

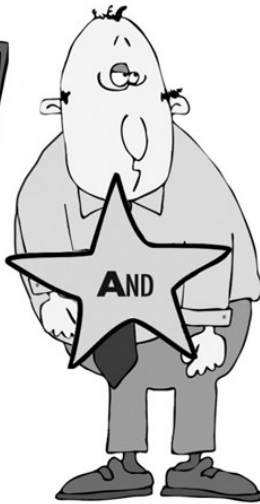
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## STAR OPINION

Once again, the problem of dog fouling on Ranskill Park has raised its very unpleasant head.

At the February meeting of the Ranskill Parish Council it was reported that there has been a "noticeable increase" in incidences of dog fouling on the park.

First and foremost it beggars the question: Is a public park, with its swings, slides and roundabouts along with a ball court and a football pitch, really the place to be walking your dog? But if people must walk their dog on the park, surely it is doubly incumbent on them to clean up after their pet.

There are doggy bags provided on the park and they are well used, but there are still some – and they are surely village residents – who do not clean up.

It is bad enough walking on the park and stepping in a pile of something left behind by a dog and its inconsiderate owner, but children falling into the same mess and getting it on their hands and face risk health hazards that could blight their life forever.

For some time now, it has been against the law not to clean up after your dog. Notices are displayed around the village warning offenders they face hefty fines if they do not clean up after their pet. Most pet owners do, but clearly there are some who do not. The law is quite simple – if your dog fouls a public place you **MUST** clean up after it.

And surely there is nowhere where that applies more than on a public park.

But the law applies equally to all pavements, footways, grass verges and gutters, cycle paths, ornamental verges and grass verges where the speed limit is 40mph or less, to parks, play areas, gardens, recreation and sports grounds that are open to the public.

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And finally to all footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways that are maintained at public expense.

Anyone who fails to clean up after their pet faces a fixed penalty fine of £50 and if they refuse to accept this they face prosecution through the courts and a fine of up to £1,000.

Ranskill Parish Council have now asked for incognito patrols by Bassetlaw District Council staff to track the culprits. You have been warned!



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# Kim's heading for the heights - of the Atlas mountains

**A 17-years-old Ranskill girl will be heading for Morocco later this year for a week long trek in the High Atlas Mountains.**

Kim Fleming, who lives in Ravenshill Close in Ranskill, is taking on the challenge to raise funds to help children in Africa, raising funds for the charity TEACH.



**Kim—in training  
for her trek**

Said Kim: "Although the trek will be a huge physical challenge, a more personal challenge is raising money for TEACH to allow them to carry on with their fantastic work with children in Africa.

"Teach stands for Time to Empower Africa's Children, It is a dynamic, frontline charity working to alleviate poverty through the power of education.

"Sustainability is at the heart of TEACH's work. They believe that a hand up is more effective than a hand out," she added.

Kim, currently studying at the Post 16 Centre in Retford, is a former pupil of Ranskill Primary School and the Elizabethan School in Retford.

She has already started her fund raising activities by selling reindeer cupcakes at the Idle Valley Nature reserve on their Reindeer Day, selling Scottish produce at a Burn's Night party at Hodsock Priory, baking cakes and mince pies for Christmas as

well as collecting donations from family and friends. Kim is currently working towards her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and is aiming to raise "as much as possible" for TEACH.

"I would appreciate any help and support from STAR readers and I can be sponsored by visiting my website:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KimFleming1>

Kim is a Young Leader with the 1st Ranskill Brownies and on March 25th the Brownies will be helping her host a coffee evening at Scrooby Village Hall (6pm), serving refreshments and organising a raffle. "If you are free, please come along and help with the fund raising," said Kim.

Kim still has a few months of fund raising to go as she leaves on her trek at the end of July.

- If you would like more information on the work of TEACH, you can visit their website at: <http://www.teachafrica.org.uk>.

## 100 Club winners

The winning Numbers in the recent 100 club draws are:

### January:

1st Prize (£25.00): No.97 Walter Moseley Ranskill

2nd Prize (£12.00): No.64 Ian Fleming Ranskill

3rd Prize (£8.00): No.26 Eathan Spray. Canada.

### February:

1st Prize. (£25.00):No.71 Ian Ashworth. Retford.

2nd Prize (£12.00):No.66 W Harris Scrooby.

3rd Prize (£8.00):No.56 Sue Howarth.

## Ranskill and Torworth W.I.

Mrs Kay Gill will be the Speaker at the next meeting of the Ranskill and Torworth Women's Institute which will be held on Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>. She will be demonstrating the art of flower arranging and also talking about flower care.

Our meetings are on the fourth Tuesday in the month and take place in the Village Hall, Kennel Drive, Barnby Moor, commencing at 7.30pm.

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**Pat Blatchford.**

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# Shed breaks continue across the area

Shed break-ins continue to be a problem across East Bassetlaw, and they have prompted another warning from Nottinghamshire Police.

