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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

We are still in need of volunteers to help deliver The STAR along the route down Station Avenue. The area could be split up into 2 deliveries: 51 and 75 copies each month. Please get in touch if this sounds right up your street...

Don't forget we are also looking for a deputy Editor and Advertising Manager, to ensure that your local mag gets published each month. Again, get in touch!

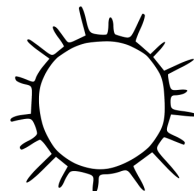
The summer ahead is looking excitingly busy. Please keep sending in your write ups and photographs after each of the events so everyone can read about them.

This months cover photo is taken at the Torworth, Ranskill and Scrooby Allotments linking to the article and allotment news on page 5.

Besides the gardeners and growers out there, the weather seems to be testing everyone's patience this month. Let's hope that by the time the BBQs have been wheeled out... the wellies can be put away.

Enjoy May.

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News from the Torworth, Ranskill and Scrooby Allotments

With the arrival of spring the allotments are awakening, and the gardening season has begun. Recently, we were very fortunate to receive funding from our 3 Parish Councils for repairs and improvements, needed to keep the site secure and provide a pond for wildlife.

One allotment became vacant recently, and despite an editorial in The Star and advert to the Scrooby Gardening Club, no one came forward to take it over. It was therefore decided at the Association's AGM that

we should dedicate the vacant plot to growing vegetables for the Bassetlaw Food Bank, with the full support of the landowner who was happy to give his backing to such a worthwhile scheme.

The Food Bank Manager, Laura Kennedy was delighted to receive our offer of support. She commented that 'Donations of fruit and veg' from the Torworth, Ranskill and Scrooby Allotment Association would be greatly appreciated and would benefit Bassetlaw

residents dealing with food insecurity.

A working group set to and planted the Food Bank Plot recently and the wildlife pond was dug out, lined and filled with water. We look forward to the new pond residents moving in! Another working morning will complete all the tasks and we will continue to water, weed and feed the Food Bank Plot.

If you are interested in having an allotment, please contact jandp2@icloud.com



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

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Christian Perspective—Abundance



Whenever people get together to celebrate, there is food. What host or hostess putting on an event doesn't feel concern about whether

there is enough? Usually there is a tendency to over-cater, just to make sure everyone gets plenty to eat. A few nights ago I had a dream where I was in a place where there was vast amounts of every kind of fruit and vegetable that you could imagine and many other foods beside. People were tucking in all around me, and there was obviously more than enough to go round. As I was waking up, still thinking about my dream, the word **abundance** came to mind.

It immediately made me think of Jesus speaking of the abundant life in John 10:10. He has been speaking of himself as the Good Shepherd, the One who truly cares for his sheep; how they know his voice and follow him. He speaks of how the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but says of himself: *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

When we come to trust in Jesus, receive his salvation and eternal life, and put our lives in his hands, the first thing we discover is that he provides for us in abundance. This doesn't just mean food for our bodies, but everything else in life that brings satisfaction and fulfillment. In Jesus Christ we can know the abundance there is in the House of God.

As we trust in him there is abundant grace and mercy, peace, love and joy, as well as provision for every day and every need.

Many of us know well Psalm 23, which expresses many of these thoughts. The Psalmist declares that the LORD is his Shepherd, and out of this comes many precious things. There are green pastures, quiet waters, restoration for the soul, guidance in right ways. Even when we have to go through dark and difficult places, he is there, using those experiences to shape us and prove and grow our faith. The Good Shepherd prepares a table and sets it out before us. There is an overflowing of abundance and the promise of eternal life. It's a wonderful Psalm and the favourite of many.

We receive so much to satisfy us when we trust in the Lord, but he also pours his Holy Spirit into us and, if we will give him room, he pours in his fruits for us to give away to others. Galatians 5:22-24 lists them for us: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."*

What a wonderful, abundant, fulfilling life we can enjoy when we follow Jesus, allowing his Spirit to direct and fill us for his purposes. God bless you as you walk with him.



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for May

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.

