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Leader's column

Welcome to the summer edition of Contacts, in this issue we have a number of important updates and stories about what's happening in Gedling borough.

In May, the local elections took place and my party, The Labour Party, retained control of the council, with an increased majority, for a third term and I was re-elected as Leader. I am very proud to be leading this council for a third successive term and I will continue to do everything I can to ensure that local services are provided at a high standard for all of our residents. We have already begun work on a number of projects outlined in our manifesto and we will keep you informed as they progress. You can find out more about the full result of the local elections and find out who your local councillors are on pages 14-19.

At the beginning of the year we held the Pride of Gedling Awards. It was, yet again, another outstanding night that celebrated the fantastic people, businesses and community groups of our borough. I was very honoured to have nominated our cover star, Alan, for the lifetime achievement award for his contribution to our borough as a Police Officer for 50 years. You can read Alan's story and find out about all the winners and runners up of this year's event on pages 8-13. We also have a bumper summer of events across the borough so make sure you come along and enjoy them, the details are on pages 30-31. Have a great summer.

Leader of the Council, Councillor John Clarke



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Newly elected Councillors

Here are your newly elected Gedling Borough Councillors. Inside this edition of Contacts there's a full breakdown of who the elected councillors are in your area and how you can contact them either by phone or by email. To find out who your local councillor is then take a look at our special 8-page pull out from page 14.

For more information about Councillor committee meetings, minutes and agendas visit www.gedling.gov.uk



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£100k funding for Arnold play park

A popular play area in Arnold will have a £100,000 refurbishment and extension thanks to external funding.

The Muirfield Road Recreation Ground in Arnold will be improved thanks to funding from FCC Communities Foundation Ltd, a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects. The funding bid was made jointly by Gedling Borough Council and the Warren Action Group, a local residents group.

FCC Communities Foundation Ltd will be providing a grant total of £89,250 and the Warren Action Group will providing the required match funding of £10,750 making a total of £100,000.

The group have been working to revitalise the playground area and previously received £48,000 from WREN for a multi-use games area which was opened in 2017.

The park is expected to be completed by



Gedling heritage launch

The Gedling Borough's "Heritage Brought Alive Project" was launched at Café 1899 in March. The event included the launch of a new heritage book, the unveiling of mosaics, a mural and a short film that will bring to life the borough's historic places, people and industries.

Two large mosaics, each made up of around 10,000 1cm square tiles, showing the past heritage of the area and how it is today, were unveiled by the Mayor of Gedling. The mosaics were designed by artist Peter Massey and put together with the help of children from Stanhope Primary School.

The event also included the launch of a new 80 page book written by volunteers and compiled and edited by Dr Stephen Walker, which is the first ever publication to talk about the heritage of the whole borough. The project, made possible thanks to a £74,900 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the work of volunteers over the last 15 months, is part of the council's heritage strategy with more projects planned to follow.

A new website showcasing the rich history of the borough is now online at www.gedlingheritage.co.uk



Florence sculpture installed

A sculpture of Nottinghamshire's first woman MP, Florence Paton, has been installed in Carlton Representing the Rushcliffe Constituency from 1945-1950, which at the time included Gedling, Colwick and Carlton within its boundaries, Florence campaigned for better working conditions in mines as well as for health services for woman and children. A former school teacher, she was particularly interested in the education of children who had special education needs, and fought for their rights for equal treatment and resources.

The stainless steel bust has visual references that represent Florence Paton's beliefs and life work. It was installed in the Garden for the Blind on Carlton Hill on International Women's Day in March.

Designed by sculptor Hilary Cartmel, it includes details of miner's picks and a lamp to show Florence Paton's connection to the borough, books to represent her work with education and the Crowned Portcullis, the official logo of the Houses of Parliament to represent her role as a Member of Parliament.



Housing options for council

Cabinet members have approved proposals for a business case to see if Gedling Borough Council could become a housing company.

We're looking at the implications of setting up a housing limited company to help accelerate the need for new homes in the borough.

The business case which will explore the establishment of a local housing company to create a mix of affordable, rented and for sale homes controlled by the council.

If approved, the business case would be prepared setting out the financial, resource and risk implications of different housing delivery models for Gedling.

The plans are part of the council's strategy for increasing income whilst dealing with severe budget cuts from central government. Gedling Borough Council is one of the worst affected council's in the UK when it comes to government funding cuts and this business case could help reduce the strain on council resources, whilst providing much needed new homes.



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Arnold Market has had some new temporary stalls installed and work has begun to demolish the old buildings and create space for the next phase of works. To celebrate the introduction of the new stalls, events are planned throughout the summer which are all available to view on our website. The flea market is also getting bigger and better with a host of new stallholders taking part in the market every Wednesday evening.

The new stalls and events are part of the council's ongoing work to revitalise the market and Arnold town centre. The council acquired the market last summer and has been working to improve its appearance, increasing the use for community events and activities and working with market traders to widen and increase the choice of goods and services available.

