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Leader's column

Welcome to the winter edition of Contacts. We were very much hoping that we would be using this magazine to announce ambitious plans to improve our town centres with a £20 million development, however, once again, the government has rejected our bid and we remain without funding. We will not let this stop us from continuing to do everything we can to revitalise our town centres and you can read about the exciting new development for The AMP, our new building on the old market place in Arnold on pages 4 & 5. It's bold, it's bright and it will bring new exciting business to the town and I am very proud that we are revitalising the town centre with this project.

There's also a feature on our 10 year carbon management plan, it sets out how we will work together with residents and businesses to become net zero by 2030. It won't be easy but we will do everything we can to ensure the next generation of our borough will have a cleaner borough to live in.

As well as the carbon management plan, we also have announced more details about the green lung extension at Gedling Country Park and the launch of Green Rewards, a scheme that will offer prizes to residents who take part in activities that reduce their carbon footprint. All of these projects contribute to one of the council's priorities to create a more sustainable environment for our residents to live in.



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*Please note all information in this issue was correct at the time of writing but may be subject to change

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Levelling up fund disappointment

In October, the Chancellor announced his autumn budget, which included details about councils who had successfully applied for funding as part of the government's levelling up fund. We are very disappointed to say that, once again, Gedling Borough Council was not awarded any funding.

We made a bid for £20 million to be used to transform the northern area of Arnold Town Centre, improve cycling routes in Netherfield and help bring empty shops back into use however, we were not successful.

This is now the third time that Gedling has not been successful when applying for much needed government funding. We received nothing from the Future High Street Funds, nothing from the Town Centre Funds and now nothing from the Levelling up Fund. We will now look at what other options there are to try to continue with the Arnold North project and await feedback from government about why we were unsuccessful with our bid.

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The AMP has been unveiled as the name for the new multi-million pound Arnold Market Place development.

The name is, of course, an acronym of the famous Arnold Market Place but it can also mean amplification and amphitheatre, as it will be a space used for events and entertainment. The idea behind the name is to create something that we can associate with a modern development that will help our community and local economy thrive. The colour scheme and design were created to instil a feeling of community spirit and togetherness. The new development's identity reflects a forward thinking project with a bold, modern identity.

The concept was created following consultation with local residents and businesses and has been unveiled on the hoardings surrounding the site. Look out for more of The AMP's branding around Arnold as the project nears completion in 2022.

The AMP's progress

Works on the steel frame of the new building at the market have been completed ready for the next stage.

A "topping out" ceremony took place at The AMP in August, an occasion which traditionally takes place to mark the last steel beam of a new structure being installed.

The complete structure of the building is now visible, giving an idea of the scale and what the building will look like as it moves on to the next phase of construction, which includes brickwork, stairs, floors, windows and the installation of the building's roof.

Gedling Borough Council acquired the market site in summer 2018 and have continued with the development throughout the pandemic, ensuring the regeneration of the town centre continued. The existing market has moved temporarily to nearby Eagle Square, Arnold, so that traders can continue to operate whilst the works are carried out.

The new two-story landmark building, located between the existing Methodist Church and King George V Park, will frame the new market place as well as create a new eastern gateway into Arnold Town Centre. A new public space will be created in front of the building as a central focal point for the market and the building will provide seven small units for local independent businesses with an additional space above, which can be used for a variety of commercial options.

The original purchase was funded by a successful bid of £1.25m from the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's Local Growth Fund and the construction project has been funded by the council's capital programme budget.



The building is on schedule and due to be completed in spring 2022.

Carlton Square works completed

Works were carried out in September and October by local contractors, Lindum Group, to revitalise the shopping centre car park and amenities.

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Funding for the project was provided by D2N2, who gave £350,000 to the project from its Local Growth Fund, through the locally managed N2 Town Centre Programme. The D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is one of 38 LEPs across England. D2N2's private sector-led Board represents business, local authorities, skills and training providers, and voluntary and community organisations. It promotes economic growth and jobs creation in Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, using UK Government and European funding. Their website is www.d2n2lep.org

The finished works include a new entrance to the car park from Burton Road and a new car parking layout in the northern car park, with spaces for electric vehicle points. There is also a safer and improved access between the car park and shopping area including a new pedestrian route to the shopping centre from Burton Road. HGV traffic is now separated from visitor traffic through a new, dedicated unloading area.

