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The leaves have fallen, the clocks have changed, and November's quiet beauty has settled over our villages like a familiar blanket.

There's a particular magic to this time of year when warm lights begin to twinkle in windows and neighbors seem to linger just a little longer for those doorstep chats.It's the season for fire-side gatherings, remembrance reflections, and that sense of pulling together as winter approaches on the horizon.

Speaking of pulling together, The Star is looking for new people to join our little team! We should be upfront and say these are unpaid, but we like to think the perks are in the taking part.

We're looking for distributors across Scrooby, Ranskill and Torworth, and we're also seeking newshounds who might like to help put these pages together each month. Some computer skills are handy, but don't let that put you off – we can talk anyone through it.

Whether you're interested in joining our team or sharing what's happening in your corner of the villages, November's perfect for new ventures. From Christmas preparations to winter planning, every story matters.

Keep those emails coming - including your questions about our search for new team members - to copy4star@yahoo.co.uk.

George

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Wildlife talk to explore the treasures of Treswell Wood

The North Nottinghamshire Local Group of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust will host a talk on "The Treasures of Treswell Wood" at the Idle Valley on Thursday, 13th November.

The evening will feature John Clarke from the Treswell bird ringing group, who has extensive knowledge of the beautiful nature reserve owned by the Wildlife Trust. Bird ringing has been regularly carried out at Treswell Wood for over fifty years since the Trust purchased it, resulting in detailed knowl-

edge about bird habits in this part of Nottinghamshire.

Clarke, who has previously given a well-received talk about the birds of Treswell, will this time focus on some of the other animals and plants found in the wood, including areas that have been regenerated from farmland. He will also share additional information about the site's birdlife.

The talk starts at 7.15pm and costs £3, which includes tea and biscuits. All are welcome and there is no need to book in advance.

The group offers email updates for those interested in receiving information about talks and activities, with membership not required to sign up for the updates.

For more information, contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067, or email jan-williamson133@gmail.com to receive email updates about Local Group activities.



Historical society to explore 'Candlewax, chickens and cheese'

Retford & District Historical & Archaeological Society will present an intriguingly titled talk on "Candlewax, Chickens and Cheese" on 12th November 2025.

The evening event, led by speaker Elaine Perkins, will take place at Chapelgate Hall, situated behind Grove Street Methodist Chapel, starting at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend what promises to be an engaging exploration of local history through this unusual combination of topics.

For further information about the talk, contact Joy Tudberry on 01777 818419 or Colin Witham on 01777 702475.

Scrooby harvest supper raises over £1,500 for charity

Scrooby's Annual Harvest Supper has raised a magnificent £1,555 for charity, with the funds to be divided equally between Bassetlaw Hospice and MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières).

The event, held on 6th October, was organised this year by Liz Cawley with many helpers. Liz has taken over from Sarah Coombes, who had organised the annual event for the last 40 years.



Dementia support group seeks to expand help for local carers

A popular local dementia support group is reaching out to create a network of services after becoming oversubscribed due to high demand.

The Wednesday Group, a social group for people with dementia, their carers and former carers, has become so successful that members say it has changed their lives. However, this popularity has created challenges, with the group currently operating a waiting list and having to turn away people desperate for support.

"A particular problem that really popular groups face is becoming oversubscribed or, and maybe even worse, having to say to people, desperate for some support with the one they care for, 'I'm so sorry but we just don't have room at the moment,'" the group explained.

To help address the need in the community, the Wednesday Group is proposing to share information about other independent groups that provide similar lifeline services

for carers. They are calling on other service providers to get in touch so contact details can be circulated to those in need, with each group's permission.

The Wednesday Group acknowledges that comprehensive government-provided services through the NHS or social services would be the ideal solution, but in the meantime they want to help connect people with available local support.

Anyone who cares for someone with dementia, has a diagnosis themselves, or wants to know more about the Wednesday Group is encouraged to get in touch. Sessions cost £10 including lunch, with the first visit free.

Contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com for information about current availability. While there is currently a short waiting list, vacancies can arise unexpectedly.



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Historic Ranskill Reading Room opens doors to local snooker enthusiasts



A hidden gem behind the grey door next to the traffic lights on North Road is inviting Ranskill residents to discover what lies within – a fully equipped snooker and games facility that has served the community for over a century.

The Ranskill Reading Room, left to the village in the early 1900s, has evolved from its original purpose as a newspaper reading room into a thriving recreational venue featuring two full-size snooker tables, a pool table, and dartboard.

"It's not a private members club but there for use by villagers in Ranskill and the surrounding area," explained Ian Symonds,

Useful contacts



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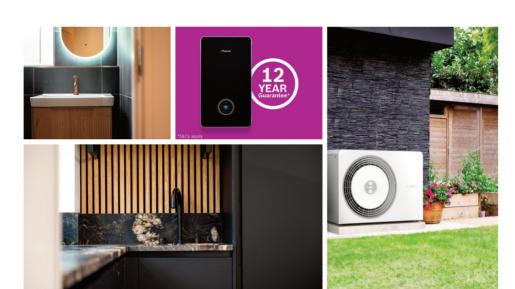
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chairman of the committee of volunteers and trustees that runs and maintains the facility. The room welcomes players aged 14 and above, offering both competitive and casual gaming opportunities.

