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Leader's column

Welcome to the spring edition of Contacts. This magazine is one of the best ways for us, as a council, to keep you updated about what we are doing and we were delighted to hear that 90% of residents feel well informed about what we are doing, according to our latest Gedling Conversation survey results, which you can read about on page 12.

We were pleased to open the doors of the council chamber and host the Pride of Gedling Awards in person, last November. We had an incredible response to the awards and received over 200 nominations. The individuals, groups, charities and businesses who came along to the event are the very best of our borough and you can read all about who won awards on pages 14-22. It was an honour to award Richard Whitehead MBE with his lifetime achievement award and, as ever, he was humbled by the accolade and used his platform to promote the importance of making sport accessible to all and we are very proud that he is a resident of our great borough.

You can also find out more about our campaign to support and promote more local businesses on pages 10 & 11 and there's an update about the importance of recycling on pages 28 & 29 where you can also meet our new Climate Change Office, a new role created as part of our mission to become carbon neutral by 2030.



Councillor John Clarke is the Leader of Gedling Borough Council. You can contact him in writing at the Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LU or by emailing clr.john.clarke@gedling.gov.uk

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

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Cllr John Clarke
Leader of the Council



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



Budget 2022

The budget for the next financial year has been agreed by Councillors at a special Budget Council held at the beginning of March.

Every year we spend around £12.4 million on a wide range of services. This year we continue to face significant pressures to deliver with reduced resources. Since 2010, our grants from the Government have been reduced and for the last three years we have been one of the worst affected councils in England in terms of core spending power, facing a reduction of 12.4% in funding since 2015/16. By comparison, 249 councils in the country have seen an increase in funding for the same period, with the largest increase for a district council similar to Gedling being 26.1%.

Gedling consistently strives to provide good value for money for all its residents, but with no additional funding, we are reluctantly left with no choice but to raise our share of the council tax bill by 2.89% for the coming year. This equates to £3.33 per year / 6p per week for a Band A property, or £5.00 per year / 10p per week for a Band D property.

Having been hit with a £5.8 million cut in money to

spend on local services, we are working hard to deliver savings to ensure our community continues to receive the high quality services it needs and deserves. The council has also approved a £7m programme of ways to save money.

The cost of responding to the coronavirus outbreak has, so far, cost the council over £5 million and the government funding so far has left us with a £1m funding gap that will need to be found by savings or cuts in other services.

Despite the difficulties of having to find this money, there are plans for investment in the borough, including the continuing improvements for Arnold Town Centre and Carlton Square. We are also investing in our parks and open spaces, in CCTV for priority hotspots, and in our waste and street cleaning services to improve the cleanliness of our borough, which are areas you told us were important to you in our recent residents' survey. There are also plans to help reduce homelessness and to develop our own affordable housing to reduce the reliance on temporary accommodation. We will also continue to invest in carbon reduction initiatives to deliver on our commitment to become carbon neutral by 2030.

For more information about our budget visit www.gedling.gov.uk

MBE for Leader

The New Year's Honours List recognises the outstanding achievements of people across the United Kingdom and this year, The Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor John Clarke has been awarded an MBE.

Councillor Clarke, who has been the Leader of Gedling Borough Council since 2011 and a Councillor for over 32 years, was awarded the MBE in recognition of his services to local government in Nottinghamshire, in particular, the work to transform the former Gedling Colliery into Gedling Country Park.

The project to restore the former colliery site, which was derelict for over 25 years, has benefitted the community in many ways. It has improved people's health and wellbeing, created much-needed new homes on the nearby Chase Farm and opened a gateway of new infrastructure that will benefit generations to come.

An MBE is the third highest ranking Order of the British Empire award (excluding a knighthood/damehood), behind CBE and then OBE. MBE stands for Member of the Order of the British Empire. Twice a year the Queen hands out special honours to recognise outstanding achievements and service to the country or community.



Your council tax explained

At around the same time as this magazine arrives on your doorstep, you should have received your council tax bill. Although Gedling Borough Council sends you your bill and we collect the council tax, we do not receive all of the money.

