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Do you have something you feel passionate about and would like to share with our community? We welcome contributions from readers who want to tell their story or express their views.If you'd like to contribute, please email your article to us at copy4star@yahoo.co.uk, or give your written piece to your village representative. Please keep submissions to around 350 words and ensure we receive your copy in good time for the following month's publication.

*first*words



Hello again, and what a heartwarming response to last month's redesigned STAR!

The emails and kind words we've received have been absolutely fantastic. This feedback means the world to our entire team. We're not just producing a magazine for faceless readers – we're creating something for people we might bump into at the pub or sit beside in church.

Your voices don't just encourage us – they guide us. That's precisely why we exist: not only to inform you about parish meetings and local events but to provide a platform for your thoughts, concerns, and celebrations.

Whether it's a letter about potholes, a tribute to a beloved neighbour, or simply sharing good news, this is your space as much as ours.

Speaking of feedback, we did receive a complaint – more than one reader found the type too small. Fair point! We've increased it slightly this month. If you'd like to see it larger still, you know what to do: write in!

This collaborative spirit is what makes The STAR special. We're all in this together, creating something that reflects our shared community life. Keep those emails coming to copy4star@yahoo.co.uk – whether it's praise, criticism, story ideas, or just a friendly hello.

Here's to continuing this conversation together.

George

Goal! Community efforts score new posts on Scrooby Croft playground



Scrooby children now have new goalposts to enjoy on the village croft, thanks to a successful community project that brought together local organisations and volunteers.

The project began when the old goalposts on the Croft were condemned and a request was made for them to be replaced with a single set of new posts. The Scrooby Show stepped forward to fund the purchase in full from show proceeds, with Scrooby Parish Council involved in specifying and purchasing the equipment.

Following delivery of the new goalposts, a team of enthusiastic Scrooby residents got to work, digging holes in the agreed location and concreting the posts into place. A net will be added to complete the installation.

The project has received particular thanks from the community, with special recognition going to Elaine Garget, who allocated the proceeds from the Scrooby Village Show to fund the goalposts.

James Arrowsmith has been acknowledged for his efforts in arranging the order, whilst Terry Goldsmith and Dan Blounte provided valuable help with the installation.

The new goalposts are available for all the children of Scrooby to use, and community leaders hope they will bring plenty of enjoyment and activity for years to come.

The project demonstrates the strong sense of community in Scrooby, particularly as the village continues to evolve with a growing number of younger children.

Local residents have expressed their delight with the results, describing it as a thoroughly professional and thoughtful project that came to fruition through the joint efforts of villagers.

The successful installation represents an excellent example of community organisations and volunteers working together to provide facilities that support the younger generation in the village.

Torworth Parish Council looking for two new team members

Torworth Parish Council has two important vacancies available for local residents looking to make a difference in their community.

The council is seeking both a new parish councillor and a village warden to help maintain and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors in the village.

The part-time village warden role offers flexible working arrangements with 10 hours per month at a rate of £12.26 per hour.

This hands-on position is perfect for someone who takes pride in their local area and wants to play an active role in keeping the village clean, safe, and welcoming.

Key responsibilities include carrying out regular litter picking around the village, inspecting and reporting issues with public areas such as play areas, benches, and notice boards, and supporting the upkeep of community spaces including the playing field, bus shelters, and green spaces.

The successful candidate will also report vandalism, fly-tipping, or maintenance issues to the Clerk and carry out minor maintenance duties such as replacing signage, sweeping paths, and grass cutting. The working hours are flexible and will be agreed with the parish council.

The council is also seeking a new parish councillor to join the team in representing the interests of local residents and helping to shape the future of the village.

Those interested in either role, or who would like more information, should contact the parish council at clerk@torworth-pc.gov.uk.

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Flower festival blooms with community spirit

The Ranskill & Torworth Women's Institute's Flower Festival proved a blooming success, raising £1,000 for St Barnabas Church over the weekend of 7th and 8th June.

Held at St Barnabas Church in Ranskill, the two-day festival saw an impressive 20 local groups and businesses come together to create stunning floral displays, with participants ranging from primary school children to seasoned craft groups.The youngest contributors stole the show with their creative interpretations.

Ranskill Primary School children all contributed to a delightful recreation of Mr McGregor's Garden from the beloved Beatrix Potter stories, whilst local Brownies and Rainbows crafted colourful paper flowers.

The Cubs and Scouts took an innovative approach, creating beautiful blooms from Lego bricks, and pupils from Mattersey Primary School's Hive Class produced a vibrant bee-themed arrangement.

The Knit and Natter Group demonstrated their diverse craft skills with handmade flowers, whilst the Quilting Group produced exquisite quilted blooms. The Bowling Club contributed a charming model of their green, and the Book Club created a fascinating display featuring flowers as bookends.



