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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

Happy Belated New Year, and welcome to the first Star of 2024! This time of year can feel quite gloomy and uninspiring. However, if you are looking for something new to do in 2024 then we might have the answer right here.

Fancy growing your own food? T. R. S Allotments are looking for people to go on the waiting list. Having been an allotment holder for a year now, I can highly recommend it. It is hard work but extremely satisfying, see page 7 for the write up.

Since last year 2nd Ranskill Scouts has grown tremendously with the start up of two sections, and an increase in numbers to 94 young people with 10 people on the waiting list.

They are therefore looking for more volunteers to assist them so that they can carry on giving great experiences to the young people. See page 10 for how to get involved.

On page 21 Ripples Charity is calling out for volunteers for both the baby and toddler group and the social group. Can you spare a few hours of your time to help?

The Ranskill Bowls Club will hold their AGM on 9th Feb and is open to the public to share thoughts and ideas.

And if you're still in hibernation mode, there are plenty of quiz questions and puzzles to test your mind on a cold evening, and new healthy recipes to try on page 17!

Enjoy
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Christian Perspective



It's good to know you can trust someone who makes you a promise. It was something I always tried to do for my children when they were small. If I promised something good, I would carry it out. And if I warned of discipline for bad behaviour, I would carry that out too, if

they continued. With children it helps them feel safe when what is said to them is carried out; they know where they stand. What is true for children is also true for us as we grow up and grow older.

It will not help in relationships if promises made are not kept. We can become disappointed and disillusioned with people who promise to do something for us and then forget, or don't bother, or never really meant it in the first place.

One of the most precious things about the Bible as we read it and experience its truths, is the faithfulness of God in keeping his promises to us. It's an encouragement to continue in our faith in God through Jesus Christ, when we read verses like this in Hebrews 10:23: *Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.* So we can keep on speaking out our faith, as we know it is true, because God promised it and he is faithful. He always keeps his word to those who believe, and he does what he says he will do.

In John's Gospel we read the words of Jesus saying, *"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."* John 6:40. This verse and ones like it give us a firm foundation for our faith and a sure and certain hope of eternal life with Christ.

Here's another verse that gives us confidence for our faith: *He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.* 1 Corinthians 1:8, 9.

Once we have repented of our sin and invited Jesus to come into our lives and be our Saviour, this is true for us. Because God loves his Son, he loves all who come to him through his Son. We can set our faith on his promises and his faithfulness.

Here's a great blessing we too can receive that Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church: *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. God bless you as you stand strong in your faith, trusting in the promises of God.



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for February

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

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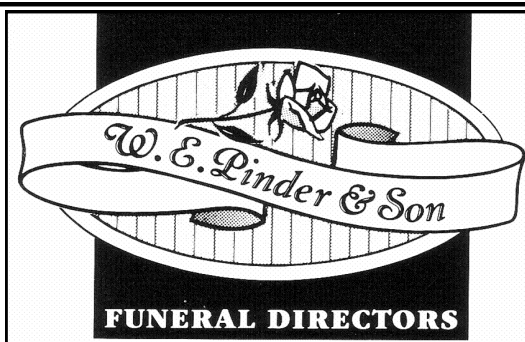
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As a new gardening year dawns, some people maybe be thinking about growing their own food, spending time in nature and taking on a new gardening project. The benefits of gardening for physical and mental wellbeing are well documented. Growing your own food is immensely satisfying, saves money and is good for the environment.

There are currently 158,000 people on English local authorities' allotment waiting lists and the average wait time is 3 years! There are not enough allotments to satisfy demand.

We are very fortunate to have an allotment site at Torworth which is exclusively for residents of our three villages. Founded in 2010 on the site of a plant nursery, the site has 13 allotments, each one approximately 13.5 m long and 7.5 m wide. Not huge by allotment standards, but enough to grow a large

amount of food throughout the year.

Taking on an allotment involves quite a lot of work, initially weeding and mending fencing etc. and getting the layout to suit your growing requirements. New allotment holders are often surprised by how much work is involved, so it is better to be aware of this if you are thinking of applying for an allotment. Help is available, if needed for new allotment holders and the old hands are a friendly group, willing to give advice and support.

