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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

Welcome to Autumn, I hope you've dusted off your slow cooker and chosen the winning conker. There are a few calls to action in this edition. Please circulate amongst friends and family and lets see if we can raise enough interest for the following:

Can you help to save Torworth Festival? Unfortunately the event cannot continue into 2025 unless more volunteers come forward—you don't have to live in Torworth to be part of the event!

The Scrooby Parish Council are canvassing demand for a First Aid course. If there is enough interest they will organize one in the next 2-3 months. They are also looking for more Parish Councillors—please get in touch if this sounds of interest to you.

For further information about both the above queries, see page 27.

The cover photo this month is of Eva, Evelyn, Thea and Amy from 1st Ranskill Brownies following their Brownie Promise. Girlguiding are looking for new leaders—could you see yourself as a leader? If so go to Girlguiding UK to register.

Don't forget to check those bonfires incase hedgehogs have found a new home.

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1st Ranskill Rainbows & Brownies

Rainbows have had a busy half term working towards the Skills for My Future Theme Award. They have made trifles, fixed boxes and enjoyed many games and songs. They visited Retford Library to gain their Booklover Interest Badge and will be having a Black Cat Party during half term.

We do have a full unit and a waiting list so please do go Girlguiding UK to register for a place next year.

Thanks as always to Chaffinch, Dove and Jenny Wren who support the girls to have fun and enjoy meetings in a great way.

Brownies are also full with a waiting list. They have been joined this half term by Eva, Thea, Evelyn and Emily who made their Promise on 14th October and Zara was presented with her Brownie Gold Award for gaining all six theme awards.

This term girls are working towards their Be Well Theme Award and have



done their Grow Your Own Badge when they planted seedlings and designed their own dream garden. Brownies will also be at the Black Cat Party and all Uniformed Organisations will be in St .Barnabas Church, Ranskill on 10th November for Remembrance Sunday Parade Service.

Girlguiding are looking for new leaders. If you are interested then go to Girlguiding UK to register as a volunteer. It's rewarding, fun, makes a difference to young people, supports others and enables you to develop your skills to help others.

Janet Symonds

Eva, Thea and Emily with their Pot of Gold, Harriet With her trifle, (above) Evelyn and Anna with their trifles., (cover) Eva, Evelyn, Thea and Emily following their Brownie Promise



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Christian Perspective



Most of us have to deal with many different struggles and problems in our lives and in the lives of those we love. It's easy for others to say, "Don't worry; I'm sure everything will be all right", but it doesn't help much especially if we have no grounds to say such a thing. It doesn't really matter what our problems are, if we have faith in Jesus Christ there is always somewhere to go with our troubles. The apostle Peter writes in his first letter: *Cast all your*

anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7. That sounds good, and it's comforting to know God cares about us. But how do we actually go about doing it, in the middle of our trouble?

Paul helps us to approach this when he writes in his letter to the Philippians: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* Phil 4:6. So we are to turn to prayer, starting with thanksgiving. There are always things to thank God for even when life has its troubles. And when we start with thanksgiving it already changes our heart attitude. Then we can move on to prayer and petition.

We also always need to pray in faith. Jesus said to his disciples: *Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move.* Mat 17:20.

We don't need a massive amount of faith. A little faith in a great big, loving God is enough to see things happen. He is the one with the power and when we trust in him and come in faith with our requests, we can be sure he hears us and answers.

Paul continues in Philippians 4:7, that when we come to God like this, we can be sure he will give us his peace. This peace, he writes, *which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* So that even though our problems might not immediately go away, we can rest in his peace in the middle of it all and see what he will do for us and for those we pray for. And we can trust those we love to our Heavenly Father's hands and receive his peace, believing he will do the best for them.

Paul has one last helpful thought in his letter. He encourages the believers to think about and focus on the things that are true and noble, right, pure and lovely, things that are admirable, excellent and praiseworthy.

What a great list! And with this we can expect God's peace to sustain us.

So as you face the troubles and difficulties that come in your lives, look to God with faith, come with thanksgiving, bring your requests and receive his peace in your hearts. God bless you.

Brenda Critchley



Puzzle for November

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**.

	6			5	1		3	
4					7			
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			3	9				5
3	5		8		2			9
8							4	2
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- Sunday 3rd: Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 10th : Ranskill – 9.30am Remembrance Parade, Blyth – 9.30am Remembrance Service, Scrooby – 10.45am Remembrance Service
- Sunday 17th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 24th: 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



Ranskill and Torworth W.I

The meeting for the above organisation will be on Tuesday 26th November 2024 in the Village Hall, Kennel Drive, Barnby Moor.