As well as the work to the car park, the council has also done some other refurbishment work to the square which includes:

- Works to the trees in the southern car park and further planned works to the planted areas
- Repainting of the bench and bollards close to Farmfoods and the provision of new bins
- Preparation works in the northern car park including boundaries
- Removal of graffiti from Carlton Square building

The project is part of a wider regeneration programme for Carlton and it will contribute towards one of the council's main priorities to regenerate its town centres and create a more vibrant economy.



Electric car charging points

As part of the council's plans to reduce carbon emissions and improve air pollution in Gedling, we have installed a number of electric charging points in the Carlton Town Centre car park.

The council successfully applied for additional grants totalling £100,000 from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles to install charging points in Carlton Square. There will be eight EV charging point bays to use by anyone during the day and local residents will have access to charge their cars overnight, with no car parking charge, from 6pm until 8am. The site was chosen due to its location and proximity to houses where there was limited access to off street parking making it difficult to install charging points on properties. The points are being installed with BP Pulse, operators of the existing GoUltra Low Network, who are also contributing towards the cost of installation.



Real Christmas tree collections

You can now use our Christmas tree collection service to recycle your real Christmas tree, once the festivities are over. Instead of taking your tree to the tip, or trying to stuff it in your garden waste bin, for just £5 we will come and collect your tree from outside your home.

We launched the service in 2019 and 100s of housholds have used the service already. We will recycle the tree so not only are you saving yourself time, you are also helping the environment.

The service, available to all residents, will run from 6 January until 20 January, but you can book your collection slot now. To book, call 0115 901 3901 or visit www.gedling.gov.uk/ tree-collection



The fighting pride of Gedling

Leigh Wood from Gedling has made history after winning the WBA featherweight world boxing championship.

Leigh, 32, claimed the title after defeating China's Xu Can in August. Wood took the fight with just six weeks' notice and went into the fight as the underdog but he snatched the title away with a dominant display and beat an opponent who hadn't lost for 7 years.

Leigh was invited to the civic centre to meet the Mayor of Gedling, Cllr Meredith Lawrence who, on behalf of the residents of Gedling, congratulated Leigh on his incredible win. Gedling boxing legend, Carl Froch, who won several titles and famously fought at Wembley Stadium in front of 80,000 fans. Leigh is dreaming of following in Froch's footsteps after his big win, although he has set his sights on a football stadium a little closer to home.

When speaking to the Boxing channel DAZN after the fight, Lee said "I want the biggest fight possible, I want to test myself. I said last year that there's three things I want to do and that's win the British title, win the world title, and those boxes are ticked. The only thing left to do is to be the first person to headline at the City Ground."

Congratulations Leigh on your incredible win and for becoming a World Champion, everyone in Gedling is very proud of you.

Leigh follows in the footsteps of another

2020-How we did

Gedling Borough Council has a plan that sets out our vision and it is called the Gedling Plan. This plan has a number of priorities and objectives and covers a three year period. To make sure we are meeting the objectives set out in the three year plan we produce an annual report, which is a review of the last year and details how we have performed.

It shows our key achievements and performance measures for the year for each of our five corporate priorities and how we have delivered services and outcomes which support our ethos of 'Serving People, Improving Lives'. It also shows the huge amount of work that has been undertaken over the past year in response to the Covid pandemic and how this has supported businesses and our most vulnerable residents across the whole of the borough.

Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor John Clarke has provided a foreword for the plan and said:

"In the face of all of this and ongoing severe financial pressures we continued to work hard on our priorities to provide strong and resilient communities, supported by being a high performing Council, ensuring we have a vibrant economy, having a sustainable environment and to promote and encourage the health and wellbeing of our residents. A few of our planned objectives have had to be rescheduled because of the events of last year but all still remain on track to be delivered within the three-year Gedling Plan."

