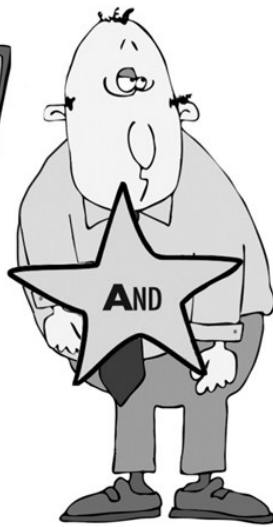


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STAR
OPINION

No matter how hard you try, it is extremely difficult to see any merit in proposals by the East Midlands Ambulance Service to close the ambulance stations in Retford and Worksop.

The service is currently "consulting" on ambulance service provision across the region and the proposed closures are one of the main consulting points in that process.

If the proposals were to be put into practice, the ambulances currently based just down the road in Retford and those based in Worksop would be based at Kings Mill Hospital at Sutton in Ashfield near Mansfield.

From there, when on call, they could be despatched to hang around on street corners or in lay bys awaiting an emergency call. Where those street corners are, no-one knows, but it is a pretty safe bet they won't be street corners and lay-bys anywhere near Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill.

The proposals may well bring improved response times in major towns and cities like Mansfield and Nottingham, but that improvement will be to the detriment of rural areas like Bassetlaw where they are a recipe for disaster.

For instance, what happens if an ambulance needs to return to base for cleaning, as they frequently do after an incident? It will take an age for an emergency ambulance to travel from the other side of Mansfield to an accident on the Great North Road in Ranskill or to a heart attack victim in Torworth.

Already heart attack victims are transported to Sheffield, stroke victims to Doncaster and all other patients to Bassetlaw. Add to that an ambulance that first has to come from the other side of Mansfield and the consequences do not bear thinking about. Bassetlaw MP John Mann is organising an on-line petition against the proposals and he supported a recent protest march in Retford against the proposals.

The STAR would urge every one of its readers to join those protests, to sign John Mann's petition and oppose these proposals that will undoubtedly put many lives at risk – the lives of people in areas like Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill where emergency patients will probably be able to get to hospital quicker by bus than by ambulance.

Cost cutting and savings must not be achieved at the expense of human life and the purpose of change should be to improve the service – and these proposals certainly will not improve the service for the residents of rural areas across the county.

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Strictly ballroom for the Hospice

Have you been watching the new series of Strictly Come Dancing and thought 'I'd love to learn to dance like that'?

Women's Institute Christmas Fayre

Ranskill and Torworth Women's Institute will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning on Wednesday November 14th from 10am until noon in St. Barnabas' Church on the Great North Road in Ranskill. This will be a great opportunity to purchase unique and interesting gifts, ideal for Christmas presents, including hand turned wooden items, hand-made woven and knitted accessories and cards, silk floral displays, individually boxed and basketed beauty gifts, local photographer's art work, quality Women's Institute cake stall, tombola, and a raffle. Admission is just £1.50p, to include tea or coffee and a cake.

Well here is your chance! Bassetlaw Hospice is seeking people who would like to learn to dance to take part in their latest fund raising efforts.

The Margaret Huntley School of Dance has generously offered to help and Margaret has agreed to teach ten couples to dance over a period of ten weeks to put on a final show in Retford Town Hall's Ballroom on 22nd March 2012.

Margaret says: "It is a great opportunity for people who would like to learn to dance, whilst having fun and raising funds for a very worthwhile local cause. I am thrilled to be able to support the Hospice in this way."

Couples will train each week with Margaret to prepare for the final show. They will learn two dances, one Ballroom and one Latin. Each couple will be given the opportunity to sell as many tickets to the final show as they can.

Helen Eshelby, Fund Raising Coordinator for Bassetlaw Hospice said: "We are thrilled to have secured sponsorship for this event again from Red Rock Consulting, so



every penny the couples raise goes straight back to the charity.

"The more people each couple can attract to the final show to support them the more chance they have of winning the coveted glitter ball! We hope it will be a great night and it will definitely have that glitz and glamour feel.

"We are really looking forward to working with the couples and Margaret to produce another great show for the people of Bassetlaw," she added.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Helen at the Hospice's Appeal Office on 01777 710444 or by email at helen@bassetlawhospice.org.

'Cowboy' builders operating in the area

Nottinghamshire Police are warning residents to be aware of 'cowboy builders' who have been operating in the Worksop area following the discovery of two men working on a property of an elderly female without the knowledge of the family. The males left after a concerned local authority employee alerted the Police to their presence.

A police spokesman said: "It is not unusual for rogue traders to carry out door knocks and leaflet drops. "Such persons will try and point out non-essential work, such as roofing, painting or building then quote a vastly inflated price or carry out the work and demand a much higher price than originally quoted. "If you want any building work car-

ried out please make sure you use a registered tradesman. You can always visit the Trading Standards Website which will give you details of registered builders/gardeners. "And, if you are concerned by the presence of such individuals or there are suspicious vehicles in your neighbourhood then please phone Nottinghamshire Police on 101," he added.



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Opening of the new Church in Ranskill

From the Retford Times of
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‘ For many years, plans have been in contemplation for the erection of a church in the hamlets on the Great North Road, which are situate in the Parish of Blyth. Many difficulties have arisen, both as to the choosing of the best site and also of providing funds.

The establishment of a licensed room for a church at Barnby Moor left the choice

of Ranskill for the future building an obvious necessity

The offer of £100 from the late Viscount Galway and Viscountess Galway soon after the lamented decease of His Lordship encouraged the Vicar of Blyth to apply to his college of Trinity at Cambridge, which promised at first £300 and then, on further gifts from the Viscountess Galway, Mr Firth, Mr Pollitt, Mr Gillott, Mr Fisher and other inhabitants of Ranskill, increased their gift to £400.

