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Useful Firefox web browser add-ons

If, like your editor, you use Mozilla's Firefox as your web browser to access all aspects of the internet, you might not have realised just how many useful extras, or *extensions*, it comes with.

One of these that I have come to value highly is called *Flagfox*; it puts a little national flag symbol in the browser's address bar right at the top of the window.

This can prove useful for various reasons, a couple of which are worth repeating:

Firstly, hunting for a replacement lock for our village hall's alarm control box yielded a possible order but the recommended website showed the Canadian flag which would have meant substantial postal charges!

A second example was looking for a new telephoto lens for my SLR camera. Again, a potentially interesting find but the website showed the site located (or hosted) in Bulgaria – not sure about security so I moved on!

Flagfox, along with a multitude of other add-ons can be found from Firefox's *Open application menu* ☰ at top right of the window; then click on *Add-ons and themes* and then *Extensions*.

Use the search box for *Flagfox* and then click on *Add to Firefox*. Job done!

Other browsers such as Chrome and Edge have similar features.

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Retford u3a Military History Group

Retford u3a has been in existence for about fourteen years and is made up of around 30 interest groups. The biggest by far is the Gardening Group, but coming a close second is the Military History Group. Run by Clarbrough resident Roy Evans, the Military History group was established in 2016, and the groups first meeting was on the 100th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme on the 1st June. Monthly meetings before Covid were held at the Hallcroft Community Centre in Retford, with a guest speaker presenting a paper on a military related topic. These talks covered several topics relating to military history over the centuries.

Backing up these presentations were day trips to local and national museums as well as five-day trips abroad. In 2017 the group went to northern France and visited several locations relating to the 100 years war, and the First and Second World Wars. In 2018 a trip to Holland and Germany saw the group visit Arnhem and the Mohne Dam.



Retford u3a at Mohne Dam 2018

With the indecision over Brexit, coach companies didn't know if they would be allowed to travel in the EU. The decision was made in 2019 to have a five-day trip to Scotland to visit sites there.

Plans had been made to visit Belgium and Normandy, but when Covid struck everything was put on hold. Live meetings stopped taking place, but meetings were continued using Zoom. Not everyone is computer literate, so a number of members were immensely relieved when we started up again this April with live meetings. We had built up a membership using Zoom from u3a members from about eight other groups around the country. Also, we were asked to include one of our members sisters who lived in Chicago and a brother living in France. Our United States membership has now grown to four households, two in Chicago, one in Michigan and one in Pittsburgh.

Using Zoom we have continued to run meetings as well as live meetings every two weeks. The decision has now been made to run 'Hybrid' meetings. These are live meetings broadcast simultaneously on Zoom. Hallcroft Community Centre does not have broadband, but happily for the group, Clarbrough Village Hall does. So, from 14:00 on the 8th September, the group will have it's first hybrid meeting in Clarbrough. If you have an interest in military history from any era you might like to come along to one of our meetings. These meetings take place in the village hall

on the second Thursday afternoon of each month starting at 14:00. There will be an entrance charge of £2.50, to cover the costs of the hall hire and your free cup of coffee or tea (with of course biscuits).

Our trip next May is a five day one to Belgium. If you would like to see a copy of the itinerary for that trip or want further information on the group, email me on roy.clarbrough@gmail.com and I shall send you a copy of the speaker programme.

Roy Evans

UK Covid infections are rising again

You will have heard the news that Covid infection rates across the UK rose sharply this summer.

Two-and-a-half years into the pandemic we're back facing new variants, a surge in infections, questions about whether the NHS can cope and what it means for all our lives. It's also giving us a clearer idea of what living with Covid is going to look like.

The driving force behind the surge in infections is the double act of BA.4 and BA.5 mutations of the Omicron variant. UK Government has confirmed that these variants have become the most common across all area.

The original Omicron had an impressive ability to spread and overcome the immune defences our bodies have built up to keep the virus out. BA.4 and BA.5 are even better. Their ascent started before big summer events like the Jubilee celebrations or Glastonbury so it's not like we had just partied our way into a new wave.

So far there is no indication that BA.4 or BA.5 are associated with new symptoms or more severe disease. This is to be expected, given that the majority of mutations are similar to those found in other Omicron lineages, although it something that will continue to be closely monitored by the WHO and local health teams.

So far, vaccination means that the rise in cases is not translating to a rise in severe illness and deaths. UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency) scientists are urging anyone who has not had all the vaccines they are eligible for to make sure that they get them as soon as possible. However, as in previous waves, an increase in COVID-19 cases overall can result in an increase in hospitalisations, ICU admissions and deaths.

So, as mentioned by many experts in the earlier stages of the pandemic, it is likely that we will have to learn to live with Covid-19 just as we have learned to live with – and get jabbed against – influenza. This message has been getting through to many as we have already seen with face masks again rising in popularity.

Just to remind readers, the expert advice remains:

- get vaccinated – the number one best thing!
- let fresh air in if meeting others indoors
- practise good hygiene:
- wash your hands
- cover your coughs and sneezes
- clean your surroundings frequently
- wear a face covering or a face mask, particularly if you are in crowded and enclosed spaces.

Editor

Help Amazon Smile on your local charity!

Regular readers will remember us asking users of Amazon to register with **Amazon Smile**. This would provide Clarbrough Village Hall with some very useful support. Those who have already done this have made Amazon contribute **£33.20** to CDCA (Clarbrough & District Community Association) over the past 12 months. We are keen to see this figure grow!

If you do use Amazon then registering with *Amazon Smile* will contribute a small fraction of each purchase price to your chosen charity. All products in the Amazon store that you could purchase in this way cost just the same as the usual Amazon price list, so you as purchaser pay nothing for the service - it comes from Amazon's generosity! Clarbrough Village Hall is seeking your support with *Amazon Smile*; CDCA is a registered charity and also registered with *Amazon Smile*. Use CDCA's Charity Commission Number 502076 which is all you need to know to register with *Amazon Smile*, so why not register online right away at:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Alternatively, go to our community website's homepage (www.clarbrough-welham.org.uk) and click on the Amazon Smile heart to find out more...



With the *festive season* starting to loom over the horizon, you could give Clarbrough Village Hall a really useful present by registering with *Amazon Smile* now!

Greg Herdman
Chairman, CDCA

Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival

The fourth Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival will run from 10th to 18th September with some 40 walks on offer varying from a couple of miles to the full 46 miles of the canal over three consecutive days.



The Chesterfield Canal Trust, which organises the event, once again believes it to be the largest canal focused walking festival in the country, with more walks and walkers than any other. There is a brochure with the full programme, or you can find everything on the Trust's website – see end of this article.

The walks must be booked in advance either online or by ringing 01246 477 569. All are free except those that involve a boat trip.

The canal towpath is officially designated the Cuckoo Way and it runs from Chesterfield to the River Trent, through Derbyshire, South Yorkshire and North Nottinghamshire. There are walks taking place at various locations along its full length. The Trust's Cuckoo Way officer, David Blackburn said: "We look forward to seeing old friends again and hope to welcome many newcomers too. We believe that our 46 mile long canal has parts that are as attractive as any in the country. Do take the opportunity to

join a walk in an area with which you are not familiar, and you will hopefully be pleasantly surprised."

This extensive programme covers many popular areas – though perhaps using one or two different paths to previous years. Some walks will take you through lovely countryside, others have special interest such as architecture and steam trains; one includes a visit to a



football stadium. Most of the walks end near a café or a pub. Most are easily accessible by public transport. No Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival would be complete without the very popular Boats & Boots that combine a walk with a ride on one of the Trust's trip boats.



