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# THE STAR



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*The monthly newspaper for*  
**Scrooby, Torworth And Ranskill**

*The Star team would like to wish our readers a  
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**STAR**  
**OPINION**

December marks a major step forward in the development of the STAR, the monthly newsletter you are now reading that is delivered free every month to every home in Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill. Thanks to a generous grant of £7,540 from the National Lottery's Awards for All programme, this is the first edition to be printed on our brand new multi-functional digital printer.

Without a new printer, the future of the STAR was in jeopardy. Our old printer was prone to break downs and our small band of volunteers often laboured for up to two weeks to complete the 1,000 copies we print each month.

But not only is the new printer good news for the STAR, it is good news for everyone in the three villages, because the new, printer, which has full colour capability, will be made available to ALL recognised groups and organisation in the three villages to print publicity material to promote their organisation and its activities. Posters, flyers, publicity material – the STAR will be able to print them for you - and at minimal cost.

We will have to make a charge – to cover the reproduction charges and the cost of the paper and the ink – but we promise that the charges will be kept to an absolute minimum.

Full details of the charges and what the STAR can offer will be included in our February edition (there is no STAR in January).

The new printer represents another milestone in the STAR's development. The first editions were printed more than 30 years ago and throughout those years the STAR has been a vital means of communication across the three villages.

Earlier this year the STAR moved to fully computerised production – resulting in much speedier production and a greatly improved appearance.

Now, thanks to the very generous Awards for All grant, we have taken another giant step forward and we will be able to offer an even better service to you, our valued readers, and to our all important advertisers without whom there would be no STAR.

The STAR is produced every month by a small, but dedicated, team of volunteers, but without the grant from the National Lottery it is doubtful if we could have carried on for much longer.

Without a Village Hall, Ranskill and Torworth lack a village hub, and the Star is often the only means of communication between village organisations and residents

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# The **STAR** wins a National Lottery grant



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**GREAT News.** The STAR has won a National Lottery Grant towards the purchase of a new printing machine. And, the even better news is that the printer will now be made available to recognised organisations and groups in the three villages of Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill for the printing of publicity material, and advertising posters.

It is another important step in the ongoing development of the STAR, the monthly free news magazine which is delivered free to every month to every home in the three villages.

Earlier this year, the STAR moved over to full computerised production, and now, with the purchase of a new printer—the December edition is the **FIRST** to be printed on the new machine—the transformation is complete.

But this would not have been possible without a generous grant of more than £7,500 from the National Lottery's Awards for All Fund.

The STAR application—the Jubilee Year Revitalisation Project—was submitted in August—and we are now delighted to announce

that we have been successful and a grant of £7,540 has been received and the new printer has been purchased and installed.

For the first time, we will be able to print in **COL-OUR** and for the first time we will be able to offer a printing service to organisations in the three villages to publicise their events and activities and improve community spirit across the three villages, in addition to improving the service we can offer to our valued advertisers without whom the STAR would be unable to continue.



- *The STAR's new printer—with volunteer printers (left) Graham Hadley and (right) Derek Gill with Advertising Manager Phil Critchley (far right).*

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# 'A major step in the STAR's development'



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The purchase of a new printer has only been possible thanks to the very generous National Lottery funding, and it marks another milestone in the continuing development of the STAR.

Established by a small band of volunteers more than 30 years ago, the Star is the most important means of communication in the three villages of Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill.

It is used by all three Parish Councils to keep residents informed of their activities. It is used by advertisers to promote their businesses and take their message into more than 1,000 homes every month, and it is used by groups and organisations in the three villages, and further afield, to promote their activities and events.

The STAR is produced and distributed entirely by volunteers and is funded by revenue from advertisers along with grants from

the three local Parish Councils.

But one of the conditions of the Awards for All grant is that the project makes a difference to the lives of people in the area, and with that in mind, the new printer will be made available to all recognised groups and organisations in the three villages for the printing of publicity material, posters, flyers and the like to promote their activities and improve the quality of life of residents in Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill.

We were unable to do this with our old machine, which was most unreliable.

Once it is fully operational, the new printer will be made available at minimal cost to groups and organisations, offering them a new and improved means of communication with residents.

And, the STAR's columns will remain open to all with a guaranteed monthly circulation to every home in the three villages.

**IF your group would like to make use of the STAR's new printer please see the February edition of the STAR for full details.**

**We will be able to print your posters, publicity material and flyers to enable you to promote your group's activities.**

**There will be a charge, details of which will be included in our February edition, but the charge will be minimal, just enough to cover the cost of the paper and the ink.**

Remember,  
There will be  
no STAR in January,  
we're having a  
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RESIDENTS in Bassetlaw are being urged to double check their recycling waste before putting items in the blue bins.

Bassetlaw District Council and Waste Disposal Contractors Veolia have been making random checks of the blue recycling bins across Bassetlaw, which showed there are a number of high contamination rates.

Councillor Julie Leigh, Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure urged residents to take more care when sorting items to put in the blue bins and said: "It is essential that households place the correct waste in the correct bins. If a bin with the wrong waste 'contaminates' a load, this will be taken to a landfill site at the taxpayer's expense and cannot be recycled - even if there are only a few wrong items.