The market runs every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 8.30am – 3pm and the Flea Market is every Wednesday from 6pm.



The market improvement has been boosted by a bid for £1.25 million of funding from the N2 Town Centre Fund - part of the Local Growth Fund from the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership that supports town centre improvements.

Find out more about the market at www.gedling.gov.uk/arnoldmarket





How we're doing



At the end of every financial year, we present to Councillors our annual report that highlights some of the key performance indicators over the last 12 months. We use data from a number of places including customer feedback from the Gedling Conversation, complaints, compliments, employee feedback, MP letters and our own performance indicators to judge how the year has gone.

Here are some of the main findings from the report:

£346,000

In 2018/19 we reduced the subsidy we pay for Leisure by £346,000 meaning that money can be spent on other services

48%

Across our leisure centres we had over 1 million visitors last year including a 48% increase in visits to Bonington Theatre

37

Our Empty Homes Officer brought 37 long term empty homes back into use

97%

97% of fly tips were removed within 4 days

£800K

We helped support the most vulnerable by providing £800,000 towards adaptations to help people with disabilities remain in their homes

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We've made it easier than ever to get in touch with us at a time that suits you by doubling the number of transactions you can do online through our new website.

98%

Our customer services department has achieved a 98% customer satisfaction rating this yearsuits you by doubling the number of transactions you can do online through our new website.

Areas where we need to improve

Levels of anti-social behaviour are exceeding targets so we're creating a new Neighbourhood Warden post to help reduce this number.

The number of affordable homes built in the borough below target so we need to do more, working with developers to increase this amount over the next 12 months.

For more information about how we are doing and what targets are set for the council, read the Gedling Plan at www.gedling.gov.uk



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Pride of Gedling Awards



The 2019 Pride of Gedling Awards took place earlier this year and, once again, it was a fantastic night that celebrated the wonderful achievements of the people, businesses and community and voluntary groups in our borough. We received hundreds of nominations across all six categories and we also gave a lifetime achievement award to a special constable who has dedicated his life to serving others. An overall Pride of Gedling award was given to a nominee who stood out as someone exceptional and you can find out who it was on page

The nominations were put in front of a cross party panel of judges to decide who would be this year's winners. The panel consisted of Leader of Gedling Borough Council Councillor John Clarke, Deputy Leader Councillor Michael Payne, Leader of the Opposition

Councillor Chris Barnfather and Nottingham Post Editor Mike Sassi. They had the difficult task of shortlisting the nominations, which were all of a very high standard, and selecting this year's winners.

This year's awards were held at the civic centre and hosted by Smooth Radio presenter, Gareth Evans. The shortlisted nominees were all invited to the special event alongside the sponsors of each award who announced the winners for each category on the night.

We would like to thank all of the nominees, winners, sponsors and people who nominated someone for an award. We are very proud of the achievements of the residents, businesses and community groups across the borough making a real difference to peoples' lives which you can read about over the next five pages.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We could not have the awards without are amazing sponsors. We would like to thank them all for their contribution to another brilliant event and for their part in showcasing the very best people, businesses and communities in our borough.



**Business
in the Community
Winner**

Piginns Café

Piggins Café, based on Carlton Hill, has become a place for the community, giving back to it through several fundraising events and creating a space where people can come and meet other locals.

Over the last year they have raised money to install a community bench in the sensory garden on Carlton Hill in the memory of local characters who sadly passed away. Their support for this beautiful tribute means that the lives and stories of the local community will not be forgotten.

The café has raised money for several causes including AgeUK. They are a café that cares for its community.

**Runners up
The Abdication Pub & Deli-icious**



**Community
Servant
Winner**

Harvey Stevens

Harvey works with Carlton le Willows Academy helping to harness the students' love of table tennis.

Thanks to Harvey's commitment and vision, bringing on board extra professional coaches including a talent development coach from Table Tennis England, the Academy is now home to a national standard table tennis centre accessed by students, the local community and aspiring table tennis players from further afield.

Away from table tennis Harvey shows his compassion and commitment to sport by helping raise money for charity, just last summer he, his wife and two sons, undertook the national Three Peaks Challenge helping raise £2,300 for Rainbows Children's Hospice in the process.

**Runners up
Tony Parker & Dorothy Perry**

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Good Neighbour Winner

Ann Haslam

Ann has been a rock to the people living near her at her home in Netherfield. She looks after neighbours who are ill, even making visits to the hospital to check on them.

Ann has been there for her neighbours at the hardest of times. When a neighbour tragically lost his wife to cancer, leaving behind an 8 year old son, Ann helped take care of him whilst his father is at work and now, the young boy is about to turn 18 and Ann has been an invaluable support for that family. Anne is an amazing person who is helpful, caring and will go the extra mile when it comes to supporting her neighbours.

