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## **Scrooby, Torworth And Ranskill**

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 16<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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Dear Readers

Happy New Year!

Although Christmas may feel like a distant memory, we have a wonderful article from Peter Parkin about the Post Office at Christmas which mentions a well needed rest in February—something perhaps we can relate to after all the festivities!

Our cover photo for this month is taken from the Sand House in Doncaster depicting the Elephant and Mahout that have been carved in to the tunnels. We have the full article on page 11 explaining about their new audio drama which is now available to listen to.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the pie and peas supper and quiz night on 8th Feb to raise funds for the Ranskill Scouts. Why not try the recipes on page 17 and the love songs quiz on page 13 to get started?!

Enjoy.

Luci



# Chris Ceaser Photography - Open Studio Weekend

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# The Scrooby Font

Back in the summer, I was showing a US visitor around St Wilfrids and I pointed out the baptismal font. I related, that the original 15th century font, in which Elder William Brewster (boss Pilgrim Father) was baptised, is now in the Wellington Avenue Church in Chicago. The visitor was very interested and, as she lived in Illinois, she said she would pay it a visit. You can imagine our consternation when, just before Thanksgiving (28th November), she reported that she had visited Chicago and the church was closed. Furthermore, the building had been sold.

I did a bit of checking and found that the church was now a synagogue. I emailed the Rabbi

and asked of the font's whereabouts. I pointed out that it was a significant US historical artefact. He promptly replied that the previous owner had taken the font with them.

I then found that the Wellington Church was being run on-line by Pastor Ann Louise Haak. I emailed her and she replied, "Fear not the font is well cared for". Due to its size and upkeep costs, the church building was sold in the fall of 2020. Many of their belongings went into storage until they figured out where the next permanent physical home would be. However, she said that it felt wrong to place the Scrooby Font in storage!

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Illinois kindly offered a temporary home for the Scrooby Font, and they have been taking great care of it for the past four years.

The previous Wellington Avenue congregation will be voting in January on a new location. Once decided, they will make arrangements to bring the Scrooby Font back home.

Pastor Ann Louise kindly attached a picture of the font in use for a baptism in 2021. As she said, "What a delight to see it continuing to carry on its sacred purpose, despite all the distances it has travelled!". So excellent news for Thanksgiving. *Ed Marshall*



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- Sunday 9th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 16th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 23rd: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC, Blyth – 10.30am Family Service

*Key:*

*CW – Common Worship*

*HC – Holy Communion*

*BCP – Book of Common Prayer*

Our churches are 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.

## Useful Contacts:

Church Warden

Ranskill, David Stacey 01777 818303

Scrooby, Gordon Ashworth 01777 818322



**Ranskill and Torworth W.I.—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE—as from January we will be meeting in St. Barnabas Church Ranskill.**

## Residents of Scrooby!

Unfortunately, it would appear that the dog fouling situation is getting worse, and people are now getting angry.

We are a group of responsible dog owners that are trying to do something about the problem before it gets out of hand.

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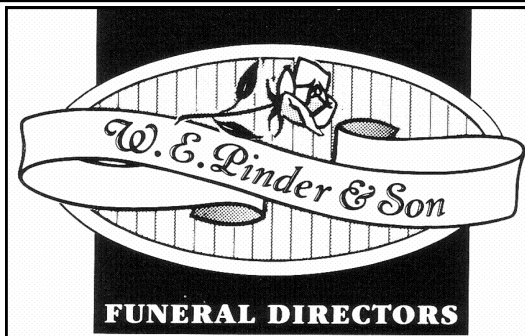
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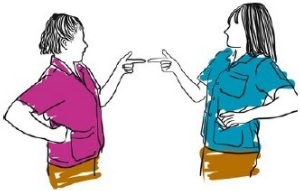
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# Christian Perspective—Mercy



It's the easiest thing in the world to see the faults and failings in other people, and to tell them what you think of them. We have

this tendency to be very aware of how we are treated, without really appreciating our own weaknesses and sins. We can always think of things that provide us with an excuse for our own behaviour, but somehow can't see that for others.

There are two interesting and contrasting comments that Jesus makes as part of the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew's Gospel chapter 7, we find this: *"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."* We can't expect there to be two different rules—one for us and one for everyone else. So if we judge harshly and are critical of others, we can expect the same treatment applied to us.

