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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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Editor Notes

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Too much rain this year? Don't let it dampen your spirits, there are lots of summer events in the villages to look forward to.

Watch out for Scrooby Horticultural and Craft Show - you don't have to be from Scrooby to enter - do you have any produce or craft item you are proud of?

If you are looking for something to do indoors, why not visit Chris Ceaser's new gallery - we've included some samples in the magazine and on the front cover.

As always, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities in the villages as Mary's letter shows. We at the STAR are looking for someone in Ranskill to deliver the magazine to Station Road - can someone spare 20 minutes once a month?

Have a lovely summer.

Bill



Record breaker Rio jumping for joy



Rio Davies with his recent athletics medals

Rio Davies' athletics career is coming on leaps and bounds.

Rio, who is 12 and lives with his parents Chloe and Micky on Lowfield Close, Ranskill, recently broke a record for long jump in the county, a record that had stood for six years.

His latest achievement was in early July at Berry Hill, Mansfield where he beat the Nottinghamshire Mini League record for U13 boys' long jump, with a leap of 5.03m.

The previous record of 4.75m had been held since 2018. Rio has been preselected to represent Nottinghamshire in the inter counties in September.

Rio, a pupil at the Elizabethan Academy, joined Retford Athletic Club in 2022 and competes in 100m, 200m and long jump.

In May he won gold at the Nottinghamshire County Championships in 100m (12.91 seconds), long jump (4.78m) and also got a silver in 200m (26.76 seconds).

Mum Chloe said: "He definitely gets his athleticism from his dad who is a retired professional boxer and still spends time pounding the pavement!

"He aspires to keep learning and developing, getting faster and jump further and hopefully compete for Nottinghamshire at the National schools when he is old enough to attend, and see where he goes from there.

"Both myself and his dad are super proud of him, his commitment to training come rain or shine, surviving his first year of secondary school and generally just being a really lovely person!"

She added: "I am also so grateful for the dedication of all the coaches and volunteers at RAC - they really are a fantastic and positive group that Rio loves being around and I hope they can continue to keep growing his confidence and hopefully break some more records together."

Coach Marjolein Templeton described Rio as a good all-round athlete.

She said: "Rio is one of our team of talented U13 Boys at Retford AC. He is a pleasure to coach.

"Over the track and field season Rio has continued to deliver some excellent results in sprinting and surprises us all with his amazing distances in long jump, having recently reached the England Athletics Gold Standard for his age."



Brownies and Rainbows at Wheelgate



Matilda, Elsie and Ava with Karen Taylor, Division Commissioner and their Gold Awards

Chris Ceaser Photography

A new fine art landscape photography studio has opened up in Scrooby. Chris Ceaser has been a familiar name in the north for close to 20 years, the past 11 of which were spent at his gallery in the heart of York. In October 2023 Chris, together with wife Rebecca, made the decision to move away from York after the impact of Covid had decimated the high street, changing everything for those in a retail environment. Having finally 'moved in' last January the couple have fallen in love with village life and see Scrooby very much as their home. 'The people are lovely and it is such a pretty, caring village', said Chris.

An Ambassador for the world famous Canson brand of fine art

paper, Chris is often at major events in the U.K, also working alongside Canon on print events. He runs a series of inspirational talks and evenings that offer something for the photographer, and non-photographer alike. On 29th August he is presenting his very popular, documentary style 'Venice, In Pictures & Words' evening at the Phoenix Theatre, Bawtry (tickets £6 on Eventbrite).

In the studios you can browse 16 racks of mounted, museum grade prints and on the walls there are framed prints, Canvases and wall art panels. Chris makes a series of over 300 greeting card designs which he has sold to shops over the past 17 years, and these can also be bought at the studios. He

holds 'Open Weekends', though he is more than happy to meet visitors 'by appointment'. If Chris is in, the studios are open. The next open weekend is Sat 10th/ Sun 11th August and a guest art-related exhibitor, will attend.

Chris also offers both a print service for photographers, and an artwork reproduction service for artists who want to make limited edition runs of their originals on the Canson Fine Art papers.

