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Leader's column

Welcome to the winter edition of Contacts. I am delighted to start this edition with the great news that The AMP is here. The £4 million development to replace Arnold Market is now finished and we are very pleased to share the details with you. We made a promise to revitalise our town centres and support local businesses and the new start up businesses moving into the new building are a great example of both of those things.

We have also announced plans for a £50 million ambitious bid for more funding to improve the north of Arnold as part of the government's Levelling Up fund. The application is our second attempt to get much needed funding and the criteria is very specific which meant Arnold was the obvious choice but we will continue to work to improve all areas in the borough including making streets safer in Netherfield, investing in more CCTV there, as well as other investment such as the new Colliery Way road in Gedling village.

It's nearly Christmas and there will be lots of events taking place, including light switch-ons, across the borough but we also know that for many, this winter will be hard. We have some important updates on how we can support people through the cost of living crisis and we will do everything we can to help our most vulnerable residents during this very difficult time.



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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



Clir John Clarke Leader of the Council



Clir Michael Payne Deputy Leader Responsible for Resources and Reputation



Cllr David Ellis Responsible for Public Protection



Clir Henry Wheeler Responsible for Housing, Health and Wellbeing



Cllr Viv McCrossen Responsible for Young People and Equalities



Cllr Jenny Hollingsworth Responsible for Growth and Regeneration



Cllr Ron McCrossen Responsible for Environment



Cllr Kathryn Fox Portfolio Holder for Diverse Communities and Life Chances

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

Christmas bin collection changes

If your bin is due to be collected on any of these Christmas dates please make sure it's put out before 6am. We will take a maximum of 2 extra bags of black bin waste over the festive period between 26th Dec - 6th Jan and if you have extra recycling, please leave it in cardboard boxes next to your bin.

Usual collection day

Revised collection day

Mon 26 Dec	Sat 24 Dec
Tues 27 Dec	Tues 27 Dec
Wed 28 Dec	Wed 28 Dec
Thur 29 Dec	Thur 29 Dec
Fri 30 Dec	Fri 30 Dec
Mon 2 Jan	Sat 31 Dec

Sign up for bin reminder emails at www.gedling.gov.uk/reminder

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Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

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Deputy Leader Councillor Michael Payne signing the book of condolence

The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II after 70 years on the throne, Gedling Borough Council along with the nation marked her passing through a series of events. Union flags at all council owned buildings were flown at half-mast and books of condolence were opened at sites across the borough. We also invited residents to lay flowers in Arnot Hill Park as part of the commemorations. The Mayor of Gedling, Councillor Peter Barnes wrote to the Royal Family, on behalf of the borough. The letter offered his deepest condolences to the family and said "The late Queen's poise, leadership and enduring dedication to public service has served as a fine example and inspiration to those of us who have chosen to serve the public at a local level."



Flowers laid by the public at Arnot Hill Park

Hundreds of residents signed the books of condolence, which were situated at the Civic Centre, Richard Herrod Centre and The Bonington Theatre. People of all ages took the time to pay tribute to the late Queen and wish the new King every success as our new monarch.

As part of the succession, we also held an event outside the council's Civic Centre, where the Mayor of Gedling and the Deputy Mayor read out the proclamation of the accession of King Charles III. The historic event was attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant on behalf of His Majesty, Councillors and members of the public.

We would like to thank all of the residents, businesses and community leaders who paid tributes to the Queen and who united as one to say thank you to Her Majesty for a lifetime's service to our country.

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The **AMP** is here

The AMP, the new £4 million building in Arnold, is now complete and is home to several new business start-ups including a deli, a pet accessory shop and a gin tasting experience, as well as a Post Office. The AMP was officially handed over to the council in October and the new businesses began moving in shortly after.

Funding for the project came 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 that supports town centre improvements. The project created around 40 new jobs through business employment and through the construction of the new building.