If you would like to go on the waiting list for an allotment, then please contact Julie Davison, Secretary to T.R.S. Allotments, by emailing: jandp2@icloud.com

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1. In which country are St. Valentine's keys given?
2. Who abolished Valentine's Day in the 17th century?
3. Who sang 'My Valentine'?
4. What type of movie is the 2001 film 'Valentine'?
5. On average, how many proposals are there every Valentine's Day?
6. Which birthstone is thought to attract love?
7. The oldest living love poem was written on what?
8. In China Valentine's Day is called Lovers Festival .. True or False?
9. 'Make You Feel My Love' was a 2008 hit for which artist?
10. Which brain chemical is known as the 'cuddle' or 'love' hormone?
11. The love goddess Aphrodite was said to be born from what?
12. Which country calls Valentine's Day 'Friends Day' instead?
13. Mean spirited Valentine cards were once common, what were they called?
14. What year was February 14th declared as Valentine's Day?
15. What very popular website debuted on Valentine's Day in 2005?
16. Which gangster is said to have orchestrated the St. Valentine's Day massacre?
17. What Roman emperor called for the execution of St Valentine?
18. In medieval times which internal organ was thought to cause love?
19. According to myth which 2 gods was Cupid the son of?
20. Who invented the first heart shaped chocolate box?
21. In 1988 which singer had a hit with 'Groovy Kind of Love'?
22. How many US towns are named Valentine?

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1st Ranskill Brownies and Rainbows

1st Ranskill Brownies

Brownies have started 2024 with 24 girls and have welcomed Aria and Ella to the Unit.

Last term Jessica, Evelyn, Sofia, Lottie and Pippa made their Brownie Promise.

December ended with our Christmas Social and the parcel game was enjoyed by all girls and we said goodbye to Seryn after her 5 plus years as a Rainbow and Brownie.

This term girls are completing the pancake badge challenge devised and set by Ollerton Rangers. They are also celebrating Burns Night with a piper and his bagpipes.

They will be joining other Retford Division girls for a Thinking Day celebration at St Saviours Church Hall in Retford and our highlight is PGL residential weekend at Caythorpe Court at the beginning of March for 15 girls who are joining the big Brownie takeover weekend.

All uniformed groups will be at St Barnabas Church , Ranskill for Mothering Sunday Parade Service on Sunday 10th March.

1st Ranskill Rainbows

Last term Emily, River, Martha, Anna, Evelyn, Ivy and Jenni all made their Rainbow Promise.

In December we made Christmas crafts and finished the term with a party with pass the parcel , food and drink and games.

Olivia, Gabriella, Evelyn S, Isabelle, Eva, Thea, Seren, Bethany, Katie , Georgia and Cressida have completed their Know Myself Theme Award and gained Family Tree or Animal Lover Interest Badge (well done to those who did both).

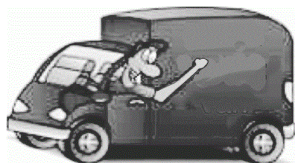
This term they will join other Rainbows for Thinking Day with the Brownies in Retford and a fun evening at Kidshub at Harworth.

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It may not be something we have thought very much about. There's plenty of choice in the supermarkets. But we should think about it. No conscientious car owner, in my youth, was without a bottle of fly squash remover to clean the dead insects from the front of the car. Who needs that now? We need to understand what's happening to our insects and do our bit to ensure their survival.

February's talk at Idle Valley Centre, Bees and Other Insects, will be given by ecologist, Kieron Huston. The focus of Kieron's talk will be on what our gardens can tell us about the changing fortunes of insects

and how gardens contribute to maintaining insect populations locally. Kieron is eminently qualified to guide us through the complexities of the changes in insect populations. He works for Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and has done for 20 years, mainly dealing with development proposals and their impact on wildlife as well as carrying out around 500 surveys of Local Wildlife Sites over the years. He is also Records Co-ordinator for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Entomological Society. We are delighted to welcome him to the Idle Valley as our speaker at the February meeting.

The meeting will start at 7.15pm on Thursday, 8 February 2024. Admission £3 includes tea, coffee and biscuits. All welcome; no need to book.

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

The Wednesday Group

Volunteering

February and most people's New Year resolutions have been abandoned. Seemed like a good idea to be thinner, fitter, more sociable but somehow, it just didn't happen. Maybe you need to try something new. How about volunteering?

All the Wednesday Group organisers are volunteers. No one gets paid and everyone turns up week after week. Why? Because they have a great time? Because it gives some shape to the week? Because it gives added meaning and purpose to their lives? Because other people are pleased to see them and come to rely on them? Yes. Probably all those things and more.