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Tony Crofts told the STAR: "Shed alarms can prove very effective in preventing break-ins, and on more than one occasion offenders have made off empty handed after breaking into sheds and activating an alarm.

"I would like to remind residents that shed alarms are available at cost price from the following locations: Harworth Town Council offices on Scrooby Road Harworth, The "Mine of Information", Market Place Tuxford, Misterton Police and Council contact point, and The Top Shop, Station Road Ranskill," he said.

And Sgt Crofts had the following tips on shed security:

- Keep your shed in good condition
- Fit a closed shackle padlock to the door. Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed.
- Fit grills or mesh to the windows
- Invest in an alarm

Once you have improved the physical security of your shed, it is important to make everything inside it secure. Tools and equipment stored in your shed could be used to force entry into your home, causing you even more expense. Make sure:

- Large items such as bicycles are chained together. It is much

more difficult for a thief to carry away a lot of large heavy items all at once.

- Ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they cannot be used to reach any top floor windows of your house.
- Your valuable are marked with your postcode or Smartwater. Local officers are available to mark such property with "Cremark", a property marking system designed to identify your items should you be unfortunate enough to have them stolen.

And, don't forget, if you see anything suspicious you can call Crimestoppers anonymously at any time on 0800 555 111. You may be able to claim a cash reward.



**Garden sheds—a target for thieves**

I would just like to say a big thank-you, on behalf of wheelchair and mobility scooter users, to Pete Brown, Dave McAra and the Probation Service, for their prompt action in widening and clearing the pathway along the North Road, between Arundel Drive and Folly Nook Lane. It has made such a big difference and is truly appreciated. Thank you all.

**Geraldine Sadler**

## St Barnabas' Mothers' Union brave the weather

**It was on a snowy afternoon that we held our February meeting in St Barnabas' Meeting Room.**

Our guest speaker was Ray Goodburn, and his subject was the "Whys and Wherefores" of Lent, looking at what we should do or try to achieve during this time of the church calendar as a Christian.

Prayers were led by Sue Hill and Sue and Pat Gill took care of the refreshments before we all had to venture out into the weather to go home.

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## Letter To the Editor

Sir:-

On a Monday morning I take my little girl to Barney's playgroup. It is such a friendly and welcoming group, we have babies only a few weeks old up to pre school age, and there really is something for everyone. My 15 month old daughter gets to play with a whole range of toys, colouring, play dough and she gets such a lot out of interacting with the other children- plus it's great for me to meet other local parents.

The ladies that run the group are so lovely; you are guaranteed a friendly face and a cuppa as soon as you arrive!

We are always looking for newcomers to attend; St Barnabas has proven a great venue. There's plenty of space for the children to play, the chairs are pushed aside to make way for all the toys, one corner forms a buggy park and the under floor heating is perfect for the younger babes on the baby mats! It really is a great playgroup to be part of. All welcome, so come along and join us!

**Dot Perkins,  
Mattersey Road,  
Ranskill.**

# Festival photos wanted and Scouting memories

**Ranskill Festival Committee member, Hilary Skelton, is looking for photographs of last year's Jubilee Festival.**

Hilary is in the process of compiling a record of last year's Royal Jubilee celebrations in the village and is anxious to hear from anyone who has photographs of either the events on the school field, the scarecrows around the village or the lighting of the Torworth Beacon.

"The jubilee Festival is part of Ranskill and Torworth's history, and any record I make will be archived for the benefit of future generations," said Hilary, a former clerk to Ranskill Parish Council.

If you can help Hilary with her project, you can email your photographs to her at [hilary@maltkilnfarm.co.uk](mailto:hilary@maltkilnfarm.co.uk) or you can contact her by telephone on 01777

818545.

- And 2013 marks the Centenary of Scouting in the Village.

"The Ranskill Scout Group was first formed in 1913," said Hilary, "and there must be many in the area who have old photographs and fond memories of the Scouting movement in the area.

"I am looking for written information or photographic memorabilia of Scouting in Ranskill since the Group was formed 100 years ago,"

Again, if you can help, you can contact Hilary by email at [hilary@maltkilnfarm.co.uk](mailto:hilary@maltkilnfarm.co.uk) or you can contact her by phone on 01777 818545.

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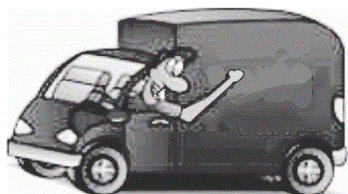
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# St Wilfrid's needs YOU

## **An appeal fund is being launched to pay for urgently needed repairs to St Wilfrid's Church at Scrooby.**

St Wilfrid's has just had its Quinquennial Inspection and Marlene Simpson told the Star: "This is when we get to know whether the roof is about to fall in on us—and this year it is.

"It is not going to happen soon, but the roof does need urgent repairs," she said.

"There are other things which also need urgent attention and although we shall need to take professional advice and obtain estimates, we also have some serious thinking to do about how we are going to raise the funds for

these repairs which are a larger project than the run of the mill maintenance of the building," she said.

