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Leader's column

Welcome to the spring edition of Contacts, in this edition we are working on the difficult task of reducing homelessness in Gedling. Homelessness can happen because of many different reasons and sometimes, support at an early stage can help prevent it from happening. We are working on ways to prevent homelessness and you can read about the work that is being done on pages 16 & 17.

We also have the results of our residents' satisfaction survey. This year we had the highest ever responses to the survey which we are very grateful to you for. Your feedback helps shape our organisation and our plans for the future. The overall results are very positive and, whilst there is always more to do, we are heading in the right direction. You can see the results on pages 10 & 11.

Finally, we are very pleased to announce details of a new project to highlight the rich history of Gedling. In the borough we have a number of heritage sites, iconic places and famous people including the romantic poet Lord Byron and Thomas Hawksley, the great water purification engineer. Thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, work will begin to raise awareness of our great history and the full details are on pages 4 & 5.

Leader of the Council

Councillor John Clarke



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Contact us



You can now pay and apply for a number of services online, quickly and easily at www.gedling.gov.uk

However, if you need to speak to someone then here are the numbers you can call:

Council Tax:	0115 901 3950
Housing Benefits:	0115 901 3970
Waste & Recycling:	0115 901 3621
Public Protection:	0115 901 3832
Environmental Protection:	0115 901 3972
Licensing:	0115 901 3971

If you can't find what you're looking for call our switchboard on 0115 901 3901 or visit www.gedling.gov.uk

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Leader of the Council



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Responsible for Community Development

For a full list of the Cabinet's responsibilities visit www.gedling.gov.uk/councillorsmeetings



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A lotto heritage

We've been awarded £74,000 to bring the heritage of the borough to life. The money, provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will be used to create a website dedicated to the history of the borough and a permanent display will be installed at Gedling Country Park.

The project, being led by local heritage expert, Denis Hill, will also include input from volunteers and members from local history groups, wildlife groups, park volunteers and local heritage and conservation groups.

The project will shine a light on the heritage in all our towns and villages, including the historic locations, people and stories that make up the area. Plans include; guided walks, competitions and community engagement projects.

Café 1899 at Gedling Country Park will be used as the main destination to display the borough's heritage. There will be a digital mural, a film, touch screen information points, interpretation panels, compass point panels and a colliery trail.

As well as the heritage project, we have also begun work to produce a Gedling heritage strategy which will set out our long term goal to increase tourism in the borough and raise awareness of the different attractions we have available. We've picked a handful of historic people, places and key sites that will be key when producing the final Gedling Heritage Strategy.



Arnot Hill House



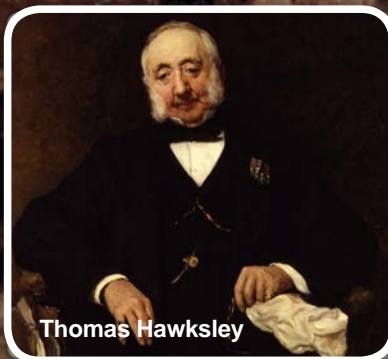
Gedling Colliery



Richard Bonington
Statue



Lord Byron



Thomas Hawksley



Lord Byron

Key heritage sites, places and people that will be highlighted by the new project include;

- **Lord Byron** – Renowned as the World's Greatest Romantic Poet, whose ancestral home was Newstead Abbey
- **Richard Bonington** – Born in Arnold, is classed as one of the most influential romantic landscape artists of the early nineteenth century
- **Gedling Colliery** – Known as the Pit of Nations, it opened in 1899 and played an important role in the history of Gedling
- **Thomas Hawksley** - Born in Arnold, engineered major improvements in our fresh water supply system that saved millions of lives during the Victorian era and dramatically increased life expectancy across the UK and worldwide

- **Mechanised Knitting** – Thanks to William Lee of Calverton, the production of knitted cloth/clothing was vastly increased through his Framework Knitting Machine, built in 1588; 150 years before the Industrial Revolution

For more information about the project, contact us by calling 0115 901 3698 or email jane.ansell@gedling.gov.uk

Mechanised Knitting Machine



Funding raised by
The National Lottery

and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund



Burial spaces for next 25 years in Carlton

Carlton Cemetery has been extended to create an extra 25 years' worth of burial spaces. Work to extend the cemetery situated on Cavendish Road, Carlton was completed at the end of last year. The project to level out new burial land in the cemetery will create an extra 1,600 burial spaces in the cemetery, enough plots for the next 25 years.

The work took two months to complete and involved the removal of tree roots, the levelling and grading of new burial areas and the planting of wild meadow seed, shrubs and trees. There have also been new footpaths, benches, bins and water taps installed in the cemetery as part of the refurbishment. The car park was also extended to create a further 12 spaces.

For more information about our funeral services, cemetery opening times and more visit www.gedling.gov.uk



A local community centre has been given back to the community thanks to a new programme that encourages users to take local centres into their own hands.

