

Clarborough & Welham Community Newsletter

Quarterly: Summer 2022



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CCC – Coffee, Cake and Chat

Our Thursday coffee mornings continue to flourish and we all enjoy our chat, refreshments and raffle. We hold special mornings such as to celebrate Christmas, Red Nose Day and, of course, our forthcoming Jubilee Bank Holiday.



[Above: Christmas Coffee Morning – should have been in the previous issue!]

We sent off £100 to the Red Nose Day collection and asked that it helped the Ukraine appeal. We also collected boxes of essential items for Ukraine which actually started its travels on the very day we delivered to Ballards collection point.

Our plans for the forthcoming Jubilee celebration include a themed coffee morning extending to a special lunch for those who choose to sign up for it.

Kath Sutton

Community Litter Pick

As part of BDC spring clean initiative on 3rd April some residents of Clarborough & Welham came together to carry out a community litter pick. Clarborough & Welham Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to all those that



were involved including Steve from Welham who picks all year round. Both villages are looking better for it. Anyone who would like to carry out their own litter pick should contact the parish council for the equipment necessary.

*Phil Gibson
Chairman*

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

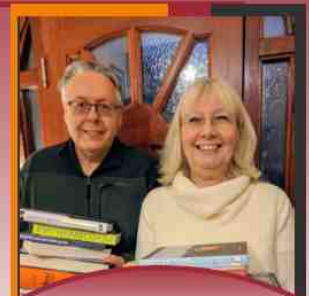
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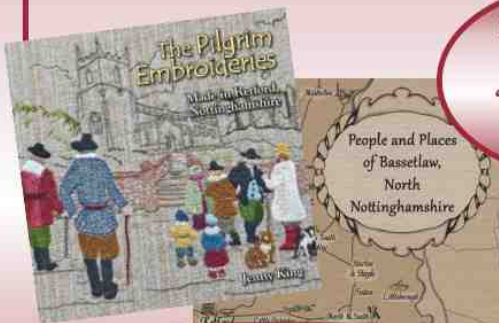
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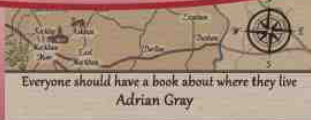
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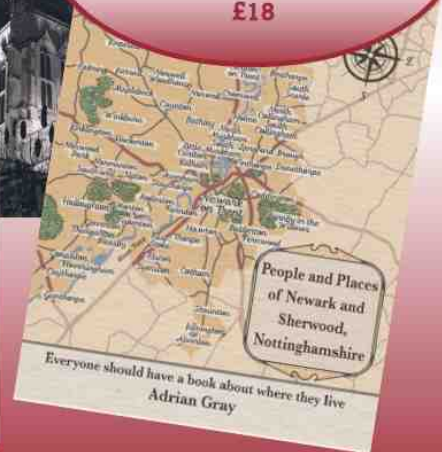
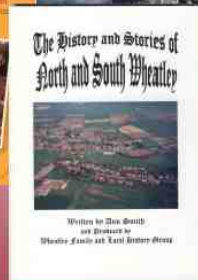
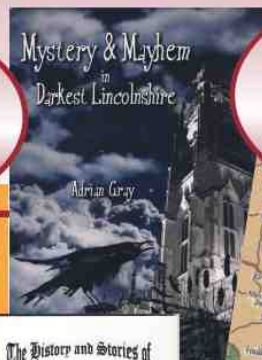
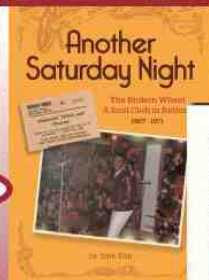


Many local books in stock



Everyone should have a book about where they live
Adrian Gray

**Memories of the Broken Wheel
"Another Saturday Night" £10**



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MUSLIM CHARITY

Retford-based Muslim Charity Provides Life-Saving Defibrillators to Ranby and Sutton-Cum-Lound

A joint-handover ceremony was held on 21st January 2022 at the Ranby House School in Ranby and the village hall in Sutton-cum-Lound, following the donation by Muslim Charity, based at Eaton Hall near Retford, of two life-saving defibrillators to be used by the local communities in Bassetlaw.

It all started with a social media post by Brendan Clarke-Smith, the MP for Bassetlaw, back in September 2021 where he highlighted the need for defibrillators in the local community. This led to Muslim Charity organising a meeting with Brendan a week later to discuss this need for defibrillators in the community and underscoring their importance in saving lives.



Right to left: Brendan Clarke-Smith (MP for Bassetlaw), Denise Depledge (Councillor for Sutton), David Thorpe (Headmaster, Ranby House), Bakhtyar Pirzada (Vice Chairman, Muslim Charity), Gerald Bowers (Councillor for Ranskill) and Maroof Pirzada (UK Director, Muslim Charity) at the handover ceremony of a defibrillator at the Ranby House School in Ranby, Retford.

Fast-forward about four months, Muslim Charity has now funded two defibrillators which will go a long way in support of the local community.

Muslim Charity is grateful to Councillor Denise Depledge and Julia Bowness for championing the cause and highlighting the huge role that defibrillators play in saving lives at times of urgent and immediate need. The statistics are truly astounding:

- Each year in Britain around 30,000 people are struck by sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital environments.
- Every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces a victim's survival rate by 7 to 10 per cent.
- Without immediate treatment, 90-95 per cent of cardiac arrests prove fatal.

When these statistics were shared with Muslim Charity, the team promptly decided not to delay and to take immediate steps in support of this much needed life-saving initiative.

Commenting on the occasion, Brendan Clarke-Smith (MP for Bassetlaw) said, "It was great to meet with the Muslim Charity today with Councillors Depledge & Bowers where we were able to see first-hand the community effort

towards providing life-saving defibrillators to the communities of Ranby and Sutton-Cum-Lound.

"I would like to thank Maroof, and the Muslim Charity for their generosity to residents in Bassetlaw by providing these two defibrillators to the community. Bearing in mind that we have over 14,000 people living with heart and circulatory diseases in Bassetlaw, these kind donations will benefit us for years to come"

The Vice Chairman of Muslim Charity, Bakhtyar Pirzada, who was attending the ceremony said, "We are honoured to have been able to be part of this project and together with our donors to have contributed to the well-being and safety of members of our local community. We would like to thank Brendan Clarke-Smith for making effective use of social media and highlighting the needs and issues of the local constituency, as a result of which two defibrillators are being handed over today. We are hopeful that today's handover will again highlight the life-saving significance of defibrillators and inspire further support for local initiatives."

Commenting at the handover ceremony, Maroof Pirzada (UK Director of Muslim Charity), explained, "I was not previously aware of the huge life-saving potential that defibrillators have at times of sudden cardiac arrest but when the figures were highlighted in meetings with Councillor Denise Depledge and Julia Bowness, it really brought home the idea that we should not delay this project for a single moment. We feel humbled and honoured to serve the local community through life-saving defibrillators, we hope they are never required to be used but if the need arises, we are satisfied that the communities of Ranby and Sutton-cum-Lound have the facility there and available."