The Trust is very grateful to the walk leaders and those who assist them, representing many different groups and organisations, for devising, checking and leading the walks. It extends especial thanks to its sponsors - Harworth Group, Canal & River Trust, Derbyshire Grants Programme, Eckington Parish Council and West Stockwith Parish Council.

For much more about the Canal Trust as well as walk bookings, etc. visit their website at:

<https://chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk/>

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Remember the Zeppelins?

No, not Led-Zeppelin rock band, the Zeppelin rigid airships which inaugurated commercial pioneered passenger flights with DELAG (*Deutsche Luftschiffahrts-Aktiengesellschaft* (German for "German Airship Travel Corporation") from 1910 until the outbreak of World War 1.

After the war the Versailles Treaty initially forbade Germany from building airships but this was lifted in 1926 Larger airships were then constructed – LZ 127 *Graf Zeppelin* and LZ 129 *Hindenburg* followed and both of these established regular transatlantic flights until the spectacular disaster of 6th May, 1937, that destroyed the *Hindenburg* as it tried to land at the Naval Air Station Lakehurst in Manchester Township, New Jersey, United States.



[Image credit: Wikimedia commons]

Now wind forward to 2022; Spain's Air Nostrum Group – a regional partner to Iberia, the Spanish flag-carrier airline - has announced a provisional agreement to acquire airships to run commercial services! The airships it plans to use are Hybrid Air Vehicles (HAV) *Airlander 10* which has a passenger capacity of up to 100.

This plan is not only part of strategies to reduce the air transport sector's carbon footprint but also aims to use this vehicle to improve customer access since these hybrid air vehicle can adapt to the specific needs of each destination, having the ability of landing on any reasonably flat surface – or even on water.

A bit of chemistry: While hot air was, and still is, used to lift relatively small balloons, early airships (also known as dirigibles) used hydrogen as their lighter-than-air lifting agent, either in a balloon or in a semi-rigid or completely rigid structure in which they filled gas cells.

The problem with hydrogen, although being the lightest of all gases and so the best for giving lift is that hydrogen is an extremely good fuels and forms explosive mixtures with air – hence the *Hindenburg* disaster above.

Readers may wonder, then, about recent mentions of *the hydrogen economy* and it being used as replacement for various fuels currently in use. Watch this space!

Because of hydrogen's dangerous history in airships it has been replaced by helium which is almost as light but completely inert and so non-combustible.

Editor

A new section for self-driving vehicles has been added to the Highway Code

From 1st July, 2022 new rules on the use of self-driving vehicles in Great Britain have come into force. The changes are included in a new section in The Highway Code which can be accessed for free on GOV.UK.

Currently only vehicles with advanced driver assistance systems are available in the UK.

No vehicles in Great Britain have been classed as self-driving yet but they could start to be as soon as next year. Any that are classed as self-driving will be listed on GOV.UK.

What's changing in the new section

The changes to the Code will help ensure the new technology will be used safely, explaining clearly that while travelling in self-driving mode, motorists must be ready to resume control in a timely way if they are prompted to – such as when they approach motorway exits. It also includes details about appropriate insurance needed for self-driving cars.

The plans also include a change to current regulation, allowing drivers to view content which is not related to driving on built-in display screens, while the self-driving vehicle is in control.

It will however, still be illegal to use mobile phones in self-driving mode, given the greater risk they pose in distracting drivers as shown in research.

The government is working with the manufacturer, retailer and leasing industries to ensure that anyone accessing a self-driving vehicle will receive advice on how to use it.

August – some interesting dates...

3rd August, 1926 – Britain's first set of electric traffic lights were installed in London.

7th August, 1840 – Britain bans employment of *climbing boys* as chimney sweeps.

13th August, 1964 – Peter Allen and John Walby were the last people hanged in Britain.

27th August, 1900 – Britain's first long-distance bus service begins between London and Leeds. Journey time was 2 days!

31st August, 1900 – first sale of Coca-Cola in the UK.

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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 liV 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 liV 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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For more information, please call:
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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

Retford Heritage Open Day 2022

Nationally, Heritage Open Days across England in 2022 will take place throughout the period 9th - 18th September and will have the widest general theme of inventors and inventions.

Retford Civic Society is co-ordinating the town's own Heritage Day on Saturday, 10th September, which will give visitors (and locals!) opportunities to visit many of Retford's important and even historic sites – all free of charge*.

At the time of writing these include:

- St.Swithun's church
- St.Michael's church
- The Grove Methodist church & Centre
- Trinity Hospital
- Masonic Hall – see page 15 for more on Freemasonry.
- Denman Library
- Retford Town Hall
- Goodwin Hall
- Retford Railway Station
- Majestic Theatre
- Time Machine
- Bassetlaw Museum
- Retford Arts Hub
- Retford Denman Library – see below.



Many venues will host musical performances with Morris and Clog Dancers in many places around town. Topical talks are also planned for many of the above sites. For much more on all of this, go to Retford Civic Society's website at <https://retfordcivicsociety.org.uk>

*Some of the sites will provide refreshments at a small charge.

Editor

Events at Retford Library

Retford Heritage Day Saturday 10th September

A heritage café with the theme of local industries will be taking place 9am – 3pm. Come and explore the library's new Local Heritage area to discover what's available. View hidden treasures from the collection including historical maps, local newspapers and photographs to find out more about Retford's industrial past. Free. No booking required – just drop by.

Also in the library's gallery, don't miss the chance to see "Lost Words of Nottinghamshire" – an exhibition of Nottinghamshire dialect words illustrated by artist Hannah Sawtell and featuring poetry produced by Nottinghamshire school children from workshops led by acclaimed poet Andrew Graves. (The exhibition is touring around Nottinghamshire Libraries and is free to visit at Retford Library 3rd September - 8th October 2022).

Notts Dialect Poetry Writing Workshop with Andrew Graves Saturday 17th September, 10:00-12:00

Don't miss the chance to get creative with your own Nottinghamshire at a special poetry writing workshop with acclaimed local writer and poet Andrew Graves. Join him for a weird and wonderful journey through the Nottinghamshire dialect and have a go at constructing poetry and stories using old, familiar and lost terms and expressions! This will be a fun, creative workshop for

participants age 16+ at all levels of experience with plenty of chat, feedback and practical activities.

Tickets are £5 and can be purchased in advance at inspireculture.org.uk/lostwords, in person at the library or by phone on 01623 677 200.

Exploring Ancestry

Saturday 12th November, 10:00 – 11:30

Join one of our Librarians for a small group session, where they will demonstrate some of the lesser-known aspects of this valuable Family History research tool. Ancestry.com is FREE to use in Inspire Libraries, and at Nottinghamshire Archives.

The session is free to attend but places are limited so booking is essential – book at inspireculture.org.uk, in person at the library or phone **01623 677 200**.

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Clarbrough & District WI

Over the last three months the WI have been busy with their programme with the May meeting concluding the "business" meetings. In June we celebrated our Birthday Meeting with a visit from Sarah Gauntlett who gave a fascinating talk on the work of Fair Trade. This was followed with refreshments of Birthday cake and drinks.



On 11th July we met up with our sister group in Hook, East Yorkshire. This has been a long standing arrangement where we visit each other on alternate years. In our own meeting in July we were entertained by Tony Brewer with a Guess the Song Quiz. There was no meeting in August but some of our members enjoyed a trip out to Thornbridge Gardens and Bakewell.