Eagle's Nest Community Centre, based in Arnold, is now under the management of the Eagle's Nest Church after they successfully applied to take over the centre from the council. The centre is part of our Community Asset Transfer Programme which supports local community groups and volunteers to manage the ownership of their local centres preventing many of them from closing as we look at ways to meet the increasingly difficult demands to find savings.

The new management team will continue to provide youth clubs,

drama lessons, sports and social activities for young and older people. To apply to take over the centre, the group presented a business plan to the council and we provided support and information on potential funding opportunities available to them from a number of sources including the National Lottery Fund.

The centre have launched a new website showcasing everything available at the centre, you can view it at www.encc.org.uk

Are you interested in taking over a local centre? You can submit a proposal or download our information pack by visiting www.gedling.gov.uk or by emailing jane.ansell@gedling.gov.uk

£124K new play area for Arnold park

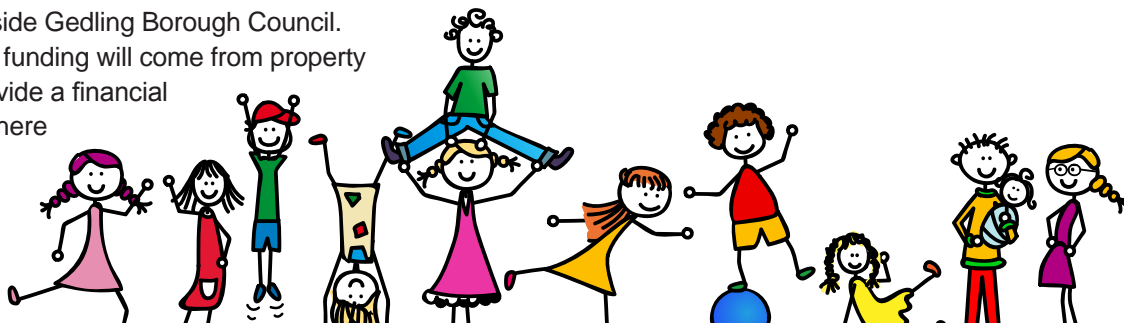


One of the borough's most well known and well used play parks is to have a £124,000 refurbishment. Arnot Hill Park play area in Arnold will be improved thanks to funding from WREN, a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community conservation and from property developer contributions.

WREN will be providing £50,000 towards improving the park. The funding was granted thanks to a joint bid from volunteers from the Friends of Arnot Hill Park working alongside Gedling Borough Council. A further £74,000 of funding will come from property developers who provide a financial contribution where there is development that could lead to

the loss of open space. In this case, it was from the development of Howbeck Road, Arnold where there is not sufficient open space available on the site, therefore funding has been provided for the improvement of Arnot Hill Park.

Work is expected to begin in April and consultation has already begun with local primary schools and the Friends of Arnot Hill Park about what the new play area will look like.





Phil, G- Wizz, Sue and Barricade

Wrestlers grapple with mental health awareness to raise £1,000

Volunteers from the Arnold Methodist Church Befriending Group have received a cheque for £1,020 from a special wrestling fundraising event to raise awareness of mental health.

The wrestling event was called 'Smackdown to Mental Health', a reference to the popular WWE wrestling franchise and was held at Richard Herrod Centre, Carlton.

Fans were treated to seeing wrestlers, including favourites G-Wizz and Barricade, take part in a

night of wrestling entertainment. The money raised will go towards funding a crisis café at Arnold Methodist Church who runs weekly sessions to help people with mental health problems.

Sue Clayton, co-ordinator at Arnold Methodist Church Befriending Group said "This money helps us so much, we can use it to help plan ahead for the activities we put on at the sessions and we are very grateful to everyone involved."

The Arnold Methodist Church Befriending Group meet every Friday from 11am – 2pm at Arnold Methodist Church, Front Street, Arnold.

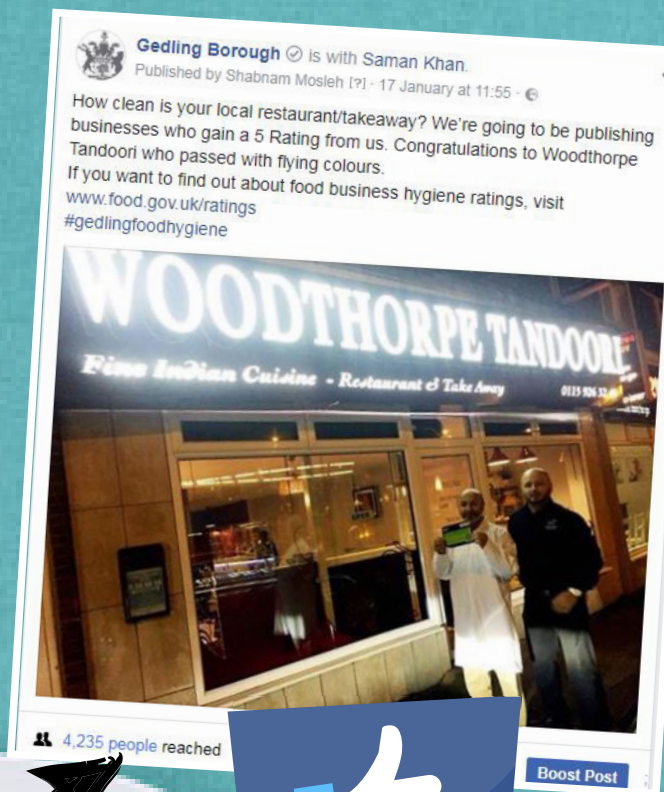
How clean is your local?

