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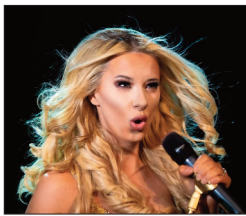
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"Have your say!"

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Make sure you

have your say!

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Welcome to July, bringing with it the unmistakable energy of high summer across our three villages. It is a bustling month packed with local action, community determination, and plenty of drama right on our doorsteps.

Inside this issue, we delve into the talking points that have kept village social media pages buzzing over the past few weeks.

On page 6, we provide an update on the ongoing community campaign surrounding the sudden closure of the historic Scrooby rail crossing at Station Road.

Meanwhile, our emergency services have been kept incredibly busy; turn to page 8 for a dramatic report on the Ranskill industrial site fire, alongside an appeal for information following a terrifying nighttime axe break-in at a beloved local pub.

On a lighter note, pages 4-5 carries a report

on the successful Ranskill & Torworth Festival 2026; organisers say a massive debt of gratitude is owed to several local businesses that went above and beyond .

Keep your stories, photos, and news coming to copy4star@yahoo.co.uk.

Here's to a vibrant July!

George

Ranskill & Torworth Festival 2026 was a roaring success!

Now that the dust has finally settled on Ranskill Park, the festival committee would like to extend a massive, heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make Saturday 13th June such a spectacular highlight of our community calendar.

The sun shone, the crowds turned out in droves, and the atmosphere was absolutely buzzing from start to finish.

An event of this scale simply couldn't happen without our fantastic local groups stepping up to the plate. A huge shout-out goes to:

2nd Ranskill Scouts: For providing brilliant games and keeping everyone wonderfully refreshed with their heroic ice cream sales!

1st Ranskill Brownies & Rainbows: For hosting fabulous tombolas and organizing the family sports races that brought endless laughter, smiles, and a healthy dose of sibling rivalry to the arena.

Ranskill WI: For their tireless support and wonderful activities.

Ranskill Bowls Club: For setting up a dedicated green area and introducing so many visitors to the joys of a tactical roll.

Our marketplace was beautifully vibrant this year. We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful stallholders who brought such high-quality crafts and treats to the park: *Flowers by Kay, Bunnies Bakes, Eternal Magic, Crafted Dragons, Cloud 9 Crafts, and Forest Fae.*

Special thanks also go to everyone who donated to the Community Plant Stall -- the green-fingered generosity of our villages helped raise vital funds to secure the future of the festival.

Generous backing and behind-the-scenes magic Sponsoring an event that costs upwards of £4,500 is no small feat. We are profoundly grateful to our main sponsors and donors whose financial backing kept us afloat: *Ranskill Parish Council, Brightgreen Spinal Health, Kidzhub Harworth, and Ranskill Lakeside Fisheries.*

We also owe a massive debt of gratitude to several local businesses that went above and beyond behind the scenes:

AM Power: Our absolute saviours. They didn't just show up to install the festival power supply; they lines-mapped the area and proactively upgraded us to a larger generator than ordered. Thanks to their incredible foresight, the stage didn't miss a single beat.

Skelton Farms: Thank you for the generous loan of your straw bales, which provided the ultimate rustic seating for our visitors.

On an apologetic note to Skelton Farms... not all of the straw bales quite made it back in their original configuration! A few of our more energetic younger visitors took it upon themselves to enthusiastically dismantle them during the day. While we're delighted they brought so much joy, we promise to fully reimburse you for the missing crop. We just hope the cows don't hold a grudge about being six bales short this winter!

Thanks are also due to *Mudfords* for the magnificent marquees, *A1 Hire* for the mobile facilities, and *Bassetlaw Council* for supplying the much-needed extra bins to keep our park tidy.





Showstopping entertainment and local treats
From the first chord to the final encore, our
main arena line-up was nothing short of excep-
tional.

Our ears are still ringing with pride for: **Har-
worth Brass Band** for their stirring, majestic sets;
Ranskill Primary Young Voices Choir for a gen-
uinely moving performance; and **Heather
Turner Dance Tuition** for showing off our pre-
mier local talent.

A very special thank you goes to
John Stevenson from Fluffys Disco, who
kept the energy alive as our master of
ceremonies all day, seamlessly sup-
porting every performer and keeping
our announcements on track. We also
thank *EES Showhire* for the loan of
their top-tier sound equipment.

Visitors were well looked after
thanks to the culinary delights of
Bedda Pasta, *The Traditional Hog Roast*, *The Mobile
Pizza Company*, and a wonderfully stocked mo-
bile bar from *The Blue Bell Ranskill*.

We were honoured to have our new local vicar,
Reverend Louise Bearder, officially open the pro-
ceedings. Louise and her brilliant team of volun-
teers then spent the afternoon working non-stop
in the tea and coffee tent, keeping the village hy-
drated and raising vital funds.

The Retford Fire Station crew were an abso-
lute triumph, allowing children (and more
than a few adults) to explore the fire engine,
while our Neighbourhood Policing Team
popped by to share a friendly hello. Children
were also treated to go-karts from Kidzhub, a
massive assault course from Cream Castles, and
the astonishingly artistic face painting of Rebecca
Smith MUA (the queues spoke for themselves!).

We can't wait to see the memories captured by
Leo Cotton Photography, and we are glad to re-
port that thanks to St John Ambulance, our total
casualty list for the day stood at exactly one blis-
ter and one scraped knee—glorious proof that
our risk assessments worked beauti-
fully!

Ultimately, this entire festival is run
by a dedicated committee of just nine
core volunteers who work year-
round—hosting our popular pie &
pea quiz nights—just to raise the capi-
tal to make this day happen. To our
committee, our on-the-day helpers,
and everyone who attended: **THANK YOU!**

Whether you dropped in for five minutes or
stayed for the duration, you are the heartbeat of
Scrooby, Torworth, and Ranskill. You made
memories, supported local causes, and proved
why our corner of Nottinghamshire is such a
wonderful place to live.

We can't wait to see you all again next year!



Pilgrim pub is raided by four men with an axe

A dramatic nighttime aggravated burglary at The Pilgrim Fathers pub on the Great North Road has shocked the Scrooby community.

According to the *Worksop Guardian*, a gang of four men armed with an axe targeted the venue in the early hours of May 27th, forcing entry through a rear conservatory door.

After a failed attempt to steal money from an empty till, the intruders began hacking at a fire door leading to the manager's flat above. General manager Cai Johnson, 28, was alone inside and called 999.

Fortunately, the continuous sounding of the pub's alarm spooked the gang, and they fled to



a hatchback getaway vehicle parked out of camera range. Cai escaped uninjured, thankfully.

Police have launched an appeal to trace the suspects. One male had a distinctive walk or gait and was unable to run, and members wore Christian Dior B30-style and Nike Air Max Plus trainers.

Anyone with information should quote crime number 26000302683.

Scrooby rail crossing closure: Parish Council intervenes

The sudden and unannounced closure of the historic rail crossing at Station Road in Scrooby has been a major point of discussion across our communities.

The crossing, which has been utilised by generations of local walkers, cyclists, and dog owners since the construction of the original Scrooby Station in 1849, was locked without prior notice or consultation with residents.

The local community has long recognised this route as a vital link to the surrounding countryside, allowing safe pedestrian access to the bridlepaths leading toward Mattersey.

The STAR can confirm that formal actions are now being taken to address the situation directly with railway authorities and county representatives.

A detailed case has been prepared to highlight the long-standing public use of the crossing, supported by historical evidence and Network Rail's own narrative risk assessments, which have consistently recognised pedestrian activity at the site for years.