The venue currently hosts a team in Retford Snooker League, with regular sessions held on Monday evenings and some Thursday evenings for league matches. The facility operates on an annual membership subscription with additional charges for playing at the tables.

For those curious about what lies behind that mysterious grey door, the Reading Room will hold an open evening on Tuesday 11th November from 7pm onwards. The event offers an opportunity for potential new members to view the facilities and meet current players.

"Players are always welcome who may be interested in Retford Snooker League or just having friendly games," Symonds noted. "If you have wondered what is behind the grey door and are interested in a game, call in on a

Monday evening and have a look and chat."

The committee can also arrange sessions for other evenings if there are a few people who want to play. Any other queries can be answered on a Monday evening.

The Reading Room represents a unique piece of Ranskill's heritage, successfully adapting its community purpose whilst maintaining its volunteer-led, accessible ethos for local residents.

Saint Barnabas Church Penny Trail raises £2,649

The Mile of Pennies fundraiser at Saint Barnabas Church in Ranskill has exceeded all expectations, now stretching 3 miles and 753 yards as of 5th September 2025.

The penny trail has raised £2,649 for the church, with organisers encouraging residents to keep contributing.

Every penny counts as donations continue to pour in for the popular fundraising effort.

We're looking for a few new Star people



The Star is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help keep our three villages connected through local journalism.

We need reliable distributors for monthly walks around Scrooby, Ranskill, and Torworth – perfect for staying fit while meeting neighbours. Most routes take about an hour and can be done at your own pace.

We're particularly keen to hear from people who could help with distribution for the bottom end of Station Road, Ranskill – let us know if you or your friends might be able to support us in this area.

We're also seeking editorial helpers to assist with putting The Star together each month. From writing stories and taking photos to proofreading and layout, there are plenty of ways to contribute. Some computer skills are handy, but we can talk anyone through it.

While unpaid, volunteers say the rewards come from being part of the village conversation and seeing their work appreciated across the community.

Contact The Star team at copy4star@yahoo.co.uk to find out more. No experience necessary – just enthusiasm for keeping our villages connected!

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Tuesday 4th November

A Fairytale for Christmas, Cast Theatre, 2:30pm & 7:30pm. Ultimate Irish Christmas concert is back for 2025! After four back-to-back sell-out tours and successful runs in the USA and Europe. From producers of Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of The Dubliners. Talented singers, musicians and dancers perform dashing renditions of Yuletide favourites including Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town, Step into Christmas, O Holy Night and The Fairytale of New York. Plus greatest Irish sing-along songs including The Galway Girl, The Irish Rover, Dirty Old Town and The Black Velvet Band. From £24.

Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Hammer, Cast Theatre, 7:15pm. 1854! The Crimean War! A time and a place when men know best! Medical procedures done with panache but who's this upstart in a skirt? She talks back, can add up and makes us wash our hands! Oddsocks explores the story of Florence Nightingale in their irreverent, hilarious style. From £15.50.

SOS Fashion Show, Bawtry Phoenix Theatre, 7:00pm. Night of fun and fashion with SOS Charity Fashion Shows. Huge selection of clothes in different sizes from many designers. Tickets £5 include free glass of bubbly.

Wednesday 5th November

Festival of Fireworks, Eco-Power Stadium, 5:00pm. Festival of Fireworks (formally known as the Big Bang) returns! Vibrant display with children's display at 6:30pm followed by main show at 8:45pm. Funfair with lots of great attractions including dodgems. Street food and confectionaries whilst enjoying fireworks and rides. Entry £3 in advance, £5 on the day. Children under 1 metre free. From £3.



Henning Wehn: Acid Wehn

Thursday 6th November

Hidden, Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. Internationally renowned dance-circus company Motionhouse presents jaw-dropping brand-new production. Explores how, in an increasingly divided world, light can come out of darkness in times of crisis. Powerful blend of artforms - gravity-defying choreography, pulsing soundscape and shape-shifting set drawn together by digital projections into a living film. Spectacular and unforgettable production. £17.50.

Friday 7th November

Henning Wehn: Acid Wehn, Cast Theatre, 8:00pm. Award-deserving German Comedy Ambassador Henning Wehn takes an unbiased look at climate change. After all, everyone loves talking about the weather. Rain or shine, all will be fine. Or maybe it won't. Who knows?! From £29.50.

Saturday 8th November

Vulcan - Tenth Anniversary of XH558's Final Flight, Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:00pm. Commemorating tenth anniversary of the final flight of XH558, the last airworthy Avro Vulcan. Exclusive theatre screening of 'The

Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber' starring Guy Martin (shown on big screen for first time). Never-before-seen footage, personal stories from former pilots, engineers and crew. Live Q&A session hosted by Howie Pressman. Doors open 6:30pm.