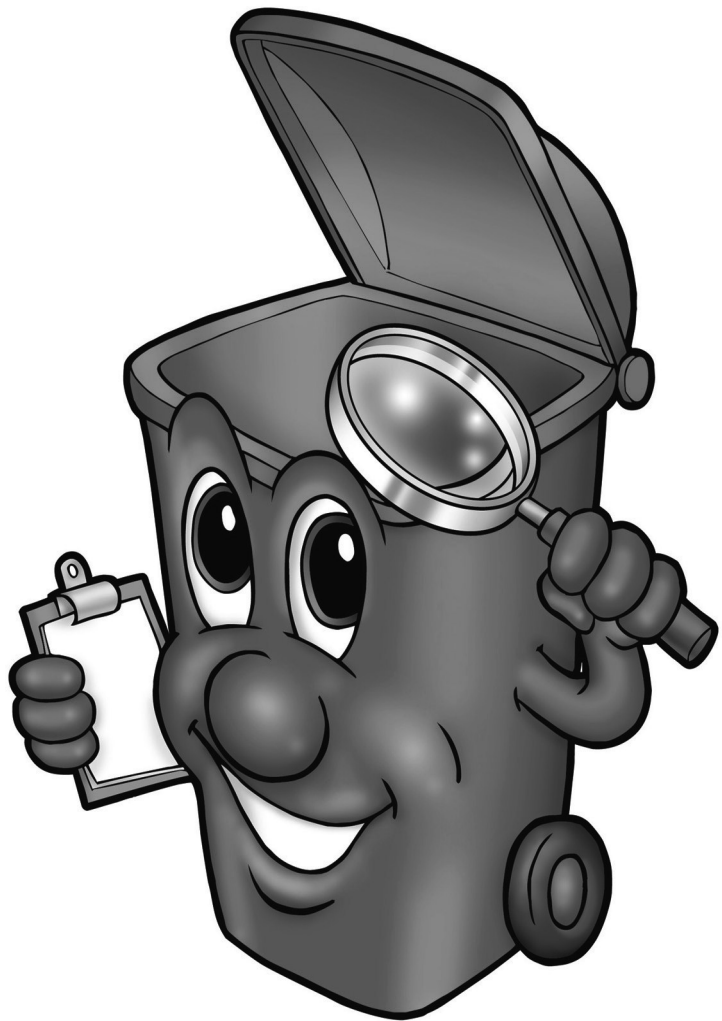
"This is clearly unfair to people who sort their waste correctly, therefore our Refuse Teams have been told not to collect recycling bins which contain the wrong materials.

"We are trying to keep costs to the taxpayer at a minimum and increase our recycling rates," she added

**The following items CAN be placed in the blue recycling bin:** Paper, card, cardboard, paper envelopes, magazines, non-

metallic wrapping paper, junk mail, leaflets and flyers, catalogues, directories & newspapers, Yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, Plastic bottles (please remove lids of all plastic bottles), Household food and drinks cans, deodorant cans including aerosols.

A leaflet showing which items can go into the blue recycling bin are available by downloading it from [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk) or the leaflets and a recycling wheel can be posted out to you by calling 01909 534485.



## Shed break-ins warning

Between 10.30pm on November 1st and 8:30am on November 2nd, unknown offenders gained entry via the roof to a garage on Mattersey Road, Ranskill and stole a number of items.

If you saw or noticed anything suspicious around this date, please contact Nottinghamshire Police by calling 101 and quoting incident number 000100-02112012. Alternatively you can contact the local beat team or Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

And between 11pm on November 2nd and 12:50pm on November 3<sup>rd</sup> a secure shed was entered on Sutton Lane, Sutton cum Lound and items stolen.

Again, if you saw or noticed anything suspicious around this date, please contact 101 quoting incident number 000465-03112012.

Nottinghamshire Police ask everyone to ensure that all sheds and garages are kept secure and any alarms and CCTV systems are in full working order.

## Ranskill burglary

At approximately 02:45 am on October 29th 2012, unknown offenders gained entry to a property on Mattersey Road, Ranskill. The offenders were disturbed and made their escape unseen. Nothing was taken from the property.

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# Conman claimed to be police officer

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## Newark Christmas Tree Festival

A stunning display of more than 100 Christmas Trees can be seen at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church in Newark during the 5th annual Christmas Tree Festival.

The trees are beautifully and imaginatively decorated by organisations, businesses and schools from the Newark area, filling the magnificent, medieval building of St Mary's in the Market Place in Newark town centre

The Festival regularly attracts more than 5,000 visitors who come from far and near to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere at this time of the year.

The Festival also includes home made refreshments, a variety of craft and gift stalls, seasonal music, a raffle and a special Carols of Praise service on December 16th, which will be followed by the raffle draw.

**Opening times are:**  
Saturday December 8th and Saturday December 15th: 9.30am to 5pm.  
Sunday December 9th and Sunday December 16th: 11am to 4pm.  
Monday December 10th to Friday December 14th: 10am to 5pm.  
Entry is £2 per adult and 20p per child.

It happened in Spital Hill, at around 12.30 on Saturday October 20th, when a man knocked on his 71-year-old victim's door purporting to be a police officer in plain clothes. He told her a relative of hers was in police custody and he was required to search her home as part of the investigation.

The man then conducted a search of the property before leaving. He is not believed to have stolen anything. The suspect is described as white, aged between 50 and 60. He had short grey hair and a clean shaven, chubby face. He was wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans.

Retford Detective Ricci Skelton said: "Distraction burglars are shrewd and try to find whatever means they can to get inside someone's home.

"Never let anyone you do not know, or have not made a prior appointment with, into your house, even police officers. Always ask to see identification and phone the company or organisation they claim to be working for to double check they are who they say they are. Do not phone the number on the card they provide.

"If in any doubt, do not open the door. Keep your doors locked at all times, even if you are in the back garden, and be mindful of leaving open windows unattended.

"Don't leave valuables on display or near windows or doors, and do not keep large amounts of money on the premises.

"As a result of this incident we have increased patrols in the area in a bid to deter potential burglars and provide reassurance to the local community.

"We are keen to speak with witnesses or anyone who has been approached at home by a man matching the above description.

Witnesses or anyone with any information should contact DC Skelton at Retford CID on 101 extension 807 7477 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Thief posed as Council officer

Nottinghamshire Police have issued a warning after a thief posing as a council official stole money during a distraction burglary in Retford.