Marlene added: "If St Wilfrid's is important to you as a place of worship, as an important historical building, as a link with the Pilgrim Fathers, as the physical centre of the village, as a venue for community activities or just as a place that needs preserving, then think what YOU could do now.

"Have you any ideas for fund raising? have you any skills to offer, practical or administrative? Could you organise an event in aid of the appeal? Could you donate anything? Money or items for sale or auction?

"Although St Wilfrid's and St Barnabas are part of one parish, St Wilfrid's has its own building fund. This is small at the moment, but any funds raised would go into that specific account rather than the general parish account.

"Any of the Church Wardens would be pleased to answer questions or receive offers of help," she added.

- Please contact Gordon Ashworth (01777 818322), or Maurice Clapham (01302 710078) or speak to any member of the Parochial Church Council from either St Wilfrid's or St Barnabas.

## *Spring in Scrooby*

*At this time of year spring bulbs and bird song lift the spirits of those of us fortunate enough to live in Scrooby.*

*An egret has been spotted over the lines in the fields leading over to Mattersey, redpols and siskins have been seen on bird feeders in the village. On a walk around the quarry you can see a number of different types of water bird, Canada geese, Greylag geese, coot, moorhen, tufted ducks and mallard.*

*The Pinfold garden is now quite well established, all the spring bulbs and shrubs are looking lovely at present.*

*Work on The Pinfold is done on the first Saturday morning of each month.*

*The Parish Council have arranged for a clear up of litter around Scrooby this Spring which should make walking around the village and lanes much more pleasant.*

*In an attempt to keep the village tidy following the clear up, Scrooby Community Gardeners have arranged for two litter picking sticks and some bin bags to be available to those villagers who are interested in keeping the lanes and hedgerows clear of litter throughout the year. I*

*It only takes 10 minutes to make a difference. Any villager who wants to help can borrow the equipment which is stored in the corner of The Pinfold, please return the litter picking sticks after use.*

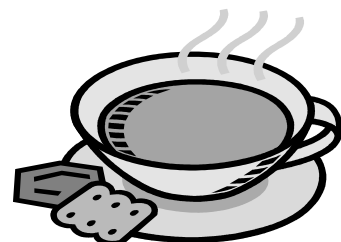
**Scrooby Community Gardeners**

## **In aid of Christian Aid...**

A "Souper Soup" lunch in support of Christian Aid is being organised at St Barnabas' Church, Ranskill on March 28th as an event for Lent.

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# Nursery gets ready to open for longer

TWO years after the opening of its new £500,000 home Ranskill Nursery is set to extend its opening hours.

A trial will begin after Easter with a breakfast club and after-school club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Initially, this will be for children up to the age of eight, but it is intended to include children over the age of eight as soon as the nursery is registered to do this.

The breakfast club will run from 8am to 9am and will cost £4 (including breakfast).

After school club will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and will be charged at £3.50 (including a snack)

Nursery committee chair Charlotte Arrowsmith said: "This is an extremely exciting venture, which could have a massive impact on our nursery.

"The move has come about after parents completed a questionnaire and following discussions with Ranskill Primary School headteacher Mrs Leone.

"It will enhance our relationship with school and hopefully with parents.

"Thank you to all the staff who are being so positive and excited about this new idea – without you it would not even be a possibility."

Rachael Clayton will manage



**Easter bunnies:** Nursery youngsters will be doing a sponsored bunny hop this month

the extended hours service.

Acting manager Karen Meakin said that nursery had already started to see the benefit from plans to extend opening hours.

She said: "Numbers are increasing, literally daily. Parents have been visiting nursery with their children with a view to coming after

half term and we have another four children starting after Easter."

The building can accommodate up to 30 children, aged two to four.

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slide is the centrepiece of a large soft-floored outdoor play area and there is also a large grassed area for the children to play on.

■ If you are interested in your child taking on sessions at nursery call Mrs Meakin on 01777 816066 or email [ranskillnursery@gmail.com](mailto:ranskillnursery@gmail.com)

## Get listening to stories to raise cash

BUDDING bookworms can raise funds for Ranskill Nursery as they listen to stories this month.

The Ready, Steady, Listen event will tie in with World Book Day culminating in a book fair at nursery on Tuesday, March 19, from 2.30pm to 4pm.

Children will be sponsored to listen to stories at home and for every £10 raised the nursery will get £5 and the child will get a £5 voucher to spend at the fair, which will be run by Usborne Books and is open to everyone.

The more books that are

sold at the fair the more funds will be raised for the nursery.

Meanwhile, it's time to have a good clear-out and give your wardrobes a spring clean to raise funds for the nursery.

Parents should look out for the Bags2school coming

home in bookbags before the Easter holidays.