The Village Hub's representation of tea and cakes using pretty china, plants and flowers complemented the WI's own afternoon tea-themed arrangement perfectly.

Bassetlaw Hospice made a striking contribution with their impressive sunflower display, whilst local churches Blyth and Ranskill created beautiful altar arrangements, with Ranskill's dedicated to St Barnabas himself.

Local florist Kay Gill created a stunning centrepiece around the font, and contributions also came from Blyth WI, Blyth Inner Wheel, and the Bluebell Pub.

"We were thrilled with the response from the community," said Dot Perkins, Secretary of Ranskill & Torworth WI. "It was lovely to come together as a community and celebrate the creative skills of young and old whilst raising money for such a worthy cause."

Wildlife Trust group welcomes new members

The North Nottinghamshire Local Group of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is encouraging residents to support local wildlife conservation efforts. Members can influence how the group supports nature locally and input into talks and events.

Many serve as volunteers, with subscriptions supporting habitat creation and care for over forty nature reserves across Notts.

Volunteers work directly on reserves, enjoying outdoor activities and building friendships.

Some activities are member-only, but non-members are welcome at talks and most activities at no extra charge. The group hopes participants will consider full membership.For information, phone Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067, or email: janwilliamson133@gmail.com

New benches a welcome rest for Ranskill residents

Ranskill residents now have a welcome place to rest and socialise thanks to two brand-new benches installed at the heart of the village.

The benches, positioned at the busy junction of Great North Road and Station Road next to the village noticeboard, were funded through a £200 Councillor Community Grant donated by David Bamford, the former Ward Member for Ranskill.

The installation came in response to requests from local residents to Ranskill Parish Council, after the original benches had deteriorated beyond repair following years of exposure to the elements.

The popular seating area serves as an important community gathering point where residents regularly stop to rest and chat with neighbours.

"We're delighted to receive this grant, which has allowed us to install two brand-new benches in Ranskill," said Dan Simpson, Chair of Ranskill Parish Council, pictured here with David. "These benches provide a much-needed resting spot for residents and



visitors alike, encouraging people to spend more time outdoors and enjoy our beautiful village surroundings. It's a small but meaningful improvement that supports community wellbeing and brings people together."

The funding demonstrates the value of the Councillor Community Grant scheme, which provides each Bassetlaw District Councillor with a discretionary budget to support local initiatives. Grants are available for projects spanning sports, culture and heritage, environment and sustainability, social welfare, and community activities that benefit their respective electoral ward areas.

Support and empathy for dementia families

The Wednesday Group is providing vital assistance to local families dealing with dementia, offering both practical advice and much-needed respite for carers.

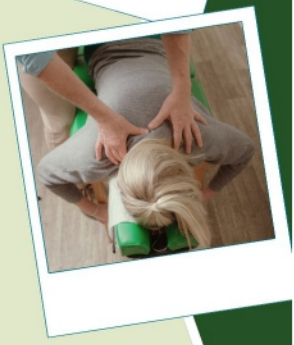
The group recognises dementia presents daily challenges including memory problems with appointments, names, and misplaced items, causing embarrassment and frustration for everyone . They recommend establishing designated places for belongings and offering gentle reminders whilst helping maintain routines. Perhaps more challenging is what can appear to be a lack of empathy from loved ones.

When carers try to help with appointments, the person may focus on seemingly irrelevant matters important to them at that moment.The Wednesday Group emphasises that whilst this can feel like a personal attack, it's a symptom of the disease, not the person's true feelings. It's best to treat them as before they became ill.

The group welcomes carers, those with diagnoses, or anyone seeking information. Sessions cost £10 including lunch, with the first visit free. Despite a short waiting list, they encourage contact: Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067, or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com

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*good*times

Wednesday 2nd July

Peter Pan, Cast Theatre, Doncaster (runs until Saturday 5 July)
A magical theatrical production perfect for families. Follow Peter, Wendy, and the Lost Boys on their adventures in Neverland with Captain Hook and Tinker Bell.

Friday 4th July

Summer Afternoon Flat Racing, Doncaster Racecourse, 12:00pm-10:00pm
Afternoon flat racing combining live sporting action, an entertaining atmosphere, and scenic backdrop. Several exciting races to enjoy whether trackside or watching from hospitality. More than just racing - food and drink available, dress up or keep it casual, and quality time with friends. Group discounts available for 10+ people, and guests 60+ receive half price entry with valid photo ID. Tickets from £20.

Thank You for the Music, Cast Theatre, Doncaster, 7:30pm
Calling all Dancing Queens, this is your night to say, Thank You for the Music! This international smash-hit ABBA tribute show brings all ABBA's number one hits to the stage in a production like no other. The hugely popular show combines the unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes, and dazzling performances. Features hits including Waterloo, Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, Mamma Mia, Knowing Me Knowing You, Gimme Gimme Gimme, The Winner Takes It All and more!