Then we see something of the humour of Jesus when he goes on to say in verses 3 and 4: *"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?"*

This is obviously a ridiculous comparison of a plank and a speck, but expresses something of people's attitudes when they can't see their own faults, but think they can put others right.

In contrast to this we read of Jesus saying this in Matthew 5:7: *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.* The same principal is being applied here in that the way are merciful to others will be reflected in the way God will deal with us. Mercy is a wonderful characteristic which we see displayed in our Father God. Paul writes to the church in Rome: *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:6, 8.*

God didn't wait for us to sort ourselves out and get good enough for him, something we can never do. Instead in his great love and mercy he sent Jesus to die for all who would believe in him while we were still falling short of his standards.

So before we judge the person in front of us, let's take a good long look at ourselves and ask God to show us what we are like, bring to him all our shortcomings and sins and ask for forgiveness and the presence of God within us to live showing mercy to others. God bless you as move on in 2025, thinking of these things.



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	8	3	1	5		
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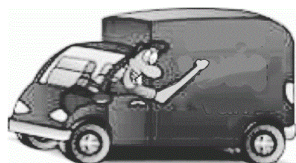
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Standing not far from the centre of Doncaster for 80 years, the Sand House was a mansion-sized dwelling whose walls were carved from solid rock. Its nearby tunnels, some containing remarkable carvings, largely remained until the 1980s and are still fondly remembered by many.

The new audio drama, produced by The Sand House Charity, marks the latest in a series of projects aimed at providing a fitting legacy for a remarkable part of Doncaster's past, the Victorian marvel that was the Sand House.

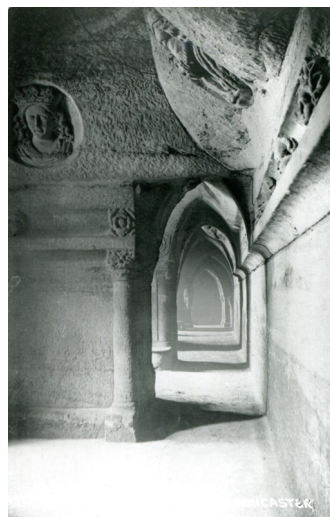
The creative partnership of writer Peter Spafford and director Olwen May brought a stage version of the drama to Cast theatre, Doncaster, in 2018. They have collaborated once again and have been joined by sound designer and music composer Nicolas Lewis. With a small company of actors, most of whom also worked on the stage play, they have created a compelling dramatisation of the Sand House story, firmly rooted in

its factual history.

Follow the tale of Alice and Jim, from their wartime adventures in the tunnels to their protest against infilling them, in 1984. Listen in to how the conversation may have gone when Sand House creator Henry Senior explained to his wife, Mary, his vision for the next stage of his fantastical creation. Expect smiles and sadness.

Speaking about his audio drama, Peter Spafford said “Sand House has been a fantastic creative journey for me as a writer, from first hearing the amazing story as told to me by Richard Bell, to the scripting and production of the stage play at Cast in Doncaster, and now to the play's rebirth as an audio drama. Now, via the internet, the play can hopefully speak to audiences far beyond Northern England about ambition and the dreams that are integral to us all as human beings”.

Director Olwen May added “The Sand House story is so fascinating. From the very genesis of this project, I always knew we were exploring the achievements of an extraordinary man. However, this is also a piece about creativity, community and courage. It's been a great pleasure to experience the play again in audio form. I hope



audiences enjoy listening to it as much as we enjoyed recording it”.

To listen to “Sand House”, please go to <https://thesandhouse.podbean.com/e/2/>

The drama is available on all popular podcast platforms; search for Sand House Audio Drama.

One listener who was new to the Sand House story said “What a real find this audio drama was for me, and I hope for many others. Captivating. Creative. Touching. Humorous. Inspiring. Meaningful. Profound. I fell in love with the whole production. Both the child and adult actors were just superb.”

“Sand House” audio drama would not have been possible without the generous support of the Liz & Terry Bramall Foundation, the Freshgate Trust Foundation, and the Doncaster & District Family History Society.