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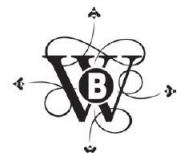
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# 20 Questions: Pal saved my life as I choked on apple

**Tracey Palmer** has lived in Ranskill for 2½ years with husband Rob and their two children.

In September 2012 she became 2nd Ranskill assistant Cub Scout leader. They meet in Scrooby village hall on Wednesdays from 5.45pm to 7.15pm

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

I have only ever worked for Weldrick's pharmacy since 1987 but in various places. The worst was at Doncaster, the staff were not very nice and I was only 16 at the time.

## 2. How important was your education?

I loved chemistry and biology, so that's why I probably ended up working in pharmacy. I attended Hayfield Comprehensive in Doncaster.

## 3. Did you have a Saturday job?

No.

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

I would give money to my brother, mum and dad to let them do what they want with it. I would love to take the family on holiday. I would also donate some money to the leukaemia research charity that I support.

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

I would like to be a superhero so I could help people. I used to love watching The Six Million Dollar Man.

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

Car parks.

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

Don't get me started, I



couldn't name just one thing.

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

I loved horse riding so a jockey or showjumper.

## 9. What has been your greatest extravagance?

My wedding. I got married in Australia.

## 10. If you didn't work for Weldrick's, what else would you have liked to do?

I am an accuracy checking pharmacy technician. ACT for short. I wanted to be a policewoman.

## 11. What are your pet hates?

Seeing dog mess left on the ground when we go out for a

walk with the family.

## 12. Happiness is....?

Being with my family especially my children. Being on an all-inclusive holiday helps.

## 13. What was your first job?

Weldrick's pharmacy at Sunny Bar in Doncaster. This pharmacy is no longer there.

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

Having my children and them grow up.

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

Channing Tatum, he can sit next to me, Lady Gaga, because I like her music, my grandad Bob Pollard (RIP) and Rizwan Riaz, who's a friend of mine who saved my life when I choked on a piece of apple, so I might need him.

## 16. Any unfulfilled ambitions?

I would like to see the pyramids in Egypt.

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

Just be yourself, people will respect you for that

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

I have never thought about it, I am too young yet. Maybe in about 25 years.

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

Not sure on this one. There is always a reason for everything, but that does not mean I agree with that reason. I could say paperwork as I seem to always be filling in paperwork.

## 20. How do you see yourself?

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Cream fat and sugar, beat in egg, add rest and mix well. Place teaspoons of mix, well apart on greased sheets.

Bake at 350°F, 175°C, Gas mark 4 for 15-18 Minutes.

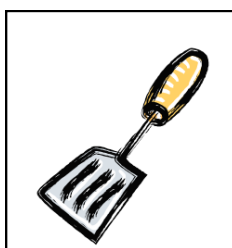
### Spinach Macaroni

8oz macaroni - cook, drain and place in a greased gratin dish  
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Sauce: 10oz plain yoghurt, 2 eggs, 2oz grated cheese (Edam is best), pepper and pinch of nutmeg.

Mix and pour over. Bake at 400°F, 200°C, Gas mark 6 for 20-25 minutes till bubbling and golden.

NB. Add 2 tablespoons Bran for a healthy sauce!



## Police appeal follows pub break-ins

Nottinghamshire Police have appealed for the public's help following recent attacks on local pubs.

Staff working at - and residents living close to - Public Houses, are asked to be aware that there have recently been break-ins at public houses in rural North Nottinghamshire. There have been two such incidents recently.

Staff are asked to remain vigilant and review the security of the premises.

Sergeant Tony Crofts of the East Bassetlaw Safer Neighbourhoods team said: "Check gaming machines daily to ensure that they have not been tampered with."

And, members of the community and local residents are asked to report any suspicious incidents on 101. In the case of an emergency - for example, where a crime is in progress or life is in danger - please dial 999.

Sgt Crofts added: "It has to be said that crime generally is falling in Nottinghamshire and in East Bassetlaw crime is down nine per cent against the same period last year.

"This has only been achievable by working closely with other service providers and the public in order to make a difference to your community."

Anyone who has information about any criminal activity can pass on that information by calling 101, the National number for local Policing.

The alternative is to contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Said Sgt Crofts: "By calling Crimestoppers you can pass on information about crime anonymously. Crimestoppers' is for callers who know what is going on but cannot, or will not, walk into a police station.

"You may know the person involved, have overheard something you shouldn't, seen something and do not know what to do. Whatever it is you know about a crime or a criminal, tell us what you know, not who you are.

"Crimestoppers' key function is to ensure your information about crime reaches the Nottinghamshire Police or other relevant authority. You will not be asked your name, nor to make a formal statement or to give evidence in court. But perhaps most importantly, because you have given information anonymously you need not fear reprisals," Sgt Crofts added.

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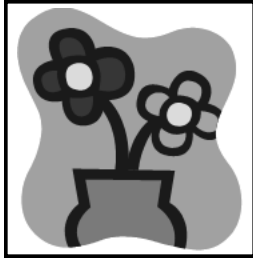
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## In the Garden with Sue Staveley

### March, a time to wait rather than rush into action

It is very noticeable how the nights have pulled out over the last few weeks, but we have also had a very cold snap so keep an extra eye on those delicate plants.

