



**FEBRUARY
2015**

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**St. Peter's
Church.**

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Charge is Revd.
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- 2nd February - Candlemas Day
- 14th February - St. Valentine's Day
- 17th February - Pancake Day
- 18th February - Ash Wednesday

**WEATHER STATISTICS
up to 27th January 2015**

Temperature - max	15.7c	9 th
min	-1.7c	4 th
Rainfall	20mm	
Pressure - high	1031	4 th
low	985	15 th
Moon Phases Full	5 th Jan	3 rd Feb
New	20 th Jan	18 th Feb

Marilyn Page

Services for February

1st Feb 10.00am	Holy Communion	Clarborough
8 th Feb 9.15am	Holy Communion	St. Peters
15 th Feb 10am	Morning Worship	Clarborough
22 nd Feb 11 am	Morning Worship	St. Peters
1 st March 10am	Holy Communion	Clarborough

Ash Wednesday

For anyone who wishes to mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, there will be a service of Holy Communion with Ashing at 7 p.m. at North Wheatley.

Social Evening

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Social Evening on 9th January. There was plenty of chat and laughter, and £341 was raised for the work of Hayton Church.

Church Wardens

Coffee and Chat

Coffee & Chat will take place on Monday, 9th February, at Harefield, 34 Church Lane, from 3 p.m. Do come along for an exchange of news and views over a cup of tea or coffee.

Gill Price

REFUSE BIN COLLECTION - FEB

Wednesday 4th February Blue, 11th green
18th blue, 25th green,
Wednesday 4th March blue.

LOTTERY WINNERS FOR JANUARY

- Mr. A. Cox
- Mrs. M. Page
- Mrs. G. Llyn
- Mrs. J. Bovill
- Mrs. E. Wilson

Annual £100.00 - Dr. R. Lloyd-Mostyn

VILLAGE HALL NOTICES

Village Hall Lottery



We will begin our annual walks round the village in March to collect the Village Hall Lottery money.

This money is vital to keep the Hall going as it is our main source of income.

Many of you contribute willingly to this without ever becoming involved in Village Hall activities. If this suits you, it is absolutely fine but please do pop along occasionally just to see what we are doing.

Gardening tips for February 2015



Snowdrops and crocuses flowering in early January and even daffodils well up- bizarre indeed! An annual survey on New

Year's Day showed a record number of 368 wild plants in flower in the UK, although a higher number of botanists involved may have contributed to the figure. Not surprisingly, most flowering species were in the south and west but there were 50 in the east and north.

Hellebores are now coming into flower and are widely available in garden centres. Most are hybrids from *H. niger*, the Christmas rose and *H. orientalis*. They have a wide range of delightful colours and patterns. They readily seed and the offspring are very variable in colour. They prefer partly shaded sites with plenty of leaf mould or compost. Winter flowering heathers also add a wonderful splash of colour at this drab time of year and look great with bulbs emerging alongside. They should be trimmed after flowering - shears are ideal.

Soft fruit bushes are pruned during winter months. For blackcurrants, just weak thin shoots should be removed until the bush is 4 years old. Thereafter, one third of the old wood should be cut out down to the base to encourage new productive shoots, as well as shoots that are thin or close to the ground. Redcurrants fruit on old wood. Very old or diseased branches need removing in winter and new growth should be cut back to two buds in early spring. Old and low lying shoots should be removed from gooseberries, with side shoots cut back to one to three buds, and branch tips by a quarter.

Apples and pears can be pruned between November and early March. Firstly, any branches that are diseased, damaged, dead, crossing or rubbing need to be removed, using a sharp pruning saw. Then, main branches are cut by a third, leaving side shoots unless crossing or very congested. Older trees may need more radical treatment.

Sweet peas can be sown now to give earlier and better blooms. They germinate within 2 weeks. They form long roots and it is best to use a deep pot or root trainer and to disturb the roots as little as possible when planting out. Dahlia tubers can be started into growth now in moist compost and a frost free location. Lilies can likewise be planted in pots. Gladioli corms can be put in a light warm place to encourage sprouting before planting, to give an earlier display.

Lastly, there is some concern about delayed use of bags of compost as nutrients can deteriorate and become toxic to plants. A recent "Which" survey showed that many outlets are selling old stock and bags need to carry a production date.