The annual plan is available to view at www.gedling.gov.uk/gedlingplan



Gedling Pet Cremation Services

When the time comes to say goodbye to your pet, we will be there for you.

Find out more, call 0115 901 3713

www.gedlingpetcremations.co.uk





Our team are coming to your town

We are very excited to announce that our Customer Services team will be making their way around the borough to support residents with a wide range of services on your doorstep. We will have sessions in Carlton, Netherfield, Calverton and Gedling where you can come and speak to one of our advisors in person.

Our team are dedicated to helping residents with a wide range of council services from housing and council tax to environmental health issues and to waste services.

Where	When
Community Hub, Carlton	Every Tuesday 12-2.30pm
St George's Centre, Netherfield	2 December 10am-3pm
The CORE Centre, Calverton	11 January, 9am – 3.30pm
The Ark, Gedling	8 February, 10am – 3pm

To make an appointment on any of these sessions, call us on 0115 901 3901 or email **enquiries@gedling.gov.uk** You can access many of services online at www.gedling.gov.uk and our offices at the Civic Centre are open as normal.

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Free bulky waste collections are back

The free bulky waste amnesty is back and will run from 10 January to 25 February 2022. We will collect up to three large items for no cost between those dates and you can book your collections online or by phone from 3 January. If you are a pensioner, you can get a free bulky waste collection at any time during the year.

Bookings are limited, subject to availability and are on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to book a free collection, from 1 December 2021 visit **www.gedling.gov.uk/bulkywaste** or just give us a call on 0115 901 3901.



Tackling climate change – our plan

We have announced details of our ambitious plan to achieve net-zero emissions by 2030

The Carbon Management Strategy has a number of actions to reduce the carbon footprint of the borough and help us tackle climate change.

In November 2019, Gedling Borough Council declared a climate emergency and made a pledge to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030. Our strategy details just how this will be done. The plan has six key areas where we believe we can do something to reduce emissions levels. Those key areas are in home building, transport, energy generation, behavioural change, waste reduction and recycling and improving infrastructure to offset carbon. Within the strategy, there are over 100 actions that the council will aim to achieve over the next few years. Some of the proposals to reduce emissions include:

- Work with housing developers to achieve sustainable constructions
- Increase the council's electric vehicles usage and encourage more people to reduce journeys in cars and use biogas public transport
- Promote environmentally sustainable behaviour across the borough
- Increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill
- Plant more trees and create a Green Lung extension to Gedling Country Park



The full strategy and action plan are available to view by visiting www.gedling.gov.uk and searching Carbon Management Plan We have already carried out a number of things to help reduce our carbon footprint, this includes:

- Installed 15 EV charging points across the borough with more planned
- Installed solar panels at several council owned buildings
 - Created a solar park at Gedling Country Park that provides renewable energy to over 1,500 properties

Planted over 1,000 new trees across the borough last year and plans are in place for over 1,000 more, including a new memorial woodland

- Created pollination zones to encourage bio-diversity and banned the use of glyphosate in our parks
- Run the eco-stars fleet scheme, which aims to reduce vehicle pollution.
- Became a Plastic Clever Council and removed single use plastics from several council owned sites.



Green Lung plans for Gedling Country Park

More details about a new Green Lung extension to Gedling Country Park have been revealed.

In our summer edition of Contacts, we announced plans for an extension to Gedling Country Park following approval from Councillors in March. The 'Green Lung' project will create a link between the existing country park and nearby Digby Park in Mapperley, near Mapperley Golf Course, creating a large area of green land for visitors to enjoy.

As part of the project, we will be installing new bins, park benches, pathways and potential crossings to connect the park and the nearby green space.

A map has been created to show the area that will become the Green Lung and you can see just how big

an area it will be. The plans are still at an early stage and subject to approval, but you can see potential pathways and walking routes.

Our parks and open spaces teams will be refurbishing old signage, replacing missing trees and upgrading the tree trail on the Digby Park side of the project. Visitors will be able to walk for miles around and access the main park from the Mapperley Top area without the need to drive or use public transport.

