

# **Clarborough & Welham**

## ***Bassetlaw Community Newsletter***

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## An Evening with Angus Ashworth, the Yorkshire Auctioneer

Retford & District Historical & Archaeological Society is organising a talk by Angus Ashworth, the Yorkshire Auctioneer. This will be our first 'celebrity lecture' since Covid, and we are hoping for a great turnout.

Angus's talk will take place at Grove Street Methodist Church, Retford on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May starting at 19:30.

**Admission £8.**

Well known from TV programmes *The Yorkshire Auction House* and the BBC's *Antiques Road Trip*, Angus has accumulated a wealth of stories and insights during his time in the auction and antiques business.



Angus is a renowned speaker and keeps audiences engaged with a range of jokes, anecdotes from his appearances on television, and fascinating facts about antiques!

**Tickets:** available from Retford Arts Hub, 11 Churchgate, Retford, or at our 2nd Wednesday of the month talks at Chapelgate Hall, Grove St. Methodist Church, Retford at 19:30.

Alternatively, please email  
[retfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:retfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)



are open every day of the year except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The opening times of our recycling centres vary depending on the time of year:

- January and February: 08:00 to 16:00
- March: 08:00 to 18:00
- April to September: 08:00 to 20:00
- October: 08:00 to 18:00
- November and December: 08:00 to 16:00

## How to instantly spot scam e-mails

Scams are attempts to trick you into giving your money or personal information to someone who has illegal intent. The most common route for such illegal activity is via email to your own email address that aims to trick you into believing it comes from some 'official' provider.

Typical examples have names such as your bank or other 'official' organisation or some other provider with whom you do financial or other personal things.

Such emails have titles that often try to sound 'urgent' such as 'deadline nearly here' or 'urgent attention!'.

Before replying to any such emails, there is one very easy 'click' that you can use to see if the email is genuine:

Just put your pointer over the name of the sender and right-click.

This action will show the email address of the sender. If this bears no relationship with the alleged sender, simply delete the email – don't open it since this could infect your computer with a virus or some other dangerous item.

An example of such a false email might look like this:

**Your accounts      Please check your account now!**

If you are banking with (say) HSBC you would expect the sender's email address to be something like [customerrelations@hsbc.com](mailto:customerrelations@hsbc.com) but if the address revealed when right clicking over *Your accounts* looks nothing like this and has no [hsbc.com](http://hsbc.com) in its address, then you have uncovered an attempted scam – delete the unopened email!

A further security point is that emails are the least important form of 'official' communication so even if you delete an email by mistake, the sender will either follow-up by telephoning you\* or, as a last option, writing a letter to you.

\*It is also important that telephone calls can also attempt to hide attempted scams. No bank, building society or other financial institution will contact you about your account details and ask you to confirm your account details. If you do receive such a call, treat it as another scam attempt.

This right-click-over-the-sender's-name is a very useful tool for discovering who sent the email and can be used to uncover other interesting sources! We have come across these in such activities as making 'secret' arrangements for another's birthday!

*Editor*

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## Investment in Retford and Worksop markets approved

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North Nottinghamshire

Bassetlaw District Council is making improvements to Retford and Worksop's outdoor markets to help safeguard their future and make them more financially sustainable.

The plans, which were put together following consultation with traders, and interested parties on where future investment should be made, were approved by councillors at a Cabinet meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

In Retford, the existing market stalls are getting a makeover by being shotblasted, repainted and extended to provide additional protection for traders and their goods, new white and green coverings are being introduced, while market stall boards will be upgraded.

At Worksop market, traders will also get new coverings for their stalls with clear back and side sheets, while work will continue to develop the indoor market project as an additional offering to the outdoor market.

Cllr Charles Adams, Cabinet Member for Business and Skills said: "We hope this investment in Retford and

Worksop outdoor Markets will help create a strong sense of identity as well as safeguard their future."

"We have worked with traders, and interested parties to gather feedback to make sure these improvements meet their needs and provide a better environment to do business."

Approval was also given to the Markets Management Team to engage with traders in both towns if any layout changes are needed in the future.

The work is estimated to cost £157k with funding coming from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund supported by other government monies.

## Looking for local jobs?

For a truly comprehensive selection of job opportunities throughout Nottinghamshire, go to Notts Country Council's website:

The following is probably the better 'first stop'

<https://nottinghamshire.tal.net/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/1/adv>

But this is also worthwhile :

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/jobs-and-working/working-for-us/opportunities-with-us>

Another good, early stop, when researching local opportunities is Bassetlaw District Council's website's home page:

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/>

From BDC's home page select their **Jobs and careers**.

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## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Clarborough & Welham community litter pick took place on 6<sup>th</sup> April. There was 10 volunteers that collected over 18 bags rubbish. We enjoyed a bacon/sausage butty prior to the pick that were supplied by the land lord (Dan Rees) of the Kings arms. I would like to thank Dan, Parish



councillors, Fraser McFarland (Bassetlaw District councillor) and the members of the public for their time and efforts in making our parish a tidier place.

### Our Parish Pasture needs volunteers!

Following Paul Willcock stepping down from Clarborough & Welham Parish Council in 2024, the development of the Parish Pastures has diminished considerably. The Parish Council are looking to start the development process again and are looking for volunteers.

The group of volunteers will meet up and discuss ideas on how to shape the Parish Pastures into an open space area that would potentially accommodate:

- A wildflower meadow
- An activity area for teenagers
- A picnic area overlooking the canal

If you are interested in becoming a part of any of the above initiatives then we are holding an initial discussion session at Clarborough Village Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 19:00.

**Phil Gibson**

**Chairman, Clarborough & Welham Parish Council**

## Doncaster airport reopening soon?

As we went to press we heard that Sir Keir Starmer had visited Doncaster-Sheffield ('Robin Hood') airport to announce the Government's ongoing support for the airport's reopening. The Prime Minister confirmed a total of £30m is to be released by the government to support the reopening of Doncaster Sheffield Airport. "We are backing this region as a sustainable aviation hub in South Yorkshire and giving lift-off for growth here in Doncaster," Starmer said.

## Bassetlaw Food Bank's Hive Volunteers Wanted

After opening BFB Hive at the end of last year, a new café, laundrette and community space based in Manton, we are looking for volunteers to help us welcome the community!

BFB Hive Café is open Monday to Friday, 09:30 until 14:30, serving breakfast, lunch, lighter bites as well as coffee and cake. Prices are affordable, and we can support everyone with access to a hot meal. The Laundrette is open to help anyone without access to a washing machine or tumble dryer, and at a cost of only £2 a wash anyone who is struggling with energy bills.



The community rooms mean organisations like Comospace, who tackle digital exclusions and help anyone with online forms, can meet with people in Manton. Welcoming everyone to the space and helping them access advice and support is more than vital than ever, as so many families still struggle with the cost of living.

If you love chatting to people, cooking, baking or even washing up we'd love to hear from you! Or maybe you're looking to learn new skills, find something to fill your time or add to your CV? Volunteering in the community café could be the perfect fit for you!

Volunteer opportunities at BFB are flexible, and always fun. Join the team and help support families in Bassetlaw!

To find out more email us at:

**Admin@bassetlawfoodbank.org**

or call us on **01909 473 078**

**For a more complete overview of Hive, go to our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) and then from our home page's menu following: Voluntary Sector links > Food Bank**

**Our address:** Community Way  
off Shrewsbury Road  
Worksop S80 2TU

We look forward to welcoming you!