The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

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			6					4
		1					6	
1	9	2			7		8	
	6					3		7
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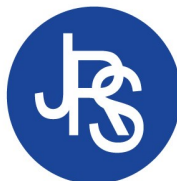
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- Sunday 12th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 19th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 26th: Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC

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, Scrooby, Gordon Ashworth 01777 818322



St Barnabas Church, Ranskill

Village Café Hub

Saturday May 11th



New time for the Cafe Hub is now 10.30am to 12.30pm

Headland Lane

I was surprised at the comments written in last months Star re the muddy conditions of Headlands Lane, Obviously the writer of this article is unaware of the amount of rain that has fallen over the past few months, many of the fields in the surrounding area have been and are still waterlogged. I also wonder how said writer expects the farmer to harvest his crops,

Headlands Lane is the only access to the fields by the railway line, the only means of driving tractors etc is via this route, unless they propose said farmer parachutes his machinery into the field. We live in the country, may I suggest that said person buys a good pair of wellingtons or obviously takes an alternative route for their walks of which there is a good choice on offer in

Ranskill. This land will heal over when the better weather comes and the sun is shining. Farmers put in long hours to produce the food to stock on the super market shelves, surprisingly it does not grow in packets.

As the writer has decided to stay anonymous. I also will follow suit and sign it The Mother-in-Law of a Farmer.

Additional comments from local residents...

Has there been any reaction from councils or farmers.

Who has responsibility for the path and who will repair it - council or farmers - and make sure it doesn't happen again.

Is there something that could be done to relay it to ensure pedestrians can use it as well as farmers without damaging it.

If anyone falls and injures themselves due to mud, restricted footway and ruts (some are a foot deep) or when in the summer the ruts and tyre tread become rock hard who can be held responsible and sued for compensation.

What do the farmers involved have to say about what they have done and any intentions to repair. It has all been caused by heavy agricultural machinery on wet, muddy ground with inevitable results.

Is there compensation for the loss of an amenity – a public path that is almost impossible to use. People walk the path.. or did.. also dog walkers and certainly horse riders dare not use it.



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Reduced stress and anxiety. Playing or listening to music can lower your blood pressure, heart

rate, and cortisol levels. Music can also induce a state of relaxation, calmness, and joy and reduce negative emotions, such as sadness, anger, or fear.

Strengthened social bonds. Playing an instrument can help you connect with others who share your passion. You can join a band, a choir, or a music group and enjoy the camaraderie and support of fellow musicians. Music can also help you express yourself and communicate with others through a universal language.

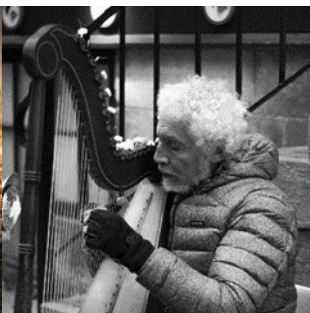
Enriched spiritual life. Music can be a form of worship, praise, and prayer. Music can also help you

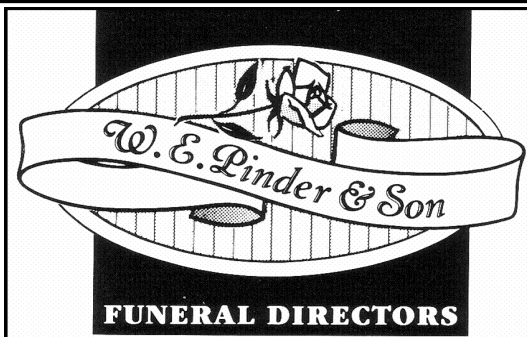
experience the beauty, wonder, and grace of God, or inspire you to live a more meaningful and purposeful life.

Music is more than just a hobby. It's a gift from God that can enhance your body, mind, and spirit. Why not pick up an instrument, or book a music lesson, and start playing today? You will be amazed by the benefits of music for your health and happiness.

