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All the news and views from our three villages

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.

All advertising copy and alterations to advertisements must be submitted by the 16th of the month.

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Dear Readers

December is here along with the annual colour edition of The STAR!

Please remember that there is no January STAR, but it will return for February 2024 and we'd love to hear your new year news.

We hope you enjoy the festivities this month...

We all have the Ranskill Christmas light switch on to look forward to, plus the special one-off music evening in Scrooby to help support upcoming local singers, the Christmas Café Hub craft stalls along with the Phoenix ukelele band, and not forgetting the mince pies!

We also have local news updates including development to the whinze and part 2 of Peter Parkins childhood memories.

Have fun doing the Christmas quiz and making Christmas ice cream—I'm always up for eating ice cream all year round.

The STAR would like to thank all the contributors, distributors and of course; the readers. We hope you have a healthy, happy Christmas and New Year.

Luci

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'Fabulous' Ranskill brothers in Sister Act



The Wood brothers, from Ranskill, have certainly got the acting habit. Thomas, aged 16, above, left, and Oliver, 13, recently appeared



in Sister Act at Rotherham Civic Theatre, and will next be on stage at Bawtry Phoenix Theatre for the Young Players' Variety Show.

To buy tickets for the show, which runs from Monday December 11 until Thursday December 14, visit www.wegotickets.com/BawtryPhoenixTheatre

PC honoured for helping save man's life



PC Ben Lawrance with his commendation

A police officer who used to live in Ranskill has been awarded a commendation for his professionalism and commitment in helping to save a man's life.

Ben Lawrance, who is a Police Constable with Nottinghamshire Police, was on duty with a colleague when a man crashed his vehicle after suffering a

cardiac arrest. Ben and his colleague administered CPR, located a defibrillator and worked tirelessly until an ambulance arrived to take the man to hospital

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Christian Perspective



So the Christmas lights are on in town and everywhere is beginning to have that bright and sparkly look.

Many things associated with Christmas these days don't really have anything to do with a Christian

Christmas at all. Though some aspects help us to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. Giving presents reminds that God gave his one and only Son to come to be the Saviour of the world. Many carols speak of the details of the Bible account of the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with food and family is a good way to make the time special. But to me, especially in the winter when days are short and can be dark, the lights are an excellent way to remind us that Jesus came to be the Light of the world.

At the beginning of his Gospel John explains that Jesus, the one he is writing about, was with God in the beginning and came into the world. In verse 4 of chapter 1 he writes: *In him was life, and that light was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not understood or overcome it.* And in verse 9 we read: *The true light that gives light to every person was coming into the world.*

If we feel life is dull and dreary and hopeless the best place to go is to turn to Jesus, find out about him in the Bible and invite him to come and live within you.

Wherever Jesus is and his Spirit is at work, there is light and joy and peace and every good thing we could want. Jesus, speaking of himself, as John records in chapter 8:12 said, *"I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* In turn, Jesus said to the ones who believed in him, *"You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before people."*

The Message version of the Bible puts it like this: *"You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, don't think you can hide under a bucket. I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up to God, this generous Father in heaven."*

Here is David the psalmist writing about his experience, and this is what our lives can be like when we put all into the hands of Jesus: *You have turned on*



my light! The Lord my God has made my darkness turn to light. Psalm 18:28. So if life seems dark, turn to Jesus. If you know him and his Spirit is in you, let his light shine out. It will make a great difference to you and to all around you.

May God bless you abundantly with light and joy as you worship him this Christmas.

Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for December

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 4 groups of shaded cells. Each of these shaded groups must also contain the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

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		9	8				6	5
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6	8					5		2
1		2	6		8	9		3
			1	3			4	

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St Barnabas Church
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Village Café Hub



Thank you to all who came to the October Café Hub where £60 was raised for Cedar House Bassetlaw Hospice.

Many thanks for all your donations.

Apologies that we had to cancel the
November event due to illness.

**We're back on December 9th 11am - 1pm for our
Christmas Café Hub.**

There will be Craft Stalls, The Card and Gifts Stall,
Kay's Flowers and Seasonal Gifts, a Christmas Raffle and
the Phoenix Ukulele Band will be playing.

Also delicious cakes, mince pies and teas and coffee.

Please come along with friends and family.

You'll be sure of a warm welcome.

Many thanks from The Café Hub Team.