**Runners up
Diane Welling & Emma Green**



Dylan Barker Young Person Winner

Oliver Lee

Oliver Lee helped save a local woman's life when he stepped in to help her after a fall. He was on his way home from school when he found the elderly woman in her garden in Carlton, called an ambulance and administered first aid.

Paramedics called to the scene told Oliver the woman's pulse was so low that timing was crucial and Oliver's help may well have saved her life.

He used his training to put the lady in the recovery position, talking to her and helping stem the bleed from her head with his own hand. A true hero.

**Runners up
Rossi Starbuck & Flynn Whittaker**





**Outstanding
Community Project
Winner**

We R Here

We R Here may look small on the outside but they have made a massive impact to hundreds on the inside. They have supported over 800 people last year who have suffered domestic abuse, trauma and crisis.

All this work is done through the dedication of the small team of 8 people, including volunteers led by Hilary Brown. The team make sure every person is welcomed into the service and treated with respect and helped both emotionally and practically when needed.

Making everyone feel worthy and important, it is a very special service that never fails to inspire people. They may be small but the work they do cannot be measured.

**Runners up
The Core Centre & Foxhill Court Community Centre**



**Volunteer
Award
Winner**

Sarah Benedek

Sarah works tirelessly in the borough community to help make life better for the people in it.

She has been a champion for the Gedling Country Park, helping the Friends of group to gain the lottery funding needed to create a nature trail, enjoyed by hundreds of visitors every week.

Sarah has helped raise an incredible £6,000 for the children's ward at QMC hospital. A vibrant member of her local church, she helped to raise over £7,000 for Good Shepherd Church to literally help keep a roof over its head. Sarah will always help those less fortunate than herself.

**Runners up
Helen Lloyd & Susan Clayton**



Alan Marwood

At some point over the past 49 years, this Special Constable has patrolled every division and boundary area across Nottinghamshire and in that time, has seen everything you could imagine, in some cases, things you couldn't imagine.

Just two years into his career, Alan was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for assisting in the arrest of armed robbers who shot at him and another Special Constable colleague following a foot pursuit near to Sneinton.

He's personally been responsible for saving the lives of six people, including a two-year-old boy who was choking near to where he was on patrol. He's also arrested two murderers in his time as one of the longest serving Special Constables in Nottinghamshire.

Alan retired in 2014, yet he continues to volunteer, working on Neighbourhood issues across the Gedling Borough area. Alan had dedicated his life to helping others and it was with great pleasure that he was awarded with the Pride of Gedling Lifetime Achievement Award by Leader of the Council, Councillor John Clarke who nominated Alan for the award.



**Lifetime
Achievement
Winner**

Florence Orchard

This year's Pride of Gedling winner has been part of a Youth Council that has delivered some amazing projects such as challenging mental health and other wellbeing services to young people, advocating for a 'Curriculum For Life' in schools, driving a massive anti-bullying campaign and tackling issues such as knife crime and racial intolerance.

In her capacity as the elected member for Gedling on the Nottinghamshire County Youth Parliament, for over six years from the age of 13 Florence has represented the voice of young people - not only in Gedling, but also at County and National Level, speaking at the despatch box in Parliament about the democratic rights and other concerns of young people.

Under Florence's leadership, the Youth Council has gone from strength to strength, increasing its membership from 11 to 30 members and rising. Her determination, drive and exceptional ability to stand up for the rights of young people made her a very worthy winner of this year's overall Pride of Gedling award and we are very excited about her future. Maybe one day, we will see her representing Gedling at the very highest level. Congratulations Florence!



**Overall
Pride of Gedling
Winner**

Meet your newly elected Councillors

In May, we held the local elections to decide the 41 Councillors who will represent the 19 wards that make up the borough of Gedling. The Labour Party retained control of the council, increasing their majority by 4 seats. They now have 29 seats, the Conservatives have 8 seats, the Liberal Democrats have 2 seats and there are 2 new Independent Councillors sitting on the council. The council decide on how your services are provided including how the budget is spent and how much your council tax will be every year.

The council will continue to be led by Councillor John Clarke and the Deputy Leader role will also continue to be held by Councillor Michael Payne. They have selected who their cabinet members will be and what their responsibilities are, these are detailed on page 15.

Over the next 8 pages there is information about the Councillors elected including their name, contact details and the ward they represent.

