

# Idle Talk

**The Village Magazine of  
Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe**



**Main Street in days gone by  
(Without any cars)**

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2021**

## Some useful telephone numbers:

### Commercial Services:

**Beauty Therapist:** (Mobile or Salon), Dermalogica Products-Diane 01777-817639  
**Boiler/Central Heating Service:** Alex Perry 07598-186001, heatechds@gmail.com  
**Challenge Carpet Cleaning:** Martyn Cliff -Taylor, Freephone 0800-3287941  
**Cottage Garden Plants:** Plantation Farm, Linda 816954, mob 07790-342929  
**Electrician:** Beacon Electrical. Call Richard - 07767-358518  
**Foot Care:** Jane Cavanna 01777-816696  
**Greenstripe Garden Services:** Simon Clarkson 01777-818615 & 07833-494353  
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**Pest Control—Buzz Off:** Paul Drage 07706-747073 & 01777-816074  
**Priory Garage:** Dave Phillips 01777-816606  
**Taxi Service:** Bawtry Private Hire 01302-752300  
**Therapist:** Aromatherapy, Massage, Reiki, Reflexology - Katherine 07779-272820  
*Please email or phone the Editor if you would like to advertise your services*

### Community Services:

**Alcohol Advice Service:**01777-272244, **Alcoholics Anonymous:**01142-701984  
**Bassetlaw DC Councillor:** Gerald Bowers mobile 07725-768366  
email: Gerald.bowers@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk  
**Bawtry & Blyth Medical:** 01302-710210  
**Cat & Dog Re-Homing Centre:** Mayflower Sanctuary 01302 711330,  
**Church Warden:** Anne Mills 01777-818398  
**Church Hall Bookings:** Julie German 01777-817589  
**Crimestoppers:** 0800-555111  
**Electricity Emergency:** Landline 0800-6783-105 from mobiles 0330-123-5009  
**Mattersey Primary School Headteacher:** Mrs Lucy Wilson  
Tel: 01777-817265, e-mail: office28@mattersey.notts.sch.uk  
**MP: Brendan Clarke Smith:** tel: 01909-738956, Facebook: @brendan4bassetlaw,  
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**Notts Community Housing:** Register at [www.alhomefinder.org.uk](http://www.alhomefinder.org.uk). Immediately  
available homes contact [lettings.ollerton@ncha.org.uk](mailto:lettings.ollerton@ncha.org.uk) or tel 0800 013 8555  
**Notts County Councillor:** Tracey Taylor, 01777-816781 / work 0115-804 3177  
e-mail: cllr.tracey.taylor@nottsc.gov.uk  
**Police—East Bassetlaw Rural Policing:**  
**Beat Manager PC 2895 James Pickersgill** mob 07525-226479 non emergency  
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**Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 9433 Lucy Stothard**  
mobile 07976-715407 email: [lucy.stothard@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lucy.stothard@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)  
non emergencies: Tel 101 extension 3180986  
**Power Cut Emergency Number: 105**  
**RSPCA National Cruelty Line:** 0300-1234999  
**Samaritans:** 08457-909090  
**Vicar:** Becky Hancock 01302-218308, email: revbeckyhancock@gmail.com

## Message Board

### Another Pandemic Thank You

For the duration of the lockdown, 2 people have been doing their best to bring some light-hearted entertainment to all who have been missing intellectual stimulation during this period.

Julie and Keith German have been running an on-line quiz for the duration with participants either on line through Zoom or via email. People from all over the UK take part. There is also at least one team from Canada and my team has attendees in Wales & Brighton.

A picture round of 24 pictures to identify, with varying themes each week, have included people in films, adverts, general knowledge, sports - the most recent being an Olympic theme. The only common factor is an excess of Liverpool Football Club linked pictures (which is anathema to those following the blue side of Manchester!)

Additionally there are 70-80 points to be won with traditional and topical themed general knowledge questions within 5 rounds including current affairs, conjoined names, apparently unrelated questions which actually have a hidden link, answers starting with same letter, as well as a final question usually being an excruciating riddle.

Example below:

Q. If I am holding a bee, what do I have in my eye?

A. Beauty. Because beauty is in the eye of the beholder (bee holder)

Overall many thanks to J&K for all your efforts that this quiz has taken over the year and look forward to it restarting after your August holidays.

PS. There is a themed quiz on page 10 further in the magazine for those of you already suffering withdrawal symptoms.

**Steve Digby**

**Credits:** Many thanks to all the Commercial Sponsors for funding, the Distribution Team and Post Office for delivering the magazine to 300+ houses in Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe every month.

