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IN MY OPINION

Would you like to contribute something that you feel strongly about and want to tell our readers? If so, please email it or let your village representative have your copy (around 350 words) in good time for next month.

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Dear Readers

The platinum preparations are well underway! All three villages are looking ahead to the extended bank holiday weekend and planning some great events. Find out how you can get involved on pages 5, 9 and 23.

I was lucky enough to bump into one of the Queen's swans on a walk around Daneshill Lakes, who was very happy to pose for the cover photograph.



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Can you spare a few hours each month to help with the printing of The STAR? We desperately need volunteers to help with a variety of tasks so please do get in touch.

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Horace went missing from Scrooby on the 9th February. He is a young Snow Bengal male cat, cream in colour with brown spots, and big blue eyes. We don't think Horace was wearing his collar, but he is neutered and microchipped.

Please help us to bring Horace home, or at least find out what has happened to him, he is a much loved pet, we and all our pets are really missing him.

Jenny at Sheepcote House Scrooby. 07545 641072 #HelpHorace

Delving into the Archives

A message from Barry Prater:

"I have a nearly complete set of the first 100 issues of The STAR, dating from 1984 to 1992. I accumulated these when I was Editor from the start of the project... I'd be very happy to pass them on to someone in the villages who might be interested to learn of happenings and recall people from 30-40 years ago. "

If anyone from the villages is interested, please email copy4star@yahoo.co.uk

SCROOBY PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

From June 2nd to June 5th this year we have an extended Bank Holiday to celebrate the 70 years the Queen has been on the throne. How should we mark this in Scrooby?

In the next week or so a questionnaire will be given to each household in Scrooby asking for your ideas on how you would like to celebrate.

Ideas proposed so far are for a Bar-b-q with Bar and Live music and lighting of

a Jubilee Beacon on Thursday evening and on either Saturday or Sunday a "Street Party". Few details for these have yet been worked out; your ideas will help make something happen.

Please respond to the questionnaire as soon as you can so plans can be made and we can celebrate in a fitting manner.





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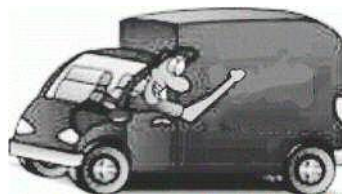
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Christian Perspective

Now that it seems that we are moving on into more normal times, this is a good opportunity to review our faith and take stock of where we are going. It's time to start pressing on again. *Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13 'forgetting what is behind and straining*



towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus'.

Well that's the great Apostle Paul, who after all he had achieved was still straining to press on to go forward. He didn't feel that he had yet arrived at full maturity in the faith, but needed to keep on going forward, pressing in to the things of Christ.

I have some helps from the Bible which I hope will be of use to us in this pressing on towards the goal. We'll look at the first one this month and others as we go forward. So let's start in Proverbs 4:18-19. I call this 'From brighter to brighter'. It goes like this: *The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.*

Isn't that an interesting contrast! When we have put our trust in Christ, we are counted among the righteous.

So those who are righteous can be confident that the early pale light of the first days of faith, will

only get brighter as they go forward. The 'path' we walk will have ever increasing light shed upon it.

But those who don't trust in Christ are counted among the wicked. They will stumble about in deep darkness and not know what they have tripped over!

Some years ago we lived and worked in the Seychelles for a while. I used to walk to a fellow worker's house a couple of streets away in the evenings to practice guitar for leading worship on the following Sunday. There were few street lamps, no footpaths and deep storm ditches at the sides of the roads. I really knew the difference between a moonlit night and a cloudy night!

Well, the writer of Proverbs is quite clear here, he says the way of the wicked is like deep darkness.

But we can rejoice because the path of the righteous, starts out like the first light of dawn but gets only ever brighter till it reaches the full light of day. If we walk with the Lord we will always have light to see where we are going—**from brighter to brighter!**

So that's my first encouraging promise. Look to the Lord afresh each day and expect the light to only get brighter. More next month.

God bless you.



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for March

Sudoku is a number placement puzzle. The aim of Sudoku is to complete the grid by entering numbers from 1 to 9 in each empty cell of the 9x9 grid which comprises 9 sub-grids each with 9 cells in a 3x3 pattern. Each row, column and sub-grid must contain only one instance of each number.

There are variants of Sudoku. In this puzzle there are 9 shaded cells, one in each sub-grid. These shaded cells must also contain the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.



