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The day I hit a child at 20mph – and realised the speed limit must be cut

In an impassioned appeal, Dr Nick Foreman, a GP from Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire remembers the near-fatal accident that convinced him of the need to stop motorists driving at 30mph in built-up areas. This article was first published in the British Medical Journal in May 2010. This is what happened and this is how it felt.

I was driving along a well-lit suburban street with my two small stepchildren in the back of the car. We were on the way to pick up my wife who had been working away for a few days, and we were all excited about seeing her. It was 6.35pm on a dark February evening and I had some rather gloomy Radiohead music on the CD player.

In an instant, a few yards in front of me was a small child. He was followed by an adult. I remember thinking "WHAT THE..." and then reflexively hit my brakes. The car skidded and I ran into both of them. The child flew through the air, caught in the beam of my headlights. I didn't see the adult.

Traffic stopped behind me and on the other side of the road ahead of me. For a few seconds everything was still. The child, who looked about three years old, was crying in a heap a few yards in front of my car; the adult had been thrown further.

I stopped thinking normally. I had no idea what to do. It was probably only 30 seconds after the accident and already a crowd was appearing. I realised that I needed to phone the emergency services and I went back to my car and got my phone. I couldn't bring myself to address my children in the back seat.

Ringling 999 seemed to take ages. There was a dislocation between the absolute panic now enveloping me and the calm voice on the other end. I grabbed a bystander to ask where we were. By this point, a large number of people had gathered.

My victims were clearly local with lots of family and friends in the vicinity. They surrounded the bodies lying on the road and after a few false starts at trying to be a doctor, I gave up. I felt incompetent and could only think that I had done this.

It started to become clearer what had happened. The child had got out of a car in a side street and had run towards the main road; his aunt had screamed and run after him. Both had run into my path.

Somebody tapped me on the shoulder. "Are you all right, mate? I saw everything. The kid ran out in front of you – there was nothing you could have done." These were very kind words. I remembered my children. I put my head back into the car – both were crying. I said everything was going to be fine, but I had no idea whether this was the truth.

On the road, nothing had changed. I rang my wife, incoherent. "Something awful has happened..." She was calm. She established where I was and said she'd be there shortly in a taxi. The traffic was backed up on either side of the car. It must have been about seven or eight minutes after the accident when an off-duty paramedic appeared and took control.

After a further five minutes or so the police arrived – lots of them. I was identified as the driver and was told to switch off my engine and sit in my car. Then a rapid-response team arrived in an ambulance car and another five minutes after that, thank God, an ambulance. I heard them apologise for being so long. The policemen were very young. They were polite but firm and they started to appeal for witnesses, whom they began to interview as the ambulance men got out stretchers to carefully move the bodies.

A man tapped on my car window. I got out. He said he was the child's father. He asked me how I was and said he thought his son was going to be OK. A paramedic then came over. He told me not to be frightened about the stretchers, he didn't think there had been any major injuries.

The ambulance then sped off and a police sergeant appeared. He was less friendly and spent a long time inspecting my car. He ordered the young policemen to chalk the road, to show the position of my car.

My wife appeared, walking along the road with her luggage. The sergeant then allowed the car to be moved and one of the young policemen said he would take me home later. My wife drove the children home. The police then explained that I would need to accompany them to the police station. They asked me if I had been intimidated by the crowd – I hadn't. The police were now friendly and sympathetic. The witnesses corroborated my story.

The ride in the police car was short and the police station was cold. I couldn't stop shaking. The Breathalyser test was carefully explained and I passed it. I was led through my witness statement by one policeman as another checked my car insurance and tax on their databases.

I was then told that no action would be taken against

me and I was taken home by one of the young policemen. He told me to ring him if I needed to talk. He rang me a day or two later and told me that the aunt and the child had no broken bones and were both at home nursing some bruising.