The project will be funded externally by the Community Infrastructure Levy and will cost £50,000. The benefits of this new trail includes helping people to be more active, reducing our carbon footprint and increasing visitors to our destination country park from across the region.

Get rewarded for helping combat climate

Residents from across Nottinghamshire are being encouraged to help reduce carbon emissions with a new programme that will reward you for taking action. This comes at a time when global leaders are meeting to discuss climate change.

The programme is called 'Green Rewards'. You will be able to win vouchers for yourself and donations for local charities and projects when taking actions that help reduce carbon emissions in Gedling borough. These include travelling sustainably, enjoying nature, reducing waste or energy use and for each action you log through the website or app you'll earn 'Green Points'.

What do Green Points make?

Prizes of course! Every month there will be two x £20 vouchers given out; one for the top points earner and another in a raffle for all residents taking part.

There will also be prizes for the top wards, with donations to local charities and projects up for grabs each year.

All residents of Gedling Borough are invited to join their neighbours in taking action on climate change. You can sign up to Green Rewards at **notts.greenrewards.co.uk**.

There's also a free app for iOS and Android which you can download by searching for 'Notts; Green Rewards' in your device's app store.



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Take action to reduce your carbon footprint

notts.greenrewards.co.uk



Happy 1st birthday Gedling Lotto

Gedling Lotto turned one in September and in its first year, it has raised thousands for good causes across the borough.

The lotto is supporting over 30 good causes and is raising over $\pounds19,000$ a year for local charities, groups and communities.

One of the groups that has benefited from fundraising through Gedling Lotto is Gedling District Youth Club. They have received over £2,000 from lotto ticket sales towards an exciting project to refurbish a former train station building. They are using the money to help restore Gedling Station and create a community space for local groups. You can find out more about their project by visiting **www.gedlingyouth.co.uk**.

How the lotto supports good causes

As well as the chance for supporters to win £25,000, the Lotto offers extra prizes for good cause supporters to win, and for their good causes to receive extra funding too. Gedling Lotto now has entry to additional, national bolt-on prizes throughout the year, including vouchers for the winner and cash donations for their chosen good cause!

Tickets are still £1 with 60p going to good causes across Gedling Borough – which is DOUBLE the National Lottery contribution! Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize and draws take place every week. You can sign up to support a local good cause at www.gedlinglotto.co.uk.

Good cause? Register today for free

It's quick and easy to register and use Gedling Lotto to fundraise, simply visit **www.gedlinglotto.co.uk** and sign up for free! There are no set up or admin fees and you will receive free marketing materials to help you promote the lotto to your supporters. You've nothing to lose and a valuable funding stream



CORE lotto support

Sam and Becky took over the CORE Centre in Calverton in February this year but they knew it would be a challenge, as their main funding stopped in December 2020. They were keen to start a lotto of their own to try and raise money for the CORE centre, but found it would be too time consuming. They then came across the Gedling Lotto through one of the Gedling Community Forums and decided to give it a go.

Sam Round, Project Manager for The CORE Centre said:

"We're so glad we joined the Gedling Lotto. Once everything is in place you have access to your own dashboard, which allows you to see who your supporters are and the total raised so far. There's also marketing material, all with CORE's logo on, ready to use straight away. It's great for local people to not only help the borough, but see the benefits their donation can make within the local community. All this with the added bonus that you may win something yourself! An important factor for us was that it is easy to sign up for tickets and this couldn't be simpler."

Becky Lord, Project Manager for The CORE Centre said:

"Well done Gedling Borough Council for coming up with this fab idea and we would definitely recommend other charities to follow in our footsteps – it's a win win!"



Sam Round and Becky Lord at The CORE Centre

Build your own home with our help

We've launched a new service that helps people who are interested in building their own home to register their interest, which will inform future building plans.

Our Planning Policy team have launched a new register that allows people to sign up if they are either looking to build or organise the construction of their new home. The register also allows you to sign up for other areas including Broxtowe, Erewash, Rushcliffe and Nottingham City Council areas.