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Celebration time for Queen's jubilee year



Youngsters enjoying a tea party in Ranskill park for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012

Ranskill festival is coming back this summer after what will be three years away, *writes the festival committee.*

This year the festival will coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations to mark her historic 70-year reign over the extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday, June 2 to Sunday, June 5.

On Friday, June 3 there will be lots going on at the park in Ranskill to mark the occasion and bring our community together.

From 2.30pm there will be a children's Jubilee afternoon tea party, including sports races, crafts, stalls, a tombola, performances from Ranskill School students and much more for everyone of all ages to enjoy.

In the evening come along to the party in the park.

With live music, food stands, a pop-up bar and a chance to have a great time with our neighbours, this is an event definitely not to be missed.

We're also going to hold our very own Platinum Pudding Competition, with both children's and adult categories, and would love to



see everyone's gardens and houses decorated to make our villages look incredible.

Details on how to enter the competition will be in future editions of the STAR.

We really do need more volunteers though for this all to be able to happen.

If you can help us plan or set things up or spare a couple of hours on the day or help us pack away afterwards then please let us know.

If you are a local business or charitable organisation and want a stall on the day then please get in touch via email, phone or Facebook.

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Further information will be in next month's STAR and on Facebook, so watch this space and save the date.

There will also be plenty going on in Torworth over



the long weekend to celebrate Her Majesty's 70-year reign.

In keeping with the long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, the beacon is going to be lit at 9pm on Thursday, June 2, accompanied by a bagpiper and choir.

On Sunday, June 5, the playing field will be the venue for a celebratory get-together, with special commemorative coins being handed out to children.



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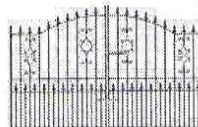
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At last! Spring is here, the weather is improving, covid restrictions have been lifted and life feels a bit more like normal life used to be.

Wonderful! The local group of Notts Wildlife Trust is resuming its programme of talks this month. And what better subject to start with than the newly introduced beavers now living on the Idle Valley reserve?

There's been a great deal of interest in the beavers, spiked, among other things, by photographs of the trees they've already felled. Amazing!

Janice Bradley, the Trust's Head of Nature Recovery (North) who was

heavily involved in the beaver reintroduction, will be our speaker. She will tell us about the county plan for species recovery, why beavers are important to it and why they've been located at the Idle Valley reserve. After a coffee break Janice will tell us more about the Idle Valley project and how our beavers new are getting on.

We need an idea of how many people will be attending so that we can make sure we have room for everyone. If you'd like to come, please email or phone me and I'll let you have time and date.

Everyone is welcome; we just need to ensure we are all as safe as possible. It will be good to get together again after all this time.

If you want any more info phone Jan 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com

If you would like to receive email updates of Local Group activities, please email Jan with your request.

A positive start to the year for RSPCA Doncaster and Rotherham

At the RSPCA Doncaster, Rotherham and District Branch, we have had a very positive start to the year with over 60 animals being adopted from our animal centre. This includes some of our longer stay residents - Piper and Lola - who we are so pleased have finally found their forever homes.

Bubbles entered our care during the same week as Lola but unfortunately hasn't found his forever home yet; he has been patiently waiting for his forever home for over 4 months. We often find that rabbits take longer to adopt, despite them being much smaller than dogs and cats. Rabbits are easy to bond with and make great additions to any home, especially one that wants the loyalty and comfort of a pet without being too chaotic or noisy.

Bubbles is a bright bunny who loves hopping around to explore his surroundings, occasionally stopping to have a quick munch of his kale. He is used to being indoors but would appreciate access to a garden run once the weather gets warmer. Your home could be perfect for him if you already own a female rabbit as he would greatly benefit from the company.

Toby is another one of our residents struggling to find his forever home. He's a handsome boy, looking for a family he can call his own who will give him the love and attention that he deserves. Despite being a slightly older gent, his age does not slow him down; he loves a good run around and a quick ear scratch.

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 - **Sunday 13th:** Scrooby - 9.30am CW HC
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- Mothering Sunday - Parade Service

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Ranskill and Torworth W.I.

Ranskill and Torworth W.I. will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday 22nd. March at the Village Hall Barnby Moor. The Speaker for the afternoon will be Mrs. Liz Brash. who will be speaking on the history and work of the N.S.P.C.C. the meeting will commence at 2p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01777 818519.