For every £1 you pay for your council tax, we receive 8p. The remaining amount goes to Nottinghamshire County Council (76p), Police and Crime Commissioner (12p) and the Combined Fire Authority (4p). The 8p we receive funds the essential services we are responsible for which is emptying your bins, maintaining parks and open spaces, offering value for money leisure services, cleaning your streets and supporting our most vulnerable residents.

We have had to increase our share of the council tax by 2.89% which is around 6p per week if you live in a Band A property or 9p per week in a Band D in order to be able to provide these services. We are the 7th worst affected council in the UK in terms of government funding for local services and have missed out on several government funding initiatives including the 'Levelling Up' fund and 'Future High Streets Fund'.

You can find out more about how your council tax is spent by visiting www.gedling.gov.uk





Carlton Square car park completed

Improvement works to the northern car park at Carlton Square have been completed, including a new entrance, a realigned parking layout and charging points for electric vehicles.

The works were carried out to revitalise the shopping area car park and amenities for shoppers. They include the creation of a new entrance to the car park from Burton Road and a new car parking layout in the northern car park, as well as eight electric vehicle charging points. Local residents will also have access to charge their cars overnight, with no car parking charge, from 6pm until 8am.

Access between the car park and shopping area has also been improved and made safer with a new pedestrian route to the shopping centre from Burton Road.

As well as the recent work to the car park, the council is currently working on plans to carry out further improvements, these include:

- [New landscaping to the northern car park](#)
- [New street furniture, bollards, bins and seats.](#)

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

Most of the funding for the works was provided by D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) who gave £350,000 to the project from its Local Growth Fund through the locally managed N2 Town Centre Programme.

The Office for Zero Emission Vehicles also provided £100,000 of funding for the electric vehicle charging points.



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This year, Her Majesty The Queen, will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, following 70 years of Service.

Queen Elizabeth II is the first British Monarch to reach such a milestone, an event which will be celebrated throughout the UK as well as internationally across the Commonwealth and in countries such as Australia, New Zealand and Canada – and Gedling is no different.

We'll be marking this historic occasion with a number of events across the borough. Celebration plans are currently being drawn up and we'll be announcing more details on these shortly. Some of the events we're working on include:

A Beacon Lighting at Gedling Country Park – Thursday 2nd June

A Platinum Jubilee Celebration in Arnot Hill Park, Arnold – Saturday 4th June

The Big Jubilee Lunch – Sunday 5th June

You can find out about the full details of these events by visiting www.gedling.gov.uk/events

Would you like to organise your own event for the Platinum Jubilee ?

The UK has a long history of organised street parties to celebrate national events. If you'd like to organise a street party or a Big Jubilee Lunch you can register your event and find resources on planning a street party on the official Queens Platinum Jubilee website

www.platinumjubilee.gov.uk

If you would like to hold a street party you may require a road closure and you can obtain permission from Nottinghamshire County Council.



Top stars for 96% of food businesses in Gedling

Out of almost 700 food businesses across the borough, 96% have been awarded either a four or five star hygiene rating, classing them as good or very good.

The council's Environmental Health officers work closely with these businesses to ensure that they provide safe food and have good levels of hygiene to protect public health.

Officers are on hand to offer support and guidance to help businesses improve and maintain these standards and carry out frequent interventions such as inspections, investigations, sampling, and revisits.

Council officers recently began a

campaign to contact all new food businesses that emerged during the pandemic, ensuring they can be assessed and rated quickly, as well as working with businesses to ensure any new requirements, such as "Natasha's Law" which requires food businesses to provide full ingredient lists and allergen labelling on pre-packaged foods, are implemented.

To find out more about food hygiene ratings and to view ratings online, go to www.ratings.food.gov.uk

To register your food business free of charge go to www.gedling.gov.uk/food-business



CCTV improvements in town centres

State of the art CCTV cameras have been installed in two of our town centres to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

We have installed four new digital cameras on Front Street, Arnold and one in the newly renovated Carlton Square. The cameras are able to provide high quality images to help improve facial recognition and identify number plates to help assist the Police investigating any criminal activities taking place in or around the town centres.

