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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

This issue shares exciting news—The Scrooby Mayflower Sculpture will be officially unveiled this month. During Scrooby Show on Saturday 7th September at 2pm you can be part of the celebration, it sounds like an event not to be missed.

While you're there why not enter some produce into the Scrooby Show?! There are plenty of categories and classes to choose from. September marks this annual event, there really is something for everyone.

The Village Café Hub are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Church in Ranskill on Saturday 14th September—this will be a lovely event to support, all our welcome!

And remember from last month, Torworth will be hosting another car boot sale at the playing field on Sunday 1st September.

Finally, we are still in need of your help with a variety of roles that make up the volunteering team, who work together to get this local village magazine on everyone's doorstep each month. If you could spare a couple of hours or know someone who might want to join the team, then please do get in touch.

Thank you

Luci





SCROOBY SHOW

Opens at 1pm on the Croft

**SATURDAY 7TH
SEPTEMBER, 2024**

• Show competition sections open to all
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vegetables,
culinary, arts and
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A giant rock sculpture paying tribute to English settlers who helped found the modern United States of America is to be unveiled in Scrooby.

The Scrooby Rock is to take pride of place in the village and will pay tribute to the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed from Britain to America on board the Mayflower more than 400 years ago.

Scrooby Parish Council will officially unveil the dramatic artwork on Saturday, September 7 at the Scrooby Show.

The striking new sculpture, created by renowned community artist, Michael Johnson, represents a significant and historic contribution to Bassetlaw's cultural landscape.

The unveiling ceremony will begin at 2pm, featuring a celebration with remarks from Mr Johnson, Nottinghamshire County councillors and other local personalities.

Guests will have the opportunity to view the sculpture up close



and participate in a guided tour led by the artist, exploring the inspiration and creative process behind the captivating work.

Scrooby Rock is a life-size exact replica of the Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts which is reputed to be the first footfall for the Mayflower voyagers in 1620 and is visited by millions every year.

The facsimile rock was then cast in bronze and mounted on a steel plinth with a surround where the names of the voyagers are carved.

Michael, who lives in nearby Styrrup, has undertaken more than 200 commissions for rural and urban sites throughout the UK and Ireland and this new piece promises to further enrich his great contribution to contemporary public art.

The event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend.

For those who cannot make it, the sculpture will be a permanent feature in Scrooby for both villagers and visitors.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Which drug took its name from the Greek god of dreams?
2. What action does a dromophobic fear?
3. Which of the following empires had no written language – Incan, Aztec, Egyptian, Roman?
4. How many stripes are there on the US flag?
5. Where would you hurt it kicked on the tarsus?
6. What is the epicarp of an orange?
7. Which musical was based on the play Pygmalion?
8. Which is the slowest swimming stroke?
9. Beta Vulgaris is the Latin name for which crop?
10. In which country were the Borgias a powerful family?
11. Where would you find an apse?
12. If a substance is oleaginous what does it mostly contain?
13. During exercise which acid builds up in the muscles?
14. What is a paravane used for?
15. Which element is found in shells, bones and teeth
16. The River Ganges is sacred to the people of which religion?
17. Do bananas grow pointing up or down?
18. Which green stone was buried by the Chinese with their dead?
19. Which ticking instrument keeps perfect time for a musician?
20. The word Ombudsman comes from which language?
21. What is measured on the Mercalli Scale
22. What shape is something if it is campanulate?



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Christian Perspective



As we look around us in today's world we can often be pulled down by the many troubles and difficulties we see around us. I've been asking myself the question: What should we do when life seems bleak and hard work, when we don't seem to see much answer to prayer?

The first thing I thought was: I do not give up and I do not lose heart. Paul in 2 Cor 4:16 writes: *Therefore we do not lose heart, though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*

There are six "do not lose heart" passages in the New Testament. When we read them we discover that for every "losing heart" circumstance, God makes available a "strong heart" resource. Losing heart is not discouragement, disappointment, fear, testing, fatigue, or frustration. It literally means giving into evil and refusing to live by faith in the character and promises of God. We stop trusting in the author and perfecter of our faith, Jesus Christ, and depending on the Holy Spirit.

To help us in this process of not losing heart we find it matters where we fix our eyes. Where we choose to look, that is to fix our minds, will make a big difference to our attitude and understanding of life around us.