The AMP is an acronym of the famous Arnold Market Place but it also relates to amplification and amphitheatre, which is relevant as it will be a space used for events and entertainment. The name was chosen following consultation with local residents and businesses and after looking

at several options, The AMP stood out as the obvious choice for this exciting project. The building was constructed by developers G F Tomlinson, the company who previously built the council's Café 1899 at Gedling Country Park.

The design of the building has created a new eastern gateway into Arnold Town Centre thanks to a new public space that will be a focal point for the new shopping area. The building is designed to use less energy, use more renewable energy and reduce its CO2 emissions. The building has a number of energy efficient initiatives including the solar panels, natural ventilation points and high efficiency LED lighting.

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 around the public space to offset carbon emissions, contributing to the council's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The project means that Arnold Town Centre received the most significant investment it has ever had, with up to £4 million allocated to the project as part of the council's plan to revitalise the centre and create a new space that will help boost visitors to the town centre and support local businesses.

Gedling Borough Council purchased the land in 2018 and began work on the building in 2020. The site was the home of Arnold Market for over 50 years and, following an extensive consultation, the stallholders moved to nearby Eagle Square while the works were carried out. The council's future plans for the new public space will include increasing the use for community events. The council will also be looking at options for specialist markets, including evening and weekend markets.

A moment in time

The AMP was officially handed over to Gedling Borough Council on Tuesday 11 October. A time capsule, designed by local school children from Robert Mellors Primary School, will be placed into the ground on the site. The capsule contains letters, photos and other materials, designed by the school children that are sealed in a water tight container and placed deep in the foundations of the building.



Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth with Robert Mellors Primary School pupils who filled the time capsule

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£50 million bid to revitalise Arnold Town Centre



We have submitted a funding bid for $\pounds 50$ million through the government's latest round of 'Levelling Up' funding. If successful, the money will be used to revitalise Arnold town centre.

The 'Ambition Arnold' bid lays out the council's plans for investment in a new leisure centre and the modernisation of the northern area of Arnold town centre. The bid includes a new, multi-purpose leisure centre and theatre to replace the current Arnold Leisure Centre and Bonington Theatre, which have been in place since the 1980s. The bid also includes plans for a new library and a public space to drive footfall into the northern part of the town centre and create improved access from Front Street to the high street.

The 'Levelling Up' Fund was announced by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in November 2020. The fund was



made available to communities in all UK nations, with up to £4.8 billion available for local infrastructure across the UK. Gedling Borough Council previously bid for £20 million in the first round but was unsuccessful. The feedback from government suggested that the previous application was strong, specifically around the plans for the town centre, so the council has submitted a new bid based on the government response. Due to the specific criteria of the funding, Arnold stood out as the clear area that had the most chance to be a successful application due to the age of the leisure facilities and size of the population.

The bid was submitted in July and we are expecting to find out if it was successful in the new year.



Deputy Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor Michael Payne announced the bid at Arnold Leisure Centre

£2.6 million fund for communities and local businesses

As well as the bid for \pounds 50 million from central government, we have also formally submitted plans to improve the borough, using an allocation of \pounds 2.6 million through the government's Shared Prosperity Fund over the next three years.

In April 2022 the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities launched a funding programme of $\pounds 2.6$ billion, called the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to support local investment. This funding is allocated through a funding formula rather than competitive bid and it replaces the European Union Regional Development Fund.

The council's bid included a detailed investment plan that shows how it will spend the money in order to meet the government's funding criteria and what the benefits to the local community will be. The fund identifies three local priorities; communities and place, support for local businesses and people and skills. The council will be looking at a range of ideas to spend the money including improving town centres and green spaces, encouraging visitors and improving community engagement programmes.

As part of the submission, the council consulted with local community groups, businesses and partners. The consultation results were included in the plan and helped shaped some of the key priorities for the fund. The bid has also been formally backed by Nottinghamshire County Council.

