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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.

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Once again, we're delighted by the wonderful response from readers across the three villages. The emails, letters, and friendly chats in the street continue to remind us why community journalism matters.

September always feels like a fresh start, doesn't it? There's something about the return to school routines that affects us all, whether we've got children clutching new pencil cases or we're simply reminded that summer's lazy pace is giving way to autumn's more purposeful rhythm. It's back to school for everyone, in a way – time to dust off our organisational skills and get properly stuck into the business of life.

This makes it the perfect moment to share what's happening in your corner of our villages. From harvest celebrations to new club launches, from fundraising efforts to simple neighbourhood news, we want to hear it all. The changing seasons bring fresh opportunities for community connection, and we're here to help spread the word.

Whether you're a regular contributor or someone who's been thinking about getting in touch, September's energy of new beginnings makes this an ideal time to reach out.

Keep those emails coming to copy4star@yahoo.co.uk – let's make this autumn one to remember!

George

the knowledge

Councillor grant supports The Scrooby Show's 20th anniversary

Preparations are in full swing for the 20th anniversary of The Scrooby Show, a much-anticipated highlight in the local calendar, thanks to support from a Bassetlaw District Councillor.

This year's event will take place on Saturday 6 September 2025, starting at 1pm at the Village Hall. Entry is free, and organisers expect around 450 attendees from Scrooby and the surrounding communities.

A £600 Councillor Community Grant, donated by Cllr Jack Bowker, Ward Member for Blyth, has enabled the hiring of a marquee, providing covered space for a variety of stallholders showcasing arts and crafts.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy a fully licensed bar featuring locally brewed beers, adding to the vibrant community atmosphere of this much-loved event.

Elaine Gargett, Event Organiser of The Scrooby Show, said: "We're really excited to mark the 20th year of The Scrooby Show. This grant has made a huge difference in helping us provide the facilities that will make the day even more enjoyable for everyone. It's a brilliant opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate, and support local artisans and producers."

In addition to the arts and crafts stalls and locally brewed beers, visitors to The Scrooby Show can look forward to a range of family-friendly activities, including live music, traditional games, and a children's entertainment area. Food vendors will be on hand offering a variety of tasty treats, and local community groups will be showcasing their work, adding



Cllr Jack Bowker, Elaine Gargett, James Arrow-smith, Stephen Corderly

to the welcoming and festive village atmosphere.

Cllr Bowker added: "The Scrooby Show is a fantastic celebration of local talent and community spirit. I'm delighted to support the 20th anniversary with this grant, helping to create a welcoming space for residents and visitors to enjoy the crafts and sample some excellent local brews. It's great to see such a popular event continue to grow and bring people together."

For more information, visit: www.scrooby.net

Each Bassetlaw District Councillor is allocated a small budget and has the discretion to award grants that support community activities within their ward. Councillors may consider applications for projects related to sport, culture and heritage, environment and sustainability, social welfare, and general community benefit.

Welcome awaits as Warm Spaces and Ripples continue in Scrooby

Scrooby Village Hall is continuing its popular Warm Spaces and Ripples sessions throughout the autumn, offering residents a welcoming place to take time out in pleasant company.

Both initiatives provide an opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea and cake in friendly surroundings, and are open to everyone in the community.

The sessions follow a regular pattern on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Ripples takes place on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, while Warm Spaces runs on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays.

There is no charge for either session, though organisers welcome small donations towards costs to help keep the initiatives running.

The upcoming Warm Spaces dates are September 2nd, 16th, and 30th; October 7th and 21st; November 4th and 18th; and December: 2nd and 16th.

Anyone looking for a little time out with good company is encouraged to join these welcoming Tuesday afternoon gatherings at Scrooby Village Hall.



Ranskill and Torworth W.I. Annual Meeting

The Ranskill and Torworth W.I. Annual Meeting will be held on 23rd September 2025 at St. Barnabas Church on Great North Road in Ranskill.

The meeting is scheduled to commence at 2pm and will take place in the church premises.