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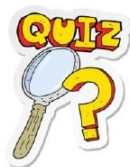
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MAY QUIZ



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2. Which country celebrates Cinco de Mayo on 5th May?
3. Which US city holds the Met Gala on the 1st Monday of May?
4. How does the town of Stilton celebrate May Day each year?
5. What is the birthstone for May?
6. Every May, the Mamamatsu Festival in Japan sees 1,000s taking part in which activity?
7. What is unique about Paraguay's Independence Day in mid-May?
8. In the nursery rhyme 'Nuts in May' on what sort of morning are the nuts gathered?
9. What did the Romans think was unlucky to do in May?
10. What is the May full moon sometimes known as?
11. Victory in Europe Day, falling on 8th May, celebrates the end of which conflict?
12. Azerbaijan celebrates its independence from which country on 28th May?
13. The 'Palme d'Or' is a coveted prize at which arts festival each May?
14. What is May's birth flower?
15. What iconic landmark opened in New York on 1st May 1931?
16. Which country celebrates the Festival of Crosses in May?
17. Which festival celebrated in May originated as the Celtic celebration of Beltane?
18. What is the more common name for the Mayflower shrub?
19. Which band released the 2008 song 'Stormy May Day'?
20. On 4th May which world famous film series is celebrated each year?

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North Notts Local Group: Summer Programme



Having just completed a very successful series of winter talks at the Idle Valley the Local Group is now turning its attention to summer activities. First on the agenda will be pond dipping for grown-ups. This follows our last talk of the season by David Fox on Pond Life. Other activities will include a guided walk in a private woodland managed entirely for wildlife. This is a rare, not to be missed opportunity to venture into a paradise for wildlife and learn how the owner's management techniques are designed to benefit wildlife.

A visit to Naturescape, a wildflower farm with a shop and tearoom is also planned and there, as well as fields of beautiful wildflowers, you can see lawn rewilding, bee habitat creation and a host of other innovations. You can buy wildflowers, seeds, bulbs and plants that will attract native insects to your garden and help support biodiversity. Finally we hope

to visit the lovely Tuxford Walks of Life museum which houses countless handcrafts and many other interesting artefacts.

Dates and times for these activities are still being finalised and more information on all of them will be available in the Idle Valley visitor centre, the Retford Information Page or you can get it direct to your inbox by signing up for weekly, email Updates at janwilliamson133@gmail.com. You don't have to be a member to sign up, just email Jan and ask to receive the Local Group's weekly Update. The summer activities continue from May through to August and our winter programme of talks starts again in September.

Sign up now and make sure you don't miss a single trick!

The Wednesday (Memory) Group

Keeping it Normal!

It used to be the case that when symptoms of dementia became obvious, people displaying them were often viewed as though they were aliens from another planet. Why else would they keep repeating the same bit of information or asking the same question?

Happily, now, we are rather more enlightened but, sadly, only because dementia has become so much more common it seems. At least now it's better understood we're not so frightened by it and people with dementia can expect to be treated like functioning members of society and join social and sporting activities like everyone else. Minor adjustments may have to be made for them but don't we make some kind of adjustment for everyone we know? A more formal approach to this person or speak a little more clearly for that one?

We at the Wednesday Group find that the mixture of carers, people with dementia and former carers who come to our meetings works very well. We even had

one person who walked in by chance looking for the hairdressers' and kept coming for several years! Everyone gets on together and the more able help anyone who needs a prompt or a bit of reassurance. Problems are made light of, a lot of enjoyment is shared and, for the most part, no-one knows which members have dementia and which don't.

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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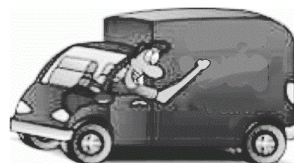
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4oz lard (any white fat)

¼ pint water

salt and pepper

Soften leek and onions in the butter – season well

In a bowl, mix flour, lard and water to make a soft but sticky dough – mix into hot leek mixture in its pan then turn all into greased shallow dish and level the surface

Bake at 400°F 200°C Gas Mark 6 for 30 mins

SWEET CRUSTY BREADSTICK (or 2 cobs)

Mix together:-

1lb 5oz self raising flour

2 level tablsps sugar

1 teasp vanilla essence or to taste

1 tablsps oil

Pinch of salt

12 fl.oz buttermilk or ½ & ½ milk and plain yoghurt

Shape into long roll and slash ¾ inch deep lengthwise along the top

Bake at 350°F 180°/160°C Gas Mark 4 for 30-35 mins till risen and crisp

Alt: Make into 2 cobs, slashing tops in a cross



Joy T

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WILL IT? WON'T IT?