Do you know what your local takeaway, restaurant or food shop's hygiene is like? Well we can tell you. Our Environmental Health team inspect hundreds of food premises every year and they are marked from 0 to 5 and the results are published online.

Our team rates the premises based on hygienic practices and confidence in management and a premise who fails to meet standards can be subject to legal action. An outlet selling food should receive a hygiene rating certificate which should be displayed where customers can see it. If you do not see a rating, it may be that they have a low rating as it's not a legal requirement to display their rating.

You can view the ratings by visiting www.ratings.food.gov.uk where you can search by name, area and local authority.

Are you a food outlet in the borough? You are required by law to be registered and inspected. Contact our team on 0115 901 3974 or visit www.gedling.gov.uk and search for 'register my food business'.



We 'LIKE' a good hygiene rating

We have recently started to publish details about food outlets with a 5 star rating on our Facebook page. One of the first restaurants to be part of the scheme was Woodthorpe Tandoori. Follow our page to find out about restaurant ratings near you.

The Gedling conversation results

The results of our Gedling Conversation survey are in. We sent out a survey to all of our residents asking for your feedback on how we are doing. This year we received over 3,400 responses, the highest return we've ever had, with over a quarter filling out the form online. Here are some of the headline results;



83%

of residents are satisfied overall with their local area as a place to live



84%

of residents are satisfied overall with the rubbish and recycling collection service



77%

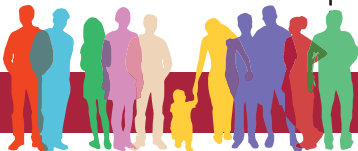
of residents are satisfied overall with the quality of parks and open spaces

71%

of residents feel well informed about what we do

66%

of residents are satisfied overall with the council



Top 5 most important public services to you

1. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour



5. Keeping the place clean



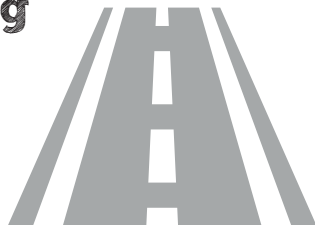
2. Health services



3. Refuse collection



4. Maintaining roads and pavements



Overall, the results show an increase in satisfaction with our services which, considering some of the cutbacks and increased demand on our services, we are very pleased about and very proud that you think we are providing a good service.

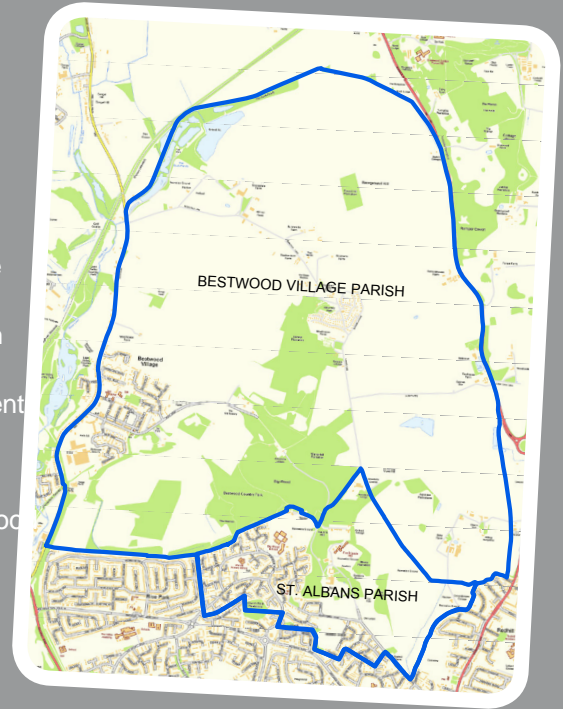
Our staff must also be thanked for the work they do to ensure we are serving people, improving lives. We would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, your feedback is vital to us. You can view the full results of the survey at www.gedling.gov.uk

A split decision for Bestwood St Albans

An election for two new parish councils in the Borough will take place in May 2018. Residents of the Bestwood St Albans ward will have the opportunity to vote for parish councillors for two brand new parish councils, Bestwood Village and St Albans. The decision to split the former Bestwood St Albans Parish Council into two came after residents petitioned the council to hold a community governance review.