Pat Blatchford

Our churches are now open, and all are welcome to our services. Please wear a mask if you are able when you enter and move around the church. You are welcome to remove it once seated.

We are now able to open church for other activities, although for the time being, this may depend on numbers so that everyone is as safe as possible. The churchwardens will be happy to help with any enquiries.

If you would like to arrange a baptism, wedding, or funeral at one of our churches please contact one of the churchwardens below.

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Group of members attending the Annual Luncheon of the Ranskill and Torworth W.I. held at the West Retford Hotel on Thursday 10th February.

The Right Place To Park?

I'm a resident on Station Road and write most months about this. Today 28th January two cars nearly collided at the traffic lights. This was because vans and cars parked up for the fish shop and shop. When are these shops going to take some responsibility? They should tell their customers and put signs up. When is our local Parish Council going to act? And where is our MP when we need them? Oh and the police getting involved (when someone gets hurt).

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Scouts and cubs find their way after dark



Mark Mounde (aka Skip) reports on the Clumber Park night hike undertaken by Ranskill Scouts, Cubs and brave parents

One of the highlights in the Scouting calendar is the NESST Walk which is held annually on the last weekend of January.

After two years of cancelled events this year's event also fell foul to Covid restrictions one week before the event.

Not to be deterred, the Ranskill Scouts organised their own event as a way of providing an opportunity for the Scouts and Cubs to experience walking at night but in fewer numbers while also maintaining a Covid-safe environment.

As such 40 walkers (two Cub teams, four Scouts teams and one very brave adult team) gathered at Work-sop College at 4:30pm on Saturday, January 22 for a staggered time start for the 10-mile Scout walk and six-mile Cub walk into Clumber Park.

Both walks crossed the College grounds and then onto the Robin Hood Way footpath that leads to the main entrance



to the Clumber Park facilities from Lime Tree Avenue.

At this point (with no teams currently lost!) the teams diverged with the Scouts heading south to meet at Check Point 2 on the National Cycleway 647 on the southern boundary of Clumber Park and the Cubs heading off to Hardwick Village for their Check Point 2 (and cakes!).

Both Cubs teams made it to the Finish Point just inside the A614 entrance to the Park in a very respectable time for 8pm while the Scouts continued their journey to the entrance to the Park near to the Clumber Park Hotel where Ed and Izzy Marshall were purpose-

fully manning Check Point 3 (from their warm car!).

On the final leg to the Finish Point the Scouts, some tiring by this stage, were topped up with cakes in Hardwick Village before the final push to the end.

By 9:15pm all teams were safely back and refreshed with hot dogs and hot chocolate provided by Rob and Christie Willis (a big shout out of thanks!).

Many stories were relayed afterwards about kids that hadn't even got onto the A614 before they were sound asleep in the back of their cars which was taken as a sign of a successful, and to be repeated,



inaugural Ranskill Ramble.

My thanks also go to Ieuan, Kelly (who also provided the cakes), Jane and Liz for their help with the Cubs teams and Ed, Izzy, Bear, Mrs Skip, Jonathan and Charlotte for the supervision around the course during the night.

One final mention has to go to the Adult Team (Lynne, Jo, Tim and James) who, reportedly, had to be redirected onto the correct footpath out of Hardwick Village towards the Finish Point by one of the Scouts teams!

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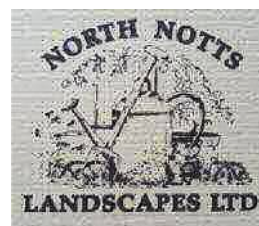
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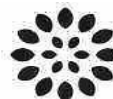
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5. Which football club sacked Jose Mourinho as manager in 2018?
6. Which disappearing horse won the Derby in 1981?
7. Which snooker champion was nicknamed Dracula?
8. Which decade do the first widely accepted cricket laws date from?
9. Who was the first person to run a mile in under 4 minutes?
10. In badminton how many points win a single game?
11. Which two sports take place on a piste?
12. In which event does the winning team move backwards?
13. Which country won the first World Cup held in 1930?
14. What did the sport baggataway become?
15. Which sport is played on the largest pitch of all games?
16. Which soccer team is nicknamed The Pensioners?
17. How many yards are there between wickets in cricket?
18. Which boxer's catchphrase was "know what I mean 'Arry"?
19. In which country is Flushing Meadows tennis stadium?
20. What kind of athletes perform a flic-flac?
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22. Which rugby union team plays at the Stoop Stadium?