Those requiring further information about the Ranskill and Torworth W.I. Annual Meeting are invited to contact Pat Blatchford on 01777 818519.

Cafe Hub returns with special Macmillan Coffee Morning

Cafe Hub is returning after its summer break with a special Macmillan Coffee Morning to support cancer care.

The first Cafe Hub meeting following the summer break will take place on Saturday 13th September from 10.30am to 12.30pm, and organisers have chosen to make it a fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Care.

The morning will include a raffle as part of the fundraising efforts for the charity, which provides vital support to people living with

cancer.

Cafe Hub meets on the second Saturday of each month, offering a regular opportunity for community members to come together in a welcoming environment.

All are very welcome to attend the Macmillan Coffee Morning and support this important cause while enjoying the return of this popular community gathering.



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Manchat offers conversation and company in Ranskill



A new social initiative called Manchat is providing men with a place to meet and chat in friendly surroundings every Thursday afternoon.

Stephen Cole runs the simple scheme at The Bluebell in Ranskill, offering a welcoming space for men to come together from 2.00pm to 4.00pm each Thursday.

The beauty of Manchat lies in its flexibility – participants can pop in and leave at any time during the afternoon and attend as many or as few sessions as they like. There's no pressure or commitment, just the opportunity for conversation and companionship.

All pub drinks are available during the sessions, including soft drinks and coffee, ensuring everyone can find something to enjoy while they chat.

Stephen Cole encourages anyone interested to pop along one Thursday afternoon to see what Manchat is all about and experience the friendly atmosphere for themselves.

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Memory group tackles difficult decisions

The Wednesday Memory Group recently explored one of the most challenging dilemmas facing those concerned about memory problems: whether or not to seek a diagnosis.

The group's discussion revealed the complex emotions surrounding this decision, with one member sharing his personal experience. "I wish I'd never had my memory problem investigated," he explained. "I thought if I knew what was wrong, I could plan for the future but all it's meant is that, when I forget something, I'm reminded of what my problem is and that there's no cure for it."

While the group acknowledged that this approach isn't right for everyone, it highlighted an important consideration for those facing similar decisions. The discussion touched on

the hope that treatments for dementia will improve in the future, which could lift an enormous burden from people's minds as they age.

The Wednesday Memory Group provides support for people who care for someone with dementia, those who have received a diagnosis themselves, or anyone wanting to learn more about memory-related issues.

Sessions cost £10 each, which includes lunch, and first-time visitors can attend free of charge. The group currently has a short waiting list, but organisers encourage people to get in touch as vacancies can arise unexpectedly.

For more information about the Wednesday Memory Group and current availability, contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067, or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com.

The wonder of willow: North Notts Wildlife Trust kicks off new season

The North Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust group begins its new season of talks in September with a fascinating exploration of one of our most important native trees.

Tim Sexton, a familiar face to many who visited the Idle Valley during his working years there, will present "The Wonder of Willow" on Thursday 11th September at 7.15pm. Tim conducted research on willow trees during his time at the Idle Valley, making his talk directly relevant to the local area.

"People are often surprised at the importance of the willow tree for wildlife, in particular the vast diversity of insects which are associated with the willow - which can be as many as are found on oak," explains Tim.

His presentation focuses mainly on willow trees at Attenborough Nature Reserve, where he spent a year studying the many species that

rely upon them. The talk will cover the history of commercial willow growth in the Trent Valley along with some of the incredible species that Tim discovered during his research.

The North Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust group has prepared an interesting and varied programme for the new season, focusing on wildlife in the local area and aiming to familiarise audiences with what's happening to wildlife near where they live.

The meeting will be held at Idle Valley Centre starting at 7.15pm. Entry costs £3.00, which includes tea and biscuits. All are welcome and there's no need to book in advance.

Those interested in receiving email updates about the North Nottinghamshire Local Group's talks and activities can contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067, or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com.



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Book in for event to remember in Retford

Retford Library is launching an exciting trio of distinctive bookish events this September, thoughtfully catering to every literary taste and preference.