The result has been a very neat stone building of the early appointed style, built from the design of Mr C. Bailey of Newark; the contractor being Mr Morrison of Ranskill; assisted for the woodwork by Mr Hirst of Retford.

The first stone was laid on March 1st 1877 by the Viscountess Galway.

And on St Barnabas’ Day, June 11th 1878, it was dedicated to the service of God under the title of St Barnabas by the Bishop Suffragen of Nottingham.

The church has been enriched by various gifts, amongst them may we mention a bell by the Vicar, the Revd H. C. Holmes, a font by members of the Raine family, altar plate by the member of the Rudd family (a former Vicar), altar rails by Viscountess Galway; hangings for the East wall and the furniture of the altar by the Vicar and other friends and two large corplars for candles; in memory of the late S. Pollitt who took very great interest in the work; from his sisters, Misses Pollitt.

Most of these things were obtained from Mr Tattersall’s of Southampton Row, WC1.

The seats were made by Mr Paggot of Thorne, while the desks for the choir, clergy etc., were made by Mr Spencer of Blyth and painted by Mr Pollard of Retford.



A Look Back 134 years to The Dedication of St Barnabas’ Church in Ranskill

The handsome altar cloth was embroidered by an amateur of the art.

There were four services on Tuesday and at the 11 o clock the sermon was preached by the Suffragen Bishop who took for his text Acts Chapter 11 verse 24 “He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost.”

After speaking about the character and great faith of St Barnabas, the Bishop eloquently urged upon his hearers the desirability of striving to imitate and follow the example set by so great a Saint, not only in the matter of holiness and faith, but also in alms giving and charity.

He also made delicate allusion to the Pastor and his fellow workers whose “excellent gifts” seemed particularly suited to the trying work they have taken in hand.

The lessons were read by the Revd. Canon Bruce of Carlton and the Revd Stockdale of Clayworth, the vicar taking the other parts of the service in this and the other occasions during the day.’


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Mothers' Union.

The last meeting of St Barnabas' Mothers' Union was held in the Meeting Room at Church on October 10th.

The Guest Speaker was the Rev Jean Tomlinson.

She, as always, gave a very interesting talk on the Prophets of the Old Testament starting with the mythical 'Noah'

It also included a short quiz which resulted in much head scratching!

Sue and Pat looked after the 'inner self', and Olga won the raffle

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday November 14th, at 2pm in the Meeting Room at St Barnabas'.

Bawtry Amateur Dramatic Society are presenting their next production at the Bawtry Phoenix Theatre from November 17th to the 24th.

"Let It Be Me" is a drama by Carey Jane Hardy, directed by Trudy Panting.

Amy lives with and cares for her Aunt Sylvia to whom she is devoted. Sylvia does not recognise the adult Amy but instead remembers the little girl Amy once was.

When Amy meets and falls in love with Gregory, an antiquarian bookseller, she finds her loyalties torn between them.

However with the love and support of her friends and Gregory's understanding she begins to see that a bright and happy future is possible. This is a play of tremendous insight, warmth and humanity laced with humour which will move, uplift and amuse the audience in equal measure.

Tickets will be available from the SPAR on Station Rd Bawtry from the end of October

Tickets: November 17th to 23rd Nov £7. Concessions £6.

Tickets: Saturday November 24th £14.00 including post show buffet.

Warning after phone scam nets £1, 600

Nottinghamshire Police have issued a warning to residents about a recent phone scam in which callers have been swindled out of thousands of pounds.

The most recent incident left an 81-year-old man £1,680 out of pocket after he was called by a man claiming to be from the Department of Justice in London.

On three successive days the caller asked the elderly victim to buy Ukash vouchers worth hundreds of pounds and then return the call with the serial numbers. He was told if he did this, it would entitle him to £2,500.

A police spokesman said Ukash vouchers can be bought from some shops to allow people to purchase items online from participating websites without a credit card or bank account.

In another incident, a man was on a social media website when a message popped up to say there was a virus on his computer.

Another message then appeared claiming to be from the Metropolitan Police.

It instructed him to buy a £100 Ukash voucher and enter the serial number into the site to enable them to remove the virus from the computer.

Newark and Sherwood Neighbourhood Policing Inspector Andy Gan said: "The police and the Department of Justice will never contact you over the phone or via the Internet to ask for money.

"Ukash is just like cash. If you hand them over or give their serial numbers to someone, it's like handing them bank notes.

"Keep your Ukash vouchers and their serial numbers safe and use them carefully. Only use them at genuine partner websites.

"If you are unsure of the validity of a website then check it against the list on the Ukash website at www.ukash.com/uk/en/home.aspx

"Never reveal a Ukash voucher code to anyone over the phone and never give it to someone who asks for payment upfront," he added.

For up-to-date information about the latest scams and for details about crime in your area sign-up to the Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Alert at www.nottinghamshirealert.co.uk

For more details on how to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of fraud or Internet crime visit the ActionFraud website at www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud

If you think you have been a victim of a scam of this nature contact the national ActionFraud reporting line on 0300 123 2040 or call Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. You may be able to claim a cash reward for information.

Letters to The Editor

Sir.- Can I say thank you to all the friends and residents of Ranskill and the surrounding areas for popping in, sending cards, sending flowers and phoning to see how our mum, Viv Camm is, since her recent stay in hospital.

We appreciate it very much and are comforted to know she has such lovely friends and neighbours.

Thank you from Sharon Noble and Robert Camm and families (Viv and John's children).

**Regards,
Sharon Noble.**

Sir.- I would like to thank the pupils, staff and parents of Ranskill Primary School for the wonderful bag of Autumn Harvest goodies that were brought round last week. What a lovely surprise to open my door and be presented with beautiful fresh fruit and vegetables by three charming young girls. It put a smile on my face and joy in my heart.