Sunday 9th November

Ultimate Strongman - England's Strongest Man, Doncaster Dome, 1:00pm.
High-octane show features jaw dropping feats of strength as the Strongmen battle it out for chance to be England's

Strongest Man 2025. Great music, big entrances and non-stop action, suitable for all the family. Meet and Greet ticket option available. Doors open 1pm, show finishes 5:30pm. From £48.25.

Tuesday 11th November

Shellshocked, Cast Theatre, 7:15pm. From creative team behind five-star, multi-award-winning Jesus, Jane, Mother and Me and LASH comes thrilling new drama. Horrors of World War Two have broken young Wesley, but could the madness he encounters beyond it save or destroy a soldier's shellshocked mind? Following hugely successful sold-out Edinburgh Fringe Festival. From £16.

Tuesday 11th - Saturday 15th November

Blood Brothers, Cast Theatre, 7:30pm. Written by Willy Russell and presented by Bill Kenwright Ltd. Legendary Blood Brothers tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides



of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences. Multi-award winning musical ran for more than 10,000 performances in London's West End. Superb score includes Bright New Day, Marilyn Monroe and the emotionally charged hit Tell Me It's Not True. From £22.50.

Thursday 13th November

Jasdeep Singh Degun, Cast Theatre, 7:15pm. Multi-award-winning sitarist Jasdeep Singh Degun (sitar) and Harkiret Singh Bahra (tabla). Concert sees Jasdeep sharing intimate duets with tabla player in masterful improvisations rooted in thousands of years of Indian tradition. Jasdeep highly regarded as artist continually pushing versatility of his instrument and reshaping the musical landscape for his peers and generations to come. From £13.

Thursday 13th - Thursday 20th November

A Bunch of Amateurs, Bawtry Phoenix Theatre. By Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. Fading Hollywood action hero Jefferson Steele arrives in



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The Chicago Blues Brothers - Respect Tour, Majestic Theatre, Retford

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Friday 14th November

Doncaster Festival of Light, Doncaster Minster of St George, 7:00pm. Right Up Our Street's 7th Doncaster Festival of Light, a free cultural event for the community. This year's central artwork is Machine Hallucinations: Large Nature Model by Refik Anadol. Runs through 23rd November. Free ticketed event for Doncaster Residents (£5 fee for Non-Doncaster Adult Residents).

Tickets available in half-hour slots. England v Japan, Eco-Power Stadium, 7:30pm. England U20s return to the Eco-Power Stadium with a friendly against Japan. Third consecutive year playing host to a fixture for the age group. Led by former Rovers defender Ben Futcher, match features some of the country's best young talent alongside their Japanese counterparts. From £5.

Saturday 15th November

The Chicago Blues Brothers - Respect Tour, Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. As seen at the Adelphi and Savoy theatres in London's West End. RESPECT Greatest Hits tour featuring 40 powerhouse songs spanning Motown, soul, rock and roll, and Blues Brothers classics! Award-winning live band, soulful Sweet Sisters, and legendary Jake and Elwood. Doors open 7pm. Recommended age 12+.



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The Mersey Beatles, Doncaster Dome

Christmas Light Switch On, Doncaster City Centre, 4:00pm. Celebrate the start of the festive season as Doncaster comes alive with Christmas cheer at the annual Christmas Light Switch-On. Event takes place in heart of Doncaster, with newly refurbished Corn Exchange providing stunning backdrop. Live street entertainment, Radio Roadshow hosted by Doncaster Radio, Brass Band performance, Father Christmas appearance, children's rides. At 7:30pm, official light switch-on in Market Square featuring two large Christmas trees, festive lighting installations and specially choreographed firework display. Free.

Winter Illuminations, Yorkshire Wildlife Park Resort, various times. Discover the magic of Yorkshire Wildlife Park's Winter Illuminations, the most magical winter lantern trail. Explore the park after dark and 3km illuminated trail featuring bespoke lanterns, incredible light displays and seasonal selfie spots. Brand new for 2025 area - The Wizard's Quest! Magical world of mystical lights, enchanted creatures, wise old Wizards and the wicked Snow Queen. Runs select dates through 10th January 2026. From £19.

Doncaster Choral Society Concert, Priory Place Methodist Church, 7:30pm. Programme: Karl Jenkins - The Peacemakers and Matthew Coleridge - Requiem. Conductor Matt Beckingham featuring members of the National Festival Orchestra. £16 advance, £18 on door. Students £5, School Pupils free.

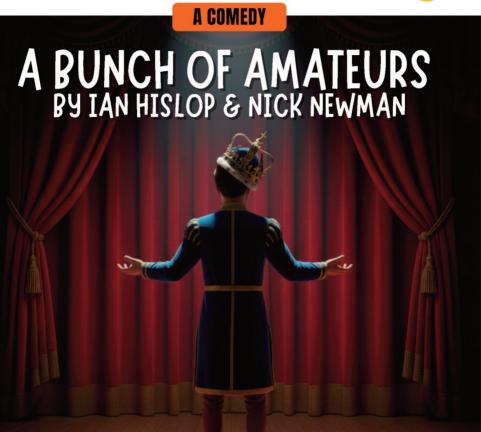
The Mersey Beatles, Doncaster Dome, 6:45pm. World's favourite Liverpool-born tribute to the Fab Four back with all-new show for 2025! Truly authentic and widely acclaimed celebration of the music that changed the world. Brand new 2025 theatre show features special 60th anniversary celebration of The Beatles' seminal 1965 albums Help!, Rubber Soul and their era defining Shea Stadium concert. Perform hits from every era of The Beatles' recording career in this stunning two-hour spectacular. Doors 6:30pm, show starts 7:30pm. From £29.75.