Let the soil dry out before working it, because working on wet ground causes it to compact and can actually do permanent harm to the structure of the soil. Many jobs will need to be left a little longer until the soil warms up. If you put your seeds in too early they will rot rather than germinate, so it can be very costly because you have to go out and buy more seeds.

Do not be too anxious to get on with sowing annuals as they will become very drawn and we may also get another cold spell. In spite of this there is much you can still do. Early Spring is a busy time in the fruit garden, you can finish pruning apple and pear trees as well as blackcurrant bushes that you did not get round to doing last year. Check and rectify any damage that the wind, snow or frost may have caused to support cages and check stakes protecting the trees to see if they have come loose. Watch out for certain birds that like to strip shrubs and trees of early emerging buds. If you wish you can protect them with netting.

The weather outside may be cold but there is work to be done in the greenhouse, plants can quickly use up moisture especially if we get some warm days so keep an eye out and water where necessary. Provide as much ventilation as possible. Cold greenhouses can be left open except when a frost is threatened. You can sow tomatoes, cucumber and peppers for planting out later in the year.

Cuttings taken from chrysanthemums or dahlia tubers will be ready for potting up as will any tender perennials that have been over-wintered.

It is also a time to start thinking about your vegetables, but if more frost is expected and we have had a lot of rain, wait a bit longer as you will do more harm than good. Another good reason not to start too early is to let the soil warm up before you start sowing the seeds. If you wish or need to plant early you can cover the ground with black polythene or with cloches; these will help to raise the temperature and dry out the soil. You can start some vegetables in pots ready to be planted out later when the weather improves. Potatoes and peas are not as popular as they used to be because you can get them so cheap in the supermarket, but there is nothing like the taste of newly dug potatoes or freshly picked peas from your own garden.

Let's hope the year gets better and we can spend a lot of time in the garden.

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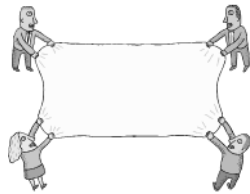
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## Christian Perspective

I don't know if you've ever watched the film 'Muppets from space', (with or without children or grandchildren!). I watched it recently and it turns out that Gonzo is one-of-a-kind because he is an alien. His alien relatives come looking for him from space and when they find him they celebrate by firing him out of cannon whilst holding a blanket for him to land in. As he lands he sails straight through and makes a large hole in the ground. As is the way with these fantasy type films he climbs up none the worse for his experience and a party follows.

Real life is not like that and can bring some experiences we feel are more than we can bear.



We can often feel that we are falling fast and wonder where we are going to land. Those are the times when we have to really throw ourselves on the Lord. Peter tells us: 'Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.' This echoes Psalm 55 where we find: 'Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.'

However difficult our circumstances we can always trust God who loves us with an everlasting love and cares for us in all the details of our lives. In Deuteronomy chapter 33 we read: "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. You can throw yourself on his love and mercy and he will never let you down."

*Brenda Critchley*

## Puzzle for March

Girandola Sudoku Puzzle - Medium

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## About this 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. This puzzle is slightly different to the standard Sudoku puzzle in that the outlined and shaded small squares in each sub-grid must contain only one instance of each number. The solution can be found on the next page.

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Some of you have noticed the sudden appearance over the last month of wide footpaths in the village - from Torworth to Ranskill and on towards Barnby Moor.

In addition, the village pump has had a make-over. This is all thanks to the Probation Service - and anyone who has to do community service - who came out over several days, weather permitting, to clear the footpaths and clean the village pump for us.

David Weston of the Probation Service put us on their programme of Community Pay Back which helped show these young people can help the communities and themselves. They are always looking for suitable projects to include in their programme.

So once again many thanks from Torworth for giving us our footpaths back.

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**Police warning for  
 Cemetery visitors**

The Neighbourhood Policing team would like to advise anyone visiting the Cemetery at Babworth Road, Retford, not to leave any items such as lap tops, handbags, cameras, mobile telephones on display in vehicles.

If items must be left, please secure them in the boot of your vehicle where they cannot be seen.

Unfortunately at 11.30am on February 16th, a car was attacked when an unknown offender smashed the rear window and removed a handbag.

**Solution to the March puzzle**

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

**A monthly look at ways to  
Combat Crime.  
With East Bassetlaw's Neighbourhood  
Policing Inspector, Neil Bellamy**



## Your identity – keep it private, keep it safe

Last month, you may remember, I wrote about not “advertising” your property and belongings to a thief. Well this month, I want to offer some advice on protecting your identity and your personal possessions.

**Protect your identity** by keeping it private and keeping it safe.

If thieves find out your personal details, they can use them to open bank accounts or obtain credit cards or get loans and benefits in your name. Thieves may also use your details to get documents in your name, like a driving licence or a passport.