For more detailed information about the local election results visit www.gedling.gov.uk/elections



**Deputy Leader, Cllr Michael Payne
and Leader, Cllr John Clarke**

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Cllr Michael Payne
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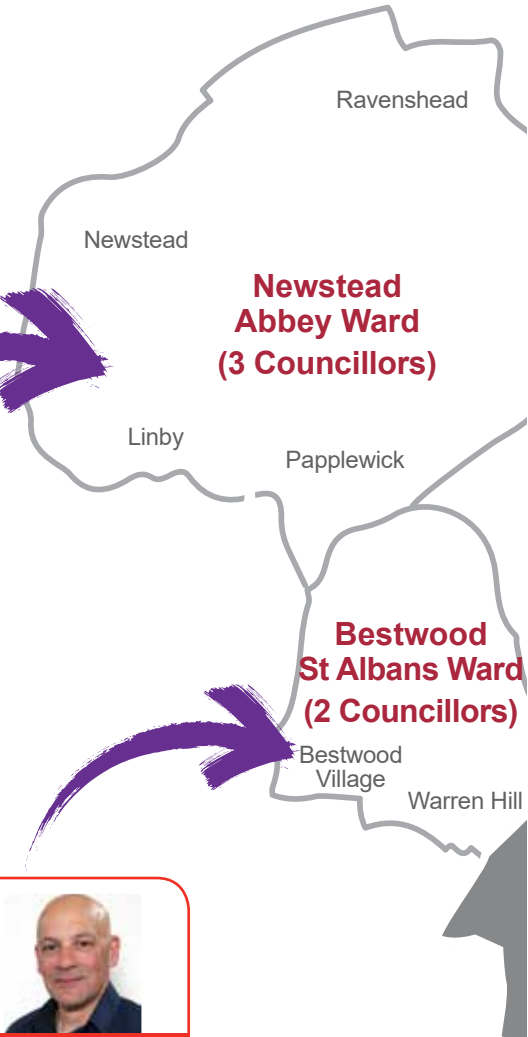
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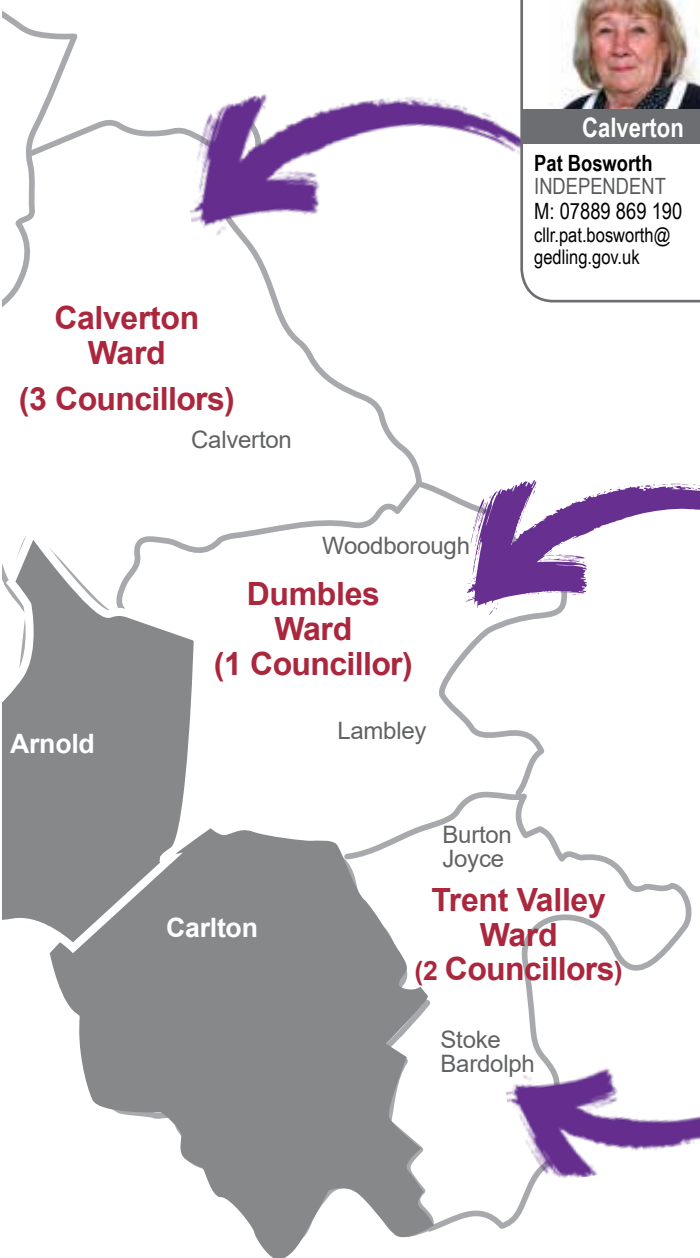