### Contact Details for Comments and Article Submission:

Please contact the Editor at [idletalk@live.co.uk](mailto:idletalk@live.co.uk) or phone on 01777-816694 or send hard copy to: Nursery Cottage, Main Street, Mattersey DN10 5DY

**Latest Submissions: 24th of Month @ 4pm Earlier in month preferred**



## Canal Walking Festival

The third Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival will run from 11th to 19th September. It is believed to be the biggest such event based on a single canal in the country.

Altogether there are 42 guided walks of various types and lengths. They vary from a one mile stroll to a full twenty miles. They are spread all the way along the canal's 46 miles from Chesterfield to West Stockwith on the River Trent.

All the walks are free except for the Boat Pull and Boats & Boots (nos. 7, 10, 20, 23, 31, 32, 35 & 36). However, the Walk Leaders will take a voluntary collection for the Chesterfield Canal Trust's Restoration Fund.

Numbers: Some walks have strictly limited numbers, such as 12 for all Boats & Boots, so it is a good idea to book early.

Preparing for your walk: Obviously all our walks will be subject to the latest Covid advice, so please come prepared with a face covering, even if you will not actually be required to wear it.

Walkers are expected to make their own transport arrangements. Please try to arrive at least 15 minutes before the stated set off time to get registered and have a briefing. Walk leaders will not keep everyone else waiting if you are late.

Please wear suitable clothing, especially decent boots. Some paths, including towpaths, are likely to be muddy. It is always wise to wear several layers and to bring a waterproof jacket.

Refreshments: Most walks start or finish near pubs or cafés. On long walks, it is a good idea to bring a packed lunch, see the symbols at the bottom of the walk descriptions. A drink is also a good idea.

Accessibility: The majority of walks are not wheelchair or pushchair friendly because they cross fields, stiles etc. The exceptions are the Boats & Boots - Walks 34 and 35.

Toilets: Please note there will not be public toilets on the route of most of the walks.

Bookings: All walks must be booked in advance.

You can book online via the Chesterfield Canal Trust website: [www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk](http://www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk). You can also book by phone. Please ring 01246 477569 and leave a message.

**Rod Auton**



# Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival 2021

## Walk starting points



### September 2021

- Saturday 11th
- Sunday 12th
- Monday 13th
- Tuesday 14th
- Wednesday 15th
- Thursday 16th
- Friday 17th
- Saturday 18th
- Sunday 19th



To book go to [www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk](http://www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk) or ring 01246 477569

## **MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

[www.matterseypc.co.uk](http://www.matterseypc.co.uk)

**Chairman:** Mr. Andrew Walker, tel: 01777-816567

**Councillors:** Mr. Martin Doughty, tel: 01777-817213

Mrs E.Skelton, tel: 01777-817845, Mrs. H. Wilson, tel: 01777-818846

Mr James Keeling-Heane, email: jamesk@clytha.co.uk

Mrs Elaine Kelling-Heane, email:Elaine226@icloud.com

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**Clerk to Mattersey Parish Council:** Mrs. Adele Haddon,

Contact Details: Tel: 01909-731565

email: [clerk@matterseypc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@matterseypc.co.uk)

**Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (excluding August) commencing at 7.00pm in the Church Hall at Mattersey or via video conferencing due to the pandemic.**

**There is a public forum session at each meeting.**

### **BUS IMPROVEMENT SURVEY**

Notts County Council will soon be drafting a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham, in collaboration with the county's bus operators. This stems from the government's recently published National Bus Strategy (called 'Bus Back Better'), which requires all English local transport authorities to work with bus operators to come up with bold plans for improving their local bus services and encouraging more people to use them. Government has pledged £3 billion in funding across the country to help deliver these plans, and Nottinghamshire and Nottingham are aiming to secure a fair share of that funding.

As an important input to the plan, they want to find out what people think would improve local bus services and what would make them use local buses more. They are keen to hear from people who already use buses and from those who currently don't. Could you disseminate the link to this survey to those in your community and encourage them to participate?

They also want to hear from public, private and voluntary organisations who have an interest in making our bus services work better. Follow the link below to take part in the survey:

[Bus service improvement plan survey | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

## **WAR MEMORIAL CHURCH CLOCK**

Following last month's article regarding the repairs needed to the War Memorial Church clock we are delighted to say that we have received donations from local residents for the full amount required. This is really brilliant news and so generous, this means that we have authorised the repairs to be carried out. Thank you so very much to those who have made a donation. Surplus funds have been ringfenced for future repairs and servicing.