Ranskill Bowls Club, Station Road

The Bowls Club Trophy Presentation Lunch was held at the Blue Bell pub in the village. Congratulations to all our worthy winners and a huge thank you to Dan and his staff for their hospitality.

Our indoor season continues, and you are welcome to join us. Phone Simon for more information, and if you are free Friday mornings come and join us for a chat at the Craft Club here.

Contacts Simon 07876 285593 or Carol West (Craft Club) 07495 078254 and

Childhood Memories - Part 2

Continued from Sept '23 Star...

At weekends and holidays we used to go over the level crossing and down Common Lane to where acres and acres of land had been quarried and left. It was a massive area of lakes, ponds and islands that had been reclaimed by nature, covered in grass and wild flowers with swans, grebes, coots, moorhens and mallards. Fish could also be seen in the clear water. It was an ideal place for kids and wildlife.

At this time sand was being quarried in the area near the tyre business and the scrap yard. Mr Glasby drove the drag-line excavator which fed the conveyor that ran alongside the stream to the plant at which is now Mill Grove Farm. We used to enjoy riding on the conveyor belt. One day, part of the plant collapsed and killed two men.

A lot of time was spent at Poplar Farm on Blyth Road run by Mr Kitchen, who always wore his flat cap back to front to keep the rain from

running down his neck. I learnt a bit about farming and we also helped where we could. I was 11 when I learnt to drive a tractor, it was a Fordson Major and in the field where Arundel Drive Estate now stands. All the kids in the village, there were not many then, used to play football and cricket in the paddocks as the village park was still being farmed.

Another place we used to go was the Dingle on the corner of Folly Nook Lane. It was just a large hole filled with gorse bushes, ideal for making dens, climbing trees and lighting fires. One day in there I nearly stumbled on a snake, I didn't stop to see if it was an adder or a grass snake.

Train spotting was another pastime, you could buy a book with all the names and numbers in and tick them off as you saw them. At that time you could stand by the bridge on Mattersey Road and have a clear view down to the signal box and the station. The

reason for this was that in summer sparks from the engines set the banks alight, and sometimes the wooden fence, and it kept the vegetation down. I saw all the streamlined engines (A4?) including Mallard and the Flying Scotsman (A3?) which used to come through regularly. If a certain signal man was on duty we could go into the signal box and watch him work the telephones and the bells, and pull the massive levers that worked the signals and the points.

In June the church garden fete was held, usually in the garden of Thorn House, the home of Colonel and Mrs Brown. There were all the usual attractions, including skittles, lucky dip, treasure hunt and pony rides. As the event was beginning to wind down Mrs Brown, a formidable woman, would get the children to go round the garden picking up litter. After a year or two, we caught on and made ourselves scarce at that time.

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- Sunday 10th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 17th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 24th:
 - Ranskill – 4pm Christingle Service
 - Blyth – 5pm Carol Service
 - Scrooby – 11.30pm Midnight Communion
- Monday 25th : Ranskill – 9.30am Christmas Communion
- Sunday 31st: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC

Key:

CW – Common Worship

HC – Holy Communion

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Our churches are now open, and all are welcome to our services, please wear a mask if you feel safer.



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

Churchwardens - Ranskill, David Stacey 01777 818303

Church Warden – Scrooby, Gordon Ashworth 01777 818322

Traffic

In response to the 'still angry resident station road' rant on page 23 of Novembers STAR.

We too live on Station Road, a few houses down from the junction in question. We have no connection to the businesses mentioned in your message and suffer the significant annoyance of drivers visiting the businesses at the junction, blocking the pavements and our drive and frequently driving onto our drive to await a gap in the traffic so they can turn their vehicles.

However, these businesses provide excellent services to our community, which I might add has a woeful lack of commercial provision.

It is the disrespectful and thoughtless attitudes of the drivers who are at fault here and it the drivers themselves who should be held to account NOT the businesses.

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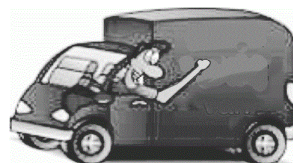
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Explorers join service of Remembrance



Ranskill Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels in church

The Ranskill Explorers flag was proudly back in use for the first time in a decade for the annual Remembrance Sunday service at St Barnabas' Church.

Members from Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers made up more than a quarter of a packed congregation.

The Explorers section for 14- to 18-year-olds started in September with meetings on a Wednesday, and the aim is for members to earn a King's Scouts Award.