Muslim Charity is an international NGO working to eradicate poverty in the developing world through supporting health, water and sanitation, education and emergency response initiatives in 17 countries around the world. With its headquarters in Retford, there has always therefore been an interest to support local causes as well. This has led to Muslim Charity historically supporting Bassetlaw Hospital with the procurement of a brand new resuscitaire unit for its maternity ward and also funding the Bassetlaw Food Bank to support local communities. Elsewhere in the UK, Muslim Charity continues to run a monthly homeless feed project in Manchester's City Centre since January 2018 and supported the communities of Cumbria and Somerset during the extreme flooding in recent years.

Clarbrough & Welham is also most grateful to our Muslim neighbours



Clarbrough & Welham IT Group, who publish Clarbrough & Welham Newsletter and also provide our community website (www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk) have recently received a stunning **donation of £500** from our friends at Eaton Hall in recognition of our value to our community.

On behalf of your Editor, our IT Group's team of volunteers, together with our whole community we give our heartfelt thanks to everyone at Eaton Hall for their support.

Editor



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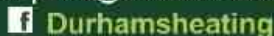


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Wheatley Local & Family History Society

An Evening with Caroline Hawley (of *Bargain Hunt* & other TV programmes)

Friday 23rd September, 2022
in The Village Hall, South Wheatley

More details nearer the time.



Tai-chi

On Wednesday afternoons at 16:30 in Clarborough Village Hall a group of us enjoy a generous hour of tai-chi with our patient tutor, Jim.

The slow, gentle, movements, practised to hypnotic background music are surprisingly strengthening and after a few weeks are quite noticeable. It is really relaxing and positive experience. Why not join us and appreciate the benefits amongst a group of friendly people?

Kath Sutton

Whatever you are, be a good one.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)



BCVS

Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service website's home page?

Do you keep up-to-date with BCVS's (Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service) weekly **Bulletins** on our community

If not, you've been missing pages and pages of local events, support networks, voluntary opportunities.... the list is almost endless! Explore now at www.clarborough-welham.org.uk

Avoid the dot – at least in gmail addresses!

A recent report in Which? Computing (April 2022) warned of the risks of including a dot in your gmail address linked to Google's claim that 'dots don't matter'.

This is because addresses like:

winnie.thepooh@gmail.com will be treated the same as **winniethepooh@gmail.com** – notice the lack of dots in the second address.

This might seem trivial at first glance but it actually opens the possibility that emails could be misdirected since the latter address may already belong to someone else.

The Which? Computing article highlighted a number of real-life examples where this sort of email misdirection could have had very serious personal consequences.

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"The bitterness of poor quality service lingers long after the sweetness of price is forgotten"



Neighbourhood Plan Review

On 2nd February 2017, after 5 years of hard work and as a result of a full Referendum of voters in the Parish on that day, the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was 'Made' (approved).

This NP became the third, and most local, tier of planning rules which apply to the Parish. The other two tiers are:

1. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
2. Bassetlaw Local Plan (BLP)

The NPPF was re-written in 2019 and the BLP is in its final stages of being re-drafted before submission for approval by the Planning Inspectorate.

Our NP, having been 'Made' before either of these revamps of higher tier planning rules is now, therefore, out of date!

On 6th April 2021 the Parish Council had an informal discussion with members of the Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Planning Team (BNPT), which assists Parish Councils in producing and reviewing NPs. This meeting discussed the strengths and weaknesses of our NP caused by changes in national and local planning rules. Improvements in our NP are essential if it is to retain the strength it has in helping to determine planning within the Parish.

The 2017 NP was produced by a Steering Group made up of interested and enthusiastic residents who worked on a *voluntary* basis for the Parish Council. If there is to be a review of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council NP then a Review Group will need to take on the task on a similar basis to the original Steering Group.

The Review Group will require a Chairperson, with a Secretary and Treasurer as well as others to carry out the tasks necessary for the Review. This will include establishing a plan of action for the Review; holding public meetings with residents and businesses; arranging meetings with the BNPT; employing and working with a Consultant Planner. All this sounds very technical – and it is! But it is not necessary to be familiar with Planning Law – the BNPT is there for help and advice. Some will need to be good at communicating with local residents and businesses as this is an essential part of the process. There will also be a need to report back to the Parish Council at each of the regular Parish Council Meetings.

The Parish Council will discuss the need for a Review at the next Parish Council Meeting and may well decide at that meeting that it wishes to set up a NP Review. *That meeting will be held on Monday, 16th May 2022, from 19:00 at Clarborough Village Hall.*

Anyone interested in being a member of such a voluntary Review Group should attend that meeting and also contact the Parish Council Clerk at clarandwelpc@yahoo.com to register their interest.

Footnote:

It is important that members of the Review Group understand that the resulting reviewed NP is not a reflection of their own personal ideas. It has to be, and seen to be with supporting evidence, a direct reflection of the views gathered from the local public. Without this, any Review will fail in the final examination to which it will be subjected.

Parish Councillor Paul Willcock
(Former Chairman of NP Steering Group)

Clarborough & District WI



Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted we are able to meet in the village hall as normal. At our last meeting in March we were entertained by Richard Godley who gave a very interesting talk on the Womens' Land Army during the Second World War. If anyone has memories or ephemera connected with Land Army or Lumber Jills, Richard would be very pleased to hear from you on rgodley@btinternet.com

The following is a reminder of the programme for 2022 :

- 9th May: Resolution meeting followed by a game of Rummikub.
- 13th June: Birthday meeting where there will be a card workshop given by Louise Daniels.
- 18th July: Guess the song title; a musical quiz hosted by Tony Brewer.
- August: an outing is suggested - details to follow.
- 12th September: Lalique Glass a talk given by Canon Dick Lewis.
- 10th October: Harvest Supper of Pie and Peas.
- 14th November: Christmas Cracker Workshop led by Elizabeth Banks.
- 12th December: Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

We are a friendly group who are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members. A charge of £5 is made for visitors so please come and give us a try.

Senior Citizens residing in Clarborough, Hayton and Welham are reminded that the WI are hosting a **Jubilee Afternoon Tea** on Saturday 4th June at the Village Hall in Clarborough with entertainment by the U3A Swing Band. This event is free to the aforesaid residents but please contact :

Mrs L Baines on 07967 191 007
or Mrs G Bennett on 01777 704 711

before 23rd May to reserve your place(s).

Members continue to knit lap blankets and send them to Bassetlaw Hospice. If you are having a spring clean and find odd balls of wool in your cupboards we are always pleased to receive donations.

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) U.S. First Lady

Her Majesty's Jubilee celebration events in Clarborough & Welham

At the time of writing (late April) a number of celebratory events have been announced with the possibility of several more to come. Keep an eye on noticeboards, community website and facebook for the very latest information.

Below we highlight events that have already been announced:

1. Clarborough & Welham Parish Council-funded events – see poster below.
2. Thursday 2nd June regular Coffee, Cake & Chat (CCC) at Clarborough Village Hall will be followed by lunch. Bookings for the lunch must be made in advance.
3. Saturday 4th June will see our usual Table Top sale (10:00-12:00) at our Village Hall to be followed by our W.I.'s Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea (from 15:40 for 16:00). See Clarborough & District W.I. article on page 5 for booking details for this event.
4. Sunday 5th June has been suggested as a Jubilee picnic on the hall football pitch but at the time of writing we have no details.





