



#### Leader's column

Welcome to the summer edition of Contacts, we have some great news, updates and information about everything taking place in the great borough of Gedling over the next few months.

In this edition, we are delighted to show you the great progress of the new landmark building, The AMP at Arnold Market Place. The building is up and nearly ready to go and it will be a great addition to the town centre. The new enterprises moving into the building are exactly what we were looking for and we are sure that you will all be impressed with what is coming. This was an ambitious project and one that will help boost the local economy, create jobs and encourage people to shop locally.

We also have some exciting news about the Tour of Britain race, which is coming through Gedling and, thanks to the new Colliery Way, the race will be speeding past Gedling Country Park as part of the course. This is a great opportunity to take young people to see a huge sporting event for free and to inspire the next generation of cyclists and sports people.

And finally, the Pride of Gedling Awards nominations are now open. Last year, we received over 180 nominations and they were fantastic entries. We are delighted to be able to run the event again this year. If you know someone who has gone the extra mile, helped a neighbour or supported their community, we want to know about it.



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

#### **Cabinet Members**



Cllr John Clarke Leader of the Council



Cllr Michael Payne
Deputy Leader Responsible
for Resources and Reputation



Cllr David Ellis Responsible for Public Protection



Cllr Jenny Hollingsworth Responsible for Growth and Regeneration



**Clir Henry Wheeler** Responsible for Housing, Health and Wellbeing



Cllr Ron McCrossen Responsible for Environment



Cllr Viv McCrossen Responsible for Young People and Equalities

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# The new landmark AMP building is nearly complete!

Works are almost finished on the new AMP building at Arnold Market Place and there are a number of exciting new businesses moving in.

Up to £4 million was allocated to the project as part of the council's plan to revitalise the town centre and create a new space that will help boost visitors to Arnold and support local businesses. The building is due to be completed by August and will be open to customers soon.

The completion of the new two-storey building, situated between the existing Methodist Church and King George V Park has created a new eastern gateway into Arnold Town Centre. The new public space in front of the building is a central focal point for the market and is the perfect place for people to sit and enjoy the new building.

The building will provide seven small outlets for local independent businesses with flexible space above, which could be used for a variety of commercial options. Enquiries are still being taken for the

first floor and the units downstairs and prospective tenants can find out more at www.the-amp.co.uk

The AMP has been constructed by developers G F Tomlinson, the company, who previously built the council's iconic Café 1899 at Gedling Country Park.

Funding for this project is coming from the council's capital programme budget, boosted by a successful bid for £1.25 million from the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's Local Growth Fund, which supports town centre improvements. The project will create around 40 new jobs through business employment and through the construction of the new buildings.

We will be announcing a grand opening of the new building in due course so sign up to our Latest News email newsletter at

www.gedling.gov.uk/keepmeposted to stay up to date.



## Clean, green energy at The AMP

The latest additions to the AMP building are 51 solar panels, as part of the scheme's plans to be more sustainable and use renewable energy sources.

The building has been designed to use less energy, and reduce its CO2 emissions. The two storey building will have a number of energy efficient designs including the solar panels, natural ventilation points, high efficiency LED lighting and systems that are more sustainable such as air source heat pumps.

The 51 solar panels on the roof of the building will help generate an estimated annual yield of 14,924 kWh of power to the units, saving energy costs for the tenants while providing clean, renewable energy. The building will also be fitted with rainwater retention tanks that will be used to reduce flood risks and feed the semi-mature trees that will be planted in the space outside the building to offset carbon emissions.

Gedling Borough Council has made a commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030 and some of the measures in the council's action plan include installing more solar panels on council buildings and promoting more sustainable energy options to developers when approving planning applications.



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#### Support for vulnerable residents to help with cost of living

Gedling Borough Council helped households on low income with a reduction in their Council Tax of up to £30 to help with the cost of living.

A special budget of £60,000 was approved by the council as part of the annual budget, to offer hardship contributions to households who are struggling to pay their council tax. The specifics of the scheme, approved by the Leader of the Council, gave a council tax reduction of up to the value of £30 for any households who are in receipt of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme but still have an amount to pay.