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City and County Council leaders signing the devolution deal

Devolution deal signed

More details have been announced about the \pounds 1.14 billion devolution deal for Nottinghamshire. At the end of August, all four city and county council leaders in Nottinghamshire, Derby, Derbyshire and Nottingham signed up to a new deal that will guarantee the region an income stream of £38 million per year over a 30 year period.

The councils will work on the details of the deal and each council will work towards a more detailed proposal for a consultation later this year, so that residents, businesses, and other organisations can have their say.

The deal is one of the first of a new type of combined authority, requiring new legislation from central government. As well as the \pounds 1.14 billion, it includes an

extra £16 million for new homes on brownfield land.

The devolution deal is a level 3 deal, which offers the most local powers and funding. It would mean a new elected regional mayor, like those in other areas such as the West Midlands and Greater Manchester, who would represent both cities and counties. The role of the mayor would be to look at major issues affecting the whole region, give the area more of a voice, and take advantage of local knowledge and expertise.

If the devolution deal is formally approved, the government will pass legislation bringing a new combined authority for the East Midlands into existence. The first election for a regional mayor for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire, would then be in May 2024.



The regional mayor would lead the new combined authority, which would also include representatives from local councils, with decision making powers and resources moving from London to the East Midlands.

This would not mean scrapping or merging local councils, which would all continue to exist as they do now and would still be responsible for most public services in the area. The mayor and combined authority would instead focus on wider issues like transport, regeneration, and employment across both cities and counties.

A consultation about devolution is expected to begin later this year. For more information please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/devolution/yourvoice

Boost for Safer Streets in Netherfield and Colwick

Plans to make people feel safer on the streets of Netherfield and Colwick have been given a major boost thanks to new funding.

Netherfield and Colwick will receive funding from the Safer Streets Fund following a successful application to the Police and Crime Commissioner, by Gedling Borough Council and the South Notts Community Safety Partnership.

The funding will pay for a range of crime prevention measures, including wardens who will patrol the streets and educate young people at risk of offending, specialist burglary reduction officers, a greater CCTV camera network, better street lighting and training for people working in town centres at night-time to help them keep women and girls safe.

One of the council's priorities set out in its Gedling Plan is to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime across the borough and this funding will make a big contribution towards achieving that success in Netherfield and Colwick.



Warm spaces

The Richard Herrod Centre, Carlton and The Bonington Theatre, Arnold are both being set up to operate as "warm spaces" to support residents this winter.

Warm spaces are initiatives set up to create places within the local community where people can come together, socialise, stay warm and in some cases have hot refreshments during the winter months.

The Richard Herrod Centre is open 8.15am - 9pm Monday to Sunday and The Bonington Theatre, is open 9am - 6pm Monday to Sunday, for residents to access as free warm spaces.



Make a difference

Personal assistants help people who need social care support to live as independently as possible in their home.

The role is flexible and can fit around your other commitments.

Find out how to get free training to join our approved list of personal assistants:

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/personal-assistants



Alongside council venues, many of our community partners are also offering warm spaces as well as other services and support in local venues across the borough. A full list of these, including opening days and times, can be found at

www.gedling.gov.uk/warm-spaces.

We have also published a directory of warm spaces and other community support offers in a Giving for Gedling Winter Assistance and Support booklet, which is available from GP surgeries, libraries, post offices, supermarkets, community venues and other public facilities over the winter.

For more information about support available, visit <u>www.gedling.gov.uk</u> or call 0115 901 3901.



Nottinghamshire County Council

More homes in Gedling Borough to be made safer for residents

From November, a scheme to make privately rented homes safer for tenants, which currently operates in Netherfield, will be extended to four more parts of the borough.

Following consultation with residents, landlords and stakeholders, councillors agreed to extend the Selective Licensing Scheme to Colwick, Carlton Hill, Daybrook and Newstead Village, making it mandatory for landlords in those areas to have a licence for each of their privately rented properties.