In September we look forward to a second visit by Canon Dick Lewis who will talk about Lalique glass. In October we have the subject of An Edwardian Village given by Mr Roy Evans and in preparation for Christmas there will be a Christmas Cracker Workshop given by Mrs Elizabeth Banks.

All being well, we hope to restart our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in December.

Our meetings take place at Clarbrough Village Hall generally on the second Monday of the month and start at 19:30. Visitors are most welcome for fee of £5. Come and join us in September we would love to see you.

Lucy Richardson

Muddy Fork



We are very proud to announce that by early July, Muddy Fork have donated 477 portions of fresh produce to people in the local community. We have created an honesty stand where our surplus produce is placed. All our produce is grown in the garden with practically no carbon footprint. By early July we had harvested potatoes, rhubarb, beetroot, radish, spring onions, strawberries, cucumber and some lettuce. To find out more please follow our Facebook page, just search *Muddy Fork* and give us a follow and share. It's updated as and when we have produce on the stand. You can find the stand located near the garden entrance. All donations are going towards next year's seeds, many thanks to anyone who has already donated. We had a harvest of potatoes in July. Keep your eyes "peeled" for that.

We have been busy planting pumpkins to harvest later in the year, we are battling the rabbits with these ones, they really do love the pumpkin flowers. Hopefully they will leave some for us and we will be carving pumpkins whilst eating pumpkin muffins in October.

We are always happy to welcome visitors to the garden. Look for the robin in the corner of the car park.

You can find more details of the gardening sessions and how to make a referral on the Muddy Fork website www.muddyfork.org. Also contact us via the website, or 07421 356 717 or email harri.phillips@muddyfork.org





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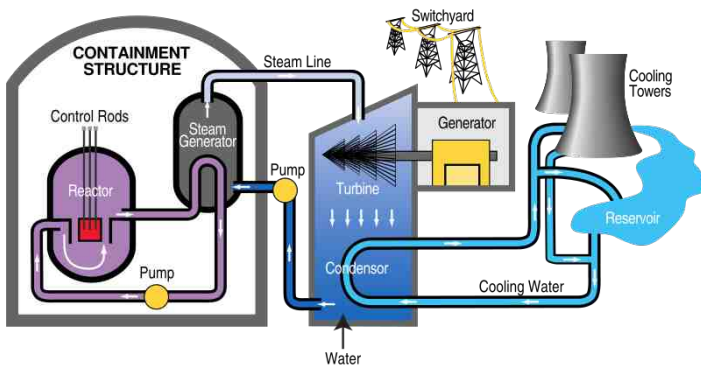
Early heatwaves hit Europe, leading to warnings for the future

At the time of writing in early July reports are flooding in of record temperatures across Europe – and in the UK as readers will already know.

France experienced 40°C on 16th June, the earliest at that date since records began. Parts of Spain exceeded 40°C in late June with Germany seeing similar figures at that time and also experiencing many wildfires – another associated risk as temperatures climb.

With climate change now firmly established experts are warning that everyone needs to start to take the associated risks seriously and start planning for the future.

One massive-scale example is that of power station cooling – crucial whether these are coal, oil, gas or nuclear powered. All of these use water to condense the steam leaving the electricity generating turbines to increase efficiency.



The diagram above is a typical nuclear powered station but replacing the left-hand *containment structure* by a coal, oil or gas, boiler would yield one of these power stations. If climate heatwaves increase we will see less water available from rivers and other natural sources which will directly affect the amount of electricity that these power stations will be able to generate since cool water is need to flow through the turbine's condenser to dramatically increase its efficiency.

While we usually see a reduction in electricity demand in the summer months as household heating is reduced, with rising summer temperatures we will probably see this reversed as more properties have air conditioning systems installed.

At a personal level, a range of tips include keeping our homes cooler by using light-coloured blinds or curtains to reflect daytime sunlight, identify a 'safe cool room' in our house and keep its door closed to prevent heat from the rest of the house invading it. Light colours – white is best – for our clothing as well as exterior paintwork can all help to reduce heat absorbed from sunlight.

In the longer term major infrastructure changes will be needed to stop road surfaces melting and railways buckling.

A final point that is currently being debated is the naming of heatwaves just like we already name storms. This seems to personalise the risks, making people 'sit up and take notice'. This staretegy has already been adopted in Seville in Spain.

Editor

Retford Child Contact Centre

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 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 <https://naccc.org.uk/centres/retford-contact-centre/> and for information for parents and grandparents following separation, see:

<https://naccc.org.uk/help-for-adults/how-are-visits-arranged>

or email retfordccc@gmail.com or 07946 162 282

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Chris's Sausage Loaf

Ingredients

- One 2lb loaf – of your choice
- 1lb Sausage meat
- 2 eggs
- 1 onion – large, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic*



Method

1. Cut off the top of the loaf – just sufficiently thick to form a cap on the finished loaf.
2. Pull the soft interior of both parts of the loaf out by hand – break these pieces into small 'crumbs' and place in a large basin. Set the loaf 'shell' and 'cap' to one side.
3. Chop the onion finely and add to the bread crumbs.
4. Add sausage meat to the bread crumbs and onions.
5. Add eggs to the mixture.
6. *Add any other flavourings you fancy. These could include herbs, spices – your choice!
7. Blend all of the dry ingredients and eggs with a strong fork until the mixture is fairly uniform.
8. Load all of the above mixture into the loaf shell as prepared in 2 above. Firm down the mixture so that it fits in the space originally occupied by the bread centre.
9. Place the loaf cap prepared in 1. above on top of the filled shell. If you want a glazed finish, brush the cap with oil and sprinkle with a little salt.
10. Place the finished loaf on a suitably greased (olive oil) baking tray.
11. Cooking for roughly 60-75 minutes at gas mark 5 / 190°C. After roughly 45 minutes check that the cap is not getting too dark – if so, cover loaf with baking foil.

Can be served hot or cold. The above quantities will serve 4 with just a little side serving of vegetables or more with larger side dishes.

The picture above shows the results using half of a home baked loaf based on a standard 500g bread mix.

Editor

Retford's Moorgate Road Works

Readers will be all-too-aware of the roadworks on Moorgate that have been causing so much hassle. Chasing this up with Tracey Taylor, our Nottinghamshire County Councillor, revealed that the work is by Anglian Water who are installing a new water main. Their current schedule has a 'job finished' target date of 7th October although they aim to get it finished sooner! Enquiries to: Paula Hayles (Anglian Water) on 0800 145 145 Emergency contacts to Matt Speed on 07807 830 069

Some 1900-1910 history

The following have been extracted from the notes to be found in the transcripts of Clarbrough School's Log Books that can be explored on our community website – go to **Education & Training ► Primary School History** where you will find transcripts of Log Books for 1871-87, 1887-93, 1893-99, 1899-1910 and 1910-1922.

The 1899-1910 Log Book has some annotations that give a flavour for how things were all those years ago:

22 May 1900 Mines Act (The Mines (Prohibition of Child Labour Underground) Act) 1900 bans employment of children (boys) in pits under the age of 13yrs.