Attention is being drawn to an outstanding application originally submitted to formally record public rights at the crossing.

Local representatives are actively seeking a roundtable meeting with Level Crossing Managers and Nottinghamshire County Council's Countryside Access teams to explore avenues for safely restoring access. We are watching this issue closely on your behalf and hope to have a more detailed report on the outcome of these meetings in our upcoming editions.

Memory group's catwalk surprise

It is a rare and delightful thing to see a community group truly come alive, but that is exactly what happened at the Wednesday (Memory) Group recently.

The group, known for its warm atmosphere and structured sessions, was treated to a surprise that proved we never quite know as much about our neighbours as we might think.

Often, we find ourselves acquainted with individuals for years, holding a static image of who they are. Yet, a recent event served as a beautiful reminder that our fellow residents possess rich, vibrant histories far beyond the present day.

The afternoon took a turn for the cinematic when one gentleman member unveiled a hidden treasure: a rack of elegant, vintage jackets and a collection of striking photographs. As it turns out, he and his wife were not just local residents -- they were accomplished ballroom dancers.

Trading the quiet hum of the group for the grace of the dancefloor, the gentleman treated everyone to a one-man show. He donned his finest jacket and began to pace the hall with a newfound flair, regaling the captivated room with stories of the dancehalls they had frequented and the steps they had mastered together. Each photograph he produced acted as a key, unlocking memories of a glamorous, rhythmic past.

What made the occasion truly special was the level of planning involved. Organisers had kept the showcase a closely guarded secret for weeks, ensuring that even the gentleman's wife -- his former dancing partner -- was entirely unaware of the planned display. It was, by all accounts, a masterful reveal.

The Wednesday Group offers a vital space for those living with dementia and their carers, providing a routine that balances comfort with unexpected sparks of joy like this one.

Useful contacts



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Toxic alert over scrapyard blaze in Ranskill yard

Residents across our three villages were urged to secure their doors and windows after a major fire erupted at a car scrapyard on Access Road in Ranskill.

As originally reported by the *Nottingham Post*, the multi-agency emergency response quickly escalated as the intense blaze took hold.

A massive stack of scrap cars and a heavy-duty industrial vehicle crusher became completely engulfed in flames, causing significant structural damage and sending toxic smoke across the Bassetlaw area.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service deployed multiple crews to the scene just after lunchtime. The intensity of the fire meant that the materials were already well alight on arrival, creating a dramatic, dark horizon visible from the Great North Road.



Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

Because of the highly flammable materials involved -- including remaining fuel, plastics, and rubber tyres within the scrap chassis -- the incident required a prolonged containment effort.

Fire service incident commanders remained for several hours to properly damp down deep-seated pockets of fire inside the machinery. Thanks to the swift action of firefighters, the blaze was successfully contained to the scrapyard perimeter.

Wildlife Trust member makes a stand for hedgehogs

In a delightful blend of community spirit and wildlife conservation, one local resident has taken a creative step to protect our most vulnerable village visitors.

Following a worrying decline in signs of the local hedgehog population -- specifically the absence of those telltale black deposits in the garden -- the resident feared their regular prickly visitor had fallen victim to the fast-moving traffic on our local roads.

With hedgehog road casualties sadly on the rise, the need for increased driver awareness has never been more urgent. Instead of accepting the inevitable, our resourceful neighbour decided to act.

They have installed a charming, ghost-white model hedgehog alongside a sign reading,



"Hedgehog Crossing," as a gentle reminder to motorists that they share the road with local wildlife. It is a simple, visual prompt, but one that serves as a vital call to action for all of us behind the wheel.

As our gardens continue to thrive and wildlife like our hogs forage for food, the North Nottinghamshire Local Group of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is urging all drivers to be mindful when navigating the lanes around Scrooby, Torworth, and Ranskill.

Every casualty prevented is a victory for our local biodiversity, ensuring these essential little gardeners can continue their nocturnal work.

For more, contact Jan on 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com to sign up for email updates on wildlife talks and activities.



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Wednesday 1st July

Oh Zeus!, Cast Theatre, Doncaster, 7:30pm. The comedy theatre company Le Navet Bete returns to Doncaster with a hilarious ride through Greek mythology. When the stability of Olympus is threatened by a marriage, the King of the Gods hatches a plan to derail the wedding. Three actors play 40 characters in a mythical farce packed with physical comedy and fast-paced chaos. Developed alongside Olivier Award-nominated director John Nicholson. Tickets from £17.50. (Runs until Saturday 4th July).

Thursday 2nd July

Matilda Jr., Bawtry Phoenix Theatre, Bawtry, 7:00pm (Doors open at 6:15pm). The youth players of the Bawtry Phoenix present Roald Dahl's beloved musical masterpiece right on our doorstep! Follow the story of an extraordinary little girl with a sharp mind who takes a stand against her cruel parents and the tyrannical school headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. Packed with high-energy anthems. (Runs until Sunday 5th July; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3:00pm). Tickets £8 (plus 10% booking fee).

Friday 3rd July

Afternoon Cabaret, Doncaster Little Theatre, 2:00pm start. Spend a summer afternoon enjoying classic variety entertainment. Compere by local favourite Robert Craig, the show delivers a feel-good blend of live musical sets, comedy, and magic from two regional guest artists. Advance tickets £9, or £10 on the door.



The Celine Experience, Doncaster Dome

Saturday 4th July

Caged Steel 43, Doncaster Dome, 5:30pm (Doors open at 5:00pm). One of the UK's exciting live fight nights returns to the Dome for a stacked card of 18 live bouts. Witness Professional MMA, Amateur MMA, Caged Boxing, and Caged Kickboxing (K1) in an atmosphere packed with dramatic fighter walk-outs. Fully family-friendly with all ages welcome and disabled access available. Adults £40, Juniors £30, VIP cageside hospitality £70.

Chilifornication, The Leopard, Doncaster, 7:30pm start. The UK tribute to the Red Hot Chili Peppers hits the stage for a punchy show of big hits and active crowd participation. Dance along to live versions of Under the Bridge, Can't Stop, and Californication. Tickets from £12.25.

Thursday 9th July

RMTC - MOB Presents: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm (Doors open at 7:00pm). Retford's award-winning youth theatre group, The MOB, brings everyone's favourite flying car to the Majestic stage for the first time! Follow the

adventure to Vulgaria as eccentric inventor Caractacus Potts, Jemima, Jeremy, and Truly Scrumptious set off to save Grandpa Potts. Packed with timeless songs including Truly Scrumptious and Toot Sweets. Tickets from £18. (Runs nightly until Saturday 11th July; Saturday matinee at 2:00pm).

Saturday 11th July

Yorkshire's Strongest Man & Woman, Lakeside Village Shopping Outlet, 10:00am – 4:00pm. An outdoor showcase of raw power on the lawn in front of the M&S Outlet. Refereed by former three-time UK's Strongest Man Paul Smith, athletes will go head-to-head across five gruelling events including a 300kg deadlift, the Conan wheel, and loading 180kg stones over a bar. Shoppers can look forward to meet-and-greets and strongman selfies with the athletes. Entirely free to attend.

Crafting Live, Doncaster Racecourse, 10:00am – 4:00pm. The award-winning craft show returns to Town Moor for a weekend of hands-on creativity. Browse over 80 exhibitors stocking stamps, dies, and fabrics, or enjoy live demonstrations. This year includes a dedicated punch needle and upcycled book-binding workshop programme led by tutor Kim Searle. Tickets from £8 (Save £2 with early-bird booking). (Continues Sunday).