The scheme has been extended to these areas following a successful pilot in Netherfield where over 78% of the properties inspected needed work to bring them up to the legal standard required. Over 400 properties were inspected as part of the scheme and 10% of them needed urgent work to make them safe to live in, including removing imminent hazards in areas such as fire safety because of inadequate fire protection or detection, which all required immediate action to protect tenants.

The licence requires that landlords meet a minimum standard of accommodation for residents and the scheme is being launched in areas where there is deprivation, high levels of antisocial behaviour, crime and poor housing conditions. The licensing will give the council's Environmental Health team powers to do more if landlords do not take the appropriate steps to deal with issues relating to property standards.



Landlords can find out more information and apply for a licence at

www.gedling.gov.uk/selectivelicensing.



Residents benefiting from free home energy improvements

Homes in Netherfield and Newstead Village are starting to benefit from free home energy upgrades, including external wall insulation and solar panels thanks to the Green Homes retrofit scheme.

More than £890,000 has been allocated for the scheme and the council is working with Nottingham Energy Partnership and E.ON to identify eligible properties in the borough.

Over 20 homes have already had work completed to improve their energy efficiency, including the home of Jack and Elisha from Netherfield, who have had external wall insulation fitted to their property as part of the scheme.

Households in Netherfield and Newstead Village with an energy performance certificate D to G, and an annual household income below £30,000, could be eligible for the free improvement works. Potential eligible households are being contacted directly by the council, but residents who think they may meet the criteria can contact Nottingham Energy Partnership by phone on 0115 947 2207 or online at <u>www.nottenergy.com/green-homes-grant-application-form</u> for more information.

Door to door visits at potentially eligible households will also be carried out by Gedling Borough Council staff who will be wearing identification.

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





Property matchmaker

We're working with investors to bring empty houses back into use through our Property Matchmaker Scheme.

One property that has recently been brought back into use through the scheme is an end terrace house in Netherfield that had been empty since April 2019. The building had fallen into disrepair, both outside and inside, and had even been broken into and damaged further.

The council's Empty Homes Officer, Nikki, tracked down the owner and worked with them to help sell the property, and connect them to a buyer.

Jo Costa, a local property developer, jumped at the chance and got to work tackling the project. Originally from Africa and working as a Nurse, Jo started her property development journey in 2018 after deciding to invest in properties that no one else wanted.

A few months later and the site has been transformed from an unloved shell to an immaculate, clean and fresh

family home. Every room has been renovated to bring the property back into use.

The living room ceiling and floor had collapsed so both were replaced, a new kitchen was fitted, replacement windows were installed and the garden was turned from a jungle to a paved area with artificial grass and new fencing.

The Property Matchmaker Scheme helps to encourage empty home owners to sell their properties and introduces them to investors, like Jo, to purchase the property and bring them back into use. Jo brought this neglected property back into use in just four months, and a new family have already moved in to make this their home.

To find out more about the scheme, including how to get help selling or finding an empty property to buy, go to www.gedling.gov.uk/property-matchmaker.

Armed Forces Breakfast Greakfast

A new breakfast club aimed at bringing members of the Armed Forces together has launched at the Richard Herrod Centre, Carlton as part of the council's plan to reduce loneliness and isolation in the borough as well as supporting Armed Forces as part of the council's Armed Forces Covenant.

Any active or ex-members of the forces, including veterans, can attend the club, which offers military members a place to meet and socialise over breakfast. The club also aims to promote some of the services available from the council and partners, to military members in the borough.

The club takes place every 4th Saturday of the month, with breakfast, supplied by local business, Inn The Bank as well as tea and coffee from the Richard Herrod Centre bar.

The breakfast club is free to attend however the food and drink will need to be purchased.

Find out more at www.gedling.gov.uk/forces-breakfast

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Christmas Light Switch On Friday 18 November



4.30pm (Christmas lights switched on by the Mayor at 6pm) Outside The AMP, Front Street, Arnold

Come along for performances from local schools and choirs on the stage, a craft fair in the Methodist Church and a visit from Santa!