Don't be fooled by the notion that someone is getting you to work for nothing while they get paid. I'd say, if someone offers you a volunteering opportunity, they could be doing you a real favour and if you volunteer

and you don't enjoy it, you're probably in the wrong business; try a different one. Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service (BCVS) has heaps of opportunities (01909 476108) and if you'd like to see what we do at the Wednesday Group, ring Jan and pop round. Or, why not start your own group? It might well be easier than you think. Go on; make this year different!

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 charge £10 per session to cover our costs, your first visit is free.

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A reminder that our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the pavilion at 7pm on Friday 9th February 2024. The support of members is needed as decisions are discussed for the year ahead. Please try to attend if at all possible. The AGM is open to the public, so you can offer any ideas to improve the club - a valuable hub for Ranskill.

The Friday craft club continues to meet offering laughter and learning to anyone. Contact Simon on 07876 285593 for any further information, or carol on 07495 078254 for Craft Club enquiries.

Church Notices for February

- Sunday 4th: Scrooby - 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 11th: Ranskill - 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 18th: Blyth - 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 25th: Scrooby - 9.30am CW HC

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POTATO/EGG PIE (amounts to suit individual needs)

In a deep casserole dish layer sliced hard boiled eggs with sliced potato (cooked in skins)

Sprinkle on a little grated cheese, salt and pepper to each layer

Top with ¼ pint white sauce and a thin layer/sprinkle of cheese on top

Bake in hot oven till top is browned

POTATO-CELERIAC MASH – serves 4

Peel and cut into even sized pieces approx 1lb10oz and 12oz celeriac

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Mash and add 1oz butter and 3-4 tabsp double cream + a little of the cooking water

Beat to a smooth mix to serve



YORKSHIRE SAVOURY – serves 4

1oz lard	¾lb potatoes	1 small onion	4oz cheddar cheese, grated
4oz plain flour	2 large eggs	pinch of sage	salt & pepper
¼ pint each milk and water			

Melt lard in suitable tin

Slice onion and potatoes and layer with some of the cheese, salt, pepper and sage

Make up batter and pour over – top with remaining cheese

Bake at 400°F 200°C Mark 6 for 45 mins

Joy T

From the ying to the yang: A polite request to parents of young boys

I live in Stonehill Close & approx 2 months ago a trio of young boys began to play a practical joke on me by creeping over my front lawn & wrapping their knuckles on my front window in the early evening.

This then escalated to them standing in front of my garden & throwing tennis balls @ my front window, one of these I have collected off my front lawn.

However when I recently arrived home from early evening shopping my front door & glazed panel had been smeared with broken eggs, this is not a practical joke but it is harassment.

The smallest of this trio arrives & escapes on his electric scooter.

May I politely ask that all parents of young boys kindly ask them (if they are involved in this) to please stop it immediately.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind help.

I have refrained from posting my name & full address.

Kind regards to all Star readers.



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Riddle Me

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And here are some more riddles - see how you get on...

1. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
2. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away.
3. What goes up and down the stairs without moving?
4. What can you catch but now throw?
5. I can run but not walk. Wherever I go, thought follows close behind. What am I?
6. What's black and white and red all over?
7. What goes round the world but stays in a corner?
8. I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right, and in the middle. But I still hold water. What am I?
9. Give me food and I will live. Give me water and I will die. What am I?
10. The man who invented it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What is it?

(Answers on another page)



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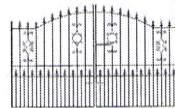
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January 16 th	January 30 th	
February 6 th	February 20 th	
March 5 th	March 19 th	
April 2 nd	April 16 th	April 30 th
May 7 th	May 21 st	
June 4 th	June 18 th	

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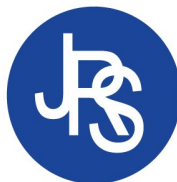
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RESOLVE, DISSOLVE ?

Five weeks gone of this New Year
(I wish you all the best of cheer!)
How many plans have gone astray
Since first we said on New Years Day
That I will cease from this or that,
Only to find it has all gone flat?
"I'll spend the whole year being good"
(Blame that one on the Christmas pudd.)

Thus we made our contributions
To that list of resolutions.
One by one they've gone astray,
Despite my efforts to obey
The voice within me that dictates
"Only the weak procrastinates".
Perhaps I've set my bar too high?
Start again? Another try?
A bit too late for that, I fear
But I will try harder, come next year.

Joy T

QUOTE for the MONTH

Upon being asked how old he was:

*"I'm just turning Forty and taking
my time about it!"*

HAROLD LLOYD

Riddle Me answers

The letter 'e' cannot be found in this paragraph even though it is the most commonly used vowel in the English language.