The thermometer says it's Winter,
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Is touching everything.
Clear blue skies above me
— Another sunny day —
So who am I to argue?
I simply say hurray.

But now the winds are blowing,
The trees are bending flat.
It seems we're back to winter,
Can't disagree with that.
Put on your woollie jumpers!
With dark clouds overhead,,
It's back to our umbrellas
And not much to be said.

Perhaps tomorrows forecast
Will take away the rain
To kid us on it's summer
As the sun shines bright again.
Barometers swing wildly.
With no two days the same.
This noble British weather
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Joy T

Saint Barnabas Church
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MILE OF PENNIES

As of April 1st, we have reached

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Hope you all enjoyed a Happy Easter and
are ready for us to start marching again

Keep them coming!

Love, Joy T

MAY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Taurus 2. Mexico 3. New York 4. Cheese rolling contest 5. Emerald 6. Kite Flying 7. It takes place over 2 days 8. Cold and frosty 9. Get married 10. The Full Flower Moon 11. WWII 12. The Soviet Union 13. Cannes Film Festival 14. Lily of the Valley 15. Empire State Building 16. Portugal 17. May Day 18. Hawthorne 19. AC/DC 20. Star Wars

QUOTE for the MONTH

"Time is the most valuable thing a
man can spend"

THEOPHRASTUS

Ranskill and Torworth W.I

Ranskill and Torworth W.I. will be holding their
monthly meeting on Tuesday 28th May in the
Village Hall. Kennel Drive. Barnby Moor.
Commencing 2pm.

This month will be the Resolution Meeting. For
further information please ring 01777 818519.

Pat Blatchford

Solution to May puzzle

6	4	7	9	1	5	8	3	2
5	2	9	6	3	8	1	7	4
3	8	1	2	7	4	9	6	5
1	9	2	3	4	7	5	8	6
8	6	4	5	2	9	3	1	7
7	5	3	1	8	6	2	4	9
4	1	5	7	9	3	6	2	8
2	7	6	8	5	1	4	9	3
9	3	8	4	6	2	7	5	1



We need more volunteers for both of our groups!
Please get in touch if you can help, whether regularly or on occasion (contact details below).



Ripples Baby and Toddler Group

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

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



Ripples Social Group (Dementia friendly)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3pm at Scrooby Village Hall.

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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:

May 7th May 21st

June 4th June 18th

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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Sunday 12th May

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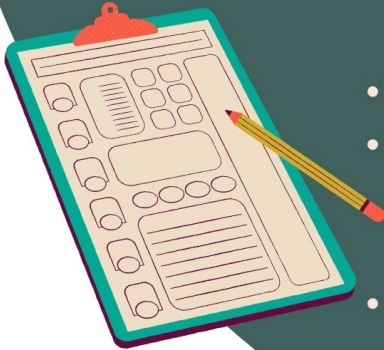


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PIE & PEA QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY THE 31ST OF
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The **Annual Summer Festival** in Torworth will take place on Sunday 9th June and 2024 will be the **10th anniversary of the fun dog show.**

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SCROOBY SHOW WEEKEND

Don't miss this great weekend, if you live in or near to Scrooby put it in your diary, come along and join in the fun.

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

SCROOBY SHOW

Opens at 1pm in the Village Hall and on the Croft

(entries 5:00 to 6:30 Friday 6th and 8:30 to 10:00am Saturday 7th)

BBQ, Cake Stall, Music, Jam and Pickle Stall, Plant Stall, Bar, Knitting and Stitching Stall, Church Tombola, Grand Raffle, Tug-of-War, Children's races, Children's Fancy Dress, Sweet Stall, Craft Stalls, Local Produce Stall.