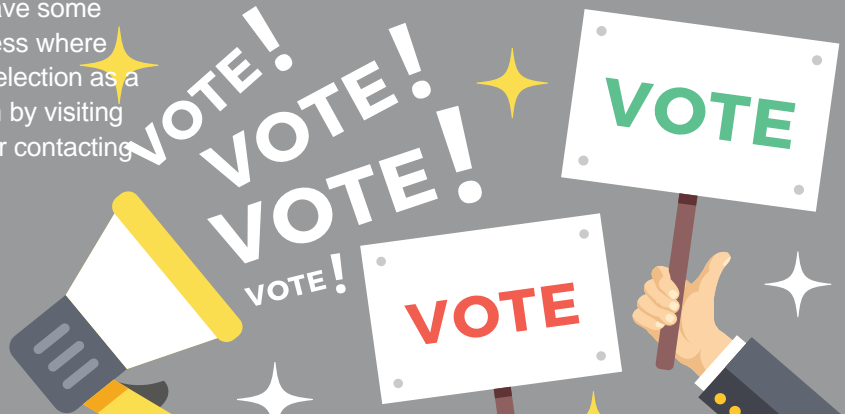
Elections will take place on 3 May 2018 and there will be 16 parish councillor positions to be filled, nine in St Albans and seven in Bestwood Village.

Polling cards will be delivered in advance of the election and we encourage residents from the area to have their say on who will represent the area on the new parish councils.



Want to become a Councillor?

Are you someone who likes to be involved in what happens in your community? Maybe you have some time to be part of the decision making process where you live? Anyone interested in standing for election as a parish councillor can find further information by visiting our website www.gedling.gov.uk/elections or contacting our elections team on 0115 901 3906.



We're on the market



We have made an offer to purchase Arnold Market and plan to turn it into a top town market again.

In November, Councillors approved plans to purchase the market which has been privately owned for a number of years and has been in need of refurbishment and investment.

Our future plans for the market will include improving its appearance, increasing the use for community events and activities and working with market traders to widen and increase the choice of goods and services at the market.

The market has been part of the local town centre on Front Street, Arnold for over 50 years but in recent

years a number of stallholders have left and the site has been in need of repairs and improvements to its look. The renovation of the market has been a long term goal of the council as well as residents, who set up a group asking the council to save the market and were delighted with the announcement that we would take over ownership.

We are still finalising the deal to purchase the market but more will be announced in the coming weeks and months.

Stay up to date with the changes happening at the market by signing up to our newsletter, visit www.gedling.gov.uk/keepmeposted

Memorial art burns bright



A largescale memorial piece of art has been installed at Gedling Country Park to remember miners who worked at the former colliery.

The 3.5 metre tall statue was inspired by a picture of the underground Palm Tree junction on the former colliery site and symbolises the origin of coal and the flames reflect that coal was used to create fire and heat homes. The tree also symbolises the future of the site as a country park and the tradition of lighting a candle to remember a loved one.

The Friends of Gedling Country Park won £18,425 of funding from Nottinghamshire County Council to create a permanent piece of art in the new memorial garden at Gedling Country Park. The group applied for money from the county council which provides over £500,000 per year in funding awards to support projects that are beneficial to the local community.

Local artist Richard Janes was appointed by the charity group following a selection process where his designs were reviewed by the group, councillors and members of the public.

The Friends of Gedling Country Park and Gedling Borough Council have been developing the memorial garden within the country park and have already installed several large metal 'rings' to mark the entrance, which were previously used underground to maintain the stability of the mining tunnels.

For more information about Gedling Country Park visit www.gedling.gov.uk/gedlingcountrypark

Plans announced for WWI centenary

Plans are being discussed to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of WWI in November. Work has begun to organise an event at one of the borough's landmark sites to remember those who died in the First World War. More details will be announced in the summer.

In the meantime we are looking for photos from the First World War to use at a special exhibition. If you have photos that are linked to the borough from the First World War please send copies by email to communications@gedling.gov.uk

Carlton War Memorial

A permanent war memorial is to be placed in Carlton Cemetery thanks to a resident's determination to have a memorial for his nephew.

The memorial, similar to the one at Arnot Hill Park (pictured right) will be installed thanks to the efforts of resident Paul Gunter who applied for funding from the National Lottery and was awarded £10,000 for a permanent memorial to the men and women who have died in service, including his nephew, Lance Corporal Martin Gill, who was killed in action in 2011. We will also be providing £1,650 towards the cost and it is expected to be installed in the next month.

Plans to increase support for remembrance services next year

As part of our plans to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of WWI, Councillors have proposed for an increase in funding for remembrance services in the borough next year.

Organisers of the services, including the larger events in Arnold and Gedling Village, will be given more support with the event logistics such as traffic management, provision of sound systems and being able to have the option of bugler services at every event.



Arnot Hill Park Memorial

Preventing homelessness



I need change

Homelessness cases are increasing which is a major concern for many local authorities as we try to deal with the demand on the service with less budget. Something has to change, which is why we're offering more support to prevent people becoming homeless in the first place.

To reduce the increasing numbers of homelessness in the borough we are creating two new roles within our housing team. The homelessness prevention officers will be offering support, advice and intervention where there are signs that someone is about to become homeless.