As well as a register for potential builders, we

have also launched a self-build matchmaker service. Landowners looking to sell land and builders looking for land can register and we will act as a matchmaker to try to increase the number of self-builds in the borough.

Whilst all sites on the list are considered to be suitable for housing, and generally have planning permission, you may still need to apply for planning permission for your specific proposals.

To find out more and to register go to www. gedling.gov.uk/selfbuild

How to avoid scams

Any of us can be targeted by scams. They can be very distressing, and the impact is often emotional as well as financial. If you've been the victim of a scam, remember that you're not alone. Scams are increasingly common and many people are caught out.

The good news is that there are ways to avoid being taken in by scams if you know what to look for. Age UK have produced an extensive guide that details the different types of scams that can take place and how you can avoid them.

Their guide can help you spot the warning signs that someone might be trying to scam you. It will explain:

- the ways scammers might try to approach you
- what you can do if you think you're being scammed
- · how to avoid being deceived by scams in the future

Gedling Borough Council would never contact you to ask for your bank details and if you are ever unsure about someone calling, claiming to be from the council, ask for their name and job title and then call the

council's switchboard on 0115 901 3801 and ask to be put through to them.

You can download the AGE UK scam advice booklet by visiting **www.ageuk. org.uk** and search scams, alternatively, you can call Age UK Notts for free advice on 0115 859 9260.





As winter approaches and we see more and more extreme weather, including increased flash floods, we wanted to remind residents about the actions they can take to keep their home safe and what support we can offer.

Home owners are ultimately responsible for their own properties and should take action to try and reduce flood damage. There are several different organisations who offer advice on how to protect your home. You can get access to a host of flood support advice by visiting www.floodre.co.uk.

Nottinghamshire County Council is the lead authority when it comes to flooding prevention and are responsible for the upkeep of highways and grids. They can also provide advice on how to protect your home. Visit **www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk** for more information.

If your property has been flooded then we want to hear from you as part of our ongoing work to improve our knowledge of the causes of floods in our borough and how we respond. If you do have a flood at your home, please report it to us at **www.gedling.gov.uk** search "flood" and fill out our flood impact assessment form.

On the trail at Gedling Country Park

A new tree trail, complete with handcrafted wooden sculptures, and featuring 50 different species of trees has opened at Gedling Country Park.

The British native tree trail is thought to be the largest of its kind in the country, with trees selected for the site by The Friends of Gedling Country Park group.

The trail follows two different routes, 'near' and 'far', named after coal seams in the area dating back to 1630.

Each tree has a sign with the tree's common name, its Latin name and a QR code linking to more information. A leaflet featuring a map and details about each tree, is available from Café 1899.

The trail also includes two two meter tall wooden sculptures, designed by local artist Peter Leadbeater: who also created the nature trail sculptures that are already situated around the park.

The Friends of Gedling Country Park developed the idea and Gedling Borough Council jointly commissioned the trail. It is also largely funded using Co-op Local Community Funds.



Supporting internships

We have has partnered with Vision West Nottinghamshire College and Nottinghamshire County Council over the last two years to provide work placements to young people with additional needs. These students attend the college as part of a programme that is designed to improve their employability. Each student has additional needs often additional learning needs. Some students will have associated confidence or behavioural issues.

The students joined our Environmental Services team for six weeks and worked in several different areas including waste services and in our parks and open spaces team.

Daniel joined the office in the waste services team and helped to input data, shred documents and produce mail for the distribution team as well as getting the opportunity to go out with the waste services crews.

Coree and Liam worked together to support our Park Rangers in Arnot Hill Park. They helped plant, weed and prune flowers around the park and enjoyed speaking to members of the public. Liam enjoyed his time so much he has applied to volunteer to help maintain the parks in his own time.

Following on from the success of this first internship, we are intending to offer new placements to students over the next year. The experience will help them to learn important life skills and give them a stepping-stone towards gaining employment once they finish their studies. It is also an important opportunity for the council to learn more about inclusivity and how we can provide more opportunities for people with different needs.