1 Jan 1904 Licencing of motor cars and fitting of number plates introduced.

29 Jun 1905 Foundation of the Automobile Association (AA)

12 Jan 1906 General Election landslide to Liberals; Liberal (377); Conservatives (157); Irish Nationalists (83); Labour (53)

10 Feb 1906 Launch of H.M.S. Dreadnought outdates all previous battleships.

12 Feb 1906 Parliamentary Labour Party formed; chairman Keir Hardy.

22 Mar 1906 First International Rugby Union match (England 35 France 8)

25 Jul 1907 Baden-Powell forms Boy Scouts

7 May 1908 Asquith (Prime Minister) announces his government's intention to introduce old-age pensions.

16 Oct 1908 Samuel Cody makes first aeroplane flight from British soil.

1 Jan 1909 First payment of old-age pension; 5 shillings (25p in modern terms) per week for over 70s.

15 Mar 1909 Selfridge's, the first American-style department store in England opens in London's Oxford Street.

For much more, go to your community website's link at the top of this short article.

Editor

I cannot lead you into battle. I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else - I can give my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

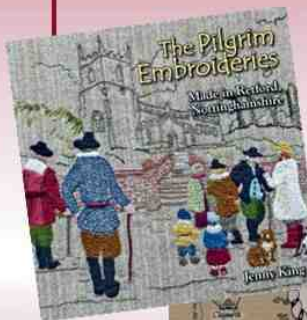
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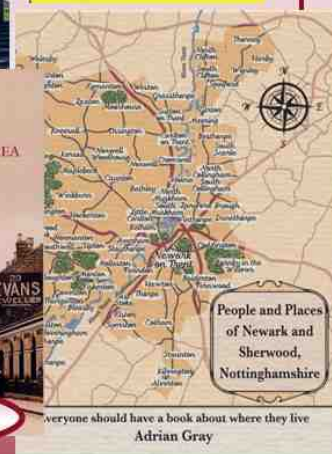
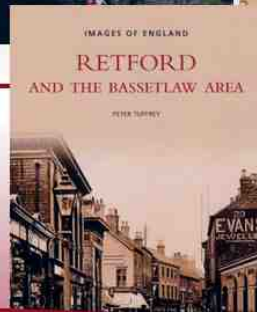
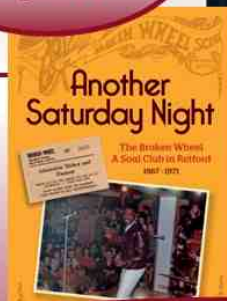
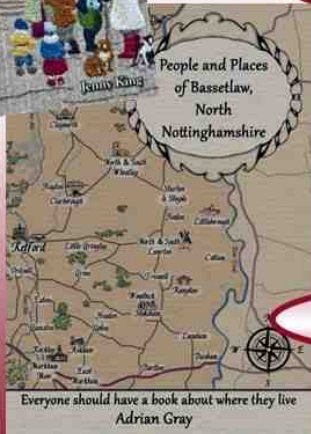
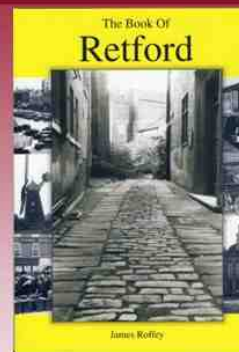
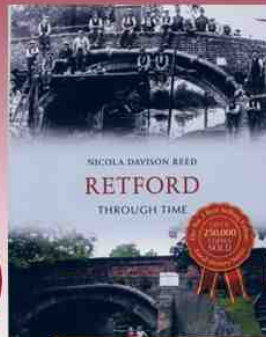
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Clarborough Village Hall Queen's Jubilee celebration events

June 2nd The Thursday Coffee Morning

The Thursday Coffee Morning group (aka Coffee & a Chat) held their usual meeting on Jubilee Day. Any members of the Parish are always made welcome by the group. But this was a morning with a difference. The first of these was that the usual coffee and cakes were served free of charge - as were raffle tickets. The second difference was that the coffee and cakes were followed by a fish and chip lunch provided by Papas Fish and Chip in Retford. Again, this was all free to the members!



There were 40 members present many of them dressed in the Jubilee Spirit, with Union Flags for hats, shirts, coats and jumpers – don't know about other clothing!! Kath Sutton and Jill Palfreyman, the

organisers, said that the atmosphere was great and a great time was had by all.

The Coffee Morning is a weekly event, every Thursday Morning from 10:45 to 11:45 and anyone is very welcome to attend. Clarborough & Welham Parish Council funded the original establishment of these Coffee Mornings but since 2018 the group has been self-funded.

June 2nd – Street Party, Broad Gores

26 residents, or relatives of residents, of Broad Gores got together to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in style, with their own 'street party' on Thursday 2nd June. Wrong day you might think, but some were working on the Sunday designated – ie 5th June – so Thursday it was! A good move as it turned out as on Sunday the weather was wet and cold. With virtually every house decorated for the Jubilee the atmosphere was great. The Thursday weather was perfect, warm, sunny and with very little wind. People generally provided their own food for their group but there was also a 'sharing table', which became laden! When the trifle round was produced there was a 'cheats' version of



the Jubilee Pudding amongst them – same ingredients but with many ingredients items bought rather than

made from scratch. The whole afternoon was accompanied by a collection of 70 CD tracks representing all seven decades of the Queen's reign. The event lasted some 5 hours, starting at 3 pm. A great way to meet our neighbours! No games – but plenty of fun!!

June 2nd Afternoon and Evening events

Firstly many thanks to Phil Gibson, Jill Palfreyman, Jennifer Done and Greg Herdman for invaluable help in setting out the room on 2nd June.

Crown making

Around 35 crowns were made, including some by adults!! Children had great fun and please see the quality of the finished work in the attached photographs.

Thanks go to Maria at Clarborough SPAR shop for donating prizes and Bev Davis, drummers wife, for help in clearing up.



Very special thanks to Jennifer Done who has worked very hard to ensure the event was a success. Probably worn out a pair of shoes sifting through shops to find bargain decoration items! Thanks to all who gave positive feedback comments on Facebook, 13 likes and 3 comments.

Pizza and Rock

Firstly a very big thank you to Maria and the team at Clarborough's SPAR shop for selling the tickets. Thanks again to Jennifer and Bev for clearing up and setting out the tables again.

Thanks to all who gave positive feedback on Facebook, 18 likes and 6 comments Pizzas went down well with an excellent service from Dominos. Thanks also to the people who attended and went out of their way to thank Jennifer and I for organising the event, which was at full capacity, and was rocking!

Finally thanks to Clarborough & Welham Parish Council for significantly contributing towards the costs.



Craig Done, Parish Councillor

June 2nd Stepping outside for a while! - The Clarborough Platinum Jubilee Beacon

The Beacon at the top of Howbeck Lane was lit for the Jubilee Celebrations a 9.45 pm on 2nd June. This was one of about 3,000 Beacons lit Nationally - all at 9.45 pm.

Beacons can be like the one in the Parish, a basket on a pole, but can also be a simple bonfire, best placed on a hill to be able to be seen from far away.

One of the first uses of Beacon chains was in warning the army of the approach of the Spanish Armada in 1588 with beacons lit in turn as the ships sailed up the English Channel. **They were the FaceBook of the 16th Century!!** In 1887 they were used for the first



time as a celebration. This was for the Silver Jubilee (50 years) of Queen Victoria's reign and then 10 years later on her Diamond Jubilee. George V is the only other Monarch to have had a Silver Jubilee Beacon celebration until Queen Elizabeth II. There have been Silver (25 years - 1977), Golden (50 years - 2002) and Diamond (60 year - 2012) Jubilees for Queen Elizabeth II, each one marked with Beacons being lit. This Platinum Jubilee was, of course, unique as Her Majesty is the first Monarch in British history to reign for 70 years.