Abba Attack, Doncaster Corn Exchange, 7:30pm (Doors open at 7:00pm). Step into a world of platform boots and pop nostalgia. This high-energy tribute night celebrates ABBA's legacy, promising a non-stop singalong of Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, and Waterloo. Tickets £10 per person, available in advance from the nearby Wool Market booking desk. Note: This is an 18+ only event.

Wednesday 15th July

Chicago: Teen Edition, Bawtry Phoenix Theatre, 7:00pm (Doors open at 6:15pm). The Bawtry Phoenix Senior Youth Players present the satirical musical hit Chicago. Enjoy a night of musical magic as chorus girl Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly vie for the media spotlight on death row in search of fame, fortune, and acquittal. (Runs until Friday 17th July). Tickets £10 (plus 10% booking fee).



Chicago: Teen Edition, Bawtry Phoenix Theatre

Friday 17th July

The Celine Experience, Doncaster Dome, 6:45pm start. Acclaimed vocalist January Butler delivers a tribute to megastar Céline Dion. Supported by a full live band under the musical direction of Andy Mudd, this live production features replica costumes and classic arrangements. Tickets from £30.25.

The Heavy Souls, The Leopard, Doncaster, 7:00pm start. Sheffield's heavy blues-rock powerhouse arrives in Doncaster for a high-octane performance. Channelling the industrial roots of their hometown, the band blends rock energy with the classic spirit of Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath. Tickets from £11.25.

Saturday 18th July

The Ultimate 80s Race Evening, Doncaster Racecourse, gates open at 3:15pm (First race 5:15pm). The Meadowhall Summer Saturday Series presents an evening of live Flat racing followed immediately by a 75-minute outdoor 80s concert on the Champagne Lawn. Settle in to dance the night away to bold beats and timeless pop anthems that define the decade. Note: Access to the music performance is exclusive to County, Premier, and Hospitality ticket holders (Ages 13+). Tickets from £10.

The Drifters, Doncaster Dome, 6:45pm start.
The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees return to the UK performing their definitive catalogue of classics, including Saturday Night at the Movies, Under the Boardwalk, and You're More Than A Number. Tickets are £35.75.

The Black Rhino Fight Night, Doncaster Dome, 5:00pm start. Doncaster heavyweight boxer Dave "The White Rhino" Allen returns home to headline a big fight night following his sold-out June clash. Balcony seating £30, tiered seating £45, ringside £90, and ringside VIP packages £150.

The Shines, The Leopard, Doncaster, 7:00pm start. The alternative indie outfit from Grimsby arrives for a live show. Known for their sharp guitar tracks and northern wit, the band has picked up national radio play from Radio X tastemaker John Kennedy. Catch material from their debut album. Tickets from £15.

Friday 24th July

Doncaster Balloon Festival, Town Field, 12:00pm – 10:00pm. A colourful festival returns to the city fields for a two-day extravaganza. Look forward to hot air balloon launches, tethering demonstrations, and a Saturday evening Balloon Night Glow (weather permitting). The site features arena

stunt shows, living history campsites, a parachute display team, a fun-fair, and a fireworks display on Saturday night. Advance tickets: Adults £8, Children £6 (Gate prices £10/£8). (Continues Saturday).



Doncaster Balloon Festival, Town Field

Live Music with Peet Jackson, Bawtry Phoenix Theatre, 7:30pm. Acoustic evening of live music

in the historic theatre bar. For tickets and further information, contact Barrie directly on 07449 715431. Tickets are £12.

Sunday 26th July

NMTO presents: Some Enchanted Evening, Majestic Theatre, Retford, 7:30pm (Doors open at 7:00pm). The Northern Musical Theatre Orchestra (NMTO) returns to Retford for one night only, filling the Majestic stage with the sound of a full 65-piece live orchestra and a massed 40-voice chorus. Joined by West End guest performers, this concert celebrates the sweeping romance and timeless melodies of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, featuring classics from Oklahoma!, Carousel, and South Pacific. Early booking is strongly recommended.

August Preview -- Saturday 1st August

Steve Bracknall Live After Racing, Doncaster Racecourse, gates open at 11:45am (First race 1:45pm). Afternoon of racing as part of the Meadowhall Summer Saturday Series, followed by a terrace set from social media sensation Steve Bracknall. Tickets from £10.

Green Pastures Mattersey Hall Graduation, Majestic Theatre, Retford, 2:00pm (Doors open at 1:00pm). Friends, families, and village supporters are warmly invited to celebrate the prestigious 2026 graduation ceremony for students of the Green Pastures Mattersey Hall Training Centre. This inspiring afternoon highlights student stories and worship as local students receive Level 3 Certificates in Health and Social Care and Christian Studies. Features special guest speaker Dr. John Andrews. Pre-booking is required via the theatre website.

Friday 7th August

The Yorkshire Wartime Experience, Willows Farm (Moss Road), 10:00am start. Step into 30 acres of living history for the North of England's largest WWI and WWII military vehicle event. Located 10 miles north of Doncaster, this massive three-day gathering features over 500 combat vehicles on static display alongside 50 re-enactment groups. Experience meticulously detailed live battle re-enactments, static vehicle parades, and living history camps. (Runs until Sunday 9th August).



Doncaster Pride 2026, Town Field, Doncaster

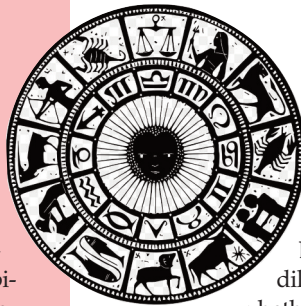
Saturday 8th August

Doncaster Pride 2026, Town Field, Doncaster, 10:00am start. Doncaster celebrates its 19th annual Pride festival on Town Fields with a massive day of inclusion, togetherness, and community spirit. Settle in for an all-day celebration of diversity featuring live stage entertainment, local traders, and activities for all generations. Free entry.

Night Out At The Zoo, Yorkshire Wildlife Park Resort, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Saddle up for a wild summer sunset safari! Spend the evening exploring the park after hours, followed by an exclusive late-night opening to walk among the dusk-lit lawns of Tsavo. The night features live stage entertainment and a selection of delicious local food concessions. Included with standard park entry or active membership packages.

downtime

Your July Star signs



Aries: The arrival of a proper summer heat-wave will inspire you to host an overly ambitious garden party. While the Americans are firing up massive grills for their 250th birthday, you'll be struggling to light a damp bag of British charcoal with a copy of the parish magazine. Stick to the cold meats.

Taurus: A mid-summer battle against the local slug population will dominate your evenings. Armed with a torch and a tub of eco-friendly pellets, you will defend your prize hostas with a level of grit that would make the founding fathers proud. Your determination to protect your borders is a marvel, even if neighbours wonder why you're prowling the garden at midnight.

Gemini: The start of the school holidays brings a dramatic increase in local noise levels. You'll be the first to know which kids have already broken a window with a cricket ball and whose caravan is blocking a narrow lane. Your intelligence network is operating at peak capacity.

Cancer: A sudden wave of patriotism might find you watching documentaries about the Special Relationship or buying a tea towel with a subtle eagle motif. You enjoy a bit of history, provided it can be appreciated from the safety of a comfortable armchair with a proper, strong cup of English breakfast tea.

Leo: While the United States celebrates 250 years of independence with grand fireworks, you'll be putting on an equally spectacular display just by walking into a shop in your new sunglasses. Your presence requires no national holiday to justify a bit of flair and a bright silk scarf.

Virgo: A hosepipe ban rumour will send your organisational instincts into overdrive. You'll spend a weekend calculating the exact water capacity of your old plastic milk cartons and establishing a strict greywater rota for the hydrangeas. Precision planning is your ultimate shield against the July elements.