For a list of Christmas light switch on and other festive events across the borough, visit www.gedling.gov.uk/christmas.





www.gedling.gov.uk/events

New Cabinet role created to support refugees, women and people with disabilities

Councillors have approved plans to create a new Portfolio Holder to support the borough's diverse community and improve life chances.

Councillor Kathryn Fox has been appointed into the new cabinet role, which will focus on supporting refugees and the resettlement programme, championing women and people with disabilities as well as raising awareness of support for victims of domestic violence, abuse and hate crime.

Councillor Fox will be working with local organisations including We R Here, a support group for women who are fleeing domestic abuse or have suffered



Councillor Fox and Hilary Brown from We R Here

bereavement. One of her first tasks as the new Portfolio Holder will be to raise the profile of this important service and help them get much needed funding.

As well as the creation of this new role, there have also been changes to the Portfolio for Environment. Cllr Ron McCrossen replaces Cllr Peter Barnes who has been appointed the Mayor of Gedling for 2022/23.



Mayor of Gedling, Councillor Peter Barnes with Lord Coaker

Lord Coaker, Freeman of the Borough

Lord Vernon Coaker received the title of Freeman of the Borough at a special council meeting earlier this year.

The former MP, and now House of Lords member, was presented with the award for his services to the borough over the last 25 years. Lord Coaker had an extensive career as the MP for Gedling; he was elected six times and had several high profile government posts including the Shadow Secretary of State for Defence and Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Lord Coaker has also had roles on an international stage, supporting UNICEF and, more recently, raising the issue of Modern Slavery as a member of the Council of Europe.

As part of his role as the MP for Gedling, a position he held for 22 years, he was involved in the rebuilding of numerous schools and was instrumental in a number of projects. His work has supported the establishment of flood defences, infrastructure and regeneration projects.

By receiving the Honorary Freeman title, he joins a very special list. Only a handful of people have received this prestigious title, the last being the The Merchant Regiment and boxer, Carl Froch.



In September we welcomed the UK's biggest bike race, the Tour of Britain, back to Gedling borough.

This was the third time the race had come to Nottinghamshire, and the first time since 2018.

A total of 19 teams and 114 riders competed in the race, which saw riders come through Lambley, Gedling, Mapperley Plains, Woodborough, Calverton and Ravenshead, as part of the Nottinghamshire Stage Five leg of the race.

The Nottinghamshire stage saw competitors complete the 190km (approximately 118 miles) route through Nottinghamshire, starting in West Bridgford and making its way through Cotgrave, Gedling, Southwell, Retford and Worksop, with the stage finishing in Mansfield.

Throughout the race, riders passed some iconic Nottinghamshire landmarks such as the worldfamous Trent Bridge cricket ground, the legendary Sherwood Forest, and our very own, Gedling Country Park.

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.

Find out more about the race at www.tourofbritain.co.uk.

Better by design

Gedling Borough Council has been awarded funding to create a 'Design Code' which will set design principles that will need to be followed when creating new buildings and public spaces.

In the early stages of the 'Place Gedling' project, we asked residents and local organisations to highlight what they like, dislike and would change about the design of buildings and open spaces where they live, work or visit. Your first hand local knowledge is guiding the preparation of a Design Code, which will help improve the design of new development.

For the latest information and to sign up to be kept informed of future consultations, visit www.placegedling.co.uk.



Planning for the future

Gedling Borough Council has been working with Nottingham City Council, Broxtowe Borough Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council to plan ahead to guide strategic development and growth up to 2028. This work is now being updated and the new Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan will set out the key issues faced by each borough and guide the amount and location of new development. Later this year we will be consulting on our 'Preferred Approach' which will seek views on the proposed strategy and the approach to housing and employment provision to meet Gedling Borough's future needs.