The man told residents at the property in Hallcroft Road that they owed money for work that had been carried out by a local authority.

The suspect was let inside the house and then engaged the elderly couple in conversation before stealing a quantity of cash and leaving.

It happened at about midday on Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The offender is described as white and aged between 30 and 35.

Police believe he may have left the scene in a light coloured vehicle that was seen parked nearby, facing in the direction of the roundabout.

Anyone who may have seen the vehicle in the vicinity of Hallcroft Road, or has information about the incident, is asked to call DC Rachael Butler on 101 extension 807 7468 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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## Summer 2013 (1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> October)

**Thos Cook** have now increased their flights for 2013 to 5 per week. Dalaman (2), Palma (2) and Tunisia.

The additional flights will be operated by local airlines Onur Air for Turkey, Nouvelair for Tunisia, both we have seen before, and a new arrival of Orbest (See below) for Majorca. The other two Dalaman & Palma will be Thos. Cooks own aircraft as this year.



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**Balkan Airlines** will operate their usual Thursday flight to Bourgas.

**Flybe.** Jersey, Thursday and Saturday starts 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Wizzair.** Gdansk (4), Katowice (4), Poznan (3), Vilnius (3), Warsaw (2), and Wroclaw (3).

**Ryanair.** Girona (Barcelona ) (2) and Tenerife (1), from 31<sup>st</sup> March  
As usual a word of caution. The above is correct at the time of writing but as always flights are subject to change.

## **Cat, dog flap warning after burglars strike**

Police have issued a warning following a number of burglaries where entry was gained via a cat or dog flap in a door. A number of items have been stolen.

A handbag was stolen after someone used a brick to prop open a cat flap in the back door of one property at around 7am on Sunday November 11th Police believe some sort of stick or pole was used to pull the handbag outside.

Another house in the street was targeted between Saturday November 10th and Sunday November 11th. The offender got inside the house through an unlocked back door, which had a dog flap, and a laptop and cash was stolen.

In a third incident between Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 11th a TV and DVDs were stolen after the burglar got hold of the house keys through a dog flap in the back door.

They also forced entry into an outdoor shed and stole a caravan awning.

Police are advising residents to follow a few simple precautions to ensure they do not become victims.

Detective Constable Stuart Temple said: "I urge people to check their doors and windows before going out or going to bed to ensure their homes are secure.

"And don't leave things on show or close to the window during the night or when you're not in. People with cat or dog flaps should also be reminded not to leave their keys or valuables near the door - thieves will think nothing of reaching through to steal your prized possessions."

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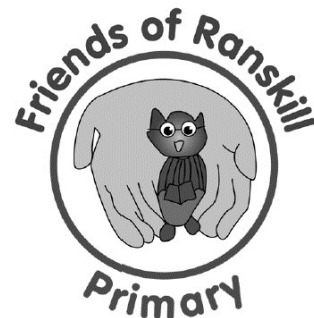


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tive to criminals.”

• ***Pictured above with one of the alarms are (from left) Vaishali Champaneri from Ranskill's Top Shop, County Councillor Liz Yates, and PCSO Dave Airey, Ranskill Beat officer.***

## Letters to the Editor... Letters to the Editor...

**Sir.** - I felt compelled to write in to the *STAR* monthly news to say how delighted Tony and I are that the footpaths have been cleared all around the village by the Community Pay Back Team.

Until my husband was taken ill and has had to use a mobility scooter or wheelchair, we had not realised what a dreadful state our village footpaths were in. A complaint was made to the Parish Council who I believe instigated this project which I am sure proves very cost effective in the present economic climate.

These clear now wide footpaths have made the entrance to our village from the south so clean, tidy and cared for as well as the fact that it is a much safer environment when walking and also for people with mobility scooter

and pushchairs.

It will encourage people I am sure to walk instead of jumping in the car. My only wish is that this should be carried on to Barnby Moor so that it is safe to walk to the next village.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in this scheme, I am sure the Community Pay Back Team are proud of what they have achieved, I personally want to thank them and the gentleman who was in charge of them. I have seen him diligently helping - not just standing over-seeing these young men. No expensive machinery is involved, just shovels, sweeping brushes and muscle power.

I feel this is just the kind of work that will help all our communities, as it is out in the fresh air,

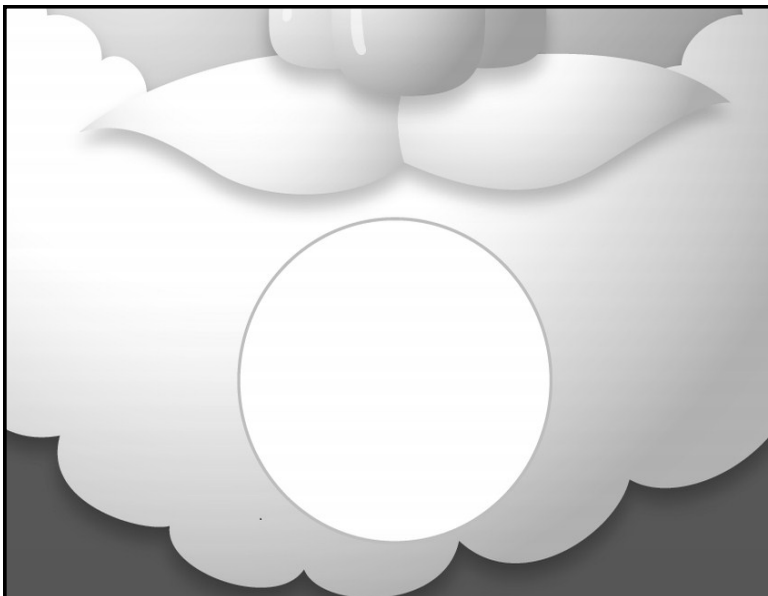
constructive, environmentally friendly and it may assist these offenders to know they can work within the community and make a real difference to people's lives in a very constructive way.