Afternoon Cabaret, Cast Theatre, Doncaster
An entertaining afternoon performance featuring variety acts and musical entertainment in an intimate cabaret setting.



Thank You for the Music, Cast Theatre, Doncaster

Saturday 5th July

Dame Ida's International Cabaret Show, Cast Theatre, Doncaster, 7:45pm
The sensational Dame Ida storms onto Cast's stage with her most glamorous show yet! With 25 breath-taking costume changes and a medley of hits from favourite musicals, as well as all-time hits audiences will want to sing along to. This comedy extravaganza is jam-packed with hilarious parodies, outrageously sharp jokes, and some good old fashioned tongue-in-cheek humour. Tickets from £15.50.

North Notts Food Fest 2025, Worksop Old Market Square, 10:00am-4:00pm
North Notts Food Fest returns for 2025! This free-to-attend event features celebrity chefs, live cookery demonstrations, food & drink stalls, street entertainment and much more. Local food vendors, live demonstrations, and family-friendly entertainment throughout the day. Free entry.

Artisan & Craft Fayre, Lakeside Village, Doncaster, 10:00am-4:00pm
A monthly showcase for small independent and home-based makers, bakers and creators featuring Children's Entertainment, handmade crafts, Artisan & craft traders, continental and traditional food. Local independent businesses from the Doncaster and Yorkshire area, including stalls selling cakes and treats, fashion and homeware items, and handmade crafts. Free entry with free parking.

Milkshake! Live on Holiday, Cast Theatre, Doncaster
Milkshake! Live returns with a brand-new show! Favourite Milkshake! friends go on Holiday with Smurfette, Dora, Pip and Posy, Blue from Blues Clues and You!, Milo, Milkshake! Monkey plus two Milkshake! presenters for an all-new adventure! Pack your bags and jump aboard the Milkshake! train for an all singing, all dancing holiday together! Tickets from £18.50.

Sunday 6th July

Summer Plant Hunters' Fair, Thoresby Park, Nottinghamshire, 10:00am-4:00pm
Summer Plant Hunters' Fair at Thoresby Park offers FREE ENTRY to the plant fair & country park (normal car parking charges apply). The nurseries come loaded with a great range of perennials, shrubs, roses, wildflowers, alpines, herbs, rare species and old heritage varieties. An ideal time to pick up summer flowering plants to give gardens a boost. Expert knowledge on hand to help choose the best plants. Great range of garden accessories available. Dogs on leads welcome. Free entry.

Toy Collectors Fair Doncaster, various times
An opportunity for collectors and enthusiasts to browse, buy, and sell vintage toys, collectibles, and memorabilia. Perfect for finding rare items and connecting with fellow collectors.

Monday 7th July

Beauty and the Beast, Bawtry Phoenix Theatre (runs until Saturday 12th July)
The Bawtry Phoenix Young Players present the tale as old as time, Beauty and the Beast. Evening performances 7:15pm start (doors open 6:30pm), Saturday Matinee 1:30pm start (doors open 12:45pm). Based on the 1991 Disney animated feature, this tells the story of Belle and the Beast in their enchanted castle.



Summer Plant Hunters' Fair, Thoresby Park

Saturday 12th July

Wild Lives, Cast Theatre, Doncaster, 2:00pm-4:00pm (continues Sunday 13th July)
Presented by Under-11s from Cast's Youth Theatre. Wild Lives explores themes of nature, the environment and our place in the world. Asking important questions like, "Who does this land belong to?" and "Who has a right to say what it's used for?" Tickets from £10.

Send details of your future events to us here at The STAR: copy4star@yahoo.co.uk

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Monday:	closed
Tuesday:	12-10pm
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Thursday:	12-11pm
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Sunday:	12-9pm

Food Times:

Tuesday to Saturday: 12-9pm
(light lunch menu available 12-5pm)

Sunday: 12-6pm

Quiz night every Wednesday 8.30pm onwards - winning team prize and cash snowball to be won.

Steak night every Thursday 5 - 9 pm alongside our main menu. Enjoy two 8oz sirloin steaks for £30, or two 8oz sirloin steaks + a bottle of house wine for £40.

Sunday - Delicious homecooked Sunday roasts between 12 - 6pm - booking advised to be safe.

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Sunday 13th July

Cusworth Hall Walled Garden Open Days, Cusworth Hall, Doncaster
Visit the beautifully restored walled garden at this historic Georgian mansion. Explore the heritage gardens, enjoy guided tours, and learn about the hall's fascinating history. A peaceful day out for garden lovers and history enthusiasts.

Thursday 17th July

Love Hurts, Cast Theatre, Doncaster, 7:30pm
From the producers of Anything For Love & Vampires Rock and starring Steve Steinman, this brand-new show features a powerhouse cast of amazing singers and seven piece live band. Guaranteed to be a night of rocking out to some of the greatest power ballads and anthems of all time!



