, milk, butter
- Add to the other ingredients with bananas.
- Divide mixture into 12 muffin cases and bake in oven for 15 mins at 180°C/Gas Mark 5.

Leave to cool and enjoy.

Miriam Burgess

"Let China sleep, for when she wakes, she will shake the world."

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)



Law School

Our own PCSO, Dave Airey, provides both a monthly summary of crime and other matters on our 'patch' which appears in full on our community website (**Law and Order ► Local Police Reports**) but probably Dave's most important, oft repeated, point is that minimising unlawful events and behaviour is a team business –

teamwork between professional law and order personnel – and members of the community. We 'ordinary' citizens are everywhere and with our eyes and ears alert, we have a much greater probability of spotting – and then reporting – unusual or suspicious behaviour.

Having said this, Dave also reports on a number of recent online 'scams'. Probably the most important caution is the old one of 'if it looks too good to be true, it almost certainly is'!

Dave's most recent Report also contains useful summaries of the legalities of firework use. To read all of Dave's Reports together with a considerable body of recent Neighbourhood Alerts and even notices from the Home Office, see our community website's **Law and Order** pages.

Nottinghamshire Pegasus database for vulnerable people

Nottinghamshire Police, Fire and Rescue and East Ambulance Service have collaborated together in creating the Pegasus data base helping individuals who have a disability, illness or vulnerability receive a swifter and effective service.

Registering with Pegasus means emergency services can access details quickly, without having to ask for your name, address and phone number so you can immediately discuss why you are contacting a particular emergency service.

This service is not for everyone – Pegasus is primarily for individuals who have a disability, illness or vulnerability. Further information can be obtained via www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/pegasus or email pegasus@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Editor's note: If you know of someone who this service might apply to, do either help them engage with it – or seek help from someone who can.

Recent Neighbourhood Alerts

In the past 2 weeks 2 4x4's have been targeted for theft in the rural East Bassetlaw area.

Residents are advised that where vehicles are being parked for the night, that items of value should be hidden away out of view, the vehicle should always be locked. (you would be surprised how many are not), and the immobiliser should, where fitted, be set. Parking on a driveway or under a light has advantages.

I would also proffer that where a resident witnesses

suspicious activity, they should contact Nottinghamshire Police on 999 if the act is taking place there and then. Please be prepared to describe what has been seen and provide any descriptions of persons and vehicles, together with a direction of travel.

Where a member of the community has information in relation to ANY criminal activity, Nottinghamshire Police can be contacted on the non emergency number of 101 and the information passed.

This is not "snitching" or "grassing". Offending affects all people in all communities. Its where YOU live, so go on, make it better for all. Let Nott's Police know what is happening where you and your family live.

The alternative is to ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Calls are free and the information, which can be anonymous, will be passed to the local Police Team for action if appropriate.

If you wish to contact the local Police team, the web site www.Police.UK will provide details of the local team, together with crime patterns/occurrences, for any post code area in the UK.

Editor's note: For more on the free **Neighbourhood Alert** scheme, see our community website's **Law and Order ► Neighbourhood Alert** page.

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Fairtrade in Bassetlaw

The Fairtrade for Bassetlaw campaign hopes that many of you reading this will regularly support Fairtrade wherever you live; and hopefully your workplace offers Fairtrade refreshments to their employees. We are conscious that cost

of food and other items can be a struggle for many people, but it's also so important we consider how we can support producers world wide to get a fair price for their products.

With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you can get farmers a better deal. And that means they can make their own decisions, control their futures and lead the dignified life everyone deserves.

So how easy is it to support Fairtrade. A good step is to be aware of the range of Fairtrade products available. Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 4,500 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE Mark.

The following are the range of categories of Fairtrade and within each of these there are many Fairtrade products. Look for Fairtrade bananas, chocolate, gold, beauty products, coffee, cotton, flowers, tea, sugar. This link will let you see in more detail the products available in each category. <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/buying-fairtrade> Another way to grow the support for Fairtrade is to ask any community group you attend, or church, school, workplace you are involved with to offer Fairtrade products in their settings.

When doing your promotion be prepared to explain what the Fairtrade mark on a product means. Fairly simply: Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers.

