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Scrooby, Torworth And Ranskill

All the news and views from our three villages

IN MY OPINION

Would you like to contribute something that you feel strongly about and want to tell our readers? If so, please email it or let your village representative have your copy (around 350 words) in good time for next month.

All advertising copy and alterations to advertisements must be submitted by the 16th of the month.

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Dear Readers

March is a busy month; planning for summer events, gardens are tidied ready for a new season, nature wakes up, Mother's Day and Easter Sunday are just around the corner - there seems to be lots to look forward to.

This edition of The STAR is packed full of articles, adverts and notices about interesting things to look out for over the coming months—too many to mention here!

It's great to hear about what you have been up to and what you are planning, thank you for sharing your stories and experiences.

I would like to share that the cover image is our first Scrooby Top daffodil that came into flower as I write these notes. My dad and I planted them over a year ago to continue the daffodil tradition of joining all the STAR villages together.

Enjoy

Luci





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**WE NEED YOUR HELP AT OUR NEXT MEETING FOR IDEAS
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- **Family Entertainment?**
- **Quiz?**
- **Scarecrow Festival?**
- **Fishing day?**
- **All ideas welcome?**

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Please contact Hilary Skelton on 01777 818545 or by
email: hilary@malkilnfarm.co.uk

**TORWORTH PLAYING FIELD AND EVENTS
COMMITTEE**

**PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?
ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING?**

We are collecting items suitable for our Tombola stall at the annual village festival and dog show on Sunday 9th June.

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Christian Perspective



This is a great time of year, when spring is just around the corner. The birds give us a hint of what's to come; one flies past with a twig in its beak for nest building. There's an excitement among them, an increase in their chirping and twittering. Even the air seems to smell sweeter.

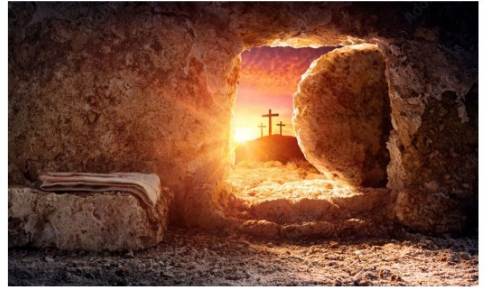
It's a season for new life, birth, fresh hope. I've been thinking about this word 'hope' and what it means. We have a casual expression in English: "Well, I hope so." It just expresses a vague sense of maybe things will turn out as we want. But the Bible tells us that when we hope in Christ for eternal salvation, for everlasting life, it is not a vague thing that we cannot rely on, but rather it's a sure and certain thing. This is how the writer to the Hebrews puts it in Hebrews 6:19: *'We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure'.*

Our faith is in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is where our hope comes from. It's beyond ourselves. We don't have the ability to make ourselves right with a holy God, however hard we try to be good. But what we cannot do Jesus did, by living a sinless life and dying on the cross for our sins. This is where our sure and certain hope comes from—what Jesus had done for us.

The writer to the Hebrews has more to say about our response this. He is saying we can have confidence before God because Jesus has opened the way for us. So we can *'draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings'.* There's an encouragement here to *'hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.'* See Hebrews 10:19-23.

It's because we come in Christ we can serve God in a fruitful way. We can *'spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching'.* Hebrews 10:24-25. As the national and global news we hear seems to become only worse, so we need to keep on building one another up in our faith and trust in God through Jesus Christ.

It's a great encouragement that we can make a difference to others in growing in faith, helping one another when we go through difficult times, and keeping our eyes fixed on the Lord as we go forward in these difficult days.



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for March

Sudoku is a number placement puzzle. The aim of Sudoku is to complete the grid by entering numbers from 1 to 9 in each empty cell of the 9x9 grid which comprises 9 sub-grids each with 9 cells in a 3x3 pattern. Each row, column and sub-grid must contain only one instance of each number.

There are variants of Sudoku. In this puzzle there are 9 shaded cells, one in each sub-grid. These shaded cells must also contain the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

	9			2	7	3		
	3	7	4		9			1
		2	6		1	9	8	7
4	2					5		9
	7					1		4
		6	9		3		7	
			3		6		2	8
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Scrooby Garden Club

On Friday 16th February Scrooby Gardeners met for their first village tidy up of the year. One team cut back the grasses and other perennial growth in the garden next to the Village Hall. This is a low maintenance bed which has lived up to its name needing only two sessions a year and providing year-round interest.