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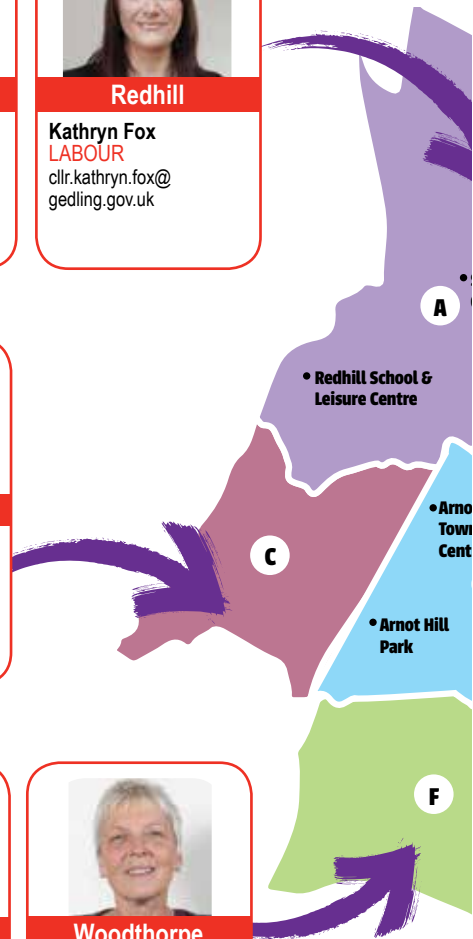
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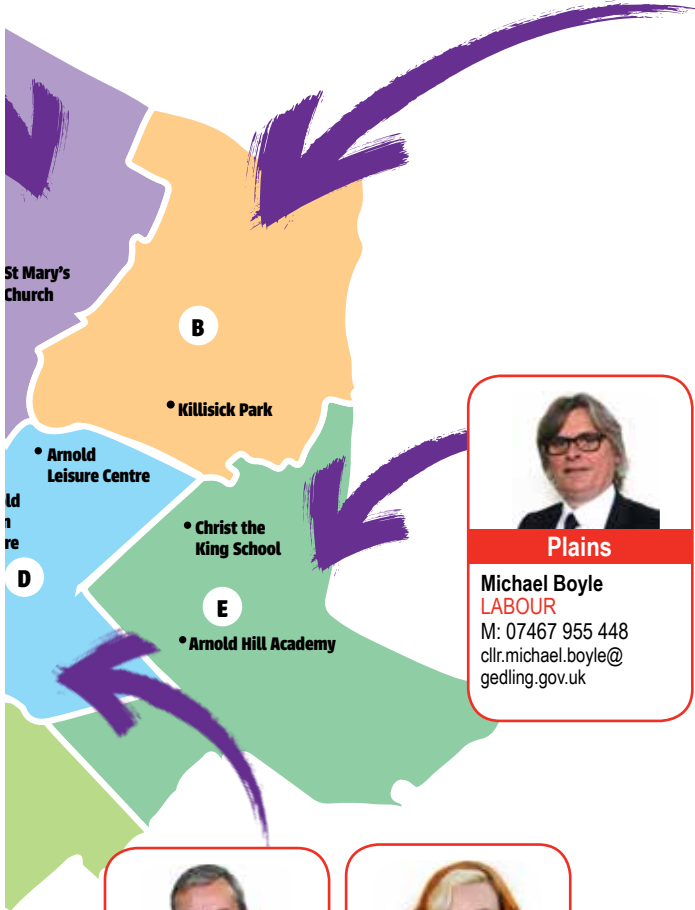


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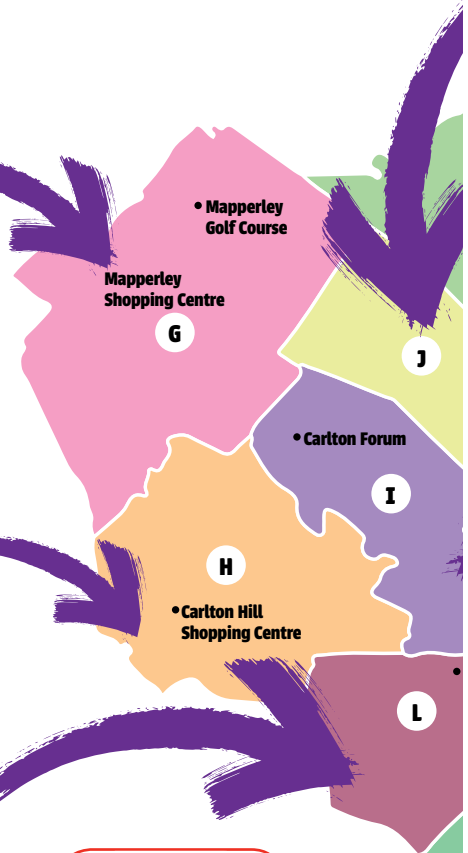
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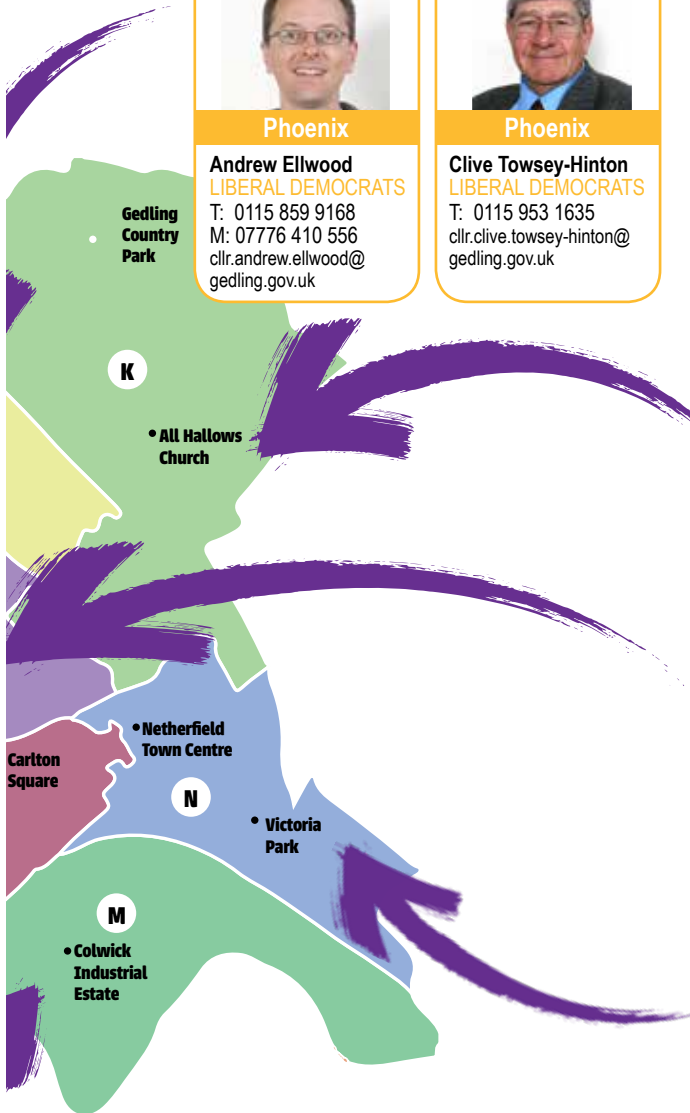
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**Caption**