Yours sincerely

**Sue Scholey**  
**The Old Parsonage,**  
**Torworth.**

**Sir** .- May I also add my thanks for the work undertaken and hope that they be asked to continue through to Ranskill as there are many, I am sure, who would like to walk with their children to school with younger children in push-chairs without being 'in line astern'.

**Derek Gill,**  
**Torworth.**



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Thur 10th Jan 2013	Fri 11th Jan 2013
Fri 11th Jan 2013	Sat 12th Jan 2013

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**Gareth and Mary Price** would like to thank all their family, friends and everyone at Ranskill Church for their love and support in the lead up to and on their wedding day.

## Vicar's View, with Rev Kate

Advent and Christmas greetings from your parish churches of St Barnabas, Ranskill and St Wilfrid's, Scrooby and of course our sister church of St Mary and St Martin's, Blyth.

In this issue if the Star you should find all sorts of information about the services, fairs and activities of the church over the Advent and Christmas season. You are welcome to join us to celebrate the festivals and as always for times of worship on Sundays or at our service for the whole family 'Messy Church'.

Thanks to all those who supported November's All Age Remembrance service at Ranskill, especially those from our uniformed organisations and mum, dads, grannies, grandpas, aunts, uncles and everyone else! Scrooby church held its own traditional act of remembrance at the 11th hour lead by our reader Mary Pryce.

With Youth Club, Toddler and Baby groups, Lunch Club and much more there is always something going on in your parish church.

Congratulations to Mary and Gareth Pryce and to Nikki and Matt Watt both couples were recently married at St Barnabas.

Welcome to Eliza Rose who was baptised at St Barnabas' on the 11th of November.

### Diary Dates:

November 29th: Ranskill School Advent Fair at St Barnabas, Ranskill

December 1<sup>st</sup>: 12-3pm Advent Fair, St Mary and St Martin, Blyth

December 13<sup>th</sup>: 3.30-6pm A Messy Christmas at St Barnabas, Ranskill

December 16<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am Family Carols St Barnabas, Ranskill. 4pm

Family Carols, St Mary and St Martin's, Blyth

December 20<sup>th</sup>: 6pm Blyth Brass Band and Carols on the Village Green

December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4pm Christingle Service at St Barnabas, Ranskill; 6pm

Carol Service at St Mary and St Martin, Blyth: 11.30pm Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's, Scrooby

December 25<sup>th</sup>: 10am Christmas Day Communion St Barnabas, Ranskill

Christmas can be such a time of pressure and stress for many—the quest for the perfect gift, the challenge of the ultimate Christmas dinner and the refereeing of the family dispute. We expect so much of ourselves and of others at this time of year. We have a tradition in our family of making our own Christmas cards and every year the design seems to get more complicated and the list ever longer. Of course, as your vicar, the challenge for me is to remain enthusiastic and in the festive spirit despite having sung 'Away in a Manger' for the millionth time. And sometimes the challenge of that proves all too much. The sweet words of Away in a Manger don't wash with me I'm afraid. The idea that the Christ child didn't cry (No crying he makes) or that picture we see on the front of our Christmas cards of a spotless stable and a serene Mary, rings a little hollow. The stable was a real stable, with smelly animals and rats and mice and enough creepy crawlies to rival any episode of 'I'm a celebrity'. Mary was a real woman, who really gave birth, with all the mess, pain, sweat, tears and burst blood vessels that go with it. And Jesus was a real baby, that cried and was sick and dirtied his nappy like any other baby, but unlike any other baby he was the most precious gift, God's own son. The birth of Jesus, God incarnate in a messy, stinky stable to an inexperienced teenager was and is a symbol of love to our messy, chaotic world.

Happy Christmas

Love

**Kate X**

## Letter To The Editor

**Sir.** - When you read this I should have completed my sixth chemo session.

It has been a long six months since my operation for breast cancer, but without the help of friends from the villages and afar I would not have managed it as well.

Cards, children's pictures, ironing, cooking, cakes and shopping have all helped immensely.

Thank you so much for your help and prayers - God has been amazing in all this.

Thank you also for the meals that have arrived each chemo session - that has been great.

Lastly thanks to Mark, Josh and Leah who have been wonderful through all of this and I couldn't have done it without you.

Yours sincerely,  
**Carol Freeman**

### CHANGE OF DAY

In the New Year St. Barnabas' church will be open every MONDAY morning (not Wednesday as it is now) from 9.30am for their baby/toddler group.

All parents/carers and their young children are welcome. There are toys and activities for the babies and children and company and a cuppa for the adults. We just ask for £1 per adult to cover costs.

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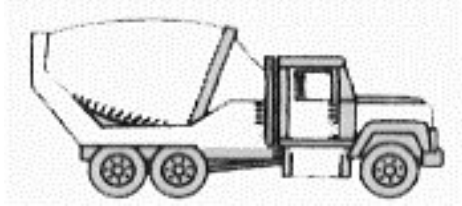
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# 20 Questions: Patient dying for cuppa after I saved her

**Jeff Jaafar**, right, is a GP in Epworth. He is also a specialist GP in respiratory diseases and runs a chest clinic in Scunthorpe. He has lived in Ranskill with his 'beautiful' family for five years, having spent a 'worryingly long time' in Doncaster. He was born in Malaysia and moved to the UK at 17 to do A-levels and then went to Sheffield medical school

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

The only job I have ever done is being a doctor. This has, on many occasions, been a terrible job but fortunately, on more frequent occasions, a wonderful job.