The aunt wanted to talk to me and he asked whether he could give her my phone number. She rang me a few minutes later to tell me that she and her nephew were both well and to thank me for not driving fast. I told her that it was brave of her to try to save the child, and she laughed.

So what has this experience done to me? Suddenly, a few speeding points on my licence don't seem quite so innocent. If you have any, you should also feel ashamed. It is easy to exceed the speed limit and, thankfully, on this occasion, I wasn't. Nor was I fiddling with my mobile phone, sat-nav, or CD player, all of which I have done before. I think I was going at 20mph at the point of impact, and maybe now you will agree with me that that should be the speed limit in built-up areas.

Clarborough Gardening Club 6th Annual Show

Saturday 11th September 2010

Clarborough Village Hall

**Exhibiting from 09:00; Adult (20p), 16yrs
and under free.**

Public admission from 13:30; cost 50p.

Refreshments will be available from 13:30

Entry forms available from the Club

Secretary Mrs D King

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Dates for your diary:

Schools' half-term: w/c 25th October, 2010.

School Christmas break: 23 Dec to 5 Jan 2011.

Dates from NCC website as of July, 2010.

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The First Clarborough Festival - off to a tail wagging steamy start

So, who are these Clarborough Village Ventures? Well... just a crowd of average people who decided to stage events in the village for the benefit of those who live here. All members are very passionate about what village life should be like and keen to see that old traditions and values continue. When I asked them what they had planned next, I was told to keep **Saturday 6th November** free and to put **June 11-12th 2011** into my diary!

Saturday the 5th of June saw the start of what is to become an annual two day event in the village. Bell ringing at St Johns organised by Village Ventures committee member Edna Bradley started the weekend in grand style.

The whole area filled with people from all over the country enjoying the festival attractions scattered throughout the village centre.

Saturday saw the Village hall full of stands, the village field hosting the companion dog show. Outdoor attractions and stalls filled the



whole field with everything from birds of prey to a hog roast.

Saturday yielded a fantastic Ceilidh in our Village Hall – another event like that just has to happen again soon (watch this space!)

Sunday saw the village full of all

the sounds and smells of yesteryear. The smell of steam and old engine oil was everywhere with an excellent display of steam engines, tractors, cars and motorbikes filling the Kings Arms car park and the village hall drive.

Rev. Cantrill rose to the challenge, had a word and following torrential rain the skies cleared and the afternoon was a beautiful sunny time



with the village full of vintage vehicle enthusiasts. Dan Bartles merry men came up trumps with an excellent collection of vintage tractors and the Baines family produced a very impressive display of steam engines big and small.

A special thank you must go to Lol Wells' son-in-law, Adrian, who stepped in at very short notice to pump out the village hall driveway.



Total profit from the event was £3,594, £1,400 of this will be retained in the fund for next years event with some £1500 going to the Church (oldest building in the village) with the rest distributed as follows:

£200 to the Scouts, £200 to the Parish Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and £200 to the Village Hall to help with the cost of a new floor.

Report prepared by Andy Hardie (Chairman, C.V.V.)

Staying Well expert patient programme...

...is a free six week course for anyone living with a long-term health condition and aims to give participants skills and knowledge to improve their quality of life.

The programme's aim is to help you take control of your health by learning new skills to manage your condition better on a daily basis.

Each session lasts for two and a half hours and is facilitated by trained tutors who are themselves living with a long-term condition.

The **Staying Well** programme complements existing health care programmes and treatments, empowering participants to be more informed and better able to develop partnerships with their medical practitioners.

Topics covered by the programme include:

- Dealing with pain & extreme tiredness
- Coping with feelings of depression
- Relaxation techniques & exercise
- Healthy eating
- Communicating with family, friends and professionals
- Planning for the future

Examples of long-term health conditions include (this list is far from exhaustive):

Heart, lung, back conditions, M.S., Asthma, Eczema, Depression, Cancer... the list goes on – any condition, in fact, that has to be managed, rather than is likely to be cured.