Another team set about the Pinfold, cutting back shrubs and preparing the area for its annual mulch. The compost bins in the Church yard were sorted through, removing quite a lot of plastic flowers. It would be best of these were put in the dustbins rather than the compost bin as they will never rot. The heaps were turned and the rotted leaves which had been swept from the pavements around the village were incorporated. Compost that was ready to use was spread on the Pinfold to promote new growth in the coming year.



WARM SPACES IN SCROOBY

2024



Scrooby Village Hall continues to open as a Warm Space throughout 2024.

The programme will continue as last year with Warm Spaces being on the first and third (and fifth) Tuesday of each month, alternating with Ripples. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat.

There is no charge but small donations towards costs will help.

Dates are:

March 5 th	March 19 th	
April 2 nd	April 16 th	April 30 th
May 7 th	May 21 st	
June 4 th	June 18 th	

Ripples Social Group takes place at the same time on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Time: Tuesdays at 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Place: Scrooby Village Hall

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Big Garden Bird Watch at the Whinze, Scrooby

28th January 2024

It was bright, chilly morning at the East Whinze. We took up our places in the new picnic area, poured the tea and waited, binoculars at the ready. We spotted 16 species in the allotted hour. Some were flying around and some perched on the bushes. The list is obviously not typical of usual garden visitors as the Whinze is scrub surrounded by farmland. We didn't spot Harold Scully's tree creepers or the sparrow hawk.

Common - Wood pigeon 10 Blackbird 1 Great Tit 3 Robin 5 Chaffinch 3 Blue Tit 2 Magpie 1 Wren 1
Duncock 3

Not so common in the Garden - Mistle Thrush 1, Redwing 1, Mallard 2, Rook 20, Black Headed Gull 1

Not expected by RSPB - Egyptian Goose 2 and Little Egret 1

Ed & Cookie Marshall



Your number 1 bird was the
Rook

20

You spotted 20 Rook which means you spotted more than the national average of 0.

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Your bird count:
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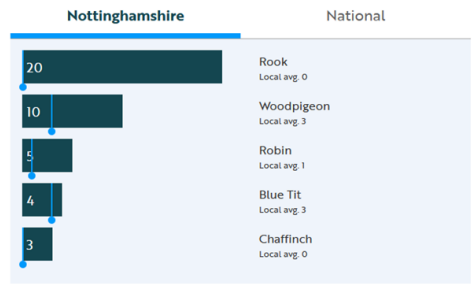
That's above the national average of 27 birds for each birdwatcher.



Unusual bird spot
Mistle Thrush

Last year they were ranked [53] out of 80 in the Birdwatch results

How you compare



Church Notices for March

- Sunday 3rd: Blyth- 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 10th - Mothering Sunday: Ranskill - 9.30am Parade service
- Sunday 17th: Blyth - 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 24th Palm Sunday: Scrooby - 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 31st - Easter Sunday: Ranskill - 9.30am CW HC

Key:

CW - Common Worship

HC - Holy Communion

BCP - Book of Common Prayer

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

If you would like to arrange a baptism, wedding, funeral or other function at one of our churches please contact one of the churchwardens below.

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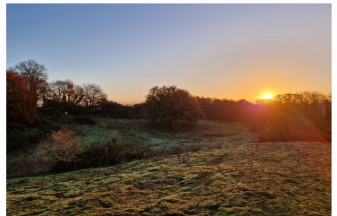
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Whinze and Gibbet Hill Update

Project work at the Whinze and Gibbet Hill is drawing to a close. Recent updates include the installation of 2 benches on Gibbet Hill (we're told these are great for bird watching). Along with pedestrian access points and fencing/hedging work to secure the area.

A few areas of pathways have been installed at The Whinze in areas that are prone to get overgrown in summer, or slippery in winter; thus helping to reduce the ongoing maintenance and ensure people can continue to enjoy access.

We're also delighted to say that 8 of the bird boxes that were installed at the Whinze are showing signs of habitation. Local volunteer, Harold, has also made and installed bird boxes at Gibbet Hill, and bird feeders at the Whinze - can you find them?