Clarborough and Welham Parish Council invite you to join them in celebrating

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Thursday 2nd June 2022
Clarborough Village Hall

Event 1 Crown making 3pm - 4pm
Two prize groups up to 6 years then 7 plus
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Free for all

Event 2 Jubilee Pizza Party 6pm - 9pm
Live music by local band Klassicrock
Free Pizzas from Dominoes
Bring your own booze / drinks / cake
Tickets - £3

Tickets available from Clarborough Spar shop
or phone 01777 700517





The UK's national flag, often called the *Union Jack*, developed over time as the emblem of the ruling monarch. When James VI of Scotland inherited the crown of England in 1603 as James I, he created the first 'union flag' representing the union of his two realms:


 Cross of St. George
 England

+


 Cross of St. Andrew
 Scotland

↓


Original Union Flag (1606)

Henry VIII had been proclaimed King of Ireland in 1542 and this status had been passed down through succeeding British monarchs until the challenges of Napoleonic times led to the 1801 Act of Union combining Great Britain and Ireland.

St. Patrick's emblem :


 Ireland

This yielded the current Union flag..

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Current Union Flag (1801)

which wasn't changed even on creation of independent Eire after 1921.

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Learn to crochet	Tuesday		7-9pm	Chris Abbott
Slow stitching for the soul	Wednesday	1st Wed monthly	1-3pm	Bev Ramsbotham
Art Club	Thursday	10am-12pm	1-3pm	Cath Ray
Knit, Stitch & Natter	Friday	10.30am -12.30pm		Chris Abbott
Sewing Class - Beginner	Friday	10.30am -12.30pm		Angela Morris
Sewing Class - Improver	Friday	1-3pm		Jane Straker
Watercolour	Saturday	10am-12pm		Annie Turner
Mixed Art Media	Saturday	1-3pm		Annie Turner



Evening with the Friends of Bassetlaw Museum

Tuesday 17th May
Drop in any time
between 18:30 and 20:30

- Enjoy a relaxing evening at the museum
- Meet museum staff and have an exclusive view of new acquisitions
- See the archaeology collections up close
- Find out about the work of the Friends
- Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

Not a Friend? Come and join on the night, only £5

Bassetlaw Museum, Amcott House, 40 Grove Street
Retford, 01777 713 749

These Latest Museum acquisitions will be on display too...

One of the most exciting recent museum acquisitions are these railway signalling instruments [shown on right].

They are: a Single Needle Instrument, pictured on the left, and a Non Pegger Block - two interesting pieces of engineering enclosed in elegant oak cases.

The single needle instrument was originally installed at Retford South Signal Box. It was used to send Morse Code messages enabling train locations to be advised to



'Control'. The Non Pegger Block came from Gringley Road Signal Box. The signaller would use it to request permission to send trains down the line to Thrumpton.

In the 1960s most of the original signalling equipment was scrapped but some items were taken by staff as souvenirs of their many years working with such equipment. 'Our' instruments were provided to the donor's father and eventually kindly gifted to the museum.

Friends of Bassetlaw Museum will have the chance to see these and other new acquisitions on 17th May.

Clays Group of Churches

As Revd Mark is still waiting for further treatment we are not asking for more than one service by him in the whole group each week. This means asking people to go to other churches. This is helping us get to know one another better.

On **Easter Sunday (17th April)** there was a joint celebration at 10:30 in North Wheatley church.

Sunday 24th April is a Songs of Praise at 18:00 in Clarborough.

Revd Mark is at Hayton on **1st May** at 10:30.

May 8th, Revd Mark is at Clarborough for a 10:30 service.

May 15th is a 18:00 Evening Prayer.

We are invited to join Mark at Sturton at 10:30 on **May 22nd**

On the **29th May** it is everyone's turn to go to South Leverton for 10:30.

5th June, the Jubilee service is on the playing field at Sturton at 10:30.

Everyone will be made very welcome if they care to join in any of these services.

Once each month, **Clarborough Church Friendship Club** meets in church on the second Wednesday of the month at 14:00. May 11th is a sugarcraft demonstration and on 8th June the museum in Retford is telling us more about the Pilgrims. There is tea coffee and cake with these proceedings.

Church afternoon teas continue and there will be a church dance for the Jubilee. Details later.

Lesley Keating



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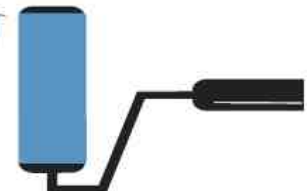
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They are here to help patients to feel better, stay well and achieve their goals through supporting patients to -

Be as independent as possible to allow patients to enjoy the things that are most important to them.

Manage symptoms using a variety of strategies to compliment the medical care that patients are receiving.

Identify and achieve patient goals despite the challenges they may be facing and to help plan for the future.

We are huge believers in patient independence and we are enabling this through :

- Online self-referral form into our support and wellbeing service : <https://www.bassetlawhospice.org/support-and-wellbeing-centre-self-referral-form>
- In the hospice we are enabling "smart" bedrooms, enabling patients to access smart TV functions including Netflix, YouTube and much more. These smart rooms will even allow patients to have their own individual Alexa's, giving them the ability to: listen to music, hear a story or even turn the light on by the power of their voice.

Everything we do here at Bassetlaw Hospice has our patients at the heart of it, this is why we are constantly developing the services we provide to meet the individuals needs of all our patients.



Bonney Baggaley
Charity Operations Manager

Anniversaries' labels

Silver and Golden anniversaries are pleasingly common but Diamond and now Platinum are much less so, but do you know anything about these labels?

Gold (Au), Silver (Ag) and Platinum (Pt) are all 'heavy metal' chemical elements but you might not know that Diamond is actually a form of Carbon - we will leave diamond until later.

So what do Silver, Gold and Platinum have in common? Well, all are both pretty expensive because of their rarity in the Earth's rocks but they are also much sought after because of their generally low chemical reactivity – they don't corrode or discolour very easily – plus their malleability which means they can be fairly easily shaped by hammering or drawing out, Thus they are much used for jewelry and other decorative purposes as well as early forms of currency.

They are also good conductors of heat and electricity – particularly gold – which is why you will often find plugs/sockets in electrical systems gold-plated, both to avoid corrosion and also to conduct electricity well.

Gold (Au) and Silver (Ag) have been known and traded since ancient times with evidence linking them to humans as far back as 40,000 BC. Ancient Egyptians c.3000 BC used gold for various purposes and may have been the first to use it for what we would now call currency. Silver has been used for an equally long time and for much the same purposes.

Platinum (Pt) has much the same properties as the other two 'noble metals' and certainly used as a mixture ('alloy') with gold by various pre-Columbian cultures of Central and South America. They probably, however, didn't recognise Platinum as a separate metal since they didn't/couldn't separate it from (usually) gold.

Through the 16th and 17th centuries European scientists studied the metal in detail. It's name originates from Spanish *platina*, a diminutive of *plata* "silver".

All of these 'precious metals' have given their names to important anniversaries but diamond is not a metal but a form – or *allotrope* – of carbon (chemical symbol, C). Diamond's value has come from both its extreme hardness (hardest of all naturally occurring materials) and also its tendency to crystallise under the high temperatures and pressures deep within the Earth to form large, transparent, crystals much valued for jewelry etc.

Early records show that diamonds were first collected from aluvial deposits in India at least 3,000 years ago and maybe as far back as 4,000 BC. So, now you know where Her Majesty's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee fits in.



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGHOUT BASSETLAW



Bassetlaw Action Centre, Canal Street, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 6EZ

Investing in Volunteers is the UK Quality Standard for all organisations which involve volunteers in their work.