Participation in the **Staying Well** programme is **FREE** – for more details and/or an application form, contact:

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Clarborough Primary School News

'Family Fun' sessions

The **Sure Start** team, **Hayton Butterflies** and **Clarborough Primary School** are working together to provide FREE fun sessions, which run every week (term time only) on a **Tuesday morning 9.15am until 11.15am**. It's drop-in so pop-in any time throughout the session.

Many families have been coming along to join in the fun. The session include messy play, make and takes, song time and snack time for the children. So why not bring the little ones along for a chance to chat and meet new friends.

Session will re-start after the summer holidays on Tuesday 14th September.

For more information please contact a member of the Bassetlaw Rural Children's Centre Network on 01777 712950

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Bassetlaw Rural Children's Centre Network
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Bassetlaw Schools Swimming Galas



On the 19th of June, Clarborough Primary School went to one of Bassetlaw Schools

Swimming Galas at Retford Leisure Centre with a team of 18 Swimmers to compete in a number of races. The Team consisted of children from Years 4, 5 and 6. The races included front crawl, breast stroke, back stroke, butterfly and relay.

All the boys and girls did very well in the races (mostly firsts and seconds). We would like to thank Mrs. Hartley for organising it and also Mrs Pryar for helping as without them we would not have gained First Place with 59 points. The other teams taking part were Leverton School, Dunham School and Sutton-cum-Lound School.

Molly, Gemma and Imogen (Class 5)

Change4Life Road Show

On Wednesday, 16th June, 2010 Clarborough Primary School held a Change4Life Road

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Show. The weather was great which enabled us to have activities outside.

The Change4Life scheme has been introduced to help us to eat well, move more and live longer, the activities at this road show were planned to show us how to do this.

Activities were set up to enable everyone - parents, grandparents and children to take part. There were competitions such as a Basketball Shoot-out, Tennis Challenge, Coconut Shy and a colouring activity with great prizes to be won.

Inside there was information available from Bassetlaw Health Trainers and Environmental Health (hand-washing and food safety), as well as Change4Life information.

As this activity was held after school there was plenty of healthy snacks – Mini muffin pizzas and fruity faces for everyone to make and eat in-between taking part in the activities which also included Wii Fit, Family Fun and Fitness session and sculpting. A smoothy bike was pedaled by volunteers to make super fruity smoothies for everyone to drink.

This event was well supported by families and children who took home lots of healthy ideas and information at the end of their fun afternoon.

Clarborough Primary School Gardening Club

The children and helpers at Clarborough Primary School Gardening Club would like to thank the Clarborough Gardening Association for their very kind donation towards the compost fund. Our Raised Beds are producing lovely salads and vegetables for us to enjoy at lunchtime Thank you for your generosity.

Retford's Got Talent

Megan Footitt represented Clarborough Primary at Retford Oaks High School on the evening of 6th July and did amazingly well - this was her first public performance so she

should be very proud of herself because there was some fierce competition and a very lively audience.

David Patuzzo
(Head of Music, Retford Oaks High School)

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Neighbourhood Watch – getting started

Turning Clarborough into an active Neighbourhood Watch area seems such a good idea that your Parish Council is holding a 'getting started' meeting on Monday, 4th October in the Village Hall. The meeting will start at 18:45 so come along and get involved (and stay for a Parish Council Meeting that follows immediately).

Security Alarms + No-callers-at-the-door stickers

PCSO Dave Airey has provided a number of door handle alarms and bold 'No Callers' door stickers at the Parish Office (Village Hall) so why not drop in on Monday mornings for these free security aids?

Run for Life (Rotherham 18th July 2010)

Cllr Ann Codling, Vice Chairman of Clarborough & Welham Parish Council, with her Granddaughter Bethany (12).