Being able to plan for future development needs such as housing and growth is important to the prosperity of local people. Planning for development will also provide a vital stimulus to the local economy, which will help the area recover from the impact of Covid 19, by encouraging investment, which helps to create jobs and supply chain business.

More information can be found on the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership website <u>www.gnplan.org.uk</u> and you can also sign up to be kept informed.

Gedling Borough Council BUILDING CONTROL



CONSIDERING A BUILDING PROJECT?

- NEW BUILDS
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- RENOVATIONS
- WINDOW/DOOR REPLACEMENTS

YOU WILL NEED BUILDING REGULATIONS APPROVAL

We are a not-for-profit, local, experienced and trusted team that can guide you through the process, from application to completion. Whether you're a home owner, business owner or a builder, we can advise, check plans and carry out site visits quickly and efficiently.







Introducing Paramedic First Contact Practitioners

In the last edition of Contacts, we told you more about how your local GPs have recruited over 29 new staff, plus Social Prescribers, to patientfocused roles over the last two years. These specialist community health roles are making a huge difference to the health and wellbeing of local people. This edition we focus on the Paramedic First Contact Practitioners (FCP)...

Paramedic FCPs reach out to people who are at risk of becoming ill and support them before their condition worsens. They look at a patient's holistic needs to find out what matters to them and whether they are feeling ok in themselves.

They are trained to assess general health, medication requirements, mobility, frailty and the risk of falls as well as safeguarding issues. They will also revisit people they have cared for, making medical assessments to see how they are responding to treatment, whether they are improving or deteriorating and ensuring they are on the right care pathway.

There are currently five Paramedic FCPs in this area (covering Arnold and Calverton, Arrow and Byron Primary Care Networks (PCNs) - to find out which PCN your practice is in, visit the South Notts area on: www.healthandcarenotts.co.uk

They undertook almost 500 consultations between July 2021 and July 2022. Practice staff will offer you an appointment with a Paramedic FCP if their skills match your needs.



Carol Pape, Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Paramedic "I help frail or elderly people stay in their own home where possible and support them to live well with long-term chronic conditions by meeting any urgent needs.

"I can provide face-to-face support, visiting the house bound as well as those in residential, nursing and care homes. I can call the GPs to get advice and manage prescription referrals and I work closely with other healthcare professionals, so that patients aren't referred on unnecessarily and we get care right first time."

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

Improving access to your GP Practice

We understand that it's not always possible or convenient to speak to your GP team during Monday-Friday business hours. This is why across Gedling and Hucknall you are able to access some 'enhanced access' appointments in early mornings, evenings and at the weekend.

Local GP practices are working together in Primary Care Networks so appointments may be provided at your registered practice or other local practices. Appointments are available Monday to Friday from 7am to 8am and then from 6.30pm to 8pm and from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays.

Contact your GP Practice. This service is for prebooked appointments and your practice will try and match you with the most convenient time. If you require an urgent care appointment then please call NHS 111.



Your guide to local health services



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/care-in-my-area/south-nottinghamshire-pbp



15% off bus tickets with Green Rewards Scheme

Residents in Nottinghamshire can benefit from a 15% discount for adult and group day tickets on Nottingham City Transport (NCT) buses, and be in with the chance to win a monthly NCT bus pass worth £60 when they use their Green Rewards app.

The partnership between Nottingham City Transport, all eight Nottinghamshire Councils and Nottinghamshire County Council is available through the Notts Green Rewards programme – a website and mobile app free for everyone with Nottingham postcodes to enjoy.

The Notts Green Rewards programme incentivises residents to learn about and take action on climate change by reducing waste, shopping sustainably, encouraging local biodiversity and more! Residents earn points for their actions and each month there are $\pounds 20$ vouchers for the top performers - and now the chance to win a monthly NCT bus pass worth $\pounds 60!$

Residents should sign up for free at notts.greenrewards.co.uk or download the Green Rewards app on iOS and Android to access a code that will enable them to travel at the discounted price. Search for 'Notts Green Rewards' in your device's app store.