The cameras have been installed as part of the council's commitment to invest in new and existing CCTV in priority hot spots such as Arnold Town Centre and Carlton Square.



The AMP is ready for your business

Deputy Leader Councillor Michael Payne at The AMP. Photo courtesy Nottingham Post.

Work on the flagship business units at The AMP is nearly finished and is expected to open soon and we are looking for businesses to move in.

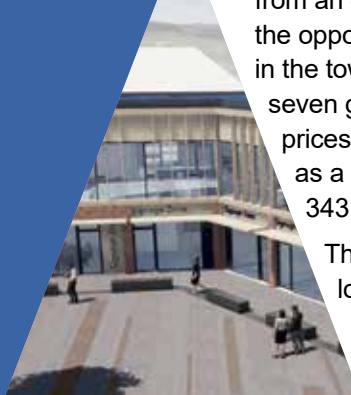
The work on the multi-million pound development is near its completion and we are now advertising the units and first floor space for potential retailers. This development can provide the perfect space for new start ups who are looking to move from an online setup to an actual shop with the opportunity to expand to bigger space in the town centre in the future. There are seven ground floor units available with prices starting at £800 per month as well as a first floor open plan space that is 343 square metres in size.

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.

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.

To find out more about how you could kick start your business venture at this exciting new development visit www.the-amp.co.uk



#REDISCOVER



#Rediscover Gedling - supporting local businesses

We've launched a new campaign to encourage more people to shop in their local town centres and high streets.

The #Rediscover campaign launched in December to support and promote local businesses and draw residents to their local high street shops over Christmas. Following the success of the scheme, we're continuing on with the campaign, raising the profile of local business all across the borough and highlighting the benefits of shopping local to our residents.

We've set up a webpage for the campaign which has an A-Z directory for local businesses across the borough for each town centre. The campaign will continue to encourage people to shop locally and promote local businesses across our town centres. Businesses can sign up to the scheme by visiting the website www.gedling.gov.uk/rediscover

This campaign has been funded through the 'Welcome Back Fund', which provides councils with a share of money from the European Regional Development Fund. The aim is to support the safe return to high street shops and encouraging more people to shop locally.

The project is receiving over £100,000 of funding from the European Regional Development Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020. Established by the European Union, the European Regional Development Fund helps local areas stimulate their economic development by investing in projects which will support innovation, businesses, create jobs and local community regenerations.

Visit www.gedling.gov.uk/rediscover and find out about the great local businesses on your doorstep.

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The Gedling Conversation

Last summer we ran a residents' survey, The Gedling Conversation, to find out what issues matter to you the most. The survey is our regular consultation with residents and we use the results to help shape our services and use your feedback to improve the borough as a whole.

The survey was sent to all households in the borough and an online version was available too.

As always, we had a great response to the survey, with over 3,500 responses and would like to thank everyone who took part and gave us your views.

Each response we receive provides valuable information to help us understand what our residents think and need, and helps us develop future plans to improve our services.



You can read the full results by visiting our website and searching 'Gedling Conversation'.

We have used the responses to create an action plan and we've selected a few highlights to share here:



Launch a consultation to support the development of the Gedling Plan 2023-2027



Consider potential service improvements as part of current and future budgets



Inform residents on the development of service plans for 2022/23



Review our communication with residents to ensure they are well informed about services.





Helping hands in the community

Over the festive period, we have been delivering our Giving for Gedling 'Helping Hands' booklet to our most vulnerable residents.

The booklet, which was compiled with our Gedling Community Hubs and Partners network and distributed through community hubs, libraries, supermarkets, post offices gives information about some of the many services and social activities available in the community.

The leaflet highlights the council's work with over 60 community and voluntary groups across the borough to deliver food and essential supplies, offer safe places to meet and connect with others, provide money advice, mental health and wellbeing befriending support.