Saturday 19th July

Summer Saturday Series Cowboys & Country, Doncaster Racecourse, 12:00pm-10:00pm
Saddle up for an unforgettable Country and Western Race Night at Doncaster Racecourse! As part of the Summer Saturday Series, this ultimate night of live horse racing features toe-tapping country and western music, and plenty of fun. After the races, enjoy a Country & Western DJ and high energy dancers for two-steppin' and singin' along. Children aged 17 and under are FREE but MUST be accompanied by an adult. Guests aged 60 and over receive half price entry with valid photo ID. Tickets from £23.

Horizon Car Show, Eco-Power Stadium, Doncaster, 10:00am-7:00pm
A unique automotive event gathering hundreds of carefully selected cars from around the UK and Europe. Horizon showcases the finest builds among 500+ carefully selected show cars. This cool, uncomplicated show inspired by UK art and culture features rare cars and custom builds from all corners of the UK and Europe. Adult tickets £25, ages 12-16 £15 (must be accompanied by paying adult), Under 12s free (must be accompanied by paying adult).



Wednesday 23rd July

Summer Evening Flat Racing, Doncaster Racecourse, evening
Evening Flat Racing in Doncaster combines live sporting action, an entertaining atmosphere, and a scenic backdrop for a celebration with loved ones. This evening of flat racing promises several exciting races to enjoy, whether trackside or watching from hospitality. Tickets from £19.

Friday 25th July

Films in the Forest, Sherwood Forest, 7:00pm
The Lord of the Rings - The Two Towers outdoor cinema screening under the stars at Sherwood Forest.

Saturday 26th July

Discover Islam Doncaster - Mosque Open Day, Sultania Mosque, Thoresby Avenue, Doncaster, 11:00am-5:00pm
A special invitation to all non-Muslims and people from all backgrounds to visit their local Mosque. A chance to bridge the gap between communities and find out more about Muslims and Islam. Features tour of the Mosque, Arabic Calligraphy stall, free literature, intro to Islam seminar, exhibition and cinema room, dress up and photo booth, watch live Muslim prayer, and open Q&A sessions. Free food and drinks provided. Please dress modestly and appropriately. Free entry.

Films in the Forest, Sherwood Forest, 4:00pm & 7:00pm
Tangled (4pm) and Jumanji - Welcome to the Jungle (7pm) outdoor cinema screenings.

Sunday 27th July

Films in the Forest, Sherwood Forest
Disney's Robin Hood outdoor cinema screening to conclude the weekend film festival at Sherwood Forest.



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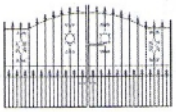
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The Reading Room is on the Great North Road near the crossroads. It is the home of Ranskill Snooker Club and is still in use today.

By Peter Parkin

The STAR pop-up pub quiz for July

1. What term describes the degree of moisture in the air?
2. What is the name of the hot dry wind which blows from The Sahara?
3. Which dark grey clouds are commonly called rain clouds?
4 In a rainbow, what colour comes between orange and green?
5. Which common phrase is given to unseasonably warm weather near the middle of autumn?
6. What is nephology the study of?
7. A Chinook is a wind particularly associated with which mountain range?
8. At what temperature are both the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales exactly the same?
9. Which slang term for a tornado is also the title of a 1996 film?



10. What name is given to an area of high pressure which brings long periods of settled weather?
11. What can be classed as columns or dendrites?
12. What does an anemometer measure?
13. What term referring to big seasonal winds bringing heavy rainfall was first used in British India?
14. What type of electromagnetic radiation from sunlight is a principal source of vitamin D?
15. Which weather condition happens when snow falls fast and thick?
16. What do we call a scientist who studies weather and climate?
17. What is the calm area located in the centre of a hurricane called?
18. What is a fear of snow called?
19. Which force is the main cause of lightning?
20. A barometer is used to measure what?

Answers on page 34.

Christian perspective: keeping things refreshed, renewed and rust free

We recently took a week's break on the Cumbrian coast where we stayed in a pleasant flat overlooking an old fishing harbour. From a distance some of the fishing boats looked quite good, but getting up close showed the rust, grime and neglected state of some, that had obviously not been used for a long time.

Others were being cared for, having their engines checked and painting jobs were being carried out. Whatever we have in our homes and around us needs to be cleaned, updated and refreshed from time to time in order to continue to be useful.

It reminded me that our faith in Christ needs to be kept fresh, constantly renewed, going ever deeper into fellowship with Jesus, for us to remain strong and effective in serving the Lord.