Chris can be contacted on 07920 044094, email info@chrisceaser.co.uk and his website can be found at www.chrisceaser.co.uk

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Christian Perspective—Light



At this time of year it's great to have plenty of daylight in the evenings, so we can be gardening or doing jobs outside around the house after

tea. We might ask ourselves—what is light and how does it differ from darkness? If we want to see where we are going we need light. When Jesus was talking to his followers in the sermon on the mount, he said to them: *You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16*

This seems a scary and weighty responsibility for us to show the light of God to the world around us. Life can often be discouraging, and we don't have the strength in ourselves to make God's love and light known. But I am encouraged when I read in John's Gospel, Jesus saying: *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12.* Suddenly the pressure is off and I realise it's not my job to create the light and present God's goodness to the world, but it's the person of Jesus who brings this.

John tells us at the beginning of his Gospel that Jesus was with God in the beginning and all things were made through him. Then he tells us: *In him was life and that life was the light of mankind. John 1:5*

This is where we get the light from to give us understanding and strength to live for him and make a difference in the world. When we invite Jesus to come and abide in us, he comes with his life and his light and makes us new creations. We can receive from him and give it away to others. Sometimes we look around us and become discouraged at the state of the church and the world and feel downcast. But Paul, when he writes to the Colossians in chapter 3, points out that inviting Christ to live within means we have also been raised with him. And we should then set your hearts and minds on things above, not look at the things around us.

The result of this is from verse 12: *as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.* He also speaks of forgiveness, love, peace and thankfulness, and *letting the word of Christ dwell in us richly.* And suddenly the life and light of Christ is shining in us and touching those around us. Let his light shine in you and see how it first lifts your own heart and then blesses those around you.



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for August

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 4 groups of shaded cells. Each of these shaded groups must also contain the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

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

Chris Ceaser Photography - Open Studio Weekend

10th / 11th August 2024 10am -5pm each day



Chris has been a professional landscape photographer for the past 20 years. His work has been exhibited across the country and, after running his gallery in the heart of York for 10 years, he now works out of his new studios here in Scrooby.

Fine Art Photography

Chris is an Ambassador for the Canson Infinity range of museum grade papers and also works with Canon at events across the country. His work is printed on the very same paper stock that was used by some of the world's finest artists, such as Van Gogh, Cezanne, Monet, Picasso & Chagal. The prints on these pure cotton papers are fully archival, being colourfast for up to 200 years behind glass.

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Greetings Cards

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Guest Artist - Mark Gittins

We are delighted that Mark will be joining us for this open weekend. Mark is part of the Sherwood Forest Wood Firing Group & he produces wheel-thrown pottery for domestic use, inc. pieces in small batches.

Instagram ... [thepotter_markgittins](#)



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3. Which flowers were once known as gillyflowers?
4. What name is given to the Japanese art of flower arranging?
5. Vanilla flavouring is derived from which flower?
6. Helianthus is another name for which flower?
7. What colour is a Welsh Poppy?
8. What type of flower is a Michaelmas Daisy?
9. Which yellow flower is nicknamed Lent Lily?
10. Usually grown as a pot plant, what is another name for the Saintpaulia?
11. Harebells are usually which colour?
12. Queen Elizabeth I allegedly had a phobia of which flowers?
13. What is digitalis better known as?
14. The hellebore is known as what type of rose?
15. What shape are flowers which include the name campanula?
16. What is the common name of the plant impatiens?
17. What colour are borage flowers?
18. Which flower is sometimes known as baby's breath?
19. Jonquils are members of which family of flowers?
20. Which flower is also the goddess of the rainbow in Greek mythology?



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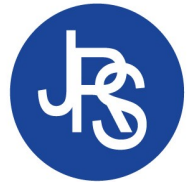
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May we draw your attention
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Down to the shops in your zimmer frame.
Next you'll approach that happy day
When things on the floor seem far away.
Do birds sing in a lower clef?
Don't kid yourself, you're going deaf.
Don't be embarrassed when someone fusses,
Just drink your milk and leave your "crusses"
Ignore the grey and thinning hair,
Forget the wrinkles lurking there.
Our birthday lass stands out a mile
— as do her feet and her great big smile.
And if Jimmy's step is a bit too quick,
Just slow him back with your walking stick!

AS FOR ME - - - ?

