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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.**

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Dear Readers

We have another fun filled edition this month with all three villages sharing information about upcoming events and how you can help to support them.

There's a car boot in Torworth, see page 5, we have an update on the Scrooby Mayflower Sculpture on page 11 plus a celebratory picnic at Scrooby Whinze for the official reopening, see page 21. In Ranskill you can join the Bowls Club fundraising day, see page 25.

The STAR is still in need of your support too. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to assist with the deliveries—can you help?? The magazine wouldn't exist if volunteers didn't spare some time each month to help share the wonderful things all the villages are doing for the STAR community.

If you have a couple of hours to spare each month, please get in touch.

Enjoy the lighter nights and enjoy the Easter holidays.

Luci





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As well as pedigree and fun classes this year there will be a chance for handlers and their dogs to enter competitions like egg and spoon races and musical chairs. Can your dog win a prize for catching sausages?

There will be stalls, demonstrations, music, a bar and of course lots of food. It will be another great day out for all the family.

Make a note in your diary so as not to miss it and check out our website as more information is announced.



[torworthfestival@gmail.com](mailto:torworthfestival@gmail.com)

# Open Studios Notts

Open Studios Notts aims to widely promote Nottinghamshire artists and maker's open studio events in co-operative collaboration, creating opportunities each year for visitors to connect with artists and to discover their work and practices.

Inspire: Culture, Learning & Libraries supports Open Studios Notts by commissioning and curating exhibitions in their Library Galleries. The photographs in the exhibitions capture rare behind-the-scenes images of the artists and crafts peoples' working worlds, shown alongside their work and includes information about where to visit the Open Studios events taking place across the county.

This year Mark Gittins of Ranskill is one of 14 to be selected to be part of the Open Studios Notts: Bringing Artists into View Exhibitions at West Bridgford, Worksop & Southwell Library Galleries.

His pottery, alongside photographs and work from other artists and makers selected from North Notts, will be on display at Worksop Library Gallery from Saturday 27 April until Sunday 9 June.

For the full list of people taking part in Open Studios 2024 visit: [osnotts.co.uk](http://osnotts.co.uk)

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## Church Notices for April

- Sunday 7th: Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 14th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 21st: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 28th: Scrooby – 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.

### Useful Contacts:

Church Warden - Ranskill, David Stacey 01777 818303

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I really enjoyed PGL we did lots of things. I went on the zip wire it was really fun, I also went canoeing, my favourite was the giant swing. I got to sleep in a bunk bed with my friend. The dinners were fantastic and the people were nice too. I would definitely go again it was so much fun. Emily



I had an amazing time at PGL. I made new friends and tried lots of new activities like zipwire, canoeing, archery and a very high climbing wall. I liked high ropes the best even though I got stuck!!! We also sung lots of songs, had a disco and did crafting. Thank you to Brown Owl, Tawny Owl and Snowy Owl for taking us. Sophie





# 1st Ranskill Brownies and Rainbows

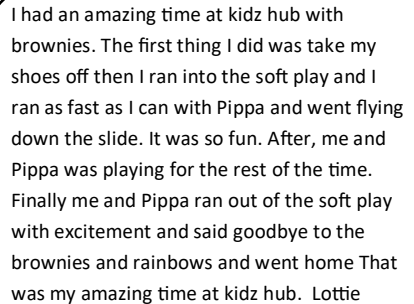
**Brownies** have had a busy few weeks. They completed Ollerton Rangers Pancake badge challenge and celebrated Thinking Day when many wore their Brownie Uniform to school and attended the division event at St Saviours in Retford along with other Rainbows and Brownies.

The first weekend in March Brownies from various places took over PGL at Caythorpe Court, Lincs. Fifteen girls from Ranskill along with ten from Ordsall Brownies went along from Friday teatime to Sunday evening and enjoyed it all. Many tried activities they had never done before and all absolutely did their best so well done to Elsie, Ava, Zara, Lily, Eliza, Jessicas, Ellie, Matilda, Grace, Anya, Persephone, Sophie, Hattie, Holly and Emily.