Thank you!
Kind regards

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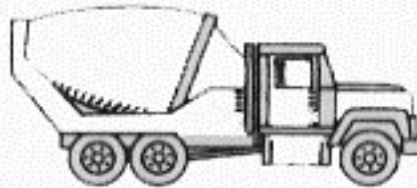
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'Bumper' Harvest Supper raises more than £650

A huge "thank you" to everyone concerned in the production of this year's Harvest Supper at Scrooby Village Hall on October 1st.

Despite all my fears about the lack of produce, illness striking down several key participants – to say nothing of the Rev Kate's stage-fright beforehand - it was certainly more than all right on the night, with virtually a full house, and the

**Special
Report
By
Sarah
Coombes**

Warning for elderly residents

Residents are being warned against rogue traders who have been operating in the area. Recently a pensioner had cheques removed from a cheque book which were later presented for large amounts without the knowledge of the account holder. It is suspected that rogue traders have targeted the pensioner, preying on the vulnerability that often comes with old age. Although maintenance work had been agreed with a legitimate source, rogue traders intervened and managed to confuse the victim. Darren Surgey of Nottinghamshire Police Pre-Crime Unit, said: "The best way to ensure you are dealing with a legitimate company is to visit the www.trustatrader.com or www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk websites. Here businesses have registered their services and have been vetted, so you can be sure you are receiving a lawful service.

people of Scrooby rallying round plus generous contributions arriving from numerous Ranskillians, both in terms of assistance, food and donations to the Auction! To try to single out individuals would be difficult, but I would like to record my thanks to the ticket printer, the 'team' who set to and both transported produce – and chairs – from the Church and put up tables, laid out tablecloths, cutlery, crockery and arranged flowers so attractively.

I do not think the Monday afternoon preparations have ever been quicker! The cooks all produced excellent and delicious food – with numerous people asking for seconds. The clerk/recorder and his assistants kept pace with the proceedings – despite all the check shirts worn by the various men – and the children competed like mad to rush the produce to the buyers, as well as outbidding

each other to spend as much of their parents' money as possible!

The Rev Kate proved an absolute natural with the gavel! Lots were shifted with amazing speed and fairness and she had us all rocking with laughter. Who can forget the 'More tea Vicar?' as she posed with a tea-cosy on her head!

The evening came to an end far too quickly and, thanks to the efficient washers-up, there was little to do, and many of those who were left speedily put away the tables etc. and cleared up to leave the Hall almost as it was.

After expenses, £660.70 has been divided between the MSF (Medicins sans Frontieres) and St. Joseph's Hospice in Retford.

Ryton Produce supplied the potatoes and several vegetable boxes for auction and, as any of you who have tried some of the vegetables will know, it's a firm well worth supporting.

Break-ins reported

Between 7pm on October 9th and 9.30am on October 10th a detached garage of a property on Lound Low Road, Sutton cum Lound was broken into and items of gardening equipment were stolen from within. And, at around 4.30am on October 10th outbuildings at a property on Old Blyth Road, Ranby were broken into by removing locks off the building doors. Offenders were disturbed by the property's occupants.

PCSO Dave Airey told the Star: "Please review all outbuilding security and consider fitting building alarms and/ or CCTV as appropriate."

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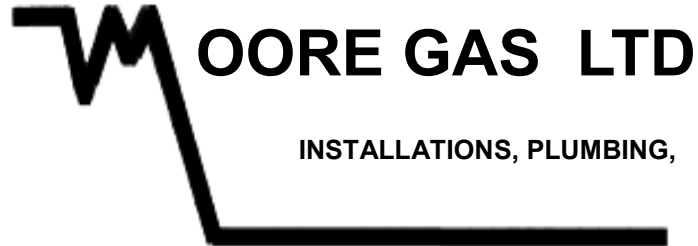
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Festival Date Fixed

Next year's Ranskill and Torworth Village and Scarecrow Festival will take place on Saturday June 8th.

Following the success of this year's Jubilee Festival, the event will again be held on the Primary School Field.

The next meeting of the Festival Committee will take place on Monday November 12th at 7.30pm in the meeting Room at Ranskill Parish Church. New committee members – and some new ideas – will be most welcome

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Chief Inspector Sean Anderson of Nottinghamshire Police said: "Since the beginning of October, 20 catalytic converters have been stolen from vehicles across the district, and most of these were four-wheel-drive vehicles such as Ford Rangers, Mitsubishi Shoguns and Toyota Land Cruisers.

"Most thefts have occurred overnight and vehicles in residential streets and driveways, as well as those in business compounds have been hit. In one incident, four converters were stolen in one night.

"In response, we have our capture cars out in the area. They are fitted with recording and tracking equipment and if a thief tampers with the car or the catalytic converter they will be caught.

"We have also directed extra foot and car patrols to hotspot areas to deter

criminals and reassure the community. "My message to thieves out there is, 'Don't bother, because we are watching'."

But the police need your help to reduce the opportunity for thieves.

Be vigilant. Report suspicious activity, such as people working under vehicles in an ad-hoc manner, especially during hours of darkness, to the police.

Where possible, keep your vehicle in a locked garage. If you don't have a garage, try to make it as difficult as possible for someone to get under your car.

Park it between a wall or fence and another car in a well-lit area. Install a motion sensor alarm to the vehicle, which activates if it is lifted or tilted.

See the Force website for more advice on how to better secure your property at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/crimereduction/crime_prevention/

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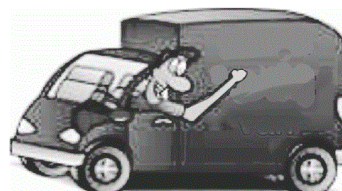
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Money raised from the sale of poppies goes towards protecting the interests, welfare and memory of ex-service people and their family and dependants and that includes those who served in such wars as those in the Falklands, Bosnia and the Gulf.