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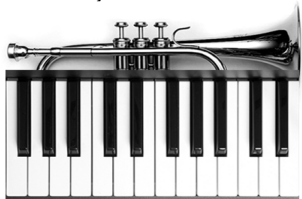
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| 9. I Just Called to Say I Love You | 10. Love Train                |
| 11. Now That We Found Love         | 12. Love Don't Cost a Thing   |
| 13. Justify My Love                | 14. Accidentally In Love      |
| 15. Crazy In Love                  | 16. Is This Love?             |
| 17. Make You Feel My Love          | 18. Where Is The Love         |
| 19. Love Me Do                     | 20. I Will Always Love You    |
| 21. Stop in The Name of Love       | 22. Somebody To Love          |
| 23. What's Love Got to Do With It  | 24. When a Man Loves a Woman  |
| 25. Love Story                     | 26. Bleeding Love             |
| 27. Stupid Love                    | 28. L-O-V-E                   |
| 29. All You Need Is Love           | 30. Best Of My Love           |



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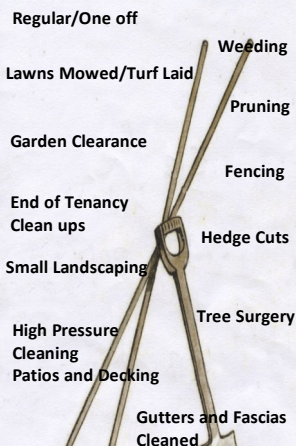
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The surge in mail for abroad usually started in October. Sometimes people sending a large parcel would come in and ask for an estimate of how much it would cost before they wrapped it up properly. In November we would increase the stock on the shop side and also work out how many stamps we would need for the Christmas rush.

My father used to say in his early days, a person living in a house would send a card to every other occupant of the house by post. Rising costs put a stop to that.

In early December the "Christmas Duties" would start.

This meant extra collections of mail during the day and we could enlist an extra person to help with the delivery of the mail. Also at this time there would be a second delivery of mail at 4pm so some days when the postman had just finished it was time to start again. This late delivery was discontinued in the late 60's early 70's. During this period the letter box outside had to be emptied every 2 hours or it would be overflowing. The mail had to be faced up, date stamped and tied up in bundles with string. This was before first and second class came in.

Anyone wanting bread on Christmas Eve had to order it the week before, this made a lot of work. As it got later on Christmas Eve there would usually be 2 or 3 people who had forgotten what they had ordered and had to be reminded to collect it before we closed.

During those years most people drew their pension in cash at the Post Office every week. In the week before Christmas, 2 weeks pension

was payable, which meant calculating how much extra cash would be needed. I got it right most years! As a result of this, the week after Christmas was quieter than usual, apart from the people who wanted their next payment before it was due as they had spent the lot and were broke.

During the weekly visit to the Cash and Carry there was an atmosphere of happy anticipation. In the 90's this seemed to fade away, or it might all have been my imagination.

Overall, I think we got on well with 99% of our customers. If any of the 1% was spotted on the horizon, it was surprising how many urgent jobs cropped up away from the counter.

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¼ cup chopped green pepper	¼ cup grated onion	
1 can condensed mushroom soup		

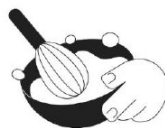
Peel and thinly slice potatoes

Layer potato with pepper and onion in a casserole, seasoning each layer

Mix soup and milk and pour over

Cover and bake at 180°C 350°F Mark 4 gas for 45 mins

Uncover and bake for a further 20-30 mins till tender



### LEMON POPPY SEED BUNS - Makes 12 buns or 10 muffins

4oz SR flour	4oz sugar	1 level tsp baking powder
4oz margarine or butter	2 eggs	pinch salt

Beat well together then fold in:-

Rind of 1 lemon	1 tblsp juice	1 tblsp poppy seeds
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Joy T



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North Notts Local Group: The Capricious River Trent –

Adrian Gray



The River Trent between Nottingham and Gainsborough has a wayward and enthralling history of its own. This talk takes us for a journey down the river, looking at lost channels, forgotten ferries and how the changing course of the river has affected the villages along the Trent.

Our guide on this enthralling journey, Adrian Gray, is a Cambridge-educated historian with around 30 published books on a variety of historical topics. He specialises in the counties of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

If you've been to any of Adrian's talks, tours or history walks, you'll already be familiar with his extensive knowledge and engaging delivery.