Thursday 20th November

Doncaster Film Club - Picnic at Hanging Rock, Doncaster Little Theatre, 7:00pm. Ghost story that announced Australian director Peter Weir to the world. During school trip, three students

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Friday 21st November

Mansion House Open Day, Mansion House, 10:30am. Friends of Doncaster Mansion House leading tours around the building. Discover Doncaster's elegant Mansion House. Open until 2pm. No booking required. Free.

Saturday 22nd November

Dame Ida's International Cabaret Show, Bawtry Phoenix Theatre, 8:00pm. Back by popular demand! The sensational Dame Ida returns with her Cabaret Show. Doors open 7pm.

Supreme Queen, Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. One of the most established and successful tribute bands in the world. Brilliantly designed presentation paying homage to the halcyon days of one of

the greatest rock bands ever. Bringing together finest and most recognizable Queen tribute performers. Doors open 7pm. Recommended age 12+. Christmas Fayre & Brunch with the Elves, Holiday Inn Doncaster, 10:00am. Fabulous Christmas fayre! Bring the little elves along and book onto brand new event for 2025. Afternoon of delicious food, games, and crafts. Pre booking required for Brunch with Elves only. £10 per adult, £7 per child (up to 12), under 3s go free.

Sam Scherdel, Doncaster Corn Exchange, 7:00pm. Sam Scherdel and his band return to his native South Yorkshire with their largest headline performance to date. Landmark event also marks the biggest show yet at the impressive new venue. Following whirlwind of performances across UK. Doors 7pm, first act on stage 7:30pm. All ages (under 16 accompanied by adult). From £12.

Sunday 23rd November

Rebecca's Dance Studios Presents 'One Night Only', Majestic Theatre, Retford, 6:00pm. Rebecca's Dance School production. Doors open 5:30pm. Recommended age 3+.



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Wednesday 26th - Saturday 30th November

Hogfather, Cast Theatre, 2:30pm & 7:15pm. Presented by JKL Productions. Terry Pratchett's darkly comic festive tale, adapted by Stephen Briggs. When the Hogfather goes missing, Death takes his place, while his granddaughter Susan is drawn into a mysterious and dangerous turn of events. Directed by Chris Holt, this skilfully crafted amateur production brings Discworld to life with humour, mystery and imagination for unforgettable theatre experience. From £16.

Friday 28th November

Cinderella Christmas Panto, Cast Theatre, various times. Doncaster's timeless family pantomime returns in 2025 with Cinderella! Kind-hearted Cinderella suffers at hands of evil stepmother and wicked, bumbling stepsisters. When they're invited to royal ball, poor Cin-

derella left behind. But with wave of her Fairy Godmother's magic wand, can all of her dreams come true? Dazzling costumes, sweeping sets and plenty of magnificent music. Runs through 4th January 2026. From £15.

Rhythm of the Dance Christmas Special, Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. Rhythm of the Dance celebrates over 25 years of bringing worldwide audiences to their feet and returns with special Christmas production. Join on this festive journey with all your favourite festive songs performed live by world-class musicians, star vocalists and world-champion dancers. Irish in essence with added touch of Christmas magic. Doors open 7pm. Recommended age 5+.

Autumn Afternoon Racing, Doncaster Race-course, 11:00am. Laid-back way to start your weekend. Enjoy the crisp autumn air and watch exciting Jumps Racing. Horse racing at Doncaster ideal for all ages, delivering exciting sports action. Buying online ahead gets best prices, or pick up tickets at the gate on the day. From £18.

Doncaster Minster Organ Recital, Doncaster Minster of St George, 1:10pm. Doncaster fortunate to have such fine instrument in the 'mighty Schultze organ' and everyone welcome to enjoy these lunchtime recitals by gifted musicians. Truly wonderful way to pass an hour in beautiful setting of Doncaster Minster. Free entry with retiring collection.



Hogfather, Cast Theatre







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Jason Manford at the Dome, Doncaster Dome, 7:30pm. Jason Manford: A Manford All Seasons. Jason's been busy since his last smash-hit stand up show. Latest comic offering set to hit the road, sure to be 'expert observational comedy' mixed with 'comic gold'. As seen on Starstruck, First & Last, The Masked Singer, What Would Your Kid Do?, Scarborough, 8 out of 10 Cats, The Nightly Show, Live at the Apollo, Have I Got News For You, QI and The Royal Variety Performance. From £37.25.