They were pictured at the Cancer Research 'Race for Life' event, held at Rotherham.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the event, one of the best things I've done. Most of us have lost relatives or friends to cancer, so it's good to help with a bit of fund raising", said Ann. "Congratulations to any other ladies from our villages, who took part."



Local landlord Andy Poulter proudly displays the Maureen Marsh Trophy for outstanding contribution to the recent Clarborough Festival

Clarborough & District WI News

Mrs Maggie Rampley with her light hearted "Quotes and Verse" entertained members and visitors to Clarborough & District WI's 49th Birthday Party on 14th June. The following week Mrs Margaret Campbell and husband Colin provided their garden for a very successful Strawberry Tea which along with a raffle and Bring-and-Buy stall, raised £151.20 to be divided equally between the WI and the Parish Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

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From District Councillor, Kath Sutton

I know it's a few months since our Festival weekend but I must comment on what a tremendous success it was. The highlight to me was the amazing co-operation and community spirit throughout the weekend and the sheer happiness of all who were involved. I'm sure the Clarborough Village Ventures are more than happy with the outcome and deserve all our congratulations.

Parish Council meetings continue to be a source of inspiration. All the Councillors work so hard for the village, often having to concern themselves with somewhat tedious detail. But what is so prevalent at the moment is the badinage and repartee which livens the proceedings and helps the business to flow. It's quite a surprise to be able to say it's an enjoyable and often entertaining evening. Why not join us ?!

Finally may I remind you of Sir Stuart and Lady Goodwin Charity which was established in 1962 for the benefit of those in need over the age of 60. The fund is generally awarded for financial assistance towards specific needs e.g. disability/ mobility aids, household goods/ furniture etc. Applications are invited by letter with supporting information, and all are dealt with in the strictest confidence. Perhaps you are not sure whether you would be eligible, or you're a concerned neighbour who feels that you know of someone. Don't hesitate to get in touch, either with me (**01777 709 034**) or if you prefer,

Linda Dore,
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01909 533249

One brief phone call could make a big difference in your, or your neighbour's life.

Kath Sutton

From County Councillor, Liz Yates

It has been a busy time over the past six months but every bit of it has been so enjoyable. What a wonderful experience the Festival Weekend was, the weather was good and when I drove up towards the village the buntings looked wonderful.

What an excellent idea to choose children from the village to open the new Play Area and the Town Crier was a lovely idea and such a nice man too. Thank you to Ann Codling for inviting me. I understand that the Ceilidh was a huge success and extremely well attended so roll on next year.

I attend the Steering Group meetings of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership and at the last meeting was voted in as Chairman for the next two years. The canal is something I feel passionate about. Although most of the work is being carried out in other authority areas, there is now only nine miles to complete and the canal will then be navigable for 46 miles, from West Stockwith through to Chesterfield. The benefits of this will be enormous to our district and can only help with our economic regeneration.

Contact me any time on: 01777 860 219 or email cllr.liz.yates@nottsc.gov.uk

Liz Yates

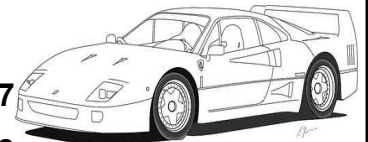
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Updates from PCSO Dave Airey

Clarborough & Welham continues to enjoy a well-below average crime and incident record, in no small part due to the vigilance of the whole community.

Please do, however, be aware, both for yourselves and your neighbours, of the need for continued

vigilance during the summer – open doors can be an open invitations!

Should anything suspicious occur, please use the new non-emergency contact number:

0300 300 99 99

This number is now the only non-emergency contact number for Nottinghamshire Police. It will give you access to all departments, whether you want to report a crime, speak to an officer at your local station or get crime prevention advice.

If a life is in danger or a crime is in progress, always dial 999

I can be contacted on 0300 300 9999 Extension 807 7364 (Harworth Police station) or on 07525 226838. Thank you.