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Sunday: 12-9pm

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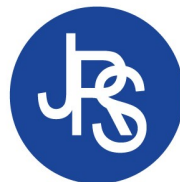
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5. How many Tudor monarchs were there?
6. Who had a horse called Bucephalus?
7. The Great Fire of London started in a bakery – True or False?
8. Who was the last wife of Henry VIII?
9. How many years did Prohibition last in the US?
10. Which ruler referred to the English as a nation of shopkeepers?
11. Which is the only Seven Wonders of the World to still exist?
12. Which historic event took place in Rome in 64AD?
13. Who first invented writing?
14. On what island did ancient Greek civilisation originate?
15. Emperor Nero was the adopted son of which other emperor?
16. The Trojan War was a battle between which ancient cities?
17. How long did the 100 Year War actually last?
18. How did Joan of Arc die?
19. In what year did The Titanic sink?
20. The Battle of Gettysburg was a battle in which war?
21. What did the Romans call Scotland?
22. The Bubonic Plague from 1346-1353 is also known as what?



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Childhood Memories - Part 3

Continued from Dec'23 Star...

October was the time for the "Feast" when Tuby's brought dodgems and other stalls into the field north of Bluebell Court. It was eagerly anticipated and we saved up our pocket money for weeks beforehand. A ride on the dodgems was one shilling (5p). It was always known as Ranskill Feast, maybe there was a connection with the harvest festivals?

At that time there was our shop and five more in the village. My mother sold groceries, bread, cigarettes etc. Butter, lard and margarine came in huge blocks

which stood on the counter and were cut to order. Sugar came in enormous paper sacks and was weighed out into strong blue bags in 1lb or 2lb or whatever the customer wanted. Oranges came in large wooden boxes with each orange individually wrapped.

About once a month a large cardboard box would arrive by rail from London full of Lyons cakes. The groceries were supplied by a Doncaster firm whose representative called every other week dressed in a dark suit and bowler hat to take the order. Some reps used to come round on a bicycle.

The Co-op was the largest shop in the village run by Mr Birch and is now known as Brompton House.

You could place your order and it would be delivered later by bike. It was also the first shop in the village to sell ice cream. It came in small round pieces, like a mini artic roll, the paper had to be removed and then it manoeuvred into a cornet if you were lucky.

Mrs Green had the shop which is now Willow Lodge. The main thing I remember about Mrs Green was that she had enormous teeth.



'Teapot' Square

The first landlord I can remember at the Blue Bell was Jack Bancroft and his wife Ida.

During the day Jack worked at the Labour Exchange in Doncaster. Then the car park area looked quite different, there was a saddle house, pig sty, a two storey barn and the rest of the yard was filled with stables. Then there was the garden which is now Blue Bell Court. It was always like a wilderness because no-one had the time or the inclination to cultivate it.

One night just before Christmas a lorry driver travelling north fell asleep and crashed into what I think was then known as the smoke room. His lady passenger who had been Christmas shopping was killed and Christmas presents were scattered about in the wreckage. The repairs to the pub are still visible today.

We had always had a piano in the front room and when I was about 12 I decided I would like to play it. I went round to Alice Denman in Station Road who gave lessons for 1s 6d (7½p) for half an hour. I went for about two years then packed it in and have regretted it ever

since.

Also about this time, my dad scythed a piece of grass in the feast field short enough to be cut with a mower and we made a tennis court. All the kids in the village played on it but few would help to cut it and mark it out so it eventually got abandoned.

The first TV aerial I remember was on a cottage on Blyth Road. TV's were few and far between in those days and if there was something a bit special on the neighbours were invited in. The curtains were drawn, a small light was switched on and everybody was peering at the small black and white screen.

The Coronation in 1953 did wonders for TV sales but we did not have one for several years later. Funnily enough I do not remember feeling deprived.

When I was 14 I joined the Reading Room, which was open six nights a week in those days. We mostly played billiards, darts and cards. The snooker balls did not come out very often at that time.

We supported the village football team, which most

years played in the paddocks below Poplar Farm.

At the one time a mobile cinema used to visit the village and show films in the Temperance Hall. The acoustics were terrible but we enjoyed it. Another highlight of the week was the mobile fish and chip shop. You always knew when he had arrived as he rang a big hand bell.

Sometime around 1951 the church got a new vicar, the Reverend Sturdy. He was of a different generation to his predecessors and was enthusiastic and energetic to say the least.

Among other things, he started a confirmation class to which I and about five others enrolled. We were confirmed at Blyth Church in 1952 by the Bishop of Southwell Dr Russell Barry and somehow the Reverend Sturdy transported us all there and back in his very ancient Austin 7.

Looking back now, I think growing up in Ranskill was not too bad at all.