You can find out more by visiting www.gedling.gov.uk/givingforgedling or call our customer services team on 0115 901 3901 to find out more about the support on offer.



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Pride of Gedling Awards 2021



The Pride of Gedling Awards are an opportunity for us to shine a light on the incredible achievements of residents, businesses and community groups across the borough, making a big difference to peoples' lives. In November 2021 we received over 180 nominations across the six categories, all of which were of a very high standard and we would like to thank everyone who nominated a friend, colleague, neighbour, local community or business for an award this year.

The categories have been incredibly difficult to judge and to be shortlisted is a remarkable achievement so congratulations to all of our winners and runners up, you are fine representatives of our borough and you really are the pride of Gedling.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, without them, we could not make this brilliant event happen every year. We really hope you enjoy reading about the winners over the next few pages and if you think there's someone in your community who deserves recognition make sure you nominate them later this year.

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Business in the Community

Joint Winners!

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Ravenshead Farm Shop

During the pandemic Craig and the team at Ravenshead Farm Shop have worked tirelessly to supply residents with provisions, even making deliveries to those who were unable to leave their homes.

The business does everything it can to support the local community, employing local people wherever possible and working with small local suppliers and growers, selling their merchandise the shop, becoming a lifeline for numerous local businesses and helping them to survive throughout the pandemic.

Over the past few years, Craig and the team have not only gone from strength to strength themselves, but also supported many other local businesses, the local community and numerous charities.

It's Inn The Bank

This local pub has provided a vital service to the Netherfield community throughout the pandemic. They created a community page on Facebook, providing much needed humour and ran a Friday night disco which could be watched online, taking requests and raising a smile when things seemed bleak. When pubs were allowed to reopen, they created a safe environment to socialise in, closely following Covid guidelines.

Throughout both lockdowns they delivered food to vulnerable residents, cooking meals for the Gedling community at the Richard Herrod Humanitarian Centre, using their kitchen at the pub and joining volunteers at the centre to help pack them for delivery.

Special Judges' Award – Clare Gatford



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**AWARD SPONSORED
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Community Heroes Award Winners

Cullen Morathota and Bernice Thomas

After a cadets meeting, Cullen and Bernice were walking home when they saw a motorbike on its side and a man sat on the curb, clearly an accident had happened and the cadets swung into action. They carried out a primary survey of the situation, announced they were trained first aiders and began to administer help to the fallen rider.

They kept their cool and took control of the scene, rallying bystanders to help, gathering notes of the incident and making the scene safe, all whilst administering first aid to the rider and making him as comfortable as possible until help arrived.

Runners up - Arnold Foodbank and Phil James



**AWARD
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Outstanding Community Project Winner

Emmanuel Church

Lockdown was hard for all of us but for some it was extremely concerning as people lost jobs, lost income and were unable to put food on their tables. That's where Emmanuel Church and Tony and Nikki stepped in.


Tony and Nikki started cooking homemade meals for the whole community during lockdown. They were available every Tuesday and Thursday and are now still available every Tuesday. There are no questions asked when collecting the meals. The meals are delicious, nutritious and feed the whole family. They work incredibly hard to provide a variety of meals and epitomise the word community.

**Runners up - Positively Empowered Kids and
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The Environmental Hero Award

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Business Category

The Wilkins Group

Employing over 300 staff, the group provide packaging for companies across the globe. What has made them different to their competitors is their ambitious strategy to reduce their carbon footprint when producing their goods.

They also promote local businesses and understand the importance of reducing costs to their customers.

The company have recently announced plans to extend their multi-million pound factory in Colwick which will generate new jobs for the area. It will make the site one of the biggest family-run factories in the sector.

The Environmental Hero Award



Individual Awards

Martin Dermody and Frank Knowles

The JOINT winners of the individual awards are Martin Dermody and Frank Knowles

Martin's presence throughout Gedling is well known from Arnold to Lambley, being active within "Arnold in Bloom" and of course, being a firm fixture at litter picks over several years.