Libra: The eternal July dilemma revolves around whether it is socially acceptable to eat an entire tub of ice cream in one sitting to "keep it from melting." Finding the perfect balance between greed and heatwave survival is a delicate art. Trust your instincts; the freezer is struggling anyway.

Scorpio: You'll be quietly observing the tourist influx with a look of profound, experienced weariness. You can spot an American tracer of family trees from fifty paces by their white trainers. Keep your local knowledge to yourself unless they offer to buy the first round.

Sagittarius: A yearning for a grand transatlantic voyage might strike, but you'll likely settle for a bracing day trip to the coast instead. Your optimism will remain high even when stuck in a three-mile tailback on the A64. At least the coastal breeze will blow away the cobwebs.

Capricorn: The sudden temperature rise is no excuse for a lapse in domestic discipline. While others are lounging about in shorts, you'll be the one methodically cleaning the conservatory glass and checking the loft insulation for next winter. It's a sign that your commitment to long-term logistics is entirely unbothered by a bit of sunshine.

Aquarius: Your alternative method for keeping the house cool involves a complex arrangement of damp bedsheets and a desk fan positioned at a precise thirty-degree angle. It looks chaotic, but your rooms will be the most refreshing, albeit humid, microclimates in the entire county.

Pisces: The sight of a shimmering heat haze over the wheat fields sends you into a dreamy, mid-summer reverie. You'll spend a lovely afternoon wondering if you should take up the ukulele or simply have another nap under the apple tree. Let the rest of the world rush about; you are perfectly content to drift.

Tea, cake and a thank you for The STAR's "delivery brigade"!

It was a proper village gathering on Saturday 30th May, as the stalwarts of The STAR's distribution network -- the tireless individuals who brave rain, shine, and the occasional garden gate to ensure our communities stay connected -- took a well-deserved afternoon off.

The STAR management team hosted a special thank-you event at St Barnabas Church in Ranskill, acknowledging the volunteers who ensure that everyone who wants a copy of the magazine, gets one. It was a delightful occasion, serving as a reminder that community journalism is very much a team sport.

One of our longest-serving distributors, Joy Tudberry, writing on behalf of the "Delivery Brigade," captured the mood perfectly in a lovely note to the editorial team: "May I say what an enjoyable afternoon you gave us on Saturday 30th -- such a lovely friendly gathering. It was so nice to put names to faces and, in many cases, faces to names. I feel we did justice to the impressive buffet you put before us, not to forget the huge teapot that kept us all well satisfied and the conversation flowing. We were sorry when it was time to leave and I for one say a huge thank you to all of you."

From the editorial perspective, it was a sincere pleasure to host the people who make



The STAR possible. While the writing happens at a desk, the real magic happens on the doorsteps of Scrooby, Torworth, and Ranskill. Seeing our team enjoy tea, cakes, and genuine camaraderie was the highlight of our month.

A massive thank you to everyone who came, and an even bigger thank you for the thousands of miles walked each year. We couldn't -- and wouldn't want to -- do it without you.

Penny Trail raises £2,741

The Mile of Pennies at Saint Barnabas is making its way towards the next checkpoint!

"Our total has jumped thanks to screw top jars, chocolate tins etc. and now stands at £2,741," said organiser Joy Tudberry. "That's 3½ miles plus 82 yards.

"You see, that 4 mile target isn't loitering! Thank you one and all from all of us at Saint Barnabas!"

Women's Institute looks forward to a summer social

After a busy season of fascinating talks -- including everything from vintage baking secrets to driving instructor tales -- the ladies of the Ranskill and Torworth Women's Institute are getting ready to let their hair down for the summer.

The group's upcoming meeting on Tuesday 28th July will dispense with the usual guest speaker in favour of "A Social Afternoon." Members and visitors can look forward to a re-

laxed couple of hours of excellent company, plenty of chat, and no doubt a very welcome cup of tea and cake. As always, the gathering will be held at St Barnabas Church on the Great North Road in Ranskill, with proceedings commencing at 2:00 pm. If you've been thinking about joining the WI, or are simply looking for a friendly way to spend a summer afternoon meeting neighbours, you are warmly invited to come along.



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Christian perspective: People

How are you getting on with people where you are? I'm finding right now that I seem to be tripping over people who think things should be done in a different way to how I think they should be done. Even in the church there are differences in approach to aspects of church life which can bring us into conflict with fellow Christians.

Recently, I jet-washed our drive. It's a very messy job, as you clean both the surface of the blocks and blast the weeds starting to grow between them. It's particularly difficult to get out the deep-seated roots, and as you probe deep it causes a backwards surge of dirty, muddy water, which comes flinging back at you!

By the time I had finished, I was covered from head to foot with wet, muddy splashes. Now if you leave the roots to stay they will soon put up new weeds and the drive will look messy in no time. As I thought about this, a Bible verse about bitter roots came to mind: Hebrews 12:14-15.

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

If we don't deal with the clashes and differences that come along they will rankle and fester within us. The writer to the Hebrews says it takes effort to live in peace with all. If, when difficulties occur, we harbour negative thoughts and feelings, these

are the ones that cause bitterness to start to grow within us against those people and produce those bitter roots.

There are some actions we can take to deal with these. The first is forgiveness, even when we don't feel the people who cause us trouble deserve our forgiveness. Jesus said in Luke 6:37, *"Forgive and you will be forgiven."* In fact, Jesus also says in Matthew 6:14-15, that if we withhold forgiveness from others, then, *"your heavenly Father will not forgive your sins."*

The second action we can take is to love instead of hate. It's not something we can do of ourselves, but we can receive the love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (see Romans 5:5).

Then we can offer that love to others, especially those who have hurt us. This brings about change in the situation and deals with those bitter roots within us. Jesus said some things about this in Matthew 5:44:

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you, and persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

May the Lord bless and strengthen you, as you join me in blasting out those bitter roots, and move on to freedom and joy in the Lord.

** Brenda Critchley*



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Your July Sudoku puzzle

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 46.



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The pop-up pub quiz: Movies

1. In which James Bond movie did he fall in love and get married?
2. Which movie star is killed off in the opening scene of *Scream*?
3. Which father and daughter starred in 1981 drama *On Golden Pond*?
4. What movie features the line "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn"?
5. What is the name of the fictional African nation in *Black Panther*?
6. What was the name of the character played by Jennifer Lawrence in *The Hunger Games*?
7. What is the name of the tiger in *The Jungle Book*?
8. "You can't handle the truth" is a line from which movie?
9. Which movie features Holly Golightly?
10. "You're gonna need a bigger boat" is a line from which movie?
11. What was Darth Vader's spacecraft in *Star Wars*?
12. Who was The Riddler in *Batman Forever*?
13. When you crack and shake a Minion, what happens?
14. Who plays the lead female Ilsa Lund in *Casablanca*?



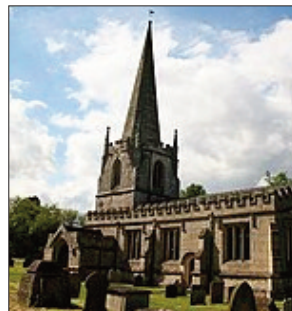
15. 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' is originally from which Judy Garland movie?
16. Which movie is set in an Oregon psychiatric hospital?
17. Which hero did Mel Gibson play in *Braveheart*?
18. 'When You Wish Upon a Star' is from which Disney film?
19. Who played the lead in *Cool Hand Luke*?
20. Who voiced Shrek in the series of movies?

Answers on page 46.