The first poppy was produced and sold for charity as far back as 1915.

On May 3, 1915, an exhausted Canadian doctor, Colonel John McCrae, was doing all he could for the wounded and dying on the battlefields of Flanders.

The unimaginable carnage he witnessed at the front is captured in the moving words of a poem he wrote that day. "If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields."

Some months later, his poem "In Flanders Fields" was reproduced in Punch and Moina Michael, an American war secretary with the YMCA, was deeply moved by McCrae's work.

She bought some poppies and wore one herself to 'keep the faith' and sold the remainder to friends, giving the money to servicemen in need.

Her colleague, Madame Guerin, inspired by this idea, decided to visit different countries to suggest that artificial poppies should be made and sold to help ex-servicemen and their dependants. From that point on, the poppy became the emblem of remembrance.

The first Remembrance Day in 1921 was a remarkable success, raising £106,000.

Anyone who has been in the British Armed Forces for seven days or more – and their families and their families and dependants – is eligible to ask the British Legion for support and advice.

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- And Remembrance Travel which assists thousands of people every year who want to commemorate those ex-service men and women who died many miles from home.

In London alone, around 100 unemployed ex-service people sleep rough each night, with another 500 living in hostels for the homeless.

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If your community hasn't yet got a co-ordinator, why not volunteer? There's plenty of information on our website

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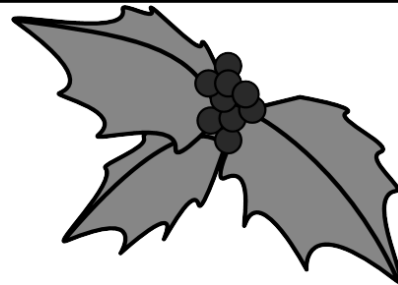
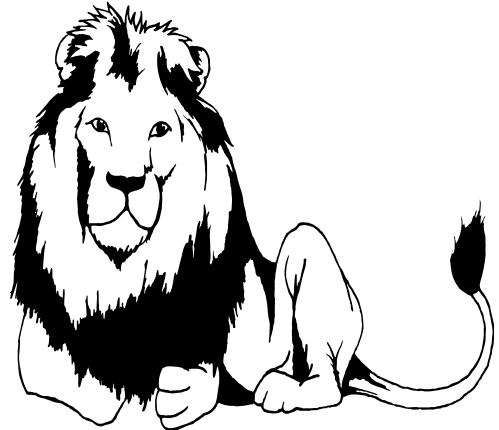
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Members of the Ranskill Women's Institute will hold their next meeting at Barnby Moor Village Hall on Tuesday November 27th. The speaker will be veterinary surgeon Mr Alan Tevendale

He will be talking about the transportation and after care of "The Big Cats" which are now housed at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Mr Tevendale had the task of transporting these big cats over to England and to their new home in Doncaster.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm and visitors are always welcome.

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Ranskill Primary School headteacher Helen Leone rounds up a busy autumn term

WE have just about finished the first half of the first term of this year and we can hardly believe how busy we have been.

■ **Week beginning September 4:** 2 new members of staff, Mrs Jane Heald (F2/Y1) and Miss Helen Wallace (Y3/4) joined the staff, as well as 20 children in F2 (reception) and one in Y3. We now have 123 children in the school.

The children chose their team captains and elected the school council.

■ **Week beginning September 10:** Rev Bottley came for the first of her fortnightly assemblies and the Y3, 4 and 5 children started swimming lessons.

■ **Week beginning September 17:** The book fair arrived. The Y6 pupils helped run a brilliant book fair and we raised about £500 to spend on books for school.

The PTA had a meeting to organise some great events for this term, including discos, the Christmas Fair (November 29 at St Barnabas Church), the 100 club, school photos, as well as what the money raised will be spent on.

PCSO Dave Airey and his colleague Steph joined the children for dinner and held an assembly to tell the children about their job and launch the picture competition – the results are due soon.

Believe it or not – all the Christmas cards were designed and made.

Weekly mentions assemblies helped us to celebrate all the great work the children do in school and after-school clubs started in kickboxing, needlecraft, chess and a film club as well as the lunchtime news and ukulele clubs.

■ **Week beginning September 24:** Y5/6 pupils attended workshops at the Elizabethan Academy entitled The Art of being Brilliant with Andy Cope.



Wale of a time: Y5/6 pupils enjoyed a fabulous residential trip to Walesby

Action stations for busy pupils

Between Tuesday and Friday, 34 Y5/6 pupils enjoyed a fabulous residential trip to Walesby. Rev Bottley came for assembly and, oh yes, Ofsted visited us, too.

■ **Week beginning October 1:** A lovely Harvest festival at St Barnabas – produce donated was made into hampers and delivered by Class 4 to our neighbours and £70 was donated to Build Africa, a charity chosen by our School Council.

The Y2 pupils spent Thursday afternoon at Carr Hill School learning about life on the farm.

■ **Week beginning October 8:** Y5/6 children spent the second day learning about Being Brilliant and parents had the chance to learn more about being a 2 percenter.

Y5 pupils had a second day this week at the Elizabethan Academy learning more about their neighbours – with Chinese cookery,

lion dancing, Bollywood dancing etc.

Reception, Y1 and 2 children had a fabulous day at Cusworth Hall.

■ **Week beginning October 15:** Change 4 Life Healthy Eating Day allowed the children to learn about and prepare healthy snacks as well as decorate plant pots and plant seeds. We started to plan for the changes to our outside space by consulting with children and parents. Y5/6 had their last session on the Art of Brilliance. By Friday it was time for half term.