This is something of a departure from our usual, wildlife orientated talks and will offer us a different perspective on a major wildlife resource.

This meeting will be held at the Idle Valley Centre starting at 7.15pm, on Thursday 13 February. £3.00 entry includes tea and biscuits. All welcome; no need to book.

If you haven't already, why not sign up for email updates to ensure you get all the information about the North Notts Local Group's talks and activities straight to your inbox? Don't miss any of the excitement!

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## The Wednesday (Memory) Group

How's the New Year going? Perishing as far as I'm concerned! Icy pavements frozen locks horrid cold drafts and dire warnings about what it will cost to turn the heating on! Enough to make anyone decide to stay in bed and hibernate till spring.

Wednesday came around and I wondered whether anyone would come to the first meeting after the Christmas and New Year break, but... we opened up, put out the chairs and tables turned on the kettle and... behold! Most of our members arrived on time and were so pleased to see one another – chatting and exchanging stories about what they'd been doing and what a good time they'd had with their families and friends.

We really can't overestimate the importance of a social life in keeping people well, happy and

alive. Yes, it really makes that much difference! And the fact that we made it to our meeting, despite the weather, shows how much we need and appreciate our social interactions.

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

Contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email [janwilliamson133@gmail.com](mailto:janwilliamson133@gmail.com) for the latest on what we are doing and current availability.

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## AN ANNUAL REVIEW

*For just what do we still owe the Romans, if not for the 12 months ahead?*

Start with JANUS, the double-faced marvel  
(which side did he get out of bed?)

He could face the old year full of wonder  
As he looked to the future, it's said.

Just fancy the ultimate nightmare!  
Did he puzzle at what was to come?  
Did he let in the New Year twice over  
Or face to the rear and look glum?

FEBRUO—month of reflection,  
For soul-cleansing days they'd convene  
Thus shortening their month, dare I mention?  
(Leaving us with the urge to Springclean?)

Then MARS, god of war blew his trumpet,  
The blast blew him into next week.  
It gained him a day, I'm happy to say  
But left us with weather quite bleak.

Come to APRIL, sweet goddess of Springtime,  
She who gladdens our hearts with her flowers.  
But she dawdled-a-bed, letting MAY push ahead  
MISTAKE!

Summer Time means she'll work longer hours!

Next, along comes the oxen-eyed JUNO  
Goddess of love and warm days.  
She lingers awhile, Summer comes with a smile  
And you're halfway to winter, she says!

Now up pops old JULIUS the CAESAR,  
His name on the list is no mystery.  
Young Brutus, the cad, was not a nice lad  
Stabbed Jules in the back and made history.

AUGUSTUS? Oh, he was made Emperor —  
A man of much might and great fame.  
Indeed, he was so well respected,  
They gave the next month his good name.

The Romans now lacked inspiration,  
Named months 7th then 8th — 9th — and 10.  
But of course!!! It's the countdown to CHRISTMAS!  
And we start things all over again.

*Joy T*

## LOVE SONGS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Queen
2. Elvis Presley
3. Paul McCartney
4. Dusty Springfield
5. Foreigner
6. Buddy Holly
7. The B52s
8. Robert Palmer
9. Stevie Wonder
10. O'Jays
11. Heavy D
12. Jennifer Lopez
13. Madonna
14. Counting Crows
15. Beyonce
16. Bob Marley & The Wailers
17. Adele
18. Black Eyed Peas
19. The Beatles
20. Whitney Houston
21. Diana Ross & The Supremes
22. Queen
23. Tina Turner
24. Percy Sledge
25. Taylor Swift
26. Leona Lewis
27. Lady Gaga
28. Nat King Cole
29. The Beatles
20. Eagles



## QUOTE for the MONTH

"What do Christmas trees  
wear at the pool?"

TRUNKS!

## Solution to February puzzle

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



## Please join us at our annual Pie and Pea Supper & Quiz Night raising funds for 2nd Ranskill Scouts

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# WARM SPACES IN SCROOBY 2025



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If you would like a little time out, in pleasant company with a cup of tea and cake, please join us. **Both are open to everyone.**

The venue is Scrooby Village Hall.

The day is Tuesday

The time is 1.30pm to 3.00pm

There is no charge but a small donation towards costs will help.