Roger Lloyd-Mostyn

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING



Bassetlaw Hospice Office Co-ordinator has written to thank Hayton villagers for the donation from our carol singing

evening. The letter says "The Charity relies on the generosity of local people and organisations to raise the funds we need to provide the services we offer, every donation makes a difference and is always gratefully received, so thank you once again for this donation and for your continued support of Bassetlaw Hospice."

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS.



We are still busily collecting donations for the Bassetlaw Food Bank.

Anything non-perishable such as cereals, soups, pasta, cooking sauces, tinned vegetables and fruit, jars of baby food, items for babies such as nappies etc., will be very gratefully accepted. Please give your donations to any member of the PCC or to any Church Service.

LENT

Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday in western Christian Churches. and climaxes during Easter

Week. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week.

During the 40 days of Lent, Christians remember the time when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning his work for God. During this time Jesus was tempted several times by Satan, but was able to resist.

Lent is a time of giving things up. For Christians, it is one way of remembering the time Jesus fasted in the desert and is a test of self-discipline. There are many foods that some Christians do not eat in Lent, such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. Some Christians just give up something they really enjoy such as cakes or chocolate.

CANDLEMAS DAY -

"If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter'll have another flight.

But if Candlemas Day be clouds and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again."

It is also said that on Candlemas Day the livestock farmer must still have half his straw and half his hay, emphasizing that although February has been reached, winter has a long way to go.

SHROVE TUESDAY -

Is also known as Pancake Day. It is the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. 'Shrove' - as in Shrove Tuesday - stems from old English word 'shrive', meaning 'confess all sins'. It is called Pancake Day because it is the day traditionally for eating pancakes as pancake recipes were a way to use up any stocks of milk, butter and eggs which were forbidden during the abstinence of Lent. Today people often give up chocolates or alcohol.

SHROVE TUESDAY IN ENGLAND.

PERFECT PANCAKES



100g plain flour
2 large eggs
300ml milk
1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil,
plus a little extra for frying
lemon wedges, to serve (optional)
caster sugar, to serve (optional)

Method

1. Put the flour, eggs, milk, oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to a smooth batter. Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.
2. Set a medium frying pan or crêpe pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper. When hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, keeping them warm in a low oven as you go.
3. Serve with lemon wedges and sugar, or your favourite filling. Once cold, you can layer the pancakes between baking parchment, then wrap in cling film and freeze for up to 2 months.

Recipe from Good Food magazine,
February 2013

Friday 22nd May in the Village Hall -

Canapés, Cocktails, and Cupcakes. To welcome in the warmer weather and lighter nights. Not sure how this one will work out having not done it before but it will be a good night.

THANK YOU

As a regular user of the village hall kitchen I would like to thank all who helped to fit our lovely new kitchen.

Special thanks must go to Peter Ward and Graham Barthorpe who worked tirelessly to get it usable for Christmas. Thanks to Les Pickersgill who left his own D.I.Y. to help, to Howard who cleaned the cooker and to anyone else who helped.

Grateful Villager.

BURNS' NIGHT



You may not have heard the skirl of the pipes as you passed the Village Hall, but you would have heard the singing of Scottish songs and the rendition of Robbie Burns' poems.

And perhaps also the laughter and chatter.

The Hall was packed to capacity as the folk of Hayton came to enjoy an evening of haggis, tatties and neeps as well as entertainment to celebrate the songs and poems of Robbie Burns. There was, of course, the 'wee dram' to complete the Scottish flavour.

Graham gave us a reminder of his short but very active life to start the evening off. There was a quiz about his songs and many other varied aspects of Scottish history to test our minds. We were entertained with his poems in authentic dialect and then Gill lead everyone in singing some of his famous songs. Who can forget 'Auld Lang Syne'?

Thanks go especially to Gill, Barbara and Graham and all helpers who stepped in to organise the evening in the absence of Kathy who is not too well at the moment.

It was a very enjoyable evening had by all.
Howard

SOCIAL EVENING AT HAREFIELD



The Annual Social Evening held at Harefield on Friday 9th January was a warm and friendly event. Usually held during November,

this year the date clashed with a Village Hall event and was changed. So it was nice to have something pleasant to look forward to in January.

Although the weather forecast had warned us of storms the weather remained cold but calm and around 30 people gathered at Gills for a chat and a lovely supper.