■ Our football team are unbeaten after three matches after a great start to the season in Division Five.

Result:
Ranskill 7 Clarborough 0 (man of the match Kai Wyld)

St Swithun's 2 Ranskill 5 (Elliot Crowe)

Ranskill 2 Blyth 2 (Thomas Deeley)

Well done to everyone who has played for the team and to Mr Scott for managing the team and refereeing the home matches.

We are developing our outdoor learning areas for Class 1.

Mrs Heald needs to provide outdoor activities to supplement the indoor activities and wants things like large wooden building blocks.

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Thank you to Mr Wyld for his contribution.

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20 Questions: Happiness is... watching Muse live

Helen Leone has been headteacher at Ranskill Primary School for two years and is married with two grown-up sons

1. Best/worst jobs you've ever done?

Worst job: Holiday job as a student working in the staff canteen at Debenhams on the Moor in Sheffield. After being polite to all the customers, some of the staff seemed to think it was okay to come into the canteen and be really rude to the staff in there!

2. How important was your education?

My grandad worked in the rolling mills in Sheffield and my Dad came from a family of seven. Even though he passed his scholarship exams he had to leave school at 14 to work in the steel mills in order to support the family. He was determined to encourage his children to achieve the best they could be. Both my brother and I have been headteachers!

3. Did you have a Saturday job?

No – but I helped my boyfriend's family collect the Littlewoods Pools money from the door to door collectors on a Friday night.

4. What would you do if you won the lottery?

Buy an apartment in Italy ready for my retirement. My father-in-law was from Naples and we have family out there.

5. If you could be famous for a day who would it be – and why?

No one – I hate notoriety.



6. What do you hate spending money on?

Booking fees when buying concert and airline tickets.

7. If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?

I've just lost 2½ stone and am pretty pleased about that.

8. When you were a child what did you want to be when you grew up?

A teacher.

9. What has been your greatest extravagance?

Two four-week family holidays in Vancouver and Seattle. We love Vancouver. My eldest son, Gary, lived there for a year – perhaps I would like to retire there! A tube of Estée Lauder face cream!

10. If you weren't a teacher, what else would you have liked

to do?

Nothing – it was what I always wanted to do, even though it was late when I got there. I didn't train until my youngest son had started school.

11. What are your pet hates?

People who make judgements without full knowledge of the facts.

12. Happiness is....?

Time with my family. Watching Muse live.

13. What was your first job?

Legal executive officer at HM Land Registry in Peterborough, for 10 years.

14. What's been your most rewarding experience?

Having my two boys, Gary and Robert, and seeing them grow into successful young men. Gary is an architect in London and Robert is a research electronic

engineer for Siemens.

15. Four favourite dinner guests – dead or alive

Alive – my husband and our two sons. Now that they are grown up and have moved away we don't get together as often as I would like. I am looking forward to Christmas as they are both coming home.

Dead – my mum and dad and my in-laws.

16. Any unfulfilled ambitions?

Lots – still working through the bucket list. The latest one ticked off was watching the Magic Musical Fountains in Barcelona – even though they did break down twice during the performance and we nearly missed the last train home!

17. Best piece of advice you've been given or you would give to someone?

Treat other people as you want them to treat you. You always have a choice.

18. Retirement – when will it be and what will you do?

Not a good time to ask! I want to retire while I still have the energy to do some voluntary work.

19. I don't see the point of ...

Getting angry.

20. How do you see yourself?

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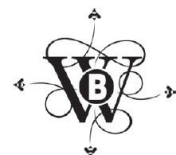
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“Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat...”

Christmas has already started to arrive in the shops, personally it is too early for me but I am sure that some people are thinking ahead to Christmas and getting quite excited. I feel too that the supermarkets are getting excited as the influx of Christmas fare has been in the shops for a while now. This early fare tends in the main to be in the form of tins or boxes of biscuits, chocolates galore, a large variety of seasonal cakes and mince pies, and an abundance of assorted drinks...all of which is not considered as being healthy or good for us.

This visual feast starts to get our taste buds going, and somehow this results in the basket or trolley containing items that we are buying early, to budget for Christmas. Now, there are three scenarios here:

- 1) These items are successfully stored away and brought out and enjoyed over Christmas
- 2) You forget that you bought them when Christmas draws nearer so you buy more, only to find that you have doubled your stock
- 3) The treats get eaten or drunk before Christmas, resulting in another shopping trip to buy more

I am sure that most of us have done all three at some point. If point 1 is what you do religiously, then hats off to you! If it is point 2 or 3, then not only does it impact on your pocket but also on your waistlines. Next, wait for it, the supermarkets have another trick up their sleeves, those amazing offers...two or three for the price of one! Can we resist? Generally, the answer is no, we can't. This means that you have two or three times the amount of goodies to get through, unless of course you are giving them away!

Like the goose that is getting fat, over Christmas a lot of people will put weight on because of the extra treats and doing less activity. As nice as the food is, taking off that extra weight isn't and is generally harder to lose in the winter than at other times. Why do we do it, and give ourselves the agony of dieting and feeling awful?

Our traditional Christmas lunch is usually roast turkey with all the trimmings. Skinless turkey is great; it is a low fat, high protein meat with a good source of vitamins and minerals, it is also relatively inexpensive. Its nutritious value and versatility should make it a fairly regular appearance on your menu planning rather than be relegated to a once a year treat. It is the 'trimmings' such as stuffing, chipolatas wrapped in bacon, bread sauce, cranberry sauce, roasted vegetables and potatoes that add high amounts of calories to the lunch. If you want to prevent dieting in the New Year, go easy on the trimmings and pile on the vegetables!