The Speaker is Mr. Steve Williams who will be talking on The Oasis Project Worksop. Meetings commence at 2pm. For further information please ring 01777 818519. Pat Blatchford.

Winter Words

Local literary enthusiast Rob White returns to Retford Library to deliver Winter Words, a talk on Thomas Hardy's poetry referencing the same poems set to music by Benjamin Britten in a song cycle of the same title.

Stand by for some fascinating insights into Hardy's life and work. And there will be a little music!

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NOVEMBER QUIZ

1. Who was declared head of the Church of England in November 1534?
2. On which date in November did Germany and the Allies sign the Armistice for WWI?
3. What is the November birth flower?
4. Which holiday is celebrated on 11th November in the USA?
5. Which famous TV chef was born in November 1966?
6. Which star sign are you if born on 20th November?
7. Which UK Prime Minister was born in November 1874?
8. Bonfire Night is celebrated on 5th November but in which year was the Gunpowder Plot?
9. Which US President signed the bill officially establishing the 4th Thursday of November as Thanksgiving?
10. The author of *Gone with the Wind* was born in November 1900, what was her name?
11. Who became the first female president of Ireland on 7th November 1990?
12. Which group had a hit with 'November Rain'?
13. What are the two November birthstones?
14. What day is celebrated on 1st November by the Roman Catholic Church?
15. The last emperor of Germany abdicated on 9th November 1918, who was he?
16. The Day of the Dead is celebrated by which country on 2nd November each year?
17. Which canal officially opened for the first time on 17th November 1869?
18. Japan's emperor during WWII was crowned in November 1928, who was he?
19. Which US president was the target of an assassination attempt in November 1950?
20. The November class of nuclear-powered submarine was in service for which country?



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Who hasn't stood looking in wonder at a starling murmuration at least once in their life? A swirling, whirling mass of birds making incredible, shapes against the sky that separate and reform in beautiful fluid movements. Then, suddenly, they are gone, dropping as though at a signal, into the reeds. Who told them when to do that? How come they never bump into one another? What makes them gather in the first place?

Enter Kathryn Cooper, photographer, artist, scientist and our November speaker. Kathryn's award-winning photography will help reveal some of the secrets of the starlings' movements. She has won numerous awards for her work, the most recent was being shortlisted for the Sony World Photography Awards Professional Series. Kathryn spent her early career developing techniques for medical imaging that she now uses in her nature photography. She takes many successive exposures and then overlays them onto the same print, a technique that reveals motion and behaviour that would otherwise remain hidden.

Kathryn's images have revealed much about collaborative behaviour and complex systems that is relevant to all our lives. This really is one talk not to be missed. Come and experience some cutting edge science, learn a little more about our local wildlife and appreciate some great art!

This meeting will be held at the Idle Valley Centre starting at 7.15pm, on Thursday 14 November. £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

"It's made all the difference to my life"

One very special thing about volunteering at the Wednesday Group is that you can see the difference it makes to people's lives. Just a week or two of sitting next to someone who talks to you instead of sitting alone at home, of being encouraged to take part in the exercises or dances, or of being asked if you'd like to play cards or have a go at a spot of craft work for a change is all it seems to take. Gradually the tension vanishes, they're looking relaxed, smiling, starting a conversation.

One day I heard something that took my breath away for a moment: "It's made all the difference to my life, coming here," said one lady. We volunteers change too. As we become more confident and get to know people better volunteers are more likely to adopt new approaches or to try new activities. The result is that the group is changing and developing all the time to

reflect the interests and abilities of its members. It's a very different group from the one we started ten years ago. We didn't have live music then and we never thought of getting up and dancing. Ten years on, and it's much more exciting!