The information criminals are after includes your name, date of birth, address, National Insurance number and bank or credit card details. This is valuable information and you should keep these details safe – both online and offline.

**Keeping safe online:** Protect your computer with the appropriate firewalls and security software. When using a shared computer, always log off after use and clear the history.

Be sure you know who you are dealing with and do not enter websites through unsolicited emails. Only carry out financial transactions on secure websites. Look for https in the address bar or a padlock symbol on your browser.

Keep passwords and PIN numbers safe. Don't use the same password for more than one account and never use banking passwords for any other website. Don't give too much information on social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace.

**Keeping safe offline:** Shred or destroy documents that contain your personal details before you throw them away and don't leave your post lying around in communal buildings. Bills often contain sensitive information so know the dates when you should receive them and if a bill does not arrive contact your supplier. Always redirect your mail if you move home and if you suspect your mail is being stolen, contact the Royal Mail. Ask a relative or friend to remove your mail when you are away.

If you think someone may have tried to get credit in your name, ask for a copy of your personal credit file from one of the three credit reference agencies: Callcredit, Equifax and Experian. Check bank statements immediately and if there are any unfamiliar transactions question them immediately.

Never give out passwords, personal or bank details over the phone or by email – even if the caller claims to be from your bank or a utility company.

**Protecting your possessions:** Actually, the chances of you having your bag snatched or your mobile phone stolen are quite low. Nevertheless, there are plenty of things you can do to make it even less likely. Carry your bag close to you with the clasp facing inwards and don't carry large amounts of cash.

Keep bags close at hand and in public places hook the handle round a table or chair leg so it can't easily be snatched away. Don't flaunt expensive jewellery and possessions, it advertises them to a thief. Be aware of your surroundings, especially if you are alone, avoid dark areas, passages and alleyways and carry valuables in separate places so if your bag is snatched you haven't lost everything.

Be extra careful at train and bus stations, at cash machines and crowded areas, especially during rush hour.

Take care of your bank cards and NEVER write down your PIN or tell it to anyone else. Try to use a machine located INSIDE the bank. It's much safer and less likely to have been tampered with. If you can't, select one on a busy street with good street lighting and shield the keyboard with your free hand when entering your PIN.

Don't leave phones and other items lying around at school or on pub tables and keep a record of your mobile phone's IMEI number (dial \*#06# to find it). Then your phone can be blocked if it is stolen.

Be careful where you use your phone especially in areas where thieves often operate. It's an expensive item to replace and there is also the hassle of losing all your stored numbers.

**Next month: Looking after your vehicle and its contents.**

**For further information on combating crime, you can contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team Beat Manager, Pc Jason Fellows on 07525 226893 or PCSO Dave Airey on 07525 226838. And don't forget, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously at any time on 0800 555 111**



**MONDAY - Retford**

The Well, Hospital Rd  
9.30am, 5.00pm & 7.00pm  
Consultant Nicky –  
07779 274468  
Email: nicky.sorsby@gmail.com  
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**TUESDAY - Carlton-in-Lindrick**

The Parish Centre, Church Lane  
5.45pm & 7.30pm  
Consultant Caroline –  
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Email: carolineannehill@hotmail.com  
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**WEDNESDAY - Retford**

St Swithun's School Hall, Grove Street  
6.00pm & 7.45pm  
Consultant Caroline –  
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Email: carolineannehill@hotmail.com  
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**WEDNESDAY - Bircotes**

Harworth & Bircotes Town Hall,  
Scrooby Road, Bircotes  
5.00pm & 7.00pm  
Consultant Danielle –  
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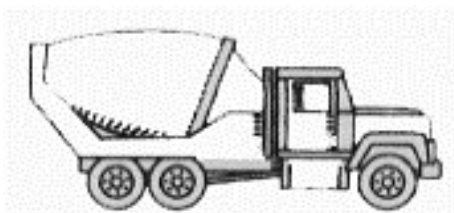
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# Scam warning for drivers

A new motoring scam has brought a warning from police

A man has been posing as a stranded motorist in a bid to con money from good Samaritans who stop to offer assistance.

There have been a number of reports of a dodgy driver who has been pulling up in lay-bys on or near to main roads like the A1 and M1 and opening his bonnet.

When concerned motorists have stopped to ask if he needs help, he claims to have broken down or run out for petrol and asks if they can lend him some money.

As surety, he offers jewelry and a card featuring his contact details. Of course the jewelry is worthless and the contact details false.

The latest incident happened at the Retford junction of the A1 at around 11.20am on Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup>. A woman stopped to help a man, who was in his late 30s, around 5ft 10ins tall and with short dark hair. He was of stocky build and Asian or of mixed race.

He was well dressed and polite and driving a silver saloon car.

Fortunately the woman did not fall for his scam and instead reported it to police. The man left the scene before officers arrived.