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

Parish Lunch

Scrooby Show Classes

Entrants may only enter once in any class

All entries must not have been exhibited in a previous show

Entry forms with August STAR, on www.scrooby.net and from Elaine Gargett, Mill View, Dog Lane

VEGETABLE CLASSES

- 4 culinary apples with stalks, same variety
- 4 dessert apples with stalks, same variety
- Plate of fruit, any one variety, soft fruit with stalks
- 6 runner beans
- 6 dwarf beans
- 3 beetroot washed with root and 3" tops
- 3 dessert pears
- 3 carrots washed with 3" tops
- 1 cucumber with 1" stalk
- Heaviest marrow
- 3 white onions clean & dry with no tops, 8oz or under
- 3 white onions clean & dry with no tops, over 8oz
- 3 red onions with no tops
- Heaviest onion
- Longest runner bean
- 3 white potatoes washed
- 3 coloured potatoes washed - coloured potatoes include those with just coloured eyes

- 6 single shallot bulbs with no tops
- 4 tomatoes of any type
- 5 cherry tomatoes with stalks all same variety
- Plate of culinary herbs judged for variety and display
- 2 matched leeks
- A basket of 6 kinds of vegetables, washed
- A tray of 4 kinds of salad vegetables
- 3 beefsteak tomatoes
- Largest pumpkin measured round circumference
- Oddest shaped vegetable
- Bowl of soft fruits

FLOWER AND PLANT CLASSES

- 1 foliage house plant in a pot
- 1 flowering house plan in a pot
- Succulent (not cactus)
- Any pot plant
- 1 specimen rose, any variety, in a specimen vase



1 specimen rose for perfume, in a specimen vase
 3 dahlias mixed variety, in a vase
 3 dahlias of the same variety, in a vase
 1 specimen flower, any variety, in a vase
 Vase of mixed garden flowers
 Five stems of annual flowers
 6 double fuchsia flowers
 Patio planter

EGG CLASSES

3 brown eggs, judged for similarity of shape and colour
 3 tinted eggs, judged for similarity of shape and colour
 3 white eggs, judged for similarity of shape and colour
 1 egg for contents - judged for yolk and white colour and consistency
 3 bantam eggs (under 2oz each) any colour judged for similarity of shape and colour
 1 bantam egg (under 2oz) for contents - judged for yolk and white colour and consistency

CULINARY CLASSES

Jar of jam in clean jar, old labels removed, with waxed disc and cellophane cover
 Jar of lemon curd in clean jar, old labels removed, with waxed disc and cellophane cover
 Jar of chutney or pickle in clean jar, old labels removed, with waxed disc and cellophane cover
 3 fruit scones
 2 scotch eggs
 Victoria sponge cake with raspberry jam and no sugar top
 Lemon drizzle cake
 Sloe gin
 3 savoury scones
 Bottle of white wine
 Loaf of handmade or machine-made bread

Chocolate brownie
 A cake suitable for a vegan
 3 biscuits
 3 sausage rolls

ART AND CRAFT CLASSES FOR ANY AGE

Picture any medium
 Model - any material
 Knitted garment
 Cushion
 Photograph of a landscape
 Photograph any subject
 Patchwork or quilted item
 Knitted sock
 Decorative wreath
 Tapestry or needlecraft
 Wooden item
 Accessory - e.g. hat, bag, gloves or socks
 Crochet item
 Soft toy
 Any art or craft item not listed

CHILDRENS CLASSES - UNDER 12 YEARS

Model made from a kit
 Collage face on a plate
 Decorated hard-boiled egg
 Vegetable model
 Lego construction not from a kit
 A painted stone
 Miniature garden
 Bookmark
 Picture any medium 5 years or younger
 Picture any medium 6 years or older
 Sock animal
 Any craft item
 Any vegetable grown by the child
 2 butterfly buns made by the child
 3 jam tarts made by the child
 Gingerbread man made by the child

MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2024 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: P. Brown, L. Shaw, A. Bing, M. Pryce

D. Cllr: Absent

C. Cllr: T. Taylor (part)

Clerk: B. Kinsey

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

01/0224: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr A. Garner, J. Peel, D.Cllr D. Bamford

02/0224: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0224: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

04/0224: MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETINGS HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2023 & 17TH JANUARY 2024

The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 29th November 2023 and 17th January 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0224: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) District Councillor

D. Cllr Bamford was absent.

b) County Councillor

Devolution for the County authority is proceeding, the first election is expected this year.

The STEP project for nuclear fusion at West Burton are now holding events to inform the public of the processes involved.

The Hive Energy pulverised ash project at Idle Valley have amended proposals following feedback from consultees, the public and stakeholders. A new video is available:-

<https://youtu.be/nZvtZkQjamA>

and the full submission can be seen:-

<https://www.retfordcep.co.uk>

The PC's original objection to the application still stands, particularly regarding the volume of HGV traffic expected through Ranskill.

FCC Environment at Daneshill have submitted an appeal against the Environmental Agency's refusal of a permit for sorting asbestos contaminated soil.

The condition of Blyth Road was discussed and our expectation of repairs. The reality is that the county has 5 times the amount of highway issues than can be repaired in the coming year, Blyth Road is not the worst in the county. At the moment no major resurfacing work is planned in the next financial year for Ranskill. The final budget for Nottinghamshire is due to be approved at the next meeting on the 22nd of February with an increase of 4.84%. Some repairs should be able to be scheduled when approved.

06/0224: CRIME AND POLICING

The latest crime figures for the beat of Ranskill & Lound beat in January reported 3 burglaries, 2 criminal damage and 1 theft from vehicles.

07/0224: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

- a) Community Speed Watch: Cllr Shaw is leading this group and will be deploying when the weather improves.
- b) Blyth Road Traffic: Data from the traffic monitoring undertaken last year has been provided and compared with 2014. An increase in HGV traffic of 25% over the last 9 years is deemed acceptable and does not warrant further investigation by Notts Highways. Speeds were also found not to be excessive.

08/0224: FINANCE

- a) To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 31st January. Summary accounts and reconciliation sheets were proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Brown and approved. **Carried.**
- b) To consider the draft budget and agree the precept level for 2024-25. Proposed by Cllr Bing, seconded by Cllr Pryce and approved. **Carried.**
- c) To agree appointing a contractor for grass cutting for the 24-25 season. It was agreed that North Notts Landscapes be re-appointed for the next season. Proposed by Cllr Bown, seconded by Cllr Shaw and approved. **Carried.**

09/0224: REVIEW OF PC STANDING ORDERS

The January PC meeting could not conduct business as the meeting was not quorate. Clause 3v of the PC's standing Orders states a quorate for RPC meetings is 4 Cllrs. Advice was sought by the Clerk from NALC who advised that paragraph 12 of Part II of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act provides that three or one third of the total number of Parish Councillors, whichever is the greater, is necessary for a meeting to have a quorum. In our case they are the same number. It was approved to amend clause 3v to *and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than three.* Proposed by Cllr Pryce and seconded by Cllr Shaw. **Carried.** The Clerk will amend the document and publish on the website.

10/0224: PLANNING

- a) One new planning application has been received, 24/00051/TPO to fell a sycamore with a TPO. Cllrs did not object with a provision that a new tree would be planted.

11/0224: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

- a) The playground December and January safety reports were considered. One issue of damage to the roundabout was repaired by North Notts, who also removed graffiti and cleaned the 30mph signs on Great North Road.
- b) Maintenance of the playground hedge: The Clerk will ask North Notts to price the hedge cutting, in addition spread grass seed in the seed bare areas along Jubilee Walkway and include some wildflower seed in the mix. One new tree in the playground has not taken, to be replaced.
- c) Update on the FCC grant application: Cllr Bing advised that the consultation with the school and pupils is ongoing and will be finalised by half term. The application will then be reviewed and re-submitted.
- d) Noticeboard refurbishment: The cork fibre board has been contaminated with water ingress and needs replacement. Prices have been obtained from North Notts. For magnetic coated panels and including labour about £620. Cllrs agreed to carry out this repair.