To be continued... P F Parkin



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North Notts Local Group Talk—Wildflower Gardening



Wildflower Gardening is the subject of this month's talk at the Idle Valley Centre and it will be given by Meadowmaker, Ed Cook. Several members had asked for Ed, having heard him speak previously. They described him as 'inspirational.'

His talk loosely follows last month's exploration by Kieron Huston of what our gardens can tell us about the changing fortunes of insect populations and the role of gardens in maintaining them. Ed will update us on the state of wildflowers in the UK and describe how climate change and habitat loss etc have affected them. He will tell us how residential gardeners can help and show us the results of some UK studies that have demonstrated just how much they can help!

Additionally, Ed will tell us about meadowmaking. He will showcase some star wildflower species and he will bring his wildflower show stall so we can see and

buy some of the plants he has told us about in his talk. This sounds to me like the perfect opportunity for those of us who care enough to want to give our insects a helping hand but are not really sure how to go about it. I'll be there with my notebook and pen at the ready! Hope to see lots of other people scribbling away there too so we in Bassetlaw can begin to make our gardens more wildflower and insect friendly and boost the numbers in our gardens. Now that would be worth doing.

We are really looking forward to welcoming Ed Cooke to the Idle Valley as our speaker at the March meeting. The meeting will start at 7.15pm on Thursday, 14 March 2024. Admission £3 includes tea, coffee and biscuits. All welcome; no need to book.

For more information contact Jan Williamson 01777 709974, 07969180067 or janwilliamson133@gmail.com

The Wednesday (Memory) Group

The Importance of Friends and Family

I think we all recognise the importance of family. But what about those who have no family?

I get the impression, from the people I know, that there may be quite a lot of them. Admittedly, a good many are elderly so more likely to be alone. Even if they have family, they may live some distance away and, effectively, this cuts them off from an important source of social support and interaction. They are at risk of becoming isolated and losing their social skills. If they have dementia, the risk of isolation increases, often due to embarrassment at not being able to remember people's names.

What can be done? Some elderly people are quite capable of getting the car out and going to visit someone or taking themselves off for a meal at the pub where there's a good chance they'll get talking to someone. Others might need a bit of encouragement.

If you've got a relative or acquaintance who seems a bit isolated, why not try getting them to join one of the many social or activity groups around? This magazine is full of them. You may have to stay with them for a while to get them started but if they take to it, it will be time well invested in their happiness.

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

For more information, contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com for the latest on what we are doing and current availability.

We sometimes have to operate a waiting list but not very often and although we charge £10 per session to cover our costs, your first visit is free.

Scrooby Community Cinema Presents



On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

Sunday 10th March 8:00pm (doors open 7:30)

Scrooby Village Hall - £5 on the door

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Details: Steve Cordery - 07494 242853

The Scrooby Mayflower Rock Coming Soon!



The Working Group admire the bronze sculpture in Mike Johnson's studio

On February 7th the Sculpture Working Group visited the Dovecote studio in Styrrup to view the work before it is dismantled ready for installation. It will soon be assembled on the Croft next to the Village Hall.

A foundation slab will be constructed imminently and the sculpture will follow during April.

The Working Group discussed the best

date for the formal unveiling. It was suggested that Scrooby Show on the 7th September, 404th Mayflower anniversary, would be auspicious. There will be a big crowd and it will give us some time to find a suitably, appropriate personality to do the job.

Scrooby village and all our visitors will be able to admire it in the meantime.

Ed Marshall

RANSKILL BOWLS CLUB (Station Road, DN22 8LE)

The indoor games continue for a few more weeks, still competitive but a lot of fun. We look forward to welcoming visiting local teams over these weeks before we head outside for the start of our summer season.



This will start on Saturday 20th April 2024 with a charity fundraising Coffee Morning at 10am, supporting Motor Neurone Disease, and Cancer Research.

We would love to see everyone for a cuppa and cake with a chance to win on the raffle and tombola. There will be an opportunity to have a fun 'roll' on the bowls green at the same time.

Items from the Craft Club will be displayed, and members can answer any queries you might have. We look forward to your company and support. Posters will be put up around the village nearer the date.

Contact Simon on 07876 285593 for further information, or Carol on 07495 072254 for Craft Club enquiries.



