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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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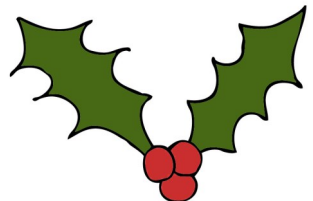
December is here, and can you believe Christmas is just around the corner! We have a full colour version of The STAR this month to mark the end of the year and remind ourselves we will be having a break during the festivities and will return in February 2025.

Make note of the events this month, there's plenty to do. There are open studios, Christmas café hubs, exhibitions, puzzles, quizzes, church services, historical talks, reading cafes, recipes, pie and pea suppers, cinema screenings, defib training, warm spaces, social groups, charitable call outs and a partridge in a pear tree!

The STAR team would like to thank everyone who volunteer their time to make the magazine a success and to everyone who send in their stories, articles, photos and adverts. We look forward to hearing more in the new year and please do get in touch if you feel that you could help in the future.

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Christmas Café Hub

Saturday December 14th

10.30-12.30

Tea Coffee Sausage Rolls

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Christmas Raffle and Prizes

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Christian Perspective



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When we read carefully the scriptures of the first Christmas we find that important preparations were also being made—but this time in the heavenly realms. All of heaven has been waiting for this very central event in the plans and purposes of God—to send his son to be the Saviour of the world. Paul writes about this set time to the Galatians: *But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Galatians 4:4-5*

Here on earth, the first event that catches the eye is the account of the angel Gabriel appearing to a priest called Zechariah, while he is serving in the temple. He says there is a miracle about to happen—Zechariah and his wife, who up to now has been barren and both are old, are going to have a baby. This child will be the one who will prepare the way for the coming Messiah.

Then Gabriel is tasked to visit an ordinary young woman called Mary to tell her something very important is about to happen. She will bear God's own Son. Following this, God sends Gabriel to say that it is all right to marry Mary, because although she is pregnant, it is God's child she is carrying.

As the time comes for the child to be born to Mary, a whole host of angels are sent to earth to help celebrate the birth of the Son of God. Interestingly they are not sent to important people in the world's eyes, but to lowly shepherds out at night seeing to the sheep. First they see brightness, then hear the voice of the angel and then a great choir of angels singing praises to God. It's one of the regular jobs of the angels to sing praises to God. We read this in Revelation 5:11-12.

As we look forward into the life of Jesus we see angels ministered to him after the temptation in the desert. Angels were there at his resurrection, and also at his ascension, telling those who saw him ascend that one day he would come back as they had seen him go.

One last thought for us living today comes from Hebrews 1:14 where we read: *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve them who will inherit salvation?*

If we believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord we can be sure that, although we may not see them with our physical eyes, angels are helping us as we go about our lives, trusting in Jesus. May you have a blessed Christmas.



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for December

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**.

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7	2	1		3	9			6
						4		2
			7		3			
		2	1				8	7
9	7	3	2	6		5		
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		4	8		1	2		5
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- Sunday 8th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 15th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 22nd: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Tuesday 24th: Ranskill – 4pm Christingle Blyth – 5pm Carol Service, Scrooby – 11.30 pm Midnight Mass
- Wednesday 25th : Ranskill – 9.30am – CW HC
- Sunday 29th: Blyth – 9.30 am – CW HC

Key:

CW – Common Worship

HC – Holy Communion

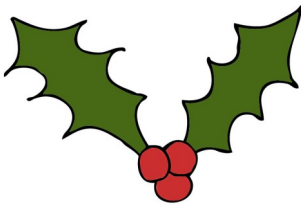
BCP – Book of Common Prayer

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



My Opinion

Hello all you responsible dog lovers. We have walked around daneshill lakes this weekend and we are disgusted in the amount of dog mess that has not been picked up!!

Please take it to the bin or we may end up losing this lovely walk !!!

From a responsible dog walker

Ranskill and Torworth W.I

The above organisation do not meet in December. Our next meeting is on 28th January 2025. Our programme for 2025 is below:

28th January—Highway Men of the Great North Road, Brian Gladston

25th February—Fraud and Scams, Eva Hunt

25th March—Queen of the Road, Dianne Fox

22nd April—Nottingham's Womans Aid (Abuse), Benita Nelson.