*"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."*

**Albert Einstein (1879-1955)**





## NOMINATE A LOCAL VOLUNTEER!

### Nominations for Bassetlaw CVS and Bolsover CVS Volunteer Awards Open!

**Bassetlaw CVS** and **Bolsover CVS** are thrilled to announce the opening of nominations for the annual Volunteer Awards.

These prestigious awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to making a positive impact in their communities.

As part of Volunteers Week, the awards ceremonies will take place in June, providing an opportunity to recognise and honor the invaluable work of volunteers.

#### Event Dates

##### **Bolsover Volunteer Awards**

Monday, 2 June  
Glapwell Centre

##### **Bassetlaw Volunteer Awards**

Friday, 6 June  
Worksop Town Hall

#### How to nominate

Visit [bit.ly/BCVSnominate](https://bit.ly/BCVSnominate), scan the QR code or contact our offices for a hard copy by calling 01909 476118.

The deadline for nominations is **Monday 18 May** at Midday.



## CATEGORIES

- ★ Young volunteer of the year (16 to 25)
- ★ Older volunteer of the year (60+)
- ★ Health and wellbeing volunteer of the year
- ★ Fundraising volunteer of the year
- ★ Supportive volunteer of the year
- ★ Outdoor volunteer of the year
- ★ Heritage volunteer of the year
- ★ Food insecurity volunteer of the year
- ★ Community grants volunteer of the year
- ★ Environmental volunteer of the year



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[www.bcvs.org.uk](http://www.bcvs.org.uk)



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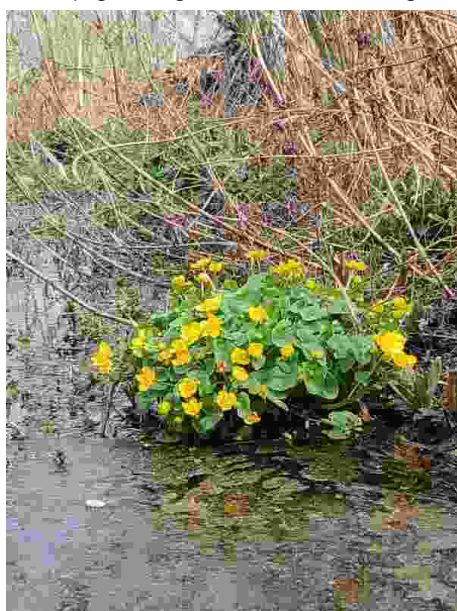


## Spring arrives at Muddy Fork

It was a long, cold, damp, grey, miserable winter one way and another, and Muddy Fork, Retford's Gardening for Wellbeing charity, is glad to see the back of it. But it's now officially spring and things are on the move again. We've passed the equinox and everyone must be aware that the days really are getting longer now. The clocks changing will give us more light later in the day, it has been good to see some sunshine at last, and even the temperatures are finally showing signs of rising a little.

The Muddy Fork team has not been idle during the dormant period however. The winter maintenance programme seems to have been never-ending, and funnily enough the weeds still keep growing even when nothing else does. But the end results are quite gratifying, with infra-structure improvements in evidence and the raised beds looking neat and tidy and ready for planting.

So now, with the marsh marigolds in the stream [right] and the daffodils on the bank brightening up the garden, it's time to get on with planting. An abundance of seed trays is jostling for space in the polytunnels, the first of the potatoes are in, the strawberry runners [below] planted in the autumn are looking good, and plans for an asparagus bed are in progress.



Muddy Fork has had an amazing couple of months since Christmas with multiple examples of community goodwill, and is still reeling at the generosity displayed by local individuals, including councillors, businesses and voluntary organisations.

Some incredible donations, in cash and in kind, have come in, with the most intriguing of these being the anonymous gifts, a wheelbarrow, and later two cold frames, which arrived unannounced and unexpectedly. Muddy Fork is so

grateful for the wonderful local support it receives, all of which helps sustain the charity both financially and morale-wise.

For further information, if you might be interested in volunteering, or could make a donation, check out the website at [www.muddyfork.org](http://www.muddyfork.org), while referrals, whether self-referrals or on behalf of someone else, can be made directly to [rose.muddyfork@outlook.com](mailto:rose.muddyfork@outlook.com).

Visitors to the garden are always welcome.

## Nottinghamshire's recycling paper and cardboard briefing



Did you know that paper and cardboard make up over half of the material processed at the Materials Recovery Facility?

Follow our tips to help us recycle as much as possible:

- ◆ Please don't put any paper or card in a recycling bin if it has food on it, because papermills cannot recycle food contaminated material.
- ◆ Wet paper and cardboard is difficult for our sorting machinery to separate from other recyclables, so please keep it dry inside your recycling bin.
- ◆ Wallpaper cannot be recycled. It usually contains fungicides or ink types which are not suitable for recycling. Please put wallpaper in your general waste bin.
- ◆ Shredded paper also needs to go in your general waste bin. Like wet paper, it causes problems with our sorting machinery and because shredding cuts the fibres of the paper and cardboard into very short lengths, it is more difficult to turn this into good quality paper/card pulp for recycling into new items.
- ◆ Envelopes with windows are accepted for recycling and you do not need to remove the window. Padded envelopes are not suitable for recycling because they have a plastic liner, so please reuse these where possible or place in your general waste bin.
- ◆ Wrapping paper or cards that have any glitter or other embellishments attached to them such as ribbons or jewels cannot go in the recycling bin.

Remember to use our free Recycling Checker if you're not sure if an item can be recycled in Nottinghamshire.

## Clarborough Post Office

### Opening hours:

**Monday:** 09:00-12:30

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## Local Benches Tackling Loneliness Featured on BBC's The One Show

We're delighted to share that *The One Show* on BBC featured a heartwarming segment on the "Happy to Chat" benches initiative led by Muslim Charity in partnership with Bassetlaw District Council. The segment was aired on the BBC One television magazine and chat show on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The benches, now placed in various locations across Bassetlaw, are a simple yet powerful idea to help reduce loneliness and social isolation. With one in four adults in Bassetlaw reporting feelings of loneliness - and 7.6% saying they feel lonely often or always - these benches are a reminder that meaningful human connection can start with something as small as a friendly conversation.

The short feature filmed during BBC News Presenter Monika Plaha's visit to the area highlights how these designated "Happy to Chat" benches are encouraging people to sit, talk and connect with one another, especially those who may otherwise feel overlooked or isolated.

We're proud that a local initiative has been recognised on national television, and we invite you to take a moment to watch the inspiring clip. It's a powerful reminder that small gestures can make a big difference.


**Watch the video here: [www.muslimcharity.org.uk/bbc](http://www.muslimcharity.org.uk/bbc)**

For more information about the initiative, call Muslim Charity, based at Eaton Hall in Retford, on 01777 702 555.

## Gmail scheduling

Do you ever want to write an email but then schedule it to be sent some time later – a useful tool if you will be away when you want to send something such as a birthday greeting or hit a deadline that isn't yet operative? Gmail now has this facility!

To set up such an email, go through the following steps:

1. From gmail's main page, click *Compose*.
2. Click on the white down arrow on the right of the Send button at the bottom of your draft email: 
3. The *Schedule send* tag appears just above the blue button – click on this and then choose either of the provided date/times or Select date and time from the bottom of the window.
4. Finally, click on the blue *Send scheduled*.



The Bassetlaw Achievers Awards returned for this year, celebrating the outstanding achievements of 28 local residents and five organisations who have gone the extra mile to help their communities.

The event took place at Retford Town Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March and was hosted by the Chair of Bassetlaw District Council, Cllr Sue Shaw. These awards recognise achievements in the community, personal goals in sport and fundraising efforts for local charities.