Bassetlaw Action Centre has recently been notified that it has successfully achieved the Investing in Volunteers UK quality standard for excellence in volunteer management.

Achieving this standard confirms how the Action Centre values the work and support of its volunteers to enhance their own experience and best serves to meet the need of its service users. This has been a yearlong process of rigorous assessment against the iV 46 quality standards.



Investing in Volunteers is unique in that it is the only standard that focuses on volunteers. It is based on the following six quality areas:

1. Vision for Volunteering
2. Planning for Volunteers
3. Volunteer inclusion
4. Recruiting and welcoming volunteers
5. Supporting volunteers
6. Valuing and developing volunteers

The comment from the iV assessor on the Action Centre was *'It is evident both from this self-assessment and our discussions in the (virtual) workshop that volunteers are at the heart of what you do. They are well looked after within BAC with great care and attention given to proper management of them.'*

The whole process has highlighted the great BAC team spirit of the staff, volunteers and trustees, with their commitment, hard work and support to achieve this prestigious recognition of excellence.

A grassroots community initiative that aims to support Men's Mental Health by encouraging men to open up, feel able to talk to other men and reduce social isolation whilst enjoying a nice walk in beautiful surroundings.



To book a place please email goga@actioncentre.org.uk or visit www.menwalktalk.co.uk/bassetlaw

We have many different volunteering roles at Bassetlaw Action Centre including:

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GOGA aims to provide support to encourage greater activity in a genuinely inclusive environment, helping to build friendships, maintain health, increase independence, reduce stress and boost self-esteem.



If you would like some support to become more active, please call our team on:

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**For any enquiries or bookings
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The Staying Well Programme is a Long Term Health Condition self-management course to help people living with long-term conditions maintain their health and improve their quality of life. The course led by a tutor who is living with a long-term health condition.



It is a FREE 6-week course 2.5 hours a week either face-to-face or virtually via Zoom.

For more information or to find out when the next course is due, please phone:

01777 709 650

Her Majesty's Time-line

21st April 1926: Born by caesarian section in Mayfair, London & christened Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor.

At birth she stood (or lay!) third in the line of succession to the throne after Edward, Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII), and her father, The Duke of York.

1934: Around this time Elizabeth first met her second cousin once removed, Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark. They began exchanging letters in 1939.

20th January 1936: King George V died and Edward becomes King Edward VIII but abdicated on 11th December, 1936 creating Elizabeth's father as George VI.

1939-45: As a teenager, Elizabeth served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service as well as increasingly 'official' state duties.

Elizabeth and Philip's engagement announced on 9th July, 1947

Elizabeth and Philip were married on 20th November, 1947

5th July, 1948: UK's National Health Service comes into effect after National Health Service Act of 1946

Son, Prince Charles born 14th November, 1948 and daughter, Princess Anne, born 15th August, 1950

6th February, 1952: Elizabeth's father, George VI, died so Elizabeth ascended the throne as Queen Elizabeth II

2nd June, 1953: Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

1953: Elizabeth & Philip make a 7-month Commonwealth tour

1953-1959: Extensive world and Commonwealth tours.

1956: UK and France invade Egypt to secure the Suez Canal after it's nationalisation by President Gamal Abdel Nasser. This 'war' proved, ultimately, unsuccessful and many historians view this as the end of Britain's 'world power' status

1957: Her Majesty addressed the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the Commonwealth

19th February, 1960: Birth of son, Andrew
10th March, 1964: Birth of son Edward

1965: Rhodesian PM, Ian Smith, declared 'UDI' to prevent majority rule. This crisis lasted until 1980 when Zimbabwe became a democratic republic.



31st August, 1997: Death of Princess Diana in Paris car crash

2002: Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee – 50 years as monarch

1992: Elizabeth's *annus horribilis* 'horrible year'

2003: Elizabeth has keyhole surgery on both knees

1981 Trooping the Colour: 6 shots (blanks it transpired) were fired at Elizabeth as she rode her horse, *Burmese*, down The Mall; she showed extreme composure!

2007: Her Majesty's Golden Wedding.

2012: Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee – 60 years as monarch

2018: She underwent cataract surgery.

1977 – Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee.

31st January, 2020: UK leaves the E.U.

1st January, 1973: Accession of the United Kingdom to the European Communities (EC), forerunner of the European Union (E.U.)

9th January, 2021: Received first dose of anti-Covid vaccine and second in April

9th April, 2021: Death of husband, Prince Philip, aged 99 years

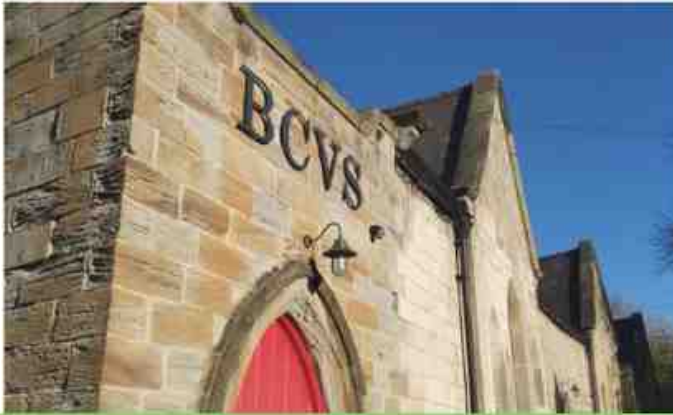
1972 Bloodiest year of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles'

20th February 2022: Queen tested positive for Covid-19 but recovered well.

7th March 2022: Back to work! Meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

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Ukraine Response



With the rapidly evolving situation in Ukraine we have been working hard to ensure that all Ukrainian guests arriving to seek refuge in Bassetlaw feel welcome and safe.

In partnership with Bassetlaw District Council, Nottinghamshire Council Council, Bassetlaw CCG and the wider voluntary sector, we have produced a "Welcome to Bassetlaw" booklet.

The booklet is available to view on our website - www.bcvs.org.uk/ukraineresponse - and we will also be producing some printed copies.

The Ukraine Response page also contains information on both local and national action, volunteering opportunities as well as lots of useful links and downloads.



Come and join us for Volunteers' Week 2022 as we come together to promote and encourage volunteering in Bassetlaw.

Groups and organisations from all over the district will be in attendance at both events to talk to local people about their volunteering opportunities.

The Buttermarket - Retford
1st June - 10.30am - 12.30pm

The Bridge - Skills Hub - Worksop
7th June - 1.00pm - 3.00pm

If you are a Not for Profit organisation and would like to attend these events to promote your volunteering opportunities please email Annie - involve@bcvs.org.uk

Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network



In February 2022, BCVS employed a new full time Food Insecurity Coordinator, Steph Henry, to work with groups and organisations within Bassetlaw.

Steph has been supporting development of the Bassetlaw Food Insecurity Network (BFIN).

BFIN aims to build new and stronger links between groups, share good practice and support development of new groups where needed to tackle food insecurity.