Another good way to promote Fairtrade is to ask at any supermarket or cafe you go to, if they will stock or serve Fairtrade products. Fairtrade for Bassetlaw would love to hear how you currently support Fairtrade or if you are thinking of using Fairtrade products in any setting you are involved with, then contact:

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Kathy Cowborough

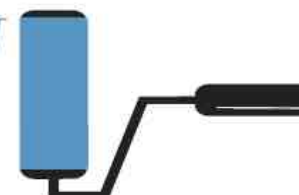


A great big 'thank you' goes to pupils, staff, parents and friends of our school for the fantastic results of the recent Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning. **We raised a total of £552.84 for this wonderful good cause.**



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Bassetlaw District Councillor, Kath Sutton

In the last edition I mentioned the reopening of the refurbished Church and hope that everyone by now will have popped in to have a look. I found it

quite moving to see how sensitively and imaginatively the refurbishment has taken place and the final result is really beautiful.

Now to bring you up to date.

At the latest Rural Conference in the Retford Town Hall it was stated that the Secretary of State has received and accepted various complaints around the decision regarding Bassetlaw joining the Sheffield City Region and the decision will be made this November or December, with a Mayoral election in May.

Three key initiatives by Bassetlaw District Council were outlined. First that the garden waste collection is to go ahead fortnightly from the beginning of March to the end of November and you will be provided with a 240 L wheelie bin. You are now asked to register your interest and the charge will be £30 per annum.

Secondly there is to be an open consultation about fly posting to supply guidance as to what you can or can't do. Some areas now appear to be littered with boards and posters to the detriment of the general appearance of the environment.

Thirdly there is a wider push on the health agenda, initially on a voluntary basis, to ban smoking in children's play areas, starting with the Splash Pool in Kings Park, and

hopefully spreading to other areas. This is in a consultation period at the moment and so far there has been a positive response. Finally there is to be a public consultation on the new Bassetlaw Plan for housing and development.

As always, do contact me if I can be of any assistance. Contact Kath on telephone (01777) 709 034

Kath Sutton

Editor's note: Further to Kath's note regarding refurbishment of our community church of St. John the Baptist, the photo on this page really is worth ten thousand words.

The church has now re-opened after Major Refurbishment which comprised new Limestone and Tile Feature Floor with Underfloor Heating, Refreshment Area, New Seating Disabled Access Toilet, New Lighting Inside and Outside and the Belltower now has Eight Bells.

Lest we forget

Regular readers will be familiar with Pete Cox's honouring the memories of men from Clarborough, Welham, Hayton and Clayworth whose names appear on Retford's War Memorial.



Here we remember Charles Grant who died on 12th November and Arthur Swannack who died on 29th December 1916.

Editor



Nottinghamshire Mobile Library Service

Don't forget the mobile library visits Clarborough every month on a Thursday. The mobile library currently stops at:

Church Lane – 09:40 until 10:05

Howbeck Lane – 10:10 until 10:25

Hillview Crescent – 10:30 until 10:40

Gill Green Walk – 10:45 until 11:00

The next dates for visits are 10th November 2016, 8th December 2016 and 5th January 2017. For a full calendar of dates, visit our community website (see front page) and go to the **Out-and-About ► Retford Library** page for the link.

The mobile library service is for everyone; on the mobile libraries you will find:

- books for loan for adults and children
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Joining and using

Joining a mobile library is no different from joining any other library in Nottinghamshire and once you've joined you can use any library in the county or in Nottingham city.

You may request items from a mobile library as you would with a local library. Any items that you request will be available for you to collect from the mobile library on a later visit to your area.

If you miss a mobile library visit and you need to return borrowed items, you can return them to the mobile library on its next visit. Alternatively, you can also return any items borrowed from the mobile library to any local library. You can also renew books and other items, online or over the telephone.

Disabled access

Mobile libraries have a lift that can accommodate wheelchair users or people who find steps difficult. Please ask for help if you wish to use it.

From time to time the mobile library routes are updated to reflect demand and usage. Where there is capacity and demand it may be possible for additional stops to be added to the route. If you are unable to get to any of the existing stops and would like to be able to use the mobile library, then you can let us know where you would like the mobile to stop by emailing ask.libraries@inspireculture.org.uk or telephoning 01623 664 943. This does not guarantee that a stop can be added because this will depend on there being sufficient demand and capacity.

Editor's notes: The mobile library service is another of those county services that will be under pressure from government spending cuts – the old adage, 'use it or lose it' really does apply to this service – so get onboard!

Our community website's **Out-and-About ► Retford Library** page always carries events and groups for the coming months.