Church notices for July

Church Notices for July 2026 (CW = Common Worship, HC = Holy Communion, BCP = Book of Common Prayer)
Sunday 5th: Scrooby – 9.30am CW
HC. Sunday 12th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC. Sunday 19th: Ranskill – 11am Songs of Praise – all welcome
Sunday 26th: Scrooby – 9.30 CW HC

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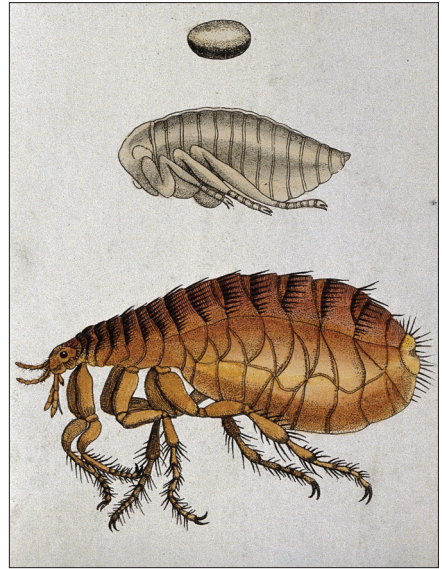
Though its instinct to jump is quite nominal
But you try to scratch it --
Or catch and detach it --
Then see how it leaps! Quite phenomenal.

You can teach it, with patience, to hop on a tightrope
Or pull a wee cart with a will
It will play loop-the-loop
Or jump clean through a hoop
But they've yet to train one to keep still.

Its fidgety feet make a six-pronged attack,
For your comfort it cares not one fig
Take a wild swipe (or two)
Till you're quite black and blue

But it keeps right on dancing the jig!

Joy T.



The STAR recipe: Teviot Meat Pie

Ingredients

- 1 lb mince
- Onion, carrot, celery, salt and pepper
- ½ pint beef broth
- 1 tsp Worcester sauce

Topping:-

- ½ pint milk
- 8oz SR flour
- 1oz cornflour
- 3oz suet
- salt and pepper

Method

Cook and place into 2 pint casserole dish.
Add milk to flours and suet to give a thick batter then pour over casserole mix
Bake at 375°F 190°C Mark 5 until risen and colouring





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ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13 April 2026 in the Scrooby Village Hall

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

2. **Apologies** : County Cllr Mike Robertson, District Councillor Jack Bowker.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Elaine Gargett, Seconded by Lindsey Buxton.

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 and Equipment Register, New Model Financial Regulations review, Websites, Church Clock, Re-establish contact with BCVS and follow up on the Jazz Event, Gardening Club to work on the Winze Himalayan Balsam weed and a litter bin on Gibbet Hill Lane.

4. **Agenda**

4.1 Confirmation of Agenda Items – 3 noted. (See below).

4.2 Public Discussion – The items raised by Ed Marshall are documented below.

5. **Correspondence:** The usual number of notices, e-mails and letters had been received over the last month and were listed before the meeting. Those of note: Waste Bin SCAM and Simpler Recycling..

5.8 It was agreed that local businesses would not be allowed to advertise on the Village Noticeboards but encouraged to use The STAR.

6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor – No report.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – No Report, but in his absence to be contacted about road sweeping in the

village.

Also to assist, the letter being received (but not in all cases) about the Black (Glass) bins is to be placed on the website.

7. **Finance Report**

7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included Village Hall costs and salaries and grass cutting. It was noted this report would be that for the Annual Accounts basis. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

7.2. Other activities: As per the action points last meeting. Also Bleed Kits would be added to the Defibrillator set and funding sources identified from attendance at a recent course.

7.2.3 The funding from Tesco Worksop was successful, the money is here and plans for spending it in hand.

7.2.5 The Annual Accounts process has started, public viewing will be available after audit.

8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend. PCSO continues to be requested to attend.

The PC does not get regular crime statistics, the police have identified a web site that shows them.

9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**

9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: 26/00346/OUT, Sheepcote House additional access onto Low Road. Traffic issues identified, the PC will respond at the correct time after reviewing the application detail.

Existing Applications: 24/01434/FUL Caravan Site: 24/01380/01381/COU Holmefield Barn conversion.

9.3 Others: Our own SNAP plan restart in progress, public meeting to be organised.

10. **Play Area**

The Rope Climbing Frame has been

removed, ongoing work on the ground cover in progress.

11. Village Hall

11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well. Village Hall rents are to rise significantly and an online booking system is under investigation.

11.1.4 The Society of Mayflower Descendants in Europe conference in the Scrooby V Hall on 4th July. County and District involvement still sought.

12. Village Environment

12.0 Noted the 5 sets of roadwork notices

12.0.4 Village Hedges, the Great North Road footpath continues.

12.1 Grass Cutting, continues, next on 15th April.

12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The repair to the Bug Hotel information board is

in hand.

12.6 St Wilfred's bell repairs – our assistance is ongoing, including joining a group.

12.9 The Station Road Level Crossing, was closed with no notice citing "safety and abuse of" issues. Requests for information and action from Notts CC and Network Rail have been placed but not responded to as yet.

14. Items for Information Only / Next Agenda

14.1 The next meeting in May is our AGM, all are welcome.

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

Next meeting, including the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 11th May 2026, starting with the AGM at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

The SCROOBY Parish Council

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

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Do you know why the Station Road Level Crossing was closed??? Can you help with historical records that prove it is a Bridle Path?

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 !**

Was your Black wheelie bin full? It is for glass BUT will not be next emptied until June 2026 and every 6 weeks after that. Can you last that long???

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4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1 Confirmation of Agenda Items – 1 agreed, 1 noted. (See below).
 - 4.2 Public Discussion – The items raised by Ed Marshall and Matt Pollard are documented below.
However, A Goldsmith brought up the question of whether the Scrooby Show could continue if it had to have a Street Traders licence, or should it be brought into the control of the PC. This was discussed at length and an action plan made to try to resolve the issue before the future of the Show is jeopardised.
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: Consumer advice and SCAMs, and the Black Bins for glass recycling.
- 5.9 In invitation has been received from the TV show "The Repair Show" focussing on old PC items in need of repair.
6. **District and County Councillor's Re-**

port

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- 7.2.5 The Annual Accounts process has completed, public viewing will be available before the June date required.

8. Police Report

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend. PCSO continues to be requested to attend.

The police web site that shows crime statistics was presented, along with access.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

- 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications - None.
Existing Applications:
26/00346/OUT, Sheepcote House:
24/01434/FUL Caravan Site, Granted:
24/01380/01381/COU Holmefield Barn conversion.
- 9.3 Others: Our own SNAP plan restart in progress, public meeting still to be organised.

10. Play Area

The Rope Climbing Frame work on the ground cover in progress with an different option under investigation.

11. Village Hall

- 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well. Village Hall rents have been increased and increased focus on presence, advertising and communications (phone and email) being put in place.

11.1.4 The Society of Mayflower Descendants in Europe conference in the Scrooby V Hall on 4th July. The PC will be invited to a lunch at the time.

12. Village Environment

12.0 Noted – None

12.0.1 A request from the Gardening Club for a kerb on Manor Road was met with sympathy but knowing the rules, the PC can only support and direct request to Highways.

12.0.4 Village Hedges, the Great North Road footpath continues.

12.1 Grass Cutting, continues.

12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The repair to the Bug Hotel information board is in hand, and weed spraying volunteers are being sought.

12.6 St Wilfred's bell repairs – following clarification of the position, our assistance is ongoing, including joining a group.