## 2. How important was your education?

My education was, and still is (I am studying for a Masters) vital. The ethos in Malaysia was governed by doing well at school or, suffer the consequences. We started at 7.30am and finished at 1.30 to be followed by after-school activities (which were compulsory) until 4 or 5pm. As a doctor you never stop learning and I suppose that holds true for almost every job...you think you know something then one day you learn you don't really.

## 3. Did you have a Saturday job?

Studying, that was it; it was seen as a job to do well at school and the "payment" would be a better life in the future.

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

See question 18 – I am struggling to not buy tickets on a daily basis these days. Wonder what the scientific term for that is? Once we collect the winnings we'll pack the kids off to boarding school and move to the Maldives

## 5. If you could be



## famous for a day who would it be – and why?

Alex Beresford (ITV weatherman). Why? Ask my wife.

## 6. What do you hate spending money on?

Road tax, diesel /petrol, our broadband bills and anything that we have had to replace because we lost it only to find it the next day in a "special place" where we had put it so we wouldn't forget where we had put it.

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

Probably my height; I have contemplated Sarkozy-style shoes

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

A pilot, then in my "girly-swot" teenage years, an astrophysicist. But in Malaysian families you are going to be a doctor, lawyer, engineer, accountant. (Delete as appropriate).

## 9. What has been your greatest extravagance?

Our MGF car. I had always wanted one as I had a fascination with the fuel cap. And it's quite nice to drive with the top down, although I learned quickly not to use the windscreen washer. Driving in a shower cap

ruins the look.

## 10. Most embarrassing moment?

Probably a part-time pilot/aerospace engineer /photographer/model maker/weatherman.

## 11. What are your pet hates?

Full rubbish bins/wheelie bins and the suspense-inducing pause when they announce the winner on reality TV shows. (Not that I watch).

## 12. Happiness is....?

Coming home after a difficult day and opening the front door to be welcomed by my wife and the smell of a cake baking in the oven and a curry simmering on the hob (and kids in bed).

## 13. What was your first job

I was a house officer (junior doctor) in Doncaster Royal Infirmary. And was I terrified? It's a time when overnight you become someone that people turn to for help when things go drastically wrong and (more often than not) you are not wearing red underpants or a cape.

## 14. What's been your most rewarding experience?

Bringing a patient back to life. This patient had suffered a cardiac arrest

and after working on her for about 15 minutes we managed to revive her; she was sat on her bed 40 minutes later and asked me for a cup of tea.

## 15. Four favourite dinner guests – dead or alive

Einstein, Gandhi, Hugh Laurie and Eddie Izzard.

## 16. Any unfulfilled ambitions?

High-altitude flight to see the "thin blue line" or going into space. That's one of those things that would change your outlook on life. But then again, one could be very disappointed coming back down.

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

"Always step back and review."

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

As soon as possible, and fix the back gate. After that it's pack up the camper van and if the battery isn't flat and the brakes haven't seized solid, take the wife on a tour of the British Isles.

## 19. I don't 'get'...

A teabag saucer...especially when the rubbish bin is two steps away. Although it is quite entertaining to see how many bags can be piled on top of each other before it topples (I was much more interesting when I had hair).

## 20. How do you see yourself?

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### **St Barnabas' Mothers' Union**

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Mrs Tasker, aged 39, who also teaches Spanish to schoolchildren and adults and runs after-school clubs at Misson and Clarborough, said: "The children at nursery really enjoy singing along and dancing. They like getting the Spanish



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Over the years Santa Claus has become the most loved of Christmas symbols and traditions. The image of the jolly old man, flying across the sky in a sleigh pulled by reindeers, and leaving toys and gifts for every child is known world-wide.

Santa Claus (also referred to as Father Christmas) is based on a real person – St Nicholas – which comes from the Dutch Sinterklaas.

Nicholas was a Christian leader from Myra in Asia Minor, in what is now Turkey and lived during the Fourth Century AD.

He was very shy and wanted to give money to poor people without them knowing about it.

It is said that one day he climbed the roof of a house and dropped a purse of money down the chimney. It landed in the stocking which a girl had put to dry by the fire.

That is why children grew up believing that Father Christmas came down the chimney to place gifts in stockings put up on Christmas Eve.

Naturally Santa Claus has had to amend his delivery methods as homes were built without chimneys.

However, he still prefers a sleigh pulled by reindeer as his favourite mode of transport and children still scan the night skies on Christmas Eve in the hope of seeing him.

### **THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS**

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*We fill our stockings to the brim  
With gifts of style and fashion  
And munch our way through festive fare  
With quite amazing passion.*

*But let us always keep in mind  
As we make preparation,  
That Christ was born this special Day.  
This is His celebration.*

*So have the happiest Christmastime  
And as it's joys unfold,  
Remember that first Christmas gift,  
The one of purest gold.*

*Joy Tudberry*

### **THANK YOU**

Brian, Pauline, Heather, Emma, Katie and our daughter in law Sharon would like to thank everyone most sincerely for all the cards flowers and thoughtful messages on the unexpected loss of Ian – our loving son, husband and brother.

Your kindness and words of comfort are all so appreciated.

Brian and Pauline Shepherd

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I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all those residents who kindly filled a shoebox for the SAMARITAN'S PURSE for Operation Christmas Child.

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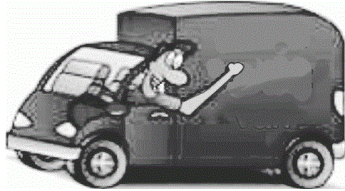
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# Christian Perspective

We all look forward to getting good news. It was certainly good news recently that £64 million was raised for children in need. There's lots of bad news about which seems to catch the headlines, but good news too if we look out for it.