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Grange Cottage-Blyth Road	10.00 - 10.10	Station Road No 7	12.20 - 12.30
Barnby Moor The Coppice	10.15 - 10.35	Station Avenue No 57	14.00 - 14.20
Whitton Close	10.40 - 10.55	Torworth Holds Lane	14.25 - 14.40
Arundel Drive / Oaks Close	11.00 - 11.40	Torworth Underwood Ave	14.45 - 15.00

Scrooby - Tuesday 26th March

Lyndhurst	15.20 - 15.30	Station Road / Low Road	15.35 - 15.50
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RECIPES to try ...

I use my large frying pan with a close fitting lid for both recipes. Otherwise, finish off in a casserole in the oven

PORK CHOPS WITH PAPRIKA SAUCE - serves 4-6

4-6 chops or shoulder steaks

Dip in seasoned flour and fry golden in 1oz butter

Mix and pour over:-

¼ pint sour cream 1 tabbsp lemon juice (or to taste)

2 level teasp sugar 1 level teasp paprika

1 level teasp onion salt (or to taste)

5 tabbsp chicken stock
chopped parsley (plenty)

Cover and cook to tender (OR put in covered casserole and bake 350°F 180°C Mark 4 till tender)

STANLEYS CHICKEN - serves 4-6

4 large portions chicken (leg or breast) or 6 lesser

½ lb sliced onions 2oz butter

½ pint single cream juice of ½ small lemon (or to taste)

6 sliced mushrooms 1 level teasp curry powder or paste

Pinch of cayenne pepper and salt

Cook chicken and onions in the butter for 10-15 mins

Mix in curry powder or paste and cook for another 2-3 mins

Add mushrooms and cook for further few mins then add cream, lemon juice, salt and cayenne

Cover and cook still tender (OR put in covered casserole and bake till tender as above)



Joy T

Ranskill & Torworth W.I

Ranskill & Torworth W.I Lunch Club

We would like to say a big
thankyou to all the people who
support our monthly Lunch Club
held at St. Barnabas Church
Ranskill.

It is a lovely social event as well as
an opportunity to raise funds for a
local charity.

Last year our chosen charity was
The Bassetlaw Food Bank and
through the Lunch Club we raised

£380. We used it to buy food ,
including Christmas food, which
we took to the food bank in time
for Christmas.

Thankyou to everyone who has
helped us to raise this money for
such a good cause.

The March Lunch Club is on March
21st at St Barnabas Church 12 for
12.30pm. £5 a head.

If you would like to come and join
us please phone W.I Secretary Dot
on 01777817505 to book your
place.

The meeting for the Ranskill &
Torworth W.I will be held on
Tuesday 26th March in the Village
Hall. Kennel Drive. Barnby Moor.
commencing 2pm. The Speaker
will be Mrs. Helen Grainger who
will be bringing along a
selection of hats for all
occasions, and advising the best
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Bring out the anti-wrinkle cream,
Turn mirrors to the wall.
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And revel in its pleasure.
You're wished the Happiest Birthday
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Remembered with love

Joy T

QUOTE for the MONTH

"A diplomat is a man who
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nothing"

FREDERICK SAWYER



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Love Joy T

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1. Henry VI
2. Abraham Lincoln
3. Marie Curie
4. 1492
5. 5
6. Alexander the Great
7. True
8. Catherine Parr
9. 13
10. Napoleon Bonaparte
11. Great Pyramids of Giza
12. Burned for 6 days & 7 nights
13. The Sumerians
14. Crete
15. Claudius
16. Mycenae & Troy
17. 116 years
18. Burnt at the Stake
19. 1912
20. American Civil War
21. Caledonia
22. The Black Death

Man Chat

We are now meeting every Thursday between 2.00pm to 4.00pm at The Blue Bell, Ranskill.

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WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2024 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: P. Brown, M. Pryce

D. Cllr: D. Bamford

C. Cllr: Absent

Clerk: B. Kinsey

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

01/1123: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs L. Shaw, A. Bing, A. Garner. C.Cllr T.Tracey.

There being a shortage of Councillors attending a quorate was deemed not to be present. The Chair declared that business could not be transacted and the meeting was closed.

16/1123: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

7th February 2024

Signed as a true record: -

Chair: D. Simpson

A BIG thank you to Dennis Till !

For some considerable time now Dennis Till has been delivering 126 copies of the magazine to Station Avenue. These are split into two sets of 75 and 51.

Dennis has let it be known that it is now getting a bit too much and he would appreciate it if someone else could take over although he will try to carry on for the March issue.

We would like to thank Dennis for all his time and effort over the years. And would like to request someone (or two people if we split into 75 and 51) to take over this area for delivery.

Please do get in touch.

Solution to March puzzle

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