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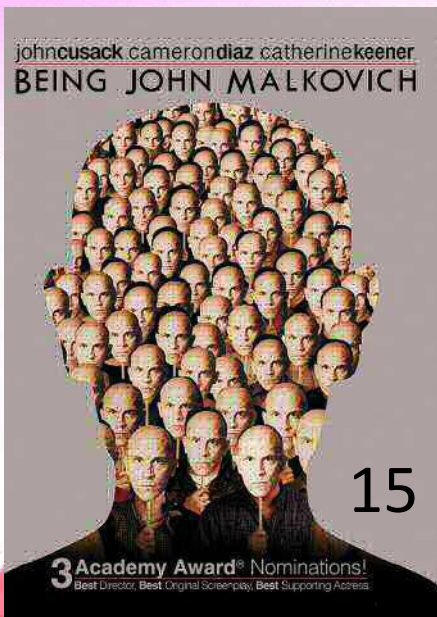
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Walking route as well with short cuts.*

£2 voluntary donation to cover celebration drinks etc.

Dogs welcome

SCRAM H3 - See us on Facebook

Alternatively the organiser Keith Tween on 078 111 999 47

See our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Scrooby-Clumber-Ranskill-and-Mattersey-Hash-House-Harriers-2159330557728181/>

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Hashing is an international phenomenon and very popular throughout the UK. If you haven't heard of hashing before, for more information about the Hash House Harriers concept, see the 'What is Hashing' on the UK H3 website -

<http://www.ukh3.org.uk/> **Monthly runs to follow**



A big thank you to George at Rotherham Sand and Gravel and Adam at North Notts Landscaping, for clearing the bridlepath from School Lane in Scrooby to the railway line. You can now get a horse and carriage down there.

THANK YOU

Solution to March puzzle

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1	7	2	8	3	4	6	9	5
9	8	6	1	7	5	4	3	2
8	6	7	5	2	3	9	1	4
4	2	3	6	1	9	5	7	8
5	9	1	4	8	7	3	2	6
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7	3	8	2	5	6	1	4	9
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Joy T

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X from Joy T



RANSKILL CRAFT CLUB Ranskill Bowls Club DN22 8LE (Station Road)

Our meetings in the pavilion of Ranskill Bowls Club have resumed and new faces are always welcome. Whatever your interest, you will find cheerful company and a warm welcome waiting, just bring your crafting kit and a smile.

We meet on Fridays at 10am until 12, and ample off-street parking is available.

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SPORTS TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 11 2. Tennis 3. Chequered 4. South Africa
5. Manchester United 6. Shergar
7. Ray Reardon 8. 1740s 9. Roger Bannister
10. 15 points 11. Fencing & Skiing
12. Tug of War 13. Uruguay 14. Lacrosse
15. Polo 16. Chelsea 17. 22 18. Frank Bruno
19. USA 20. Gymnasts 21. Foil Epée Sabre
22. Harlequins

QUOTE for the MONTH

"The difference between Involvement and Commitment is like an egg and ham breakfast—the chicken is involved, the pig was committed!"

Unknown

Ranskill and Torworth Platinum Jubilee Festival

Friday 3rd June 2022

Ranskill Park

2.30pm onwards



Childrens Sports and Games
Tombola
Games
Childrens Crafts



Platinum Pudding Competition



Childrens Jubilee Tea Party

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Tug of war



Music



Party in the Park



Bar



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Can you give a Tombola prize?

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Do you know about the Whinze and Gibbet Hill??



In the December edition of the Star, the Scrooby Parish Council reminded everyone about the areas of Common Land known as the Whinze and Gibbet Hill.

In the past, the use of the sites as nature reserves was encouraged, although in more recent times, the sites have been left to wild with many Parishioners unaware that the areas are Parish Land. The areas have been noted as wildlife sites due to the resident and visiting wildlife and birds that inhabit the area. The fauna has also been noted.

The Parish Council has consulted a Wildlife Trust Conservation Officer in order to understand how best to care for and encourage the bio-diversity of the sites which is lacking in its current state. They have documented (please see the report on Scrooby.net) their recommendations on how to achieve this. The Parish Council also have an obligation to prevent the sites turning to wasteland.