We attended Mothering Sunday Parade Service and thank you and well done to Grace who carried the flag escorted by Sophie and Persephone.

Our last meeting this term will be an Easter Bunny Drive and egg hunt. We will be in Retford on Sunday 21st April for the Annual Parade and Service at St Swithuns Church.

Thank you to parents who have supported the girls this term and to those who have come along to support at meetings.



I had an amazing time at kidz hub with brownies. The first thing I did was take my shoes off then I ran into the soft play and I ran as fast as I can with Pippa and went flying down the slide. It was so fun. After, me and Pippa was playing for the rest of the time. Finally me and Pippa ran out of the soft play with excitement and said goodbye to the brownies and rainbows and went home That was my amazing time at kidz hub. Lottie

Brownies meet on Mondays at Scrooby Village Hall and are looking for new volunteers who can support their many activities. We have a full unit at the moment and have some girls who would like to move onto Guides.

Could you help in any way? Would you be able to make a difference to young people? Do you want a new challenge? Do you want to support your local community? If so please contact me or go to Girlguiding UK.

**Rainbows** have been joined this term by Cerys, Hattie, Emma, Charlotte, Harriet and Joanie. They have celebrated Thinking Day and again many wore their uniforms to school and gained a World Thinking Day badge.

They had a fun evening at Kidzclub, Harworth and were joined by the Brownies who did not go on PGL.

The Rainbow was carried on Mothering Sunday by Evelyn and Isabelle and thank you to all other girls and families who came along.

This August Retford Guides and some leaders are going to Switzerland and have developed a challenge badge for girls to complete. We made fruit sticks with chocolate fondue and an edelweiss flower picture. Well done to Emily, Eva, Thea, Seren, Bethany, Katie, Georgia, Cressida, Evelyn, Ivy, Jenni, Martha and Anna.

Our last meeting of the term was an egg and bunny hunt and making an Easter bunny hat.

Rainbows meet on Tuesdays at Scrooby Village Hall and do have a waiting list and can now take four year olds. If you would like to put your daughters name down please go to Girlguiding UK and register your interest.

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# Scrooby Mayflower Art Installation

## Moving Forward

The foundation slab for the Brewster Memorial sculpture has been laid on the Croft. Many thanks to Mark Bray, Builder from Scrooby Top for making the excavation and to George Scholey of Rotherham Sand and Gravel for the generous supply of concrete.

*Sculpture Working Group member, Steve Lincoln and Sculptor Mike Johnson laying the slab.*



We have received a generous donation towards the sculpture from a veteran member of the US Airforce. Mason Hier arrived here to do his duty in 1945. He met his wife in Cheshire and never returned to the US. Now 94, he lives at the Gibbet Hill Lane caravan site. Mason also contributed his service medal to the Scrooby Mayflower Time Capsule. In recognition of his generosity, we thought Mason should view the sculpture being prepared at Mike Johnson's Studio in Styrrup.



*Mason Hier views the replica Plymouth Rock with Mike Johnson.*

*Ed Marshall*



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3. Which country would you be in staying at the famous Raffles Hotel?
4. The history of surfing can be traced back to which island?
5. Which country would you be in if visiting Montego Bay?
6. In which US state is the Grand Canyon?
7. What is India's most famous landmark?
8. In which city would you find the Sagrada Familia?
9. Which country would you be in if visiting Chichen Itza?
10. In which European city is The Spanish Steps?
11. In which city would you find Christ the Redeemer?
12. In which Middle Eastern country would you find the Lost City of Petra?
13. The tallest building in the world is the Burj Khalifa, in which city is it located?
14. What is the famous landmark in Northern Ireland made up of hexagon shaped steps?
15. The island of Aruba in the Caribbean is under which country's control?
16. Which group of islands would you be visiting if in Fuerteventura?
17. In which city can you visit the Blue Mosque?
18. The introduction of capsule hotels was first established in which country?
19. Which UK city would you be visiting if staying at the Witchery By the Castle?
20. The Orient express travelled originally between two cities, name one of them?
21. If you were visiting St Basil's Cathedral, which city would you be in?
22. Which country would you need to visit to see Angel Falls, the world's tallest waterfall?