Youth Council set their agenda

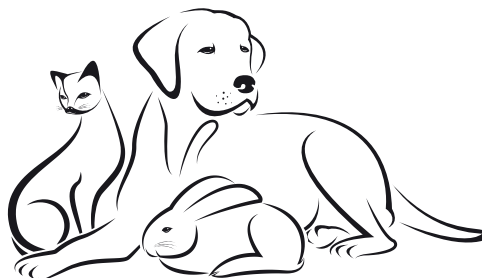
Now in its third term, the Gedling Borough Youth Council is going from strength to strength continuing its work to highlight important issues for young people in the borough. As part of the Youth Council's development, it has, for the first time, appointed a Youth Mayor who will support the Mayor of Gedling on some of her engagements around the borough over the next year.

The inaugural Youth Mayor was appointed at the Council's Annual General Meeting in May and it will be Abigail Hutchinson. Abigail was elected to the Gedling Youth Council in April 2016, representing Arnold Hill Academy, and was duly re-elected for a second term in April 2018. During her term of office, Abigail has been a leading light and a driving force in championing young people's issues and concerns, and is an outstanding role model for the young people of Gedling and is an excellent choice for the first ever Youth Mayor of Gedling.

The outgoing chair of the Youth Council, Florence Orchard, was recognised for her outstanding work when she picked up the prestigious overall Pride of Gedling Award this year, you can read more about her success on pages 8-13. Following in Florence's footsteps will be Husna Iqbal who has been appointed as the new Gedling Youth Council Chair and County Youth Parliament representative at Westminster.

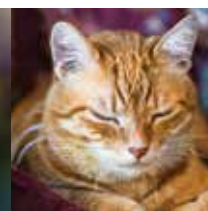
What is on the Youth Council agenda this year?

The Youth Council have a number of projects lined up for the new term including a knife crime working group working with local Police and the council to tackle the issue of knives and young people. Part of this includes creating a short film to raise awareness of the issues with knife crime in Nottinghamshire. The group are working with the council and Police to produce the film which will be aimed at young people in the borough.



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Don't put recyclable items in plastic bags



Try separating your recycling and rubbish in the bathroom to make it easier when you take items out to the bins



Thank you for recycling

www.recyclefornottinghamshire.co.uk

Mayor's news

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Barbara Miller, has raised £7,000 for her chosen charity, Prostate Cancer Research. She has also done a lot of work throughout the year to raise awareness of this important issue and is very grateful for everyone who has supported her during her year as the borough's First Citizen. Some of Councillor Miller's highlights include organising a Tea Party with the WI as well as attending several events across the borough over her 12 months in office. We would like to thank Councillor Miller for her outstanding year in office.

In May, we held our Annual General Meeting where the councillors decided on who will be the Mayor for the forthcoming year and they duly elected Councillor Sandra Barnes (Lab) to serve as the Mayor of Gedling. Councillor Barnes along with her escort, Councillor Peter Barnes will be raising money for her chosen charities, Breathe Easy Gedling and Nottingham Hospitals Charity, raising money, specifically, for a Resman pro machine that measures lung functions in small children

For more information about each charity visit www.blf.org.uk and www.nottinghamhospitalcharity.org.uk



Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Barbara Miller with incoming Mayor Councillor Sandra Barnes

Hello Summer



enjoy every moment!