There is a warning in the book of Hebrews, where the writer puts it like this:

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. - Hebrews 2:1

If you find you once had faith in God through Jesus Christ for eternal salvation, and a sure and certain hope of heaven, but now find your life is full of other things, so that there is no time for reading and studying the Bible, praying, meeting with other believers, then this warning is for you. The writer to the Hebrews continues in verses 3-4: ***How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.***

Our Christian faith is precious and worth putting first in our lives. We should not be like those rusting hulks abandoned by their owners, but rather let us be those who are always pursuing more of the Lord and his word. Join me in going ever forward to be refreshed and renewed day by day in Christ. Let us be like the apostle Paul, who wrote: ***I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 3:14***

**** Brenda Critchley***

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Sudoku puzzle for July

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 subgrids 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 subgrid. These shaded cells must also contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution on page 34.

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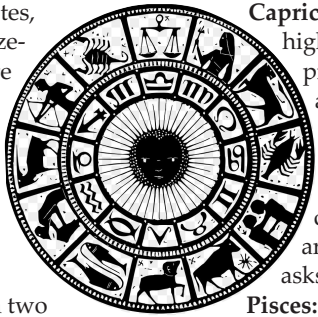
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Your STAR Signs for July



Aries: A competitive spark ignites, perhaps over a neighbour's prize-winning beans. Channel this fire wisely; a tactical compliment can be surprisingly effective.
Taurus: Your desire for stability may be tested. If a shop rearranges its aisles, consider it a brief, unwelcome adventure. Take deep breaths.
Gemini: You may feel pulled in two directions this month: attend every coffee morning, or sit quietly with a crossword. Both are valid.
Cancer: Your nurturing instincts are in overdrive. The urge to pack a lunch for a 40-year-old may arise. A phone call is safer.
Leo: Your flair for storytelling is in demand. Dust off a classic anecdote; an appreciative audience awaits, ready to laugh on cue.
Virgo: A sensible mood prevails. You might spend more time reading a medicine's side effects than feeling ill. It's called due diligence.
Libra: Social balance is your quest. An invitation clash may force a diplomatic decision. A vague 'we must do that soon' is a solution.
Scorpio: Your investigative powers are needed, to uncover the truth behind a local rumour. No stone will be left unturned.
Sagittarius: That famous honesty may make an unscheduled appearance, possibly during a dull meeting. You might want to practise your 'so sorry' face.
Capricorn: Your financial prudence is highlighted. You'll scoff at 'artisan' prices, knowing you could fashion a better version from things in the shed.
Aquarius: You'll be solving the world's problems from your armchair this month. Your solutions are correct; pity no one in charge asks.
Pisces: Your kind nature makes you an easy target. You may agree to a Herculean task, like watering seventeen hanging baskets, before you realise it.

St Barnabas' Mile of Pennies keeps growing

St Barnabas Church in Ranskill has achieved another milestone in their Mile of Pennies appeal, now reaching 3 miles and 715 yards, raising £2,632 for the church.The church is delighted with the continued support from the community.

Every £1 contributed adds another 2 yards and a bit to their impressive total, demonstrating how individual contributions combine to make a real difference.The church thanks everyone who has supported this creative fundraising effort and encourages the community to keep the pennies coming as the appeal continues to grow.

Local church notices for July 2025

Church Notices for June 2025 (CW = Common Worship, HC = Holy Communion, BCP = Book of Common Prayer):
Sunday 6th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
Sunday 13th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
Sunday 20th: Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC
Sunday 27th: Ranskill – 9.30 CW HC
Blyth - 10.30 Family Service
Churches are open, and all are welcome to services, please wear a mask if you feel safer.

If you would like to arrange a baptism, wedding, funeral or other function, please contact one of the churchwardens: Ranskill, David Stacey 01777 818303; Scrooby, Gordon Ashworth 01777 818322.

Peace is Gentle



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In the stillness of the evening when the light begins to fade
And the first stars soon will be peeping,
A Blackbird sang his serenade
To a world that soon would be sleeping.

Such a peaceful sound, so sweet and clear,
A glorious impromptu performance
As if making sure the whole world would hear —
He captured my soul at first glance.

He then flew to a perch in my garden
And sang for all he was worth.
Right there! Just for me! My own concert!
Surely, the loveliest sound on God's earth?

I'm sure he knew what he was doing,
Just sharing the joy in his heart.
It seemed he would sing on forever
Yet soon, he must surely depart?

As if offering proof, he flew back to his roof,
Looked me straight in the eye and departed.
A flutter of feathers and peace was restored —
It all ended as soft as it started.

No simple mistake, his leave he must take.
I thanked him, my so welcome guest
With a mind content and a soul at peace,
I, too, went in to my rest.

Joy T

The STAR recipe: Lemon Chocolate Shortbreads

** 6oz plain flour*
** 4oz butter*
** 2oz caster sugar*
** Grated rind of 1 lemon*
** A pinch of salt*
** 1 tablesp grated chocolate from a 4oz bar*



Method: Rub together flour, butter and sugar then add grated rind and grated chocolate.