The officer support will include helping tenants who are about to receive an eviction notice, residents who are having problems paying their rent and people living at home who are having problems with family members that could result in them becoming homeless.

The team will also be working with landlords and local housing associations to intervene early when landlords think that they are going to evict someone who has nowhere else to go.

In the last 12 months, 163 households have come to us and declared that they are homeless and in need of our help and support to put them in temporary or permanent accommodation or on the housing list. We spend, on average, £70,000 a year providing temporary accommodation and with the introduction of a new parliamentary act coming into force in April, the strain on the service will increase, which is why we are providing this earlier intervention, to try and reduce the numbers of homeless people in Gedling.

If you need help, know someone who needs help or you are a landlord thinking about evicting someone, then please contact us first and speak to one of our officers, it could make a difference and prevent someone from being made homeless.

Visit www.gedling.gov.uk for more information or call one of our prevention officers on 0115 901 3681



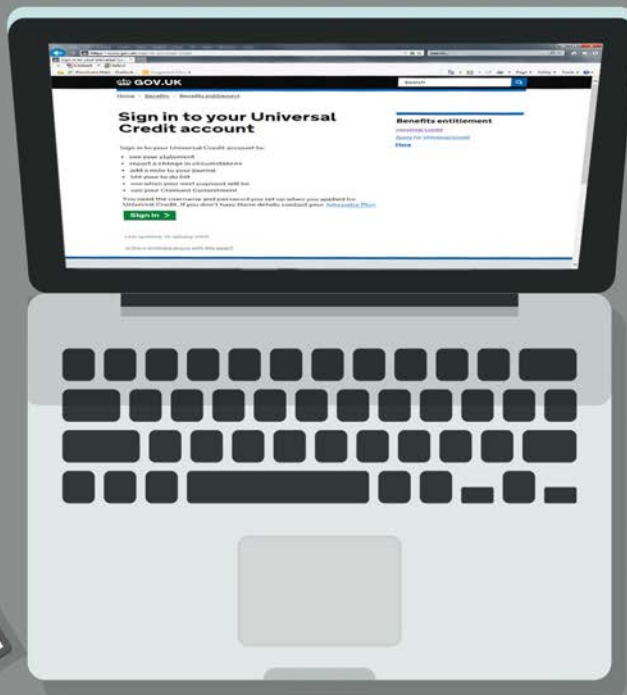
Universal credit is coming

The roll out of the largest ever reforms to our welfare system is due to take place in Gedling in November and, whilst it may seem a long way for many, we think it would be a good opportunity to tell you a bit more about Universal Credit.

The scheme will replace the current benefit schemes; Jobseeker's Allowance, Working Tax Credits, Child Tax Credits, Income Support, Employment & Support Allowance and Housing Benefit with one single monthly payment for people on low income or unemployed.

One of the key changes with Universal Credit will be that claimants will collect their payments online and therefore will need access to the internet and an active email account. The Department of Work and Pensions, who are based at the council offices in Arnold, will be responsible for the roll out of the scheme and will be offering support for customers as the date of the new scheme going live gets closer.

For more information about the changes visit www.gov.uk and search for Universal Credit or contact Arnold Jobcentre Plus on 0845 604 3719.



Neighbourhoods with big plans

papplewick



linby village



Burton Joyce



Plans that could help shape the look of the parishes of Burton Joyce, Linby and Papplewick are being drafted by local residents. Neighbourhood Plans, documents that can help decide planning applications, are in their early stages at all three villages with consultation about to begin. The three parish councils are following in the footsteps of Calverton, who recently had their Neighbourhood Plan officially put in place.

As well as the Neighbourhood Plan, a conservation area appraisal has been prepared by our Planning Policy team for Papplewick, which highlights the qualities of the village and potential areas that are seen as worth protecting and improving for future development.

For more information about Neighbourhood Plans visit our website www.gedling.gov.uk and search for Neighbourhood Plans. You can also find out more about the individual villages by visiting their parish council websites.



We're a Plastic Clever Council

We've announced plans to reduce the plastic we use and become one of the first Plastic Clever Councils in the country. We will be phasing out the sale of single use plastic bottles and removing single use cups, straws and cutlery in all our buildings. We will also be replacing plastic cups at our events, including Arnold Carnival, with a reusable cup deposit scheme instead.

In the UK we produce almost 5 million tonnes of plastic waste each year, much of which could be recycled but instead makes its way into our oceans, having devastating effects on marine life and the environment.

The pledge was supported by local campaigners Amy and Ella Meek, who set up Kids Against Plastic and are collecting 100,000 pieces of plastic litter to

raise awareness of the damage unnecessary plastic causes to our planet.

Amy and Ella spoke to councillors in January, asking them to support a motion to become a Plastic Clever Council, which was unanimously passed at Full Council.

Other things we will be doing to become plastic clever include running an annual plastic free challenge and producing a strategy to encourage residents, organisations and businesses in the borough to reduce their use of single use plastic.