This scheme, which ran between April and May, helped Gedling's most financially vulnerable residents. One of the council's main priorities is to reduce poverty and inequality and provide support to the most vulnerable.

All eligible households received the support automatically and did not need to apply, the scheme is now closed but there is ongoing support available for people on low income through the Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Find out more at

www.gedling.gov.uk/benefits



Look out for

FREE workshops

and events in

your library!

FREE TO JOIN! For children aged 4 - 11.

**Summer Reading Challenge 2022** 

ADGELE

Presented by The Reading Agency. Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Be a Gadgeteer this summer!

We've teamed up with the Science Museum Group for a science filled reading adventure.

At all Inspire Nottinghamshire libraries Saturday 9 July - Sunday 4 September

Find out more at inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge











## Plans to give local councils more powers

Plans are being put forward by the national government to give more powers to our region to access funding and make important decisions around growth, transport and regenerating the East Midlands.

The plans for an East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority would not create a new tier of council and would not change the way Gedling Borough Council operates, but it should put more decision-making powers into the hands of local people.

At this stage, we are still waiting for more details about how this will work and while we are supportive of the plans, we are still looking for confirmation from the four lead councils, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council about how decisions will be made and that the scheme will be fair to the borough and district councils.

Key areas for greater powers and improvement of services include transport and infrastructure, business growth, inward investment, strategic regeneration, destination management, employment, education and skills. Council resources

could also be pooled to make them go further.

All the councils involved, including district and borough councils in these areas, would retain all the powers they already have. The deal would bring a level of government which already exists from Westminster to the East Midlands, to be shaped by local councils, and closer to the residents and businesses it affects.

The four lead councils will work with district and borough councils, businesses, and other stakeholders, through forums including the Economic Prosperity
Committee and Vision Derbyshire to look at the details of the plan, which needs to be approved by the government. Further discussions with the government are expected to take place soon.

You can find out more about the plans by visiting <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/">www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/</a> devolution

## Recently refurbished town centre car park to benefit from state of the art CCTV

A new £15,000 CCTV camera has been installed to monitor the recently redeveloped Carlton Square car park and surrounding area.

The camera, which has been fitted at the top of a 10-metre column to improve its coverage, has been installed as part of the council's commitment to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and to invest in new and existing CCTV in priority hot spots.

The CCTV camera has been funded as part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Safety Partnership.

The camera provides high quality images which can help assist the Police investigating criminal activities taking place in or around the area.

Carlton Square car park reopened in December 2021 following £450,000 of improvement works as part of a wider regeneration programme for Carlton. The works contribute towards one of the council's main priorities to revitalise its town centres and create a more vibrant economy.

## **By-election result for Gedling ward**

In May, a by-election for the Gedling Ward took place, following the resignation of Labour Councillor Jennifer Thomas.

Polling took place on Thursday 26 May with only voters living in the Gedling Ward (not borough) eligible to vote.

Lynda Jane Pearson, the Labour Party candidate won the seat, receiving 39% of the total votes, and will now become the new Gedling Borough Councillor for the ward.

A total of 1,762 votes were made which is a turnout of 36%.

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

Labour9\* Group 28 (-)
Conservative Group 8 (-)
Independent Group 2 (-)
Liberal Democrat Group 3 (-)

You can find out more about the election result and others by visiting <a href="www.gedling.gov.uk">www.gedling.gov.uk</a> and search for elections.



## Holocaust memorial to be created at Gedling Country Park

A new £35,000 Holocaust memorial is due to be installed at Gedling Country Park. The memorial will commemorate the millions of people who lost their lives in the Holocaust and forms part of the council's commitment to the continued improvement of Gedling Country Park.

The focal point of the memorial will be a sculpture, surrounded by a circular footpath, lined with cherry trees and native wildflowers, as well as several benches, offering visitors a peaceful place to reflect and remember the millions of men, women and children murdered during the Holocaust, as well as to remember and pay tribute to residents and loved ones who have lost their lives.