There was a large raffle and most people won at least one prize which was fun. Thank you to Gill and her helpers for once again providing us with a delightful evening out
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FUTURE EVENTS In the Village Hall.

March - Friday 27th

Port and the regional wines of Portugal.



There will be up to 6 different types of Port (If we can afford to do a vintage!!) and also wines from some different regions to try. The emphasis will be on reds but they do some nice summer whites.

I can't give an exact ticket price yet until I have sourced the wines but I will be aiming for the £7.50 mark.

Saturday March 28th - Coffee Morning.

Our first Coffee Morning of the year as Spring is in the air. First cup poured at 10 30.

More details next month

April - Friday 24th - St George Day event.

Currently being worked on and more details will follow in March. It will be fun to find out a little about our Patron Saint. There is a lot more to Saint George than wandering around the countryside rescuing maidens in distress and beheading the odd dragon!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

TILN Hamlet

1. Hitherto this Newsletter has been distributed only to Hayton Village and immediate outlying houses. It has been suggested that it should be extended to Tiln hamlet which is, of course, within Hayton Parish. So this issue will be extended to Tiln and I invite any Tiln resident who would like to make a contribution to the Newsletter or provide any comment, to contact me. Peter Wilson. Tel: 704175 or wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Newsletter Editor.

Firstly I wish to pay a tribute to our Newsletter editor, Mrs. Elizabeth Powell. She has now produced the Newsletter for the last three years and steadily enhanced it with her style and creativity. Through holidays and illness we have seen this missive appear regularly and without fail. Thank you Elizabeth.

Time moves on and we are wondering if someone else in the Village with some computer skills might like to participate in the production of this important vehicle for Village communication. Printing and distribution are already taken care of so the job is about receiving contributions and composing the document. Please contact Peter Wilson
Tel:704175

3. We have now agreed the Parish budgets for the coming financial year and I am pleased to mention that the Parish precept, that has been held level for a couple of years, has been

reduced by a modest amount to £6800 for next year.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

At the January Parish Council meeting the following items were discussed:-
Village Litter Pick. This annual event has been scheduled for 7th March. As ever, we are asking for volunteers to help clean up the litter in the Village roads and lanes. Bags and gloves will be provided. We will meet in the Village Hall on Saturday morning at 10.00 a.m.

Local Government Boundary Commission.

We have been advised that the Commission is undertaking an electoral review of Nottinghamshire to decide if any changes need to be made to the current electoral boundaries. You can find out more at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk. Or contact The Review Officer (Notts), LGBC for England, Layden House, Turnmill St. London EC1M 5LG

Bassetlaw District Council. You will be aware that the current method of electing district councillors is to re-elect one third of the 48 councillors each year (except County Council election year). This method does ensure some sort of continuity of knowledge/expertise amongst councillors rather than potentially changing them all at one go. A single election for the whole council would save some costs. BDC are reviewing the current process and asking for local views. Find out more at www.bassetlaw.gov.uk or pick up a form from the Council's One Stop shops in Retford.

Pavement Parking. This issue has again attracted complaints. Whilst it is not illegal to park partly on the pavement, it can cause an illegal obstruction. Obviously this is a debatable matter. It is up to residents to ensure that parking is undertaken reasonably and that the pavements are not blocked for pedestrian traffic with particular consideration for people with pushchairs or wheelchairs. If you observe a particularly bad example, you can report it to the police by dialling the mobile number 101 and they will investigate.

Notes from our local policeman.

The incidents of interest - December 2014 :-
Burglary Dwelling - 1 (Clarborough). Burglary
Other - 1 (Hayton). Theft of Motor Vehicle - 2
(North Wheatley and Clarborough). Theft from
Motor Vehicle - 1 (North Wheatley). Theft
Other - 3 (Hayton, North Wheatley and
Welham). Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle - 1
(Welham). Damage Other - 1 (Clayworth).

Nottinghamshire Alert Scheme.

I would like to take this opportunity to re-introduce residents across the beat area to the Nottinghamshire Alert scheme. Registration to the scheme is free, and gives all users access to information and reports from various agencies and organisations. Users will also receive up to date crime information relating to crimes across the beat area and crime trends occurring across adjoining beat areas. For those members already enrolled, please talk about the scheme with friends, relatives and neighbours and share with them the benefits of the scheme. To enroll to Nottinghamshire Alert, visit www.nottinghamshirealert.co.uk

For a few years now, I have been able to complete First Contact Signposting scheme forms. The scheme is a single gateway to a range of services designed to help people remain safe and independent in their own homes. The service is open to any person who is sixty years old or over.