Saturday 29th November

Gordon Hendricks as ELVIS - The Kings Voice, Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm. Gordon Hendricks has crafted an impressive career as Elvis Presley tribute artist. Breakthrough came with appearance on ITV's 'Stars in their Eyes' where he wowed audiences. Winner of 'World's Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artiste Champion 2017' title at Graceland. Performances impeccably capture essence of Elvis, from iconic 1968 comeback special to dynamic Vegas years. Doors open 7pm. Recommended age 12+.

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Christmas Market & Carol Service at The Stables, High Melton, The Stable Door, 10:00am. Daytime festivities 10am-3pm featuring handmade gifts, local crafts, artisan produce, festive treats. Warming food and drinks in beautifully rustic setting. Evening celebration: 6pm Christmas Light Switch-On, 6:15pm Carol Service with Sheffield Cancer Choir. Free, all ages wel-

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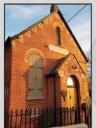
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Doncaster City 10K, Doncaster Racecourse

Festive Fun at Brodsworth Hall, Brodsworth Hall & Gardens, 10:00am. Weekend of festive activities including storytelling and music. Book early and save 15%. Book your slot to meet Father Christmas during Festive Fun weekends. Event continues through 21st December. From £10.90.

Strong Enough - The Ultimate Tribute Concert to Cher, Doncaster Dome, 6:30pm. Unforgettable evening celebrating the global superstar and great female icon. Featuring all the classic hits including Turn Back Time, I Found Someone, Believe, Strong Enough, Gypsies Tramps and Thieves, her modern Abba remixes and many more. Features 25 smash hits and enough costume changes to cause a sequins shortage. Full live band and dancers. From £31.25.

Sunday 30th November

Doncaster City 10K, Doncaster Racecourse, 10:00am. Triple award-winning event. Excellent course around the centre of Doncaster City with grandstand finish at the racecourse. Great medal, free 'toppings' pie and hot chocolate! Amazing atmosphere, great for spectators, warm inside place to hang before you start, many toilets. Charity partners: Doncaster Deaf Trust, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and Children's Air Ambulance. Capacity 3300. From £24.50-£26.50 (£13.50 for virtual).

Comedy comes to local stage with 'A Bunch of Amateurs'

Audiences are in for a treat with the upcoming production of 'A Bunch of Amateurs', the comedy by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

The play follows Jefferson Steel, an aging American action movie, who arrives in England to take on the role of King Lear.

He thinks he is going to perform at Stratford on Avon, but is horrified to discover that the play is to be performed by a bunch of amateurs in Stratford St.John, a small village in Suffolk.

A Bunch of Amateurs, Bawtry Phoenix Theatre, November 13th-20th.





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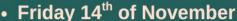
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Ranskill and Torworth Festival Committee

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FRIDAY THE 14TH OF NOVEMBER



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Your STAR Signs for November

Aries: The encroaching gloom of November is not your friend. Your impatient energy needs an outlet. This is a fine month to wage war on a stubbornly overgrown hedge or plan a Bonfire Night display with slightly too much enthusiasm.

Taurus: Your primary goal this month is achieving peak comfort. Hunker down and stubbornly refuse to be hurried by anyone. You'll also be waging a silent, stoic battle over exactly when it's "officially cold enough" to put the heating on.

Gemini: As the weather turns, your social life simply moves indoors. You'll be the chief organiser of the pub quiz team or the first to suggest a new book club, mainly as an efficient way to gather and distribute all the month's essential news.

Cancer: This is a deeply nostalgic month for you. The smell of woodsmoke or a good parkin might send you back decades. Your focus is entirely on home, hearth, and ensuring there's a steady supply of soup for anyone who looks remotely cold.

Leo: In a month this grey, someone has to provide the sparkle. You may find yourself telling your most dramatic stories or wearing your brightest jumper, just to remind everyone that colour still exists. A grand gesture is definitely on the cards.

Virgo: November is for practical preparation. While others are complaining about the damp, you'll be methodically checking gutters, lagging pipes, and sorting your winter woollens. Your reward is the deep, smug satisfaction of being prepared for anything.

Libra: Your social scales will be in constant motion. The appeal of

a cosy night by the fire
weighs heavily against a
tempting invitation. Your
talent for finding the
diplomatic middle
ground—perhaps arriving late and leaving
early—will be invaluable.
Scorpio: The long, dark
evenings suit your mysteri-

time to delve into a complex mystery novel or simply sit, observe, and quietly know things. You'll find the village gossip particularly intriguing this

ous soul. This is the perfect

Sagittarius: You may feel rather cooped up by the November drizzle. This restlessness could manifest as planning a grand (if hypothetical) escape, or simply insisting on a bracing, muddy walk that others might call "a bit much."

Capricorn: Others see bleakness; you see a job to be done. Your stoic determination shines as you get on with things, undeterred by biting winds or fading light. You and the ancient yew tree in the churchyard are kindred spirits. Aquarius: Your logical mind is already devising bright ideas to beat the winter blues. You might invent a new, highly efficient system for drying wet boots or propose a radical (but brilliant) change to the village Christmas light-hanging protocol.