Dave Airey PCSO 8139



Letter to the Editor

Would you please be so kind as to pass on our thanks to those responsible for updating the playpark. It really is a delight to take our grandchild round to it as often as possible. The bright colours are so cheerful, and the imaginative combination of climbing ropes and slides etc. quite fascinating. The adult seat tones in nicely with its new coat of paint. If a seat could be provided on the opposite side as well that would be great for us 'oldies'!. Thanks to all concerned. A grateful grandparent.

(Name and address provided)

The Annual Christmas Event & Lights Switch on will take place on Wednesday, December 8th.

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A walk on the wild side !

by *Fellwalker*

Planning your walk

How far you walk is a matter of personal choice. Some people are happy with a 20 mile trip in a day, others want only 4 or 5 easy miles. This is personal preference and ability. Always, always, always think about your weakest walker, don't push them beyond their limits which is dangerous for the party and could be fatal and not necessarily for that walker! Also take into account the type of terrain (how much up and down); the sort of surface expected (road (fast), good footpath (fast/medium), mud (slow)); the time of year (much shorter days in winter); the weather; other diversions.

Just one example: On Boxing Day 2009 we walked in Derbyshire; two 60+, three in their early 30s making four experienced walkers on a 7 mile walk we had done many times previously. This time we started late as we wanted to visit a walking shop - which led to considerable "retail therapy"! There was 7ins of snow - which was difficult walking and led to playing about (yes, all of us!). It took us twice as long as usual to reach our usual lunch pub which was heaving, so food took longer to arrive than usual. We did not start back until 3pm; snow again slowed us (no playing this time) so that we did not get back until it was almost completely dark! This could have been serious if one of us had had an accident. Moral; be aware of time slipping by!

Using Grid References

Having decided your area, decide on a route - this is where the Grid References (GRs) come in. By taking shortish distances on a map, it is possible to set out a series of GRs which follow the route you wish to take. This may be all you want to do to remind yourself of your route whilst you are out. With more skill, experience and knowledge of maps you can actually describe your own walk before you set off. This will mean that you save time for your walking rather than messing about trying to find your way!

Knowing the terrain

Spot heights, shown by a black dot and a number, show heights (in metres) at specific points.



The brown wiggly lines covering OS maps are contour lines connecting points of the same height. They are spaced a 10 m intervals and every 5th line is dark brown (50 m intervals). Numbers, in brown, on the contours show the height. By counting across the lines it is possible to calculate the change in height. But is this up or down? Look at the number on any two lines which are crossed you can work out if you are going up or down. With experience you will come to recognise hills and valleys, simply by looking at the contours. If contour lines are close together then the hillside is steep and, conversely, if the contours are well spaced the land is flat(ish). Walking parallel to contours is called "contouring" since it is level, making the walk easier.

Planning before you go avoids unnecessary danger for you and your group!

Safety is the foremost priority of any walk!

NB The advice in these articles is all given in good faith but the author cannot accept any liability for errors, omissions or incidents which may occur to those following this advice. If in doubt, don't do it!

***(Homework answers from last issue:
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Family History – and things ...

Interested in family or local history? Much emphasis these days is placed on use of the internet, but have you considered how much is available on your own doorstep? Recently, **Clarborough & Welham IT Group** spent a very enjoyable afternoon at **Retford Library** during which they had a demonstration of the library's free access to Ancestry's online databases (it's a good idea to phone ahead to book a computer; you'll also need your library card. If you don't currently have a card you will need to take a means of identification along to register). The main part of the visit, however, was to explore the Local Studies section (upstairs – no lift) which houses a vast array of vital documents ranging from local parish and electoral registers, old maps to *Retford Times* back to its inception in 1871. Many of these resources are stored on microfilm or microfiche, so booking a reader in advanced could be a good idea - staff are happy to help 'new recruits' get to grips with the machinery. Not only is the Local Studies Section a mine of information in its own right but it also enables users to develop skills (both of filing systems and use of machines) in a small, friendly environment before making the transition to larger – or national – archives. Nottinghamshire Archive holds county-wide collections covering a vast array of areas as well as national indexes to births, marriages and deaths – and then, of course, we have the National Archives at Kew.