## **THE BIG NOTTS SURVEY**

How do you want Nottinghamshire to look in 10 years' time? This is just one of the big questions in the 'Big Notts Survey'. We want to hear from every Nottinghamshire resident on your hopes and concerns for the future as we emerge from this pandemic and look to a brighter long-term vision for our county.

This survey is short in the time it takes to complete but is big in its themes and aspirations. Feedback from the survey will form the cornerstone of the council's new ambitious Council Plan which will be finalised this autumn and will look to the next 10 years and beyond whilst setting out its detailed priorities for the next four years.

Follow the link below to complete the survey which is now open and **closes on 19 September 2021**.

[The Big Notts Survey | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Thank you in advance for sharing your views and for helping to build a better Nottinghamshire that benefits us all.

## **Gerald Bowers—District Councillor—Ranskill Ward Surgeries 2021**

**If you can't make it on these dates please send an e-mail to:  
[gerald.bowers@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:gerald.bowers@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk)**

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b>    | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>                    |
|------------|----------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday    | 28th September | 1pm         | St Barnabas Church, Ranskill       |
| Thursday   | 28th October   | 4pm         | All Saints' Church Hall, Mattersey |
| Thursday   | 25th November  | 4pm         | Community House, Mattersey Thorpe  |
| Tuesday    | 21st December  | 4pm         | St Barnabas Church, Ranskill       |

## Days of the Week

How did days of the week get their names?

As the days pass, the cycle of the week shapes how we live our lives. Have you ever wondered, "Why is a week seven days long and where do the names of each day come from?"

The reason we organize our lives around a 7-day week is, quite literally, above our heads. Like many other calendars, today's Gregorian calendar is ultimately based on the phases of the Moon. It takes the Moon around 29.5 days to cycle through its phases. For everyday purposes, this is a fairly long and impractical time span, so it makes sense to break it down into smaller segments.

The seven-day week originates from the calendar of the Babylonians who lived in what is now modern day Iraq. Seven days corresponds to the time it takes for the moon to transition between each phase: full, waning half, new and waxing half. Because the moon cycle is 29.53 days long, the Babylonians would insert one or two days into the final week of each month - a pattern we still see today. The division of time was based on observations of the sky & particularly the planets' (and Moon's) behaviour.

The Babylonians named the days after the five planetary bodies known to them (Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Mercury & Mars) and after the Sun and Moon. This custom was later adopted by the Romans and was formalised by Emperor Constantine in 321 AD who designated Sunday and Monday as the first two days of the week; names that we still use today.

Our other weekday names are derived from Anglo-Saxon names for gods in Teutonic mythology. Tuesday from Tyr, the Norse god of war. Tyr was one of the sons of Odin, or Woden, the supreme deity after whom Wednesday is named. Similarly, Thursday originates from Thor, the god of thunder. Friday is derived from Frigga, the wife of Odin, representing love and beauty. Saturday comes from Saturn, the ancient Roman god of fun and feasting.

Article courtesy of Clarborough & Welham News





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## Contacting the Police for Non Emergency Situations

The telephone numbers for non emergency police contacts on page 2 of the magazine have been updated to reflect changes within the personnel allocated to support Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe.

The Beat Manager is now PC James Pickersgill with support from PCSO Lucy Stodhart (formerly Lucy Champion). Direct contact is for non-urgent matters including seeking advice and/or information. They should NOT be used for reporting emergencies or crimes. Use 999 for these issues.

It is better to make non urgent calls to the central control room on telephone number 101 in order to receive the best real time service from those officers who are on duty at the time as there is a chance that the officer you are trying to contact is on leave or on rest days.

When ringing 101 the first thing you will be asked is which Police Force do you require? This is because the 101 non urgent number handles calls from all over the country and the phone signal is picked up from where you are ringing from and the appropriate force for that locality offered as a first option. If you are at that moment located close to a county boundary you may be offered a different force to what you really need.

Next you will be asked whether you know the person or extension number of the department you require. Usually this is not known so just hold on.

After this there are a number of options to select from.

Option 7 allows you to report a crime or incident. There is also an option for speaking to an operator on the switchboard who can connect you to the appropriate contact.