We read in Hebrews 12 v1 that we should *throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.* He came to show us the way to God and to open the way through his life laid down on the cross. His attitude was that obedience to his Father God was more important than anything else. Hebrews 12 continues: *For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* It's good to read about the life of Jesus in the Gospels and focus on who he is and what he did. And we should *consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:3.*

So as we go forward, even though we may be surrounded by those difficult and painful things let's make that decision that we won't lose heart, but will continue to follow the Lord. And make the choice to fix your eyes on the good and helpful things, remembering this from Paul in Philippians 4:8,9: *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things ... And the God of peace will be with you.*



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for September

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

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

For more free puzzles, go to: www.sudoku-puzzles.net

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Village café Hub



The Café Hub has signed up to host a Macmillan Coffee Morning in September and we very much hope that we will have lots of people coming along to share delicious Cakes, Coffee and Tea with us as we aim to raise money to support this very worthwhile charity.

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North Notts Local Group: Autumn / Winter Talks Series



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Our autumn / winter programmes of talks starts on 12 September and the first one is by Kieron Huston of the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Entomological Society. His talk is called, The Role of the Garden in Understanding and Conserving Insects.

It couldn't be more important to discover what we can do to look after our dwindling insect population.

So many people have noticed the scarcity of butterflies and bees this year. Let's make sure we're ready to give them as much help as we possibly can and hope for a better 2025!

All the talk meetings will be held at the Idle Valley Centre starting at 7.15pm, on the second Thursday of the month. £3.00 entry includes tea and biscuits. All welcome; no need to book.

If you haven't already, why not sign up for email updates to ensure you get all the information about the North Notts Local Group's talks and activities straight to your inbox? Don't miss any of the excitement!

For more information, phone Jan 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com if you would like to receive email updates of Local Group activities.

The Wednesday (Memory) Group

Am I Dreaming?

Just imagine: a beautiful, sunny, summer afternoon. You're in the countryside, shady trees around, and you're sitting under an elegant awning with lots of your friends close by. There are some people you don't know but they all look friendly. Tables are laid for afternoon tea and there's a singer, singing some of your favourite songs. No surprise that before long some of your friends are up and dancing to the beat. Then the singer announces that was his last number and says, "Goodbye." "No," shout the dancers. "More!" So, he obligingly sings another two songs before he goes and in come ladies carrying those three-tiered plates with sandwiches, tarts and scones; typically elegant afternoon teas.

Was it a dream? No. This is exactly what the Wednesday Group were doing, on a sunny afternoon in late July. They were invited by the Kilton Feel Good Memory Group to join them in a celebration of summer, friendship, and hospitality. It couldn't have been a nicer idea or better carried out. At the end of

the event, everyone said how much they'd enjoyed it.

The Kilton Memory Group hold their regular meetings in the club house of the Kilton Forest Golf Club. If you are interested in finding out more about them, email: kiltonmemorygroup@bpl.org.uk or phone Claire 07957 743053.

For enquiries about the Wednesday Group (Retford), for those who care for someone with dementia or themselves 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. Unfortunately, we have a waiting list at present but we are looking into ways of accommodating more people. It's £10 per session which includes lunch, and, your first visit is free!



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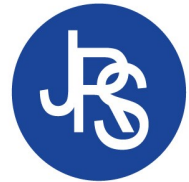
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2lb/700gms potato, peeled, cooked and drained salt & pepper + a pinch of cayenne pepper

Mash to a puree then beat in 4 eggs, one at a time

Add 4oz grated strong cheddar, reserving a little

Turn into a well greased tin then stand in a baking tin with an inch of hot water

Bake at 180°C 350°F Mark 4 gas for 1 hour

Turn out onto serving dish, sprinkle with remaining cheese and pop back into oven for few mins to melt cheese

Serve in good slices

ORANGE MARMALADE CAKE

12oz SR flour pinch salt 8oz golden granulated sugar

Rub in and add:-

2 level tablesp marmalade 2 eggs grated rind 2 oranges

¼ pt orange juice *

Turn into 9" x 7" x 2" tin or 2 x 8½" sandwich tins

Bake at 190°C 375°F Mark 5 gas – 30mins for smaller size or 50mins for larger cake tin

Makes a moist light cake

* Can use carton juice if wished



Joy T

Church Notices for September

- Sunday 1st: Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 8th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 15th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 22nd: Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 29th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC

Key:

CW – Common Worship

HC – Holy Communion

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

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

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

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— Bides his time with patient air
Till lunch trots by his chosen lair.