About 50 people attended the lighting, which was organised by the Parish Council. At 9.35 pm a solo trumpeter (Edward Baldock from Beckingham), played the tune 'Majesty' which was specially composed for the Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting and to be played at that time at all Beacons. He then played the National Anthem at 9.40 pm and this was followed by a 15 second countdown to the actual lighting at exactly 9.45 pm. Other Beacons were seen in other Parishes to the north and west of Clarborough but some distance away.

Thanks go to Graham Bartle for loading the Beacon with straw and for inventing a new lighting system which allowed the countdown to take place and to Clarborough & Welham Parish Council for again organising the event.

4th June – Saturday Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea

The Clarborough and District WI once again organised a summer event for Senior Residents of Clarborough, Hayton and Welham, this year linked to the Platinum Jubilee which took place in Clarborough Village Hall decorated with streams of Union Flags, courtesy of the Parish Council.

72 of our more senior residents from both Parishes were catered for although, due to illness, a number were unable to attend. These people were taken their Afternoon Tea after the event. Those attending were served with an assortment of finger sandwiches, small cakes and also cream and strawberry scones on traditional tiered cake stands. All of the cakes were baked by the WI members. Tea and coffee were served in abundance! Following the

tea, those present all offered their congratulations to the Queen as proposed by Lesley Baines, the current WI President, and toasted with a glass of prosecco. Funding for the event came from Hayton Parish Council, County Councillor Tracey Taylor and Clarborough & Welham Parish Council. A good time was had by all present.



Neighbourhood Plan – Review

Following a meeting with Bassetlaw District Council Planners in early April, the Parish Council decided to attempt to carry out a review of the existing Neighbourhood Plan (NP) as recommended by those Planners. In view of both local and national planning guidance being changed in recent years our Neighbourhood Plan has certain elements, which would help to protect the Parish, missing from existing Policies. A full review of the existing NP would ensure that those omissions can be corrected. Anyone interested in forming this new Review Group should contact either the Parish Clerk or the Parish Council Chairman as shown on page 2.

**Paul Willcock
Parish Councillor**

Memories of World War 2

Did you know that Clarborough was 'fire bombed' in World War 2? No? Then read on!

For the VE75 celebrations, which were planned for Clarborough, Welham & Hayton in May 2020, Kath Sutton (former District Councillor) took up the challenge of recording the memories of our older residents who actually experienced the war. You will all remember that these celebrations were cancelled due to the first Covid lockdown. The work, however, had been done and Kath was keen to get these memories out to the public. With funding provided by Clarborough & Welham Parish Council it has been possible to publish this 67 page booklet entitled 'Clarborough, Welham and Hayton Highlight Their War Memories & Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee'. There are 24 War memories from Parish Residents plus one from a resident of Worksop. This is a 'snip' at £2 and it also includes other little snippets from the Parishes concerning the war years.



Contact Kath on 01777 709 034 to order your copy.

Kath would also like to hear from Annette Burton, Linda Davies and Muriel Wheeler as she has mislaid their contact details.

Platinum Jubilee Benches unveiled by Retford-based Muslim Charity

Your Editor was lucky to be invited to Eaton Hall on 10th June for the unveiling ceremony for 6 x Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Benches which will be going to the local communities of Tuxford, Ranskill, Ranby, Mattersey, Rampton and Woodbeck and Headon cum Upton in Nottinghamshire. The ceremony was held at Muslim Charity’s headquarters at Eaton Hall, Retford, and was attended by Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Newark), Brendan Clarke-Smith MP (Bassetlaw).

support for the residents and visitors of these villages. We are grateful to the parish councils and local representatives for their support in bringing this project to fruition in a beneficial and meaningful way.”

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



TOP LEFT IMAGE (Left to Right): Councillor Ant Coultate (Rampton), Councillor John Ogle (Tuxford and East Markham), Bakhtyar Pirzada (Vice Chairman, Muslim Charity), Councillor Gerald Bowers (Ranskill) and Councillor Mike Introna (Retford East) at the unveiling ceremony of 6 Platinum Jubilee Benches for local communities held at Eaton Hall, Retford on 10th June 2022. TOP RIGHT IMAGE: Brendan Clarke-Smith MP (Bassetlaw) sitting on one of the new benches. MIDDLE RIGHT IMAGE (Left to Right): Maroof Pirzada (UK Director, Muslim Charity), Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Newark) and Bakhtyar Pirzada (Vice Chairman, Muslim Charity). BOTTOM RIGHT IMAGE: Brendan Clarke-Smith MP (Bassetlaw) speaking to the attendees at the ceremony.

Earlier on in the year, Muslim Charity provided life-saving defibrillators to two Bassetlaw villages (see our Summer issue).

As part of its continuing efforts to support local communities, and with assistance from the offices of Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Newark) and Brendan Clarke-Smith MP (Bassetlaw), the provision of benches that can cater for local villages was a need that was highlighted. As a result, Muslim Charity procured six benches which were manufactured by GD Steel in Belfast and shipped over from Northern Ireland ahead of the unveiling ceremony. The design of the benches commemorates the lifelong service of the Queen coinciding with the Platinum Jubilee this year and it also depicts the national flowers of England (rose), Wales (daffodil), Scotland (thistle) and Northern Ireland (shamrock) on the benches, a wonderful way of bringing people together from across the nation.

Commenting on the occasion, Bakhtyar Pirzada (Vice Chairman of Muslim Charity), said, “In rural landscapes, villages and across walking routes, benches – which sometimes go unnoticed – play a crucial role in providing ease and comfort during that moment of rest and reflection. The jubilee benches which are unique in their design, additionally marking the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, the Queen, will hopefully be a memorable addition to the local villages and a

the procurement of a brand new resuscitator 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 supports boxing gyms in London and Watford to help young people access sports and in doing so help reduce the rates of delinquency and violent crime in those areas.

[Below] Wendy Quigley & Your Editor enjoying the speeches]



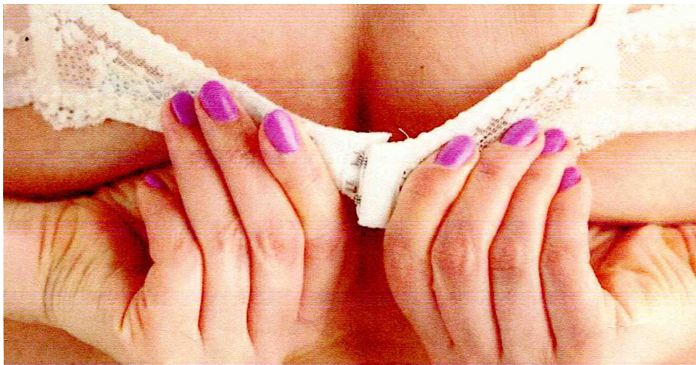
Freemasons' inventions

Exploring Retford could lead readers to discovering The Masonic Hall at the top of Carolgate. This was originally a cinema called The Regent which opened in 1911 and was rebuilt in 1927 in Art Deco style. It was renamed The Ritz in 1934, but closed in 1957. In 1962 the building went on sale and was purchased by Vernon Lodge, one of the oldest in Nottinghamshire. It became the centre for the Carolgate Lodge in 1980. Since then the hall has undergone extensive external and internal refurbishment to reach its present impressive Art Deco state – a very rare style in Retford!.

Freemasons trace their origins back to medieval stonemason guilds. For Freemasons, there are four important values that help define their path through life: Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Charity. In today's world filled with uncertainty, these principles ring as true now as they have at any point in the organisation's history. Local Freemasons belong to Masonic Lodges which are the basic organisational unit of Freemasonry. These local Lodges are linked to national or regional Grand Lodges such as the United Grand Lodge of England.