Please don't think that I am saying that we shouldn't have treats, do but in moderation. Instead of giving ourselves this post-Christmas headache of losing weight, how about resisting those offers, not buying extra 'treats' we don't need, and not eat more than we would normally and so feel better? Give it a go, apart from saving pounds on your waist, the cash you will save is better off in your pocket than in the supermarket's!

I wish you all a very *“Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year”*

Trish Boyd-Wilson



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MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library will visit **Scrooby** on Tuesday 20th October and **Torworth** and **Ranskill** on Friday 9th October

PROPOSED SOCIAL GROUP

Is there anyone in the STAR environs who would be interested in forming a social group?

I have in mind a bi-monthly, informal meeting, at home, or at venues; to discourse on anything and everything, over tea, coffee; or a glass of wine.

If you are interested, call me, David, on 01777 818611



Christmas Market

Thursday 29th November

7 pm—9 pm

Church Hall, Mattersey

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Pippy Ink - local artist

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Christian Perspective



November is that time when our thoughts turn to those who gave their lives for the freedom of their country. Two world wars in the last century and on-going conflicts today mean that our young men and women still give their lives for their loved ones. Jesus said in John's Gospel "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John wrote in his first letter: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay

down our lives for our brothers and sisters. Even as many take their wreaths to the war memorials and wear their poppies, it is a reminder for us of the one who gave his life to give us eternal freedom.



Because Jesus lived a sinless life, he could lay that life down for all who would believe in him. He has taken our place and died so we can know eternal life.

And the glorious truth is that Jesus came back to life. He said of himself, "I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again."

Come and join Ranskill Primary School's monthly 100 club cash draw



It costs just £1 a month to enter (£12 payable in advance) with the chance of a top prize of up to £25 every month.

The Friends of Ranskill Primary are a group of parents who are raising money for outdoor wooden equipment in the grounds of the school and proceeds from the draw will help towards this.

The draw is open to anyone over the age of 16.

Application forms are available from Ranskill fish shop, Ranskill Top Shop or PTA secretary Caroline Hennigan, Larkfield Cottage, Blyth Road (opposite Ottley's) tel 01777 818991.

If you have never trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, now is a good time to start.

When we are ready to admit to God that we are not good enough for his holy presence and come to him asking for his forgiveness in the name of Jesus, he promises to forgive us. He is always only a prayer away.

Brenda Critchley



Visit of

Margaret Clarkson

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Vicar's View with the Rev Kate

A time to remember

Remembering those who have died

Sunday November 4th, All Saints' Sunday

St Mary and St Martin's church, Blyth will be open from 4.30-6.30 for you to come and light a candle and spend some time in quiet remembering your loved ones. Everyone welcome

Remembrance Sunday November 11th

9.30 St Barnabas' All Age Act of Remembrance. A service suitable for all ages, interactive, with an act of remembrance.

10.55 St Wilfrid's War Memorial A traditional Act of Remembrance

10.55 St Mary and St Martin's, Blyth A traditional Act of Remembrance

Congratulations to our October baptism families.

We welcome to the family of Christ Rhys Roberts and Kathryn Isobelle Fitchett

Coming up in November

We are looking forward to welcoming

Baptisms: Eliza Rose Wilson (11th November)

Weddings: Matthew Watt and Nikki Royle

Thank you to all those who work so hard to maintain and support our churches. Harvest was a special time for our local community. St Wilfrid's, Scrooby enjoyed a Harvest Evensong and traditional Harvest supper and auction. St Barnabas at Ranskill had a Harvest Holy Communion and harvest bring and share lunch.

Messy Church also celebrated harvest time by remembering the story of Ruth.

It's always great to welcome the staff, pupils, friends and family of Ranskill School into church and as always their harvest celebration was packed out.

The month of November is traditionally a time for reflection and

remembering. As the long nights begin to draw in there is an opportunity to quieten ourselves and reflect.

As many of you who have met me will know, my natural place is not to sit still and be quiet and I often struggle when I find myself in a place where I have to be silent. I recently met a woman who had spent 33 years as part of a silent order of nuns.

She was amazing and so talkative and chatty, 'I said hardly anything for 33 years, so I'm making up for it now!' she said cheekily. What a discipline to be quiet for all that time, I can barely be quiet for three minutes.

As we talked she told me that she often still finds time and space to sit and to be quiet and that in those moments that is often when she feels closest to God and at her most content.

All the world faiths, beliefs and philosophies bear witness to this and encourage acts of prayer, reflection and meditation. Jesus himself often took time away from the crowd and sought out a quiet time and place with God.

So I'm going to give it a bit more of a try I think. In the role I do I seem to talk non-stop and forget time and space to reflect, in the words of a maths teacher of mine 'must try harder'.

I'm not sure I can manage 33 years just yet. Maybe I'll start at three minutes and build it up from there.

Blessings

Kate X

Would you Believe it..

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for Blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in *first-class*.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin

Walt Disney was afraid of....Mice!

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no-one knows why.

Torworth Parish Council

(including Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October)

Appointment of New Clerk

Mrs. Rachel Hyland has been appointed Clerk to Torworth Parish Council and will take up her position from the 1st November.

PROBATION SERVICES are to send a team to the village to clear the footpaths of grass and to clean and paint the village pump.

Notice to Householders

There are still shrubs and hedges overhanging public footpaths. Please clear them before the dark nights set in—you could be liable if someone is injured.

FINANCE

Completion of Annual Audit—Clement Keys, Chartered Accountants have given unqualified audit opinion on the accounts for the year 2011-2012.

RESOLVED that the following cheques be passed for payment:

Clement Keys Chartered Accountants—Audit Fee	£342.00
The Huntsman—Hire of Room	£10.00
Holmes Groundcare Mowing	£180.35

JOINT BURIAL

COMMITTEE Councillor Katie Saderson is the new Torworth PC representative on the JBC.