Blackbird treats himself to berries
Interspersed with plums and cherries.

Snails will climb by any means
To feast upon my runner beans
Those Little Men in Velvet Suits
Burrow through my carrot roots.

Determined not to be outdone,
Butterflies join in the fun.

Who needs Big Mac or K.F.C?
For standing here, it seems to me
I have a Drive-Through of my own
As critters reap what I have sown.

Joy T

Saint Barnabas Church
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Joy T

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Morphine 2. Crossing the road
3. Incan 4. 13 5. Ankle 6. The peel
7. My Fair Lady 8. Breaststroke
9. Sugar Beet 10. Italy 11. Church
12. Oil 13. Lactic 14. Mine Sweeping
15. Calcium 16. Hindu 17. Up 18. Jade
19. Metronome 20. Swedish
21. Earthquakes 22. Bell Shaped

QUOTE for the MONTH

Seen printed on a Teeshirt —
"We rise through lifting others"
So True!

Ranskill & Torworth W.I

The Annual Meeting for the above organisation will
be held on Tuesday 24th September 2024.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall. Kennel Drive.
Barnby Moor. Commencing 2pm.

For further information please ring

01777 818519 Pat Blatchford.

**Solution to
September puzzle**

6	2	1	8	3	7	9	4	5
8	7	9	4	2	5	6	3	1
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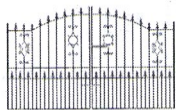
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held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2024 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

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

D. Cllr: D. Bamford

C. Cllr: T. Taylor (part)

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There were three members of the public attending.

01/0624: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr M. Garner

02/0624: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0624: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One resident wished to speak regarding plans of the PC to invest in the playground and children's facilities. The Chair outlined the PC's current grant applications and if unsuccessful plans to utilise CIL reserves to refurbish the play equipment. Two residents addressed the PC and D. Cllr to state their detailed objections to 24/0177/FUL change of use to include a cattery and their subsequent decision queries which have been ignored by BDC planning. In addition, the state of Access Road which is unadopted, with significant potholes allegedly caused by Network Rail and skip lorries is a concern. Our D. Cllr will meet the residents on site.

04/0624: MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15TH MAY

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0624: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a. District Councillor

Our D. Cllr agreed that a grant of £200 was reserved for RPC to part fund a new bench. The D. Cllr has been involved with a local ASBO. A site meeting has been arranged with a resident for road safety issues.

b. County Councillor

The issue of flooding at the bottom of Station Road is now proceeding to a conclusion and all parties are communicating with the resident. There could be a delay if Network Rail have to be consulted.

06/0624: CRIME AND POLICING

The crime figures for April were reported as only 3, which is rather low.

07/0624: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

a. Update on the Community Speedwatch group formation

Contact has been made with our local officer, PC Dale, a meeting will be arranged to inspect our equipment. It has been promised that a selection of speeding vehicles will be sent a follow up letter.

b. Blyth Road Petition

A sample format was provided by the Clerk. Cllr Shaw will explore publicity and the use of a survey platform.

08/0624: FINANCE

a. To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 31st May 2024

Summary accounts and bank reconciliation were approved. **Carried.**

b. Update on the year ended 31st March 2024

The internal audit and associated documents have now been passed to the external auditor.

c. To consider new NALC Financial Regulations

A draft has been prepared by the Clerk who will also attend a briefing provided by NALC. The regulations will be adapted to our practices and put forward for adoption in due course.

09/0624: PLANNING

- a. To consider new planning applications received as at 12th June
One new application 24/00608/FUL, land next the sewage works, construction of a storage building, to which Cllrs had no objection.
- b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.
None.

10/0624: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

- a. Consider the playground monthly safety report
The June report found no issues.
- b. To receive an update on our FCC grant application
Cllr Bing reported that we the FCC round 2 submission has been completed. A response is expected by September.
- c. Noticeboard Access
The keys held by a resident have been retrieved and handed to the Chair.

11/0624: CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

No new volunteers have come forward despite extensive advertising.

12/0624: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

13/0624: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

NALC Financial Regulations.

14/0624: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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