27th May—Resolutions

24th June—The Hat Lady (hat making demonstration), Yvonne Henson

22nd July—Social Afternoon

26th August—The Slowick Charity, Tim Shuldham

23rd September—Annual Meeting

28th October—All About Chocolate., Alan Dixon

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1. In which James Bond film is there a character called Dr Christmas Jones?
2. What is the name of Elton John's most famous Christmas song?
3. What is the name of the family dog in The Simpsons, adopted on Christmas Eve?
4. A bakery in Clerkenwell is the origin of which tradition?
5. Which Doctor Who made his debut in the 2005 special called The Christmas Invasion?
6. What is the name of the little girl who befriends The Grinch in the 2020 film?
7. In what classic novel does the protagonist set sail on a cold Christmas Day?
8. How many gifts were given in The Twelve Days of Christmas carol?
9. What hangs from the marble bannisters in Hogwarts Castle over Christmas?
10. In Will Ferrel's Elf what is the first rule in the Code of Elves?
11. In A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens who declares "Merry Christmas one and all"?
12. Who conceived and produced the film The Nightmare Before Christmas?
13. In which film does Tom Hanks voice Santa?
14. Stollen is a Christmas confection from which country?
15. Which Royal sent the first official Christmas Card?
16. In which country did the Christmas drink Eggnog originate?
17. HOH OHO is Santa's official postcode in which country?
18. What was the first Christmas song to ever be broadcast on the radio?
19. What Christmas treat became popular due to a Brothers Grimm story?
20. The Father Christmas Letters is written and illustrated by which famous novelist?



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Ranskill Ramblings—Part 3 *...Continued from Nov '24*

Great North Road

In 1905 my grandfather opened a garage & filling station close to what is now the Doncaster bus stop. Adjoining it was a row of cottages where my grandparents lived & my mother was born. In 1951 my grandfather retired & eventually Mr Blow bought the business & later the garden of the Blue Bell Inn, now Blue Bell Court. He built a garage showroom & workshop and it became a Rootes Group agency (Hillman, Humber, Sunbeam, Talbot etc.) called North Road Garage.

The field next to it that runs up to the old police house was where every October, Tuby's brought a funfair & it was known as Ranskill Feast. On the other side of the road, which is now grass, was a row of eight cottages which ran down to the telegraph, which is still there. At the other end, up some steps, was a cobblers shop & then the communal wash house. In that was a coal fired copper, two large stone sinks & two big cast iron mangles with 15cm wooden rollers, one slip & you could lose an arm!

The large house next to the shop was called 'The Limes' & was bought by the Church & became the vicarage. After some years they decided it was too big & put it up for sale & made the bottom of the garden into four building plots fronting onto Station Road.



Brampton House was the Co-op, the largest shop in the village & the first one to sell ice cream. If you placed an order it would be delivered later on the shop bike. Later it was an antique shop & then fruit & veg.

At Zareba House a doctor from Bawtry used to hold a surgery there two or three mornings a week. Next to Zareba was a row of cottages, long since demolished, called 'Bug Row'. Backing onto Back Lane was another row of cottages called 'Gawping Row'. These names of course were unofficial. Further down behind the flower beds was the Temperance Hall which had once been a Chapel. With the Church Room opposite, the village had the choice of two venues in which to hold events.

This side of Church View was another garage owned by Ben Beeley & called Ranskill Motor Co. Ben also built the house to the rear. He eventually sold the business to Mr Brackenbury who extended the premises & started a

Volvo agency. Later on, when the North Road Garage went up for sale he bought that as well so they had the workshop at one end of the village & the sales at the other. They did really well & won several customer service awards. They moved to Worksop sometime in the 1990's. The workshop site then became Horse & Style selling top quality outdoor clothes & tackle for horses. It became Book Aid. The other site became Doncaster Trade Autos & was then sold & became Blue Bell Court.

Harry Marrison lived at Church View & I believe his father was a stonemason who helped to build Ranskill Church in 1878.

The first house on the right hand side going into Torworth is, would you believe, in Ranskill Parish. It was known as the Modern Restaurant run by a Greek chef Manuel Vlackogenis, who had previously worked at Ye Olde Bell. I remember going with my parents for meals there & it was very nice.