The award winners were nominated by District Councillors, schools, community groups, Parish Councils and members of the public.

Former Clarborough & Welham Parish Councillor Paul Willcock led a team of volunteers to develop Clarborough and Welham's Neighbourhood Plan. Part of the NHP was the gifting of the parish pastures from Bassetlaw District Council. Paul worked tirelessly to develop a wild flower meadow including raising funds for the footpath that crosses the land. His contribution to the rest of the parish council business was invaluable. Paul was recognised for all his time and hard work.



Cllr Sue Shaw said: "It's fantastic to host the Achievers Awards and recognise the hard work, dedication and achievements of the people of Bassetlaw."

"We have so many talented and committed people who do so much to enhance the lives of others through voluntary work, acts of courage and bravery and through sport."

"As chair of Bassetlaw District Council, it was a highlight of my year in office to hand awards to such diverse individuals and groups from across Bassetlaw, including those young people overcoming personal challenges and succeeding to awarding the work of a couple training guide dogs. Everyone collectively made the evening a great success."

*"A room without books is like a body without a soul."*

**Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC – 43 BC)**

## Spring on the farm

As the days grow longer the countryside of Clarborough and Welham begins to stir with life. The arrival of spring marks one of the busiest and most hopeful times of year on the farm.

Across the parish, farmers are nearing the end of the calving season. After weeks of close monitoring and long nights, the cows and their calves are doing well, and attention now turns to preparing for turnout. As soon as conditions allow, these pairs will be heading out to the fresh spring pasture a moment that always brings a sense of relief and reward. There's nothing quite like seeing young calves taking their first energetic leaps into open fields after a winter under cover. Also many local sheep farmers are turning out the spring lambs. However with this particular dry spell will there be enough grass for them to eat?

Spring also brings the need to make the most of the farm's natural resources. Farmyard manure is being carefully spread over the fields to return vital nutrients to the soil. A method that helps support the upcoming spring crops and improves soil structure and soil organic matter. It's a process rooted in tradition, but one that's as important as ever in modern farming.

This season has seen the sowing of spring linseed, aided by a well-timed drop of rain just before the dry spell set in. That bit of moisture helped give the crop a decent start, but now attention turns to the latest challenge: a lack of rainfall. Spring beans are being drilled into what can only be described as dust bowls dry clods of soil that are difficult to break down. Locally known as bell metal. As these beans go in, I'm quite literally praying for rain. However as I write this, next week's forecast looks promising.

As the wheat and barley fields begin to stretch into growth this spring, careful nutrient management is key. Our approach to fertiliser application this season focuses not only on crop performance, but also on environmental responsibility and long-term sustainability. We're applying a balanced liquid fertiliser containing Nitrogen, Phosphate, Potassium, and Sulphur each essential for healthy plant growth and grain development. Nitrogen drives leafy green growth, Phosphate encourages strong rooting, Potassium supports overall plant health, and Sulphur helps the crop use nitrogen more efficiently while improving grain quality. The fertiliser is applied through a modern sprayer fitted with a dribble bar system, which gently places it at ground level. This helps minimise losses to the atmosphere and reduces the risk of scorching the crop, while placing nutrients where the plants need them most. What really helps us farm smarter and more sustainably is the integration of GPS and satellite-controlled technology. Using precision mapping, we can adjust the rate of fertiliser application across the field, ensuring that each area receives exactly what it needs – no more, no less. This avoids waste, prevents nutrient runoff, and protects surrounding habitats and watercourses. Liquid fertiliser also has the benefit of being fully water-soluble, so the nutrients are immediately available to the crop as soon as they hit the soil. This means we can feed the plant efficiently, without relying on weather conditions to break down granules. It's all part of our commitment to

sustainable farming: growing healthy crops while caring for the land, using modern tools to make thoughtful decisions that protect our environment.



As soon as one job's finished, another begins. The sprayer rarely stands still, attention has turned to the first major agrochemical application on cereal crops, known as the T0 timing. T0 marks a critical stage in the crop's development and lays the foundation for a healthy, high yielding harvest. At this point, we apply a carefully selected mix of trace elements, including zinc, copper, and manganese to name a few. While required in small amounts they are absolutely vital for plant health. These elements help support enzyme systems, root strength, and chlorophyll production, particularly during periods of rapid growth. Alongside the trace elements, fungicides are applied to protect the crop from early threats like septoria and rust, diseases that can quickly take hold in mild, damp spring conditions. Controlling disease early reduces the pressure later in the season, reducing the need for heavier chemical use. We also apply growth regulators at this stage. These don't just manage the crop's height they play an important role in strengthening the plant's stem and structure. This helps reduce the risk of lodging where tall, top-heavy crops fall over, especially when the ear (grain head) begins to form later in the season. Lodged crops are difficult to harvest, more prone to disease, and can suffer severe yield losses, so early prevention is key. As always, applications are made with precision in mind. Ensuring that every pass is accurate, applying exactly what's needed and where, reducing waste and protecting the environment. It's about combining agronomy, technology, and good timing. So while the countryside may appear calm on the surface, the reality is that spring is a sprint and the sprayer never stops.

Clarborough and Welham's countryside is always beautiful in spring the hedgerows starting to leaf up, birds nesting, and a general sense of renewal in the air. But behind that peaceful rural scene is a hive of activity, planning, and perseverance. Spring is a season of hard work and high hopes and like every year, myself and farmers across the UK are rising to the challenge. Let's see what summer has to offer for the countryside in Clarborough and Welham.

**Ross Spencer Joyce**





**Nottinghamshire  
Wildlife Trust**

## Paws for Thought – then Lead by Example. Protecting Wildlife at Nature Reserves

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is once again supporting the national Paws for Thought campaign, urging dog owners to play their part in protecting nature by keeping their dogs on leads when visiting their nature reserves.

Locally, we're taking action by launching our new 'Lead by Example' volunteer team, a group of dedicated dog walkers who will set a positive example by keeping their dogs on leads and engaging with others in a friendly way.

Speaking on behalf of the Trust, Head of Communications Erin McDaid said: *"I love visiting nature reserves with my dog, but with wildlife suffering severe declines across the UK I want to ensure that my dog isn't harming the wildlife I want to enjoy. Keeping dogs on leads when visiting nature reserves and other sensitive areas is a simple step all dog owners can all take to protect wildlife while still enjoying the great outdoors."*

By keeping dogs on leads, on paths, and cleaning up after them, we can all help keep our precious local wildlife safe and the charity's new Lead by Example campaign – being piloted at its Attenborough and Skylarks Nature Reserves - aims to encourage a more wildlife-friendly way to visit nature reserves with your dog by reinforcing responsible dog ownership.

As part of this pilot campaign, the Trust is recruiting a team of dog owners who are passionate about their pets and protecting wildlife – so that their dogs can act as 'Ambassadors'. The charity hopes to roll out the campaign at other sites, including Idle Valley Nature Reserve near Retford,



in the coming months. Whilst the Trust asks people to keep their dogs on a lead whenever they visit our reserves, the charity has decided to launch the Lead by Example campaign now because dog disturbance can be particularly devastating to wildlife in the spring and summer when birds are nesting. Erin, whose dog Ginny [above] will be acting as an

Ambassador, added: "Keeping your dog on a lead whilst on a nature reserve is always best for wildlife, but during the bird nesting season it can be the difference between success and failure for breeding birds – especially ground nesting species."

For more information about responsible dog walking and our Lead by Example campaign visit:

[nottinghamshirewildlife.org/lead-by-example](http://nottinghamshirewildlife.org/lead-by-example)



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As part of our commitment to delivering inspirational and achievable qualifications, funding is also available for some of our Level 3 courses, meaning they could be completely free!