During Retford's Heritage Open Day The Masonic Hall, will host exhibitions of important inventions by Freemasons over the years and will also give talks on Freemasonry.

Here we reflection on three inventions by Freemasons that had huge implications. We start with famous Freemason, Mark Twain's invention – the bra strap!



Famous author and humorist Mark Twain invented the bra strap. At first, the strap was intended to be used to fasten garments such as shirts. It was created to replace the popularly used suspenders.

Twain envisioned the invention to help in making clothes adjustable to fit people perfectly. The idea was patented on 19th December 1871. The patent read 'for vests, pantaloons or other garments requiring straps'

However, the invention did not become popular for its intended use. Since, at that time, vests had buckles to tighten them up, and pantaloons didn't need to be snug, they were a better fit when baggy. Instead, it ended up being an essential part of brassieres and they are used in designing the women's undergarment to this day.

Apart from being an inventor and author, Mark Twain was a Freemason. He was initiated into the Polar Star Lodge No. 79 of Saint Louis on 26th December 1860. He proceeded to receive his first degree on 18th February 1961. He was later raised to Master Mason. Due to his busy career, Twain wasn't actively involved in Masonic activities. However, he

maintained his affiliation to the brotherhood until his engagement and then marriage to Olivia Langdon in February, 1870.

A second world-changing invention was that of Penicillin.



Penicillin was discovered by Sir Alexander Flemming. After World War I, while Alexander was studying the influenza virus, he noticed mold that accidentally grew on the equipment growing the staphylococci germ.

His interest was sparked by the fact that the mould had formed a bacteria-free zone around itself. Fleming carried out numerous experiments on the mould which he later named Penicillin. His discovery had a huge impact on the development of modern medicine.

Alexander Fleming was first initiated into the Sancta Maria Lodge No. 2682 in 1909 at the age of 27. Alexander Fleming was also a member of Misericordia Lodge No. 323286.

Our final Freemason's invention – bifocals.



Benjamin Franklin had several inventions in his name, among which was the concept of bifocals, in other words, double glasses. Benjamin realized that as he advanced in age, his eyesight became worse. He became both short and long-sighted. Due to his double eyesight condition, he was forced to have two different pairs of spectacles. Franklin soon became tired of switching from one pair to another leading him to invent the 'double glasses.' He merged the lenses between the two different pairs; reading and distance, into one.

The glasses' now coupled had two distinctions, top horizontal layer for distance and bottom for reading. Thanks to his invention, a single pair of glasses can be multipurpose.

Benjamin Franklin joined Freemasons in 1731. He was initiated into St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia. A few years later, he was elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He served as a member of the brotherhood for over 60 years. His long life dedication is a clear indication of Franklin's devotion to Freemasonry.



Be the best you can be!

With the approaching end of the summer term, it is a time to reflect on the end of a long journey for some and the start of an exciting journey for others. July will mark a time in which we will say goodbye to our current Year 6 cohort who were the first to sit their SATs after their postponement due to Covid, and we couldn't be prouder of how they all did despite the trials and tribulations of having to try to catch up on their missed learning.

With the departure of the Year 6 comes the excitement of welcoming our new starters in Nursery for the start of their academic journey with us here at Clarborough. I know that they will flourish under the care of the EYFS teachers and transform into eager young learners.

As previously in the Spring term, clubs continued this term and with the sunshine came a plethora of exciting clubs taking place out in the glorious weather they KS2 girls and boys football club have been training especially hard to work as a well-oiled machine and have grown into two fantastic teams that are itching to play against other teams. As well as football we have had the netball team training hard ready for next year and Art Club producing some amazing and creative pieces.

One thing we here at Clarborough look forward to at this time of the year is transition week. Not only is this an opportunity for the Year 6 to get a taster of secondary school but the other year groups get to spend a day in their new classrooms for next year. This year each classroom is named after an inspiring man or woman who was an integral part of the scientific community.

Most excitingly, with the summer term comes the most exciting day in the school calendar – sports day. This year was no exception. The four house teams competed in throwing, jumping and running competition from sack race, egg and spoon and the dreaded long distance. It was an amazing day and the cheers and supportive cries I am sure could be heard for miles.

For the Year 6 children, the end of the term brings with it certain rights of passage. To start they got to take part in an exhilarating activity week where they battled on a 80ft inflatable assault course, scaled a 50ft climbing wall, learnt to cook wild food during their forest school sessions and covered one of the school wall (temporarily) in leavers graffiti.

Ending the term, we will end with a splash with the Year 6 leavers play which I have heard will rival even the greatest of West End performances.

Everyone at Clarborough Primary School looks forward to welcoming you through our doors in September for the start of the new term.

Clarborough Village Hall is up to speed again

Clarborough & District Community Association (CDCA), managers of Clarborough Village Hall, have been really pleased to note that most of our pre-Covid weekly hall hirers have returned to offer a wide range of activities every week.

With Government relaxation of Covid regulations earlier this year CDCA also took the decision to open our hall at weekends for parties and similar events; the uptake of this facility has been really pleasing.

Our hall is a single storey, easy access, building with a large car park to the rear. Having been substantially refurbished recently, it makes for a very pleasant, welcoming venue with kitchen facilities too. Weekend bookings cost just £14.50 per hour or £45 for a 4 hour booking that includes setting up and clearing periods.

Our Village Hall's driveway enters the site directly opposite the King's Arms public house on the main A620 through Clarborough (DN22 9LN).

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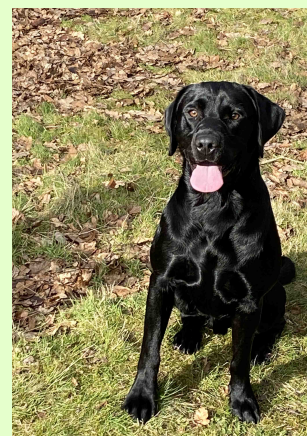
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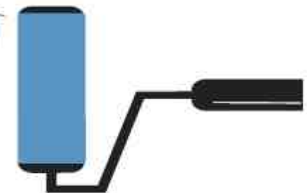
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Wheatley Local History Group

The Wheatley Local History group meets bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month at the Village hall in South Wheatley with meetings starting at 10 am. We welcome new members and visitors at all our meetings. There is a small £4 fee for one off visits. The meetings planned for the remainder of this year are:

19th September

Adrian Gray: Highlights of Newark and Sherwood
Adrian is another local speaker returning to North and South Wheatley – this time with stories about the Newark and Sherwood areas of Nottinghamshire.

21st November

Chris Hewis: Along the Fosse Way.

This talk features photos from the John Wilson collection which take us on a boat trip along the River Fosse in the early 20th century. This River Fosse starts in North Yorkshire and joins the River Ouse in York.

Please see the website, www.Wheatleyhistory.co.uk for more details – or call Alan on 01427 884 147 (email: alan@longhythe.co.uk).

Wheatley Family Research Group

The **Wheatley Family Research Group** is a “self help” group which meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall in South Wheatley. Members are able to search their own Family History using the free WiFi Internet access available at the Village Hall. They are also able to call on fellow members for help and ideas to break down the “road blocks” which get in the way of further progress.

Meetings start at 14:00 and end at 16:00. Not sure how to get started with your family research, or hit one of these road blocks? Just come along and see how we can help.

In order to cover the costs of hiring the room we charged a fee of £10 to cover a set of three meetings – those taking place on 14th September, 12th October and 9th November.