Retford Library has a range of free leaflets for those starting family or local history research:

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Did you know...

...that Worksop Library will be moving into brand new facilities on 20th September? An opening event ***Family History and the Media*** by Nick Barratt (of the BBC's *Who Do You Think You Are*) will take place at 14:00 on Wednesday 22nd September. To book tickets contact:

Worksop Library
(01909) 472 408
worksop.library@nottsscc.gov.uk

Did you also know...

...that the population of Clarborough at the 2001 Census was 1111 (good pub quiz question!)? Surprisingly, this compares with 1,202 (1841), 2,504 (1851) and 3,291 in 1901. So what was going on? The answer is to be found in changes to Parish Boundaries! St.Saviours church was opened as a 'chapel of ease' in 1828 for the benefit of that portion of the Parish of Clarborough where the bulk of the population resided - Moorgate and Spital Hill. St.Saviours only became a separate Parish in 1934.

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One minute with... Francisco Ayala

PROFILE: *Evolutionary biologist and geneticist Francisco Ayala of the University of California, Irvine, was a science adviser to President Bill Clinton, and was formerly a Dominican priest.*

The £1 million 2010 Templeton prize has gone to the geneticist some call the "Renaissance man of evolutionary biology"

You won for arguing there is no contradiction between science and religion. Many disagree.

They are two windows through which we look at the world. Religion deals with our relationship with our creator, with each other, the meaning and purpose of life, and moral values; science deals with the make-up of matter, expansion of galaxies, evolution of organisms. They deal with different ways of knowing. I feel that science is compatible with religious faith in a personal, omnipotent and benevolent God.

And yet conflict exists. Why?

Religion and science are not properly understood by some people, Christians particularly. Some want to interpret the Bible as if it were an elementary textbook. It is a book to teach us about religious truths. At the same time, some scientists claim they can use science to prove God does not exist. Science can do nothing of the kind.

You talk about mutual respect between science and religion. How can we foster this?

People of faith need better scientific education. As for scientists, I don't know what they can do: not many argue in a rational and sustained way that religion and science are incompatible.

Why do you say creationism is bad religion?

Creationism and intelligent design are not compatible with religion because they imply the designer is a bad designer, allowing cruelty and misery. Evolution

explains these as a result of natural processes, in the same way we explain earthquakes, tsunamis or volcanic eruptions. We don't have to attribute them to an action of God.

One area where religion and science seem to be at odds is homosexuality. Who is right?

There is now evidence that predisposition to homosexuality is genetically determined, so there is a biological component and denying it is not right. Some religions condemn as immoral sexual relations between people of the same gender. That can be judged as a moral matter. One has to distinguish what belongs to the realm of morality.

What do you say to people like Richard Dawkins, who argue that we don't need religion to lead moral lives?

One can accept moral values without being religious. However, by and large, people get their moral values in association with their religion.

Do you believe in God?

I don't answer questions on my personal beliefs.

There are thousands of religions, many mutually contradictory. They can't all be right.

Correct. It is a matter of faith. There is no way of demonstrating the superiority of one religion. True religion is what one person happens to believe.

I'm an atheist. Am I missing out?

No, because you can have a meaningful life without faith in God, But most people live in poverty and misery, suffering from diseases. The one thing that brings them some hope and meaning is their faith. I don't want to take that from them.