Courses included start very soon and also throughout Spring-Early Summer 2025 with a link to their full Summer 2025 Course Guide.

So, if you are looking for ways to advance your career, improve your CV or get started in a new one, check out this link.

Editor

## The Journey exhibition

Trace the steps of a  
child refugee

Walk through the gripping story of a young boy's escape from Nazi Germany to a new life in England. *The Journey* is an award-winning immersive exhibition, based on the stories of 36 different refugees - now packed with £2 million of new twists, turns and interactive technology.

Find out more and book now:  
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## New research reveals predicted long-term economic benefits of STEP for future generations

- More than 6,500 jobs a year could benefit Nottinghamshire residents at the peak of operations.
- Nottinghamshire's economy could be boosted by between £86 million and £210 million each year, for the next 40 years.

The full, predicted economic benefits of the UK's prototype fusion energy powerplant to be built at West Burton near Retford have been revealed for the first time.



The report – known as an economic impact assessment – gives a unique insight into the potential benefits of this world-class project. It covers a timeframe of more than 45 years, from when planning began in 2019, through to 2065, however the majority of these benefits are expected to be from 2030 onwards.

The ambitious project - Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production, known as STEP - is being led by UK Industrial Fusion Solutions Ltd (UKIFS) part of the UK Atomic Energy Authority group (UKAEA). Due to be built by 2040, it aims to revolutionise the way energy is generated thanks to cutting-edge fusion technology.

As well as the STEP fusion facility, a skills centre and a business park are planned.

The report identifies other key benefits for Nottinghamshire including a forecasted annual average of more than 1,000 new construction related jobs, which will boost the county's economy by £86m each year.

Meanwhile, the number of operational jobs due to be created is predicted to be around 2,760 each year which will bring an average annual economic boost worth £210m for Nottinghamshire.

For the East Midlands region as a whole, an average of 2,976 construction, planning and design-related jobs are due to be created each year, bringing an average £236m annual boost for the region's economy. An average of 6,440 new operational jobs are set to boost the East Midlands economy by around £489m each year.

Working closely with UKIFS Ltd, Nottinghamshire County Council commissioned the report on behalf of key partners, including Bassetlaw District Council, Lincolnshire County Council and West Lindsey District Council.

Cllr Charles Adams, Cabinet Member for Business and Skills at Bassetlaw District Council said:

"This report makes it clear how Bassetlaw and the wider area will feel the positive impacts of STEP and we very much welcome the investment and regeneration that will take place within our district over the coming years.

"In Bassetlaw we are working to become carbon neutral and have a vision to be the greenest, most sustainable district in which to live and work. STEP will make this possible, but it will also present a world of opportunities to the people who live here and the businesses that will be part of this journey."

Keith Girling, Nottinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management, said this is exciting news for future generations and the economy. He said:

"We already knew this once-in-a-lifetime project would create massive growth, investment and skills, but now we know the full extent of it. This is incredible news for our county and the region, particularly for our future generations who will really reap the benefits.

"This report now provides us with crucial insight and sets a benchmark to help partners plan for future investment as well as environmental and economic policies in that area."

Paul Methven, CEO of UKIFS, welcomed the publication of the report. He said:

"This is the first examination of the positive economic impacts of the STEP programme across the region and beyond. It gives a fascinating insight into the potential for STEP to deliver direct economic and social benefits and stimulate much wider opportunities across many sectors.

"We look forward to supporting regional leaders in driving these opportunities regionally and enabling economic growth nationally."

UKAEA funded half of the report, with the other half made up of contributions from the Nottinghamshire County Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Lincolnshire County Council and West Lindsey District Council.

Economic and finance specialists Amion Consulting were commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council to carry out the in-depth report. Analysts created an economic model to predict the key economic benefits that will be generated by STEP.


These benefits include the jobs linked directly to the project and the lucrative contracts for local and national supply chains. This research also takes into account the wider benefits to the local economy such as more disposable income for Nottinghamshire residents thanks to the creation of better-paid jobs.

While the benefits of STEP are expected beyond 2065, for the forecasted statistics to be as accurate as possible, this report covers the next 40 years.

*"Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws".*

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Peace is a key theme for Rotary. The Rotary International organization has a long history of working toward peace and conflict resolution around the globe. Through various initiatives, such as scholarships, grants, and partnerships with other organizations, they aim to create sustainable peace by addressing the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, inequality, and lack of access to education and healthcare. If you would like to find out more about Rotary, the local club and the activities and support we offer including our network of Rota-kids Clubs then please contact us.

VE-Day is a celebration of peace at the end of the war. Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> is VE-Day, and this year is the 80-year anniversary. There are planned celebrations and street parties throughout the UK, and it is anticipated that some or all the artwork may be used in Retford's celebrations.

## Retford Arts Hub celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year

Our Hub was established at 11, Churchgate, Retford in 2015 as a Community Interest Company to provide a platform for local food produce, visitor information and artists and crafters.

Run entirely by a wonderful team of volunteers, the Hub provides a warm friendly space to sit, chat and browse unique and stylish locally produced items.

Since COVID and under new



management, the Hub has extended its offering and there are now seven artist studios at very affordable rates together with a classroom to rent or attend our varied workshops. Regular classes for adults and children take place in both arts and crafts and these are very popular. We have over 100 artists and crafters as members and many of them have been with us since day 1.

Exhibitions are held in the Upstairs Gallery and our recent exhibition "Is This Art?" proved to be a great success with visitors' comments showing it had been enjoyed by many. Our exhibition "Windows and Doors" which ran until 25<sup>th</sup> April has once again produced some excellent and interesting work by our artists and was well worth a visit. Of course, we must celebrate ten years of inspiring work by our members and we have decided that on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding an Open Studios event at the Hub.** Various artists and crafters will be demonstrating their skills so come along for inspiration, information and perhaps have a go..... If you wish to join us at the Hub call us on

**01777 860 414 or email; [info@retfordartshub.com](mailto:info@retfordartshub.com)**

*You can also follow us on Facebook/Instagram  
[@retfordartshub](https://www.instagram.com/retfordartshub)*

## Smokefree cars awareness campaign

Recent survey work in Nottinghamshire schools revealed that some children are still exposed to smoke inside cars, even though it's been illegal to smoke in a vehicle with under 18s present since 2015.

Our local campaign aims to raise awareness of the law, which is there to protect children. Children breathe faster than adults and their airways are smaller, making secondhand smoke more dangerous for them.

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## Windows 10 Countdown is nearly a knockout!

Alternatives to Microsoft (and Apple) products have taken a whole new importance with President Trumps worldwide tariff threats. Ubuntu Linux is a British product of Canonical Ltd. a privately held computer software company based in



Ubuntu

London, founded and funded by South African entrepreneur Mark Shuttleworth in 2004.

Regular readers will have seen earlier articles that look for ways to upgrade Microsoft Windows 10 (and earlier) versions that don't cost a fortune. It is unfortunate that Microsoft seems to have designed Windows 11 to require hardware that has the very latest tweaks and so will only run on PCs and laptops that are less than about 3 years old. This means that many users feel they have to purchase new systems if they want to move from Windows 10 to Windows 11.