Pisces: Your inner hibernator is calling. This is your official permission to retreat. Spend the month gazing into the fire, daydreaming, and politely ignoring any task that requires you to put on outdoor shoes. The world can wait.



Scouting: Adventure, Friendship & Community

Did you know there's a thriving Scout Squirrels group right on your doorstep?



2nd Ranskill Scouts meets weekly in Scrooby, with five sections - Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers - welcoming young people aged 4 to 18.



Each week brings new adventures - from campfire cooking and den building to creative challenges and community projects.

There's always something exciting to discover!



Recently, members from all sections enjoyed a water sports weekend, trying canoeing and

kayaking together the centre's first ever full Scouting group! It was an unforgettable weekend of fun. teamwork, and confidence-building.



We're also proud to support this year's Poppy Appeal, inviting local crafters to knit or crochet poppies for display in our villages- contact us through our Facebook page if you can help: Scouts 2nd Ranskill

EXPLORERS

Christian perspective: Faithfulness

When you need a job doing, you'll look for a reliable person who can be trusted to do what they say they will do. Someone who quickly forgets what they have promised, or doesn't treat your request with high priority will be no good to you at all. So, you will look out for someone who has a history of getting on and doing a good job.

Finding a person who is trustworthy and faithful and will stick by you is important but not always easy. And seeing those characteristics in our own lives may not come easily either.

In Paul's letter to the Galatians chapter 5, he writes about how we can get a godly character by trusting in Jesus as Saviour and receiving the fruit of the Holy Spirit into our lives. Verse 2 says:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Among these is the word 'faithful'. We find the dictionary definition to be: someone or something that remains loyal, constant, or true to a person, a commitment, or a fact. It can mean steadfast in affection or allegiance, firm in keeping promises, fulfilling duty, or accurate in representing the truth. This is what we are called to as believers in Jesus.

When we first trust in Jesus, he takes us on just as we are. But he doesn't want us to remain that way, but rather that we allow the Holy Spirit to daily make us more like Jesus.

The more we give room to the Holy Spirit in our lives the more we will see these aspects come into place and the more like Jesus we will become.

The best thing we discover when reading the Bible is that God in his very innate personality is faithful to all his promises.

This is from Lamentations 3:22, 23:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God.

In fact there are many areas in which God is faithful. Paul writes again 2 Thessalonians 3:3:

The Lord is faithful and he will strengthen and protect you from evil.

And again Psalm 25 verse 6 tells us:

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful. We can be sure and rest in the truth that in all his promises God is faithful and will do what he has said.

Here's a wonderful blessing as I finish:

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our

Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24

* Brenda Critchley

Sudoku puzzle for November

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 42.

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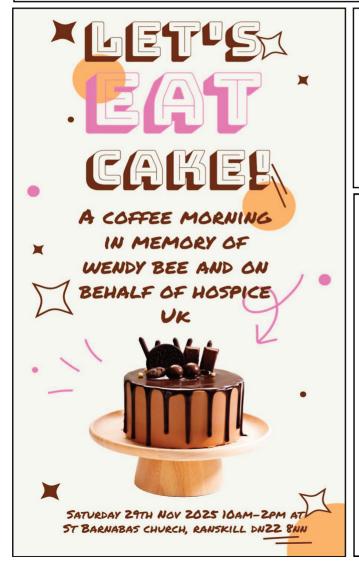
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STAR pop-up pub quiz for November

- 1. Which fruit is also called the Chinese gooseberry?
- 2. Which flavour is traditionally used in Earl Grey tea?
- 3. What is a morel?
- 4 Where did satsumas originate?
- 5. Which nuts are used to make marzipan?
- 6. What is Cornish yarg cheese coated with?
- 7. What shape is the pasta called farfalle?
- 8. What type of milk was mozzarella cheese originally made from?
- 9. What is the chief ingredient in boxty bread?
- 10. Which West Country drink can be sweet, dry or rough?
- 11. Which snack's name comes from the Turkish for rotating?
- 12. Where did Malmsey wine originate?
- 13. Balti is the Indian word for what?
- 14. The macadamia nut is native to where?
- 15. What is couscous made from?
- 16. Which expensive vinegar is aged in wooden barrels?
- 17. Which spice comes from dried flower buds?
- 18. What Korean dish consists of fermented vegetables?
- 19. Which fruit is used to make the drink slivovitz?
- 20. What is tofu made from?



Letter to the editor

The traffic parking at the traffic lights on double yellow lines had got worse on Station Road.

Yes, traffic wardens have been more visible, however they leave at 6 pm which is no good. There have been a few arguments with drivers that I have witnessed and a few near misses with accidents.

We need metal ballards installed, before someone gets hurt!!!!

One fed up local resident

Answers on page 42.

Local church notices for November

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

Sunday 2nd Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 16th Ranskill – 9.30am Remembrance Parade

Blyth – 10.45am Remembrance Scrooby – 10.45am Remembrance Sunday 23rd Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC

Blyth - 10.30am Family service

Sunday 30th Blyth – 9.30 CW HC

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.