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Wheatley Local History Group Evening with Henry VIII

Our next event will take place on **Saturday, 19th November** when we will be having a Tudor based evening in conjunction with Tutbury castle historical speakers, including a visit from Henry VIII – enacted by the historian John White.

Undoubtedly our country's most colourful monarch, the King, aged in his early 50s, appears in the most splendid bejewelled and golden costume; a near replica of the famous Holbein portrait.

This portrayal of the 'King', in the later years of his life, is based upon the most detailed research. The 'King' recounts his life, telling of his wives, children, and the events of his long reign, in a most forceful fashion. He is ill and is greatly pained by his badly infected leg and, although recently married to his sixth wife, he appears an angry and vengeful man. This is a highly acclaimed and powerful presentation that is offered in the form of an 'audience' with the 'King'.

Come along and enjoy an evening with The King, an opportunity to "petition" his Royal Highness and sample the fayre of a Tudor Banquet.

This event will take place at the Village Hall in North Wheatley starting at 19:30, with the bar open from 19:00. Tickets cost £18, including food, and are available from Alan Guest (01427 884 147) and Dave Valentine (01427 880 934).

Our next regular meeting will take place on Monday, 21st November, again at the Village Hall in North Wheatley. This meeting will start at 10:00 and will feature a talk by Barry Davis entitled "Saints and Sinners in the Classroom. Barry

will present a series of anecdotes bringing laughter and tears based on his years as a teacher. For more information, again contact Alan on 01427 884 147 or Dave on 01427 880 934.

Alan Guest

Clarborough Gardening Club

Although the weather is now turning cooler there is still plenty to do in our gardens. It's a beautiful time of the year with the trees changing colour. It might seem a waste of time raking leaves off the lawns when we know there will be more to follow, but just think of all the lovely leaf mould you'll get. Now is the last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges.

Cut back herbaceous perennials. Lift and divide good clumps and place the new plants in spaces in the border. Dig a good hole and add well rotted compost, making sure the plants are watered in well. The soil is still warm at this time of the year so the roots will have chance to establish themselves before winter sets in.

Wait for the first frosts to arrive before lifting dahlia tubers - store them in a cool dark place; check them regularly for any signs of rotting.

Keep planting Spring flowering bulbs and don't forget to collect seeds to sow next year.

Why not come along to our club – at Clarborough Village Hall on the first Saturday of each month (14:00-16:00).

Dorothy King



Church Lane, Clarborough – update

Thank you for the interest generated from the last issue of the *Clarborough & Welham Newsletter*, on my little piece about cess pits in the front gardens of some of the bungalows in Church Lane.

My bungalow was one of the first batch of eight built by the Cobb family in 1954. The land originally was church land, and we think the family built the bungalows as a speculative venture.

When we moved here, in 1985, our bungalow was called 'Shangri-La'. Not being massive fans of Frank Capra's 1937 film 'Lost Horizon', we eventually got around to contacting the post office to see if we could change its name. That is when we were told that our bungalow was originally Plot 6. So for the next two years or so, until about 1990, we were 6, Church Lane. The only sign of house numbers in our part of Church Lane is our next door but one neighbour, who still uses number 8, marked on his front gates...



Following the last edition of the newsletter, I was contacted by Anne Walker, who put me in touch with her mother. She was brought up living in Woodside, Church Lane. This is one of the bungalows up near to the level crossing. I phoned Stella Rhoades (nee Thorlby), who knew exactly when mine and the other seven bungalows were built. Stella got married in 1954, and when she came out of St John's Church on her wedding day, a builder who was sitting on the roof of the bungalow opposite the church



waved to her. Originally, I was told there were wooden cottages where I live, but Stella told me that in my front garden was the builders wooden shed and yard. Originally we were on cess-pit drainage, and it was not until the 1960's that we were connected to the main drainage system. So perhaps a mystery solved.

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BIBA17: keep 8th March 2017 free!

Big Ideas Big Ambitions is an exciting opportunity for young people, aged 14-18 in the Retford and surrounding areas, as they think about their future and the decisions they need to make.

Young people will be given the opportunity to hear inspiring talks, discuss University places, College courses and take part in workshops. This event isn't just about staying on at school - learn about Apprenticeships and a range of employment sectors. There will also be information, advice and guidance provided by support services to encourage young people to make informed decisions about their future. Promoted by Bassetlaw Public and Third Sector Partnership, the aim of BIBA17 is to inspire and enable young people to achieve their full potential.