Frank has pioneered the ecological management and development of wood and historical meadows of Gedling House Wood, putting tireless years' work into the nature reserve and ensuring it can be used as a vital resource such as a forest school site for local children.



The Environmental Hero Award



Young People Category

Amy and Ella Meek

Amy and Ella are local legends, having established a young people led Eco awareness and action charity 'Kids Against Plastic' around four years ago.

Amy and Ella are honorary members of the Gedling Youth Council, and as a result of their engagement in that group, the NCC Youth Service has signed up all youth centres across the county to the carbon neutral pledge, and are also running youth led litter picks in the borough.

The sisters have engaged with the council to share their vision, plastics clever toolkit and 'Environmental Challenge 2021' proposal to sign up all schools, youth clubs and public facilities in the borough, and the county, to their carbon neutral aims for 2021/22.



Pride of Britain too...

If getting a Pride of Gedling Award wasn't enough, Amy and Ella received a Pride of Britain Award for their environmental work and a BEM from the Queen. The Pride of Britain awards, hosted live on ITV, showcased incredible achievements of people up and down the country. The girls were invited to the star-studded event in London and were awarded with the Green Champion Award for their work to make more schools plastic clever. The Prime Minsister also took time to thank them for the work they have done to try and reduce plastic pollution.

As if we weren't already beaming with pride and awarding Amy and Ella our Environmental Heroes Award, we were delighted that they have received national recognition for their work.

You can find out more about Amy and Ella and the Kids Against Plastic at www.kidsagainstoplastic.co.uk



**AWARD
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Inspirational Healthy Lifestyle Winner

Arnold Swimming Club

Arnold Swimming Club has been at the heart of the community for 95 years, with its volunteer committee and coaching staff promoting health, fitness and inspiring athletes in a safe and friendly learning environment.

The club is always there for its members and during lockdowns, setting fun challenges to take part in, even without the water.

If you could bottle the enthusiasm, commitment and enjoyment that comes from the club, it would be worth a fortune.

Runners up - Mapperley All Stars and Sara Davies



**AWARD
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'Dylan Barker' Young Achiever Winner

Isobel Somerton

Isobel has dealt with not one, but two life threatening conditions that have required prolonged, intensive hospital treatment including a bone marrow donor search and transplant.

Isobel held a bone marrow registering event at the Civic Centre and increased awareness of those who had the same condition.

Despite her personal battle, she has shown immense courage, promoting awareness and the need for people to join the bone marrow register across social media, radio and even television interviews. With her family and brother Myles, she has held registration events at the Civic Centre and at schools across Gedling, raising the profile of other young people needing donors.

Special Judges' Awards - Ewan Wane, Amelia Jakeman and Fyfe Benner



Overall Pride of Gedling Winner

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foundation.jigsawhomes.org.uk

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Chris Channon MBE

The winner of the overall Pride of Gedling Award has been a true champion and ambassador for his community for several years. Chris Channon MBE has lived with cerebral palsy since he was born and, at times, he struggled to get the help he needed, especially when in an emergency. On several occasions, he had to call 999 but because of his speech difficulties, the operator wasn't able to understand him and would often hang up.

After researching emergency call systems around the world, he developed Pegasus, a secure line for people who would find it difficult to speak at a time of crisis. Once put through, the caller only needs to say Pegasus and their PIN. This enables the call handler to act quickly and get help to that person. The scheme has saved countless lives and in 2014, Chris was voted the National Police Volunteer of the Year for his work.

Before he began his work on Pegasus, Chris was a two time Paralympian, he was part of the 1980 and 1984 team and a silver medalist in the 10 meter air rifle at the 1984 games. In 2001, he received an MBE for services to the community, all before he had even created Pegasus.

**Lifetime
Achievement
Winner**



AWARD SPONSORED BY GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Richard Whitehead MBE

The winner of the lifetime achievement award is Richard Whitehead MBE. Richard was born just on our doorstep in Lowdham and from an early age, developed a passion for sport and he certainly wasn't going to let a double, through-knee, congenital amputation get in the way of him achieving success.