For more information about the work Amy and Ella are doing visit www.kidsagainstplastic.co.uk



Amy and Ella Meek

Looking for some space?

We have community centres that are available to hire for meetings, events and parties at excellent rates. Our centres are based across the borough and offer a range of services that can accommodate many requirements.

We spoke with Carrie Bird, Artistic Director Flying High Expressive Arts CIC, who is a user of one of our community centres:

Carrie, tell us a little bit about Flying High Company

We are an award winning, not-for-profit company which caters for young people from the age of 4 to 20 providing performance workshops in dance, drama, musical theatre and singing.

How do you use your local community centre?

We use Pondhills Lane Community Centre for drama workshops, musical theatre, dance groups, youth theatre, youth dance and vocal groups.

How useful is it to have a facility like this based in the local community?

For the community of Arnold, it has huge potential and its history as a primary school makes it a very attractive centre.

How has your experience been so far?

Really positive. We have wonderful caretakers who work alongside us to make sure our activities can be delivered in warm, clean surroundings and nothing is too much trouble for them.

The Flying High Company will be performing at Bonington Theatre on the 14 & 15 July. For more information about Flying High Company visit www.flying-high.org.uk

For bookings and more information about our centres visit www.gedling.gov.uk/communitycentres or call 0115 901 3701



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Sign up to our Garden Waste Scheme



WIN £100
of garden centre
vouchers*

£36 per
year
additional bins cost
£18 per year



Reduce the hassle of disposing of your garden waste and join 14,000 members by signing up to our Garden Waste Scheme

To enter, order your bin at www.gedling.gov.uk/gardenwaste or by calling 0115 901 3621.

*All orders must be made by 30 April to be eligible for the prize draw.



A spring, in steps

Spring is certainly here and now is the time to create your perfect garden. We spoke with our Park Rangers, Adam and Michael, who look after our award winning parks and open spaces across the borough, and asked them for their top tips for a great garden.

Tip 1 - Don't throw all your garden waste in the brown bin. If you have shrub cuttings, the long parts can be used to prop up larger plants that need support.

Tip 2 - If you have some space in the garden, you could create a mini allotment using compost created from your garden. Leaves, which are high in nutrients and unfertilised grass are great for composting.

Tip 3 - Mowing the lawn. We would recommend you mow your lawn once a week between April and September but make sure you only cut a third off the length of a blade of grass, any shorter will damage the growth. Also, keep your mower blades sharp, this will

stop the grass being pulled out and reduce bare spots.

Tip 4 - If you notice bare spots in your lawn do not sow new grass seed until the Autumn. At this time of year the ground is damp enough and the temperature warm enough for the seed to germinate. This will give you the best chance of the grass being strong enough to survive in the following year.

Join the 14,000 members using our Garden Waste Scheme, we will collect your garden waste cuttings from your doorstep every month for just £36 per year, that's £3 per month. To sign up for a garden waste bin, visit www.gedling.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Collections on your doorstep

As well as your bins we also collect other items from your doorstep which you may not be aware of? Firstly, we provide a free monthly glass collection from your home. If you don't have a glass box, you can order one at www.gedling.gov.uk

We also collect small electrical items such as toasters or laptops. Any small electrical item can be left out with your weekly bin collection and our crews

will collect. The crews do have limited capacity to take items, but if they cannot collect something they have stickers to put on the item, advising you that it is too big or that we will come back to collect at a later date.

A number of charities now offer doorstep collection of clothing that you no longer need. The Arches, based in Nottingham, will collect items including clothes, furniture and other household goods for free. You can find out more about their collections by visiting www.thearchesnottingham.org

Don't be rubbish at recycling!

One of the biggest problems collecting recycling bins is the increase in non-recyclable materials being put in them, making them contaminated. The waste we collect is required to be below 5% contamination or it faces being turned away by recycling facilities and ending up at landfill instead at a cost to our environment and to you the taxpayer.

Many items you think might be able to be recycled are possibly causing contamination and we are asking all of our residents to check before you chuck.