You can contact Steph on email at stephanie.henry@bcvs.org.uk



Find us on Facebook

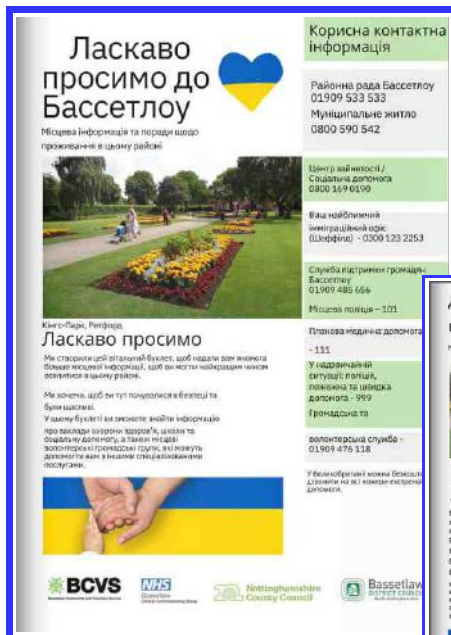


Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
www.bcvs.org.uk | 01909 476 118
Old Abbey School, Priorswell Road, Worksop, S80 2BU

Welcome to Bassetlaw booklet contents

The *Welcome to Bassetlaw* booklets mentioned on the facing page are available in English, Ukrainian and Russian. Each booklet comprises 20 pages covering the following topics:

- Immigration Status
- Driving in the UK
- Benefits & Financial
- Emergency Help with Food
- Housing
- Health Care
- GP Surgeries in Bassetlaw
- Mental Health Support
- Schools and Education
- Domestic Abuse
- Useful Contacts and websites




[Left] Ukrainian version.

[Below] Russian version of the *Welcome to Bassetlaw* booklet.



Welcome to Bassetlaw

Local information and advice on living in the area




Kings Park, Retford

You are welcome

We have created this welcome booklet to give you as much local information as we can so that you can settle in to the area in the best possible way.

We want you to feel safe and happy here.

Inside this booklet you will be able to find information about healthcare, schools and benefits advice, as well as local and voluntary community groups that may be able to help you with other specialist services.



Useful Numbers

Bassetlaw District Council
01909 533 533
Council Housing
0800 590 542

Jobcentre / Benefits
0800 169 0190

Your nearest Immigration office (Sheffield)
0300 123 2253





Bassetlaw Citizens Advice
01909 485 656

Local Police - 101
Non emergency health - 111

In an emergency:
Police, Fire & Ambulance - 999

Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service - 01909 476 118

All emergency numbers are free to call in the UK.

Ukraine – some facts

Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe (Russia is the largest) and prior to the current crisis had a population of about 40 million.

It's capital is Kyiv, previously known as Kiev.

Ukraine's geography is predominantly fertile plains and uplands making it, prior to the current war, one of the largest agricultural exporters of grain such as wheat, barley and maize plus rapeseed oil. It was the world's largest wheat exporter and also accounted for around 50% of the total global market for sunflower seeds.

Historically, Ukraine has been at the crossroads of cultures which have dominated the region since earliest records began. These included various peoples from Scandanavia, Huns from central Europe and later Polish/Lithuanian domination followed by Cossacks and then Russia.

The 20th century saw Ukraine exposed to the full consequences of both the two World Wars between conflicting central European powers as well as the Russian Revolution, Russian Civil War and creation of the Soviet Union.


Situations got even more complex after the demise of the Soviet Union leading to the current war as Russia seeks regional domination once again.

Editor

Follow BCVS website's home page **Ukraine Response** to access not only the *Welcome to Bassetlaw* booklets mentioned above but also the following extremely useful – and extensive – range of information for both new arrivals and also local individuals looking for opportunities to help.


These links not only cover Bassetlaw but also the wider regional and even national government responses to the ongoing crisis.

Latest information on Ukraine emergency response




Volunteering Opportunities

[Read more](#)



Resources and Downloads

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Events and Meet Ups

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Be the best you can be!

For the start of the Summer term, it feels like Clarborough Primary School is finally recovered from the tremulous trials and tribulations that Covid-19 brought with it. With outbreaks and bubbles ever present through the Autumn and Spring term, we wondered if we would ever get back to normality, but with the sunshine the Summer term has brought with it a return to normality.

As you may be aware, we started this year with an OFSTED inspection and were delighted with the inspector recognising that the school was still 'good' with particular comments on the high quality levels of teaching and behaviour seen throughout the school. We were so proud of how articulate and mature the children were when communicating with the inspector.

In the second Spring term, we also saw some changes taking place in the playground with the development of our



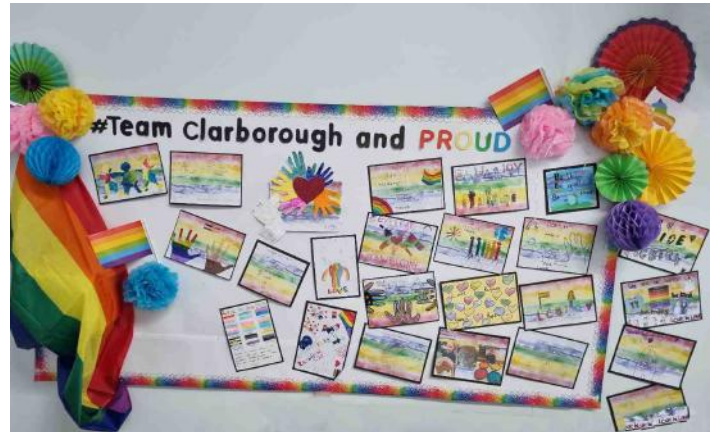
nursery area and sensory flower areas in the playground with new soft, artificial grass. These have gone down a storm with the children who are now regularly seen performing handstands and cartwheels on these new, relaxing, spaces.



From the start of the Spring term, we were pleased to announce that school clubs would be starting again, and the variety of different options was amazing to see. We had and still have running the phenomenally brilliant Forest Schools Club where students can learn bush craft skills from whittling, fire lighting and knots. In art and drawing, children are inspired to try to express themselves through a variety of different mediums while at the 'food of the world' Geography club children learnt about the language and cultures of a number of different countries ending the

sessions with a feast of delicious food of the country of that week. This term we have the 'Stay and play club' and cricket with more to come next term.

We are also pleased to announce that we are continuing along our journey to achieve the 'Rainbow Flag Award' which focuses on positive LGBT+ inclusion and visibility.



Contacting us:

Calls can be made to school Monday to Thursday from 8:30am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.30am - 4pm on 01777 708 065.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other query can also be directed to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

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Should I spend money on Microsoft 365 suite?

In the 'early' days of using PCs for office work, Microsoft's 'Office suite' was the *de facto* for all sorts of office tasks, be it word processing (Word), spreadsheets (Excel), presentations (Powerpoint), etc.

Times change and not only has Microsoft updated their applications but also their ways of charging. Gone are the days of simply purchasing their office suite - now you have to pay a fee for access to these products (as Microsoft 365) which for families can cost roughly £80 per year.

Now, before going further, it should emphasise that Microsoft 365 (formerly Office 365) does incorporate many additional features, but from your editor's perspective, these are of no consequence.

So what office applications do I use as an alternative? The short answer is **LibreOffice**. This is a completely free, *open source*, application suite including word processor, spreadsheet, presentation, database plus several other applications all of which can read and write files in Microsoft's equivalent formats. I use LibreOffice's word processor, *Writer*, to produce this Newsletter that you are reading and use the whole suite to communicate with the vast array of public and commercial organisation that contribute to both this Newsletter and also our community website so using it in a business environment is really effective. LibreOffice is also available for both Apple Macs and Linux systems.