The month kicks off with The Silent Book Cafe on Monday 1st September (6pm-7:30pm), where readers can enjoy peaceful reading time in the beautiful heritage room, with brief discussion periods and refreshments for £3.

Crime fiction enthusiasts shouldn't miss the brand new Crime Café on Tuesday 9th September (10am-11:30am). For just £1, mystery lovers can share recommendations over coffee, discovering new authors from cosy mysteries to psychological thrillers.

Thursday 4th September

The ELO Experience Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. Multi-award-winning tribute to The Electric Light Orchestra's greatest hits. From £22.

Don't Dress For Dinner Doncaster Little Theatre, 7:30pm. Fast-paced farce involving complicated extra-marital relationships. Runs until 6th September. From £12.

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th September

DN One Live Doncaster City Centre, Sir Nigel Gresley Square. Completely free three-day music festival. Friday 7pm-10:30pm with MacBusted headlining, Saturday 11am-4pm and 7pm-10:30pm featuring UK Foo Fighters, Sunday 11am-8:30pm with children's stage and homegrown talent. Free.



The month concludes with Rob White's popular Jane Austen talk on Thursday 18th September (6pm). "Celebrating Jane" proved so successful in April that this repeat performance is essential for those who missed out. Tickets cost £3 including refreshments.

All events require advance booking through Retford Library: call 01777 708724 or email Retford.library@inspireculture.org.uk. September promises wonderful literary adventures for all. England, the library has become a vibrant community hub.

Friday 5th September

Beyond the Barricade Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. UK's longest running musical theatre concert tour performed live by former West End cast members. From £22.

Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th September

Cirque: The Greatest Show - Reimagined Cast Theatre. Dazzling fusion of musical theatre and jaw-dropping circus acts. Family-friendly extravaganza. From £22.

The Makings of a Murderer 2 Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. Senior Investigating Officer Colin Sutton shares stories of catching serial killers. True crime theatre, age 18+.

Monday 8th September

An Evening with Kevin Sinfield Doncaster Dome, 6:00pm. Inspirational evening with the rugby league legend. From £36.25.

Tuesday 9th September

Dennis Rollins' FUNKY-FUNK! Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. Electrifying 6-piece outfit from former Brand New Heavies and Jamiroquai trombonist and local guitarist Spike Arrow-smith, exploring funky grooves and sumptuous melodies. From £7.50.

Wednesday 10th September

An Evening with Ian Botham Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. Join Lord Ian as he discusses his amazing cricket career spanning 15 years, including the legendary 1981 'Botham's Ashes' series.

Thursday 11th September

St Leger Ladies Day Doncaster Racecourse, 11:00am. Glamorous day featuring live DJ set from Gok Wan. From £25.

Saving All My Love for You Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. Breathtaking Whitney Houston tribute. From £24.

Friday 12th September

Doncaster Cup Day - St Leger Festival Doncaster Racecourse, 11:00am. Day two of the festival featuring historic Betfred Doncaster Cup. From £25.

Big Girls Don't Cry Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. Internationally-acclaimed tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. From £24.

Harp & A Monkey Bawtry Phoenix Theatre, 7:30pm. Lancashire folk trio. £12. Book: 07449715431.

The Rod Stewart Songbook The Acorn Theatre, Worksop, 7:30pm. Pete McCall presents spectacular tribute with live band. £20.

Ahh... Freak Out Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. The world's biggest disco hits live on stage! Age 7+.

Saturday 13th September

St Leger Stakes Day Doncaster Racecourse, 11:00am. The pinnacle event featuring the Group 1 St Leger Stakes - final Classic of British Flat racing season. From £35.

Bawtry Masonic Hall Open Day Tickhill Road, Bawtry, 10:00am-4:00pm.

Billy Fury Meets Elvis Presley Doncaster Little Theatre, 7:30pm. From £18.

Marty Wilde & the Wildcats Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. Age 14+.