Dates for the first few months of Warm Spaces are:

February 4<sup>th</sup>

February 18<sup>th</sup>

March 4<sup>th</sup>

March 18<sup>th</sup>

April 1<sup>st</sup>

April 15<sup>th</sup>

April 29<sup>th</sup>

May 6<sup>th</sup>

May 20<sup>th</sup>

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

June 17<sup>th</sup>

July 1<sup>st</sup>

July 15<sup>th</sup>

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# ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## Monday 09 December 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Ceri Smith, Terry Goldsmith, Lindsey Buxton, Ellaina Sammut ,Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor, District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part). Parishioners / Public present: Mr D Blount, Mr & Mrs Grant (Part), Mr S Fenning (Part).
2. **Apologies** Michaela Blount.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Terry Goldsmith, Seconded by Ceri Smith.
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points** Completed or ongoing listed, but: Procurement Thresholds updates are carried forward, as are the Parish Key Register, New Model Financial Regulations review, Assess work to trees around The Croft, Mayflower team views on the Memorial Risk Assessment.
4. **Agenda**
  - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Goal Posts, Phone Box damage, BDC Spring Clean (See below).
  - 4.2. Public Discussion – The goal posts on The Croft – Request to re-site the new ones to their original position (to avoid a nuisance). This was discussed and agreed to put the new one back in their original position.
  - 4.3. Parish Councillor Vacancies – Ellaina Sammut has also resigned from the Council due to personal reasons. The meeting echoed all their thanks to Ellaina for her past work. Clerk is to start the co-option process
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: Primary School Admissions, Solar Panels webinar, Volunteers for Reading, Bassetlaw Achievers Awards.
- 5.1 A request by Detectorists to work on Parish lands was denied.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – The new council leader Sam Smith is announced, and a feisty meeting re. the Budget setting and extra costs identified. The Grit Bins assessment is with Via EM.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – Nothing major to report. The Environment Agency is working on de-silting the River Idle in our area.
7. **Finance Report**
  - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, the Playground Inspection Report. Full details of the report can always be viewed at [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net).
  - 7.2 Other activities, the list of meetings and payments dates for 2025 was issued. It was noted that future PC meetings could be a mix of physical and remote connections..
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend. PCSO continues to be requested to attend.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
  - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: None.
  - Existing Applications: 1 open, The Old Vicarage, new Kitchen Door.
  - 9.3 One Planning enforcements.
10. **Play Area**

The Scrooby Show committee have ordered the replacement of the goalposts. (see also 4.2 above)
11. **Village Hall**
  - 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well. An Anti-terrorist checklist for all Village Halls has been received.
  - 11.2 Village permanent Christmas Lights – Were installed and in operation for the Xmas period..
12. **Village Environment**
  - 12.0 Road works at Hawkes Nest. The window in the Phone Box is to be repaired. The Bassetlaw Spring Clean event is 29<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
  - 12.1 Grass Cutting, the next in the New Year will be a collection cut, the Manor Lane hedge work is being progressed.
  - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – Continues.
  - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The risk assessment issue continues.
  - 12.8 Dog Fouling has become an issue again in the village. Whilst the PC can only publicise and ask for cleanliness it was agreed to post an open letter in The STAR to promote how to report such incidents to the Dog Warden..
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**
  - 14.1. None The meeting was closed with a wish to all for a Happy Xmas and Prosperous New Year.

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net)  
Next meeting to be held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

This Month's Issues for you to note or muse: Criminal activity? If life threatening call 999, else 101 **Stay Safe, Stay Well**  
**SLOW DOWN** on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads. Look at the Noticeboard / Information Hub (Chapel Lane) / Scrooby.net website for all the latest information and consultations. The Village Hall sessions on Tuesdays continue, as do the Bassetlaw Mobile Community Shop on Mondays. Report incidents of dangerous or inconsiderate driving in Scrooby to the Police. PLEASE follow the procedure for using the Defibrillator, Call 999 first. Dogs are **NOT** allowed on the Croft or in the Village Hall, unless an organised dog event, **PLEASE CLEAR YOUR DOG 'POO'**, including the Whinze ! The guards around the new trees on the Whinze / Gibbet Hill are vital, please do not remove them!!! Look out on the Scrooby.net website for information from Notts CC and Bassetlaw DC

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