The 15% discount offered by NCT is available as a mobile ticket through its NCTX Buses app, where residents can also plan journeys, look up timetables and check the live departure times for buses. Search 'NCTX Buses' in your device's app store.

'Fantastic Five' Green Flag Parks

Five local parks; Gedling Country Park, Arnot Hill Park, Burton Road Jubilee Park, Bestwood Country Park and for the first time, Breck Hill Park, joined a record number of parks and green spaces collecting a Green Flag Award - the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

Breck Hill Park in Woodthorpe received the award for the very first time. Last year, it received funding of £100,000 for a new children's play area following a bid by Gedling Borough Council to FCC Communities, a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects.

Arnot Hill Park retained the award for the 16th consecutive year, Gedling Country Park for the seventh year in a row, Burton Road Jubilee Park also received the award for the seventh time and Bestwood Country Park received the award for the third year in a row, since the maintenance of the park was taken over by Gedling Borough Council.

The five parks in Gedling borough joined over 2,000 sites across the country in collecting the award for 2022.

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.



Breck Hill Park won the award for the first time



Exciting changes at Gedling Leisure

Gedling Leisure has introduced changes to make it easier to book on the website and through the app. Members and cardholders can book gym sessions, classes and swims up to seven days in advance

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The free Gedling Leisure app has a new look and is easier for customers to manage their accounts and book sessions through.

You can now sign up to Gedling Leisure memberships online. None of our memberships tie you into a contract, so you can

Free swim assessments

Gedling Leisure offer a free session to anyone interested in learning to swim. The session offers a taster of our swimming lessons and enables us to assess a learner's swimming ability.

Find out more at

www.gedling.gov.uk/swimassessment or call the leisure centres.

cancel at any time without any penalty.

Visits to our gyms are easier now too. There's no need to check in at reception, simply swipe your card at the gym doors and head in to do your workout.

The Health Suite at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre. including the sauna, also has contactless entry now.

Find out more about all of the changes and the updated app at

www.gedling.gov.uk/ leisure.



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Christmas comes early at Gedling Leisure.

Join in December and get the whole month FREE!

Unlimited use of all gyms, pools and classes for **FREE until 31 December.**

Find out more at www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure

Arnold 0115 901 3690 Calverton 0115 901 3800 Carlton 0115 987 2333

Redhill 0115 901 3630



All I want for Christmas is ... for you to recycle

At Christmas we have extra waste and recycling so it's important to know what goes where. Every Christmas we get an increase in contaminated waste, this is where a recycling bin contains waste that it shouldn't have. When this happens, the entire lorry load can be turned away from the recycling plant. So, in the tradition of Christmas, here's the naughty and nice list and yes, we will be checking it twice.

Nice list 🗸

You can recycle

- Plastic bottles with the lids
- Cardboard
- Envelopes
- Rinsed food tins
- 🗸 Drinks cans
- 🗸 Aerosol cans
- Cardboard tubes

Naughty list 🗙

Waste and Recycling

You can't recycle

- **X** Carrier bags
- **×** Foil food trays
- * Shiny and glittery wrapping paper
- **×** Bows and ribbons
- × Shiny and glittery cards
- **X** Old toys
- **X** Polystyrene
- × Bubble wrap
- × Dirty takeaway pizza boxes

For a full list of what's naughty and nice visit <u>www.gedling.gov.uk/a-zwaste</u>



£300 fine for fly-tipper

A resident has been fined £300 for flytipping after bags of general waste, electrical appliances, recycling and clothes were found dumped in a layby in Calverton.

Neighbourhood Wardens searched through the fly-tip to look for evidence and find out who the waste belonged to. After further investigation, a resident was identified and an interview under caution was arranged.