Sunday 14th September

St Leger Community Funday Doncaster Racecourse, 11:00am. Grand finale featuring Leger Legends Charity Race, kids disco, and character appearances. From £25.

Tuesday 16th September

Bawtry Hall and Gardens Open Day South Parade, Bawtry, 11:00am-3:00pm.

Thursday 18th September

Angelos Epithemiou Rossington Miners Welfare Ground, 8:00pm. From £16.50.

Friday 19th - Saturday 20th September

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Saturday 6th September

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(entries 5:00 to 6:00 Friday 5th and 8:30 to 10:00am on Saturday 6th)**

Music, Cake Stall, Jam & Pickle Stall, Plant Stall, Bar,
Knitting & Stitching Stall, Church Tombola, Grand Raffle,
Tug-of-War, Children's Races, Sweet Stall, Craft Stalls,
Local Produce Stall, BBQ

Sunday 7th September

Parish Lunch

Scrooby Village Hall 1pm

This year is a little different, a Scrooby Fuddle.

No tickets. No charge.

Please would everyone who wishes to come bring dishes of food enough for the number in your party, sweet and savoury, to go onto tables in the hall we can all share.

Bar will be available for glasses of wine or beer, or bring your own. The lunch has always been a really good event, let's keep it going. Obviously it needs organising and help with setting up and clearing away, anyone who would like to help would be very welcome.

Friday 19th September

Lost Dream Cast Theatre, 8:00pm. Free
Global Streets performance by renowned Polish company Teatr Ósmego Dnia. Free - sign up online.

A Night to Remember - Motown Show Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. High energy show featuring The Voice UK finalist Bizzi Dixon. Age 7+.

Saturday 20th September

Soul Battalion Doncaster Little Theatre, 7:30pm. Energetic 8-piece band with horns, strings and female vocals. From £15.50.

Sunday 21st September

Royal Air Force 'In Concert' 2025 Cast Theatre, 3:00pm. Full-time professional musicians of the Band of the Royal Air Force College performing musical favourites. From £22.

Wednesday 24th September

Doncaster Ukulele Group 10th Anniversary Concert Cast Theatre, 7:15pm. Special celebration featuring over 100 members. From £12.

Thursday 25th September

Looking For Me Friend: The Music of Victoria Wood Cast Theatre, 7:15pm. Musical tribute to the beloved comedian. From £22.

Friday 26th September

Afternoon Cabaret Doncaster Little Theatre, 1:00pm. Live entertainment compered by Robert Craig with guest acts including bands, comedians, magicians and vocalists. £9 advance, £10 door.

Yesterday Once More - The Carpenters Songbook Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. Ultimate homage to The Carpenters. From £19.50.

The Bar-Steward Sons of Val Doonican Doncaster Little Theatre, 7:30pm. The Winter Woollies Tour 2025 - satirical comedy folk ensemble from Barnsley. From £20.

Friday 26th September

Go Your Own Way Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. Spellbinding tribute to Fleetwood Mac. Age 12+.

Saturday 27th September

Carl Hutchinson - Greatest Hits! Doncaster Little Theatre, 7:30pm. Comedian celebrates 10 years of touring with best and favourite routines selected by fans. From £15.

The Boobytrap Burlesque and Cabaret Student Showcase Cast Theatre, 7:45pm. Local producer Tawny Kay presents her students in a dazzling evening of burlesque entertainment, glamour and captivating performances. From £20.

Soul Battalion The Acorn Theatre, Worksop, 7:30pm. Best of Soul and Motown show with 8-piece band performing 100% live. £15.

HTDT - Dancing Through Life Majestic Theatre, Retford, 2:30pm. Heather Turner Dance Tuition presents their showcase. Age 7+.

Sunday 28th September

LCSD - At The Musicals - The Encore Majestic Theatre, Retford, 5:00pm. Over 200 dancers from LCSD Dance Academy performing favourite songs from musicals.

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Your STAR Signs for September

Aries: That 'new pencil case' feeling isn't just for children. The back-to-school energy may inspire a grand new project. Just try to see it through until at least half-term.