### **RETFORD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL & ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 7.30pm**

### **“A SAUCY TALE” -- The history of Henderson’s Relish**

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**We need more volunteers for both of our groups!  
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### **Ripples Baby and Toddler Group**



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

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



### **Ripples Social Group (Dementia friendly)**



**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3pm at Scrooby Village Hall.**

(and on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays run by Scrooby PC)

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Scrooby Village Hall will open as a Warm Space in 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:

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	

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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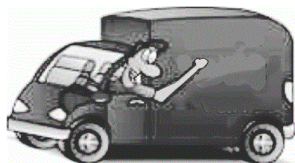
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## North Notts Local Group: Pond Life, Talk by David Fox



As the weather warms this month, we begin to see more life in our ponds. We all recognise tadpoles and probably have since bringing our first jam jar full of them home but there is lots of other wildlife lurking in and around the water.

Our April speaker, David Fox, will guide us through some of the birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians, plants molluscs and microscopic life we might expect to find on a visit to the pond, especially if we come armed with a pond dipping net.

David is a familiar face at our meetings; he has given talks on a variety of subjects including falconry and Kes. His talk on Pond Life is preparation for a pond-dipping for grownups session which will be organised as part of the Local Group's summer activity

programme. It will probably be held on the Idle Valley Nature Reserve but there may be sessions elsewhere.

Hopefully, those who have attended David's talk will be able to identify some of the creatures they catch but if not, there will be experts on hand to help out.

The April meeting will start at 7.15pm on Thursday, 11 April 2024. Admission £3 includes tea, coffee, and biscuits. All welcome; no need to book. This meeting will be preceded by a brief AGM.

Further details of all meetings will be published in the weekly Update, which you can sign up for by contacting Jan Williamson on 01777 709974, 969180067 or janwilliamson133@gmail.com

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## The Wednesday (Memory) Group

### Keeping Everything Going!

It certainly seems to be the case that as we get older everything starts to slow up. We're not as steady on our feet or we don't get around as quickly as we used to; trying to adapt a recipe by solving a simple maths problem takes too long and as for maintaining a social life and being able to play a full part in conversation with a group of friends – well, it never used to be a problem but now, just as you've thought what you want to say, the conversation's moved on to another topic. It happens gradually and makes people even more reluctant to do anything when they realise what is happening to them.

Happily, there is help at hand. Wednesday Group members find the friendly support of other members and volunteers just what is needed. A range of activities is on offer to help everyone keep all their skills, social and physical, up to scratch. Opening time was extended to give member more time to chat over a cuppa before the programme starts. Bingo, cards, dominoes, craft work, quiz, chair dance, chair

exercises all help to keep body and mind alert. And then, there's the music! It's an absolute certainty that Jessica Brett or the Retford Ukulele Group, both regulars, will have everyone singing along and those who can, up on their feet dancing. That's the way to do it!

If you care for someone with dementia or you yourself have a diagnosis or you 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.

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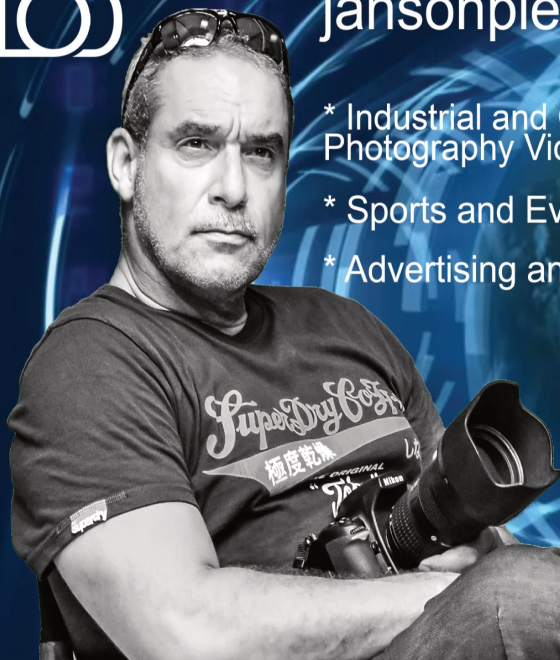
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## Christian Perspective—Love