The memorial will be located near the park's central lagoons, next to what will become part of the new Green Lung Corridor footpath, which once completed, will link Gedling Country Park to Digby Park Arboretum, through a new walking and cycle route.



Leader and Deputy Leader at the site where the memorial will be placed

# TOUROF (S) BRITAIN

The Tour of Britain returns to Gedling this September.

Returning to Nottinghamshire for the third time, and for the first time since 2018, the Tour of Britain will be making its way through Gedling on Thursday 8 September.

The eight day tour, which starts in Aberdeen and finishes in The Needles on the Isle of Wight, will be coming through Gedling Borough for stage three of the event, including a race along the new Colliery Way.

The Nottinghamshire stage of the tour will start and end at the same locations as it did last time in 2018, starting in West Bridgford and making its way through Cotgrave, Gedling, Southwell, Retford and Worksop, with the stage finishing in Mansfield.

The 190km route, approximately 118 miles, also passes key landmarks and attractions across Nottinghamshire, such as world-famous cricket ground Trent Bridge, the legendary Sherwood Forest and our very own, Gedling Country Park.

The Tour of Britain starts in Aberdeen on Sunday 4 September. As well as passing through Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, the route also takes riders through the Scottish Borders, Redcar & Cleveland and North Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and Dorset.

A total of 19 teams and 114 riders are scheduled to compete in the race, which will be broadcasting live on ITV4 with flagto-flag coverage of every stage, as well as a nightly highlights show, allowing fans in the UK to watch wherever they are.

The modern-day Tour of Britain was launched in 2004 and has taken place every September since, with the exception of 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic forced its cancellation.

All timings and routes are subject to change, please visit

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/tourofbritain.for the latest updates





### NCHA Care and Support

### Sherwood House

Choosing the right residential care home is a big decision, whether it's for you or for a loved one.

At Sherwood House we have a strong, committed, enthusiastic team of staff who take pride in creating a 'home from home'.

In the pretty village of Linby our beautifully refurbished period home has been fully modernised to meet varying needs including; mobility issues, physical disabilities and lack of confidence to live independently.

Whether you're looking for long-term accommodation or short-term respite care. Sherwood House offers a warm welcome to all.

Call us today to find out more about how we can help care for you or your loved one. We also offer RESPITE care



- 0115 964 2721 and quote CONTACTS
- sherwoodhousemanagement@ncha.org.uk
- www.sherwoodhouse.org

# Home energy improvements for low-income families



Homes in Netherfield and Newstead Village will soon benefit from new home energy improvements including external wall insulation and solar panels thanks to the Green Homes Local Authority delivery household retrofit scheme.

Households with an energy performance certificate D to G, and an annual household income below £30,000, could be eligible for the free improvement works. 11 homes have already had work completed to improve their energy efficiency, with more work planned for other properties over the coming months.

Following the initial works, additional funding of up to £891,000 has now been approved for more improvements, including installing a small number of air source heat pumps to properties. Some of this funding will also be used for improvements to households not connected to the main gas network.

Gedling Borough Council is delivering the government funded scheme in partnership with Nottingham Energy Partnership and EON. Potentially eligible households will be contacted directly by the council, and follow up door to door visits will also be carried out by Gedling Borough Council staff, who will be wearing identification badges.

If you have any concerns following a visit please call 0115 901 3972.



## **Colliery Way is officially open**

In March, residents and motorists who live in and travel through Gedling were able to celebrate the opening of Colliery Way, known previously as Gedling Access Road, as it was officially opened to traffic in March.

The £49 million road will link the A612 with Mapperley Plains and will improve journey times, reduce congestion through Gedling village and bring new homes, jobs and businesses to the area.

Works on the 3.8km of new road began in January 2020 and construction teams have since moved 512,000 cubic metres of earth, equivalent to 204 Olympic swimming pools, laid 45,816 tonnes of tarmac and installed 30 kilometres of drainage pipes and cable ducts.