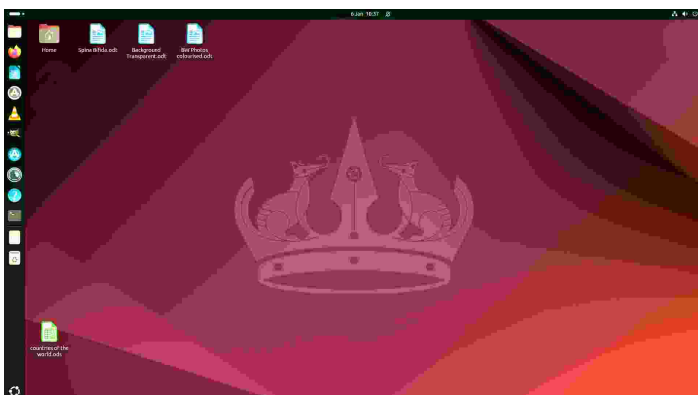
Recent editions of Which? magazines have explored alternatives to this which have included 'best buy' Windows 11 devices but these have tended to cost upwards of £400 (at a minimum!)

Clarborough & Welham IT Group has been promoting a much more affordable – and powerful – alternative to Microsoft's Windows in the form of Ubuntu Linux which is starting to gain ground against the 'old firms' of Microsoft and Apple. Linux is a FREE open-source system which competes with Windows 11 head-on – and outright wins when looking at internet business. For much more on Linux and it's Ubuntu version ('distro' to nerds) go to Wikipedia's <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linux>

This competitiveness will be explored in greater depth by Which? Tech magazine in their June, 2025 issue but for a hands-on opportunity, why not come to Clarborough Village Hall (DN22 9LN) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 to get a hands-on feel for Ubuntu Linux and the open-source movement on Clarborough & Welham IT Group's laptops?

The latest version of Ubuntu Linux (*Noble Numbat*) has a 'feel' that is remarkably similar to Windows 10 and 11. When your Editor first had his Windows 10 PC updated with Ubuntu Linux, it felt 'at home' almost immediately. Mouse or touchpad buttons do the same sorts of things with menus and windows looking very similar and with similar types of namings.

[Below] Ubuntu Linux *Noble Numbat* desktop



Clarborough & Welham IT Group's session on 14<sup>th</sup> June will last up to 90 mins starting at 13:00 and will cost just £5. We will also be able to advise folks of local IT specialists who can – at very affordable prices – carry out updating of laptops or PCs to Ubuntu Linux and also carry out associated connection of devices to home internet connections as well as peripheral items such as printers and scanners.

However, with places on 14<sup>th</sup> June limited it is essential that you book by either phoning Greg on **01777 700 918** or email **clarboroughwelham@gmail.com** beforehand.

**Late news:** Greg will be attending Clarborough's Table Top Sale on both Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June to give some quick, visual, demonstrations of the IT Group's Ubuntu Linux laptop – a good introduction before you book your place for the 14<sup>th</sup> June class!

## History Walk and Talk at Eakring



Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May (10:00) or Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May (10:00) 2025

Duration 2.5 - 3 hrs (approx)

### Historic Eakring, Plague Connections and a Dumble or Two

Our first history walks of 2025 will be in the historic village of Eakring. The village is famous for its links to Rev Mompesson, the 'plague parson' of Eyam. See where he preached, outside of the village, and the myths surrounding the 'pulpit ash'. Discover the mysterious 'Eakring Flash' and dip down into a dumble or two....Don't know what a dumble is? Come and find out!

We will also explore the historic church.

- Two dates: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May (both start at 10:00)
- Duration approx. 2.5-3hrs.
- Walking distance approx. 3 miles, some short sections of field path
- Cost £8.50 per head, includes contribution to Eakring church
- Coffee and cake available for donations

## Booking information

### Reservations

Reserve by email to ([mail@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk](mailto:mail@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk)), by phone to Candice on **07383 488 201**, including your contact details. Once confirmed you can also pay by internet.

We cannot hold a place for you if you have not paid by one week before the walk.

### Weather

If constant very heavy rain (rather than light drizzle) is forecast the night before, then we may contact you to re-arrange the walk.

## RAF is part of NATO's answer to Vladimir Putin's Russia

National news platforms such as BBC, ITV and national newspapers hardly ever point out how much of our national military is trying to guess the sorts of things that Russia's leader, Vladimir Putin might be thinking.



RAF Typhoons [above right pair] and Swedish Air Force JAS-39 Gripens trained together in mid-April, 2025 for the first time since the start of their joint deployment to Malbork, Poland. The British Typhoons departed Malbork Air Base first to simulate an adversary formation, with the Swedish Gripens being scrambled to intercept the Typhoons, supported by a German Air Force A400M air-to-air refuelling aircraft [opposite]

This was a first for the detachment, however it is not the first time the RAF Typhoon and Swedish Air Force Gripen aircraft have trained together. Previously, in October 2022

they paired as part of the Joint Expeditionary Force (JEF) at Ramlunda Range in southern Sweden.

The recent training sortie allowed pilots from No. 11 (Army Cooperation) Squadron and Swedish Air Force 211 and 212 Fighter Squadrons, to gain first-hand experience of working together. This will lead to a better understanding of capabilities and increased interoperability both in the air and amongst the ground crews.

Operation Chessman is the UK contingent delivering the NATO enhanced Air Policing mission. RAF personnel currently deployed at Malbork Airbase, are under the command of 140 Expeditionary Air Wing. Personnel from across the RAF are currently deployed to Malbork alongside NATO's newest member, Sweden, until July 2025.



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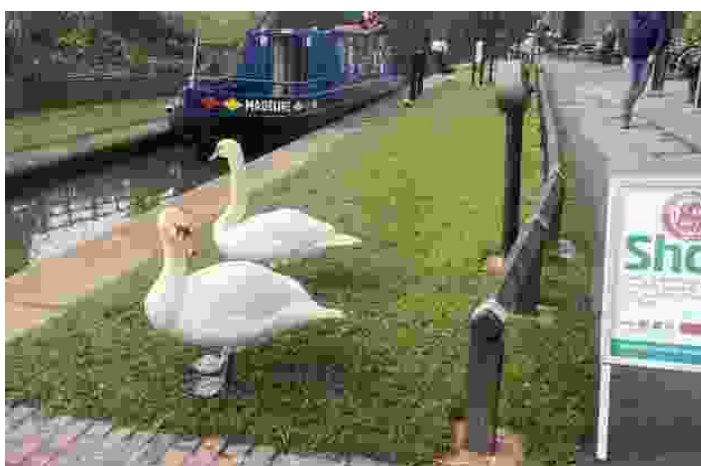


## Chesterfield Canal Trust's Wildlife Watch

Contributed by members and visitors to Chesterfield canal, the Wildlife Watch is updated every month with some wonderful and also amusing photos taken along the local canal:



[Above] Ian Moorcroft these deer just above Bilby Lane bridge near **New Whittington**, Derbyshire.



[Above] Keith Harman saw these Swans at Hollingwood Hub – he thought they were waiting for the 'bus'!



[Above] These Mallards seem to have heard a bit too much news about politics lately!

**Editor's note:** For monthly Wildlife Watch collections go to our community website's **Local Environment > Chesterfield Canal > Wildlife Watch**

## Retford Book Festival 2025

The first Retford Book Festival will take place from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and will consist of a diverse series of events for both adults and children with a range of authors talking about their work.

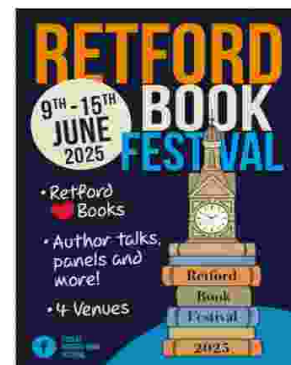
The festival will feature many genres including history, crime, romantic fiction, music, contemporary life, current affairs and writing for children of all ages.