Taurus: A quiet sigh of relief may escape you, as the summer's chaos subsides. September brings a welcome return to comforting routine and finally reclaiming your favourite armchair.

Gemini: With the holidays over, your social calendar resumes with gusto. Prepare for a flurry of committee meetings and a month's worth of village gossip to catch up on.

Cancer: The back-to-school feeling may stir powerful memories. Channel this nostalgia into cosying up the house for autumn. It is now officially jam and chutney season.

Leo: As the summer spotlight fades, you may require a new audience. This is the perfect month to take a deservedly prominent role in a local club or society that needs your flair.

Virgo: This is your season. The sheer joy of a new diary, a tidy shed, and the return of order after August's pleasant chaos is a satisfaction only you can truly appreciate.

Libra: September calls for a new equilibrium. Balance the return of social clubs with quiet, autumnal evenings. A new class with a friend could offer the perfect blend of both.

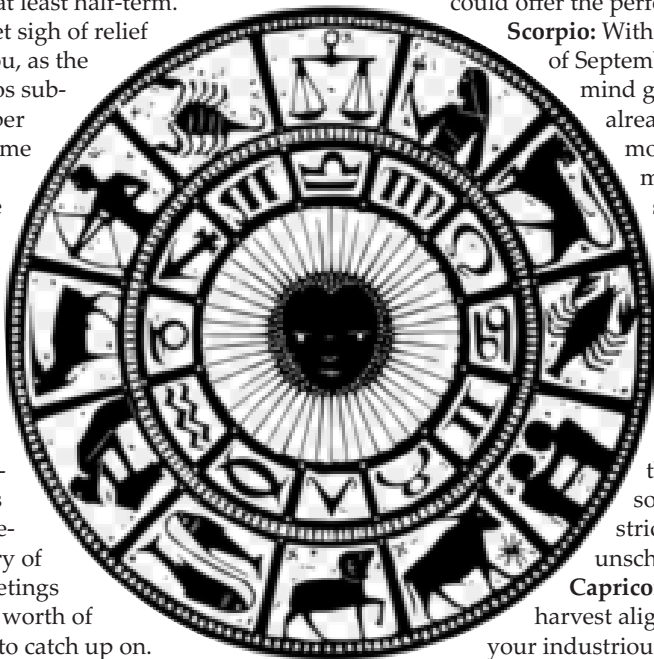
Scorpio: With the relative peace of September, your strategic mind gets to work. You're already planning your moves for the months ahead, starting with next year's garden domination.

Sagittarius: The return to routine might make you restless; you prefer summer's freedom. Channel this by learning something new, but strictly on your own unscheduled terms.

Capricorn: September's harvest aligns perfectly with your industrious nature. There is deep satisfaction in methodically gathering autumn's bounty. A job well done is its own reward.

Aquarius: The back-to-school atmosphere re-engages your brain. You'll arrive at the first catch-up of autumn with several brilliant, logical ideas that no one else has considered.

Pisces: As summer's golden light fades, you may feel a touch wistful. It's the perfect mood for retreating indoors with a good book as the autumn evenings draw in.



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Christian perspective: Don't judge

If you are anything like me you will have a tendency to put people into categories as you get to know them. By looking and listening there is this tendency to grade people: clever, scruffy, special needs, poor, wealthy, etc; or perhaps: kind, mean, helpful, useful and lots more ways of viewing people.

Recently I have been reading through the Gospels paying particular attention to the words of Jesus.

I was drawn to this passage in Luke 6:37, 38. It's part of the sermon on the mount and Jesus is speaking. He says, *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."*

There are two instruction about being negative and two regarding positive behaviour, and each one has a response in heaven to the way we behave. So, because we don't know most of what has happened in someone else's life, we are not in any position to judge or especially to condemn. And if we do those things we put ourselves in the position of being open to be judged and condemned in return.