The scheme is also set to benefit the environment, with 53,000 new trees being planted across the site, and ecological measures including seven badger tunnels, six amphibian crossings and seven bat hop-overs being constructed.

Colliery Way will contribute towards the ongoing housing development in the area, creating much needed new homes, with improved access to the Chase Farm development and improved access to our Gedling Country Park. This all directly contributes to the local economy through new jobs and more people moving into the area to live and work.

This road will also be welcomed by the residents of Gedling village who will see a big reduction in through traffic, it will give them their village back. The name of the road also ensures that the rich heritage of the former colliery, upon which this road is built on, is not forgotten and it's a fantastic symbol of the regeneration of the area alongside the very popular Gedling Country Park.

A sapling from the famous Major Oak tree was planted by local schoolchildren near the road as part of the official opening, which was attended by the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, as well as local residents, council officials and partners.









#### A breath of fresh air

Drivers are being asked not to idle their vehicles, which means leaving a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while stationary on a public road, as a way to cut carbon emissions and improve air quality.

The measures are being introduced as part of the council's Air Quality Action Plan and supports the council's work to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Emissions from vehicles play a large part in poor air quality which can contribute towards health problems such as heart and lung disease. As well as this, CO2 emissions from vehicles are also widely recognised as contributing towards climate change.

Anti-idling legislation has now been introduced across Gedling Borough which states drivers can be issued a £20 fixed penalty notice (FPN), increasing to £40 if not paid within 28 days.

The legislation does not mean drivers in stationary or slow moving traffic will be issued with a FPN. However, drivers who refuse to turn off their engine in situations such as waiting to pick someone up on the school run, or for someone to come back from the shops, could find themselves issued with a notice.

FPNs will be issued to drivers who refuse to switch off their engine when asked to do so by council officers, this includes all cars, motorbikes, taxis, buses and all commercial vehicles.

### Tips to reduce air pollution

Switch off when waiting or stuck in a jam.

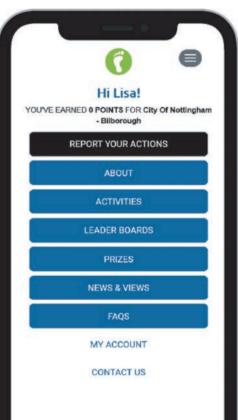
Switch to cycling or walking for local trips.

Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys.



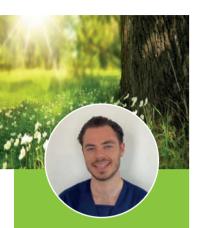
Take action to reduce your carbon footprint





notts.greenrewards.co.uk





#### Top tip for summer

"It feels amazing to be outside in the summer. Why not get in the habit of taking a brisk walk. Even just ten minutes has been shown to have significant benefits for your physical and mental health and will help to make you feel better."

Ed Cross, local First Contact Physiotherapist

#### New specialist services close to home

Dr Kate Evans, local GP and Clinical Director for Arnold and Calverton Primary Care Network

It's a really exciting time in primary care, with your local GPs recruiting over 29 new staff, plus Social Prescribers, to patient-focused roles within the last two years.

Our specialist community health teams are making a huge difference to health and wellbeing. Thousands of patients across Gedling have already met First Contact Physios, Social Prescribers, Pharmacists, Community Paramedics, Dieticians, Care Co-ordinators and Occupational Therapists.

#### How to access your community health team

Check your local surgery booking arrangements for the best way to discuss your needs and be matched with the most appropriate clinician. All receptionists are highly trained in coordinating care needs and making the right referrals.

To help us to help you, just have a chat with them or share your needs using the online forms so that everyone can be seen quicker, and closer to home.

We know that you want to be seen faster and closer to home, so we've been working hard to design these new services and to tailor them for each local community. You'll see even more services coming soon.

Our new team members work across many practices because we're sharing resources across our Primary Care Network partnership of local surgeries, the council and other community services. It's all from special funding from the NHS to provide the right care at the right time.