THANK YOU

to John Boynton who has refitted the seat in the playing field.

Daneshill—County Councillor Yates

asked if anyone would be interested in setting up a 'Friends of Daneshill' group. There was some interest. The council is to be informed of any further developments.

PLANNING

Applications:

D & B Timbers Ltd., Daneshill Road—Change of Use to allow Storage and Manufacture of Pallets. (view plans online at BDC Planning ref 12/01276/COU).

Councillors asked if it would be possible to reverse the position of the storage building and the 5m high pallet storage to cut down on any possible fire risk to the adjacent cottages.

Mantles Farmhouse, Blyth Road, Ranskill—Two Bay Extension to Existing Double Garage and Re-roof entire Garage. No objections.

Next Parish Council Meeting **TUESDAY 13th November 2012** at The Huntsman Inn at 7.00 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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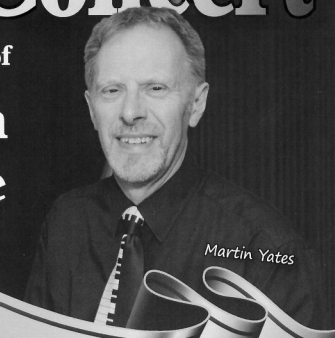
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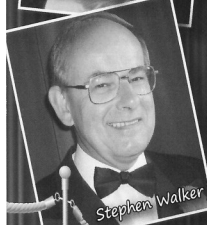
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November Puzzle

Pairs of numbers

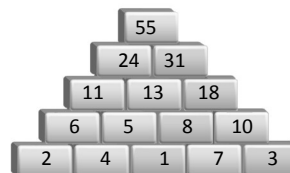
This month's puzzle is about pairs of numbers, the numbers in a pair can be the same or different. The puzzle is in three parts, progressively getting harder.

First find two whole numbers that when you multiply them together you get the same answer as when you add them together.

The first part was easy. The next part is to find two numbers, one of which incorporates a fraction, with the same properties. An example is 4 and $1\frac{1}{2}$. See if you can find some more.

The third part is a little harder. Find two numbers, both fractions with the same property. Solutions next month.

Solution to October puzzle



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NOVEMBER THE FIFTH

November the fifth – magic date that implies
It's time once again for our bonfires and guys.
And fireworks and big toffee apples to eat
And gingery parkin, all sticky and sweet.
Bright Roman candles, a joy to behold
White fountains give showers of silver and gold.
Catherine Wheels, Jumping Jacks, Rockets (in jars)
That shoot up and burst in a myriad of stars.
Red-glowing faces and black-charred potatoes.
Light the first cracker and squib and away goes
Each four-footed friend to hide under the stairs.
(our love of loud noises can never be theirs)
The air fills with whistles and bangs and the shrieks
Of exited young infants – each nervously seeks
The safety of viewing from high on dad's shoulder.
See how they quickly become so much bolder.
With sparklers, they make fiery rings in the air.
Smile at their pleasure but laugh if you dare!
It all brings back memories, as embers burn low
Of when we were the little ones –
- not so long ago

Joy Tudberry

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.

**Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae,
MD, Canadian Army (1872-1918)**

REFLECTIONS – JOHN JONES

We heard the oh's the oohs and
ahs,
As we opened the door of the
funeral cars,
The flowers were laid out on the
grass,
A sight to see by all who pass.

With cars parked along a mile.
"Book Aid" helped us with the pile,
For people came from far away
To remember our Maggie on this
day.

To the Ranskill church, and
Langold too,
To Killamarsh and you,
Remember Madge's message
here
I'm happy here, NO MORE
TEARS

Then JESUS came, and brought a
crown,
He said, Wear it well you've
earned it!

In memory of Madge Jones

Remember...remember

Unfortunately, at this time of year we often see an increase in anti-social behaviour, with an irresponsible minority setting off fireworks in public places or throwing them in the street. We have already taken reports from local residents of such activity.

As we are fast approaching Bonfire Night Nottinghamshire Police would like to advise you of the following:

- It is illegal to let off any firework in a public space and this carries a fine of up to £5000. Police may also issue an £80 Fixed Penalty Notice.
- It is illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (Bonfire night extended until 12 midnight)
- The Police have the power to stop and search anyone suspected of carrying fireworks.
- All fireworks sold to public must comply to British Standard BS 7114
- It is illegal for a member of the public to possess a 'display' style firework (category 4 fireworks, can only be used by professionals)
- It is illegal to cause unnecessary suffering to animals with fireworks.
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to anyone under 18 years of age. Anyone selling fireworks to someone aged under 18 can be fined up to £5,000.
- The sale of bangers, mini rockets, fireworks that fly erratically (squibs, helicopters etc), aerial shells and maroons is illegal.
- Caps, cracker snaps, novelty matches, party poppers, serpents and throwdowns cannot be sold to anyone aged under 16 years.
- All licensed or registered retailers must operate from a fixed premises, so any fireworks being sold from market stalls, car boot sales or other temporary sales locations are illegal.
- Only a very small number of people are licensed to sell fireworks from their home address. If you are offered fireworks at a residential address contact Consumer Direct immediately on 08454 04 05 06.

Crimebeat

**A monthly look at ways to
Combat Crime.**

**With East Bassetlaw's Neighbourhood
Policing Inspector, Neil Bellamy**



Your 'harmless fun' can cause fear and upset to others

Halloween. Mischief Night. Bonfire Night. They all come within one week and while they offer the chance of lots of fun for youngsters, for others the week can cause fear and upset.

Trick or Treating might just seem like harmless fun to you, but it can be extremely frightening for an elderly or vulnerable person living alone.