The aches and pains that go with age
Are gathering a-plenty.
I feel the weight of 3 score years,
Never mind the other twenty.
The allotted 3 score years and ten?
Passed that one long ago.
Now 4 score gone, the 5th one looms
But still has half to go.
But never mind that age thing,
I still feel young at heart.
I can still blow out the candles
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Joy T

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Still you save them,
Still I count them,
Still we go "on and up"

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1. Aster
2. Tulip
3. Carnations
4. Ikebana
5. Orchid
6. Sunflower
7. Yellow
8. Aster
9. Daffodil
10. African Violet
11. Blue
12. Roses
13. Foxglove
14. Christmas
15. Bell shaped
16. Busy Lizzie
17. Blue
18. Gypsophila
19. Narcissus
20. Iris



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Combine well then beat in cooled coffee and remaining flour

Divide between 6 large muffin cases

Bake at 190°C 375°F Mark 5 gas for 20-25mins



Topping:

Combine 4oz mascarpone cheese, 1 teasp vanilla essence and 1 tblsp icing sugar

Pile onto cooled cakes and dust with a little cocoa powder

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12oz puff pastry makes 12 x 3½" cases

Filling:

8oz peppered mackerel fillets, skinned and chopped 4 tblsp cream cheese
2" piece cucumber, diced small 2 tblsp cranberry sauce
finely grated rind 1 lemon 1 tblsp fresh chopped dill

Mix together and fill into cases – use sprigs of dill to decorate

Joy T

Parish Lunch

Scrooby Village Hall

Sunday 8th September at 1pm

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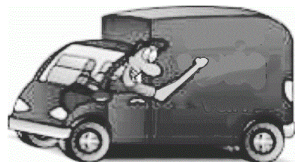
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Please help if you can. 11 issues per year.

Ranskill and Torworth W.I

The meeting for the above organisation will be held on Tuesday 27th August. 2024.

Commencing 2pm in The Village Hall. Kennel Drive. Barnby Moor.

The Speaker will be a member of the Nottinghamshire Fire Brigade. The subject will be Safety In The Home.

Visitors are always welcome. For further information please ring 01777 818519.

Pat Blatchford.

Solution to August puzzle

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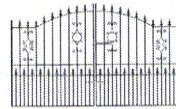
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Sunday 8th September 8:00pm (doors open 7:30)

Scrooby Village Hall - £5 on the door

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Details: Steve Cordery - Call or Text 07494 242853

Should we have a village hall or youth club?

We have some fantastic things in our villages, and most of them only happen because of the amazing volunteers who do so much behind the scenes. Lots of people enjoy attending community events and groups. Many residents like to read the STAR.

Several members of the community want things to be sorted when there's an issue, such as potholes or speeding. But how many people volunteer?

I've heard people saying there's a need for more things in our villages, such as a youth club, better playground equipment, a speed watch team and, specifically for Ranskill, a village hall. But how many people are willing to help with these things?

Volunteering is so rewarding, and what you do and when you do it can vary, depending on what you want to be involved in. You might be able to volunteer for just a couple of hours a month. Maybe you could give a few hours each week. Perhaps you could only help during term time. Whatever your situation, availability and skills, there will be something to suit you that you could get involved with.

For example:

- The STAR needs people to deliver copies to residents.
- The Parish Councils all have vacancies for Councillors.

- Ripples Charity needs volunteers for their Baby and Toddler Group.
- Ranskill School PTA could always do with more helpers.

The Ranskill and Torworth Festival Committee is looking for more committee members.

Everything I've been involved in has had a range of people volunteering, from those who work full time to those who are retired. Some are great with computers and technology, others are creative and practical, while some are brilliant at organising and planning, and then there are those who can make an excellent cuppa and baked goodies. All of these and more are needed from volunteers if we are to keep up the wonderful things that go on in our villages, let alone if people want new things to happen.

Please have a think about how you could volunteer and help contribute to your local community in Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill. Come on and be one of our village STARS!

And thank you to everyone who has been involved or is currently involved in community events and groups. You help make our villages the lovely places that they are to live in.

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- **Sunday 11th:** Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC
- **Sunday 18th:** Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- **Sunday 25th:** 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.

Useful Contacts:

Church Warden - Ranskill, David Stacey 01777 818303, Scrooby, Gordon Ashworth 01777 818322



1st Ranskill Rainbows

This term Harriet, Naomi, Joanie and Elsie have all made their Rainbow Promise and joined the unit.