Following the interview the resident admitted what had happened and paid the fine, claiming that they had paid a company to dispose of the waste for them. They did not check if they had a waste carriers permit, keep a copy of an invoice or receipt or the name of the disposal company.

All residents have a duty of care for removing household waste responsibly and should ensure that if using waste removal companies, they hold a valid waste carriers licence. Residents should be aware that if fly-tipped waste is found and can be traced back to the household, they will be responsible, even if they didn't dump it. Contacts 29

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 hundreds of households 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 9 January until 20 January, you can book your collection slot from 1 December.

To book, call 0115 901 3901 or visit www.gedling.gov.uk/tree-collection

Free bulky waste collections

The free bulky waste amnesty is back and will run from 9 January to 10 February 2023. 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 3 January 2023 visit <u>www.gedling.gov.uk/bulkywaste</u> or give us a call on 0115 901 3901.

What's on at The Bonington

Winter 2022-23

Cinema Amsterdam Avatar: The Way of Water



Babylon Black Panther 2 Empire of Light Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical The Fabelman's The Lost King



Cinema tickets £6.50 | £5.50 (concessions) £4 16-25 members Tickets are available online or

Tickets are available online of by calling the box office

Event Cinema

Royal Opera House Live: The Royal Ballet - A Diamond Celebration 16 November, 7.15pm £15 | £12.50

Royal Opera House Live: The Nutcracker 8 December, 7.15pm £15 | £12.50



Royal Opera House Live: Like Water For Chocolate (encore screening) 22 January, 2pm £15 | £12.50

National Theatre Live: The Crucible (encore screening) 5 February, 7pm £12.50 | £10

Royal Opera House Live: The Barber of Seville 15 February, 7pm £15 | £12.50



Theatre

Copper Studios -Little Shop of Horrors 10 – 12 November, 7.30pm 12 November, 2.30pm £13 | £10

Flying High Expressive Arts Co - Beauty & the Beast 22 & Friday 23 December £10 | £8



The Bonington Players 18 – Saturday 21 January £TBC

The Mayor's Panto Saturday 28 January £TBC



Live Music

Jazz in the Bar Third Sunday of each month, 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated) £8

Nottingham Organ Society First Monday of each month, 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated) £8 | £7 Jazz Steps: Lennon & McCartney interpreted with The Matt Ratcliffe Quartet and Helen Gayle 17 November, 7.30pm £15

Jazz Steps: Loz Speyer's Inner Space 24 November, 7.30pm £15



Jazz Steps: Zoe Rahman Trio Thursday 15 December, 7.30pm £15



Christmas Variety Show 17 December, 7pm £18

Five Star Swing at Christmas 21 December, 7.30pm £18 | £17



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Mayor's news

It's been a very busy few months for the Mayor of Gedling, Councillor Peter Barnes and his consort and wife, Councillor Sandra Barnes as they took part in a number of engagements across the county.

The Mayor was invited to some of the key events across the borough including the second Nottinghamshire Day, which celebrates the county's rich heritage and culture. In Gedling, to celebrate the day, the Mayor attended a special event in Arnold Town Centre, which involved history walks, street entertainment and children's activities. He also raised the Nottinghamshire Flag outside the council's civic centre as part of the celebrations.

Cllr Barnes was also invited to officially open the latest housing development at Chase Farm, as the project expands thanks to the opening of the new Colliery Way access road. The Mayor unveiled the new showhome at the site and was invited to see how the new development was shaping up. The much needed new homes will help generate jobs in the area as well as boost the local economy.

To celebrate the U3A's 40th anniversary, The Mayor officially waved off a procession in Carlton to celebrate their special anniversary and to thank them for the work they do to support older people in and around the Carlton area.



The group, which has over 400 members, provides activities and learning opportunities for people who have retired of finished full-time work.

The Mayor is also fundraising for his chosen charity, Nottingham Hospitals' Charity and we will be announcing details about upcoming events over the next few months.



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