If you don't want to be troubled by Trick or Treaters, Nottinghamshire Police can help. A specially designed "No Trick or Treat" door or window sticker can be downloaded by visiting the following website: www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/uploads/library/364/No_Trick_or_Treat-new.pdf

I want everyone to enjoy themselves at Halloween and Bonfire Night but I would ask everyone to enjoy themselves safely and responsibly.

Trick or Treating is good fun, but Halloween, Mischief Night and Bonfire Night should not be seen as an excuse for antisocial behaviour.

Every year around Bonfire Night, the hospitals are full of people who have been injured or badly burned by fireworks. My advice would be to go to a properly organised bonfire and fireworks display wherever possible.

We will be carrying out extra, high-visibility patrols over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

The police are not killjoys. We want everyone to have a good time and enjoy themselves, but safely and responsibly. Think about the consequences of your actions.

If you are planning to go out Trick or Treating I would suggest:

- Young people should be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know who lives there. And please, DO NOT go to houses displaying a "No Trick or Treat" sticker.
- Don't talk to strangers on the street.

- Don't enter ANY house – stay on the doorstep.
- Although Halloween is supposed to be spooky, be careful not to frighten the elderly.
- Stay in well lit areas but take a torch just in case.
- Stay with your friends: do not split up into small groups.
- Be visible, and take care when crossing the road.

If you are planning your own Bonfire Party, safety must be your main priority, and everyone should observe the Fireworks Code.

- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
- Direct any rocket fireworks well into the air, away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

For more information on combating crime in your area you can contact your Safer Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Pc Alan Johnson on 07595 009264 or PCSO Cath Phillips on 07525 409789 or PCSO Dave Airey on 07525 226838.

And don't forget, you can call Crimestoppers FREE at any time on 0800 555 111. You can make the call anonymously and you may be able to claim a cash reward if your information leads to a successful prosecution.

Yes it's... Barneys Messy Church!!!



**Come and join us for a time of fun, food and
friendship at St Barnabas Church,
Ranskill, on Thursday 8th November!**

Donations to cover the cost of the food are welcome thank you.

We look forward to seeing you there!



On the second Friday of each month

7pm - 8.30pm at Ranskill Church

All 11 - 16 year olds welcome!

(Next one is 9th Nov)



We need volunteers, from supervising to running the tuck shop to leading an activity one month (e.g. teaching martial arts).
If anyone is interested please call Mary on 01777 816108.

Ranskill Parish Council Newsletter

October 2012

(including Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th October)

POLICE NEWS & CRIME REPORT

Crime incidents in Ranskill for September included three burglaries, one theft from a motor vehicle and three instances of criminal damage to a dwelling. There were eleven recorded instances of anti-social behaviour which included personal nuisance, environmental behaviour, hoax calls to the emergency services, animal problems, found/abandoned vehicles and neighbour disputes. There continues to be an increase in break-ins and theft from sheds and garages across Bassetlaw; consequently, the police are recommending that residents fit shed alarms where possible. To that end, Mr Sharad Champaneri at the Top Shop has kindly agreed to sell shed alarms and these should be available at a cost of approximately £10 from mid-November.

COLD SELLING - TRADING STANDARDS CHECKS

If you are concerned about the legitimacy of companies who 'cold' sell and post leaflets and flyers checks can be made by calling Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506 or through Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards.

HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC

Advance notification is given of roadworks that will take place at Ranskill level Crossing from 11.15pm on Monday 29th October to 5.30am on Tuesday 30th October.

FINANCE

It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be passed for payment:

1503	John D McGill	Litter Picking	£ 33.00
1504	Clement Keys Accountants	External Audit Fees	£ 162.00
1505	Scrooby with Ranskill PCC	Hire of Church Hall	£ 35.00
1506	Robert Fisher Handyman	Refurbishment of Benches	£ 380.00
1507	Robert Fisher Handyman	Hanging Basket Services	£1444.00
1508	D McAra	NALC Training (FOI and DP)	£ 35.00
1509	HMRC	PAYE	£ 76.90
1510	D McAra	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 307.60
1511	North Notts Landscapes Ltd	Grass Cutting Sep 2012	£ 427.20

PLANNING

No planning applications were submitted for consideration in October; however, Bassetlaw DC has made some changes to the Planning Services planning application process and is moving towards an IT-based system. Ranskill PC has signed on for these services but, in the short term, paper-based consultation will remain available.

AMENITIES & FACILITIES

Due to public concern about possible noise pollution resulting from the proposed plans for improvement of facilities in the village park the Parish Council is actively seeking an out-of-village site on which to build the skate facility. In the meantime, it is hoped to secure funding for other improved facilities and an application has been made to Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme. An application to WREN will follow in due course.

NOTTS COUNTY COUNCIL YOUTH SERVICES MOBILE

The Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Services mobile visits Ranskill on Tuesday evenings between 6.30 and 7.40 pm and parks on Access Road. It provides very welcome facilities for young people in rural areas; however, there have recently been some incidences of anti-social behaviour from a small minority of individuals. In future this will not be tolerated; consequently, in order to secure the future of the mobile, an Anti-Social Behaviour Contract has been developed by NCC Youth Services in association with Bassetlaw District Council, A1 Housing and the local Nottinghamshire Police. If there is an incident of what is deemed to be anti-social behaviour the miscreant will be asked by a member of staff to stop what they are doing. If there is continued misbehaviour the offender will be asked to leave and parents will be contacted which will result in a two-week exclusion. If all else fails or the behaviour is deemed to be dangerous to other people the police will be called.

RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 2012

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th November at 7.30 pm at Ranskill Primary School and members of the public and press are very welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk: David McAra 01777 816864 or parishcouncil@ranskill.org.uk



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