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North Notts Local Group Talk—Christmas Social and Quiz Night



The committee of the North Notts Local Group of Notts Wildlife Trust wishes all its members and friends a very happy Christmas and New Year. Many thanks to all those who have supported us throughout the year by attending meetings, buying raffle tickets, patronising our book stall, helping to move furniture, making tea and coffee, not to mention doing the washing up! We really do appreciate you. Thank you. Thanks too to those who have led walks, given talks, organised events, worked on the reserves and done any of a zillion other things to protect our wildlife and keep the show on the road.

Our last event of the year is our (members only) Christmas Social and Quiz Night and it's one of the most popular. We do hope you'll come and enjoy it with us. Mulled wine, a festive buffet, fiendish quizzes, fun prizes, excellent company and an

accomplished Master of Ceremonies guaranteed! A mere £7 for a great evening! Tickets went on sale at the November meeting but if you didn't get one, there may be some left and you can order them by emailing Maureen Holgate on mohol45@aol.com Quiz Night will be held at Idle Valley Centre from 7pm till 10pm Thursday, 14 December.

To ensure you get all the information about the North Notts Local Group's talks and activities straight to your inbox, sign up for email updates, if you haven't already. Don't miss any of the excitement! You'll get our full programme of talks through to April 2024 as well.

For more information, phone Jan 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com

The Wednesday Group Christmas

Only three meetings in December this year so the group fully intends to celebrate every single one of them. First we have a festive lunch for members and friends at the West Retford Hotel. This is one of the highlights of our calendar; the staff are kind, the food is lovely and there's plenty of time to talk in a relaxed and beautiful environment.

Next we have the Retford Ukulele Group to play for us so that will be another fun and joyful afternoon. Finally, we shall have a festive buffet lunch, Christmas games and prizes and lots of music, courtesy of our favourite pianist, Frank.

It's all about reviving happy memories of the past and making some new ones to sustain us in the coming year. We all need our memories; they are part of our identity. What makes Alzheimer's such a cruel disease is that in taking away our memories, it robs us of ourselves and our relationships to others.

One of the best things we can do for those we are caring for is to recreate past happiness by enjoying with them music that provided the sound track to the happy times in their lives.

If you care for someone with dementia or you yourself have a diagnosis and you think the Wednesday Group might be helpful, do get in touch.

For more information, contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com for the latest on what we are doing and current availability. We sometimes have to operate a waiting list but not very often and although we make a charge to cover our costs, your first visit is free.

The Wednesday Group will be closed on 27 December 2023 and 3 January 2024 and will reopen on January 10 2024.

Scrooby Community Cinema Presents



A Haunting in Venice is a 2023 American mystery film produced and directed by Kenneth Branagh from a screenplay by Michael Green, loosely based on the 1969 Agatha Christie novel *Hallowe'en Party*. It serves as a sequel to *Death on the Nile* (2022) and is the third film in which Branagh reprises his role as the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot.

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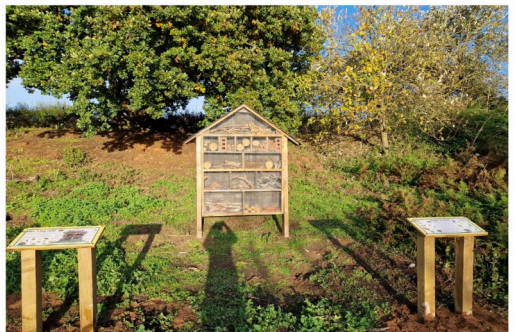
The planned gating and fencing work at The Whinze has also now been completed with two pedestrian entranceways now in place.

Work at Gibbet Hill is to follow.