Summer Activities 2019

Throughout the summer we have a host of activities for young people across our leisure centres, parks and Bonington Theatre. Activities include swimming sessions, sports clubs, arts and crafts, discos, play days and theatre performances that are perfect for keeping children entertained all summer. Some events are free and some are discounted when you purchase a Gedling Leisure Card.

Download the full programme of activities at www.gedling.gov.uk/leisure



SWIMMING LESSONS

Baby and Pre-Swim School | Junior | Disability | Adult | 1-2-1

Pay by direct debit and get **unlimited free access** to public swimming sessions including Inflatafun!

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901 3690

Calverton
901 3800

Carlton
987 2333





New free of charge service funded by your local authority

Calling all landlords

Are you considering giving notice to your tenants?

If so please contact
Call B4 You Serve
for help with:

- Rent arrears • Mediation
- Communication issues • Help and advice
- Leasing your property

We know that eviction is often the last resort and is a costly and stressful process. We are committed to preventing homelessness at the earliest opportunity and we urge you to **Call B4 You Serve** so that we can help you and your tenants before it's too late.

For assistance and more information about this service please contact Helen Scott, Tel: 01332 641408 or Email: Helen.Scott@derby.gov.uk





Arnold Play Day

Wednesday 7 August 1pm – 4pm
Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham

Table top arts and crafts for all ages and abilities, including the ever popular rocket making provided by Gedling Play Forum.

Extreme Wheels will be providing free taster BMX sessions in the ball court car park.

Something for all ages and abilities, so wear your play clothes and be prepared to get very messy!



Carlton & Gedling Play Day

Wednesday 21 August

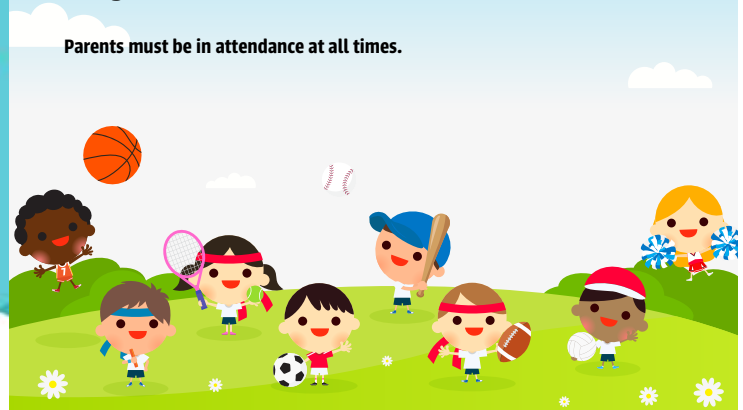
Burton Road Recreation Ground,
Carlton, Nottingham



Gedling Borough Council and Gedling Play Forum are pleased to host a free fun packed afternoon of creative and imaginative play for under 14s.

Mini Skate-jam - Arts & Craft activities - Sports
Day Style Races - Lots of games and activities for all ages and abilities.

Parents must be in attendance at all times.



www.gedling.gov.uk/events

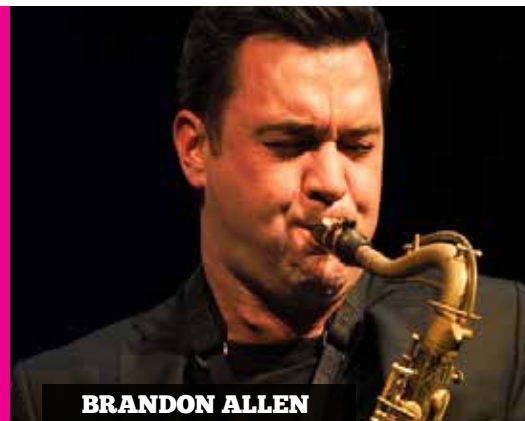
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What's on at The Bonington

August - November 2019

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BRANDON ALLEN

THEATRE

Bear Left Theatre:
DR FAUSTUS
WED 4 – SAT 7
SEPTEMBER

TONY STOCKWELL
WED 9 OCTOBER

The Bonington Players:
SPIRIT LEVEL
BY PAM
VALENTINE
WED 16 – SAT 19
OCTOBER

**ROYAL
SHAKESPEARE
COMPANY**
FRI 15 & SAT 16
NOVEMBER

CINEMA

JUDY

ANGRY BIRDS 2

DOWNTON ABBEY

THE LION KING

**ONCE UPON A TIME IN
HOLLYWOOD**

PLAYMOBIL

THE CURRENT WAR

VITA & VIRGINIA

THE LION KING



LIVE MUSIC

**NOTTINGHAM ORGAN
SOCIETY:**
MON 2 SEPTEMBER

BRANDON ALLEN
THU 29 AUGUST

GEORGIA MANCIO
THU 12 SEPTEMBER

PARTISANS
THU 26 SEPTEMBER

REVIVAL!
SAT 28 SEPTEMBER

**THROUGH THE DECADES
WITH ROY & BUDDY**
SUN 29 SEPTEMBER

QUENTIN COLLINS
THU 10 OCTOBER

TONY FARRELL BIG BAND
SAT 12 OCTOBER

**THE BACHELORS -
FAREWELL SHOW**
SAT 12 OCTOBER

**JAZZ IN THE BAR EVERY
THIRD SUNDAY**



André Rieu's 2019 Maastricht Concert (PG)