Editor

Computer security – choose your browser carefully

Keeping our computers secure from online threats is a constant requirement given the range of threats that are out there. However, **the** most important component of good protection is that provided by our own common sense – advice such as not clicking on links in emails or responding to requests for personal details from contacts that claim to come from official or financial institutions.

However, it is also important to make sure that we are using reliable tools or apps that provide tools to identify and neutralise any 'invasive' viruses or malware. Recent Which? Reports (% test scores as follows) have identified 'best buy' antivirus applications such as Bitdefender (£50/83%) and Norton (£85/79%) as well as free versions such as Avast (77%), AVG (76%) and Avira (72%) - all for Windows computers. Many of these are also available for Apple Macs.

Another security factor, however, is your choice of web browser. Interestingly, recent research has shown that Firefox and Microsoft's Edge both come out well for protecting against online phishing attempts but Chrome has a disastrous rating – both in Windows and Mac versions!

Editor

If you can't be in awe of Nature, there's something wrong with you.

Alex Trebek (1940-2020)





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Tour of Britain is back in Bassetlaw

Cycling fans and residents of Bassetlaw will be able to get close to the action as the Tour of Britain returns to our district later this year.

Nottinghamshire will host Stage 5 of the 2022 event on Thursday 8th September and confirmation of the final route this week ensures that Bassetlaw will again witness some of the world's best cyclists on its roads.

Starting in West Bridgford, the 190km route will travel through villages in the east of Bassetlaw before heading for Retford and Worksop, taking a detour through Clumber Park, on its way to the finish line in Mansfield.

The Tour of Britain starts in Aberdeen on Sunday 4 September and finishes on the Isle of Wight seven days later and, in addition to our county, passes through the Scottish Borders, Redcar & Cleveland and North Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and Dorset.

Cycling's premier road event in this country will feature the world's top teams and riders, alongside the best British-based cyclists, with a field comprising of Tour de France winners, Olympians and world champions.

Nineteen teams and 114 riders are currently scheduled to take part in the race – including Mansfield's Ross Lamb and Ollie Peckover, of Ruddington, who compete for the Ribble Weldtite Pro Cycling team.

Editor's footnote:

For full details of the Nottinghamshire part of the Tour of Britain together with route map, go to our community website's (www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk) home page.

Holiday-destination weather forecasts

You probably know that the Meteorological Office ('Met office') has facilities for giving weather forecasts for anywhere in the UK and also the vast majority of destinations through Europe and even the rest of the world. However, do you realise this can be accessed from your community website's home page?

Your Editor regularly uses this facility when checking weather at potential holiday destinations and it is really easy to do. Go to your community website (www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk) and look for this on the home page:



**Want your local (and not-so-local) weather forecast?
Click the Sun!**

Once you've clicked on the sun you will get a page showing the current forecast for Retford. If you now edit the search bar near the top of the page which will be showing **Retford (Nottinghamshire)** to your desired destination and end by tapping the Enter key you will get the seven day forecast for your destination – even as far-afield as New York or Delhi. Very useful!

Editor

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

John Ruskin (1819-1900)

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Highway Code: 8 changes you need to know from 29th January 2022

Rules for all types of road users have been updated in the Highway Code to improve the safety of people walking, cycling and riding horses. These changes are based on the **hierarchy of road users** concept.

The 'hierarchy of road users' is a concept that places those road users most at risk in the event of a collision at the top of the hierarchy. The hierarchy does not remove the need for everyone to behave responsibly. The road users most likely to be injured in the event of a collision are pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorcyclists, with children, older adults and disabled people being more at risk.

We do not have space in this Newsletter to explore the new focus of the updated Highway Code but it is essential that all road users make themselves familiar with these changes.

This is particularly the case as far as motor vehicle drivers (including motorcyclists) are concerned since it is now their responsibility to give way to almost all other road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders in most circumstances.

For a complete review of these, and other, changes to the Highway Code, visit the official website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022> or go to your community website's homepage.

- Buy an updated copy of The Highway Code book at most high street bookshops for £4.99

A quick quiz: These rules include terms such as *parallel crossing*, *Wombat crossing* – what are these?

Latest local alerts have noted that quite a few drivers are not observing the latest highway code requirements when passing people riding horses or driving horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allowing at least 2 metres (6.5 feet) of space

And there's more....

From 25th March, rules in The Highway Code are coming into force to make any hand-held use of a mobile phone while driving illegal, except in limited circumstances.

The changes were supported by 80% of respondents in a public consultation in 2021.

This means you must not use a device in your hand for any reason, whether online or offline. The law applies to you if you are :

- supervising a learner driver
- stopped at traffic lights
- queuing in traffic
- driving a car that turns the engine off when you stop moving
- holding and using a device that's offline or in flight

There are exceptions, such as if you need to call 999 or 112 in an emergency or making a contactless payment in a vehicle that is not moving. For full details, go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/using-mobile-phones-when-driving-the-law>

Editor



Our whole community will be sad to hear that our long-serving PCSO, Dave Airey, has retired at the end of April.

Dave has left our community with greater awareness of our mutual responsibilities for caring and protecting each other and for helping to keep crime in our area to such a low level.

Having said this, we also wish Dave the very best for his retirement and hope he enjoys the opportunities that will surely come his way. We hope he will drop in to see us in our wide range of community events in the future.

As in all successful ventures, the foundation of a good retirement is planning.

Earl Nightingale (1921-1989)

Also, received from James Pickersgill on 22nd April:



I have been made aware of a potential phone scam. A phone call was taken from a male claiming to be from a Medical Alert Centre offering over 50's a free medical alert system. The call came from 01226 666 718. Medicalert UK have been contacted and they have advised that they would not 'cold call' and it would not be them. It was confirmed that they had received other complaints about this today and will be investigating.

Please bear in mind that should you be 'cold called' **YOU** are in charge. **YOU** have not asked for the call and can terminate it at anytime. Do not feel pressured into entering into conversation with the person.

Please do not pass any personal details over the phone to anyone you have not arranged to contact you.

If in doubt take a phone number and call them back after you have researched the company and are happy with the details they have provided.

You can also register your details with the TPS online which should help stop cold callers.

James Pickersgill
(Nottinghamshire Police, PC, Bassetlaw)

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Retford Child Contact Centre

The Centre has recently reopened so are you having **problems arranging child contact with your ex-partner? It can be extremely stressful - but using a child contact centre as a neutral, staffed meeting place may be the way forward.**

We know that the breakdown of relationships can be highly upsetting for mothers, fathers and children – and children can really suffer from not being able to see a parent who no longer lives with them. It can have a lasting effect on their mental health and education.

Retford Child Contact Centre is a warm, friendly, safe place in town with toys, games and space for non-resident parents to spend regular time with their children. Trained staff are on hand to welcome everyone and provide refreshments. Grandparents can also use the service. Available fortnightly on Saturday afternoons. **Sessions are free.**

If a parent does not wish to meet the other parent, handover arrangements can be made by the Centre. . (NB The Centre is a Supported, not Supervised centre)

You and your ex-partner can arrange a referral to the Centre separately through the NACCC website – we would love to see you. A mediator or solicitor can help with the process but it isn't necessary.