There will be some events in the main venue, the historic Grove Street Methodist Church. Other events will be in smaller, town centre venues. There will also be some events in schools so that as many children as possible have access to the excitement of the festival.

"The book festival committee are a team of enthusiastic volunteers with wide-ranging experience and skillsets. We are committed to launching the book festival as an annual event. We see it as a week of positivity in the town bringing together people from all walks of life to share the joy of books and the excitement of hearing published authors talk about their work" explains committee chair, Julia Kitchen. Refreshments will be served wherever there is a book festival event and there will be the opportunity to buy books, to talk about books and, above all, feel the joy of books.

There will be a printed programme with details of all events but the best source of information is the festival's Facebook page – search Retford Book Festival.

**Tickets are now available through Eventbrite or from Wonderland Book Shop, 64 Carolgate, Retford.**  
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## Retford Easter Window Competition

Retford Big Market Day, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025, saw the announcement of the results of the Retford Easter Window Competition at Edinburgh Woollen Mill on Carolgate, Retford. Visit Clarborough & Welham community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) to discover who won this competition.

The Retford Easter Window Competition 2025 was new this year and sponsored by Specsavers. Eleven talented window-dressers competed for a great trophy and the prize of an afternoon tea at Ten Green Bottles; there was also a trophy for the best runner-up. Judging took place and the winners were announced on 19<sup>th</sup> April at Edinburgh Woollen Mill.

The businesses who took part were: Specsavers (Market Place), Anne Wilkinson (Grove St), Stanley Hunt Jewellers (Market Place), The Pottery (Market Place), The Grove Methodist Church (Grove St), Branching Out Creative Floristry (Chapelgate), Wonderland Bookshop (Carolgate), Retford Arts Hub (Churchgate), The Flower Boutique (Carolgate), Pennington's Electrical (Carolgate), and The Good Health Boutique (Carolgate). There are some brilliantly gifted window designers in Retford and a walk around the shops would be well worth it.

Retford Big Market Days take place on the third Saturday of every month between 10:00 and 13:00 with the next on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Retford Christmas Market & Lights Switch-On 2025 is planned for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – save the date!



Notes for editors.

Retford Business Forum (RBF) relies entirely on its members, donations, and grants, and is not regularly funded by anyone. Members include individuals, businesses, and organisations, from around Bassetlaw, and information about Retford Business Forum can be found at : [www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](http://www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk).



Photographs were taken in Retford on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Clarborough & District WI



The WI in Clarborough continues to grow in numbers and we hope to welcome more new members over the coming months. Our programme for the summer is varied and lively beginning with a talk on Beekeeping and Honey in April.

Our Annual Meeting with Resolutions will be held in May. There were several options for the Resolutions but the one most voted for was "Bystanders can be Lifesavers". It is worrying to see that there are over 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK and less than one in ten people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving than men. Early treatment can more than double the chance of survival. The WI are aiming to help with this by including "Saving lives with CPR" at our October meeting..

Other meetings include gardening tips and life on a narrowboat. If you are interested, please contact us.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the second Monday in the month, starting at 14:00. Visitors are charged £5 which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Come along and say Hello, you will find a new circle of friends.

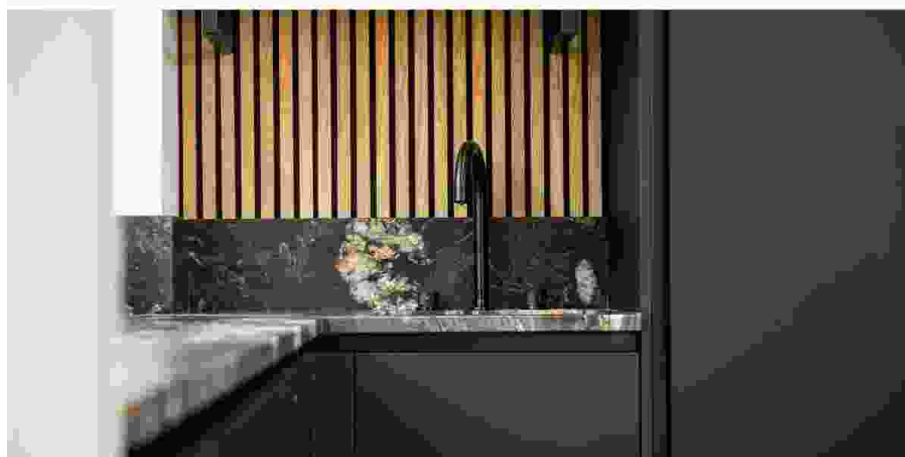
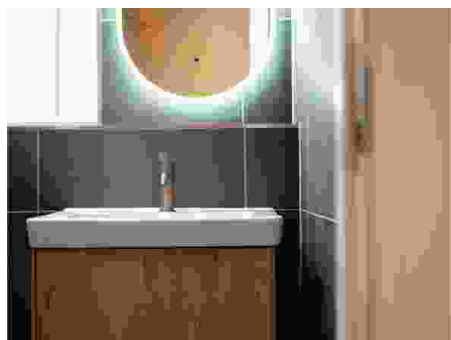
Looking forward to seeing you.

**Lucy Richardson, Secretary**  
(07966 452 249)

## Clarborough's St.John the Baptist Church Services


As previously, we share Rev. Mark's time so some of his services are in other churches in the Clays group. We are welcome to join in with those. (Please ask if we need to help you arrange transport.) **Every Wednesday evening there is a time of fellowship here in Clarborough church at 19:00.** So far, these have proved to be very special times and we hope this will continue at the "Service Station", as this time is now called.

27 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30 Hayton Said HC 10:30 Wheatley Songs of Praise
30 <sup>th</sup> April	07:00 <b>Service Station</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30 Bole HC 14:00 Clarborough Baptism 18:00 Sturton Eve Prayer. 19:00 <b>Service station</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30 North Leverton. Meth HC
11 <sup>th</sup> May	18:00 Hayton Eve Prayer 19:00 <b>Service station</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30 Clarborough HC
18 <sup>th</sup> May	19:00 <b>Service station</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30 Rogation service at N Wheatley
25 <sup>th</sup> May	S Leverton have afternoon HC 19:00 <b>Service station</b>
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## Give Singing a Try!

Do you think it would be nice to sing with other people but worry that you are not much of a singer?

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We are a big friendly group and we make a great noise together. We don't have the pressure of preparing for performances which you will find in other choirs.

New singers are welcome any Tuesday, but on **6<sup>th</sup> May** we will have a special **FREE** taster evening for people who would like to see what we do. Come and enjoy singing some simple songs in glorious harmony and bring a friend if you want. Join us in the hall at Grove Street Methodist Church from 19:00 until 20:30.