Please see the website, www.Wheatleyhistory.co.uk for more details – or call Alan on 01427 884 147 (email: alan@longhythe.co.uk).

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Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

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For the first example above, just type *87 kilometres in miles* and the answer (54.05) pops up instantly. Similarly, typing *11 stones 6 lbs in kg* yields the answer 72.57 kg.

In previous issues we briefly looked at some of Google's other tools such as **Translate** which has two versions – the simplest (and generally useful) one that pops up when you type **Translate** into the search box and a more extensive version that is accessed from the (usually second) 'hit' as <https://translate.google.co.uk/>

Welcome to PCSO John Dale

John Dale has become our local PCSO 4280 (Police Community Support Officer) following Dave Airey retirement in March. John recently came to Clarbrough Village Hall's Coffee, Cake & Chat (CCC) morning and spent a considerable amount of time chatting to locals to get a feel for our community.

Rather than talk about John, I'll pass over to him here and let him give you a feel for his background...



I have been a PCSO for 5 years and have just transferred to Harworth Station from Worksop. I am passionate about engaging with the primary schools and getting the younger generation to engage with the Police from an early age. I believe in the core values of manners and respect. I am the knife crime advocate for primary schools in Bassetlaw and have already visiting all primary schools in my new area and delivered my Knife Crime Presentation. I am also speed gun qualified and have been out and about in a couple of villages already.

Previously to joining the Police I was an operational Watch Manager in South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service for 32 years and a reserve Officer with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets.

John is based at Harworth Police Station and can be contacted as follows:

Mobile: 07971 784181 Tel:101 ext 3104 280
or john.dale@notts.police.uk

Please remember that such contacts should be for general enquiries and information, not emergencies which should be phoned through 999.



**New resource:
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A new service has recently been launched to help people check a website before they access it. The service is provided by Get Safe Online in conjunction with CIFAS, ScamAdviser, Barclays and other partners.

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Any suspicious websites can be reported to the National Cyber Security Council via this link:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/report-scam-website>

Keyless vehicle thefts

Nottinghamshire Police have noticed an increase in keyless car thefts. This is due to technology acquired by suspects which enables them to transmit the radio signals from the key out to the vehicle enabling an easy and quick escape.

Criminals general work in pairs, one has a relay amplifiers which tries to detect the signal transmitted by your car key. The other has a transmitter that sends this signal to the car, opening it up.

To prevent such thefts a range of advice includes keeping car keys well inside the building to limit their signals getting

outside, keeping them inside metal storage such as biscuit tins or even filing cabinets. If street parking is necessary, parking the vehicle such that the owner's house isn't immediately obvious. For more thorough set of advice, visit: <https://www.carwow.co.uk/blog/keyless-car-theft-prevention>

To protect your vehicles Nottinghamshire Police are recommending the use of faraday pouches which block the signal, these can be bought for approx £7 online or alternatively if you visit the front counter of Retford or Worksop Station we have pouches we can supply (limited stock).

Reminder about use of E-scooters

With the summer holidays rapidly approaching I would like to issue a reminder to the members of our communities around the use of privately owned e-scooters.

The number of complaints across our community have decreased in relation to the use of e-scooters but please do not forget that it is currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

They should only be used on private land for which the user has permission to use.

Any person stopped by an officer could result in a warning being issued and should a user of an e-scooter be stopped for a second time then this could result in seizure of the e-scooter under Section 165 Road Traffic Act 1988.



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Clarborough Church pre-Jubilee party

A Pre-Platinum party at Clarborough Church on 28th May organised by Jill Palfreman and Kathy Baines was a huge success enjoyed by over 80 people. The Church was beautifully decorated and many friends helped with the pie and pea supper and raffle drawn by the Rev Mark. Special thanks to Kevin Middleton the DJ and Alan and Brett singing.

They created a wonderful atmosphere and soon the floor was full of dancers who continued long into the night, finally enjoying the Conga and Hokey Cokey. Such a fabulous evening!

Thank you so much Jill and Kathy (Please can we have another one ? !)

Kath Sutton

Mobile Library services still come to Clarborough and Welham!

Mobile library services come to our community monthly, on Thursdays, as follows:

August 11th, September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st and January 26th, 2023.

For Clarborough the mobile library times are:

Danby, Church Lane	09:40-10:05
Howbeck Lane	10:10-10:25
Hillview Crescent	10:30-10:40
Gill Green Walk	10:45-11:00

Welham also gets a stop at Welham Grange bus stop from 15:00-15:10 on the same dates.

For the full timetable for this route, which extends to Wheatley and Clayworth as well as Hayton, visit your community website's **Out-and About ► Retford Library** page which also has a link to the full county-wide mobile library services.



Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are.
Will Ferrell (1967-)

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UK could be a net electricity exporter as soon as 2026

Recent reports strongly point to UK Governments moves to implement its Net Zero Strategy leading to strong exports of electricity generated from massive investments in off-shore wind farms.

For many years UK electricity grids have drawn supplies in times of peak demand from the likes of French nuclear reactors and other European power stations via subsea cables known as *interconnectors*. Currently there are seven of these linking UK to Europe but more are planned.

With UK aiming to reach net-zero emissions by 2050 the Government plans to see development of a wave of off-shore wind farms and also solar installations. Although projecting future energy demands and production remains difficult, many analysts are predicting that as soon as 2026 the UK would be a net power exporter via these interconnectors.

Electricity generation in the UK is changing as Government policies aim to become more carbon-neutral by reducing burning fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas (methane).

The following figures for May, 2022 show the latest data for our electricity energy generation:

Natural gas	43.6%
Wind	24.4%
Nuclear	17.3%
Solar	6.3%
Biomass	3.4%
Imports	2.4%
Hydro	1.6%
Storage	0.9%
Coal	<0.1%

For current data minute-by-minute (well, almost!) data for the spread of sources for our electricity generation go to: <https://www.energydashboard.co.uk/live>

For a full overview of the UK's off-shore wind power generation, go to: <https://www.great.gov.uk/international/content/investment/sectors/offshore-wind/>

Editor

Clarborough CCC

A polite reminder!
Every Thursday morning we welcome you and your friends to our **coffee and chitchat** in Clarborough Village Hall (Main Street, Clarborough DN22 9LN)



Time: 10:45 – 11:45

Coffee/tea and cake just £1.20

So why not drop in to discover how welcoming are our regulars and how easy is access to our hall from the front door or rear car park – wheeled devices no problem!

Kath Sutton

Tour of Britain is coming to Retford!

On Thursday 8th September Nottinghamshire will host the fifth stage of the 2022 Tour of Britain bike race. The 190km route – approximately 118 miles – from West Bridgford to Mansfield will take in key county landmarks and attractions such as world-famous cricket ground Trent Bridge, the legendary Sherwood Forest and popular tourist attraction Clumber Park.



The 2022 Tour of Britain bike race is the 18th of the current series that began in 2004 and is part of the UCI Europe Tour. This year's race will comprise eight stages between 4th and 11th September starting in Aberdeen and finishing on the Isle of Wight. The final list of 100 riders for the 2022 event should be published on 3rd September. For this list plus everything else about this year's race, go to the official website at :

<https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/>

For local readers (and drivers!) you need to know that the race will come into Retford down London Road and then follow the A638 Arlington Way before turning left at the Moorgate/Amcott Way traffic lights and then leaving for Worksop at the Amcott Way/North Road roundabout.

Exact timings are, clearly, dependent on how the race develops but is anticipated around midday.