12.9 The Station Road Level Crossing

closure. Matt had joined the meeting to ask a number of questions, give some knowledge and ask for assistance to get the crossing re-opened. After a long discussion the PC stated it will help and actioned an number of items to try to find out information, reasons, and ways to help reopen it. A PC working party has been created with Dan Blount leading for the PC. Remembering the recent tragic death of someone near that crossing no information or report has been published and rumoured causes remain hearsay.

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 8th June 2026 at 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 If concerned contact your Parish Councillor.

Need to book the Village Hall for a party or such, call or WhatsApp Izzi Marshall on 07776 304336

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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.

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Use the "MyNotts" smartphone app !!!!

Do you know why the Station Road Level Crossing was closed??? Can you help with historical records that prove it is a Bridle Path?

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 !**

Was your Black wheelie bin full? It is for glass BUT will not be next emptied until June 2026 and every 6 weeks after that. Can you last that long???

Would you like any basic First Aid / CPR training?

Be warned SNAP is coming back (The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan), to get it over the finish line.

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Saturday 5th September, 2026

Stalls and events include - Cake Stall, Jam and Pickle Stall, Sweet Stall, Plant Stall, Knitting and Stitching Stall, Church Tombola, Grand Raffle, Candles, Sweets, Craft Stall, Local Produce Stall, Pet Show, Tug-of-War, Children's Races, and Face Painting.

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**MINUTES OF THE TORWORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD:
SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL - Monday May 18th, 2026 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT

Chair: C. Willis

Vice-Chair: J Helliwell

Councillors: R. Willis, D Lacey

District Councillor: A McCallum

Members of the public: 2

1. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman presented the following report, which was received and noted:

As Chair of Torworth Parish Council, I am pleased to present this Annual Report for 2025-2026, reflecting on another year of service to our village community. Over the past year, the Parish Council has continued to work diligently on behalf of residents, striving to maintain and improve local amenities, represent community interests and address the issues that matter most to those who live and work in Torworth.

This year has brought both progress and ongoing challenges. While we have continued to support village maintenance, environmental stewardship and local governance, persistent concerns remain regarding littering and fly-tipping along our roads and surrounding rural areas. These problems not only damage the appearance of our parish, but also negatively impact local wildlife, road safety and community pride.

The Parish Council regularly receives

concerns from residents regarding rubbish accumulation along verges, discarded waste and repeated fly-tipping incidents. While we advocate for cleaner roads and support volunteer clean-up efforts where possible, it is important to emphasize that the Parish Council has very limited statutory power to directly manage or enforce against these issues.

Responsibility for waste enforcement, clean-up operations and fly-tipping prosecution primarily reside with Bassetlaw District Council, alongside relevant highways and environmental authorities. This division of responsibility can often lead to understandable frustration among residents, as the Parish Council is frequently seen as the first point of contact despite lacking the legal authority or resources to resolve these matters independently.

For the upcoming year, we will continue to:

- Report incidents promptly to the appropriate authorities
- Press for more effective responses from Bassetlaw District Council
- Continue to have our village warden litter pick the area each month
- Support local efforts to clean-up our roads safely
- Encourage resident vigilance and reporting

However, meaningful long-term progress will require stronger enforcement and greater resource allocation at district level.

Despite these limitations, the Parish Council has continued to make positive contributions throughout the year, including:

- Ongoing maintenance and oversight of village green spaces, play areas and public assets
- Management of parish finances with care and responsibility
- Continued review of planning matters affecting the village and surrounding landscape
- Work towards preserving Torworth's rural character while responding to regional development pressures

The Council has also navigated another year of high councillor vacancies. Maintaining strong local representation remains essential, and I would encourage residents with an interest in serving the community to consider involvement in parish governance.

As we move forward into the coming year, Torworth Parish Council remains committed to advocating for our residents, improving village life and working collaboratively with district and county authorities. Alongside ongoing environmental concerns, strategic planning matters are also likely to play an increasingly significant role in the parish's future: the proposed solar panel development in the wider area is ex-

pected to be a major issue moving forward.

This large-scale proposal has raised understandable questions regarding its potential impact on the surrounding agricultural landscape, infrastructure and long-term community identity. Although renewable energy forms an important part of wider national policy, it is essential that local voices are properly represented and that any major development is subject to careful scrutiny.

The Parish Council will continue to engage fully with all relevant consultations, represent resident concerns and work to ensure that Torworth's interests remain central throughout the planning process. Addressing both immediate community challenges and longer-term strategic developments will remain key priorities as we work to safeguard the future character and wellbeing of our parish.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors for their dedication and service, our Parish Clerk for continued administrative support, local volunteers and residents who contribute to village life and to our community partners and external authorities working with us. Together, we continue to strive for a cleaner, safer and stronger Torworth.

Dr. Christina Willis

Chair Torworth Parish Council



Thank You From All of Us

A message from 2nd Ranskill Scout Group

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One of our young climbers scaling the wall — part of our epic Ben Nevis challenge.

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Across all our sections — Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers — there is a real sense of pride at what we achieved together. We have a busy and exciting summer ahead, including sailing, kayaking, raft building, and our AGM.

Your support helps us keep going, grow what we do, and give our young people memories they will carry with them for years to come.

A heartfelt thank you to our local businesses whose generous sponsorship made this challenge possible — your belief in what we do means the world to us.

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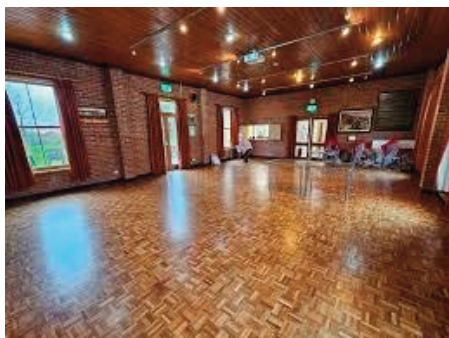
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MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026 at 7:30pm

Present:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: J. Elliott, P. Brown, M. Pryce

D. Cllr: Absent

C. Cllr: Absent

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: No resident attended.

01/0426: Apologies for absence: Cllr J. Peel, L. Shaw

02/0426: Declaration of member's interest in any item to be discussed

None.

03/0426: To Adjourn to Allow Public Participation

None.

04/0426: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th of March 2026

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th of March 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0426: County Councillor and District Councillor Reports

a. District Councillor

It was noted that since election the D. Cllr has only attended meetings in July and November 2025.

b. County Councillor
Absent

06/0426: Crime and Policing

The latest available figure is 3 crimes in January, an average of 5.3 for 2025, compared with 9.1 for the previous year.

07/0426: Highways and Traffic

The large pothole at the junction of Matter-

sey Road and Great North Road has been partially repaired twice and still not properly. It's difficult to understand why the repair was not effected in one operation.

08/046: Finance

a. To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 31st March 2026

Summary year end accounts and bank reconciliation were approved, the PC ended the year with £118,557.96 in the bank, having just received a further CIL payment of £41,123.22 in March. Total ring fenced funds are £50,413, with £102,341.29 invested in short term high interest bearing accounts. Proposed by Cllr Elliott and seconded by Cllr Pryce. Carried.

b. To consider the year end accounts and comparison to budget

Actual income was £654 over budget and expenditure £2,846 below budget. Over and above the precept, £49,073 was received in CIL and grants and £55,215 was spent on projects attributed to CIL funds. In addition, £4,743 was generated in interest income. The valuation of assets was revised to £71,051, reflecting the value of new playground equipment and solar lighting at cost.

09/0426: Planning

a. To consider new planning applications received as at 13th April 2026

One new application has been received, 26 /00289/HSE, two storey side extension at 2 Cherry Tree Walk for which Cllrs had no objections.

b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.

It was noted that a stop and enforcement notice has been issued to land south of Millgrove Farm, Mattersey Road for the importation and deposit of waste without planning permission.