These forms can be completed by any of the partner agencies, and involves the completion of a simple checklist form. There are opportunities for assistance to be gained from the Fire and Rescue Services, the Police Service, the Central Notts Home Improvement Agency, Adult Social Care and Health Department and many other organisations. Agreeing to a referral does not incur any cost at all, and the majority of services are also free. If there is likely to be a charge, the client will be made aware of it and given a free no obligation quote.

All services are delivered in the person's home, through an appointment made at a time to suit the individual being visited. These appointments are usually made by telephone. For more

information about the First Contact scheme, visit contactfc@nottsc.gov.uk

If any resident, over 60 years, would like to discuss the First Contact scheme with me further, then please call me on the number below to arrange a mutually convenient visiting time.

Nottinghamshire Police are also able to offer assistance through the Safe Scheme, which is sponsored by the Victim Support department. The Safe Scheme initiative incorporates home visits being completed and, where needed, security advice being given and gadgets fitted, where appropriate. Window locks will be checked and, where needed, door chains fitted. Outside areas will also be checked and, where available and needed, bolts and locks will be fitted to the property owners' satisfaction. All work completed is free. Any resident interested in being referred to this scheme should contact me, in the first instance, on my mobile number.

Contact numbers for the local beat team can be found on the posters displayed across the beat area in the shops and village notice boards. The works mobile phone number for the beat manager, Jason Fellows, is 07525 226893 while my works mobile phone number is 07525 226838. Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters - including advice and information. Thanks for your vigilance and support.

PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.



If you would like to hire the Village Hall for a private event please contact either 01777 704575 or 860846

THROWN TO THE WOLVES

One of the pleasurable aspects of living by the canal towpath is that you never know who will pass by or what the topic of conversation will be.

One recent encounter resulted in a discussion about a lady who lives in the village who was burgled about a year ago and has not yet and probably will never recover from the trauma of the deed.

There is talk of reducing the cover of rural policing yet again, though no talk of reducing the council tax or limiting the pension rights of ineffectual PC 49.

Those whom we elect at every level of politics and remunerate for their "efforts" should be utterly ashamed of themselves for aiding and abetting the scum that stalk our properties by day and night in the knowledge of almost complete immunity from prosecution.

If I were a top copper or a publicly elected representative of our beleaguered community I could never hold my head high again.

David Otter

David has made his point robustly here but it is only fair to note that we have, in the past, printed comments in the Newsletter praising the Police and their supportive actions in other cases.

EHP

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Branching Out and The Royal British Legion present a Flower Demonstration on Friday 20th March at 7.30 pm in Retford Buttermarket. Tickets £7, including light refreshments, are available from Branching Out, 2 Chapelgate, 01777 860045 or Audrey on 01777 701260.

All proceeds go to the Legion and your support would be much appreciated.

FEBRUARY is the second month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. It is the shortest month and the only month with fewer than 30 days. The month has 28 days in common years or 29 days in leap years

Its birth flower is the violet (Viola) and the common primrose. Its birthstone is the amethyst. It symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.

Its Zodiac signs are Aquarius (until February 18) and Pisces (February 19 onwards).

February 14th St. Valentine's Day



Which St. Valentine the day is intended to honour remains a mystery: It seems that there were at least three early Christian

saints by that name. One was a priest in Rome, another a bishop in Terni, and of a third St. Valentine almost nothing is known except that he met his end in Africa. Rather astonishingly, all three Valentines were said to have been martyred on Feb. 14.

Most scholars believe that the St. Valentine was a priest who attracted the disfavour of Roman emperor Claudius II around 270. At this stage, the factual ends and the mythic begins. According to one legend, Claudius II had prohibited marriage for young men, claiming that bachelors made better soldiers. Valentine continued to secretly perform marriage ceremonies but was eventually apprehended by the Romans and put to death. Another legend has it that Valentine, imprisoned by Claudius, fell in love with the daughter of his jailer. Before he was executed, he allegedly sent her a letter signed "from your Valentine."

In 1969, the Catholic Church revised its liturgical calendar, removing the feast days of saints whose historical origins were questionable. St. Valentine was one of the casualties.