All girls have completed Retford Division Switzerland Challenge badge, gained their Have Adventures Theme Award including Agility Interest badge and Girlguiding Get Active Badge. Thank you to those who supported our fundraising at Torworth Festival in June.

Rainbows joined Retford Cannon District girls on a trip to Wheelgate Theme Park in July and finished the term with a Teddy Bears Picnic.

1st Ranskill Brownies

Brownies finished the term with a picnic at Idle Valley Nature Reserve when Matilda, Elsie and Ava were presented with their Brownie Gold Award by Karen Taylor, Retford Girlguiding Division Commissioner. They then had great fun den building and competed for the biggest, tidiest, and most secure one. Great team effort by all.

Seventeen girls joined the coach trip to Wheelgate in July and even enjoyed the water park. It managed not to rain till we were nearly home! Thanks as always to our volunteers and parents who support both groups to have fun and develop in a safe and supportive environment.

Happy summer and we start meetings again week beginning 9th September.

 **Girlguiding**
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We have had three cup matches. One was the Barry Lawson Memorial Trophy. It was a 'double' game and was won by Simon Wallis and Alice English; with runners-up Carl Bennet and Keith Arrowsmith.

We also had the 'Seniors' cup match, which was won by Philip Cooper and runner-up Les Roper; and the Gentlemen's Trophy won by Simon Wallis, runner-up Philip Cooper.

We have great games and banter. If you'd like to come along contact Simon on 0787

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

North Notts Local Group: Nature Walk



Despite the chilly and rather soggy start to summer this year, the local group has enjoyed some very pleasant activities. A particularly good one was the visit to Naturescape, a wild flower farm at Langar.

Glorious weather helped but visitors were all keen to buy some of the beautiful wild flowers to enhance their gardens and increase biodiversity. It's amazing what a few flowers will do to attract insects to your garden and it's easier to create your own mini wild flower meadow than you might think; just take a look at the advice from The Eden Project:

<https://www.edenproject.com/learn/eden-at-home/how-to-create-a-wildflower-meadow-in-your-garden>

Surprising too how beautiful the grass seed heads look when you put the mower away and allow them to develop. They add a whole new dimension to the garden experience with their gently waving plumes.

Still to come, is Gary Hobson's nature walk. He is one

of the local group members and he leads a free, monthly nature walk, usually round some part of the Idle Valley Reserve. Ruth White said, "We highly recommend these bird watching walks, we learned such a lot." The next walk is on Wednesday 28th August, 9.00am-midday. Meet at Chainbridge Lane. General birdwatching from Chainbridge Scrape East and West viewing screens and looking for passage migrants and waders. For more information, contact Gary Hobson 07464964879 or www.birds-2-boeings.com

Also towards the end of August is a visit to the Walks of Life museum at Tuxford. Local Group information comes direct to your inbox if you just email janwilliamson133@gmail.com and ask to receive the Local Group's weekly Update. The summer activities continue from May through August and our winter programme of talks starts again in September. Sign up now and make sure you don't miss anything. You don't have to be a member!

The Wednesday (Memory) Group

Fancy Volunteering?

The Wednesday Group is primarily a social group for people with dementia, their carers, if they wish to stay with them, and some former carers who used to bring wives or husbands. It's a friendly group that enjoys a range of activities including bingo, chair exercises, quizzes, cards, dominoes and various other activities.

We have regular visiting musicians – Retford Ukulele Group, The Littleborough Skiffers, Jessica Brett, Dave and Sandra to name but a few. They are all very popular. We also offer a two course, cooked lunch which is very much appreciated.

Our difficulty at the moment is that we now have more members than ever before, but no more volunteers. We would like to have at least one more, preferably two more volunteers. If you'd like to be a part of a lively, friendly social group, help out with the cooking and have a go at whatever else takes

your fancy then please contact Jan, details below, and arrange to come and see what we do and whether you think you'd like to give it a try. Our volunteers change lives, their own as well as other people's and derive a great deal of satisfaction in the process.

For all other enquiries, if you care for someone with dementia or you yourself have a diagnosis or if 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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Please note our groups are closed during August.