*Interview by Graham Lawton
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Services to Christmas, 2010			
Date	Clarborough	Hayton	
5 Sep. Trinity 14	10:00 Holy Communion		
12 Sep. Trinity 15	10:30 Deanery Idle Valley Centre		09:15 Holy Communion
19 Sep. Trinity 16	10:00 Harvest		
26 Sep. Trinity 17		18:00 Holy Communion	11:00 Harvest
3 October Trinity 18	09:30 Morning Worship		
10 Oct Trinity 19		18:00 Holy Communion	09:15 Holy Communion
17 Oct Trinity 20	10:00 Morning Worship		
24 Oct Bible Sunday		15:00 Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Worship
31 Oct 4 before Advent		10:30 Group Songs of Praise & HC at Bole	
7 Nov. 3 before Advent		16:00 All Souls; come and light a candle in memory of a loved one.	
14 Nov. Rememb- rance Sunday			10:45 Remembr- ance Service
21 Nov. Festival of Christ the King	10:00 Holy Communion	18:00 Deanery Confirmation at St.Saviours	
28 Nov. Advent		15:00 Christingle	11:00 Morning Worship

5 Dec Advent 2		15:00 Holy Communion	
12 Dec. Advent 3			09:15 Holy communion
19 Dec Advent 4	10:00 Carol Service		16:00 Crib & Carols
24 Dec. Christmas Eve		16:00 Crib Service 23:30 Christmas Holy Communion	
25 Dec. Christmas Day	09:15 Holy Communion at Hayton		

Harvest Supper

This year the event will be a pie and pea supper, with entertainment in the village Hall on 20 Sept. For details and to book in please ring 702893 or 703378.

Beetle Drive

These continue to be popular, at the King's Arms on the last Monday of the month. Tel 703378

Car Boot

Starting 4th September, the monthly Car Boot will be at the Village Hall (indoors if wet), on the first Saturday of each month; 9am to 11am. Just turn up. We urgently need people to look around and have coffee with us.

Sing for your Supper

Following the way Gareth got communities together singing on TV, our Mark challenges you to have a go yourselves. All ages welcome, lively songs, and free food. This will be the evening of 8 October at 6.30pm

Christian Book Club

Beginning on Thursday 30 September and usually on the final Thurs of the month, we shall meet at 21 Howbeck Lane at 7.30pm. The first book is "Left Behind" by Tim La Haye and Jerry B Jenkins.

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Play area update...

Congratulations to the organisers of the recent Clarborough Festival, another event, helping to bring our local community together. The play park had a great opening ceremony since which it has been in almost constant use. It does the heart good to see school children rushing across the soccer field, making a beeline for the new equipment; mums bringing packed lunches, using the picnic benches whilst their offspring play safely; grandparents on child-minding duties, enjoying the area, chatting with other age groups. One Pensioner told us "I haven't spoken to anyone before in the village"!

Organisers have been open about the cost of the play area from the start. Cost to parishioners total £8529.52, including £3,819 compulsory Environment Charges - Council tax for Clarborough & Welham (Precept) is not going up because of this project! The Play Area committee received a grand total of £37,626 from Wren Environmental & others, all of which took a lot of hard work - complex form filling & gaining local support.

The Play area comprises eight items of equipment including two picnic benches. Costs included clearing the site, play equipment, fencing, delivery, installation including concrete foundations and grass mat flooring. All VAT is being reclaimed by the Parish Council. Our costs compare favourably with similar schemes by other councils. E.g. the new Bassetlaw Council play area on Leverton Road for example cost around

£200,000; the Ball court at Beckingham cost over £60,000. So for £8529.52 did we get a good deal? We certainly think so.

From planning through fund raising to completion in a year was impressive - most schemes of this type take two or three years.

Two items are being addressed, one to try to get the grass matting a little more even, though the overall appearance is improving week by week as the grass grows through. The other is a request for a baby swing, this has been ordered and will be installed during September, costing just over £2,000.

There has been a bit of criticism from just two residents, these have been answered directly. All other comments have been positive and encouraging, and we thank all those residents for their input. We promised to provide a new play area for the village, and we've kept our word. Fortunately most people, especially children, seem to appreciate it.