Then there are two positive ones: 'forgive'

and 'give'. Jesus has a lot to say about forgiving others. In fact at the end of the Lord's Prayer he says, *"But if you do not forgive others their sins, you Father will not forgive your sins."* Matt 6:15

It's a prerequisite for us to receive God's forgiveness that we have a forgiving heart towards others, even when we feel they don't deserve it. We in our turn don't deserve anything from a holy God.

The best part of this discourse of Jesus is this: Give and it will be given to you. When our heavenly Father sees us blessing others as we are able, he gives to us generously everything we need and more. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7 *"God loves a cheerful giver."*

Jesus then sums up what he has been saying with this final principal of all these things: "For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

It's a simple principal – as you give, so you get. However we behave towards others makes a difference to how God treats us. If we leave judgment and condemnation to God, he will withhold his judgment and condemnation from us.

When we forgive and give generously, then we can free God's hand, as we come by faith in Jesus Christ, to forgive us and to pour abundant blessings into our lives.

* Brenda Critchley

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Sudoku puzzle for September

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.

Solution on page 30.



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A Casual Vacancy on the Scrooby Parish Council is now available owing to a resignation at the beginning of the year.

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If you are interested in helping with the future development of Scrooby and would like to offer your services on the council, please contact the clerk at parishcouncil@scrooby.net as soon as possible.

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STAR pop-up pub quiz for September

1. Where is Botany Bay?
2. Is the South Pole in the Arctic or Antarctic?
3. Which Pacific islands share their name with a wise man in the Bible?
4. In which city would you find the Little Mermaid statue?
5. Which country has the most lakes?
6. Where can you find the Yangtze River?
7. Gullfoss is a waterfall located in which country?
8. Which country used to be called Siam?
9. Which mountain overlooks Cape Town in South Africa?
10. The Azores are part of which country?
11. The Potomac River runs through the capital of which country?
12. St Peter Port is the capital of which island?
13. Which island is the largest in the world?
14. What is the capital of Bulgaria?
15. By what name is the mausoleum in Agra, India, usually known?
16. Which country has the most castles?



17. What is the smallest country in the world?
18. Which country beginning with T lies on two continents?
19. Which continent is Iceland a part of?
20. Which mountain range separates Europe from Asia?

Answers on page 30.

Local church notices for September

Church Notices for September 2025
(CW = Common Worship, HC = Holy Communion, BCP = Book of Common Prayer):

Sunday 7th

Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 14th

Blyth – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 21st

Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 28th

Ranskill - 9.30am CW HC

Blyth -10.30am Family Service

Churches are open, and all are welcome to services, please wear a mask if you feel safer.

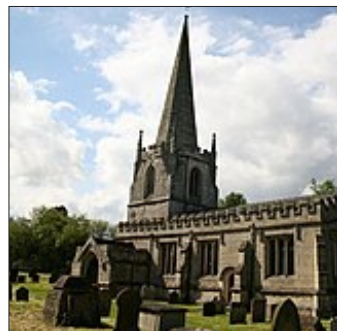
If you would like to arrange a baptism, wedding, funeral or other function, please contact one of the churchwardens:

Ranskill, David Stacey

01777 818303;

Scrooby, Gordon Ashworth

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Ninety and counting

I already have my key to the door
But I've gone and dropped it on the floor.
There it lies, laughing up at me,
Must make the effort and bend the knee.
On the other hand, it's nice down here,
I can hear the T.V. loud and clear.
One thing I've learned that sounds quite sinister - -

I was born when BALDWIN was still Prime Minister.

Likewise, I find I'm not far behind
Elvis! Julie Andrews! It blows the mind!
Old and decrepit? Not quite yet,
Still some fish to catch in my net.

I still greet gladly each bright new day,
Be it snow in winter or blossom in May.
My birthday was awesome (to use modern speak)
With love (and 2 cakes), wined and dined for a week.

My waistline is faltering, my waistband
needs altering
But I'm full to the brim with the pleasure



Of knowing such folks, love you all, one and all.