Richard won two gold medals at the 2012 London Paralympics and won gold again at the 2016 games in Rio. Overnight he became a superstar and he has used his fame to help others.

Richard completed the 40 Marathons in 40 Days challenge from John O'Groats to Lands End and raised money for Sarcoma UK and Scope charities.

In 2013, Richard was awarded the MBE for services to athletics and became the patron of several charities including Sarcoma UK, Footprints Conductive Education Centre in Nottingham and our local Gedling Sports Partnership, a charity we also work with to help promote sports and physical education in the borough.

Richard has used his platform to show others that they can live their life without limits and that anything is possible. He uses sport to bring people together and to highlight the importance of inclusivity and diversity. He knows what it feels like to be told you can't do something because of your disability but he never let that stop him, he just kept going.

You can find out more about the Pride of Gedling Awards at www.prideofgedling.co.uk



The Gedling Plan

The Gedling Plan is a document that sets out what we want to achieve as a council and we are now into the final year of the three-year plan. As we go into the final year, we wanted to remind you of our vision, ambitions and priorities for the borough.

Our five priorities are:

COHESIVE, DIVERSE AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

To promote strong, resilient communities and reduce hardship and inequality

HIGH PERFORMING COUNCIL

To be a high performing, efficient and effective council

VIBRANT ECONOMY

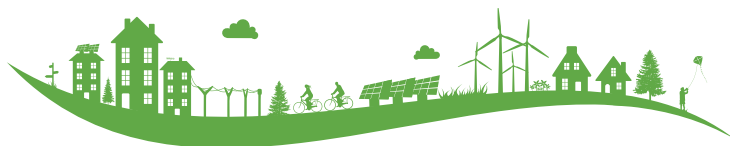
To promote and drive sustainable growth across the borough to meet current and future needs

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

To promote a sustainable environment

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

To promote the health and wellbeing of our residents

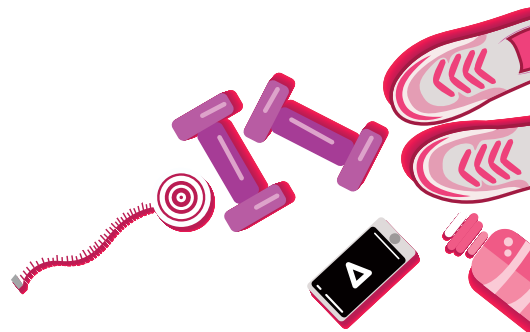


As well as setting out the council's priorities for the three year period, the plan also shows how we are managing and measuring our performance using performance indicators, updates to councillors and by monitoring each of our services through their own unique service plan. We also monitor the performance of our staff through annual development reviews that aim to capture how staff are doing each year.

The plan also sets our current financial position and you can read more about the current situation on page 4 of this magazine where we have published details about this year's budget.

Looking ahead, the plan sets out our vision for the future and we know that there are great challenges for us, and we will continue to listen to and work with individuals, groups and partners to ensure that we are a council that works for the community.

To read the plan in full visit www.gedling.gov.uk and search for 'Gedling Plan'.



What's on at The Bonington

April - June 2022



Cinema

Cyrano
Downton Abbey: A New Era



Fisherman's Friends 2
Operation Mince meat
Sonic 2
The Bad Guys



The Batman
The Phantom of the Open
The Railway Children

Event Cinema

Royal Opera House: La Traviata
(12A) – Wednesday 13 April
6.45pm

National Theatre Live: Henry V –
(15) Thu 21 & Sat 23 April



Royal Opera House: Swan Lake
(12A) – Thursday 19
& Sun 22 May

Live Music

Spencer James –
Friday 25 March at 7.30pm
Tickets - £14

Nottingham Organ Society–
Monday 4 April at 7.30pm
Tickets - £8 | £7 Members

Jazz Steps: Sloth Racket –
Thursday 7 April at 7.30pm
Tickets - £12 | £5 Students

Jazz Steps: Alex Hitchcock
Quintet –
Thursday 14 April at 7.30pm
Tickets - £12 | £5 Students

