

How time flies – it barely seems a month since I put pen to paper on my last column telling you what is happening in the world of Bassetlaw District Council.

I firstly want to allay any fears residents may have about the progress of the two new leisure centres.

This Council is spending over £10million on making sure Bassetlaw residents have the best leisure facilities possible and that obviously takes time and careful planning.

And naturally that applies to finding the best company fit to run the new Worksop and Retford based centres.

Of course, the negotiations we have with firms vying for the contracts have to be kept behind closed doors, but what I can tell you is that they are on-going and at an advanced stage. I'm sure everyone would rather us get it right, and thrash out any concerns we may have before awarding the contract!

If you haven't yet seen the new Worksop centre taking shape then just take a trip along Valley Road and have a look – it certainly looks impressive!

Both the Worksop and Retford leisure centres are well on track and are due to be handed over to the Council in December. After a few checks have been carried out to ensure everything is working, the new centres should be open to the public in January.

Secondly I want to clear up any confusion caused by comments from other sources. Anyone affected by the floods who is unable to live in their property is entitled to a rebate of Council Tax and should apply to the Council as soon as possible.

A big thank you to everyone who made the Chairman's Charity Concert (on Sunday 30th September) such a massive success.

I know the Chairman (Councillor Wendy Quigley) was absolutely delighted with the £1,400 raised for Bassetlaw Hospice and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

And finally I want to pass on my congratulations to a team of young footballers coached by the Council's Footballing Chance Project Officer, Matt Handley.

They came second in a prestigious national tournament at the Keepmoat Stadium (home of Doncaster Rovers FC) and all credit must go to them and Matt for such an impressive set of results.

This year's squad was put together following the Footballing Chance come and Play Sessions held within the Manton area and supported by Worksop Boy's Club Under 17s. For details on this year's training sessions ring Matt on 01777 713889 or 07813 313291.