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Fearful trembling	Shy assembling
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For the Lamb they now behold.	
Come to see,	The Wise Men three
Led by a Star	They journey far
Create a way now pilgrim — worn.	
Hail the morning	New life dawning
Bells are ringing	Hearts are singing
Tell the world a Child is born.	

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The World is Not Enough 2. Step Into Christmas 3. Santa's Little Helper 4. Christmas Crackers 5. David Tennant 6. Cindy Lou Woo 7. Moby Dick 8. 364 9. Everlasting Icicles 10. Treat Every Day Like Christmas 11. Tiny Tim 12. Tim Burton 13. Polar Express 14. Germany 15. Queen Victoria 16. Britain 17. Canada 18. O Holy Night 19. Gingerbread House 20. JRR Tolkein



QUOTE for the MONTH

"What is the best Christmas present in the world? A broken drum! You just cant beat it!"

Retford Library: Christmas Reading Café

If you enjoy Retford Library's Poetry, Crime, Craft and Heritage Cafes, and Library events, you might like to join us for a Christmas get-together on Monday 2nd December at 1.30pm!

We will have some short readings, a fun quiz and seasonal refreshments to brighten up a winter's afternoon and hopefully get us in the mood for the festive period.

Bring along a festive or seasonal poem or a short reading to share, or simply come along to listen to others and enjoy a lovely afternoon.

Please keep the readings under 2 minutes long, as numbers for this event are usually large and we will struggle for time.

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North Notts Local Group: Season's Greetings!



The December meeting at Idle Valley will, as usual, be our Christmas Quiz and Social Night. We are still working on the programme but there will be plenty of interesting ways to test your, no doubt extensive, wildlife knowledge! Come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine, a lovely buffet, the chance to catch up with your friends and maybe even win one of our Christmassy raffle prizes.

This is a ticket only event for members, friends and supporters and numbers are limited so if you haven't got your ticket yet, don't hang around; contact Maureen Holgate at mohol45@aol.com. You may be lucky and there may be some still available. Tickets are £8 each, an astonishing bargain you can't afford to miss! For many of us it's a lovely start to the seasonal activities and all the better for having the chance to share it with friends and others with similar interests.

If you can't make it to Quiz Night, the North Notts Local Group would like to wish all members, friends

and supporters a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and wildlife friendly New Year.

We hope to see you in January at our first meeting of the year which will be on Thursday 9 at the Idle Valley centre starting at 7.15pm. Our speaker will be John Clark who will tell us about Bird Ringing in Treswell Wood and give us the chance to test our birdie knowledge with a feather quiz.

If you want to be notified of the Local Group's latest activities, contact Jan and ask about the local group's email alert system for reminding members of meetings, walks and other events that may be of interest to wildlife enthusiasts.

Contact details are: Jan Williamson 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

The Wednesday (Memory) Group

December Already!

Unbelievable and I'm still waiting for summer! Well, they say time goes fast when you're having fun and that certainly seems to have been the case with the Wednesday Group this year.

We've had some brilliant musicians playing for us: two ukulele groups, Retford and Dukeries Ukeries. Then there were the Littleborough Skiffers, Jessica Brett, The Canon Singers, Dave and Sandra and our regular pianist, Frank Bulman. Once the music starts, it's not very long before people are up and dancing and the livelier the music, the more animated and jolly they become.

Events planned for the festive season include Christmas lunch at the West Retford Hotel and a visit to the pantomime at the Majestic in January. Our final meeting of the year will be Wednesday, December 18. That will be our Christmas party and Dave and Sandra will be the entertainers. Then we



take a two week break, the only break on our calendar, and we'll be back, ready to greet our members on January 8 2025! We wish them, and you, all the very best for the festive season and for the New Year.

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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RECIPES to try ...

CHRISTMAS COOKIES - Makes 20 (will freeze, thaw at room temperature)

6oz soft butter 12oz plain flour 1 egg
 4oz granulated sugar ½ teasp salt 4oz soft light brown sugar
 1 teasp each ginger and cinnamon

Cream butter and both sugars – add rest of ingredients and beat well together
 Make into a ball, wrap and chill for ½ an hour
 Roll to ¼ inch and cut shapes (make hole for hanging biscuits)
 Bake at 180°C 350°F Mark 4 gas for 12-15 mins till lightly browned
 Cool slightly before putting on rack. Decorate as wished.