Editor's note: The above route was published by the Tour of Britain organisers on 13th June but readers should check for any later amendments to this route.

Local road closures

Between start and finish locations there will be a 'rolling road closure' system. This is where the race route, and junctions with access roads onto the route, are closed while the race passes through.

The length of closure of rolling road blocks depends upon how dispersed the riders are. Typically, the lead motorcycle instigating the closure is 15 minutes ahead of the lead rider. The closure then remains in place until all riders and race cars have passed through.

History of our bicycles

The modern bicycle had its origins in a two-wheeled, steerable *Laufmaschine* (German = running machine) patented in 1817 by Baron Karl von Drais although various claims have been made for earlier non-patented examples. English cartright Denis Johnson produced his *Velocipede* which became quite a rage in 1819 but then fell from

favour as riders boots quickly wore through and several were fined for riding on pavements.



[Above Denis Johnson's son riding a Velocipede]

Through the 1820 to 1850 a range of three and four wheel human-powered vehicle were developed that used pedals, initially linked to the front wheel.

Through the latter part of the 19th century, bicycle developments saw huge changes in wheel sizes as various pedal arrangements initially drove the front wheels. However, with increasing quality of their metal frames and the development of chain drives to rear wheels and then gears as well as pneumatic tires, both the speed and comfort of bicycles reached out to a vast market.

Why is our media so misleading?

Have you noticed that whenever we hear discussions on tv that explore the differences between London and the rest of England, the centres mentioned are always Manchester and sometimes followed by Newcastle?

Your editor has increasingly found this irritating since he grew up in Birmingham before moving to Clarbrough in the mid-1970s. This irritation is reinforced in the light of the following data:

City	Population
London	8.9 million
Birmingham	0.95 million
Liverpool	0.86 million
Sheffield	0.69 million
Manchester	0.40 million
Newcastle	0.19 million

Given Birmingham's fairly central location in England, why does it not receive the sort of recognition that the above data suggests.

We might add that, if England ever decides to have its own regional authority like those of Scotland, Wales and northern Ireland, then Birmingham would seem to be the ideal, central, location.

Editor

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.
Carl Jung (1875-1961)

BCVS NEWS

Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service

POV: Point of View

The Point of View ('POV') young volunteering project is starting to take shape as three Bassetlaw charities - BCVS, Bassetlaw Action Centre, and Centreplace join together with charities from Mansfield, Doncaster, Sheffield and Bolsover to encourage young people aged 16-24 to volunteer by utilising their creative skills and passions.

The project is funded by Arts Council England and the Bassetlaw organisations taking part include BCVS leading the project as well as Bassetlaw Action Centre, Inspire Culture and Centreplace and they are all making lots of plans to encourage young volunteers to join in with their creative projects.



Alex Harvey, BCVS A&E Discharge Support Worker, pictured here at Workshop Pride, said that the things that would make her want to volunteer more as a young person are "things that would develop me as a person and help my career goals".

If you are a young person that would like to volunteer, join the project or be part of a young persons advisory group then please email pov@bcvs.org.uk



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Spotlight on; Young Volunteering, Cost of Living and Loneliness

Cost of Living

We know that the cost of living crisis is already hitting the communities and groups that we support very hard and that it will only increase over the coming months. Following a meeting of the VCSE leaders group, organised by BCVS, the issue was escalated to the Place Based Partnership, made up of representatives from the Public and VCSE sectors. It was agreed that we need to act now to work together across Bassetlaw to maximise support for local communities and groups.

This resulted in organisation of a cost of living summit held on 13th July involving representatives from across the VCSE, health and wider public sector. We will continue to work together to ensure we do all we can to support people impacted by this and will share resources they are developed here - www.bcvs.org.uk/costofliving - if you need any help or advice relating to this please contact BCVS and we will connect you to the right support to meet your needs.

Loneliness

The Tackling Loneliness Collaborative (TLC) is made up of a variety of organisations, groups and individuals with a passion for tackling loneliness across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

The Collaborative aims to map and support local services tackling loneliness and gain an understanding of loneliness needs within Nottinghamshire, with the ultimate aim of communicating needs and influencing decision-making regarding future loneliness reduction.

The research report, undertaken by Nottingham Trent University is available to read here - www.tln.co.uk

To find out more and get involved please contact Kirsty Veitch-Sorsby - Tackling Loneliness Collaborative Lead via email: Kirsty.veitch-sorsby@bcvs.org.uk

If you are feeling lonely and would like some information about where you can access local support please email us and we will put you in touch with the right people.



Tackling Loneliness Collaborative
Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

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Old Abbey School, Priorswell Road, Worksop, S80 2BU
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Charity Number: 1140782



Dates for your diary:

For updates and further information about the following events, go to your community website : www.clarborough-welham.org.uk

- 28th August :** Retford's Party in the Square
- 8th September:** Tour of Britain (see page 22 for more)
- 10th September:** Retford Heritage Open Day – see page 7
- 30th September:** Retford Live Festival Brass Band Concert
- 21st-23rd October, 2022 :** Retfest Comedy Festival – watch out for latest news!
- 30th October:** British Summer Time ends – clocks go back one hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October.
- 27th November:** Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch on.

The following information is from Bassetlaw District Council: Gamston Airport

Thatcham Research have announced they will be making a multi-million pound investment at Gamston Airport to develop a UK centre of excellence around vehicle technology testing and safety research.

Their initial plans include:

- Initial development of Gamston airport for future UK centre of excellence in vehicle technology research and safety testing commences
- Construction includes upgrades to runway and infrastructure to continue safe ongoing aviation operations
- Employment and training opportunities in both high-grade automotive testing and vehicle repair training

You can read the full story **here** :

<https://www.thatcham.org/investment-and-development-signals-new-era-at-gamston-airport/> and here :

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/media-centre/news/latest-news/investment-and-development-signals-new-era-at-gamston-airport/>

North Notts BID ballot result announced

Great news - the North Notts BID has been approved for a further term securing support for Bassetlaw businesses and events, including the fantastic Retford Christmas Market (27th November 2022).

Newsletter editorial deadlines

- 31st October, 2022 (Winter issue)**
- 9th January 2023 (Spring issue)**

Clarbrough's SPAR Store award

Tristan and Claire King have been awarded the best independent Spar retailers across the Blakemore Trade Partners network in recognition of their commitment to developing their business, King Family Stores.

The couple picked up the Baldwin Cup at Blakemore Trade Partners' Spar Retail Show (SRS) awards ceremony on 16th June, which recognises outstanding retailers and suppliers.

The trophy is awarded to one retailer every year and celebrates the very best stores across Spar UK's Meridian & Welsh Guild region.

King Family Stores dates back to 1997, when the business was founded by Tristan and his parents. Tristan and his wife, Claire, took sole ownership in 2016 and today have six Spar stores in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and South Yorkshire.

For more, see :

<https://www.conveniencestore.co.uk/your-business/king-family-stores-crowned-winners-at-blakemore-spar-awards/669120.article>

Clarbrough Table Top Sales

On the first Saturday of each month a table top sale event is held in – and in good weather outside too – Clarbrough Village Hall.

These events are open to the public from 09:30-12:00 with earlier opening for stall holders.

Refreshments are also available at very reasonable prices. Contact **01777 709 802** for stall bookings or more details.

Clarbrough & Welham Parish Council Meetings

- 5th September, 2022**
- 17th October 2022**
- 28th November**
- 9th January, 2023**

Meetings open 19:00 in Clarbrough Village Hall

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

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