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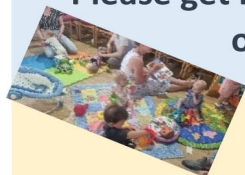
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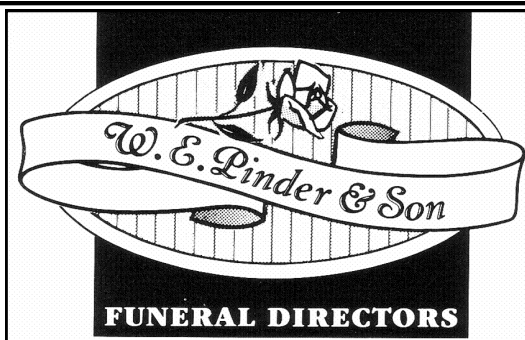
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1. In the song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' what is given on the 8th day?
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3. What is the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?
4. What Christmas decoration was originally made from strands of silver?
5. Which Christmas goodies are shaped to resemble a shepherd's staff?
6. Stollen is a traditional Christmas confection from which country?
7. The Grinch attempts to steal Christmas from which fictional town?
8. Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as a female fox?
9. Which famous scientist was born on Christmas Day in 1642?
10. Which vegetable traditionally served at Christmas has 110 different varieties?
11. Who played Scrooge in 'The Muppet Christmas Carol'?
12. Astronauts broadcast which Christmas song from space in 1965?
13. Which type of food did Christmas crackers originally contain?
14. In which country did Christmas carolling originate?
15. Which film features Danny Devito trying to get his Christmas lights seen from space?
16. Doing which Christmas activity sends roughly 14,700 Americans to A&E each year?
17. What is the name of the main villain in 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'?
18. Which pop song has won the Christmas singles chart No.1 twice?
19. What are pigs in blankets called in Scotland?
20. Mistletoe literally translates from Anglo Saxon as what on a stick?



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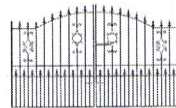
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Our Programme for 2024 is as follows:

- Feb 27th: Mrs. Ann South—What is Music Therapy
- March 26th: Mrs Helen Grainger—Hats
- April 23rd: Karen Turner—Genealogy
- May 28th: Resolutions
- June 25th: A talk by a member of Citizen's Advice
- July 23rd: Social Afternoon
- August 27th: Notts Fire and Rescue—Safety in the Home
- September 24th: Annual Meeting
- October 22nd: Catherine Pincott Allan—The Demise of Richard Thomas Parker
- November 26th: Judith Hadley—Georgian Food, Satire and Syllabub

Ranskill and Torworth W.I. is a group of ladies who meet once a month for meetings at the above venue. We also have outings to various places of interest, A Walking Group. We meet for lunch throughout the year. We have a Lunch Club held in St. Barnabas Church, Ranskill once a month which is well attended by Ranskill residents and friends. We have held a Tombola Stall at the Ranskill Village Festival for a number of years. and enter a team at the Festival Quiz. Visitors are always welcome to come along to a meeting and see what we have to offer.

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My thoughts at Christmas

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No Babe? There wouldn't be any
Of the love that Christmas brings,
No STAR to light the sky.
No happy face, no cheerful word
From people passing by
No singing carols round the tree,
No Yulelog on the hearth.
No holly with its berries red
To mark a Saviour's birth.
No eager faces listening for
The tap of Rudolph's hoof.
No "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL"
As a sleigh glides roof to roof.

No bells to break the midnight hush
Of a world where all is still
As every creature holds its breath —
Oh, let your voices fill
The air with sound — a happy sound.
Let's make the world become
A happy world, a peaceful world
And "Thank the Lord" — HE is come!

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2. Birth
3. Home Alone
4. Tinsel
5. Candy Canes
6. Germany
7. Whoville
8. Vixen
9. Isaac Newton
10. Brussel Sprouts
11. Micheal Caine
12. Jingle Bells
13. Sugared Almonds
14. Austria
15. Deck the Halls
16. Christmas Decorating
17. Oogie Boogie
18. Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen
19. Kilted Soldiers
20. Dung

QUOTE for the MONTH

"A camel is a horse designed by a committee"

ALEC ISSIGONIS

Reading the letter in the October STAR, it would appear that parking on our narrow village roads can be difficult, especially in Scrooby.

I was reminded of a time many years ago while waiting at the Driving Test Centre being surprised when a young man rushed into the room saying "I've failed my test" as no one spoke he

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- ½ teasp vanilla essence
- 1 egg
- 1 tabsp Brandy

Combine egg and sugar

In saucepan, gently heat milk and vanilla then pour onto egg mixture

Stir then strain back into pan – heat till thickened, stirring all the time

Cool and add Brandy and mincemeat then fold in lightly whipped cream

Freeze till firm



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10/12lb Turkey or bake separately in greased loaf tin

6oz seedless raisins – cover with cold water, bring to the boil, let stand for 5 mins then drain

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- 2 tabsp chopped fresh parsley
- 8oz fresh breadcrumbs
- 4oz melted butter (cooled a little)
- 2 beaten eggs
- salt and pepper

BLENDER BREAKFAST – blend for 1 minute

- 1 ripe banana (peeled and sliced)
- 1 good tabsp clear honey
- ¼ pint cold milk
- 4 ice cubes (optional)
- 1 medium egg

Joy T

Just as nice cooked in a casserole ...