I've been thinking about the subject of love and what true love really is. We had Valentine's Day in February which some people think of as special to express love to their nearest and dearest. On a

recent Martin Lewis Money Show he asked people to respond on whether they felt Valentine's Day was joyous romantic celebration, or a 'commercialised corporate construct to push us to spend'—and asked the question: Do you spend for Valentines? Almost 68% of the people who responded said they thought it was commercial and they didn't spend. It seems that St. Valentine's Day dates back in some form to Roman times, but the true origin of the holiday is vague at best. Valentine's Day did not come to be celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century. There are lots of pop songs and films about this subject of love, which mostly seem to be connected to the physical side. So those are some areas where the world would try to tell us what love is.

But what does the Bible say about love? We have just celebrated Easter, for which many languages use a word that means the Passion—indicating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. One of the best known verses in the Bible, often quoted, is John 3:16 which reads: *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

This speaks to us of the love of God for the world and every person in it, which was so strong that it caused him to give the One who was most precious to him, to save for himself all who would believe. Because God loves, God gave.

So the love of God, in action in the cross, provides us with the only way into his kingdom, into his family. We were separated from God because of our sinful nature and so were his enemies, but by faith in Christ we can enter in and became his friends, his children.

Once we have entered in by faith into this wonderful love of God, we find it in action in many ways. Paul writes in Romans 5:10: *For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

There is so much to be gained by continuing to trust in him, loving him and loving one another. It opens up for us a whole world of operating in the love of God in our lives. In John's first letter we read that the love of God drives out all fear. We can also rejoice in this love when times are difficult and we face hard choices in life, when we are pressed down by the acts of those around us. Enter in to the never ending love of God and continue to walk in it daily. It will prove to be a life of joy and purpose.



Brenda Critchley

## Puzzle for April

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 shaded cells. The shaded cells must only contain even numbers and the unshaded cells only odd numbers. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

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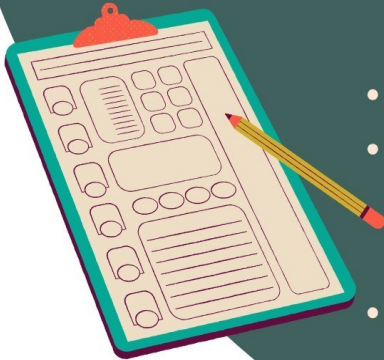
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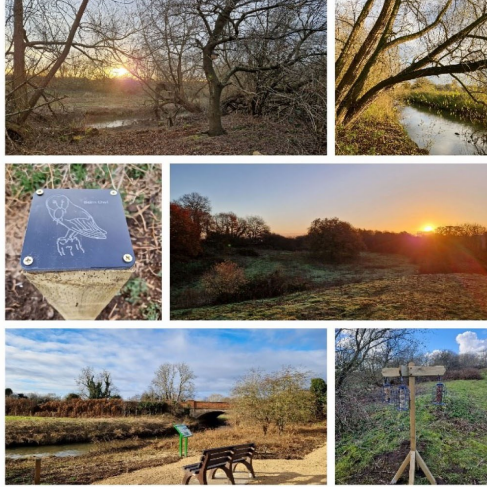
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## Ranskill and Torworth W.I

The Speaker for our meeting being held on Tuesday 23rd April will be Mrs Karen Turner, who will be talking on Genealogy.

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## Headland Lane Bridle Path

Are residents of Ranskill and Torworth aware of the damage to the public bridle path from North Road towards the railway line?

Some very heavy agricultural machinery, probable a beet harvester, has been down it when it was wet and muddy and literally destroyed it and making it difficult to walk down.. the actual walkable path cut to a third of it's width the picture shows part which is completely ruined .. this by another large tractor. The fields involved also look like replica Somme battlefields.