When the angels burst upon the shepherds sitting out at night with their sheep back near Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, the

first thing the angel had to say to them was, 'Don't be afraid'. Luke tells us 'An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified'. Well you would be, wouldn't you? It's not every day an angel appears.

And the second thing the angel did was to proclaim the 'Good News'. This good news was to bring great joy to all the people. And the news itself was that the Saviour, Christ the Lord, was born in Bethlehem. Some of us know this story so well, that we have forgotten the wonder of it. And some people think it's

only a fanciful story. But this good news that the Saviour had been born is the best news of all time and the only news worth telling over and over again. You might ask: What difference does it make to us living so long after the event? Well, Jesus Christ came at just the right time in history, and his life, death and resurrection mean salvation for all who will believe in him right up to today. Because God loves people so much, he offers us this opportunity to come to Him through faith in Jesus Christ to experience that love. The good news is God accepts us in Christ without us having to worry about our appearance or performance. Jesus Christ has done it all for us. So we can come and trust him and worship him, and with the shepherds of old we can glorify and praise God that the things we have heard about his Saviour are true.



*Brenda Critchley*

## Puzzle for December

Sudoku Puzzle - Medium

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

www.sudoku-puzzles.net

### About this puzzle

Sudoku - also known as "Number Place" - is a logic-based, number-placement puzzle.

The aim of Sudoku is to enter a number from 1 through 9 in each cell of the 9x9 grid, made up of 3x3 sub-grids. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each number. The puzzle to the left is graded as medium, and the solution is given on the next page, together with comments on last month's puzzle.

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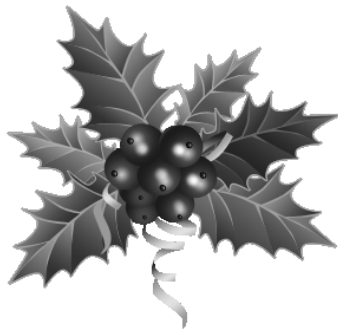
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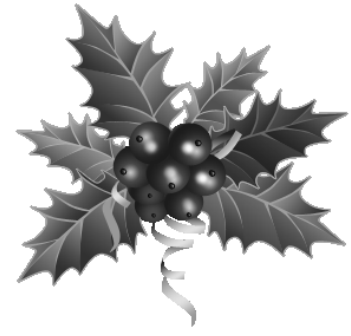
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There will be no January edition of the STAR as our team of volunteers are taking a well earned break



So, before we take a break we wish all our readers in the villages of Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill, a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2013, and thank all our advertisers for all their support during the last 12 months. Without your support there would be no STAR.



### Solutions to puzzles

Last month's puzzle was in three parts:

**Part 1:**

The only solution to the first part is 2 and 2. That was very easy.

For the other two parts there are many possible answers, but our favourites for simplicity are:

**Part 2:** 3 and 1½

**Part 3:** 1⅓ and 2½

You may have other solutions, but you can easily check them to see if multiplying your pair of numbers gives the same answer as when you add them.

The solution to this month's puzzle is to the right.

4	6	9	5	8	2	3	1	7
7	2	1	3	6	4	8	9	5
3	5	8	1	9	7	6	2	4
8	1	6	2	4	5	9	7	3
9	4	7	8	3	1	2	5	6
5	3	2	6	7	9	1	4	8
1	7	3	9	5	8	4	6	2
2	8	5	4	1	6	7	3	9
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## Don't leave a present for Santa Claws this Christmas

With Christmas just a few weeks away I want to introduce you to a character who always puts in an appearance around this time every year – **Santa Claws**.

He's no relation to Santa Claus, the friendly old man with the white beard and the red suit. **Santa Claws** doesn't bring you presents – he steals them, so make sure he doesn't call at your house this Christmas.

For most people, Christmas is the Season of Goodwill, but thieves don't believe in Goodwill, unless it's for them, and they never take a holiday.

The real Santa comes down the chimney, but **Santa Claws** comes in through an open door or an insecure window. And, he won't hang around for a mince pie and a glass of sherry. In fact, just like the real Santa, you probably won't realise you've had a visit from **Santa Claws** until it's too late.

Thieves know that at this time of the year, houses are filled with all sorts of festive goodies – goodies **Santa Claws** would love to get his hands on.

So don't make it easy for him. Make sure that thieves get what they deserve – a thoroughly miserable Christmas.

And, a few sensible precautions will make sure the only visitor to your home this festive season is the real Santa and not **Santa Claws**.

First of all, an unlit house is an open invitation to **Santa Claws**. When you go out, close the curtains and leave one or two lights on – lights that would normally be on when you are at home. Leave the radio on. If all the lights are out, it's a pretty safe bet that there is nobody at home – which is just what a thief likes to know. And don't make the mistake of leaving just the landing light on because nobody sits in the hall or on the landing to watch TV.

When you are out in the car doing your Christmas shopping, make sure you don't leave a present for a thief on the back seat or the dashboard. Mobile phones, sat navs, credit cards, handbags and shopping bags, even loose change is just what a thief is looking for. A thief doesn't break into your car for a look round. He breaks in because he can see something to steal.

When out Christmas shopping many people return to their car to leave things they have bought – and then go off to do some more shopping. If you do, hide what you've bought in the boot.

If you don't, your shopping will probably have gone when you return for the second time. And, think when you park your car. It may be daylight when you leave the car, but will it be dark when you return? Dark, streets and lonely car parks are what a thief likes. It may cost a couple of pounds, but it's much safer to park in a Secured Car Park. They are always well lit, regularly patrolled and have CCTV cameras.

And when you get home, don't leave a pile of empty cardboard boxes by the back door or at the side of the wheelie bin. That tells a thief exactly what you have bought. Cut the boxes up and put them in the bin. Better still, take them to an official Dumpit site.