10/0426: Amenities and Facilities

a. To consider the playground safety reports
The March sheet showed no new issues, April report not yet received.

b. To consider the installation of bleed kits in defibrillator cabinets

We have been approached by the East Midlands Ambulance Service to offer bleed kits, which can be stored in defibrillator units. EMAS would provide supply, delivery and maintenance. It's unclear who provides the kit and the cost, the Clerk will clarify.

c. Car parking for the school

This remains an issue, despite notices being placed on vehicles parked in an inconsiderate manner. In the first instance we want to encourage the use of the car park owned by RPC, just a short distance from the school. The clerk will obtain a price to clear vegetation. The police will be invited to attend at the appropriate time and BDC contacted to try to engage with parents parking on the green.

d. Update on the path lighting project for Oaks Green Close and Jubilee Way
The lighting is now fully installed and working.

e. Update on the Christmas lights display project

An electric supply is now installed on both trees. A price for low voltage bulbs has been

obtained from the lighting supplier and a tree surgeon to install the strings. Total cost for the project about £4k. The Clerk will check stock with the lighting supplier and order as quoted. The tree surgeon will be contacted to arrange an appropriate display for the branch wrapping.

f. To consider a complaint from a resident regarding an overhanging tree. A London Plane covered by a TPO has been the subject of a complaint. We obtained a professional report from a tree surgeon. The tree was found to be in good condition, acceptable risk rating and no works required. We will report the findings to the resident.

11/0426: Co-option of Additional Councillors

The PC requests any resident who is interested to contact the Clerk.

12/0426: Correspondence and Other Items of Interest

Zurich has just submitted their price for the PC policy for the coming year with an increase of 32% on last year's premium. The company states increased values and replacement costs and higher premiums in the market. They state that this is the best premium on our terms. It was resolved to accept the policy but review

the market next year. Carried.

13/0426: Information to be Forwarded to the Next Meeting

None.

14/0426: Agree Dates for the Next Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting is the 13th of May 2026.

Signed as a true record: -



RANSKILL BOWLS CLUB

We are currently looking for new members to join us.
We are **YOUR** village Crown Green Bowling Club.



It was good to see you all at the Ranskill and Torworth Festival. If you enjoy having a go, why not come round to the club on Station Road and have another go! You are welcome to come and join us. Club (In house) league games Thursday evenings from 6pm, and cup matches on Saturdays from 5pm. If you can't make those we can arrange other sessions. For more details contact Simon on 07876 285593. Our pavilion is also available to hire (would suit small Funeral Teas / Baptism parties)

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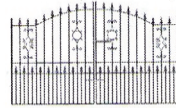
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MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD

WEDNESDAY 14th MAY 2026 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, M. Pryce, J. Elliott, A. Garner

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There were no members of the public attending.

01/0526: ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Garner proposed Cllr Simpson as Chair. Seconded Cllr Pryce. **Carried.**

02/0526: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr Pryce proposed Cllr Shaw as Vice Chair. Seconded Cllr Garner. **Carried.**

03/0526: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs J. Peel, P. Brown, D. Cllr A. McCallum, C. Cllr M. Robertson

04/0526: TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

None

05/0526: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No residents attended the meeting.

06/0526: ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SUB-COMMITTEES

Joint Burial Committee

Cllrs Simpson, Pryce, Brown and Elliott were appointed.

Bassetlaw Forum

Cllr Simpson agreed to continue as our representative.

07/0526: ELECTION OF MEMBERS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Planning: Cllr Simpson

Finance: Cllr Shaw

Playground: Cllrs Pryce and Elliott

Floral displays: Cllr Peel

08/0526: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

09/0526: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

District Councillor: absent, but provided the following written report: -

1. Illegal tipping at Deepwater fisheries. On December 10th 2025 the site was visited with the police and an interim notice was issued to stop further operations on the site. This has now been superseded by a full enforcement notice by Notts County Council.

There is now an ongoing criminal investigation into the illegal disposal of waste at the site so the authorities are unable to comment further at this stage. Additional evidence is welcome from any members of the parish or public that they can provide.

2. Dumped Van on Station Avenue.

I went to have a look and unfortunately the van is still there. I have spoken to the owner a Mr Hemphshaw who lives in the house in front of the van and he assures me he will remove in the next month.

3. Parking outside the school gates blocking driveways during drop off and pick up times. I am due to have a meeting with the head mistress Mrs Beesley hopefully sometime this week. One of the local residents has even offered a skip to help clear the vegetation on the nearby car park, due to his driveway being repeatedly blocked.

4. New Lorry/Bus park

I have spoken to the landowner Scott Marsh and he assures me that this really is a small operation with significantly less traffic than previously with Fletchers skips operating

who have now ceased their activities. I am told the company operating on the site Golden Coaches Ltd are in the process of change of use for the operator's license which involves a change of address to the premises on Common Lane from their existing address. Once this is finalised then they will look to apply for planning permission.

5. Rubbish bins at the play park and on the Daneshill Road site not emptied

These have now been emptied and the rubbish cleared from the playing field. The 2nd Ranskill Scouts group are kindly litter picking Thursday evening in Ranskill and Scrooby Top, where I hope to meet them. County Councillor: absent

10/0526: CRIME AND POLICING

The latest crime figures for March are reported as 5, average for the year to date 4.7 compared to 5.3/month for the previous year.

11/0526: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Hedge trimming by local farmers needs to be improved.

12/0526: FINANCE

To approve the Bank Reconciliation and Accounts as at 30th April 2026.

It was resolved that the month's accounts were approved. **Carried.**

To receive the Internal Auditor's report.

It was resolved to approve accounts for the year end ended 31st March 2026. **Carried.**

To approve the Annual Governance

Statement and the Annual Accounting Statement 2025-26.

The statements were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Elliott, seconded Cllr Pryce. **Carried.**

13/0526: PLANNING

To consider new planning applications received as at 13th May 2026

One new application, 26/00475/HSE Joseph House, Great North Road, single storey side extension has been received. Councillors

had no objection.

b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues

It was noted that a notification of a community consultation, just published, regarding proposed extensions to Scrooby Quarry will be held on the 26th of June. To be discussed at the next PC meeting.

14/0526: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

To consider the playground monthly safety report

The May BDC report has been received, with no highlighted safety concerns.

To consider car parking issues at the school
Concerns are being raised regarding inconsiderate parking, up to 38 vehicles have been seen parked on the grass verge, double parked and blocking dropped kerbs in front of resident's houses. The PC will be making available its car park on Station Avenue, however this is insufficient for a large volume. To take forward in conjunction with the school, BDC parking enforcement and the police if necessary. Update on the Christmas lights display project

Further consultation with the tree surgeon has taken place. It was resolved to order the warm led lighting as agreed with tree and branch wrapping. The Clerk will take order the lighting whilst in stock.

15/0526: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None.

16/0526: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

Community consultation for the extension to Scrooby Quarry.

17/0526: AGREE A DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10th June 2026.

Signed as a true record: -

Chair: D. Simpson

TUESDAY DROP IN

Ripples and Warm Spaces are excited to announce that we are joining forces to invite you to our new Tuesday Drop In, every Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

WHAT TO EXPECT

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Cuppas

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Company

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD

WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2026 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, M. Pryce, A. Garner, J. Elliott

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There were no members of the public attending.

01/0526APM: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs P. Brown, J. Peel. D. Cllr A. McCallum, C. Cllr M. Robertson

02/0526APM DECLARATIONS OF

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0526APM: CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

Over the past 12 months the Parish Council has completed or significantly progressed a couple of major projects.