POTATOES DAUPHINOIS - Serves 8

Can cook ahead and reheat 20 mins as needed
 4lb potatoes 4oz grated cheese 1 pint milk
 2 large eggs ½ pint single cream salt & pepper
 ½ teasp nutmeg 2 cloves crushed garlic (optional)

Peel and thinly slice potatoes – layer in greased casserole with 2/3rds cheese, ending with potato
 Season between layers
 Whisk together milk, eggs and cream and pour over (make sure it goes through to bottom of dish)
 Scatter remaining cheese on top
 Bake at 180°C 350°F Mark 4 gas for 45-50 mins till top is golden brown and cheese bubbling

STUFFING BALLS – Makes up to 36 (will freeze)

Party-size! Adjust accordingly! – as dippers, finger food or with a meal
 500gms/1lb pork sausages 500gms/1lb minced pork
 1 medium cooking apple – peeled and grated 200gms/½lb fresh white breadcrumbs
 Combine all and form into balls then place on greased sheets
 Bake at 200°C 400°F Mark 6 gas for 20-25 mins – serve warm

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**Please join us at our
 annual Pie and Pea
 Supper & Quiz Night
 raising funds for 2nd
 Ranskill Scouts**

Where: Scrooby Village Hall
 When: Saturday 8th February 2025 @ 6:30pm
 Tickets Cost £15.00
 RSVP 07496 957 562
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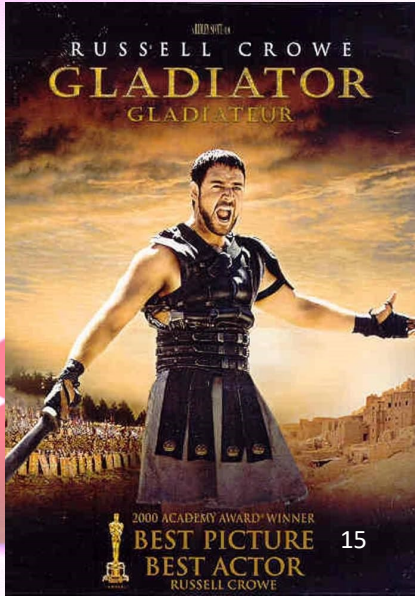
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Solution to December puzzle

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

Scrooby Community Cinema presents



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Sunday 12th January

7.30 pm

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???? ARE YOU INTERESTED ????

The Scrooby Parish Council is 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 look out 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



WARM SPACES IN SCROOBY

December 2024 - February 2025



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:

December 3rd

December 10th **Warm Spaces and Ripples Christmas Party**

December 17th

December 24th **No Meeting** December 31st **No Meeting**

January 7th

January 21st

February 7th

February 21st

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



Ripples Baby and Toddler Group

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

Our last session before Christmas is 16th Dec and we return again on 6th Jan.

(£2 per child)



Ripples Social Group (Dementia friendly)

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

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

Our last session before Christmas is 10th Dec and we return again on 14th Jan.

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ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11 November 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Ceri Smith, Terry Goldsmith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor, District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part). Parishioners / Public present: None
2. **Apologies** Michaela Blount, Lindsey Buxton, Ellaina Sammut.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Elaine Gargett, Seconded by Terry Goldsmith.
- 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, Publicise demand for a CPR/First Aid refresher, Assess work to trees around The Croft.
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Councillor issues.
 - 4.2. Public Discussion – None.
 - 4.3. Parish Councillor Vacancy – Michaela Blount has signified her intention to resign, Clerk to start the co-option process
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: Bassetlaw Budget Consultation.
- 5.1. Mentioned: Bassetlaw Budget Consultation and BCVS Annual Event (29th Nov). Clerk asked for guidance as to publicising these many consultations, decided to add to all parish communications (Website, WhatsApp, Mail shots). The advert for a CPR / 1st Aid course only got 2 replies, Clerk to continue publicity.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Next full meeting in December but waiting for budget info from Westminster. Request for Grit Binds, continues. Tree work on Station Road and Mill Lane are in the pipeline.
District Councillor Jack Bowker – Nothing major to report. The new MP's office information was passed on for publicity.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1. The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, Grass Cut, Cinema Film royalties and the final invoice of the Mayflower Memorial. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2. Other activities, The items of the Whinze and Mayflower Memorials have been included in the parish insurance.
 - 7.3. The regular fee for the Cinema Club film royalty was added to the auto payments list as per regulations.
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: The Old Vicarage, new Kitchen Door, no objections.
Existing Applications: 3 closed: Churnside trees, no TPO. Ponderosa and Wildwood adaptations agreed with conditions.
 - 9.3. No Planning enforcements.
10. **Play Area**