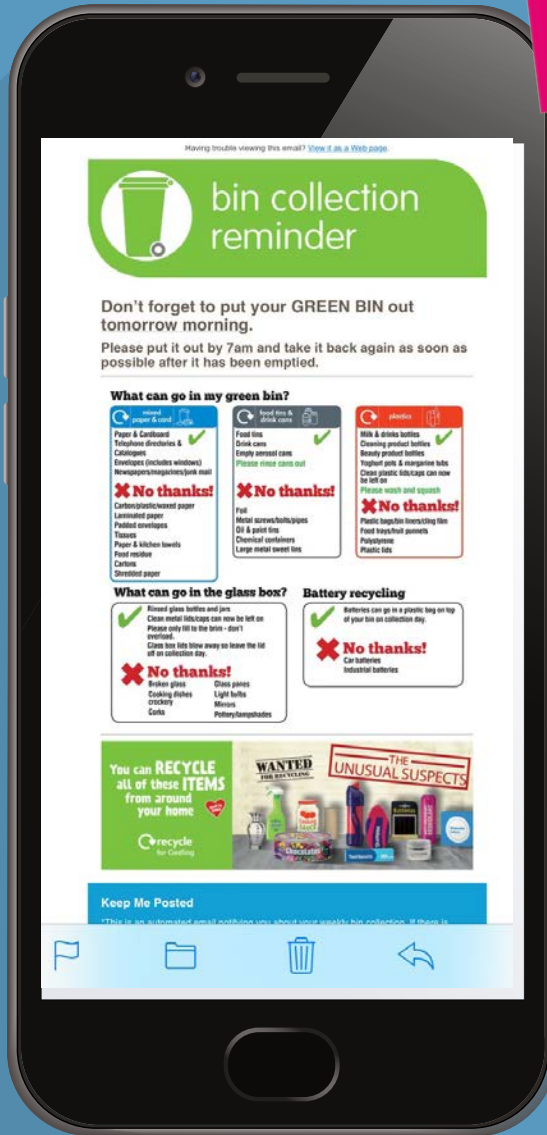
The main offenders include plastic bags, food waste, nappies and textiles.

The national target is to recycle at least 50% of waste by 2020. At the moment we are only reaching just below 40% but with the help of all our residents we can achieve this.

If you're unsure what can go in your recycling bin visit www.gedling.gov.uk/rubbish or check the back of your bin calendar



KEEP ME POSTED

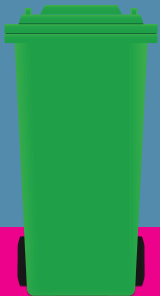


...ve a free weekly email reminder the night before your green, black or glass bin is due to be collected.

We will also notify you about any service disruption near you or changes to your collection so you'll never miss out.

Just go to www.gedling.gov.uk/reminder and enter your address to sign up

Sign up for bin collection alerts



To sign up visit www.gedling.gov.uk/reminder

InCredAble Achievement



Our leisure centres, Bonington Theatre and Gedling Country Park have been awarded the CredAble Provider Quality Mark from CredAbility, an independent service committed to quality for disabled customers.

The accreditation has been awarded based on the facilities we provide for disabled people, giving them more choice and making a commitment to respond to feedback received from the CredAbility service about our facilities.

Some of the things that were highlighted by the service when awarding the quality mark included;

- Fully accessible wheelchair access and designated disabled parking bays with three hour free parking for blue badge holders

- Essential companions are entitled to free admission to our centres
- Lowered counters at accessible entrances at the theatre and leisure centres
- Hoists fitted to access the swimming pool alongside accessible shower rooms and toilets
- Accessible seating at the theatre
- Accessible gym and workout areas in our leisure centres

The awards will be displayed at all our centres. For more information about what the quality mark means, visit www.accesscard.org.uk and search for our centres under 'Find a Provider'.

Calverton gym extension

Due to popular demand, Calverton Leisure Centre is to be given a £20,000 refurbishment which will increase the gym size and equipment available. A recent increase in customers wanting to use the free weight and functional training facilities has resulted in plans being made to extend the gym area to make more space for specialist weight training equipment such as a squat rack and a Olympic lifting platform. Work began in February and is expected to be finished this month. For more information, visit www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure or call 0115 901 3800.



Carlton gym upgrade

Carlton Leisure Centre is to have a £190,000 investment into new gym equipment. The gym will have brand new state-of-the-art cardio vascular equipment including plate loaded resistance machines, a free weight and training rig, tyre flipping simulators, self-powered treadmills and stair climbers. Work will also include installing new flooring and replacing the lighting with new LED lights. The new equipment along with the improved layout will improve the gym users experience and is due to be ready by Easter. For more information or to join Carlton Forum Leisure Centre, visit www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure

Community newsletter

We have launched a new Community email newsletter aimed at community and voluntary groups in Gedling. The newsletter provides information about volunteering, funding for projects and activities, voluntary sector training and development opportunities. It also offers groups the opportunity to promote their own events and services and advertise for volunteers.

Groups wishing to sign up to the newsletter should email community@gedling.gov.uk and a link will be sent to you with details about how to sign up.

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Do you look after someone with Dementia?

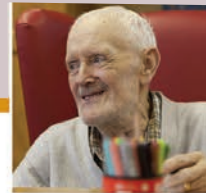
Important information is now available for YOU!

Introducing a programme of support sessions for carers of people with Dementia

The programmes are held throughout the year at various venues in Nottingham

“This has helped me understand my dad more and look after him better” - Carer of father with dementia

“This has made all the difference to me and the family”



All enquires on: 0115 978 6133
Or email info@radfordcaregroup.org.uk
www.radfordcaregroup.org.uk



Mayor's news

It has been a busy few months and I have been to many places across the borough and seen again the way community comes together especially at Christmas. I attended several events including the light switch-on in Arnold town centre. It was a great occasion and the place was full of children with their families enjoying the festivities. I took great pleasure in helping them switch on the Arnold lights and many others within the borough over the Christmas period. I also enjoyed the many Christmas Carol Concerts where the choirs were absolutely wonderful. I also took part in the Good Shepherd Church bazaar where I helped cook food for nearly a thousand people to help raise money for the church.