1. A towel. 2. Corn. 3. A rug. 4. A cold. 5. A nose. 6. A sunburnt penguin (not a newspaper - can't you spell?). 7. A stamp. 8. A sponge. 9. Fire. 10. A coffin.

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MILE OF PENNIES

We greeted the new year with a
grand total of

£2,497 = 3 miles 405 yards

*Thank you and with love and
happy wishes from us all*

Joy T



VALENTINE'S DAY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Italy 2. Oliver Cromwell 3. Paul McCartney
4. Horror 5. 220,000 6. Amethyst 7. Clay
Tablet 8. True 9. Adele 10. Oxytocin
11. Sea foam 12. Finland 13. Vinegar
Valentines 14. 1537 15. YouTube
16. Al Capone 17. Claudius II 18. The Liver
19. Mercury (winged messenger god) & Venus
(goddess of love) 20. Richard Cadbury
21. Phil Collins 22. 4 (in Arizona, Nebraska,
Texas & Virginia)

Solution to February puzzle

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

ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13 November 2023 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present:** Chair Elaine Gargett, Nadine Croft, Ellaina Brazier, Michaela Blount, Ceri Smith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer). Parishioners / Public present: None.
2. **Apologies:** Stephen Cordery, Lindsey Buxton, County Cllr Tracey Taylor, District Cllr Jack Bowker.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Michaela Blount, Seconded by Ellaina Brazier.
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points** Completed or ongoing listed, but: Procurement Thresholds updates are carried forward, as are Pilgrim Fathers Macrame to be found, Wheelie Bin stickers for speed notices, list where the winter Salt Bags are, Highways to see if we can have some Yellow Salt Bins, Playground tree to be trimmed, Grass Cutting meeting, and the Flood Warden to be named as Alison Goldsmith
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Scrooby Top Quarry planning (see below).
 - 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: BDC Flood support, Notts CC survey on the Council Budget and Reception School places, etc.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – No report, not present. Noted the early consultation on the Sturton-le-Steeple Renewables project.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – No report unable to attend.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, the Whinze Noticeboards, the Mayflower Memorial castings and the Playground inspection, the report was approved. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2 Other activities included the Parish Council has joined the BCVS membership.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend. The link to the Notts Police and Crime Commissioner website has been added to Scrooby.net.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: 23/01346/CDM, Scrooby Top Quarry works to extend for another 5 years, no objection to be lodged. Existing Applications: The White Cottage awaiting. 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.*
10. **Play Area**

The annual inspection is complete and acceptable, the report to be lodged on the website. The Baby Swings surface (Low Risk) is to be monitored.
11. **Village Hall**

Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well, the floor and Fire Alarm repairs are underway. Annual Maintenance contracts to be sourced.
12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0 Noted Flood Warnings and Support
 - 12.1 Overhanging trees on Station Road have been trimmed. A comparable contract for the Grass cutting for 2024, is under investigation. The final grass cut has been made for 2023.
 - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – Final work by North Notts Landscaping is agreed and in progress. The interpretation boards are to be installed. A change of direction with the proposed jetty has been made and instead hard core paths are to be proposed and costed.
 - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – Reported the unveiling at Thanksgiving is unachievable. Work is not ready or agreed. This will delay the project until 2024.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**

Cars parking on the grass triangle at the side of the Apple Tree on Station Road / Low Road, prevention measures to be investigated.

The Chair thanked everyone for another short but productive meeting.

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Next meeting to be held on Monday, 11th December, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall

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

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The Village Hall sessions on Tuesdays continue, as do the Bassetlaw Mobile Community Shop on

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There is NO PC meeting in January 2024, the next will be February.