If you have had a similar encounter or have any information about the culprit contact Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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# Ranskill Hanging Basket Appeal

Get ready for Summer 2013

In response to public support and demand, Ranskill Parish Council is once again planning to place hanging baskets along the Great North Road through the village. Over the years, the baskets have proved extremely popular with residents, local business and organisations who have kindly sponsored one or more of the baskets.

If you would like to sponsor a basket for 2013 either as a business, an organisation, an individual or in memory of a loved one, the Parish Council would be grateful if you would complete the form below.



## HANGING BASKETS 2013

**My Business**.....

**Address**.....

**My Organisation**.....

**Address**.....

**I/We**.....

**Of (address)**.....

**In Memory of**.....

I enclose a cheque for £40 (made payable to Ranskill Parish Council). Please forward to The Clerk, Ranskill Parish Council, 21, Willow Avenue, Ranskill, Retford DN22 8LB.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



# RANSKILL AND TORWORTH SCARECROW AND VILLAGE FESTIVAL



## SCARECROWS

**THIS YEAR WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO BEAT  
OUR RECORD OF 110 SCARECROWS**

CAN YOU MAKE ONE? We will organise ‘help’ sessions in May – for a basic scarecrow you can use garden canes and cheap white decorators overall stuffed with straw. There are fantastic ideas on the internet - why not take a look at the scarecrow festival websites.

**IF YOU FEEL UNABLE TO CREATE A MASTERPIECE WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO GIVE A HOME to ONE MADE BY SOMEONE ELSE?**

If you advertise in the STAR but do not live in Ranskill why not make a scarecrow to advertise your business and we will find a home for it.

**Please help us plan by completing the form below and return to Paula Hadley, Cornerstones, Low Street, Torworth, Retford, DN22 8NX or contact Paula on 01777 818568.**



**Ranskill and Torworth Festival—Scarecrows**

I/We are going to make a scarecrow Yes/No

I/We are willing to give a home to a scarecrow Yes/No

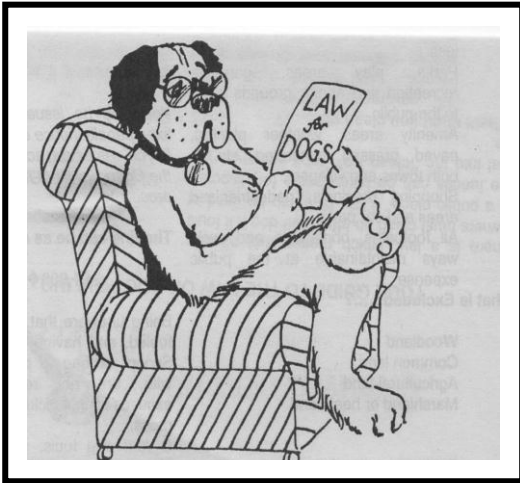
I/We would like to make a scarecrow but require a home for it Yes/No

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# Clean Up Your Act !

## The law for dog owners

### Your guide to the law on dog fouling

**There is now a law which means that all dog owners MUST clean up after their dog if it fouls in a public place.**

Litter bins can be used or the faeces can be taken home for disposal, but dog owners must get into the habit of cleaning up wherever they go.

#### Where must you clean up?

- All pavements, footways, grass verges and gutters, cycle paths, ornamental verges and grass verges where the speed limit is 40mph or less.
- Parks, play areas, gardens, recreation and sports grounds that are open to the public.
- Amenity areas, whether planted, paved, grassed or concreted etc., in towns and villages.
- Shopping precincts, pedestrianised areas and car parks.
- All footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways that are maintained at the public expense.

#### What is excluded?

- Woodland.
- Common land.
- Agricultural land.
- Marshland or heath land.

**The Message is very simple: CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG**

#### Question:

*What happens if you do not clean up after your dog?*

#### Answer:

*You may be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £50. If you refuse to accept this, the Council will not hesitate to prosecute – **and the fine can be as much as £1,000.***

Being unaware that your dog has fouled, and having no poop scoop or bag to pick it up with, are NOT reasonable excuses for not picking up the mess. If your dog fouls you must clean it up. The only exceptions to the law are for dogs belonging to people who are registered blind.

# CAR BOOT AND TABLE TOP SALE

## Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2013

In aid of the

**RANSKILL AND TORWORTH SCARECROW AND  
VILLAGE FESTIVAL FUND**

**Venue:** Book Aid Car Park and St. Barnabas' Church, Great North Road, Ranskill, Retford.

**Fee:** Cars £5. Indoor Table Top £7.50  
(must pre-book)

Food and drinks available.

**10.00 a.m. TO 1.00 p.m.**

**Contact 01777 818545  
for more information**



**I/we would like to book the following:**

Car boot pitch @ £5

Indoor table top @ £7.50

Outdoor table top @ £5

Cheques made payable to "Ranskill and Torworth Village Festival Fund" and returned to Hilary Skelton, Maltkiln Farm, Low Street, Torworth, Retford DN22 8NX.