New play area opened in Killisick

A play area in Arnold has been revitalised thanks to a £100,000 refurbishment.

The Killisick Recreational Ground in Arnold has been be refurbished with new equipment, including 30m zip line, basket swing, roundabout and multi play unit, as well as accessible play equipment such as a wheelchair friendly roundabout, pod swing, play house and more.

Works were carried out in September and the play area was opened in October.

Improvements were made to the park thanks to funding from FCC Communities Foundation, a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by waste and resource management company FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund. FCC Communities Foundation provided a grant total of £100,000.

The funding bid was made jointly by Gedling Borough Council and The Friends of Killisick Park, a local residents' community group who undertook community consultation and identified a strong community need for the project.

A key priority for the council is to enhance our parks and open spaces and provide an attractive environment that local people can enjoy, and by working closely with local community groups and funding providers we've been able to achieve that here for the community in Killisick, Arnold.

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Garden waste billing changes

As part of our ongoing work to improve our services and reduce our carbon footprint we're changing the way we contact customers about their garden waste bill.

> We will now be sending renewal bills out by email when annual garden waste payments are due. This will mean that if you are already a customer, you will need to sign up to receive your bill. We have contacted most of our existing

members but there are still some people who have not signed up.

Residents can join our garden waste scheme for just £38 per year. We will collect your hedge

trimmings, leaves, grass cuttings, plants and weeds, saving you time that you can spend in your garden. Go to **www.gedling. gov.uk/gardenwaste**

The Ivan Gollop Bee Garden

The Bee Garden at Gedling Country Park has officially been renamed the Ivan Gollop Bee Garden, in memory of Ivan Gollop, former Gedling Borough Council Leader and environmental campaigner who passed away in 2018.

The garden, was originally installed in 2018 after being donated to the park by local garden designer, Jimmy McAdam after being displayed at the 2018 RHS Flower Show.

The garden was designed with bee friendly plants and wildflowers and can be found tucked away to the left of the main pathway leading away from the café and play area.

Family members and friends attended a ceremony in July to mark the official renaming of the garden as a permanent tribute to Ivan and his passion for protecting the environment.











Two new murals for Netherfield

Have you spotted the new artwork in Netherfield? The bridge on Chaworth Rd has been given a fresh design thanks to Poacher Line Community Rail Partnership, Network Rail, East Midlands Railway and artist Lionel Stanhope. The designs were created by local school children and unveiled by the Mayor of Gedling.

The partnership engaged with the local community, working with residents, community groups and schools to propose ideas for the designs. One side of the bridge features the words "Welcome to Netherfield" and the other side showcases the community suggestions and designs with the mural spreading across both sides of the entrance of Netherfield railway station.

Volunteers spent a day cleaning and preparing the bridge and artist Lionel Stanhope spent three days painting the murals.

The large murals are instantly noticeable when crossing the bridge and will welcome residents and visitors to the area for many years to come.



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December 2021 - January 2022

Cinema

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Encanto Ghostbusters: After-life King Richard Mothering Sunday The French Dispatch



Spencer Spider-man: No Way Home West Side Story Elf It's a Wonderful Life Die Hard Paddington

Event Ciner

Anything Goes Sunday 5 December, 1.30pm & 7.30pm

£12.50 | £10 concessions

Men Who Sing + Carlton Male Voice Choir Friday 10 December, 7pm £9 | £8 concessions | 16-25 £4

André Rieu: Christmas with André Friday 17 December,1.30pm & Saturday 18 December, 7.30pm

£12.50 | £10 concessions Live Music Jazz Steps: Will Glaser

Thursday 2 December, 8pm £12 | £5 students



Nottingham Organ Society Christmas Show

Monday 6 December, 7.30pm £8 | £7 members

We Three Kings Sunday 12 December, 7.30pm (Sold Out)