The Scrooby Show committee have ordered 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, options are to be followed up before Xmas.
12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0. Road works on the Great North Road
 - 12.1. Grass Cutting done, the Manor Lane hedge work is on order. Hedges on the Great North Road are to be progressed with Highways.
 - 12.2. The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – Continues, annual maintenance agreed and ordered. Some installations to be completed on both sites.
 - 12.5. The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The risk assessment has been rated. Work on the Medium Risks (the vanes) progresses.
 - 12.6. The work needed on the Croft trees and hedges was discussed and an action team created to document the work, prioritise and cost the work.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**
 - 14.1. None

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at www.scrooby.net
Next meeting to be held on Monday, 9th December, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall. (The last before the Xmas / New Year break)

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. 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!!! **Do you want to come to a CPR/First Aid refresher course one Saturday?? If so tell the Clerk!** Look out on the Scrooby.net website for information from Notts CC and Bassetlaw DC

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

MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: J. Peel, A. Garner, P. Brown,

D. Cllr: D. Bamford

C. Cllr: T. Taylor

Clerk: B. Kinsey

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

01/0924: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs A. Bing, M. Pryce, L. Shaw

02/0924: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0924: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two residents wished to speak regarding the developments at the Boynton site on Access Road. They have reported various matters to BDC Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement departments. Our D.Cllr will intervene and liaise with the residents.

04/0924: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH JULY

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0924: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a. District Councillor

A discussion was held on the BDC ward boundary changes was held.

b. County Councillor

Our C. Cllr will be speaking at the planning committee meeting on 29th September regarding the Hive PFA planning application. NCC appears to be minded to approve the application. There are however concerns such as a lack of conditions regarding traffic routing and volumes and hours of operation of the site. RPC are particularly concerned with the potential increase in traffic volumes on the A638 through the village and have objected on this basis.

Beauparc is now the owner of what was Retford Waste on Access Road. Concerns have been raised with the volume of traffic to and from the site and a visit has been made by an NCC planning officer. A formal letter has been written to the company with a response expected by 27th September.

06/0924: CRIME AND POLICING

The crime figures for up to July are now available. There has been an average of 9.9 crimes per month this year to date compared to 6.8 for 2023, the majority are either violence or criminal damage.

07/0924: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

a. Update on the Community Speed Watch group formation

The police have now reported that the speed gun owned by the PC is acceptable to use. The next action is to confirm the list of volunteers is still current and arrange training.

b. Blyth Road Petition

The petition is now closed and resulted in 267 signatures agreeing to the complaint being presented to the next NCC meeting. C.Cllr Taylor will progress and present.

08/0924: FINANCE

a. To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 30th August 2024
Summary accounts and bank reconciliation were approved, proposed by Cllr. Garner and seconded by Cllr. Peel. **Carried.**

b. To consider a \$137 grant request by Notts Community First Responders
A grant of £150 was approved. **Carried.**

c. To consider deposit account strategy

Our deposits at the C&C Bank mature at the end of October. The bank has yet to confirm if these products will continue to be available on an ongoing basis to Parish Councils, we await their advice. The fallback position is to transfer the funds to our current account at maturity and open investment accounts at the Redwood Bank. The Clerk will follow up.

09/0924: PLANNING

a. To consider new planning applications received as at 11 September
Two new applications were received. 24/01001/PDN has been received for change of use from agricultural land to 3 acres of caravan and motor home storage. The PC will object on the basis of heavy traffic through the crossroads onto Mattersey Road. 24/00818/LBA + 24/00817/HSE Mantles Court, installation of multifuel stoves, rainwater collection and new timber windows etc. Cllrs had no objections.

b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.
Please see the C. Cllr report regarding Hive PFA.