#### Want to have your say?

It's never been more important to get involved and help shape your local health care services.

Find out more: www.healthandcarenotts.co.uk/get involved

#### Register with your GP

If you are not registered with a local GP Practice, go to:

www.nhs.uk/register

For more about the new roles in primary care: www.healthandcarenotts.co.uk/new-pcn-roles



#### Your guide to local health services



#### **SELF CARE**

Treat aches and pains, coughs and colds at home – stock up on medicines.



#### **PHARMACY**

Visit your local pharmacy for minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms and earache.



#### YOUR GP PRACTICE

GP practices are open.Talk to your GP, nurse or other healthcare professional about symptoms that aren't going away. They offer phone, online or face-to-face appointments.



#### **NHS 111**

Think NHS111 if you need help fast but it's not an emergency. Open 24/7. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk



#### URGENT TREATMENT

You can visit your local Urg Treatment Co for sprains,

your local Urgent Treatment Centre for sprains, fractures, minor burns and skin infections.



#### DENTAL TREATMENT

For urgent dental care please call your local NHS dental practice. For urgent care, advice out-of-hours, call NHS 111.



#### MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

If you're worried about your mental health, or experiencing a mental health crisis, call the 24/7 crisis line on 0808 196 3779.

#### Find out more here: www.nhs.uk

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

#### **About South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership (PBP)**

Covering Broxtowe, Gedling, Hucknall and Rushcliffe, the South Nottinghamshire PBP is a collaboration of health and care providers, local authorities, district and borough councils and community and voluntary organisations working together to help local people live happier, healthier lives. Our partnership is built around six Primary Care Networks, or PCNs, which are groups of community services working alongside GP practices. For more information, including news and events, go to the South Notts area on: www.healthandcarenotts.co.uk

Scheme that makes homes safer may be extended

A scheme that helped improve the conditions of over 400 privately rented homes in Netherfield, making them safer to live in, is being proposed to be extended to other areas of the borough.

The council's Selective Licensing scheme was piloted in Netherfield in October 2018, and following its success, a consultation asking for views to extend the scheme to parts of Colwick, Carlton Hill, Daybrook and Newstead Village has been launched.

The consultation responses are now being processed and the feedback will be used to shape the council's final proposals for the scheme.

The pilot scheme in Netherfield saw over 400 private rented properties inspected by the council's Environmental Health Officers, and of those, 78% were identified as requiring remedial works to bring them up to the minimum legal standard to protect the health and safety of tenants. 40 properties inspected had imminent hazards around areas such as fire safety and inadequate fire protection or detection, which all required immediate action.

The council will work with landlords and residents to improve properties, but where necessary will use licensing conditions and enforcement powers to bring about improvements.



Selective Licensing can be applied in areas where there is deprivation, high levels of antisocial behaviour, high levels of crime, high levels of migration and poor housing conditions. The licensing will give the council's Environmental Health team powers to ensure properties are managed effectively and to do more when landlords are not taking steps to deal with issues relating to property standards.

To keep up to date with the progress of the scheme please email privatesectorhousing@gedling.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list.



A dog walker who allowed their pet to regularly foul on a busy street in Carlton was caught red handed following an investigation by Gedling Borough Council's Neighbourhood Wardens.

Residents had made several complaints of dog fouling in the same spot on a road in Carlton and with the help of CCTV and resident statements, the wardens were able to work out the time that the persistent offender would walk their dog. The wardens carried out a patrol in the early hours

## Wardens go out early to catch dog fouling owner

of the morning and caught the offender allowing their dog to foul at 4am. Wardens approached the owner and issued a fine and invited them into the offices for an interview under caution.

Any dog owner who allows their animal to foul and fails to clean up after them can be fined up to £1,000 and have legal action taken against them.

Any residents who see someone not picking up after their animal can report it to the council on 0115 901 3972.