Finally, it's a good idea to mark all your new, valuable items with an ultra violet marker. The pens only cost a few pence, but police and second hand shops always check property for such markings.

Christmas should be a happy time for everyone so make sure it is only the REAL Santa Claus who gets into your home this Festive Season.

**For further information on combating crime, you can contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team Beat Manager, Pc Alan Johnson on 07595 009264, or PCSO Cath Darby on 07525 409789 or PCSO Davie Airey on 07525 226838.**

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



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# MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## Monday 8th October 2012

**PRESENT:** Ed Marshall – Chair, Councillors: Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Mark Firth, Matt Pollard, Lizzie Cawley & Dougal Cawley, Parish Residents Clerk: Sheila Firth

**Apologies:** James Arrowsmith, Dennis Marshall

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**Matters Arising:** Julie Dunstan had indicated she would be interesting in joining the Parish Council, in response to the advert in the STAR. Discussions will take place at the next meeting about replacing the Treasurer and the Councillor.

**Correspondence:** Some literature had been received regarding adult outdoor fitness equipment, passed to Heidi Robbins to consider. Notice of seismic testing had been received, information passed to Ed Marshall.

**District Councillor's Report:** DC Bowles reported that the matter of the concurrent grant was still on-going. It would appear that NALC may propose a small reduction now, and no more after that. The precept will need to be set by mid-January, and we will need to know before then what the concurrent grant figure is to be. DC Bowles is to make a donation to the Gardening Club of £100.00 for trees and shrubs for the village. DC Bowles asked about the new dwelling on Gibbet Lane, it was confirmed that this was without permission and the matter is on-going.

**Police Report:** PCSO Dave Airey attended with Alan Johnson, the new beat officer for the area. No crimes were reported in September 2012 for Scrooby. There were a total of 12 crimes reported in September 2012 for the rest of the beat. There were 11 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported across the beat in September 2012. They informed the Council that they have Blackberry mobile phones and are happy to take messages on those. However emergencies should still use the 999 or 101 numbers. Sheds are apparently being targeted in the rest of Bassetlaw - shed alarms are available from Harworth Town Hall for £10.00. Diesel theft is also a concern, however one of the main offenders in this regard has recently been arrested.

**Play Area:** No response had been received to the proposition of moving part of the play area fence and erecting a gate, this matter is on-going and awaiting an opinion.

**Village Hall:** The floor of the Village Hall has been repaired, invoice not yet received.

**Village Environment:** Fly tipping is again becoming a problem on Mill Lane. Recently tyres, waste food and a mattress have been removed from there. Ed Marshall spoke to a representative from Howards Farms about the mess caused to the verge at the top end of Mill Lane by their extracting carts. They agreed to repair the damage when the ground has dried out.

A meeting had been held with Ian Parker and Sheila Pace about vehicle access to Mill Lane. Several possible solutions were put forward:

- A sign could be put at the junction of Mill Lane and Great North Road, directing traffic along Great North Road to Scrooby and away from Mill Lane, together with a sign to read "Unsuitable for HGVs".
- Alternatively, a Prohibition of Traffic Order (excepting for local access) could be considered, however this could take several months to obtain, and would not necessarily be enforceable by the police.
- Do not do anything at all to Mill Lane. This last proposal is the preferred option of Mr & Mrs Cawley, who felt that there was no need to do anything to Mill Lane, and closing it would increase the flow of traffic through the centre of the village. Their concerns were also about the letter from Bassetlaw District Council, which they felt suggested that the intention was to close Mill Lane. It was explained that this was not the case.

As everyone would wish to see the rural character of Mill Lane preserved, Ed Marshall proposed the following options:

- Do nothing.
- Whatever signs we can legally put up without a Traffic Order, or
- Traffic re-direction via signs directing traffic to Scrooby along the Great North Road.

An opinion of the village would need to be sought, possibly via a questionnaire in the STAR, and await a response.

Mark Firth to speak to the owners of two properties, regarding the state of the hedges and their encroachment into the road. There was a proposal to purchase an A3 size copy of the recent village photo that was taken, for display on the Village Hall wall. This was agreed.

**Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:** The newsletters are with Matt Pollard for distribution.

**Pilgrim Fathers Society:** It is possible that the proposed Visitor Centre may be moved to the barn behind the Pilgrim Fathers pub. This needs to be progressed.

# **New Year Lunch**

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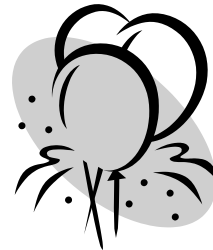
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by Wednesday 2nd January or do it now so you do not forget over  
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will collect you and take you home.

Ranskill Scout Group raised funds for this event at their Summer Special in July. This lunch was first hosted by the Guide and Scout Groups over 50 years ago and for many, many years was always held on the 2nd Saturday in December in Ranskill Church Room. On some occasions over 90 more mature members of our community enjoyed lunch, entertainment and took a gift home. We moved the event to Scrooby when the Church Room closed and it was held in January this year but with only 20+ attending.

Please accept this invitation on behalf of the Guide and Scout Groups and do think about joining us. In this day and age when young people are not always in favour with the golden age generation, the scouts and guides would appreciate seeing more people coming along and supporting the work that is being done to raise funds and provide a community afternoon.

# Torworth Parish Council

## November 2012

(including Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on 13th November)

### **Speedwatch – New Co-ordinator wanted for Torworth and Ranskill**

Whilst Speedwatch will be suspended until March / April next year. Unless a new co-ordinator can be found for Ranskill and Torworth it could be the end of the scheme. Will anyone interested in taking on this role please contact Graham Hadley on 818568 for further information.

**CRIME** PC Alan Johnson and PCSO Dave Airey attended the meeting and reported on Crime and Crime Prevention in the area. There had been one crime carried out in the village—a vehicle break-in on the North Road when a ladies handbag was stolen.