Ripples Baby and Toddler Group

Will start again on Monday 9th September 2024
10am to 11.30am at Ranskill Church

Ripples Social Group (Dementia friendly)

Will start again on Tuesday 10th September 2024
1.30pm to 3pm at Scrooby Village Hall

We need more volunteers for both of our groups!

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WARM SPACES IN SCROOBY

August - December 2024



Join us in Scrooby Village hall for Warm Spaces on the first and third (and fifth) Tuesday of each month, alternating with Ripples. Come along for a cuppa and a chat, and perhaps a game of dominoes.

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

Dates are:

No meetings in August

September 3rd

September 17th

October 1st

October 15th

October 29th

November 5th

November 19th

December 3rd

December 17th

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

All are welcome

For further information, please contact Stephen Lincoln on 07341 386050

ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 08 JULY 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Cordery, Lindsey Buxton, Ellaina Sammut, Michaela Blount, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part). Parishioners / Public present: None
2. **Apologies** Elaine Gargett, Ceri Smith, County Cllr Tracey Taylor.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Lindsey Buxton, Seconded by Ellaina Summat.
- 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, New Model Financial Regulations review, Response To HIVE project.
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Grass Cutting in Spring, Police invitation reply.
 - 4.2. Public Discussion – None.
 - 4.3. Parish Councillor Vacancy – Advert to be repeated and Councillors to talk to parishioners.
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: Poster for Bassetlaw Action Centre Recruitment drive.
- 5.2 Central Bassetlaw Forum continues, using deputies if cannot attend.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – In absence, HIVE proposal is moved to the August / September Notts CC meeting.
District Councillor Jack Bowker – Nothing to report. Asked about having removable advertising boards on the Great North Road.
Thought it to be a Highways issue, clerk to check.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, Quarterly Salaries, two grass cuts and Mayflower Memorial costs. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2 Other activities were Parish Insurance in place and ensure the Whinze and Mayflower Memorial are insured correctly.
The Annual Accounts and Audit period for public inspection closes on July 14th.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend.
PCSO request to attend failed. All future meetings to be notified of. Recent burglary is still under investigation.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: None.
Existing Applications: 1 ongoing: 5 more static caravans down Saracens Lane and Wildwood adaptations are in appeal and the Car Sales Plot request has been dismissed.
 - 9.3 HIVE: is now in Phase II, a target for a August / September council meeting (see above). Parish Councillors are still to collate their thoughts and agree a response at the September PC meeting. A confidential pre-planning application has been received and discussed. Planning Enforcement: No cases open.
10. **Play Area**

Nothing to report, next inspection in October.
11. **Village Hall**
 - 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well. Noted the "Warm Spaces" schedule for the rest of 2024.
 - 11.2 Village permanent Christmas Lights – Carried forward to next meeting, proposals being formulated.
12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0 Nothing active.
 - 12.1 Grass Cutting the Manor Lane hedge to be checked for inclusion in the contract.
 - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The final report to our major sponsor Severn Trent yielded the final payment, now we are subject to 5 years of usage and maintenance. A tool store and register investigation is continuing.
Discussion had as to whether these tools could be loaned out to parishioners, no final policy agreed yet.
 - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The memorial is assembled and installed. The memorial will be officially unveiled at the Scrooby Show. Discussions as to usage for School projects about the meaning of this memorial,
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**
 - 14.1. Due to late holidays the September PC meeting may be delayed by one week from the schedule.

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at www.scrooby.net
Next meeting to be held on Monday, 9th September, 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***

SLOW DOWN on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads.

Have you seen the Mayflower Memorial on the Croft??? *Look at the*

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The Village

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

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Please be mindful of your neighbours when outside during these long summer evenings.

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The guards around the new trees on the Whinze / Gibbet Hill are vital, please do not remove them!!!

Look out for

*County wide Consultations like The HIVE PFA project or Lound Soil Treatment, have **YOU** any comments!! Let your councillor know.*

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor – is that you??? If so contact the Parish Clerk



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SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY

A Casual Vacancy on the Scrooby Parish Council is now available owing to the resignation at the beginning of the year of Nadine Croft. Nadine has served the council for over a year, both as a co-opting volunteer and later as a full serving council member and we offer her our sincere thanks.

The Vacancy will be filled by co-opting a volunteer from Scrooby Parish who fulfils the following criteria:

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