#### We're providing value for money

As a council, we manage a budget of over £12 million to pay for services such as bin collections, leisure centres and providing parks and open spaces. Most of this money comes from residents through council tax and business ratepayers and one of the most important aspects for the council is providing value for money.

A recent audit of our finances has reported that the council has the correct procedures to achieve value for money and being a sustainable organisation.

The report, carried out following the guidance of the National Audit Office, looked at the council's financial sustainability, governance and how it is improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness. On all three of the criteria, they reported that there were no significant risks and that the council has good systems in place.

This positive report about the way the council spends and looks after money comes in spite of it being one of the worst affected councils in terms of core spending power, provided by central government. The report concluded that the council's budget plans were all fully costed and it did not see any immediate risk of the council's financial stability.

You can find out more about how the council spends its money by searching Gedling Plan on our website.





## Pride of Gedling Awards - nominations are open

We are delighted to announce that nominations for the Pride of Gedling Awards 2022 are now open.

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. Last year, we received over 180 nominations across the six categories, all of which were of a very high standard. Last year's winners included Richard Whitehead MBE, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award as well as Kids Against Plastic, who took home the Environmental Heroes Award.

If you know a friend, colleague, neighbour, local community group or business who deserve to be recognised for something they have done, then get nominating.

The six categories are:

- · Business in the Community Award
- · Community Hero(es) Award
- Dylan Barker (Young Achiever) Award
- Outstanding Community Project Award
- Environmental Heroe(es) Award
- · Inspirational Healthy Lifestyles Award

This year's awards ceremony will be held at the council's civic centre in November and the full details on how you can nominate someone are available at <a href="https://www.prideofgedling.co.uk">www.prideofgedling.co.uk</a>

#### Would you like to sponsor an award?

If you are a local business who would like to be a part of this special event and sponsor an award, please visit **www.prideofgedling.co.uk** and find out more about our competitive sponsorship packages.



With the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, a number of Ukrainian citizens have left the country looking for somewhere safe to live so the council has launched the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

We've been working with homeowners and landlords who want to help by offering a place for refugees to live. Our officers have been visiting these properties across the borough, carrying out checks to make sure that every home is safe and suitable for families to resettle in.

Once properties and hosts are approved, families are allowed to move in, and a number of refugees have already done so.

So far, over 50 households in Gedling have offered to host Ukrainian refugees and those we have met

are doing a fantastic job supporting their guests. As well as assisting with rehousing families, additional support is also being provided to help refugees settle in and become part of local communities. We're working closely with Nottinghamshire County Council and the Nottingham Ukraine Centre to offer extra help to those resettling and welcome them to the borough.

To find out more, or if you would like to to find out more, or if you would like to to find out more, or if you would like to to find out more, or if you would like to wo

## Have your say on our ambitions for the borough



Last year we carried out our Gedling Conversation residents' survey and the response was fantastic with over 3,000 of you replying to express your views about how well we are doing with our services and to tell us about the things that are most important to you.

Building on that response, and trying to focus on many of the areas that you said were most significant to you, this year we are running an online survey to now find out where we should concentrate our efforts in the coming years and where you would like the Council to spend the money that comes to it through things like Council Tax.

The results of the survey will help us to build our new four-year plan; The Gedling Plan 2023-27. This is the document that will set out our ambitions for the future. The survey will be coming out over the summer. Please look out for it and complete it so that you can have your say.

You can take part in the survey by visiting www.gedling.gov.uk/haveyoursay





We've launched a brand new website to promote Gedling Country Park and all of the great things you can do when you visit there.

The website has been created to help boost visitors to the park by highlighting the great facilities, including some of the obvious ones, such as the children's play area, Café 1899 and the walking routes, but also some of the hidden gems that you may not be aware of like the viewing platforms on either side of the park, information about the history of the park and the flora and fauna around the site

The website contains some spectacular photographs and videos of the park using the latest technology to capture the incredible scenery of the former colliery site from above.

The new site also has the latest opening times, car parking facilities, easy to understand directions to find the park and links to the park's social media pages.