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1. **Present:** Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Lindsey Buxton (Part), Nadine Croft, Michaela Blount (Part), Ceri Smith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor (Part), District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part). Parishioners / Public present: 17.
2. **Apologies:** Ellaina Sammut (Brazil).
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Elaine Gargett, Seconded by Nadine Croft.
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points:** Completed or ongoing listed, but: Procurement Thresholds updates are carried forward, as are the winter Salt Bags location survey, Playground tree to be trimmed, Grass Cutting meeting, and the Village Hall annual servicing scheme
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Be a Village Hero and Spring Clean 2024 (see below).
 - 4.2. Public Discussion – Two items, The Mayflower project and the Home Farm planning application. Both are listed below.
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: Martyn's Law, Retford and Worksop Market consultations, etc.
- 5.2. Central Bassetlaw Forum continues
- 5.3 & 5.4 BDC Achievers Award, none put forward and the BDC Community Grants 2nd window is closed.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Follow up on who owns the grass verges (Highways control them). Noted: Devolution Deal continues: STEP is ongoing as is HIVE and changes to Child Services to give more manpower.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – Electoral Review has changes for 2027 but not in the number of councillors. Noted: the Market consultations and more money coming for flood grants per household.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, the Whinze installations and tools, the Station Road trees capping, and the Village Xmas tree, the report was approved. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2 Other activities included a Parish Council Key register.
8. **Police Report** Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: 23/01275/OUT, Outline permission for 5 homes, Home Farm, Low Road. Was discussed strongly and emotionally at times by 17 residents who came to voice their strong objections to this plan. The main issues were of access via Mayflower Avenue, the size of the plan (up to 5 homes), flooding, the future and "scope" creep, the effect on Scrooby, and the fact it is "All Matters Reserved" which could allow a lot of changes without discussion or consensus. The residents were urged to send in their own individual objections as this would carry more weight. In the meantime the Parish Council and Jack Bowker would ask for this to be a) delayed and b) decided by Planning Committee it is so significant. After the public discussion the Parish Council also discussed their response and objections including change of use, access, and the SNAP plan report comments. **Action:** The clerk to send out an initial response, to be validated by individual councillors and then lodged with Bassetlaw before the 25th deadline.
 - 23/01437/CAT, Holmefield Croft tree cropping, no objection to be lodged.
 - Existing Applications: Scrooby Top Quarry, The White Cottage awaiting. 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.*
10. **Play Area**

The Baby Swings surface (Low Risk) is monitored. An assessment into the installation of a climbing is to be undertaken.
11. **Village Hall**

Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well, Annual Maintenance contracts to be sourced.
12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0 Noted loss of a footpath on the far side of the railway. The Spring Clean 2024 is already covered by the Gardening Club.
 - 12.1 Grass Cutting - Nothing to report.
 - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – Final work by North Notts Landscaping is complete. The gates will have access instructions for larger needs. The change of direction with hard core pathways has been agreed and is to be ordered.
 - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – A pictorial report of the background, design, progress and plan for completion (Feb 2024) was given, including the inscription for / from the Wampanoag tribe.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda** None. The Chair thanked everyone for an unusually long meeting.

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PRESENT

Chair: Councillor C. Willis (CW)

Vice-Chair: Councillor J. Helliwell (JH)

Councillors: R. Willis (RW),

County Councillor: T Taylor

District Councillor: B Bamford

Clerk: C. Challener (CC)

Members of the public: 0

01/1123 OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None

02/1123 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The chair opens the meeting welcoming everyone.

D Lacey sends apologies.

03/1123 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

04/1123 CRIME REPORT

July 5 Crimes reported.

Huntman Place

1x of antisocial behavior

1x Criminal damage

1x Violence

Daneshill Road

1x Public disorder

1x Criminal damage

05/1123 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County reported topics:

Devolution Bid

Step update

No movement on FCC or the HIVE planning application

iGas/Ineos have started remediation work at Misson

National Grid Pylon

Flooding update

District reported topics:

Flooding update

New monitoring officer at Bassetlaw from November

Regeneration & Growth

Local Plan update

Please contact your District or County councillor direct for further information on the issues reported or to raise issues direct with them.

06/1123 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as accurate and as a true record of proceedings.

07/1123 COUNCILLOR RAISED ITEMS, MATTERS ARISING DURING THE MONTH & ONGOING MATTERS

The bin on Holds Lane has been removed. Cllr Bamford is asked to see if the bin can be relocated elsewhere in the village.

CW queries with the district and county councillors whether the section 106 spend has been allocated. Cllr Bamford to contact the relevant department for further information.

Advisory from NALC and PKF has been given recommending all councillors have dedicated email accounts, with best practice being that they are gov.uk accounts. This is expected to become a compulsory requirement. Gov.uk domains cost from £100 per year and dedicated accounts from £35 per user per year.

Clerk to purchase 100 whips, 1 Oak tree, 5 Ceanothus, 5 Double red hawthorn and 5 double White hawthorn for the playing field. £700 earmarked.

Cllr R Willis to send over a link to the clerk for the solar panel lights to progress with the purchase.

The new container is to be painted with anti-climb paint. JH to progress/ CW to purchase paint.

Cllr Bamford asked to enquire with estates whether they have any land they could relinquish to the Parish Council.

08/1123 FINANCE The Bank Reconciliation is passed for review.