[www.retfordcommunitysingers.co.uk](http://www.retfordcommunitysingers.co.uk)

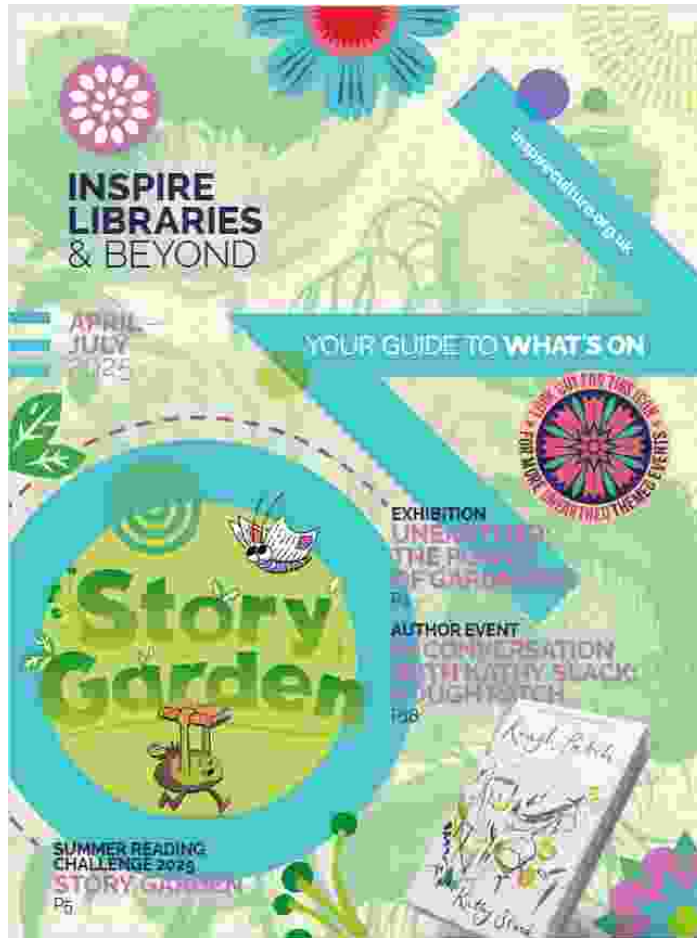
*"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"*

**Tao Te Ching or Laozi (4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.)**

## Inspire Retford Library

Regular users of Retford Library, as well as all of the other Inspire Libraries throughout Nottinghamshire, won't be surprised to discover that the next few months have the massive range of events and activities scheduled.

To find out more drop into your local library or go online to explore or even download their 32-page April-July 2025 brochure.



For a conveniently quick way to do this, use our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) and follow our home page's menu: **Out-and-About > Retford Library** and then click on the picture links at the top of that page.

**Just a couple of 'coming soon' events at Retford Library include:**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, at 18:00 Celebrating Jane - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jane Austen.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, at 19:00 Food and Fiction in Jane Austen's world.

Both of these must be booked beforehand; tickets at £3 (including refreshments).

To contact Retford Library, phone **01777 708 724** or email: [retford.library@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:retford.library@inspireculture.org.uk)

**Editor**

*I changed my password everywhere to 'incorrect'. That way, when I forget it, it always reminds me, 'Your password is incorrect'.*

**Anonymous**

## Allegra Voice Choir

The Allegra Voice Choir were delighted to be chosen to open the 2025 Concert Series for the All Saints Church, Nettleham, an established and popular event. Our performance was a great success with an invitation to come again!



After our Easter break we will be rehearsing a new programme, with our next outing in July.

We rehearse on a Tuesday evening in term time in St. John the Baptist Church, Clarborough, DN22 9NA, 18:45 for a 19:00 start.

If you love to sing, have some experience or none (no audition) come to get a taste of what you do. You will receive a warm welcome and you won't be disappointed.

**Judith Smith**  
**07785 521 838**

## Use of Emotive language

Emotive language is not about conveying facts, but about stirring feelings, creating a connection, and potentially influencing opinions or actions. It is widely used in media and advertising.

Some examples of emotive words (the range is vast!): Furious, outraged, horrified, appalling, pride, love, unforgettable, heartwarming...

While reading or listening to material that we quickly recognise as containing emotive words, it can be useful to try rephrasing it or deleting in a non-emotive manner to see if we still agree with it.

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Aurora is a local cancer charity providing support in Bassetlaw for people living with cancer or a long-term health condition. If you have any concerns about your cancer diagnosis we can support you through your journey. But we are not just a cancer charity, we are located in the old Library Building in Worksop and can offer a safe environment for everyone, whether they are lonely, want to meet people or take up a new hobby. We are also a community hub and offer a range of heritage and wellbeing activities.

Our charity shop offers a selection of pre-loved items and our tearooms provide home cooked food at reasonable prices.



*[Above] Our fabulous Heritage Hub which showcases the history of Bassetlaw*

#### Time to Grow Support Group receive a grant from the Worksop Charter Trustees

The *Time to Grow Support Group*, which meets once a month at the Aurora Centre, is dedicated to supporting women who have had cancer and provides a welcoming space for women to share their experiences, learn from others, and find support in a comfortable and compassionate environment. They have been awarded a generous £2,000 in funding from the Worksop Charter Trustees. This funding will play a crucial role in securing the future of the group as it continues to offer vital support, information, and friendship to women navigating their cancer journeys.

*"We are incredibly grateful to the Worksop Charter Trustees for their generous funding. It will help us continue*



*our work of providing a lifeline to women who are dealing with cancer. With this support, we can make sure that Time to Grow is a sustainable resource, helping women now and into the future,"*

said group organiser Jayne Kean.

*[Above] Jayne Kean, Aurora Volunteer, Claire Mitchell-Wall, Aurora and Mayor Clayton Tindle*

#### Programme of Activities at Aurora

We have lots of support groups, exercise classes and activities on offer at Aurora. Some are cancer specific but

lots are open to members of the general public. Here is just a sample of what we have to offer:

**Support Groups** – Wellbeing Workshops, Long Term Health Conditions, Buzzom Buddiez, Prostate & Partners, Rainbow Club – Living with cancer, Bereavement Group

**Exercise** – Cancer specific exercise, Pilates, Yoga, Fit & Fun, Tai Chi, Chair Based and General Fitness

**Community Groups** – Aurora Wellbeing Singers, Friendly Crafters, Paper Craft Group, Art Club, Object Encounters, Sewing for beginners

For more information about any of the above – please contact Aurora on 01909 470 985

#### Forthcoming Events at the Old Library Building

**Tuesday Market @ Aurora** -Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 10am – 2pm. Lots of local crafts to explore. Tearooms and charity shop open plus Heritage Hub to explore.

**Armed Forces Weekend** – Saturday and Sunday 28/29<sup>th</sup> June at Worksop Rugby Club. We will be having a stall showcasing some of the lovely crafts our groups have made this year as well as an information stall for you to come along and ask questions about what Aurora is all about. Our Wellbeing Singers will be performing wartime songs on the stage Saturday afternoon. A fun packed weekend for all the family and it's FREE!

**Pimms & Canapes Ladies Night** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July. 6.30pm – 9.30pm. Pimms & Canapes on arrival, live entertainment, finger buffet, over 20 craft stalls to peruse, free hand massage and impromptu fashion show. Tickets are £20 and available from Reception on 01909 470985

**Pop in:** The Old Library Building, Memorial Avenue, Worksop, S80 2BJ

**Opening Times:** Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

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## Tenant Engagement Yearly Schedule | 2025

Date and Time	Event	Location
Wednesday 29th January 10:30 – 12:00	Tenant Meeting	Tuxford / The Beeches Community Centre
Tuesday 25th February 10:30 – 12:00	Tenant Meeting	Retford / The Grove Church
Monday 24th March 10:30 – 12:30	Tenant Forum	Harworth and Bircoles / Town Hall
Friday 25th April 10:30 – 12:00	Tenant Meeting	Workshop / Town Hall
Monday 19th May 10:30 – 12:00	Tenant Meeting	Misterton / Misterton Methodist Church
Monday 23rd June 10:00 – 13:30	Tenant Conference	Retford / The Well

Date and Time	Event	Location
Friday 25th July 10:30 – 12:00	Tenant Meeting	Workshop / Town Hall
Wednesday 20th August 17:30 – 19:00	Tenant Meeting	Workshop / Crown Place
Monday 22nd September 10:30 – 13:00	Tenant Forum	Retford / The Well
Friday 31st October 10:30 – 12:00	Tenant Meeting	Carlton-in-Lindrick / Cleveland Close
Monday 24th November 10:00 – 13:30	Tenant Conference	Workshop / The Crossing
Monday 8th December 10:30 – 12:00	Tenant Meeting	Mattersey Thorpe / Community Hub

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View even more events at [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/events-for-tenants/](https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/events-for-tenants/)



**Note:** The two Tenant Conferences (23<sup>rd</sup> June and 24<sup>th</sup> November) shown above are a wonderful way to meet the different teams that make up Bassetlaw District Council's Housing Service, including Housing Officers, Repairs, Tenancy Sustainment and Tenant Engagement, as well as some of our partners who provide specialist services.