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

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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 Lightly butter the bread (with crusts)
 Spread each slice with the cheese/mustard mix and cut each into triangles
 Arrange in buttered dish, points upward
 Beat together eggs and rest of the milk and pour over then sprinkle remaining cheese on top
 Bake at 180°C 360°F Mark 4 gas for 35 mins
 Serve with the bacon and a sprinkle of Worcester sauce

MUSTARD BAKED CHICKEN - Serves 4

4 chicken fillets or 8 boned thighs

In a small bowl mix – level measure

4 tblsp melted butter 2 tblsp lemon juice 4 tblsp Dijon mustard
 1 tblsp brown sugar 1 teasp paprika

Place chicken in buttered dish, brush with some of the mustard mix
 Bake at 200°C 400°F Mark 6 gas for 15 mins
 Turn chicken pieces and brush with remaining mix
 Sprinkle on 3 tblsp poppy seeds and bake for a further 15 mins
 Serve with pasta shells and pan juices poured over

Joy T

Solution to November puzzle

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

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It is a God-given privilege.
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to give,
It is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to work, it is the price of success.
Take time for charity, it is the key to heaven.

Anon

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please pause a while,
A simple thing to do.
But they deserve this simple act
Who gave their lives for you.
They died for love of freedom,
Gave all they had to give —
Please give a moment of your day,
They died that we might live.

Joy T

*"Perhaps we should not so much
mourn those who died. Rather thank
God that such men lived."*

Words used in an annual armistice day service

NOVEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Henry VIII 2. 11th November
1918 3. Chrysanthemum
4. Veterans Day 5. Gordon
Ramsay 6. Scorpio 7. Winston
Churchill 8. 1605 9. Franklin D
Roosevelt 10. Margaret
Mitchell 11. Mary Robinson
12. Guns N Roses 13. Topaz &
Citrine 14. All Saints Day
15. Kaiser Wilhem II 16. Mexico
17. Suez Canal 18. Hirohito
19. Harry S Truman 20. Russia/
Soviet Union

QUOTE for the MONTH

*"A friend is one soul
abiding in two bodies"*

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Ranskill

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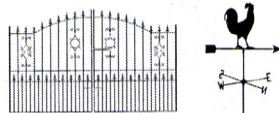
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Fargo

**A LOT CAN
HAPPEN
IN THE MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE**

18

Minnesota car salesman Jerry Lundegaard's inept crime falls apart due to his and his henchmen's bungling and the persistent police work of the quite pregnant Marge Gunderson.

8:00 pm (doors open 7:30)

Sunday 10th November

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Scrooby Harvest Supper

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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)



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

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November - December 2024



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

Dates are:

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

Ranskill Ramblings—Part 2

Station Road

Where the Top Shop is now was Fullers shop, Post Office and Bakery. Bob Fuller baked bread and cakes in what is now the Fish & Chip shop and they were delivered round the district by van. He made a lot of money and bought several properties in the village.

Plumtree Cottage next to the Chapel was said to be a school many years ago.

The first house on Gladstone Terrace was a shop run by Mrs Hurst. Mr Hurst had lost a leg above the knee and got around on a pair of large wooden crutches. In spite of this they took in three evacuees from the Great Yarmouth area who I often used to play with. Sadly, only two of them went back as one was knocked down by a car on the crossroads and killed.

At Blyton House lived Mr & Mrs Johnson of Skinner & Johnson. They had a lot to do with the Chapel. Mr Johnson ran a silver SS Jaguar, a very nice car.

At Bourne Villas lived Mrs Hindmarsh who spent half her life on Station Road gossiping and was well known for it.



Just before the crossing on the right was the Skinner & Johnson forkworks, which at that time was the biggest employer in the village. They made forks and spades and all types of garden tools which were stronger and lighter than anything you can buy today, some are still in use in my garden. They also ran a lorry to Harworth and Bircotes every day to bring in more workers. According to my mother, one of the Skinners was a bit of a lad and did a runner with some of the firm's money. Ken Johnson lived on Folly Nook and rode a horse called Rufus which had never been known to break into a trot.

Next came the Station, the Stationmasters house and the station yard. Jess Potter ran a coal business from the yard.

In Autumn, Station Road would

be littered with sugar beet and turnips as farmers sent their produce away by rail. If a certain signalman was on duty we would go into the signal box and watch him at work, it was great.

Where Lowfields is now was the hostel which housed workers from the ROF factory, which ran from the bottom of Ranskill nearly to Sutton and employed 4,000 people. The hostel stretched from Station Road to the top of the school field and at the Lowfield end was the dining hall and the concert hall. At that time the path by the railway was a proper road.

After the factory closed the hostel was turned into a teacher training college. Some of the local females thought all their Christmases had come at once – 600 young men on the doorstep!

When the college closed the site was built on, apart from the two large halls which were left for light industry.

James Maude were pattern makers and Saville Brindley precision engineers were two that I remember.