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Newcomers can try three free games before deciding whether to join. If any young groups would like a go, give us a call.

We welcome supporters to come and watch. Come and see us - you will be very welcome.

We also have a very popular craft club on a Friday.

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*the*minutes

Scrooby Parish Council, June, 2025

Abridge draft minutes of Scrooby Parish Council Meeting held at Scrooby Village Hall, Monday 9th June, 2025.

Present:
Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Terry Goldsmith, Lindsey Buxton, Dan Blount, Jean Ogden, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part), Parishioners / Public present: None.
2. Apologies (New) County Cllr Mike Robertson.
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Elaine Gargett, Seconded by Dan Blount. The draft minutes of the 12th May AGM were also agreed.
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, Tesco funding application, Repainting in the Village Hall, Harworth Lengthsman scheme and Salt Bin locations.
4. Agenda
4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Councillor Register of Interests update, Fertiliser Storage application (See below).
4.2. Public Discussion – None.
4.3. Parish Councillor Vacancies –Jean Ogden was welcomed as full voting rights councillor. We still have 1 vacancy and so the search is still on to find future Parish Councillors.
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: NALC AGM: Notts CC Communities Fund suspension for a while: NALC Civic Service.
5.3 Central Bassetlaw Forum – decision to not attend as it does not serve Scrooby any purpose.
6. District and County Councillor's Report
County Councillor – The new County Councillor sent his apologies, nothing to report.
District Councillor Jack Bowker – A busy month with straightforward meetings. Ranskill has to have a District Councillor by-election.
BDC is to promote a new "Discover Bassetlaw" website. JackB reported the leaves had been swept, although a little more notice could have meant the roads clearer of vehicles.
7. Finance Report
7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included Village Hall costs and salaries, Grass Cutting Parish Insurance and the new Goalposts (net of a donation from the Scrooby Show). Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
7.2.1 Other activities: A request for all Parish Councillors to update their Register of Interests.
7.2.3 The application for funding from Tesco's was accepted, we still await the outcome.
7.3 The Parish Insurance renewal has been renewed.
7.5 The Annual Accounts 2025 have been sent for External audit.
7.6 The list of Parish Councillor Duties and Responsibilities was updated and will be published soon.
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: Land at

Sheepcote House, A reserved no objections due to design and materials issues.
A fertiliser storage unit in the field to the south of the village, probably an agricultural application but concerns made about any possible odours from the organic fertiliser stored in it.
Existing Applications: Scrooby Top Quarry Silo still awaiting a decision.
9.3 Others: The renewal of the Pilgrim Fathers as a registered Community Asset continues.
10. Play Area
The Goal Post and net is installed, thanks to Terry, Dan and Gavin for their work.
11. Village Hall
11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well. Repairs needed are done.
11.1.1 Request to re-decorate the Village Hall areas continues.
11.1.2 Roof moss and guttering to be reviewed by the Council
11.2 Christmas Tree or Lights – costs are dear and team to obtain options, a cost breakdown and sources of possible funding.
12. Village Environment
12.0 4 lots of Road works this month. Also any one working on Parish Common lands will have a permit allocated to them.
12.0.3 Salt Bins work continues to agree their location with ViaEM
12.1 Grass Cutting, The trial of the new contractor was deemed to be successful and significantly cheaper, so a 1 year contract has been awarded, including the work on the Village Hall hedges.
12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – Nothing to report.
12.2.1 Trial cameras – agreed not to pursue this item further.
12.6 St Wilfred's bell repairs – our assistance is ongoing.
14. Items for Information Only / Next Agenda
14.1. None.
All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at www.scrooby.net
Next meeting to be held on Monday, 14th July 2025, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

Torworth Parish Council, May, 2025

Minutes of the Torworth Parish Council Meeting held at Barnby Mooor Village Hall on Monday 17th May, 2025.

PRESENT.
Chair: C. Willis
Vice-Chair: J Helliwell
Councillors: R. Willis, D Lacey
County Councillor: M Robertson (not present)
District Councillor: None
Members of the public: 2

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Manor Farm trees are reported as overgrown and hanging. It is advised that this is a County matter and requires reporting to them.
The pavements are reported as being mossy in places. They are advised to re-report it to Bassetlaw if not resolved. The Clerk will also email the District Council.
A resident reports that they have litter picked around the village and picked 10 bin liners. They are thanked for their contributions to the village.
A resident asks whether we can re-advertise for a Village Warden. It is agreed to readvertise in the STAR now that it is confirmed that the future of the newsletter is secured.

01/05.25
WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
The chair opens the meeting welcoming everyone.

02/05.25
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
None declared.

03/05.25
CRIME REPORT
x2 Crimes reported for February of 1x Violence

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x2 Crimes reported for January of 1x Other Crime on Low Street, 1x criminal damage on Daneshill Rd.