Lest We Forget

A few minutes pause, is it too much to ask. To remember the men who gave all that they had? Who gave all they had so that others might live, Who gave so that we might rejoice and be glad. They gave of their all. We presume if we ask What thoughts filled their hearts through long punishing hours.

What hopes did they cling to, what blessings hold dear?

They gave up their dreams so that we might fulfil ours.

Did some dare to whisper "Why me, Lord? Why me?"

So many young lives trampled down, torn apart. Just a few minutes pause, that is all they would ask

To remember ----- and hold their sweet gift in your heart.

Joy T

The STAR recipe: Pumkin Crumble

Ingredients

-3oz butter -5oz plain wholemeal flour -3oz grated cheese (for topping) -2lbs pumpkin, peeled and cut into large lumps -2 onions, sliced thinly -3-4oz diced

bacon or thin-sliced ham

- -5oz cheese, grated (for filling)
- -Pinch of sage

Method

Make the crumble topping: Rub the 3oz butter into the 5oz plain wholemeal flour, then add the 3oz grated cheese.

Cook the pumpkin and onion until soft enough to

Either bake with a few drops of water at 350°F/180°C/Gas Mark 5 for 30-40 mins, or simmer in a saucepan, covered, stirring often.

Mash the cooked vegetables and stir in the bacon, 5oz

grated cheese, and sage.

Turn the mixture into a casserole dish and top with the crumble.

Bake at 350°F/180°C/Gas Mark 5 until the topping is golden.







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.



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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

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MINUTES OF THE TORWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL - Monday September 1st, 2025 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chair: C. Willis

Vice-Chair: J Helliwell

Councillors: R. Willis, D Lacev

County Councillor: M Robertson (not

present)

District Councillor: A McCallum Members of the public: 0

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE

PUBLIC 01/09.25

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR

ABSENCE

The chair opens the meeting welcoming everyone.

02/09.25

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

03/09.25

CRIME REPORT

- x1 Crime reported for June 2025 on

Huntsman Place of violence

04/09.25

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

REPORT

District Councillor Andrew McCallum introduces himself, and issues

concerning the area are discussed.

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

direct with them.

05/09.25

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

record of proceedings.

06/09.25

COUNCILLOR RAISED ITEMS. MATTERS ARISING DURING THE MONTH &

ONGOING MATTERS

- Following a brief discussion it is resolved not to progress Remembrance event in November due to lack of volunteers to progress an

event.

07/09.25 FINANCE

The Bank Reconciliation is passed for

review.

Payments presented and approved for

the period:

Expenditure:

Hugo Fox - Website - July £(11.99)

Hugo Fox - email accounts - July£(11.99)

£(14.63) Yu Energy

N. Notts Landscapes, Grass Cut -

£(324.00) August

Hugo Fox - Website - June £(11.99)

Hugo Fox - email accounts - June

£(11.99)

Yu Energy £(14.15)

Nnotts Landscapes - July £(324.00)

North Notts Landscapes - June

£(324.00)

Receipts

Cashback £0.15

8/09.25 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

None

9/09.25 PLANNING ISSUES DECLARED BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING

Planning Applications on consultation:

25/00779/VOC Variation of

Condition 6 on P/A 18/01289/

FUL - Erection of A Two Storey

Detached Farmhouse: Objection due to the removal of the agricultural tie.

Determinations from previous Applications:

None

10/09.25 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

NAI C Newsletter BDC Call for development sites **BDC Consultation on Unitary** Council

11/09.25 UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

A financial report from the Allotment Society is read. They report they are in good financial stead.

It is reported that the Events

Committee for Ranskill and Torworth has restarted.

12/09.25 INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING & **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

FCC Grant application - January.

13/09.25: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

27th October at 7.30pm, Location Scrooby Village Hall

Signed as a true record For more information, or queries please contact the clerk on the below or a Parish Councillor direct

Parish Clerk: Mrs Claire Challener: clerk@torworth-pc.gov.uk

Supporting Paper: Recommendations to the Parish Council None



For further information please call the school office on 01777 818468 or email administration@ranskill.notts.sch.uk

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MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7:30pm

Present:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: J. Peel, J. Elliott, P. Brown

D. Cllr: Absent

C. Cllr: M. Robertson

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: No residents

attended

01/0925: Apologies for absence: Cllrs A. Bing, A. Garner, L. Shaw, M. Pryce, D. Cllr A.

McCallum

02/0925: Declaration of member's interest in any item to be discussed

Cllr Elliott declared an interest in a planning application.

03/0925: To Adjourn to Allow Public Participation

No resident attended.

04/0925: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd July 2025

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd July 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0925: County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

a. District Councillor Absent.

b. County Councillor
 The County Council is moving towards forming a unitary authority. At an EGM this

month NCC decided that the preferred option was to merge Nottingham City, Broxstowe and Gedling into to one unitary authority and the remaining districts including Bassetlaw to be merged into a separate authority.

Together with the local District Councillor, the C. Cllr has initiated walks round each Parish to make themselves directly available to residents.

Regarding the amount of traffic on Blyth Road and complaints by residents, the C. Cllr has asked VIA to review traffic, particularly considering the width of this narrow road.