For more information, see nacc.org.uk/centres/retford-contact-centre/ nacc.org.uk/help-for-adults/how-are-visits-arranged or contact retfordccc@gmail.com or **07946 162 282**

Retford Community Singers invite you to a 'Family and Friends' event

Retford Community Singers have been meeting every week in term-time for nearly 10 years. Our motto is 'Singing for the joy of it'. We do not usually do performances although we sometimes sing around town - on Retford Heritage Day for instance.

However, once a year, in summer, we invite family, friends and anyone else who would like to hear us sing to come along and listen to some of the songs we have been singing during the year. We sing in harmony, unaccompanied, led by Janet Wood, our brilliant Musical Director. Our repertoire includes folky and bluesy items, arrangements of popular songs and lots of brilliant songs written specially for community choirs.

If you would like to hear us sing, please come along to Grove Street Methodist Church on 12th July at 20:00 for a free short half hour performance. We would love you to join us for this event.

If you want to find out more about our group, we have a website (www.retfordcommunitysingers.co.uk) and a Facebook page. If you would like to contact us ring Pat Barnett 01777 704 154 or Judith Jones 01777 704 038.

*Look after the land and the land will look after you,
destroy the land and it will destroy you.*

Aboriginal Proverb

Bearskin caps

Five regiments of British Foot Guards have the privilege of protecting the Queen at her various castles and palaces: the Grenadier, Coldstream, Scots, Irish and Welsh Guards.



These are the soldiers who get to wear those imposing bearskin caps. One of these is on guard on the front cover of this Newsletter.

It's called a 'bearskin' and is exactly as its name suggests, they are made from the skin of American black bears, taken annually during the *Black Bear Cull* in Canada.

Bearskin caps are worn by a wide range of units across many different nations and have been used since at least the 16th century. These British versions only weigh around 700g although they are some 46cm tall.

Editor



Nottinghamshire Employment Hub

This new virtual one-stop-shop has been launched to support residents to find work opportunities and help employers develop their talent pool.

This new initiative is funded by Nottinghamshire County Council in partnership with careers guidance service Futures.

Go to: <https://www.oppinnotts.co.uk/> to find out much more about this new initiative.

Bassetlaw ACTION Centre

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If you feel that you have the drive, commitment and life experience to bring to this demanding but highly fulfilling role this is an exciting and rewarding opportunity, which offers the chance to make a difference within the community and to people's lives.

Application packs can be downloaded from our website www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk or are available from
The Bassetlaw Action Centre, Canal Street, Retford, Notts, DN22 6EZ. Tel: 01777 709 650



The National Holocaust Centre and Museum is an award-winning museum right

on the doorstep in Laxton. Our founders are the remarkable Smith family, the only non-Jewish founders of any such place in the UK. We have two permanent museum exhibitions, stunning sculpture and memorial rose gardens and sector-leading interactive museum and online experiences.

We welcome members of the public to learn about the roots of prejudice and discrimination and what we can do to be upstanders in society today. At our heart is a family of Holocaust survivors whose testimonies and artefacts form a significant national collection, ensuring their voices are heard for generations to come.



We have a busy series of events for this summer so please do keep checking the What's On page on our website for further information

and to book tickets to any of our events.

At the end of May we are welcoming Smoking Apples Theatre, an award winning puppetry and visual theatre company with their production of 'Kinder'. The production is aimed at teen audiences where involvement and reactions are encouraged.

Following on the theme of the Kindertransport, Mike Levy, author of 'Get The Children Out!' will be reading an excerpt from his new book on Sunday 12th June. A funny and well received public speaker, Mike will also talk about his inspiration for writing the book.

We are excited to be a registered event organiser for 'The Big Draw Festival', an exciting worldwide annual art festival with the theme this year being: 'Come Back To Colour'. This underlines the need to nurture and cherish the places where joy, colour and freedom thrive. Taking a moment to celebrate our environment and protect the health of our ecosystem. Sharpen your pencils and dust off your paintbrushes, and book to join us for one of our art workshops during the summer months.

We have also welcomed the return of our Survivor speaker family to deliver their personal and emotive testimony. We will be adding more dates to these popular events throughout the year.

Be assured of a warm welcome whether you wish to visit our exhibitions or if you just wish to spend some time in our beautiful memorial gardens and pop into our homely coffee shop. We are open Sunday to Friday from 10:00 until 16:30. Please be advised *The Journey* exhibition opens from 14:30 during term time to allow for school visits and our coffee shop is open from 11:00 until 15:00.

For further information on summer events please visit our website: www.holocaust.org.uk or telephone: 01623 836 627

Retford Library forthcoming events

To Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Retford Library are holding a Heritage Café

on Thursday 26th May 2022,

14:00-15:00

Bring your mementos, old photographs or just your recollections and join us for tea and a chat as we explore memories of Retford and Royal events from the 1950's to Present Day.

Tickets are Free but Booking is advised. Book at the Library Help Desk or call 01777 708 724



Milly Johnson
Thursday 9th June
14:00

Join us at Retford Library for an afternoon with best-selling and award-winning author Milly Johnson. Born, raised and still living in Barnsley, Milly Johnson writes about love, life, friendships and the importance of community spirit. Her books champion women, their strength and resilience and celebrate her beloved Yorkshire.

This is certain to be a very entertaining afternoon.

Book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets £3. Book at Milly Johnson - Retford Library | Inspire - Culture, Learning, Libraries (inspireculture.org.uk) or phone 01623 677 200



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Muddy Fork into Spring

We've had a busy few months at the Muddy Fork Garden. With so much change and transformation. Spring has sprung in the garden and with the spring comes the warmer weather and planting season. Although the weather has been cold and damp throughout winter our spirits down the garden have not.



There has also been much excitement in the garden over the barn owls we have nesting on site. The Wildlife Trust have gone above and beyond to get the nest camera working again and now the owls can be seen on the TV in the Idle Valley Centre. We are keeping everything crossed for some owlets – we'll keep you posted.

Some years ago, Muddy Fork embarked on a great project to try and grow black poplar trees from cuttings. The project was a great success and the team managed to successfully grow over 200 black poplars. This is even more of a success story as according to the Forestry Commission black poplars are the most endangered native tree in Britain. Some of these trees will be planted on site at Idle Valley and some are going to be planted along riversides; massive well done to everyone involved over the years, what a wonderful journey to be part of.

We have done some seed sowing this month. Our beetroot seeds have germinated and are growing strong. Our dwarf broad beans have sprouted and are almost ready for potting on. Our first early potatoes are in and have already been earthed up once. The radish will be the among the first thing ready for picking this season. Onions and garlic have been set in the outside beds. Plenty more sowing to be done this month.

This season we are trying our hands at growing some cut flowers. We have potted up our dahlia tubers and put them in the poly tunnel to wake them up, they have started to sprout already; it's very exciting. Sweet peas have been sown; I can smell them already. We have also planted about 50 sunflowers. We have autumn sown some cornflowers and they are looking strong and ready to plant out. We are keeping our fingers crossed the bunnies don't eat them all before they bloom. Hopefully we have seen the last of the frost for this year, fingers crossed again! We are on the lookout for some more volunteers. If this is something that might interest you, please get in touch. We are always happy to welcome visitors to the garden. Look for the robin in the corner of the car park. Or you can find more details of the gardening sessions and on how to make a referral on the Muddy Fork website www.muddyfork.org. You can contact us via the website, or call 07421 356 717 or email harri.phillips@muddyfork.org

Keeping dogs on leads

Keeping dogs on short leads will benefit wildlife that can be harmed or disturbed by enthusiastic pooches – from snakes to seals and amphibians to mammals as well as livestock, which are used to help manage fragile habitats.