The refurbishment of the play equipment in the village park has begun with the installation of the new tree climber last autumn followed by the new climbing wall earlier this year. Both have proved to be extremely popular and will hopefully be well used for many years.

The solar lighting projects along the Jubilee Pathway and the green on Oakes Close have finally been completed following some issues with incorrect parts from the suppliers and the feedback received from residents has been overwhelmingly positive.

All of these have been funded by the Parish Council with the exception of very welcome National Lottery funding towards the climbing wall, for which support from the community had to be shown. Excellent work from Cllrs Pryce and Elliott in gathering this. Work continues to secure further funding to continue works in the park.

While there has not been a village festival for the last couple of years, the Parish

Council has been happy to support the festival committees hard work to reinvigorate this and have pledged significant funding to help enable this. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who are busily working towards the event in June, particularly Cllrs Peel and Pryce for their contributions.

There are also plans progressing to expand and improve the Christmas lights for the village, hopefully in time for this year's switch on.

Financially it has been another strong year for the Parish Council and despite significant expenditure we end the year in an excellent position.

My thanks once again to all my fellow councillors for their hard work over the past year, including Cllr Bing who has stepped down from the council. I hope that we will welcome new members shortly to fill the 2 vacancies. Thanks also to our new County Councillor Mike Robertson for his help so far.

04/0526APM: FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

The year to March 2026 saw the Parish Council slightly decrease its year end cash position from £119,475 to £118,558, being comprised of: -

Restricted CIL: £50,416

General reserve: £68,142

Further CIL funds and included in the above were received in March of £41,123.

The PC's share of the Joint Burial cash funds included in the above reserve amounts to £4,728 (at 70%).

At the same time expenditure from CIL funds during the year was £55,215 comprising in cost order and excluding VAT:

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Tree Climber, new playground equipment
£20,480

Solar Lighting £19,685

Monkey Challenge, new playground
equipment £7,950

Spinmee roundabout, new bearing £2,084

Electrical supply to trees £1,095

Removal of 4 trees on Jubilee Way £800

Canopy lift - Oakes Close £600

Repair basket swing, new safety matting
£525

Grass seeding - Jubilee Way £490

Relocate village gateway sign £480

Replace guard fence in playground £360

Playground plaque refurbishment £350

Dog bag dispenser £172

Replacement wheel for play car £144

Regarding the budget for 2025-26 and
excluding restricted funds, VAT refunds,
short term investment interest and
incoming grants, variances were as follows:

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- Income was £655 above budget. Mainly
due to an overdue mowing grant from
BDC from the previous year.
- Expenditure was £2,845 below budget.
Mainly due to an underspend of £2,901
on mowing during the season, £404
underspend on playground
maintenance, £878 less in office &
administration, no legal fees. There was
an overspend of £705 compared to
budget on S137 grants (The Star)
overdue from the previous year.

S137 Grants were £2,705, amounting to: -

£175 North Notts Responders

£1,080 Marquees for the Ranskill festival

£1,450 The Star

Due to prudent investing in high income
short term bonds and 95 day notice
accounts, the PC received an amount,
outside of the budget, of £3,388 bank
interest. At the year end £113,817 was
invested.

Capital will remain invested in the coming
year, subject to further projects being

initiated, the funds will be drawn down as
necessary.

During the coming year, the PC intends to
find other sources of funding to replace
much of the older play equipment in the
park.

Due to pressure from increasing costs, the
precept was increased by 7.6% for the 2026
-27 financial year.

RANSKILL & TORWORTH JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The year opened with cash reserves of
£5,238 and closed with £6,755.

There was a higher level of activity in the
year with 8 burials and internments of
ashes, resulting in an income of £1,125 over
budget. VAT recovery from the previous
year of £575, interest of £51 and the usual
contributions from the PCs of £210.00 TPC
and £490.00 RPC bringing total income to
£4,952.

Expenditure was only £81 under budget at
£3,012.

This resulted in a net cash gain of £1,517.

During the year a memorial safety
inspection was commissioned at a cost of
£785, the previous inspection was in 2020.
There were 187 memorials tested, of which
25 are risk category 1, in need of
immediate repair, 28 in risk category 2, the
remainder are considered safe.

The committee is also in touch with the
Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to ask
for a further consecration ceremony.

05/0525: PUBLIC FORUM FOR QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

No residents or members of the public
attended the meeting.

It was resolved to accept the reports,
proposed Cllr. Shaw and seconded by Cllr.
Elliott. **Carried.**

There being no other business the meeting
closed.

Signed as a true record: -

Chair: D. Simpson



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last words



July has arrived, bringing with it a sustained heat-wave that turned our three villages into a rather pleasant, if slightly parched, Mediterranean outpost. While the rest of the country grumbled about the humidity, we're mostly just relieved the bins aren't smelling quite as 'vibrant' as they do in the depths of winter.

Across the pond, the United States is celebrating its 250th birthday. It's a respectable age, certainly, but let's be honest -- it's a mere stripling compared to some British boozers. We have pubs in Notts that were pouring pints before the US was even a twinkle in a revolutionary's eye.

It does make one ponder if the original Pilgrim Fathers, who launched their historic journey from our doorstep, would recognise the sprawling, hyper-cafeinated superpower they inadvertently set in motion. Would they be pleased with the outcome?

One suspects they might find the modern American political climate a bit more 'fiery' than their original, rather grim, winter in Plymouth.

We wish our transatlantic cousins a very happy birthday nonetheless; they've certainly made an impression, even if they are a few centuries behind on the proper pub culture.

On the home front, we've had our own excitement. The recent fire at the Ranskill car scrapyard was a sobering reminder of why we have such excellent local fire crews. The thick, black plumes of smoke were a dramatic, albeit unwelcome, addition to our skyline. We're just glad that nobody was injured, though I'm sure the local air quality readings weren't exactly 'alpine fresh' that afternoon.

Then, the break-in at the Pilgrim Fathers pub in Scrooby provided a dark contrast to our usual village tranquillity. It's a bit rich to target a pub named after the folks who sailed away for a better life by trying to smash your way into their modern namesake.

Thankfully, the staff handled the situation with far more grace than the intruders displayed, and we're just pleased the manager is safe. If you have any information, get in touch with the authorities; let's make sure the only things being broken at the local are records at the bar, not conservatory doors.

As for the Ranskill and Torworth Festival, it's now safely in the rearview mirror, having been a roaring success. The organisers are currently in a darkened room somewhere, recovering from the sheer logistical gymnastics required to pull it off. A massive thanks to everyone who organised, participated, or turned up to eat their weight in cake.

Finally, a plea from the pitch: the Blyth Bombers are in desperate need of a new ground. Grassroots football is the heart of our community, and it's a crying shame to see a local institution struggling to

find a home. If you have a spare field, a generous landowner you can twist the arm of, or any bright ideas, do get in touch. We'd hate for the next generation of football stars to be confined to the PlayStation.

July: a month of historic birthdays, unwanted fires, and the eternal, slightly frantic search for a flat piece of grass. Stay cool, keep the windows closed if the wind changes, and we'll see you in August.

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Quiz answers: 1. On Her Majesty's Secret Service 2. Drew Barrymore 3. Henry & Jane Fonda 4. Gone With The Wind 5. Wakanda 6. Katniss Everdeen 7. Shere Khan 8. A Few Good Men 9. Breakfast At Tiffany's 10. Jaws 11. Death Star 12. Jim Carrey 13. It Glows in the Dark 14. Ingrid Bergman 15. Meet Me in St Louis 16. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 17. William Wallace 18. Pinocchio 19. Paul Newman 20. Mike Myers

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