The Meet the Team part of the day takes place from 10:00 to 11:45. You are then invited to stay for the Tenant Conference which takes place between 12:00 and 13:30. A free buffet lunch is provided.

To book your place along with any dietary requirements, contact:

[tenant.engagement@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:tenant.engagement@bassetlaw.gov.uk) or  
call 01909 533 623

### Retford Badminton Club

We are a group of 'senior' men and women who like to play badminton for exercise and fun. We are looking for a few like-minded people to join us for, invariably, doubles games.

Our group plays from 19:00 to 21:00 on Wednesday evenings between September and May inclusive so come along now to get a feel for our atmosphere – entertainment guaranteed!

We play at Barnby Memorial Hall, High Street, Blyth, S81 8EW. Our membership fees are very reasonable!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact...

Alan on 01777 703 991 or [aghist@googlemail.com](mailto:aghist@googlemail.com)

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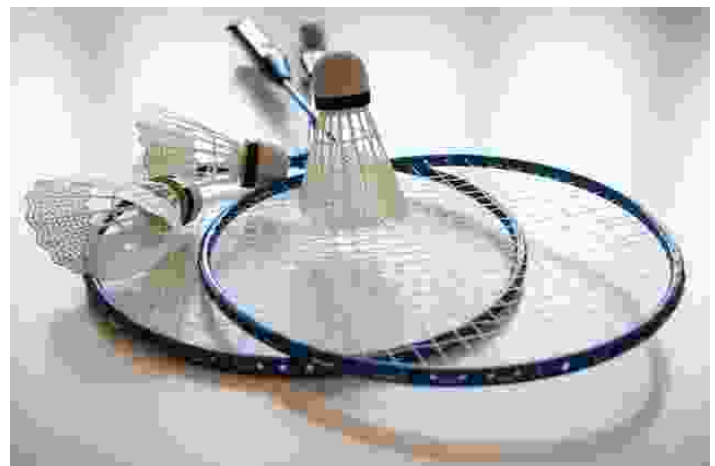
### A bit of aviation history

29<sup>th</sup> May, 1935 First flight of Messerschmitt Bf109  
6<sup>th</sup> November 1935 First flight of Hawker Hurricane  
5<sup>th</sup> March 1936 First flight of Supermarine Spitfire

The first turbojet powered aircraft to fly was the Heinkel He178 which first flew on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 1939

*I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.*

**Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)**





## Why is Volunteering good for volunteers as well as their recipients?

We come across appeals for volunteers on a very regular basis, but do volunteers themselves benefit from offering their 'services' free-of-charge?

The short answer, based on feedback to the vast body of volunteering agencies is 'Yes' but the nature of these benefits vary widely. In this short article we will explore, very briefly, the major benefits that volunteering can give to individuals.

Firstly, let's explore a few advantages that can come to either young people or those who are in employment – or need to get into employment or are seeking either promotion in their current workplace or a change of career.

For such individuals the major benefits are:

- ✓ Increase in self-confidence.
- ✓ Inter-personal skills.
- ✓ Developing new skills
- ✓ Improving mental and physical health
- ✓ Expanding one's C.V.

The list goes on, but these are often the skills that recent volunteers highlight.

For young people it is generally the case that a minimum age of 18 years is required, often for legal reasons. It is also worth noting that time-commitment can vary widely

from a matter of minutes or irregular activities through to an almost 'full-time' involvement – volunteer's choice!

For individuals of more mature ages, right through to those who are retired from regular employment, the same benefits as those listed above can apply but particular reasons that come from these age groups also include;

- ✓ Making new friends
- ✓ Sense of connection to others in your community
- ✓ Better physical & mental health – having fun and feeling fulfilled
- ✓ Enhancing inter-personal skills
- ✓ Giving something back to your community
- ✓ Stay physically and emotionally healthy

For younger people, the expansion of CV evidence can open up new opportunities or prepare the ground for those seeking greater employment options.

For retired people, their work-related skills can help the organisation they join in all sorts of 'professional' ways that expand the organisation's skills set.

Just a few examples of local voluntary sector organisations can be gained by visiting our community website ([www.clarborough-welham.org.uk](http://www.clarborough-welham.org.uk)) and follow the home page menu's **Voluntary Sector** to further explore why volunteering can be good for individuals as well as some of the major volunteering opportunities as well as organisations that can help individuals find volunteering opportunities.

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## Local dates for your diaries

5 <sup>th</sup> May	Retford's Charter Day
9 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Retford Books Festival – see page 15
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Retford Make Music Day
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Retford Heritage Open Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Christmas Market/Lights Switch-on
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Illuminate Winter Festival of Light (still to be confirmed)

## Retford Big Market Days

17 <sup>th</sup> May	Circus Workshop
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Make Music Day including Hathersage Brass Band.
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Punch & Judy
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Punch & Judy
20 <sup>th</sup> September	(Big Cheese) Mr Mouse Stilton-walker and Hathersage Brass Band

Further Big Market dates will appear in our Autumn Newsletter.

**Did you know that Ordinance Survey maps abbreviation 'PW' stands for Place or Worship?**

## Newsletter editorial deadlines

14<sup>th</sup> July (Autumn issue)  
13<sup>th</sup> October (Winter issue)

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## Local Government Reorganisation Update

At the March meeting of Bassetlaw District Council, Councillor Fraser McFarland voted in favor of the cross-party recommendation for local government reorganisation. This proposal seeks to create two new authorities in Nottinghamshire: North Notts Council, which will encompass Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling, Mansfield, Newark, and Sherwood councils, and South Notts Council, covering Broxtowe, Rushcliffe, and Nottingham City.



Cllr McFarland believes this new structure is the best option available, as it will ensure that decisions impacting local communities are made within the region, addressing the unique needs and priorities of residents. "By establishing a dedicated North Notts Council, we can enhance local accountability and ensure our voices are heard on matters that directly affect our lives," he stated during the meeting.

The proposed reorganisation aims to streamline governance and improve service delivery, making it easier for local councils to collaborate and respond effectively to community needs. Cllr McFarland emphasized the importance of having leaders who understand the local context and can advocate for their communities. However, he also expressed the need for a referendum, advocating that residents should have the final say on these significant changes. "It's crucial that we engage the community in this decision-making process. Their voices matter in shaping our future," he added.

Cllr McFarland encourages everyone to participate in this important conversation about local governance and to share their thoughts on the proposed changes. Together, they can work towards a future that truly reflects the aspirations of Bassetlaw residents.

**Fraser McFarland**  
**Bassetlaw District Councillor**

*"Eighty percent of success is showing up."*

**Woody Allen (1935- )**

## Clarborough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

12<sup>th</sup> May  
23<sup>rd</sup> June  
28<sup>th</sup> July  
8<sup>th</sup> September  
20<sup>th</sup> October

**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, 2026.