This is a public bridle path but the access to several fields so used by the farmers for access but as it is public land not theirs they surely have to consider any damage they do to it and rectify. There has been tractor wheel rutting for years but nothing of the destruction this year.



Can we ask what Ranskill Parish Council, Bassetlaw and/or NCC will be doing to ensure.

Not a question of stopping farmers using it for access but to avoid excessive damage and to rectify any damage done.

Name and address withheld.

### Solution to April puzzle

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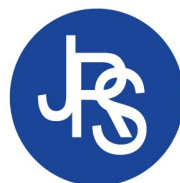
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6oz SR flour & 6oz plain flour                      2oz margarine                      4oz caster sugar  
3oz golden syrup                                      2 eggs                                      4 tablsps milk  
Rind of 1 lemon

Beat all together and spoon  $\frac{1}{2}$  the mix into a 2lb loaf tin or equivalent  
Lay in a sausage shape of 4oz marzipan (ready made is fine) then spoon in rest of cake mix  
Bake at 350°F 190°C Mark 5 for 40-45 mins

ICING: Mix juice of 1 lemon with 4oz icing sugar and spread on warm cake

Cool cake in the tin

NB If using a round tin, shape almond paste into a circle



### VELVET CHEESECAKE - serves 6-8

BASE:

4oz SR flour                                       $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz butter                                      1oz icing sugar

Rub butter in flour and sugar then bind with 1 egg yolk\*

Chill for 30mins – reserve  $\frac{1}{4}$  and use the rest to line an 8" flan tin or dish

FILLING:

8oz cottage cheese (sieved)                      1oz ground almonds                       $\frac{1}{2}$  lemon, juice and rind  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teasp vanilla essence                       $\frac{1}{2}$  oz softened butter                      2oz caster sugar  
2 eggs, separated                                      2oz sultanas

Mix all but the 2 egg whites together till well blended

Beat the egg whites until stiff – fold into the mixture

Spoon into the pastry and level with a knife

Roll out remaining piece of pastry and cut into  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch strips – use to decorate in a lattice pattern, dampening ends to seal well to the pastry case

\* Beat remaining last egg white to frothy and use to brush over surface of pie

Bake at 350°F 190°C Mark 5 for 40 mins till golden – serve warm

Joy T

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Never turning to left or to right.  
But please spare a thought for the crab, Folks,  
Imagine the cause of his plight.

He is mixed up and destined to wander  
While facing a world all askew.  
Our crustacean can only swim sideways,  
He'll never be first in a queue.

Take the goat, heading straight up a mountain.  
He leaps for the top with a bound.  
But the crab can't be the king of the castle,  
He must turn aside and look round.

Advancement is out of the question.  
Straight forward moves cause him distress.  
It matters not — portside or starboard —  
The poor crab must always digress.

*Joy T*

### QUOTE for the MONTH

I was recently reminded of our famous  
Yorkshire saying:

**"HOW MUCH?"**

(I'm guilty as charged, m' Lud — Joy T)

Saint Barnabas Church  
Ranskill

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If we stride out, that's about 2,686  
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(with my little legs, make that 4½)

Come on, Folks, let's keep walking

*With Happy Easter wishes  
from us All*

*Joy T*

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12. Jordan
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17. Istanbul
18. Japan
19. Edinburgh
20. Paris or Istanbul
21. Moscow
22. Venezuela



### A PRAYER FOR EASTER

Thank you for being my friend, Oh Lord  
Whatever my life, you are there.  
Behind me, beside me you bend, Oh Lord,  
To help and to guide and to share.

My joys and my happiness your love dictates,  
Your arm bears the weight of my tears.  
Your love is so sure when my heart hesitates,  
You're the strength that dissolves all my fears.