04/05.25
COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
None
Please contact your District or County councillor direct for further information on the issues reported or to raise issues direct with them.

05/05.25
MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as accurate and as a true record of proceedings.

06/05.25
COUNCILLOR RAISED ITEMS, MATTERS ARISING DURING THE MONTH & ONGOING MATTERS
- It is determined to apply for the FCC Grant for playing field equipment and playing field boundary upgrade and repairs. Cllr C Willis and R Willis will act as leads for the grant with the clerk as the named 2nd lead as required. Cllr C Willis & R Willis to gage public interest and to get quotes for the equipment.
- Following a discussion it is agreed to reallocate the VE Day event money to another event later in the year.
- Following discussion with Council, it is agreed for the Clerk to send the previous County Councillor a Thank you card and flowers. Chairmans allowance to be allocated.
- Clerk to get a cost for one off cuts at the playing field.
- The Playing Field tree survey is reviewed. Any works that the warden cannot address or requires additional equipment to be discussed at the next meeting.

07/05.25 FINANCE
The Bank Reconciliation is passed for review.

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ICO	-£47.00

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9/05.25 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES
A tree survey has been requested in the playing field.

10/05.25 PLANNING ISSUES DECLARED BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING
Planning Applications on consultation:
- None
Determinations from previous Applications:
- None

11/05.25 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION
- Various sent, none discussed.

12/05.25 UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS
- An update from the Burial Board members is given.

13/05.25 INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING & ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
FCC Grant application.

14/05.25: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
7th July at 7.00pm, Location Scrooby Village Hall (tbc)

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Ranskill Parish Council, May, 2025

Minutes of the Ranskill Parish Council Meeting held at the Bowls Club, Station Road, Wednesday 14th May, 2025, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:
Chair: D. Simpson
Councillors: L. Shaw, M. Pryce, P. Brown, J. Peel
Clerk: B. Kinsey
Members of the public: There were no members of the public attending.
01/0525: ELECTION OF CHAIR
Cllr Pryce proposed Cllr Simpson as Chair. Seconded Cllr Peel. Carried.
02/0525: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
Cllr Peel proposed Cllr Shaw as Vice Chair. Seconded Cllr Brown. Carried.
03/0525: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs A. Bing and A. Garner, D. Cllr D. Bamford, C. Cllr M. Robertson
Councillors are aware of the reasons for Cllr Bing's absences and are satisfied that Cllr Bing remains in post as a Parish Councillor.
04/0525: TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED
None
05/0525: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No residents attended the meeting.
06/0525: PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY
a. To consider an application for a new Parish Councillor
Cllr J. Elliott was co-opted as Parish Councillor. Carried.
07/0525: ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS
a. Joint Burial Committee
Cllrs Simpson, Pryce, Brown were appointed.
b. Bassetlaw Forum
Cllr Simpson agreed to continue as our representative.
08/0525: ELECTION OF MEMBERS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES
a. Planning: Cllr Simpson
b. Finance: Cllr Shaw
c. Playground: Cllr Pryce
d. Floral displays: Cllr Peel
09/0525: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH APRIL 2025
The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
10/0525: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS
a. District Councillor: absent.
b. County Councillor: absent
11/0525: CRIME AND POLICING
The latest crime figures for March are reported as 7, average for the year to date 8.3 compared to 9 for the previous year.
12/0525: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC
a. Update on the Community Speedwatch group formation
A new team of volunteers will be contacted and assembled, in advance of training by the PCSO.
b. Blyth Road resident
A resident has complained regarding the amount of traffic and resultant noise passing through the village on Blyth Road. This issue has been raised in the past with the assistance of our former County Councillor. Previous vehicle monitoring exercises (rubber strips across the road) in 2023 and compared with earlier data shows an increase in HGV traffic, but only in line with national data. No further action could be taken at the time, the PC will raise with our new County Councillor.
13/0525: FINANCE
a. To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 30th April 2025. Carried. It was noted that the C&C 6 month bond has matured and the funds transferred to the Natwest reserve account, in anticipation of project expenditure.

b. To receive the Internal Auditor's report. Carried.
c. To approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statement 2024-25. Carried. Signed by the Chair.
d. To consider the renewal terms of the insurance policy. It was resolved to increase the insured amount for the playground equipment to £200,000 value for reinstatement based on the quotation received from the broker of an increase in the premium of £560.86. The Clerk will renew the policy on this basis. Carried.

14/0525: PLANNING

a. To consider new planning applications received as at 14th May 2025. One new application, 25/00440/FUL Brightgreen Spinal Health retrospective for the installation of air conditioning units and an access ramp. Councillors had no objection.
b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues. None.