Over the crossing was the malt kiln owned at one time by Barnsley Brewery Co. Mr Beeston was the manager and one day during Scout Bob a Job Week (a bob was one shilling or 5p today) my friend and I asked if he had any jobs we could do. Yes he said, we could whitewash the inside of his two hen houses. This we did and came home covered in fleas and lice.

Straight on down Common Lane and before the stream was the large area of land that had been quarried for sand and gravel and just left. Nature had

reclaimed it so there was lush grass and wild flowers everywhere, fish in the ponds and an abundance of wildlife.

Also on that side of the line was the branch line to the ROF factory. When the factory closed the line was kept on as a wagon repair siding. There was also a precast concrete works.

Mattersey Road

Until the mid 1930's the village sports field stretched down Mattersey Road as far as Ranskill House and down Station Road as far as the Bowling Green. It belonged to the Worksop & Retford Brewery Co.

In the corner near the Chapel my mother had a wooden shop and a little further down Mattersey Road was the Pavilion.

The only house on the other

side of the road was Laburnum Cottage where pig farmer George Richardson lived. He also farmed the fields where Southfall and Stonehill Close stand. On the Stonehill side was a long wooden building which during the war housed an auxiliary fire engine.

At the Red House (now Belmont Manor) lived the Durnfords, one of whom used to take a boat on the Ballast Hole (now Birchwood) and paint landscapes. My mother said they also planted the trees on Mattersey Road.

The Ballast Hole was created when the railway company needed material to build the viaduct at Bawtry.

Blyth Road

Just around the corner, Mrs Jervis sold fruit and vegetables from a house which is now part of the Blue Bell Inn.



The founder of W H Otley Ltd lived at The Grange. He was quite well known in the area, was a member of the Blyth and Ranskill Parish Councils, helped to form Ranskill Scout Troop and ran a bible class for many years. The business at that time was in Doncaster but eventually had to move due to redevelopment and came to Ranskill.

Next to the corn business was a cottage, long since demolished, where Alf Cook lived. Alf had worked on the land all his life and fancied himself as a weather forecaster. I will say no more!

The first farmer I can remember at Larkfield Farm was Mr Rhodes. After him came Mr Cowling a 'gentleman farmer'.

He joined the Parish Council

and was very keen to get the council houses built on Station Road. Some other residents were not so keen. He also had the first diesel tractor in the village.

Colonel and Mrs Brown lived at Thorn House and had jewellers shops in Sheffield, Doncaster and Scarborough. Every year they had a garden fete in aid of church funds. They also had a Rolls Royce.

Joe Dyson was the gardener at Thorn House and when he retired he bought a caravan and lived in it in the field next to Blue Bell Court. Joe was handy with a pair of scissors and used to cut my hair and that of several other people. His wife Minnie was a member of the WI. One year they put on a show in the Church Room. I can't remember what it was called but it was very funny and

Minnie was the star of the show.

Mr Kitchin farmed at Poplar Farm. He always wore his flat cap back to front to keep the rain from running down his neck.

The Gillot family lived at Birk Hill (now Ranskill Mount) and had a steel business in Sheffield. I seem to remember the garden had its own irrigation system supplied from a well and pumped by a wind turbine.

In 1891 they built the Reading Room and library on the Great North Road. In the early part of the 20th century, two full billiard tables were acquired and the library part faded away. It is still functioning and has a team in the Retford Snooker League.

To be continued... P. F. Parkin





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At the recent AGM the Torworth Playing Field & Events Committee reluctantly decided that unless more volunteers come forward willing to help both with the organising and on the day itself there would not be a festival in Torworth in 2025.

If you and your family want events like this to continue you must contact torworthfestival@gmail.com as soon as possible.



???? ARE YOU INTERESTED ????

The Scrooby Parish Council are thinking of holding a CPR / Defibrillator / First Aid course in the next 2-3 months. Possibly a Saturday morning for a couple of hours. And are canvassing demand.

So, are you interested?? If so either email parishcouncil@scrooby.net or text "YES CPR" to 0797 483 6978.

Also the Parish Council are always on the lookout for co-opted Parish Councillors to ensure the parish has a strong involvement. This usually involves a couple of hours each month, plus support for any event that is happening.