Oh yes I did! Yes, I raised £1,700 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association by organising and taking part in my very own panto, Dick Whittington.

The panto at the Bonington Theatre was a great success with all the tickets selling out. I would like to say a huge personal thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the performance and helped raise money for my chosen charity.

I have also had the opportunity to invite several school groups to the council chambers where they took part in a variety of themed debates. Topics debated included, plastic recycling, water conservation and school uniform. I have also visited a number of schools where I was able to present certificates for all the young people who have successfully completed the D.A.R.E programme.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2018

Mayor of Gedling, Cllr Viv McCrossen

What's on this Spring

A Poppins picnic in the park

Sunday 8 July - 11am

Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LU

To celebrate International Women's Day we're holding a special picnic in the park with a screening of one of the most iconic female led films ever made, Mary Poppins.

We have all sorts of things taking place on the day alongside the screening including arts and crafts events and local theatre groups in character. We will also be celebrating the 100 year anniversary of women receiving the vote and will have events taking place to mark the occasion.

For more information visit our events page at www.gedling.gov.uk/events



Dates for your diary

Arnold Carnival

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 June
Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham

Colwick Play Day

Saturday 23 June 1pm – 4pm
Colwick Recreational Ground, Mile End Road, Colwick, Nottingham

Calverton Play Day

Saturday 14 July 1pm – 4pm
William Lee Memorial Park, Park Road, Calverton, Nottingham

Arnold (Gedling) Play Day

Wednesday 8 August 1pm – 4pm
Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham

Carlton & Gedling Play Day

Wednesday 22 August 1pm-4pm
Recreation Ground, Burton Road, Carlton, Nottingham

For the most up to date information about the events taking place in the borough visit www.gedling.gov.uk/events

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What's on at The Bonington

Music

Thursday 5 April

JazzSteps: Camilla
George Quartet

Monday 9 April

Nottingham Organ
Society: Andrew Nix

Thursday 12 April

Lady Be Good: The Ella
Fitzgerald Songbook

Sunday 15 April

Jazz In The Bar

Thursday 19 April

JazzSteps: Dominic j
Marshall Trio

Monday 30 April

Nottingham Organ
Society: Ryan Edwards

Tuesday 1 May

Those Were The Days

Thursday 3 May

JazzSteps: Eddie
Henderson With The
Bruce Barth Trio

Sunday 20 May

Jazz In The Bar

Thursday 24 May

JazzSteps: Maciek Pyz
& Gianluca Corona

Monday 4 June

Nottingham Organ
Society: Tony Stace

Thursday 7 June

JazzSteps:
Ed Jones Quartet

Sunday 10 June

Patsy Cline & Friends

Monday 9 July

Nottingham Organ
Society: Robert Davies

Saturday 28 July

John Miller & Grant
Dermoddy

Theatre

Saturday 21 April

Third Angel Theatre:
Cape Wrath

Wednesday 25-28 April

Bonington Players:
Agatha Christie's
Murder On The Nile

Friday 4 May

Shifting Sands Theatre:
The King Lear

Friday 11 May

Baroque Theatre
Company:
Twist

Wednesday 16–19 May

Prospect Players:
Di & Viv & Rose
Thursday 31 May
Garlic Theatre:
Little Red Robin Hood

Saturday 14 & Sunday
15 July

Flying High Expressive
Arts Showcase

Royal Opera House Live

Wednesday 4 April

Macbeth (12A)
Tuesday 12 & Sunday
17 June
Swan Lake (12A)

This April and May

Cinema

The Bachelors (PG)
Darkest Hour (PG)
Fifty Shades Freed (18)
Finding Your Feet (12A)
Grease: 50th Anniversary (PG)
The Greatest Showman: Sing-A-Long
(PG)
I, Tonya (15)
Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle
(12A)
The Messenger (PG)
Monster Family (U)
Peter Rabbit (U)
Phantom Thread (15)
Red Sparrow (15)
Three Billboards Outside Ebbing
Missouri (15)
Tomb Raider (12A)
Wonder (PG)

Visit www.boningtontheatre.co.uk for full listings

FREE EVENT

Arnold Carnival

16 June Saturday 12 noon - 10.30pm

17 June Sunday 10.30am - 10pm

Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 6LU

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CRAFT MARQUEE ✪ FOOD & DRINK COURT
CHARITY/INFO STALLS
CHILDREN'S FUN FAIR & ACTIVITY MARQUEE
SKATEBOARDING/BMX SESSIONS
ARNOLD CHURCHES TOGETHER SUNDAY MORNING PRAISE IN THE PARK
FUN DOG SHOW BOTH DAYS**

**LIMITED PARKING ON SITE
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For more info contact the Events & Play Officer on 0115 901 3602
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