06/0925: Crime and Policing

The latest available figure for June showed only 3 crimes being committed, an average of 5.5/month for the year.

07/0925: Highways and Traffic

Update on the Community Speed Watch local group formation.

The previous volunteers have all been contacted and only one has confirmed their availability. An appeal will be placed on the website.

08/0925: Finance

a.To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 31st August 2025
Summary accounts and bank reconciliation were approved, proposed by Cllr. Peel and seconded by Cllr. Elliott. Carried.

b. To review current NatWest bank charges To be carried forward to the next meeting.

09/0925: Planning

- a. To consider new planning applications received as at 10th September 2025
 Only one new application received,
 25/00774/COU, The Old Vicarage, Great
 North Road, change of use of an outbuilding to an Air B&B. Councillors had no objections.
- b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.
 There are concerns about continuing development and engineering works on a track at Deepwater Fisheries and excavations at Clearwater Lakes. We are in touch with BDC Planning Enforcement.
- c. To consider the latest information regarding the Jubilee Farm Energy Hub Much more extensive plans than the screening application are apparent, to erect an extensive solar panel farm and battery storage in the local area. The PC will continue to monitor plans and make our objections when appropriate.

10/0925: Amenities and Facilities

- **a.** Consider the playground safety reports The August monthly BDC report stated a major fault with the linkage on the swing basket. Urgent repairs were undertaken.
- **b.** Update on the new piece of playground equipment

The tree climber has now been installed and proving to be very popular.

c. Update on a potential fully funded new piece of equipment for the playground An opportunity to have a monkey challenge play climber fully funded has been adver-

tised on social media to assess demand. The PC has received little response, without this funding will be difficult. ClIr Elliott will get in touch with the new headmaster of Ranskill Primary School to extend advertising on their own social media.

- **d.** Update on the access across PC land at the rear of Station Cottage
 The PC needs a certified copy of the original deed. The Clerk has been in touch several times with the solicitor who has not responded to our request.
- e. Update on the path lighting project for Oaks Green Close and Jubilee way The columns and lighting have now been delivered to North Notts yard. A search for utilities in the area has been carried out and a site meeting with North Notts is being planned.

11/0925: Co-option of Additional Councillors

There is one remaining vacancy for a Parish Councillor, the PC requests any resident who is interested to contact the Clerk. We will advertise again in The Star.

12/0925: Correspondence and Other Items of Interest

None

13/0925: Information to be Forwarded to the Next Meeting

Bank charges.

14/0925: Agree Dates for the Next Parish Council Meetings

8th October 2025.

Signed as a true record: -



lastwords

November has arrived with its characteristic blend of crisp mornings and that particular kind of darkness that makes 4pm feel like midnight. It's the month of remembering – Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, and, if you're particularly observant, remembering where you put your house keys.

Speaking of which, we've been keeping tabs on the community chatter shared on social media, and it seems one fortunate soul is about to be reunited with their errant door key, discovered on the lane behind the primary school during an evening constitutional. There's something rather heartwarming about this, isn't there? In an age where we're all meant to be suspicious of strangers and protective of our privacy, someone's first instinct upon finding a key is to take to social media and attempt to reunite it with its owner.

It's the sort of casual kindness that defines village life – the assumption that if someone's lost something, we'll all rally round to help get it back. No questions about reward money, no keeping it "just in case," just a simple "this yours?" to the entire community. One can only imagine the relief of the keyless homeowner scrolling through Facebook and suddenly realising salvation is at hand.

Of course, finding a key is one thing – finding a decent window cleaner is apparently quite another challenge entirely. The great Ranskill window cleaner hunt

has been underway, with helpful souls pointing seekers toward a chap known simply as "Tom Window Cleaner." One can only admire the straightforward branding. None of this "Crystal Clear Solutions" or "Pane-less Perfection" nonsense – just Tom, who cleans windows. You know exactly what you're getting. It's refreshingly honest in a world of overwrought business names.

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The efficiency of the community response is worth noting too – question asked, answer provided, gratitude expressed, all within a day. It's like a village notice board, only faster and without the need to brave the weather.

Meanwhile, the real drama involves our beloved red pillar boxes, mysteriously taped up like crime scenes. Before panic sets in, this is actually progress – Royal Mail's rolling out solar-powered postboxes with digital drawers for parcels. The new design fea-

tures solar panels perched atop the iconic red boxes, complete with barcode scanners and drop-down drawers for items as large as shoeboxes. Very space-age for something that's been red and reliable for 175 years.

After all, some things shouldn't change – like community kindness and helpful window cleaner recommendations – even when everything else does.

Quiz answers: 1. Kiwi 2. Bergamot 3. Mushroom 4. Japan 5. Almonds 6. Nettle Leaves 7. Bows or Butterflies 8. Buffalo 9. Potatoes 10. Cider 11. Doner Kebab 12. Greece 13. Bucket 14. Australia 15. Semolina 16. Balsamic 17. Cloves 18. Kimchi 19. Plums 20. Soybeans

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