I shall now grow old gracefully (with luck, at my leisure)

The spring in my step, alas it is sprung
But I thank the good Lord, my heart is still young.

Joy T

The STAR recipe: Cornish Figgy Hobbin

Makes two and will freeze uncooked.

Ingredients:

1lb self-raising flour
Good pinch of salt
8oz lard (or white fat)
2 eggs
1½ tablespoons oil
8oz brown sugar
8oz raisins

Method:

Rub fat into flour. Beat 1 egg and make up to ½ pint with water, then add to fat and flour.



Knead into a ball and chill for 30 minutes. Divide into 2 and roll each to 8" x

10" x ¼" thick.

Beat second egg with the oil – use to brush edges of pastry.

Sprinkle sugar and raisins on each pastry, then roll up from long edges and pinch to seal. Brush with rest of

egg and oil. Bake at 425°F / 220°C / Gas Mark 7. Cool and serve with whipped cream.

NB: Can be frozen uncooked - defrost thoroughly before baking. Perfect traditional Cornish treat for afternoon tea or dessert.



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ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14 July 2025 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1.Present : Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Terry Goldsmith, Lindsey Buxton, Dan Blount, Jean Ogden, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), Parishioners / Public present: Norman Gray.

2.Apologies County Cllr Mike Robertson, District Cllr Jack Bowker.

3.Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Elaine Gargett, Seconded by Jean Ogden.

3.1Confirmation 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, Salt Bin locations, Stolen Plaques from The Whinze, Websites, Church Clock and Village Hall roof cleaning.

4.Agenda

4.1Confirmation of Agenda Items – Postal Voting change and the Tree Planting fund is open (See below).

4.2Public Discussion – Just observing.

4.3Parish Councillor Vacancies – 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: The King's Birthday and the Postal Voting need to re-apply every three years..

5.6 Bassetlaw DC conversation on Car Parking in Worksop and Retford, noted but felt no comment..

6.District and County Councillor's Report

County Councillor – The new County

Councillor sent his apologies again and a written report, covering the Local Government Reorganisation update and the MyNotts App for ease of contacting the County Council.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – Absent, no report.

7.Finance Report

7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included Village Hall costs and Clerk salaries, Grass Cutting, and Fire Extinguisher checks. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

7.2.1 Other activities: A change to Parish Council rules not to have Councillor and Council emails on public providers like Google.

7.2.3 The application for funding from Tesco's was successful now we await the Tesco store to support us.

7.3 Under S137 rules a donation request from the North Notts First Responders was agreed at £50 as in prior years.

7.6 The list of Parish Councillor Duties and Responsibilities was published and is active.

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: Scrooby Top Quarry Silo, Land at Sheepcote House, Fertiliser Store in field to the south of the Village, all are still awaiting a decision.

9.3 Others: A "Call to Sites" for building land by Bassetlaw DC for the whole of Bassetlaw was noted as 'no comment'.

10. Play Area

The next inspection is due soon.

11. Village Hall

11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well. A register of Equipment loaned out is to be investigated.

11.1.1 Request to re-decorate the Village Hall areas is deferred for 12 months.

11.1.2 Roof moss and guttering ongoing work in hand.

11.2 Christmas Tree or Lights – agreed costs and dates and authority to proceed was given. (The grant application was unsuccessful)

12. Village Environment

12.0 1 lot of Road works this month. Overgrown hedges in the alley behind the Church View bungalows is under investigation..

12.0.3 Salt Bins work continues to agree their location with ViaEM, maybe the

new County Councillor can help?

12.0.4 Mill Lane verges – to be soon cleared by Bassetlaw DC.

12.1 Grass Cutting, The new contractor is in place and at work.

12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – A fire in the Fire Pit was noticed along with some beer cans. The replacement plaques are on order and the annual Bracken cut is in hand.

12.6 St Wilfred's bell repairs – our assistance is ongoing.

14. Items for Information Only / Next Agenda

None.