Jazz Steps: Dinosaur

Thursday 16 December, 8pm £12.50 | £5 students

Jazz in the Bar

Saturday 18 December, 12.30pm £8

The Big Band at Christmas

Monday 20 December, 7.30pm £16

Nottingham Organ Society Monday 3 January, 7.30pm £8 | £7 members

Jazz in the Bar Sunday 23 January, 7.30pm

Live Theatre

Tony Stockwell Wednesday 1 December, 7.30pm From £19.50

Bonington Players present Silly Cow

Wednesday 19 – Saturday 22 January £8

Flying High Young Company: Aladdin

Tuesday 21 December at Midday (Dress Rehearsal- Pay What You Can)

Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 December at 3pm & 7pm

Copper Studios RENT

Friday 14 January, 7.30pm Saturday 15 January, 2.30pm & 7.30pm £13 | £10 child

Cinema tickets

£6 | £4 (concessions) | £4 16-25 Members

Tickets are available online or by calling the box office.



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www.boningtontheatre.co.uk Bonington Theatre, High Street, Arnold NG5 7EE 0115 901 3640

LIVE & LOCAL NEAR YOU?



Would you like to bring quality, affordable, live entertainment to the heart of your community?

Live & Local - Nottinghamshire is a network of volunteers across the county who choose and promote professional performances in local venues for their own community. A professional office team support the network by helping local organisations to choose shows and by co-ordinating the bookings, subsidising performances and helping to attract the audiences. Organisations can choose to have music, drama, dance, storytelling, spoken word or children's shows at a community venue, usually a village hall, community centre or church.

Any enthusiastic voluntary group can become part of the Live & Local network. They don't need to have a 'theatre', any previous experience in promoting professional arts events, a stage or any special equipment. The performers are all professional artists (individuals, theatre companies and musical groups) from across the UK who will fit in with the community from the moment they arrive, enjoy what they're doing and are expert at performing.

It is all made possible by financial support from Arts Council England, Gedling Borough Council, Inspire and Nottinghamshire County Council; but it happens because of the support and enthusiasm of local volunteers and their communities.



The scheme is currently open to new venues in Gedling borough. To find out more about this, contact Sophie Kirk on sophie@liveandlocal.org.uk or 01926 402173.

The latest from leisure

A scheme to get disadvantaged children learning to swim was awarded £26,970 from The Jigsaw Foundation. The scheme provides subsidised swimming lessons at Gedling leisure centres for up to 62 children who are Jigsaw Homes Midlands residents. The lessons cost just £2 each and take children from being non-swimmers to achieving their 25 metre badge. Find out more online at www.gedling.gov.uk/jigsawswim or visit Arnold, Calverton or Carlton Forum Leisure Centre with your Jigsaw tenant number."

Over 200 armed forces personnel and veterans have taken out an Armed Forces Membership since we launched this new membership a year ago. They have been enjoying free gym sessions and the personalised programmes that our staff created for them.

Find out more and apply online at **www. gedling.gov.uk/armed-forces-leisure**, or call any of our leisure centres for information. Carlton Forum Leisure Centre, in conjunction with Carlton Academy, received funding for some new trampolines. They will be introducing junior trampolining classes this autumn. Call the leisure centre for more information on 0115 987 2333.

Good Boost sessions began earlier this autumn, taking place on Wednesdays in the pool at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre. The tailored sessions are specially designed to reduce pain and increase strength and mobility and are great for people with osteoarthritis, hip and knee pain and musculoskeletal conditions. Find out more at www.gedling.gov.uk/goodboost or call the centre on 0115 987 2333.



You can sign up to a contract-free membership, or pay as you go with a Gedling Leisure Card. Find out more, or order a three day pass to try our pools gyms and classes for free, at **www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure** or call the leisure centres:

Arnold 0115 901 3690 | Calverton 0115 901 3800 | Carlton Forum 0115 987 2333 | Redhill 0115 901 3630

SWIMMING LESSONS IN DECEMBER

and be entered into a prize draw to win a FREE KID'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!

_____ Enquire now _____ www.gedling.gov.uk/swimming

or call



Calverton 901 3800 **Cariton** 987 2333



T&Cs apply. See website for details

Are you **Bin smart?**







With a few easy steps, we can reduce contaminated bins. Here's what you need to know:

Only these items can go into your recycling bin and they should be clean. drv. empty. loose and not placed in plastic bags.