Bassetlaw Youth Council (BYC) provides a voice for young people in the District. If you're 11-19 years old then Bassetlaw Youth Council is a fantastic opportunity for you to raise issues, explore local services and make key decisions and also have a chance to volunteer on projects and help shape the future of your community. Cllr Sarah Farncombe, Young Persons Champion, said "You don't need to have knowledge of politics; you just need to be passionate about your community and the issues that affect your generation."

Meetings are held at venues across Bassetlaw and we're always looking for new places to meet that will encourage young people to get involved in local politics. We also organise taxis free of charge to make sure that all young people can access our meetings.

BYC's next meetings are on:

Thursday 3rd November, 18:15 – 20:15 at Retford Town Hall

Thursday 8th December 18:15 – 20:15 Venue to be confirmed

If you would like more information about Bassetlaw Youth Council please get in touch

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Cllr Sarah Farncombe

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2016 Illuminate Pilgrims Festival

Bigger and better! – building on the success of the Thanksgiving Day events in 2015, this year sees the **Illuminate Mayflower Pilgrims** commemoration activities expand to a ten-day Pilgrims Festival.

This starts on **Thursday 17th November** at 19:00, with a Mayflower Meal, using

authentic recipes from the times of the Mayflower Pilgrims, at the United Reformed Church, Church Lane, Gainsborough (01427 811258), then there is the Gainsborough Lights Switch-On at Marshalls Yard on Friday 18th November.

Saturday 19th (10:00 – 16:00) and Sunday 20th (12:00 – 16:00) November at All Saints Church, Babworth, there will be an exhibition of art and craft inspired by the Separatist/Mayflower Pilgrims story – if you would like to exhibit, please come along to the church with your work, PM on Friday 18th.



Tuesday 22nd November (8:30-19:30) there is a ticket-only Americana Evening at Spencer's on the Square, Market Square, Retford – see page 11 for details.
From Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th November, The Opera Tea Rooms, just off the Market Square in Retford, will be offering Pilgrim Specials including Hodge Pot, Barm

Brack, and Curd Tart, also using authentic recipes from the times of the Mayflower Pilgrims.

Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, and Friday 25th November (all 10:00-16:00) and on Thursday 24th (10:00 – 13:00) in the Ballroom at Retford Town Hall, the story of the Puritans, Separatists and Mayflower Pilgrims will be shown in an exhibition – entry free, no need to book. There will also be talks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 – 13:30.

Thursday 24th November, there will be candle-lighting services at the Pilgrim Churches, where everyone is welcome – URC Gainsborough: 09:15, Sturton-le-Steeple: 10:00, Austerfield: 11:00; Scrooby and Babworth tba.

There will be a Civic Service at 18:00 in St Swithun's, Retford followed by the forming of the '400', as last year, and a Civic Reception.

The very popular primary school workshops which took place on Thanksgiving Day in 2015 have been extended and will be carried out from 22nd to 25th November this year, increasing the number of schools that we are able to work with from three to eight, plus a special evening for cubs and brownies on Wednesday 23rd.

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th there will be a Santa's Winter Wonderland experience in the Buttermarket at Retford Town Hall. On **Sunday 27th** the Festival will complete with the Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On in and around the Market Square, Retford

In Bawtry there will be a children's heritage trail from the library on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th with Austerfield Study Centre hosting a candle-lit tour and hog roast on Sunday 27th.

In Gainsborough, the Old Hall will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th where you can get an understanding of what a medieval kitchen was really like.

Rick Brand

Dates for your Diary

3rd November BYC Meeting at Retford Town Hall.
19th November: Wheatley 'meet Henry VIII' event.
22nd November: BDC Plan drop-in at Clarbrough Village Hall (16:00-20:00)
27th November: Retford Christmas Market & Lights Switch-on.
4th December: Clarbrough Victorian Market
7th December Clarbrough's Christmas Tree Lighting
12th December: Clarbrough W.I. Christmas Party
15th December BYC Meeting (Workshop).
20th December: Nottinghamshire Schools end-of-term.
3rd January, 2017: Nottinghamshire schools re-open
16th-18th February: Clarbrough Pantomime
8th March: BIBA17 at Retford Post-16 Centre.

2017 Newsletter deadlines

16th January 2017 (Spring issue)
10th April 2017 (Summer issue)

Clarbrough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

5th December
16th January, 2017
27th February (provisional)

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarbrough Village Hall

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

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