PC2895 James Pickersgill Harworth Police Station DN11 8JP  
Safer Neighbourhood Team—Rural  
Tel 101 Extension: 3102895 Mobile: 07525 226479  
E.mail [james.pickersgill@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:james.pickersgill@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO 9433 Lucy Stothard Harworth Police Station DN11 8JP  
East Bassetlaw Rural Policing Team  
Tel: 101 Extension: 3180986 Mobile: 07976 715407  
Email: [lucy.stothard@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lucy.stothard@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Quiz Questions (Answers Below)

- 1 Which ex-footballer is now co-presenter on BBC's Homes Under the Hammer?
- 2 Now a successful crime novelist, who was the first female captain in the Whitbread Around the World Yacht Race, finishing fifth?
- 3 Which hugely successful song was written to win a five shilling bet in Stalybridge in 1912?
- 4 Which member of Atomic Kitten won "I'm a Celebrity" in 2004?
- 5 Which 1960s medical TV drama launched the career of Richard Chamberlain?
- 6 *Quercus suber*, grown mainly in Spain and Portugal, provides which natural product much used in the wine industry?
- 7 Which World War II warship is moored in the Thames and is part of The Imperial War Museum?
- 8 Which verse form, usually nonsense, has five lines and was devised by Edward Lear?
- 9 What was the name of the policeman in The Ruth Rendell mysteries, played by George Baker in the TV adaptation?
- 10 Which peer, who died in 2001, was a leading social reformer and led a campaign for the parole of Myra Hindley?
- 11 What is the link between all of the answers?

11 All the answers contain the names of places in Ireland.

- 1 Dion Dublin
- 2 Clare Francis
- 3 "It's a Long Way to Tipperary"
- 4 Kerry Katona (then McFadden)
- 5 Dr Kildare
- 6 Cork
- 7 HMS Belfast
- 8 Limerick
- 9 Inspector Wexford
- 10 Lord Longford
- 11 All the answers contain the names of places in Ireland.

Quiz Answers from previous page



## MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Mobile Library will be visiting  
Mattersey/Mattersey Thorpe

14th September / October 12th / November 9th

at the following locations & times:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Mattersey Church:                       | 11.50 > 12.15 |
| Mattersey Cricket Field (Retford Road): | 12.20 > 12.35 |
| Mattersey Chapel (Main Street):         | 13.30 > 13.40 |
| Mattersey Primary School:               | 13.45 > 14.10 |
| Mattersey Thorpe (Keyes Rise):          | 14.15 > 14.30 |

## VILLAGES TOGETHER IS BACK!

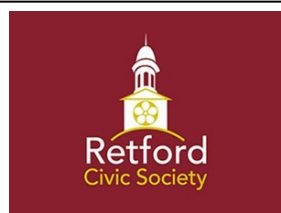
TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER at 1.45pm.

For those of you who are relatively new to the village and not been able to meet up and socialise due to the pandemic, we would like to invite you to our friendly, little group who meet up monthly, upstairs in the church hall. The group was originally formed around the millennium as a social group and has since organised speakers to come and give talks.

However, we want the first meeting to be a social event to chat and exchange ideas for how we will go forward from here.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

Everybody is welcome - if you have any queries please phone 01777 816694 or 01777 816870.



Retford Heritage Open Day takes place on  
11<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.00 to 4.00pm.

Heritage Open Day is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the places that have fascinating links to the past, as they open for the day to the public. Retford

Heritage Open Day is part of a country wide event run by the National Trust. This year, the theme is "Edible England"!

Many heritage venues have already signed up: Bassetlaw Museum and Pilgrims Gallery, Retford Library, the Chesterfield Canal Trust, Majestic Theatre, Grove Street Methodist Church, The Time Machine, Trinity Hospital, The Masonic Hall, St Swithuns and St Michaels.

Events at each venue differ but range from a Roman banquet set up, canal boat tours and school dinners!

## DATES AND SERVICES IN LOCAL CHURCHES, FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

|                          |          |   |
|--------------------------|----------|---|
| Sunday<br>5th September  | 09.30am  | River Idle Churches on-line Worship                           |
|                          | 11.15am  | Service of Holy Communion at<br>All Saints' Church, Mattersey |
| Sunday<br>12th September | 11.15am  | Service of Holy Communion at<br>Holy Trinity Church, Everton  |
|                          | 6.00pm   | Evensong at St Nicholas, Bawtry                               |
| Sunday<br>19th September | 08.30 am | Service of Holy Communion at<br>St. Helena, Austerfield       |
|                          | 09.30am  | River Idle Churches on-line Worship                           |
|                          | 11.15am  | Service of Holy Communion at<br>St Nicholas, Bawtry           |
| Sunday<br>26th September | 09.30am  | River Idle Churches on-line Worship                           |
|                          | 11.15am  | Service of Holy Communion at<br>St John The Baptist, Misson   |
|                          | 6.00pm   | Evensong at St Nicholas, Bawtry                               |

Thursday Morning Communion at Bawtry Church: 9.30am every week

Mattersey Church is again open during the day for private prayer and quiet reflection .