13/0224: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

An outline of the arrangement that the PC sponsors part of the cost of the school crossing patrol on an annual basis has been provided by the Via EM Road Safety Manager. This is because the minimum criteria of child pedestrians and vehicle flow is not met at the location on Mattersey Road. The PC will continue the sponsor the patrol.

MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, A. Bing, A. Garner

D. Cllr: Absent

C. Cllr: T. Taylor (part)

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There was one member of the public attending.

01/0324: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs J. Peel, M. Pryce, P. Brown, D. Cllr D. Bamford

02/0324: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0324: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was present. Cllrs agreed to provide a small fund to purchase flowers as the Squirrels volunteered to populate two planters. The issue of blocked drains continues at the Station Road, Willow Avenue junction. C. Cllr Taylor said that she would intervene with VIA EM to ensure they attend site to remove the blockage.

04/0324: PRESENTATION BY HIVE AGGREGATES

Hive Aggregates presented an update of their planning application and revised proposals. Cllrs paid particular attention to the proposed volume of HGVs expected to transit Great North Road through Ranskill and measures planned to control flow and track vehicles.

05/0324: MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETINGS HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2024

The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 7th February 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

06/0324: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) District Councillor

D. Cllr Bamford was absent.

b) County Councillor

A balanced budget was agreed on 22nd February with no service cuts.

Road repairs are an issue, the reality is that the county has a budget of £50m for 3,000 miles of highway in the coming year.

07/0324: CRIME AND POLICING

The latest crime figures for the beat of Ranskill & Lound for February reported 4 burglaries, 3 criminal damage and 2 thefts of vehicles.

08/0324: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

a) Community Speed Watch: Cllr Shaw is leading this group and will be compiling the volunteer list and deploying when the weather improves.

09/0324: FINANCE

a) To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 29th February. Summary accounts and reconciliation sheets were approved. **Carried.**

b) The Clerk proposed in addition to the Cambridge & County medium term (6 & 12 month) deposit accounts at fixed interest rates to open a 95 day notice Liquidity Account with NatWest. This is a more flexible account, but with a variable interest rate, currently 4.25%. Cllrs agreed to this proposal. **Carried.**

c) To consider a new councillors Expenses Policy
Carried forward to the next meeting.

10/0324: PLANNING

a) One new planning application has been received, 24/00177/FUL, a resubmission of an earlier application which was refused. A written note to object was received from a resident which was read out at the meeting. Cllrs considered the application and decided to continue to object to the proposals.

b) Updates on existing applications. Most outstanding applications have now been approved apart from the long standing caravan and lodge site on Lakeland House Farm.

11/0324: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

a) The playground February safety reports was considered, nothing to report.

b) Consider the VIA tree inspection report for Oakes Close and Lowfield Close. Three recommendations were made and the Clerk presented two quotations for the work. Cllrs decided that the offer from MG Oates was the most appropriate.

c) Update on the FCC grant application: Cllr Bing advised that the consultation with the school is almost complete and will be incorporated in our final bid shortly.

d) Grant application for a new defibrillator. There was a recent death at the fishing lakes. The manager could not access the defibrillator on Station Road as the railway line was closed. Ambulance workers suggested that the PC could access funds from the British heart Foundation and the Clerk has completed an application for a unit to be located at Lakeland House. We await the outcome.

e) Consider a grant request from Torworth, Ranskill and Scrooby allotments. A sum of £200 was requested. Cllrs agreed to this amount, not dependent on other PC contributions.

12/0324: CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

No new volunteers have come forward despite extensive advertising. Further actions to be considered.