Remember – if in doubt, leave it out



Thank you for recycling www.recyclefornottinghamshire.co.uk

*Please take your lids off and put them in your general waste bin.



Recycling is hard

That may sound strange but it's true and many of our residents are great at recycling but sometimes we put things in the recycling bin that shouldn't be there or put the items inside plastic bags, thinking that we are helping and this can cause entire recycling loads to be turned away and sent to the incinerator. This causes unnecessary waste and impacts the environment.

We are working with our recycling provider, Veolia, to update residents about what they can recycle and we have our Bin Smart campaign that basically says "If in doubt, leave it out" when it comes to what goes in the green bin.

Find out more about what you can and can't recycle in your green bin at www.recyclefornottinghamshire.co.uk

Blocked roads causing missed bins

We collect 55,000 bins per week and we do everything we can to collect as many bins as possible but, due to some cars parked badly, there are some roads that we cannot collect from on a regular basis as our trucks simply cannot get down the road.

Since lockdown, more people are working from home so we have seen an increase in these problems. We ask that residents please take extra care when parking on the days when they know we are collecting the bins. We will always try and come back to a road that we can't collect from but if it is not possible we will not be able to come back until your next collection date.

Not sure when your bin is due? You can sign up to our bin reminder email alerts and we will email you the night before your collection and tell you what bin you need to put out. You can sign up at **www.gedling.gov.uk/reminder**



KEEP ME POSTED

bin collection reminder



Don't forget to put your Green Bin and Glass box out tomorrow.

Please put it out by 7am and take it back again as soon as possible after it's been emptied.

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Get a free weekly email reminder the night before your green, black, brown 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.

> Sign up for reminders at www.gedling.gov.uk/ reminder

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

Are you interested in playing a part in maintaining high standards of conduct by the Gedling Borough Councillors?

Do you have a keen interest in standards in public life, as well as a wish to serve the local community and uphold local democracy? Would you consider yourself to be someone with high standards of personal integrity, independence and impartiality?

The Localism Act 2011 changed the way that Gedling Borough Council deals with conduct complaints about borough councillors and parish councillors in its area. It states that the council must appoint an Independent Person to assist in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct. The Independent Person will also be consulted on code of conduct complaints.

The council already has an Independent Person but now wishes to appoint a "Reserve" candidate to be in a position to act if he is incapacitated or otherwise unable to act.

You will not be eligible if you are, or were within the last 5 years,

- a member, co-opted member or officer of the Borough Council, or
- a member, co-opted member or officer of a parish council in the Borough Council's area, or
- a relative or close friend of the above.

If you are interested in applying, please go to **www.gedling.gov.uk/jobs** on the council's website where you can find full details of the role and responsibilities and a recruitment pack.



Mayor's News

It has been a strange few months in office as we continue to deal with the pandemic. This has reduced the number of events, engagements and activities I and the Mayoress have attended.

In October, I opened a new children's home in Mapperley. Run by Prime Nurture Services it supports vulnerable children, something that is close to my own heart as I was brought up in several children's homes from the age of six. So I know first-hand how hard it is to grow up in a place where you don't have a conventional way of living or parents to support you and nurture you. I also know that if you get the right support, you can get through it and you can do something with your life – look at me, I am the Mayor of Gedling for the second time so anything is possible! I am sure the boys and girls who will be staying at the home will get every opportunity available to help them, and I wish the team there the best of luck.

We are looking forward to seeing residents over Christmas albeit in a more low-key setting but none the less, there will be opportunities to celebrate the festivities and to switch on Christmas lights and we hope to see some of you as we go around the borough this December.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.





Reduce the hassle of disposing of your garden waste and join 18,000 members by signing up to our Garden Waste Scheme.

Order your bin at www.gedling.gov.uk/gardenwaste or by calling 0115 901 3621

www.gedling.gov.uk/gardenwaste