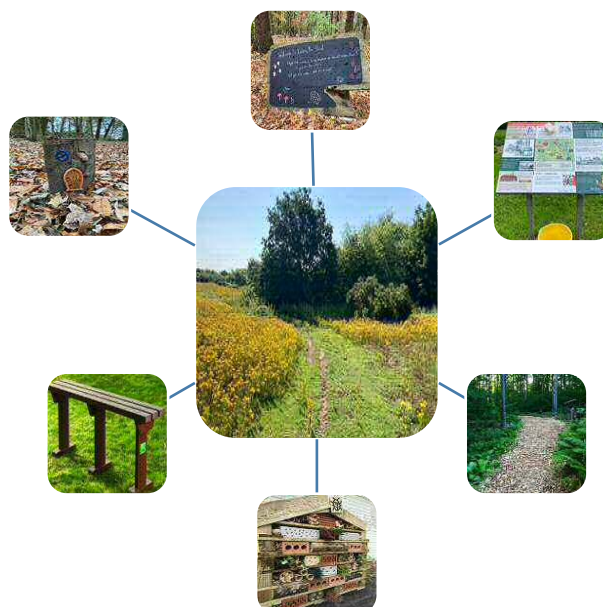
The Conservation Officer has recommended the lopping and pruning of low hanging branches; the thinning of self set and other identified trees, the reduction of ferns in the area and the pruning of the gorsebush which is prevalent in order to encourage growth. All of this is to encourage the bio-diversity of the sites allowing them to flourish and be a haven for wildlife for years to come.

A working party is being organised for the 12th and 13th of March 2022 in order to make a start on the immediate actions recommended. If you have the expertise, and are available to help, **please contact Lindsey Buxton on 07545 156 559 or Nadine Croft on 07528 232 824 for more information.** If you can't help this weekend, there will be plenty of opportunities to help in the future, so please do get in touch. **You can also donate at** <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/scroobypcwhinzegibbethill>

This will be the start of a project to encourage the safe usage of the areas as wildlife sites, and subject to funding*, the Parish Council also aim to provide additions to the site, such as benches, pathways, forestry areas and appropriate signage to inform users of the history and of the types of nature that can be found there.

We hope these areas will be a valuable asset to the community and encourage you to take a wander and see for yourself, the beauty and nature that is on your doorstep.

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Sprinkle with a little more grated cheese

Top with a packet of crushed plain crisps

Bake till brown and bubbling or pop under grill

Alternatively, top with a few breadcrumbs tossed in a little melted butter and bake or grill



Joy T

RANSKILL BOWLS CLUB

DN22 8LE (Station Road)

Our winter indoor season is in full swing now, with smaller teams but just as much fun. It is a chance to get together and chat while still playing a challenging game.

The 2022 outdoor season is being planned and friendly games with neighbouring bowls clubs are arranged starting in April, weather permitting. We have welcomed new members over the indoor season who have yet to play out on the green.

Players will continue to meet on Saturdays 2-4pm and Thursdays 6-8pm and you are warmly invited to join us. We have spare bowls you can use but please bring flat soled shoes for use on the mats. Just contact Simon (tel.no. below) and let him know that you are interested.

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SCROOBY DIARY 2022 UPDATE



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(1566 - 1643)

Events planned for 2022 at the Village Hall, on the Croft or elsewhere, Covid regulations permitting:

March: 13th 7.30 for 8.00pm Cinema – *Being John Malkovich*
12th-13th 10.00am Whinze Clearance – Working party requires
25th – 10th April Scrooby Spring Clean

Details for this month's events may be found in the latest copy of the STAR

April: 10th 4.00 for 4.30pm Cinema Double Bill – *Babbette's Feast* and *The Hundred-foot Journey*. With Indian themed meal during the intermission.
29th 7.00pm Bar Night

May: 8th 7.30 for 8.00pm Cinema – *Knives Out*

June: 2nd 6pm onwards HM's Platinum Jubilee Bar-b-q with Bar and Live music and lighting of the Jubilee Beacon
3rd, 4th, 5th Other Jubilee celebrations. **Suggestions for these would be appreciated.**

July: 1st 7.00pm Bar Night

August:

September: 3rd Scrooby Village Show
4th Scrooby Parish Lunch
11th 7.30 for 8.00pm Cinema – Film TBA

October: 3rd 7.00pm Harvest Supper
9th 7.30 for 8.00pm Cinema – Film TBA
28th 7.00pm Bar Night
31st Halloween

November: 13th 7.30 for 8.00pm Cinema Double Bill with meal – Films TBA
26th Christmas Fayre

December: 9th Wassail
11th 7.30 for 8.00pm Cinema – Film TBA
26th Village Walk

Please note these in your diary and support them when you can. More details about each event will be available closer to the time and dates and times may change.