15/0525: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

a. To consider the playground monthly safety report
The April report has been received. Just one item reported, the pendulum swing needs the rubber shrinking protection on the basket to be repaired. The Clerk will instruct North Notts.
b. Update on the new piece of playground equipment
The order for the tree climber is confirmed with delivery expected in June.
c. Update on the repair of the roundabout
HAGS have confirmed the bearing replacement early June.
d. Update on the path lighting project for Oaks Close green and Jubilee Way
The order is confirmed, delivery expected in July.
e. Update on the land to the rear of Station Cottage
The PC and our solicitors appear not to have in our records a copy of the original deed. We will ask the residents who now own the land to assist.
f. To endorse S115 agreements with NCC
New agreements to install a new bench at the village crossroads and remove the gateway sign on great North Road and relocate closer to the junction with Fieldview Gardens were both approved and endorsed.

16/0525: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None.

17/0525: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

None.

18/0525: AGREE A DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

9th June 2025.
9th July 2025.



WARM SPACES IN SCROOBY 2025



Ripples and **Warm Spaces** have again started in Scrooby Village Hall. *Ripples* happens on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and Warm Spaces on the first, third and fifth.

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**.

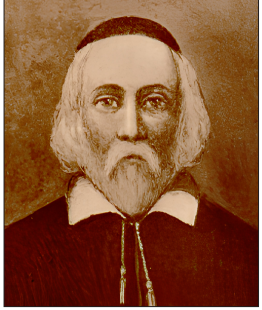
The venue is Scrooby Village Hall.
The day is Tuesday
The time is 1.30pm to 3.00pm
There is no charge but a small donation towards costs will help.

Dates for the next few months of Warm Spaces are:

July 1st	July 15th
August- No Meeting	
September 2nd	September 16th
October 7th	October 21st

All are welcome

*last*words





Remember last month when I mentioned those mysterious dog poo bags adorning local signage? Well, I've made a terrible mistake.

By drawing attention to them, I've activated what psychologists call the Baader-Meinhof phenomenon – that peculiar quirk of consciousness where, once you notice something, you see it absolutely everywhere.

Now I can't unsee them. They're multiplying like plastic-wrapped tribbles. I wish I'd written about Felicity Kendal. It wouldn't be such a hardship to see Felicity Kendal everywhere.

Why dog poo bags? There's something perverse about carefully bagging waste only to display it like bunting. It's as if we've decided the countryside needs more visual interest and settled on "Early 21st Century Excrement Chic."

Speaking of collective madness, shall we discuss the parking situation outside Ranskill's fish and chip shop? I'm collecting stories for a paper titled "The Death of Common Sense: A North Nottinghamshire Case Study."

Zero blame for the local businesses, to clarify. But for the car-driving customers, is it really so hard to drive another dozen yards or so in order to avoid bringing everything to a standstill?

Meanwhile, here's the real question for this Fourth of July: what would our local heroes, the Pilgrim Fathers, make of Donald Trump? William Brewster and the Pilgrims fled persecution to establish a community based on humility, hard work, and strict moral conduct. They wrote the Mayflower Compact to ensure lawful, communal governance. They wore black, spoke plainly, and considered dancing suspicious.

Trump, with his golden towers and reality TV background, would represent everything they sailed 3,000 miles to escape. Come to think of it, he does have a very suspicious dance.

The irony, of course, is that both Trump and the Pilgrims claimed to be making their respective Americas great – just with radically different definitions of greatness. The Pilgrims measured greatness in piety and communal survival. Trump measures it in TV ratings and golf course revenue.

So this July 4th, as Americans celebrate, spare a thought for those Scrooby Separatists who started it all. They sought religious freedom and created a nation where someone can bring traffic to a standstill beside a chip shop while livestreaming opinions about presidential hair care. They'd be horrified, probably. But they'd recognise the chaos – after all, they dealt with difficult personalities on the Mayflower, too.

Though I bet they didn't leave poo bags on the rigging.

Quiz and puzzle answers

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

Quiz answers: 1. Humidity 2. Sirocco 3 . Nimbus 4. Yellow 5. Indian Summer 6. Clouds 7. Rocky Mountains 8. –40° 9. Twister 10. Anticyclone 11. Snowflakes 12. Wind Speed 13. Monsoon 14. Ultraviolet Radiation 15. Blizzard 16. Meteorologist 17. The eye 18. Chionophobia 19. Static Electricity 20. Atmospheric Pressure



Ripples



We need more volunteers for both of our groups! Please get in touch if you can help, whether regularly or on occasion (contact details below).





Ripples Baby and Toddler Group

Mondays 10am to 11.30am at Ranskill Church (term time).

£2 per child to include drinks and light snacks for child and adult.





Ripples Social Group (Dementia friendly)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3pm at Scrooby Village Hall.
(and on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays run by Scrooby PC)



Come along for a cuppa, cake and a chat, plus optional games and activities.



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