You ask nothing of me, that isn't your way.  
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*Joy T*



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**ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday 12 February 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall**

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Cordery, Nadine Croft, Michaela Blount, Ceri Smith, Ellaina Sammut (Brazier), Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor, District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part). Parishioners / Public present: None.
2. **Apologies**: Elaine Gargett, Lindsey Buxton.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Nadine Croft, Seconded by Ceri Smith.
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points** Completed or ongoing listed, but: Procurement Thresholds updates are carried forward, as are the winter Salt Bags location survey, Playground tree to be trimmed, the Village Hall annual servicing scheme, and the Parish Key Register.
4. **Agenda**
  - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – King's Portrait, HIVE, Leaves on the road and the Dog Control Order (all see below).
  - 4.2. Public Discussion – None.
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: King's Portrait (declined), Critical Incident at Notts Hospital, Bassetlaw Electoral Review, Future Funding Grants (Clerk to review)
- 5.2 Central Bassetlaw Forum continues
- 5.3 BDC Notts CC Baby Bank consultation, agreed as 'up to individuals'.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Noted: Devolution Deal Mayor election in 2024: STEP a number of planning applications out, HIVE 2<sup>nd</sup> round of consultations started, Lound Soil Treatment Plant is appealed so a Public Enquiry is set, and Budget set as a balanced budget with no cuts to services.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – Budget set in March, Home Farm planning to go to Planning Committee via an experienced officer.
7. **Finance Report**
  - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, the Whinze pathways, PRS charge, and NALC subs, the report was approved. Full details of the report can always be viewed at [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net).
  - 7.2 Other activities included Electoral Monitoring record update, Email retention / deletion periods for council email account and the Gardening Club will continue their litter picking next year (Clerk to pay them).
  - 7.3 Parish Council Precept 2024/25 – ratified at £8,640 pa or an increase of £3.18pa for a Band D property.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
- 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: 23/01453/CAT remove tree at Barn Cottage, No Objections: 24/00023/HSE Remodel rear porch and roof of Wooffendon House, No Objections:  
Existing Applications: 23/01275/OUT Home Farm outline permission, summarised objections lodged (see also above): 23/01437/CAT Crop Trees Holmefield Croft, no objections and passed: No changes to 23/01006/HSE White Cottage extension and 23/0134/CDM Scrooby Top Quarry time extension. 5 more static caravans down Saracens Lane and the Car Sales Plot are still in appeal.
- 9.3 HIVE: See above but a presentation to be given at next meeting. Planning Enforcement: No new cases reported.  
*Noted that in some cases Bassetlaw Planning request confidentiality.*
10. **Play Area**

The assessment into the installation of a children's climbing wall continues.
11. **Village Hall**
  - 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well, Annual Maintenance contracts agreed.
  - 11.2 Village permanent Christmas Tree – defer to next meeting.
12. **Village Environment**
  - 12.0 Noted village Grit Bin survey, Warms Spaces back again, many roadworks on Low Road. Street lighting failures on Great North Road, reported and repaired but PC felt it is everybody's responsibility to report not just the PC's. Leaves on Low Road, identifying who should clear them, but in first instance it is the owner of the trees, the Parish will help if it can. BDC Public Spaces Order – Dog Control, consultation on next year's order – agreed as extend it as is, but PC will remind the parish about dog "cleaning up".
  - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The pathways have been well received and the proposal to extend them is agreed (Plan C). Izzie and Ed Marshall complete the RSPB bird survey and the next work is to install bird feeders. The Council wishes also to thank Harold for all his work for birds on both sites.
  - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – A 'photo call' had been held for The STAR as this was the last time the memorial is made up before the next phase of moving and installation. That is planned for May and it's inauguration at the Scrooby Show.
  - 12.6 Network Rail Biodiversity Program – carried to next meeting.
  - 12.7 Hedgehogs r Us, a scheme to put warning signs on roads for hedgehog crossings. Agreed not needed for Scrooby.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**

None.