Jazz in the Bar –
Sunday 17 April at 7.30pm
Tickets - £8

Nottingham Organ Society–
Monday 2 May at 7.30pm
Tickets - £8 | £7 Members

Jazz Steps: Skylla –
Thursday 5 May at 7.30pm
Tickets - £12 | £5 Students

Jazz Steps: Fergus McCreddie
Trio –
Thursday 26 May at 7.30pm
Tickets - £12 | £5 Students

Jazz Steps: Michael Moore Trio –
Thursday 2 June at 7.30pm
Tickets - £12 | £5 Students

Nottingham Organ Society –
Kevin Grunill
Monday 6 June at 7.30pm
Tickets - £8 | £7 Members

Jazz Steps: Ben Crosland
Quintet's Ray Davies Songbook
Vol 2. –
Thursday 9 June at 7.30pm
Tickets - £12 | £5 Students

Patsy Cline and Friends Tribute –
Friday 10 June at 7.30pm
Tickets - £19

Live Theatre

Bonington Players...Play On!
A comedy by Rick Abbott
Wed 27 – Sat 30 April
Tickets £8

Blind Eye Theatre...
The Three Musketeers
Wed 11 – Sat 14 May
Tickets £TBC

Echoes of the Front Room
*Rescheduled
Fri 17 & Sat 18 June
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Instructor, Karen Dunlop with Swim Stars learner, Livvy Surgey

Staying active with Gedling Leisure

Record number of people learning to swim

This winter 3,000 people took part in swimming lessons across our leisure centres; a record number of participants in the borough. A wide range of lessons are available for all ages and abilities at Arnold, Calverton and Carlton Forum leisure centres.

Find out more about swimming lessons at www.gedling.gov.uk/swimming-lessons or call the leisure centres.

Swimming Passport

The new Swimming Passport scheme has been launched to help people be more active and enjoy swimming. The scheme enables Gedling residents aged under 16, and aged 65 and over to swim for free at dedicated sessions each week at Arnold, Calverton and Carlton Forum leisure centres.

Learn more at www.gedling.gov.uk/swimming-passports or call the leisure centres.

Virtual Aqua

Virtual Aqua classes are an exciting new activity to be trialled at Arnold Leisure Centre. Each week timetabled classes, including aqua aerobics, will be held in the pool with instructors on a large TV screen that shows the movements needed, both above and below the water. On-demand Virtual Aqua sessions will also be available, giving you the freedom to choose your workout and duration.

To learn more, visit www.gedling.gov.uk/virtual-aqua or call the leisure centres.

GEDLING LEISURE RECRUITMENT ACADEMY LAUNCHES

The Gedling Leisure recruitment academy launched this year, enabling anyone aged 16+ to train as a swimming teacher or lifeguard at Arnold, Calverton or Carlton Forum leisure centre.

Teaching is an extremely rewarding and interesting job with a great career progression path and helps people of all ages and abilities to learn an important life skill.

The courses available are:

- **Royal Life Saving Society UK National Pool Lifeguard Qualification**
- **Level 1 Swim Teaching**
- **Level 2 Swim Teaching**

Gedling Leisure recruitment academy can even fund the training, teachers then volunteer the hours back when qualified.

Volunteering opportunities are also available for anyone interested in learning more about the leisure industry. Shadow our friendly and experienced staff to learn the skills you would need to get started and see if a career in leisure is for you.

To find out more and to register for the courses, visit www.gedling.gov.uk/recruitment-academy or contact one of our leisure centres.



Gedling Leisure

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

Our new waste and recycling plans



We are committed to increasing recycling rates and reducing the amount of contaminated waste, which is where items are put in the recycling bin when they shouldn't be, so we have approved some new plans to help to make that happen.

We have approved plans to make sure that all households can have access to large 240 litre recycling bins and access to additional recycling bins, free of charge, if there's a proven need. We will also offer additional glass recycling boxes to households who need them.