You can see the new website by visiting www.gedlingcountrypark.com



## What's on at The Bonington

**Summer 2022** 



DC: League of Super-Pets Elvis



Fisherman's Friends 2 Jurassic World 3



Lightyear

Minions: The Rise of Gru

Nope

The Railway Children
Thor: Love & Thunder

#### **Event Cinema**

National Theatre Live: Prima Facie Thursday 21 and 28 July, 7pm £12.50 | £10



When Pigs Escape + Q&A Saturday 6 August, 2pm £10

Andre Rieu: 2022 Maastricht Concert 27 August – 1 September £15 | £12.50

#### Theatre

The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny

Saturday 23 July, 2.30pm £10 | £8

#### **Live Music**

Jazz in the Bar –

Third Sunday of each month, 7.30pm\*

\*unless otherwise stated f8



Nottingham Organ Society
First Monday of each month,

7.30pm\*

\*unless otherwise stated £8 | £7

Greatest Songs from the Movies (Matinee)

Sunday 11 September, 1.30pm £16 | £14 ABBA Sensation Friday 23 September, 7.30pm f16



Revival

Saturday 24 September, 7.30pm & Sunday 25 September, 2.30pm f10

#### Cinema tickets

£6.50 | £5.50 (concessions)

£4 16-25 members

Tickets are available online or by calling the box office







County Days are an opportunity to celebrate the identity, heritage, culture, and local traditions of Historic Counties and are celebrated by a number of other counties. The celebration of our Historic County of Nottinghamshire, in this way, will support local communities to understand and celebrate the history and traditions of the places they live, work and enjoy their leisure time in.

Nottinghamshire Day takes place on the 25th August as this date marks the anniversary of the start of the English Civil War, an event triggered by Charles I raising the royal standard at Nottingham Castle in 1642.

This year, Nottinghamshire Day is going to be celebrated in a number of ways that offer something for everyone!

We will be hosting a special 'pop up' event in Arnold Town Centre on Nottinghamshire Day and the theme will be Shop Local to help the economy.

A public event will be taking place on Saturday 27 August at Sherwood Forest that will include an outdoor stage, market stalls, entertainment and performances and food and drink.

This special day will also be celebrated with a County wide lead-up campaign that includes involvement from schools, local businesses and an environmental 'Love your Notts' campaign.

We are hoping that local businesses will also be involved in the lead up and the day itself to show everything this County has to offer.

To find out more, search 'Nottinghamshire Day' online or visit <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk">www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk</a>

## Get more active this summer



#### Your Personal Training



Customers can now benefit from a personal trainer at the Calverton, Carlton Forum and Redhill leisure centres. We've teamed up with Your Personal Training to offer sessions with a qualified trainer to help people stay motivated and on track to stay fit and healthy.

Find out how to book a personal training session at <a href="https://www.gedling.gov.uk/">www.gedling.gov.uk/</a>
<a href="personal-trainers">personal-trainers</a>

### New online system

We will soon be launching a new online system, which will make it much easier for customers to sign up for memberships online and manage their bookings for activities.

The online booking webpages will have a different look when the new system goes live this summer.

More details will be available at www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure

### Summer school holiday activities

There are plenty of activities happening at our leisure centres to keep children entertained and active over the summer holidays. Choose from roller discos, swimming sessions, giant inflatable adventures and lots more.

Find out more about our school holiday activities at <a href="https://www.gedling.gov.uk/">www.gedling.gov.uk/</a> holiday-activities



#### **Swimming summer offer**

Our Pure Swim offer is back for August!

Buy four swims and get one swim free at the Arnold, Calverton or Carlton Forum leisure centres.

Pick up a loyalty card at one of the centres from 1 August to start earning stamps and get your free swim.

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## New pilot scheme to increase recycling rates



We are launching a pilot scheme to help increase recycling rates and reduce the amount of recyclable materials going to the incinerator.

Households who put out green bins for collection containing items that cannot be recycled are being given a paper tag on their bin advising them to remove the items and then the bin will be emptied.