Payments presented and approved for the period:

B&Q	£(37.00)
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Nnotts Landscapes - Grass cut	£(564.00)
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Fast Host Website domain and Email services	£(161.84)
Crown Property - Playground Fence work	£(650.00)
Ranskill & Torworth JBC	£(210.00)
Hugo Fox Website	£(11.99)

Receipts

Cashback	£0.73
Precepts	£7,936.50

9/1123 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

10/1123 PLANNING ISSUES DECLARED BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING

Planning Applications on consultation: None

Determinations from previous Applications:

23/01091/LBA | Listed Building Consent for the General Continued Restoration of Barns and Farmhouse | Moat Farm Low Street Torworth Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 8NX – Grant

23/00710/FUL | Proposed Change of Use of Land to a 20 Pitch Touring Caravan Park, Managers Accommodation and Personal Gym, and Associated Infrastructure | Land To The South Of Mantles Farm Moor Lane Blyth Worksop Nottinghamshire – Refused.

11/1123 CORRESPONDENCE AND CORRESPONDENCE TO BE CIRCULATED None

12/1123 UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS None

13/1123 INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING & ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

14/1123: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 11th January at 7pm

Signed as a true record: _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Position: _____

For more information, or queries please contact the clerk on the below or a Parish Councillor direct.
Parish Clerk: Mrs Claire Challener
parishcouncil@torworth.org.uk

Action List from previous meetings:

A member of the public requests a **bench on the Great North Road**. It is agreed to purchase an armed and backed bench. Sites to be considered and then highways to be contacted for permission. Cllr R Willis/ J Helliwell to provide the what 3 words for VIA

location approval. District grant to be requested. £600 agreed. **The Muslim charity have approved the purchase of a bench.**
Highways to be contacted for approval and progression (JH/RW all agree)

The Millennial Sign is in disrepair. Replacement costs are coming out circa £200-£300.
Various Grants/funding being looked into.

Village Hall: a community survey is to be completed to ascertain whether there is a requirement for a village hall. To be progressed in 2023.

Trees to TPO: a walk around has been completed. The information to be digitally mapped out, any highways trees to be removed.
Action CW

The area near the container for the base of the toilets is to be chipped.

Action CW/contractor

An area to be concreted in preparation for the purchase of a new container. £300 earmarked.

Action CW/contractor

Ratchet straps and tarpaulin to secure the container/toilets in place to be purchased.

Action CW

Quote for the moving on the Beacon to a preferred location.

Action CW

Clerk to look into the LIS Grant for a container and other grants for playground lighting.

Following a review of the suggested changes to the Burial Board constitution and terms by both Ranskill and Torworth Parish Councils it is resolved to earmark £2k towards solicitor fees/independent arbiter to progress the matter to a satisfactory and independent outcome. It is to be suggested that both chairs meet to progress the matter.

Solar lighting at the park to be purchased £500 earmarked. Cllr R Willis to progress.

Clerk to get quotes for pink and white Hawthorn and Ceanothus for the September meeting.

Cllr R Willis to email the requirements for the playground lights to the clerk.

Cllr C Willis to meet with the chair of Ranskill PC to discuss burial board constitution requirements during the forth coming month. The Playing Field and events committee have purchased 2 benches for the playing field. It is resolved for the PC to pay for the installation of the benches in the playing field.

It is agreed to progress with various other works to the playing field £650 earmarked.

£100 whips to be purchased in November to fill in the hedges in the gaps. Clerk to purchase.

It is resolved to hire a 8yd skip for the removal of the playing field rubble – Cllr C Willis to arrange. £295 plus vat earmarked.

Cllr C Willis to obtain a quote for 5hrs contracted work per month for a village inspection, playground inspection, defib check, any other requirements. To be further discussed in November.

Clerk to get a service cost for the Mower.

It is resolved to hold a gathering to Commemorate Remembrance Day on Sunday 12th November at 2pm. Light refreshments to be provided. £25 spend agreed. Cllr C Willis/ R Willis to arrange.

10/ £50 of lamp post poppies to be purchased for Remembrance Day. Clerk to purchase.

The Torworth Playing Field and Events committee have kindly offered to purchase and donate to the Parish Council a second set of goal posts. The Parish Council resolve to accept the offer, and accept the ongoing associated maintenance and installation costs.

Quotes for Hawthorn and Ceanothus have been emailed for review. Cllrs to review prior to November and decide on qtys for ordering in November.

Cllr C Willis to provide dates for a VIA meet to discuss benches on the Great North Rd.

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