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's (NWT) lambing season started in April at Idle Valley Nature Reserve near Retford and ewes, together with lambs born at the reserve, will soon be returning to Trust nature reserves across the county, another reason it's wise to keep your dog on a lead. Like sister Trusts across the UK, NWT has often experienced dog attacks on its livestock, but disturbance of wildlife is less often reported so it's keen to get the message out early this year to dog owners.

The law says that dogs must be on a lead no longer than 2 metres between 1st March and 31st July, when on any open access land to protect ground-nesting birds. NWT is asking people to follow the same approach when visiting nature reserves – and preferably all year round. You should also always keep your dog on a lead around grazing animals, although it's safer to let your dog off if you are chased by cows or horses.

Other benefits of keeping dogs on leads include:

- Lessening the negative impacts of dog poo and urine by reducing it to a smaller area
- Preventing dogs jumping in lakes and rivers which disturbs aquatic wildlife and the insecticides that are found in dog flea treatments can end up polluting water
- Reducing risks to other animals and people.

Extract from NWT's email Newsletter of 13th April, 2022

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**Nottinghamshire
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‘Wilder welcomes’ for nature visitors given an energy boost from EDF

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is delighted to announce that EDF, the energy supply company based at West Burton, are supporting the Trust’s engagement program to encourage Nottinghamshire residents to take action for wildlife.

EDF are passionate to engage with their local communities so were keen to support the Trust to recruit and train “Wilder Welcome volunteers” at the Trust’s Idle Valley and Attenborough visitor centres in the north and south of the county respectively. These volunteers will greet visitors, provide information about each reserve and its wildlife and host introductory on-site activities.

Over the years EDF’s West Burton and Cottam Power Stations in north Nottinghamshire have supported the Trust’s local education programs, sponsored the Trust’s Annual Environmental Awards and more recently the Trust’s Wildlife on Your Doorstep (WOYD) awards. This focus on engagement is vital, especially when awareness of our environment, habitats and wildlife is critical to achieve the required changes to stem climate change and habitat loss by 2030.

Blake Coghill [right], the Trust’s Wilder Nottinghamshire Officer, said “The Wilder Welcome Volunteers play a vital role in creating engaging and inclusive spaces at our flagship reserves. They will provide accessible points of information as they walk around interacting and greeting visitors, sharing maps and discussing our local nature. We have started recruitment for this exciting role



and have already begun to induct our new volunteers in learning more about our flagship sites and what makes them special so that they can share this with our visitors. We are still recruiting and welcome applications. The Wilder Welcome Volunteers are an exciting step in our aim to engage 1 in 4 people to take action for nature.”

Gavin Lancaster is the Plant Manager for West Burton A. He said: “We have worked in partnership with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust for many years and welcome their input into our local community. It’s very important to us to help where we can and the volunteering initiative will open up opportunities for visitors to find out more specific information about the local wildlife and their habitats and learn about the amazing wildlife in their areas.”

For further information or to get involved then head over to the Trust’s website www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org

Windows 11 – should I hurry to update?

Your editor updated his desktop PC from Windows 10 to Windows 11 in early April, and the answer to this question is, briefly, no!

Microsoft has been promoting the fact that it intends to keep providing security and other updates for Windows 10 through until at least Autumn 2025, so anyone with a Windows 10 computer can feel comfortable with it remaining in ‘good health’ for quite a while yet.

So what does Windows 11 offer? Well, in short, lots of tweaks to appearances, menus and other ‘cosmetics’ – some of which look to be in need of future improvements – but also a range of features to improve users of laptops and tablets. These seem to be aiming to mimic Apple products!

One annoying (for your editor) aspect is the apparent need for Microsoft to update the Windows 10 *File History* feature which currently doesn’t appear to be supported by Windows 11.

Editor

If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people.
Confucius (BC 551-BC 479) Chinese philosopher

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**Retford Heritage Day 2022
Save the Day!**

Saturday 10th September is Retford Heritage Day, when, as usual, Retford Civic Society will be encouraging people to find out more about, and visit, many of our local venues of interest, including two which are not normally open to the public - Trinity Hospital and the Masonic Hall always have many enthusiastic and interested visitors. However, other buildings, such as the various Churches, offer visits and displays which welcome people in. The Seth Ellis on the Chesterfield Canal always attracts a lot of interest, and the Denman Library and the Majestic Theatre also have a lot to offer. There will be musical events during the day and this year we hope to have a number of Morris and clog dancing sides performing in the town. Shortly, more information about the day will be publicised on social media.

CCTV Car patrolling in our area around schools

Nottinghamshire County Council uses CCTV cars to enforce parking outside of schools. They visit schools in Nottinghamshire and will record, whilst passing, the details of any cars parked illegally. If vehicles are parked in contravention of the registered keepers will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

These restrictions are in place to provide a safe area outside of the school where the children will gather or cross the road therefore, we ask for your help in keeping this area free of parked vehicles.

Even more dates for your diaries

- Monday 2nd May: Retford Charter Day.**
- Tuesday 17th May: Friends of Bassetlaw Museum** – see page 8 for details.
- Monday 30th May-Friday 3rd June:** Nottinghamshire schools half-term break.
- Sunday 5th June: Platinum Jubilee** - Retford Market Square 'street party' including entertainments and craft stalls, etc. If weather is bad much of this will be inside Retford Town Hall.
- Tuesday 21st June: Retford Make Music Day.**

Newsletter 2022 editorial deadlines

- 1st August, 2022 (Autumn issue)**
- Note: the above is a slightly revised date
- 31st October, 2022 (Winter issue)**

- Sunday 10th July: Retford Health Sunday.** Various venues around Retford Market Square.
- Tuesday 12th July: Retford Community Singers 'open' event.** See page 20 for details.
- Saturday 10th September: Retford Heritage Day** in association with National Heritage Open Days. See above plus much more in our Autumn Newsletter.
- October/November (dates to be confirmed – watch out for our Autumn 2022 issue):** A number of Retford venues are planning events.
- Sunday 27th November: Retford Christmas Market/ Lights Switch-on.**
- Saturday 3rd December: Retford Small Business Saturday** – watch this space!
- Saturday 17th December: Retford 'Super Saturday':** Farmer's and normal market plus street entertainers, etc. Again, see our Autumn issue for more details.

So where is 'Jack' ?



Reference on page 6 to development over time of the current national flag, known to many as the *Union Jack*, probably needs a bit of explanation about how 'jack' got involved!

The origin of the term 'jack' as applied to the UK flag is unclear although it was flown from the bowsprits of Royal Navy sailing ships from the times of Charles II onwards. These were small flags and the term has been retained by a number of navies who fly their flags from these *jackstuffs* on ships' bows. Flags flown at the rear of ships are known as ensigns. Some evidence links the term 'jack' to anything small.

Editor

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

- 16th May, 2022**
- 27th June, 2022**
- 25th July, 2022**
- 5th September, 2022**

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarborough Village Hall

Agendas are always posted at least a week in advance on notice boards and on our community website where you will also find approved Minutes and meeting dates through to January, 2023.

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