Some of these events have willing organisers and will take place, but some could do with new blood to ensure they continue. If you would like to be involved in helping, or even organising something completely new please contact Stephen Lincoln stephen.lincoln3@hotmail.com

ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14 February 2022 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present:** Chair: Stephen Lincoln, Lindsey Buxton, Nadine Croft, Ed Marshall, Frank White, Stephen Cordery, County Cllr Tracey Taylor, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer). Parishioners / Public present: Two
2. **Apologies:** Elaine Gargett, District Councillor Jack Bowker.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** Accepted, no corrections - Proposed by, Nadine Croft, seconded by Lyndsey Buxton
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points** Completed or ongoing, but: the footpath outside of the Pilgrims Oak is ongoing.
4. **Agenda**
- 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items None extra
- 4.2. Public Discussion None, specific
5. **Correspondence:** The usual number of notices, e-mails and letters had been received covering last two months and were listed before the meeting in 2 lists. Those of note or action were 5.1 Notts CC Flood Risk Riparian Responsibilities, 5.2 Notts CC Social Care Recruitment, 5.3 Bassetlaw NHS The future of urgent and emergency Children's care at Bassetlaw 12.b. After some discussion and a vote it was agreed not to allow Clay Pigeon Shooting on Scrooby's common lands.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**
District Councillor Jack Bowker – Reported: Nothing, absent
County Councillor Tracey Taylor – The “Soft Devolution” has been granted permission to progress: Levelling Up: a new Freeport: West Burton site to bid for a Nuclear Fusion project. All were discussed and clarified.
7. **Finance Report**
The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs and Cinema Club film costs, the report was approved. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
Other activities were the adoption of a common approach document to the LCF fund applications.
Scrooby Precept 2022/23 was proposed and accepted at £7,400 for 2022/23, an increase of 4.5% or £2.45pd on Band D
An amendment to the Scrooby Financial Regulations was agreed to make payments for routine costs (Salaries, Utility bills, etc.) more automatic.
8. **Police Report**
Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend. Notts Police Stakeholder report have been received.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
Planning issues: New Applications: Ponderosa, Chapel Lane = no objections. Existing Applications: Avonlea a watch continues on the access made on the Great North Road. Others: Home Farm, Ongoing monitoring by Planning.
Scrooby Neighbourhood Plan continues. The Notts Waste Management consultation needs to be responded to.
10. **Play Area**
The repair to the Baby Swings mat continues and the area where the old Tree was uprooted the ground level is to be checked.
11. **Village Hall**
Village Hall Operations: Continues to operate. Additional Grants offered due to COVID do not apply to Scrooby.
The Queen's Jubilee 2nd June 2022 – Agreed to poll the parish about how to celebrate and to review the provision of a beacon on the Croft.
12. **Village Environment**
The future development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – Progress was reported upon and weaknesses identified. Tracey Taylor offered to discuss the project with Notts CC colleagues. It is accepted this is a long term project, the first activity being a clean-up weekend in March. Initial fund-raising applications are being prepared.
The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – A project team with Notts CC has been created and a formal Conditional Grant agreement is on the table. The Council agreed a) to start the project, b) to find the extra funds, and c) to accept the proposed artwork as it was described. The project then continues alongside the Notts CC team.
A possible bridleway from Scrooby to Bawtry is being discussed and is a medium-term project at the “fact finding” phase. It was also noted that Scrooby would be once again taking part in the Great British Spring Clean event this year.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**
Next Meeting / Agenda: None at the meeting.

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at www.scrooby.net
Next meeting to be held on Monday, 14th March 2022, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

This Month's Issues for you to muse:	<i>Criminal activity? If life threatening call 999, else 101</i> Stay Safe, Stay Well
The next meeting Monday, 14 th March 2022 at 19:30pm. ALL Parishioners are always more than welcome to join.	
SLOW DOWN on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads.	<i>Look at the Noticeboard / Information Hub (Chapel Lane)</i>
/ <i>Scrooby.net</i> website for all the latest information and consultations.	
Defibrillator, Call 999 first.	PLEASE follow the procedure for using the
How can we make The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common hedges and hedgerows be better and more attractive and WHAT should it be used for?	What should we do for the Queen's Jubilee 2022???
<i>Dogs are NOT allowed on the Croft.</i>	
SNAP Neighbourhood Plan, Contact Tony Smith at 0797 483 6978 or scroobysnap@btinternet.com , for information.	