*All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net)*  
**Next meeting to be held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall**

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**ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday 11 March 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall**

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Corderly, Lindsey Buxton, Nadine Croft, Ceri Smith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor. Parishioners / Public present: Jake Barnes-Gott, Harry Gilham (HIVE Aggregates).
2. **Apologies**: Elaine Gargett, Michaela Blount, Ellaina Sammut (Brazier), District Cllr Jack Bowker.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Nadine Croft, Seconded by Ceri Smith.
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points** Completed or ongoing listed, but: Procurement Thresholds updates are carried forward, as are the winter Salt Bags location survey, Playground tree to be trimmed, the Village Hall annual servicing scheme, the Parish Key Register, Children's Climbing Wall, Network Rail Biodiversity Program.
4. **Agenda**
  - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Bassetlaw Food Bank, Village Hall Bad Debt, Parish Staff pay rise (all see below).
  - 4.2. Public Discussion – Presentation and Q&A session about the Hive PFA project, see 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: Hull Trains consultation and Bassetlaw Food Bank (see below)
  - 5.2 Central Bassetlaw Forum continues
  - 5.3 Bassetlaw Street Trading Consultation – Individual responses agreed.
  - 5.4 Visit to Scrooby of two William Brewster descendants on 7<sup>th</sup> June, arrangements in progress.
  6. **District and County Councillor's Report**  
County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Noted: Devolution Deal ongoing: Budget set as a balanced budget with no cuts to services.  
District Councillor Jack Bowker – No report.
  7. **Finance Report**
    - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, the Whinze pathways and Bird Feeding, Small Lotteries Licence, the report was approved. Full details of the report can always be viewed at [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net).
    - 7.2 Other activities included a S137 donation to The STAR of £275. A failure to pay for an invoice for the use of the Village Hall was written off, and the Council agreed an increase of staff pay of 10% (none last year and allowed for in the precept).
  8. **Police Report**  
Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend.
  9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
    - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: 24/00116/HSE Rear Extension Pear Tree Cottage, 24/00172/HSE Extension to part demolished out building Wildwood Vicarage Lane, 24/000195/CAT Fell 1 Cherry Tree Barn Cottage. The council did not objection to any of these three.  
Existing Applications: 23/01453/CAT remove tree at Barn Cottage: 24/00023/HSE Remodel rear porch and roof of Wooffendon House: 24/00067/CAT tree felling and pruning Peeble Mill, all no objections lodged. 23/01275/OUT Home Farm outline permission ongoing: Ongoing: 23/01006/HSE White Cottage extension, 23/0134/CDM Scrooby Top Quarry time extension. 5 more static caravans down Saracens Lane and the Car Sales Plot are still in appeal.
    - 9.3 HIVE: Two representatives presented to the council their updated project and answered / took questions away. An attentive and intense session, but the major effect on Scrooby would be 3-4 closed lorries per hour going to /from the A1. Further discussions when the questions are answered. Planning Enforcement: No new cases reported. *Noted that in some cases Bassetlaw Planning request confidentiality.*
  10. **Play Area**  
The assessment into the installation of a children's climbing wall continues.
  11. **Village Hall**
    - 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well,
    - 11.2 Village permanent Christmas Tree – location identified but need to carry over to next meeting.
  12. **Village Environment**
    - 12.0 Noted Nett Zero Climate Change survey and Notts Waste Local Plan, agreed as individual response.
    - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The pathways continue and trees have been planted in Gibbet Hill. Final work to be completed but an inaugural picnic is targeted for 20<sup>th</sup> April in afternoon, detail in flyers are agreed and will be delivered.
    - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The memorial has been dismantled prior to final finishing work. The plan remains as installation in May and inauguration at the Scrooby Show. The concrete base for the plinth is laid but as yet without concrete, leaving a hole in the ground. The safety concern that is left about the prepared "hole" is being addressed.
    - 12.6 Network Rail Biodiversity Program – carried to next meeting.
    - 12.7 TRS Allotment Association (at Torworth) – a request for supporting funds had to be deferred due to insufficient voting councillors. Item carried forward to the next meeting.
  14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**  
None. The Chair thanked the councillors for their patience and attention during this long meeting.

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**Next meeting to be held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall**

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

*Criminal activity? If life threatening call 999, else 101 **Stay Safe, Stay Well***

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