VISIT WWW.BONINGTONTHEATRE.CO.UK FOR FULL LISTINGS

EVENT CINEMA:

**A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE (PG)
WED 28 AUGUST AT 7PM**

**ANDRÉ RIEU'S 2019 MAASTRICHT CONCERT (PG)
SAT 31 AUGUST AT 3PM & 7PM**

**Royal Opera House Live:
DON GIOVANNI (12A)
TUE 8 OCTOBER**

**Royal Opera House Live:
DON PASQUALE (12A)
SUN 27 OCTOBER (ENCORE)**

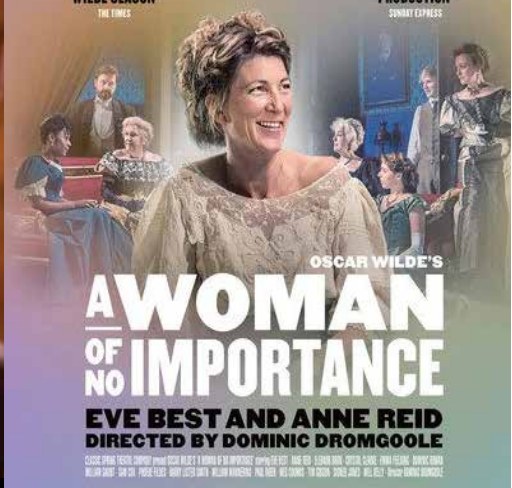
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"SUBLIMELY FUNNY"
THE INDEPENDENT

★★★★★
"WHAT A TREAT"
DAILY MAIL

★★★★★
"EVE BEST IS OUTSTANDING"
SUNDAY TIMES

★★★★★
"A COMPELLING START TO DOMINIC DROMGOOLE'S WILDE SEASON"
THE TIMES

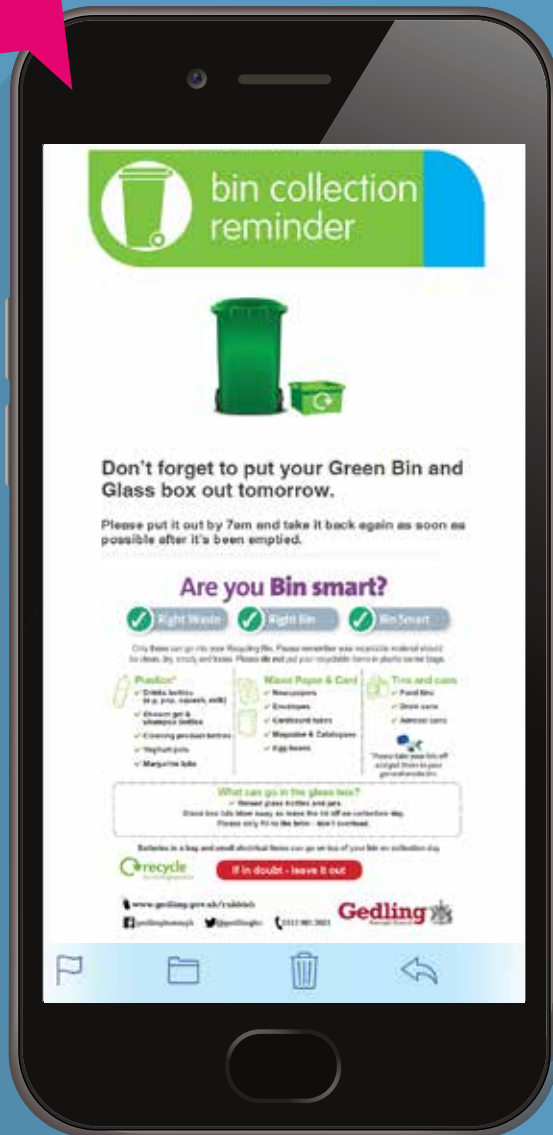
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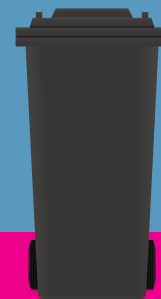
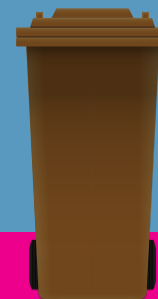
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