ABRIDGED MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD

WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY 2022 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D Simpson

Councillors: L Shaw, P Blatchford, M Pryce, L Sommerville, A Garner, C Janson-Piers

DCllr: Absent

CCLlr: Absent

Clerk: B Kinsey

Members of the public: There was 1 member of the public attending.

01/0122: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs P Brown, J Peel, D.Cllr Bowers, C.Cllr T Taylor.

02/0122 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0122: OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The resident attending was the volunteer who is searching for grant funding on our behalf. Mrs Bing updated us on progress, detailed below.

04/0122: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th DECEMBER 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th December were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0122:

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Not in attendance.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Not in attendance.

06/1221: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The regulation 14 consultation from 1st December for 8 weeks is now current. So far after 6 weeks the PC has received just 1 comment from a resident and 7 from statutory bodies.

07/0122: CRIME & POLICING

Despite being asked to attend on many occasions our local officer PC Pickersgill did not attend. During November 9 crimes were logged and in December 12 were reported for the Ranskill and Lound area. Burglary, theft and criminal damage were the largest proportion.

08/0122: HIGHWAYS and TRAFFIC

Our D.Cllr is starting training for the new speed watch volunteer team and hoping to start deployment in January.

09/0122: FINANCE

a. Bank balances at the 30th December were: -

Current - £100.00

Reserve - £62,709 - including ring fenced funds of £12,054.

b. Approve payments: -

The Clerk ascertained from BDC that a sum of £13,597 is now available to be drawn down as CIL funding and an application has been made to receive the funds from BDC in full.

c. Update on the Bank account

The Clerk reported that issues with NatWest persist but are very slowly being resolved.

d. Budget 2022-23

The clerk presented a revised draft document following confirmation of the new 2022 tax base from BDC. The latest draft included an increase in the cost of mowing due to now including the Station Road footpath in the contract. A small loss was reported, which would require a 3% increase in the precept to bring us to a break-even position.

10/0122: PLANNING

a. Consider new planning applications received by 12th January 2022.

No new applications have been received.

b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.

c. Enforcement

Folly Nook Lane, where some houses have been occupied a condition that a footpath to be provided has been ignored. We have asked planning to investigate this issue.

In addition, works on a garage located within Appledore, Station Road appears to be ongoing, despite a planning refusal. The Clerk was requested to notify BDC planning for enforcement.

11/0122: BDC COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Chair has produced a defence document which has now been submitted to BDC Head of Corporate Services. The Chair has also communicated our intentions to the Chair of Torworth PC.

12/0122: AMENITIES & FACILITIES

a. Consider items relating to Ranskill Park

- The safety surface (grass mat) renewal project remains to be completed

b. Consider items relating to the village environment

- The tree works have now been completed.
- The new bench has now been received by North Notts from Glasdon in late December and will be installed within 4 weeks, together with the repairs to existing benches.
- Xmas tree lights 2022

It was decided to replace the existing lighting which now look outdated, particularly since the tree has grown over time. Cllr Janson-Piers will lead a project to replace the display for next year. It's important to bear in mind all H&S requirements, certification and installation by a responsible electrician. A switching on ceremony and carol singing will be arranged in conjunction with The Blue Bell.

c. Update on the removal of trees on Great North Road bordering the Rose development

The Chair advised that Notts Highways carried out a further site assessment and confirmed that the visibility splay should be 80 metres. Officers instructed that one further mature tree should be felled since it was 72 metres from the development's junction with GNR. This was carried out last week.

d. Litter picker resigned on 30th December

The litter picker left for personal reasons. Cllrs decided to advertise the position in The Star

14/0122: UPDATE REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE PCC FOR THE PC TO TAKE OVER

MAINTENANCE OF THE OLD CHURCHYARD

We have now heard formally from The Ministry of Justice confirming a consultation prior to closure.

16/0122: PLANNING FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

The PC is waiting for the festival committee to advise their position.

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