APPLE and BLACK PUDDING STUFFING

100gms diced bacon

½ onion, chopped

125gms black pudding (in lumps)

25gms butter

Small tart eating apple, peeled and diced

Saute all until golden then add and mix well ...

100gms white or brown fresh breadcrumbs

Pinch of thyme or mixed herbs

1 egg

Salt & pepper

Turn into a greased dish (or your chicken, turkey etc.)

Bake for 30 mins

(I often add a few halved raisins soaked in orange juice/squash)



Solution to December puzzle

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ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 16 October 2023 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present:** Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Nadine Croft, Ellaina Brazier, Michaela Blount, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor. Parishioners / Public present: None.
2. **Apologies:** Lindsey Buxton, Ceri Smith, District Cllr Jack Bowker.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes were accepted, no corrections - Proposed by Nadine Croft, Seconded by Elaine Gargett.
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points** Completed or ongoing listed, but: Procurement Thresholds updates are carried forward, as are Notts CC environmentalist to contact Lindsey Buxton, Pilgrim Fathers Macrame to be moved, More copies of the "Yellow" Scrooby pamphlet, Wheelie Bin stickers for speed notices, and where to place the winter Salt Bags + Highways to see if we can have some Yellow Salt Bins.
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items - None.
 - 4.2. Public Discussion - None.
5. **Correspondence:** The usual number of notices, e-mails and letters had been received over the last month and were listed before the meeting. Those of note: Slow Ways, Health and Wellbeing champions, Notts Budget Survey and the Linc / Notts Air Ambulance service (agree to place their posters). Additionally, it was agreed to replace some broken Remembrance Day poppies.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Devolution and the STEP project are ongoing. IGas Test Drill site at Misson re-instatement has started, Lound soil treatment plant is with the Environment Agency.
District Councillor Jack Bowker – No report due to ill health.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, the Harvest Supper and costs relating to the Mayflower Memorial (separately funded), the report was approved. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2 Other activities included Annual Accounts have passed the External Audit and all statutory notices have been posted.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend. Reports from the Notts Police and Crime Commissioner have been circulated.
Ranskill are to restart their own Speed Watch scheme, Scrooby declined to join in with them at the last meeting.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: 23/00857/HSE, The White Cottage, Great North Road – two storey extension incl., a garage, no objection lodged. Existing Applications: The Shielling was agreed upon. 5 more static caravans down Saracens Lane and the Car Sales Plot are in appeal.
 - 9.3 Planning Enforcement: No new cases reported. *Noted that in some cases Bassetlaw Planning request confidentiality.*
- HIVE project in Notts CC planning waiting for more information and data.
10. **Play Area**

The annual inspection is set for 27th October. Reports of an overhanging tree near the playground are to be investigated.
11. **Village Hall**

Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well, decided to investigate future servicing / maintenance options.
12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0 Noted Mill Lane is to be closed for resurfacing work. Overhanging trees on Station Road a quote has been agreed and work is to commence. Grass cutting for 2024, a request to quote for this work is to be investigated and costed.
 - 12.1 Elaine Gargett has volunteered to be our "Snow Warden" with Bassetlaw. And a volunteer around the Low Road / Mill Lane area is to be sought within the village as a Flood Warden.
 - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The benches and gates have been completed, the Lecterns finalised, the Bug Hotel installed. Final work by North Notts Landscaping is to be agreed. The interpretation boards are ordered as is the Gibbet Hill Common sign.
 - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – Reported a progress meeting was held and all was on track. A donation of £500 from the Rotary Club has been received. Outstanding issues are the placing of the names and the detail of the inauguration.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**

None The Chair thanked everyone for the short but productive meeting.

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at www.scrooby.net
Next meeting to be held on Monday, 13th November 2023, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall

This Month's Issues for you to note or muse:

SLOW DOWN on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads.

website for all the latest information and consultations.

the Parish Council for advice.

The Village Hall sessions on Tuesdays continue, as does the Bassetlaw Mobile Community Shop on Mondays. Please notify the Parish Council of any tree falls or pathway damage on the Whinze or Gibbet Hill Common. **PLEASE follow the procedure for using the Defibrillator, Call 999 first.**

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