We already offer large 240 litre residual waste bins to all households and this will continue to be in place

under the new policy. Larger bins will be offered to households where there are six or more residents.

The plans will strengthen working relationships with Nottinghamshire County Council, who is responsible for the disposal of waste, to look at ways to improve recycling rates, setting out some key principles around communication and advice to residents and, as a last resort, enforcement for continued contamination of bins.

When residents were asked in the recent residents' survey about how satisfied they were with bin collections in Gedling, 82% of responders said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the service.

Find out more at gedling.gov.uk/waste

Meet our new Climate Change Officer



Sim Duhra has joined Gedling Borough Council as a Climate Change Officer, a new role created as part of the council's plan to become carbon neutral by 2030.

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Council's Carbon Management Strategy has a number of actions to reduce the carbon footprint of the borough and to help us tackle climate change. Sim will be based in the Environmental Health team.

Sim said 'I am passionate about climate change and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2030, we have to work collaboratively with the community and partners to reduce our carbon emissions, everyone has a part to play.'

We recently held a consultation for our Carbon Management Strategy and we are now looking to implement it as soon as possible.

Visit www.gedling.gov.uk and search Climate Change for more details.

One of Sim's first jobs in her new role was to visit Robert Mellors Primary School in Arnold to raise awareness of recycling and educate the 50 nursery and reception children about how we dispose of waste and this included a demonstration of a Gedling bin lorry by our refuse crew. The children enjoyed the visit and the teachers said "The children really enjoyed seeing how the bin lorry worked and finding out more about recycling" adding "even some of our young 2 year olds were heard trying to tell their parents that the lorry had been."

"Experiences such as these are valuable to not only help with learning about different occupations, recycling but also to extend language and vocabulary as it provided a physical experience for the children to link new vocabulary to. Also due to the current covid climate many of our children have not had many experiences out of their home so again a great experience for them all"

For more information about our climate change plans, contact sim.duhra@gedling.gov.uk

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Protecting our heritage

After asking for your suggestions for buildings that you think should be added to our local heritage list (Contacts 56), we've now updated the list, adding around 50 new buildings to the register.

New additions range from former industrial and railway buildings to public houses and religious buildings, including the Dynamo House at Bestwood Country Park, Gedling Railway Station, The Horse and Groom at Linby and the former Wesleyan Chapel in Woodborough.

These buildings are an important part of our local heritage and by including them on the register, it gives them a more protected status which could be taken into account with any future planning applications.

To find out more or to view the local heritage list, go to www.gedling.gov.uk/heritage



Arnot Hill House in Arnold

By-election result for Cavendish Ward

In January, a by-election for the Cavendish Ward took place, following the resignation of Labour Councillor Gary Gregory.

Voting took place on Thursday 6 January with only voters living in the Cavendish Ward eligible to vote.

Andrew Mark Dunkin, the Liberal Democrat candidate won the seat, receiving 35% of the total votes. He has now become the new Gedling Borough Councillor for the ward.

A total of 979 votes were made, which is a turnout of 23%.

Following the Cavendish Ward by-election, the political make-up of the Council is:

Labour Group 28 (-1) Conservative Group 8 (-) Independent Group 2 (-) Liberal Democrat Group 3 (+1)

You can find out more about the election result and others by visiting www.gedling.gov.uk and search for elections.

Protecting our trees

Trees benefit the environment, boost wildlife and strengthen communities. Their existence promotes some of the council's main priorities, which are to create a more sustainable environment and healthier lifestyles for our residents. As part of our plans for protecting the environment, a new tree officer post was created, to provide specialist advice on the management of trees and woodlands.

We protect our most valuable trees by imposing Tree Preservation Orders and there are currently 234 orders in force across the borough, offering additional protection to individual trees, groups of trees and woodlands.

You can use our interactive map to find the location of protected trees near you by visiting www.gedling.gov.uk and searching Tree Preservation.

If you want to put forward a suggestion for a tree that you think should receive protection, please email PanEServiceSupport@gedling.gov.uk with the location and the reason for your request. Each request will be considered by our Planning Team.



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