Signed ..... Tel no. ....

Email address .....

# Torworth Parish Council

## February 2013

(including Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th February)

### **Vacancies—2 x Parish Councillors**

We currently have 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors at Torworth. If you would like to volunteer to join the Parish Council and make a difference to your village please contact the Clerk—Rachel Hyland on 07595 932307 or email [parishcouncil@torworth.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@torworth.org.uk)

### **Speedwatch—Volunteers Wanted**

As spring approaches we are looking to re-start Speedwatch in the Torworth and Ranskill area. If you could spare some time to help out, even just an hour per month, then please contact us for more information.

### **CRIME**

There were no police representatives at the meeting but a report was sent. There were no reported crimes in Torworth for the period 1st to 31st January 2013.

### **FOOD BANK—**

There is now a food bank in operation in the local area. Anyone in need, should contact Christians Against Poverty on Freephone 0800 328 0006, who will be able to give further assistance.

### **FINANCE**

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

NALC—Annual Subscription	£60.36
Tee Pee – Huntsman Inn – Hire of Room	£10.00
R Hyland – Clerks Salary	£95.50
HMRC – PAYE Dec	£24.40
L Middlebrook—Cleaning Bus Shelter	£30.00

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

**TUESDAY 12th March 2013**

**at The Huntsman Inn at 7.00 p.m.**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend.**

**Clerk: Rachel Hyland — 07595 932307**

**Email: [parishcouncil@torworth.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@torworth.org.uk)**

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



**Come and join us for a time of fun, food and  
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**Donations to cover the cost of the food are welcome thank you.**

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**On the second Friday of each month**

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**(Next one is 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**and is film night with pizza)**



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

## February 2013

(including Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February)

### CRIME REPORT & POLICE NEWS

The five crime incidents reported in Ranskill for January included one case of criminal damage to garden gates; one burglary other; one case of criminal damage to a motor vehicle and two burglary dwellings. This month there has been twenty one incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) some of which were related in the main to seasonal snow nuisance. It was noted that some of these crimes could have been prevented by residents adopting basic security measures around homes and vehicles; consequently, residents are encouraged to take a close look at their personal security precautions. To assist with this, Victim Support operates a Safe Scheme programme and, for the over-60s, the First Contact Scheme is available on request through PCSO Airey on 07525 226838 who will require only your name, address and telephone number.

### CRIME PREVENTION AFTERNOON ON 27th APRIL

PCSO Dave Airey will host a crime prevention meeting at St Barnabas Church on Saturday 27th April from 1pm to 3pm to provide personal security advice. All residents who would like to know more about how they can improve their personal and home security are encouraged to attend.

### BASSETLAW EAST RANSKILL/LOUND (BERL) BEAT AREA MANAGER

The BERL has a new Beat Manager, PC 3258 Jason Fellows, who has replaced PC Alan Johnson and can be contacted by dialling 101 Ext 8077364, or 07525226893. We also expect a new PCSO who is scheduled to arrive in the near future.

### HIGHWAYS

Notification of the proposed parking restriction plan was received from Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Dept on 19th February. The council resolved to approve the final draft plan for formal public consultation which is expected to begin by 22nd February.

### FINANCE

It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be passed for payment:			
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1534	Notts Assn of Local Councils	Subscription 2013/14	£207.56
1535	D J Marriott Electrical	Christmas Light Work	£ 69.60
1536	Robert Fisher	Village Park Work	£ 90.00
1537	HMRC	PAYE	£ 76.80
1538	D McAra	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£307.70
1539	Harworth & Bircotes TC	Lengthsmen repair to Shelter	£114.60

### PLANNING

Two planning applications were received in January and February and were considered with no objections:

13/00095/HSE. Garage Extension at 9 Willow Avenue, Ranskill.

13/00149/HSE. Single Storey Pitched Roof Extension to Front Elevation at York Lodge, Ravenshill Close,

In addition one planning decision was received to approve the erection of the 2.4M security along the boundary of the village park with Richmond House. The fence position and line has now been agreed between Ranskill Parish Council, the homeowner and the fencing contractor and work is scheduled to begin on Monday 25th February.

### AMENITIES & FACILITIES

It was agreed to go ahead with the planning of an intergenerational community event to be held in the village park on Sunday 9th June to mark dedication of the park as a QEII Playing Field. Initial consultation has suggested the theme: 'People, Food and the Outdoors'. There is a requirement to form a small working group (WG) to organise this event any volunteers are requested to forward their names to the parish as soon as possible.

### NOTTS PROBATION TRUST (COMMUNITY PAYBACK SCHEME) WORK

Ranskill Parish Council would like to publicly acknowledge the excellent work done by the Notts Probation Service Trust under the Community Payback Scheme.

### RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 2013

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th February 2013  
at 7.30 pm at Ranskill Primary School.

Members of the public and press are very welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk: David McAra 01777 816864 or [parishcouncil@ranskill.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@ranskill.org.uk)



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