So, again are you interested, could you play a role in the Parish?? If so, again please contact the Clerk or Chairman on:

parishcouncil@scrooby.net



ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 16 September 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: Terry Goldsmith
2. **Apologies** Elaine Gargett, Ceri Smith, County Cllr Tracey Taylor.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Ellaina Sammut Seconded by Michaela Blount.
- 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, An Annual Strimming and Maintenance contract for the Whinze / Gibbet Hill Common, The position of PC equipment is loaded to others..
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Encouraging Pension Credit Take up.
 - 4.2. Public Discussion – None.
 - 4.3. Parish Councillor Vacancy – Terry Goldsmith has come forward to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. This was unanimously accepted and Terry was welcomed to the Parish Council. But more 'volunteer' councillors are required to fill upcoming vacancies.
5. **Correspondence**: The usual number of notices, e-mails and letters had been received over the last two months and were listed before the meeting. Those of note: Bassetlaw Action Centre Recruitment and that the 'Scrooby Rock' is publicised in the Notts press.
- 5.1 The council supported the Safety of Lithium Batteries campaign. Under S137 ruling the PC donated £50 to the North Notts First Responders who do valuable service in our area, including training.
- 5.2 Central Bassetlaw Forum continues, using deputies if cannot attend.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Absent, illness.
District Councillor Jack Bowker – Nothing to report because the Council had not yet met. It was disappointed to hear that in the recent Boundary Commission study it is recommended that Scrooby would remain in the (larger) Blyth / Langold ward with 2 councillors. Scrooby had hoped to be included with Ranskill, and so it was noted as very disappointing.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, Quarterly Salaries, grass/hedge cuts, Annual Audit fee and Mayflower Memorial costs. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2 Other activities were the revised Village Hall energy contracts for the next 3 years and Graham Robbins was thanked for his ongoing service as the V Hall Licensee.
The Annual Accounts and Audit was completed with no challenges or comments.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend.
PCSO continues to be requested to attend.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: Churnside Tree maintenance in the conservation area.
Existing Applications: 1 ongoing: Wildwood adaptations are in appeal and 5 more static caravans down Saracens Lane has been accepted with the existing limitations (use for 12 months but not continuous occupancy).
 - 9.3 HIVE: is now in Phase II, a 17th September council meeting is set for planning review. Parish Councillors have said the piece already.
Planning Enforcement: One case open, but the PC is not to be automatically informed of progress.
10. **Play Area**

Nothing to report, next inspection in September, including the Mayflower Memorial. It is hoped the Scrooby Show will fund the replacement of the goalposts.
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 Help to set up EV charging from the Village Hall is being investigated, Summer noise levels in the village are noted and will continue to be publicised, Clerk is to obtain the winter salt bags as in previous years..
 - 12.1 Grass Cutting the Manor Lane hedge issue continues.
 - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The project is now in "maintenance mode" and a formal contract is being investigated.
 - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The memorial was officially inaugurated at the Scrooby Show. Final costs and a risk assessment are to be completed.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**
 - 14.1. None

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Next meeting to be held on Monday, 14th October, 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.

Look at the Noticeboard / Information Hub (Chapel Lane) / Scrooby.net

website for all the latest information and consultations.

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.

PLEASE follow the procedure for using the Defibrillator, Call 999 first.

Please be mindful of your neighbours when outside.

Dogs are **NOT** allowed on the Croft or in the Village Hall, unless an organised dog event, **Please clear your dog 'poo'**, including the Whinze! The guards around the new trees on the Whinze / Gibbet Hill are vital, please do not remove them!!!

There are still vacancies for Parish Councillors – is that you??? If so contact the Parish Clerk

ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 14 October 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Michaela Blount, Terry Goldsmith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor, District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part). Parishioners / Public present: Ed Marshall
2. **Apologies** Lindsey Buxton, Ellaina Sammut, Ceri Smith.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Michaela Blount, Seconded by Stephen Cordery.
- 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, Hedge on Manor Road, An Annual Strimming and Maintenance contract for the Whinze / Gibbet Hill Common, The position of PC equipment is loaned to others, and to publicise demand for a CPR/First Aid refresher.
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1 Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Bassetlaw Street Trading Policy 2025.
 - 4.2 Public Discussion – None.
 - 4.3 Parish Councillor Vacancy – Terry Goldsmith has come forward to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. This was unanimously accepted and Terry was welcomed to the Parish Council. But more 'volunteer' councillors are required to fill upcoming vacancies.
 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 School Admissions 2026 and the Bassetlaw Street Trading Policy.
 - 5.1 Mentioned: Free electric blanket testing and the Notts Budget Consultation remainder. Decided to use common sense not documents when it comes to the (three) employees HR.
 - 5.2 Central Bassetlaw Forum continues, agreed to only report if attended.
 6. **District and County Councillor's Report**
County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Council met (discussed the Winter Fuel Allowance and said there may be Notts CC help for some). No closures for Notts Waste Recycling. Solar Farms, lots of applications but the position is to protect the agricultural land. District Councillor Jack Bowker – The Council had met. Xmas Bin collection publicity has started (look out on your Bins). The new MP's offices are being created.
 7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, Quarterly Salaries, grass cut, and the donation to the First Responders. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2 Other activities, agreed to pay the commission on the Harvest Supper payment card reader.
 8. **Police Report**
Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend. PCSO continues to be requested to attend.
 9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: None.
Existing Applications: 2 ongoing: Wildwood adaptations are in appeal.
 - 9.3 HIVE: was agreed at the Notts CC Planning meeting by a narrow margin, but there is as yet no Environmental Licence and so work cannot commence.
 10. **Play Area**
Inspection showed only minor matters around matting shrinkage, to be addressed. The Mayflower Memorial was excluded, it is not a play area item. It is confirmed the Scrooby Show committee will fund the replacement of the goalposts.
 11. **Village Hall**
 - 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well.
 - 11.2 Village permanent Christmas Lights – Continues, current costings are too high..
 12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0 Clerk has ordered the winter salt bags as in previous years..
 - 12.1 Grass Cutting the Manor Lane hedge issue continues.
 - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – Continues
 - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The final costings were agreed and authorised to be paid. The draft risk assessment was Presented, Kelly was thanked and asked to help with the risk scoring.
 14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**
 - 14.1. Work needed on the Croft trees was asked to put on the agenda. In the meantime an assessment of the requirements is to be made.

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

Do you want to come to a CPR/First Aid refresher course one Saturday?? If so tell the Clerk!

There are still vacancies for Parish Councillors – is that you??? If so contact the Parish Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE TORWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BARNBY MOOR VILLAGE HALL
Tuesday May 16th, 2024 proceeding the Annual Parish
Council Meeting.**



PRESENT

Chair: Councillor C. Willis (CW)

Vice-Chair: None present

Councillors: R. Willis (RW), D Lacey (DL)

County Councillor: T Taylor

District Councillor: D Bamford

Clerk: C. Challener (CC)

Members of the public: 0

01/0524

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

02/0524

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The chair opens the meeting welcoming everyone.

J Helliwell sends apologies.

03/0524

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

04/0524

CRIME REPORT

1x Crimes reported for the Month of March on Low Road/ Daneshill Road of violence or sexual assault.

05/0524

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Topics reported:

Boundary Review

Local Plan adoption

County reported topics reported:

West Burton STEP project

FCC & HIVE planning updates

Holds Lane junction Road markings

Please contact your District or County councillor direct for further information on the issues reported or to raise issues direct with them.

06/0524

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as accurate and as a true record of proceedings.

07/0524

COUNCILLOR RAISED ITEMS, MATTERS ARISING DURING THE MONTH & ONGOING MATTERS

It is resolved to donate £350 towards the running costs of the STAR newsletter.

£1000 is earmarked to move the Beacon prior to the D Day event. Cllr C Willis to progress the work as necessary.

08/0524 FINANCE

The Bank Reconciliation is passed for review.

Payments presented and approved for the period:

Card 58, Mkm Retford	£(316.32)
MOB, Notts Alc, Training	£(90.00)
Skip Hire	£(475.42)
Torworth & Ranskill Allotments Grant	£(200.00)
Archive Stamps	£(17.70)
CLS 58, Corner Garage	£(25.15)
Card 58, Torne Valley Ltd	£(103.52)
Stationary	£(103.78)
Microsoft*Microsoft 36	£(59.99)
Website	£(11.99)
Yu Energy	£(17.21)
Stationery	£(61.57)
Defib Pads	£(41.28)
Card 58, Toolstation Ltd	£(17.98)

Receipts

None

9/0524 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

The suggested locations for the bench have been refused by Notts County Council on grounds of highway visibility splay.

The works to the playing field are discussed and agreed for the month.

Following a number of complaints from residents the muddy conditions of Hedland/ Great North Road are reported to the County Councillor for investigation.

10/0524 PLANNING ISSUES DECLARED BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING

Planning Applications on consultation:

None

Determinations from previous Applications:

None

13/0524 INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING & ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Biodiversity Policy for adoption.

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