10/0924: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

a. Consider the playground monthly safety report
The September BDC report found no issues.

b. To receive an update on our FCC grant application.

A response is expected by the end of September from FCC Communities Foundation.

c. To consider an EMAS Community CPR training session
To consider at the next meeting.

d. Review the PC website

The Clerk has revised the website and asks Cllrs to review and advise any alterations or corrections.

e. To consider the availability of salt bins

Cllrs thought no more bins are necessary and they are all full of salt. No further action.

11/0924: TO REVIEW ALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Take forward this matter to the next meeting.

12/0924: CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

No new volunteers have come forward despite extensive advertising.

13/0924: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None.

14/0924: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

Review of policies and CPR training.

15/0924: AGREE A DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

9th October 2024

Signed as a true record: -

MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2024 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: J. Peel, A. Garner, P. Brown, M. Pryce

D. Cllr: Absent

C. Cllr: T. Taylor

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: None

01/1024: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs A. Bing, L. Shaw, D. Cllr Bamford

02/1024: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/1024: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public attending.

04/1024: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/1024: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a. District Councillor

Absent.

b. County Councillor

Our petition for resurfacing of Blyth Road was presented to the full council, having already been approved. No household recycling centres are being closed. The County Council has written to the government to oppose the withdrawal of the winter fuel allowance. Hive Energy will now apply to the Environmental Agency for an operational licence to extract PFA, NCC will be minded to grant.

06/1024: CRIME AND POLICING

The crime figures for up to August showed an average of 9.6 crimes per month this year to date compared to 6.8 for 2023 and 7 for August.

07/1024: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Update on the Community Speed Watch group formation. The police have now reported that the speed gun owned by the PC is acceptable to use. The next action is to confirm the list of volunteers is still current and arrange training.

The deteriorated roof of the bus stop located on Great North Road opposite the Blue Bell has been reported on the app and will be repaired shortly.

08/1024: FINANCE

a. To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 30th September 2024

Summary accounts and bank reconciliation were approved, proposed by Cllr. Pryce and seconded by Cllr. Peel. **Carried.**

b. To consider half year accounts to budget

The PC is operating to budget with income slightly ahead of forecast and expenditure slightly below target.

c. To consider deposit account strategy

Our deposits at the C&C Bank mature at the end of October. New products have now offered with a fixed interest rate of 4.6% for both 6 and 12 month bonds. Cllr Peel suggested we invest most of our available funds in the 12 month bond for stability in the light of reducing interest rates. Proposed Cllr Peel, seconded Cllr Pryce. **Carried.**

09/1024: PLANNING

- a. To consider new planning applications received as at 21st October
No new applications have been received.
- b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.
Please see the C. Cllr report regarding Hive PFA.

10/1024: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

- a. Consider the playground monthly safety report
The October BDC report found no issues. There is some graffiti inside the ship, the Clerk will ask NN to remove.
- b. To consider a renovation project for the playground.
Unfortunately, our application for funds from the FCC Communities Foundation was unsuccessful. Cllrs wish to thank Cllr Bing for her efforts. The PC will now consider a more limited investment to replace equipment which was removed for safety concerns.
- c. To consider an EMAS Community CPR training session
Cllr Pryce will undertake this session. The Clerk to advise the contact details.
- d. Review the PC website
Cllrs will review and advise any alterations or corrections.
- e. To review access across PC land on Jubilee Way
Councillors discussed complaints regarding new fencing that has been erected adjacent to Jubilee Way and associated access. Further information is awaited to progress the matter.

11/1024: TO REVIEW ALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Take forward this matter to the next meeting.

12/1024: CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

No new volunteers have come forward despite extensive advertising.

13/1024: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Cllrs agreed to provide funding to provide books for the Ripples charity.
The Christmas light switch on will be Friday 29th November at 6.30pm, Cllr Pryce will arrange the publicity, a competition and songs.

14/1024: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

Review of policies.

15/1024: AGREE A DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

27th November 2024 and 15th January 2025.

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