The scheme is being trialled in Netherfield due to the high level of contaminated recycling waste in that area. The new scheme trials a QR code system that allows people to scan a code, find out what shouldn't be in the bin and then let us know when the items have been removed, all online.

The aim of the scheme is to highlight to residents that their bin had items that we cannot recycle such as plastic bags, pizza boxes, nappies or other items listed as non-recyclable in it. A tag is placed on the bin which asks the household to take the items out of the bin and, if they fill out a form online, the crew will return to empty the bin as soon as possible.

In some parts of the borough we have up to 20% of bins containing items that we cannot recycle, we want to reduce the amount with some simple tips and advice for people who may not be aware that they are putting items into the bin that can't be recycled.

The idea behind the scheme is not to assume that people are purposely contaminating bins

as we know that people want to recycle, but they may not be aware that certain items can't go in the recycling bins. By giving people the opportunity to take the items out, fill out a form and have their bin emptied asap, rather than waiting two weeks, it may help increase recycling rates and reduce residents' inconvenience

Did you know that if a bin carrying a full load of recycling to the recycling centre is found to have just 5% of contaminated items in the load when inspected, the entire load will be refused and will have to go to the incinerator, reducing recycling rates and increasing the cost of waste disposal?

You can find out more about recycling on our recently updated webpage www.gedling.gov.uk/recycling



# DON'T WASTE YOUR RECYCLING

Stay up to date with what we can and cannot recycle

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## Your vote is your voice — don't lose it

Local residents are being reminded to make sure their registration details are up to date so they don't lose their voice on decisions that affect them.

With borough and parish elections taking place across the borough of Gedling on Thursday 4 May 2023, this is an important opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part.

In July, the elections team will start issuing annual canvass communications to all households, asking them to check that their details are correct. Following recent changes to the way we deliver the canvass, some households may be contacted by email, text, or by post. Residents are encouraged to reply using the Household Response Service, entering the codes provided, which helps to save on postage costs to the Council.

Residents that have recently moved house and receive a text or email relating to a previous address, are asked not to respond, as communication will be sent to their current address. All eligible residents can ensure they are registered, at any time, by visiting

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

In September/October, our canvassers will be conducting door to door visits to households that haven't responded to the canvass communication. Following the completion of the canvass, the Electoral Register will be published on 1 December 2022.

Residents who have any questions relating to electoral registration can email elections@gedling.gov.uk or call the helpline on 0115 901 3917.



## New Mayor for 2022/23

In May, the council met for its annual general meeting where a number of decisions were made for the forthcoming year, including the election of the Mayor of Gedling for 2022/23. The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Meredith Lawrence, officially handed over the responsibility and the chains of office to the new incoming Mayor, Councillor Peter Barnes, at the event held in the council chamber.

Councillor Barnes has been a Councillor for 46 years and this will be the third time that he has been the Mayor since Gedling Borough Council was created in 1974.

As well as attending events on behalf of the borough as its First Citizen, Mayor Barnes will also be raising money for children with cancer at Nottingham City Hospital.

### **New Youth Mayor** welcomed

In May, we also welcomed the new Youth Mayor as part of our Youth Council. The new Youth Mayor will be Fatimah Malik, who replaces outgoing Youth Mayor, Muhammad Malik. They were nominated for office by fellow members of the Youth Council and the role includes a responsibility to act as a Civic role model to young people in the borough, and to attend official engagements alongside the Mayor of Gedling.

The Youth Mayor nomination was recognised at a meeting attended by the Leader of the Council and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, where the Youth Council's achievement of the Lord Lieutenant's Young Volunteering Award 2020 was also recognised.

The Youth Council meet in a very similar way to the elected members of Gedling Borough Council. They discuss ideas and issues that affect young people around the borough. They also represent the borough on a wider level including on council boards for Nottinghamshire and even, at Westminster, for the National Youth Council. The group are supported by Nottinghamshire County Council and Gedling Borough Council as part of an education programme to help more young people get involved in politics.





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