It was reported that an increase in shed burglaries were taking place in and around the area, and that shed alarms could be purchased for £10 and will be available in the top shop at Ranskill very soon.

**THANKS TO THE PROBATION SERVICES** who have made an excellent job of clearing the footpaths in the village. They are also going to paint the village pump.

### **FINANCE**

**Annual Budget** – 2 quotes received for mowing for the 2013 season, clerk to try to obtain 1 additional quote and acknowledge receipt of quotes, a decision will be made at the January meeting which company will be successful.

**RESOLVED** that the following cheques be passed for payment:

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### **PLANNING**

#### **Applications:**

**Manor Farm Development** – Conversion of Outbuildings into 3 Residential Dwelling. (Resubmission of P/A 48/11/00003)

The councillors agree in principle with the development, however, there are some concerns over the proposed entrance / exit onto Low Street as this would mean knocking down a listed wall. Councillors felt that the existing entrance onto Great North Road be used to service the 3 properties.

**Next Parish Council Meeting TUESDAY 8th January 2013**  
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# Ranskill Parish Council Newsletter

## November 2012

(including Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November)

### POLICE NEWS & CRIME REPORT

Incidents of criminal activity in Ranskill to the 31st October included two house burglaries both during which the burglar was disturbed (one by an alarm activation), and two burglaries of tools and a forklift. There were ten incidents of anti-social behaviour but this has shown a marked drop on the same period in 2011. The Nottinghamshire Police now operates a 'Safe Scheme Initiative', funded by Victim Support, to which residents can be referred by local police officers. If you would like to use this service please contact PCSO Dave Airey: eastBassetlawsnt@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

### PROTECT YOURSELF WITH A SHED ALARM

Break-in and theft from sheds and garages remain a problem across Bassetlaw. Fitting a simple shed alarm can provide a very effective deterrent to would-be thieves; to that end, Solon Security PIR Alarms with RF Key Fob activation are now available for a very reasonable £10 from Mr Champaneri at the Top Shop. If there's any doubt there's no doubt—fit an alarm!

### RANSKILL CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS 2012

All being well the 2012 Christmas tree will be dressed and the festive illuminations lit at the crossroads on Saturday 1st December.

### HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC

Illegal and irresponsible parking remains a serious problem at the crossroads; in particular, on the junction of the Great North Road and Station Road. There have been many recent 'near misses' of pedestrians stepping from behind illegally parked vehicles and, whilst Nottinghamshire County Council is working on the implementation of parking restrictions, this will take time to deliver. Consequently, vehicle users are requested to watch your speed, park responsibly, use the car park at the Blue Bell Inn and don't force pedestrians into unsafe situations.

### FINANCE

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

1512	NCC Ranskill Primary School	Photocopying Services	£ 4.72
1513	S M Floyd	Winter plants for planters	£ 37.45
1514	John D McGill	Litter picking	£ 30.00
1515	North Notts Landscapes Ltd	Grass Cutting Oct 2012	£ 841.20
1516	Solon Security Ltd	Shed Alarms Stock	£ 240.00
1517	Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd	New noticeboard locks	£ 93.48
1518	North Notts Landscapes Ltd	Final Grass Cutting Nov 2012	£ 170.40
1519	Robert Fisher Handyman	Laying circular paving	£ 140.00
1520	HMRC	PAYE	£ 76.90
1521	D McAra	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 307.60

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**12/01272/LBS & 12/01283/HSE** - Internal alterations and conversion of use at High House Farm, Blyth Road, Ranskill. No objections.

**12/01567/HSE** - Demolish existing garage and single-storey rear extension and erect single-storey front and side extension at Lorina, Station Road, Ranskill. No objection.

### AMENITIES & FACILITIES

A circular slab feature has been laid to support and enhance the six planters on the grassed area at the junction of the Great North Road and Mattersey Road. This feature was donated free of charge and Ranskill Parish Council acknowledges with gratitude the support provided by AC Paving Co Ltd, Access Road, Ranskill.

There appears to be tangible support for a 'Have a Field Day' event in Ranskill Village Park in the summer of 2013: potentially to be partially funded by Fields in Trust. This would be in addition to the Scarecrow Festival and could provide a really good opportunity for a community social gathering—watch this space!

### RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 2012

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th December 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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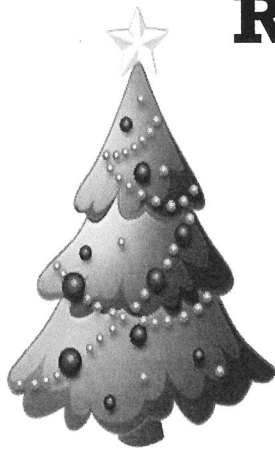
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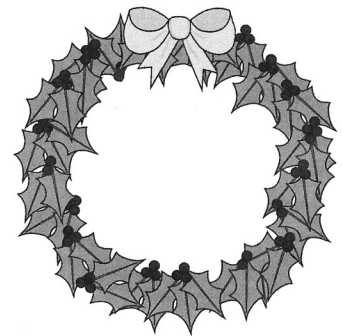


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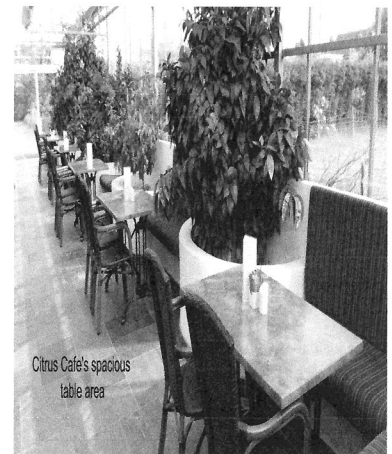
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