13/0224: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

14/0024: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

Councillors Allowance Policy

15/0024: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

17th April 2024



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ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 08 April 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present :** Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Michaela Blount, Ellaina Sammut (Brazier), Nadine Croft, Ceri Smith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor (Part), District Cllr Jack Bowker. Parishioners / Public present: None
2. **Apologies:** 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 Parish Key Register, Children's Climbing Wall, Network Rail Biodiversity Program, Visitors to Scrooby, and the Staff Salary increase.
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Notts CC Public Health Posters.
 - 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: Notts CC Electric Blanket Safety campaign, Public Health Vaping and Illegal Tobacco posters
- 5.2 Central Bassetlaw Forum continues, using deputies if cannot attend.
- 5.3 Bassetlaw Electoral Review of Boundaries – Review of the balance of Councillors per ward, yet to be proposed and discussed at BDC council meetings.
- 5.4 Bassetlaw Food Bank Request – Stephen Cordery is to investigate their request.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Noted: Devolution Mayor: Budget and Highways set. Gibbet Hill Lane lighting update is proposed. Household Waste Dump review is just that a review to ensure demand and environmental concerns are met. No proposals and no decisions as yet.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – Budget set. The Council is quiet in pre-election mode.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, the Whinze/Gibbet Hill benches and trees, two donations and the quarterly salaries. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2 Other activities included the Precept is agreed and to be paid, a Thank You letter from The STAR, the Annual Accounts and Audit process is started.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend.

The Notts Police Crime Statistics map shows Scrooby and Scaftworth but some discussion as to which crime reporting group Scrooby is in, to be investigated.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: None.
 - Existing Applications: 3 ongoing, 23/01006/HSE White Cottage refused, 24/00067/CAT Pebble Mill No TPO, 23/01275/OUT Home Farm outline permission ongoing: 5 more static caravans down Saracens Lane and the Car Sales Plot request are still in appeal.
 - 9.3 HIVE: is now in Phase II, a target for a June council meeting. Planning Enforcement: No cases open.
10. **Play Area** Nothing to report.
11. **Village Hall**
 - 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well, the Boiler is under a maintenance cover.
 - 11.2 Village permanent Christmas Tree – Costs have been defined and seem a little large, an alternative is being investigated..
12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0 Noted - None.
 - 12.1 Grass Cutting to restart this week and at the same rates for 2024.
 - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The Benches are installed and trees have been planted in Gibbet Hill. Final work to be completed but an inaugural picnic is set for 20th April in afternoon, advertisements will be made.
 - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The memorial plan remains as installation in May and inauguration at the Scrooby Show. The concrete base for the plinth is laid and has been roped off.
 - 12.6 Biodiversity Programs – This has increased in interested parties. Network Rail continues with local knowledge being sought, Bassetlaw request for sites is not for Scrooby, and NALC training topics are believed to be covered.
 - 12.7 TRS Allotment Association (at Torworth) – a request for supporting funds of 1/3rd of the £600 cost was discussed and thought that the sum requested was not best value for Scrooby. Therefore a nominal donation has been authorised to be made.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**

Nadine Croft announced she was having to resign from the council due to work commitments, the Council thanked her immediately and expressed their appreciation for her work on the Whinze / Gibbet Hill project. This will lead to a co-option vacancy in due course. It was also noted that two homes on narrow footpaths have perfect hedges but have been allowed to grow out into the footpath. They will be asked to trim their hedges backwards please.

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at www.scrooby.net
Next meeting to be held on Monday, 13th May, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall, preceded by the Annual General Meeting

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

SLOW DOWN on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads.

website for all the latest information and consultations.

or Bassetlaw Council

The Village Hall sessions on Tuesdays continue, as do the Bassetlaw Mobile Community Shop on Mondays.

Report incidents of dangerous or inconsiderate driving in Scrooby to the Police.

the Defibrillator, Call 999 first.

Please be careful your hedge does not overgrow over a footpath.

the Croft or in the Village Hall, unless an organised dog event. Please clear your dog 'poo', including the Whinze !

County wide Consultations like The HIVE PFA project or Lound Soil Treatment, have **YOU** any comments!!

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