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at www.scrooby.net

Next meeting to be held on Monday, 8th September 2025, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

The SCROOBY Parish Council

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

Stay Safe, Stay Well

Criminal activity? If life threatening call 999, else 101

SLOW DOWN on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads. *Report incidents of dangerous or inconsiderate driving in Scrooby to the Police.*

And please do NOT park on the Croft, Station Road.

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.

PLEASE follow the procedure for using the Defibrillator, Call 999 first.

Dogs and cars 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!!! But do you know of any vandalism either.

Watch out, there's a thief about !! *Look out on the Scrooby.net website for information from Notts CC and Bassetlaw DC*

Remember you need to renew your Postal Vote form every 3 years !! Why is it quiet without the Church Bells?

There is still a continuing demand for a Parish Councillor – is that you??? If so contact the Parish Clerk.

(parishcouncil@scrooby.net, or 07974836978)

WARM SPACES IN SCROOBY 2025



Ripples and Warm Spaces are in Scrooby Village Hall.

Ripples happens on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, and *Warm Spaces* on the first, third and fifth.

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Tuesdays 1.30pm to 3.00pm

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

Dates for the next few months are:

September 2nd September 16th

October 7th October 21st

November 4th November 18th

December 2nd December 16th

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CROWN GREEN BOWLING AT RANSKILL BOWLS CLUB

Our outdoor season will come to a close at the end of September, but our indoor mat bowls in the pavilion starts.. A good time to join as the annual fee for the rest of the season will be £10:00, and £3 per game, including refreshments, and still 3 free games to start, to see if it is for you.

Come and give it a go - it's better than you think. A game for anyone, couples or singles, young or old.

Also a lovely pavilion available to hire - would suit meetings, hobby clubs or fitness classes.

Check us out on facebook and see what a successful season we had. Hope to see you soon!

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last words

September always brings that peculiar back-to-school energy, doesn't it? Even those of us long past the days of new pencil cases and pristine exercise books feel it – that sense that learning season has officially begun.

Which is rather apt, because if recent events have taught us anything, it's that every day really is a school day, and some lessons are more urgent than others.

Lesson one: road safety isn't optional. The motorbike accident in Ranskill has been the talk of the village, and rightly so. It's a stark reminder that whether you're on two wheels or four, behind the wheel or on foot, a moment's inattention can change everything.

Which brings us to lesson two: speed limits aren't suggestions. Someone's been tearing along Mattersey Road in what appears to be a black VW – though frankly, it's rather difficult to identify make or model when something's moving at warp speed.

The thing makes such a racket of popping and crackling that I've started thinking of it as the Rice Krispies car. Except instead of "snap, crackle, pop," it should really be "pop, crackle, stop."

There's something almost comically antisocial about it. Here we are, trying to enjoy the gentle transition from summer to autumn, and this automotive percussion section comes thundering through, sounding like someone's set fire to a particularly aggressive breakfast cereal.

Lesson three: rules are there for everyone, even after the excitement dies down.



Some local political posters continued to adorn various locations, well past their welcome-mat period. According to the Electoral Commission, outdoor election posters must be removed within two weeks of polling day.

Now, we might chalk this up to the exuberance of youth, given the relative age of some of the political movements involved. There's something charmingly optimistic about leaving your campaign materials up long after the votes are counted – like keeping Christmas decorations up until Easter because you're not quite ready to let go of the magic.

But we live in interesting times, and it's precisely because things feel a bit chaotic that sticking to these small, sensible rules becomes more important, not less. They're the civic equivalent of putting your toys away properly – basic courtesies that keep society ticking along.

After all, if we can't manage to take down a poster on time, what hope do we have for the bigger challenges ahead?

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Quiz answers: 1. Australia 2. South Pole 3. Solomon Islands 4. Copenhagen 5. Canada 6. China 7. Iceland 8. Thailand 9. Table Mountain 10. Portugal 11. USA 12. Guernsey 13. Greenland 14. Sofia 15. Taj Mahal 16. Germany 17. Vatican City 18. Turkey 19. Europe 20. Ural Mountains

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
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