Members of the new Parish Council aimed to try to improve community spirit in Clarborough - surely the new play area is playing its part.

We thank all those people who did get involved with the project, and our thanks to the full Parish Council for their support.

**Article from Play area Committee members:
Councillors Phil Gibson (Chairman) Ann Codling
(Vice Chairman), Brian Grice, Vivienne Lilley,
Maurice Collins, and non-Councillors Diane
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**The Village Hall Programme
Autumn 2010**

Day	Main Hall			Halford Room
Mon	Parish Office Open (Bennett Room) 10:00 to 12:00	10:00 to 12:00 Table Tennis 14:00 to 16:00 Short-mat Bowls	2 nd Monday in Month W.I. (Halford Room) 19.00 to 21.00	Monday 19:00 Parish Council See elsewhere in this issue for dates
Tue	10:00 to 12:00 Over 50's Keep Fit	13:30 to 15:00 IT Group (Halford Room)	19.00 to 21.00 Table Tennis All ages	19:00 to 20:30 IT Group
Wed		14:00 to 16:00 Table Tennis	19:00 to 20:00 Keep Fit All ages	10:00 to 11:30 IT Group
Thur			17:00 to 21:00 Cubs, Beavers, Scouts	
Fri	10:00 to 12:00 Table Tennis All ages		19:15 to 21:00 Bingo Alternate weeks Entry 50p	
Sat	No regular programme, but watch out for posters advertising events The hall is available for hire, minimum 2 hours, please ring for details			1 st Saturday in Month 14:00 to 16:00 Gardening Club
Sun	To book all or part of the Village Hall, ring Vivienne Lilley on (01777) 710 984			

**Anglian Water 'leaks' contact:
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Contact details:

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Keep Fit over 50s : Rosetta (01777) 701 648
Beavers (6-8yrs): Norman (01777) 703 778
Cubs (8-10yrs): Stephen (01777) 711 583
Bowls Club: Geoff (01777) 703 140 or Chris (01777) 700 918
Church Wardens: Jim (01777) 703 378 or Edna (01777) 702 893

Parish Council Meetings

Want your voice heard? Want to get involved? Come to Parish Council meetings at the Village Hall. Forthcoming meeting dates:

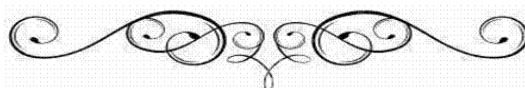
September: Monday 6th

October: Monday 4th

November: Monday 1st

Meetings begin at 7:00pm prompt. A public question-answer session usually occupies the first part of each ordinary meeting.

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- get involved in editing this newsletter.
- Get an opportunity to use open source software and possibly explore the world of Ubuntu Linux – a useful support to A-level ICT students.
- Ubuntu 10.04 LTS installation CDs also available.

Sessions resume after our summer break during **w/c 20th September**.

Choose one of our sessions:

Tuesdays: 13:30 – 15:00 or
19:00 – 20:30
Wednesdays: 10:00 – 11:30

All sessions at Clarborough Village Hall and are open to all Bassetlaw residents. Sessions run in blocks of five weeks for which a **membership fee of just £10** is required.

We all know about the successful BBC TV series, ***Who Do You Think You Are?*** But are you aware of another BBC series that looks in much more detail at the actual processes of unravelling family histories – ***Heir Hunters***. The most recent series finished in the summer; watch out for any return later in the year – highly recommended for anyone looking to use the internet for genealogy.

Greg Herdman

Christmas Lights: Welham

It became obvious last year, that the Christmas Lights on the tree in the Main Street Welham, were less than satisfactory. This was due to a number of reasons.

- The lights were old and of poor quality.
- There were not enough for the size of the tree.

The matter was discussed at the July Parish Council Meeting and it was decided to provide new lights for Welham and hopefully, for them to be arranged more attractively.

Freda Robinson
 Parish Councillor, Clarborough & Welham

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