

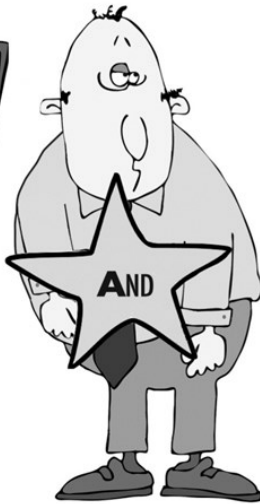
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STAR **OPINION**

There is no doubt that one of the jewels in Ranskill's crown is the Village Park on Mattersey Road.

Despite the seemingly incessant problem of dog fouling, the Park is a facility for everyone to enjoy and something everyone in the village can feel justifiably proud of.

And now – thanks to a grant of more than £25,000 – the facilities on the Park are to be improved even further.

The money has come from regeneration agency WREN, which is supported by FCC Environment and the Landfill Communities Fund.

Full details of how the money will be spent can be found elsewhere in this edition of the STAR, but the suggestions for the new play equipment have come from the young people of the village following a survey which was carried out by Ranskill Parish Council.

Thanks are due to WREN for stumping up the finance for the proposals and congratulations are due to the Parish Council and Clerk Dave McAra for completing the complicated grant application process.

Work will now start in late April or early May to install the new equipment and renovate some of the existing play features on the Park. New picnic tables will also be provided for mums and dads to enjoy while their children make the most of the new equipment.

Meanwhile, the problem of dog fouling on the Park continues. It was reported at the March meeting of Ranskill Parish Council that covert patrols are now being carried out on the Park in an attempt to identify and prosecute irresponsible dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets.

You have been warned!

A SECOND thank you this month goes to the young people who have been working so hard to tidy up the footpaths in Ranskill and Torworth.

The work has been carried out by Nottinghamshire Probation Service Trust under the Community Payback Scheme and the young people have done some sterling work on the footpaths between Ranskill and Torworth, from Torworth on towards Barnby Moor, on the Great North Road footpath between Ranskill and Scrooby Top and to the footpath on Blyth Road where the work also included some much needed litter picking.

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Anti-social behaviour warning

Do you KNOW what your kids are getting up to?

With the onset of the lighter nights, parents are being asked to be aware of the whereabouts and possible behaviour of their children.

Review

Powerful performance by a talented lady

Over several years now, we have had the pleasure of listening to Kamilla Dunstan perform with her ever-developing powerful mezzo-soprano voice, and the concert on March 2nd at Blyth Church was uplifting and magnificent.

This young lady has trained in the top establishments and performed all over the world.

In my opinion, it is not over ambitious to say that one day before long we will be watching and hearing her at La Scala.

Scrooby should be proud of its extremely talented resident.

**Sarah Coombes
Scrooby.**

Sergeant Tony Crofts of Nottinghamshire Police's East Bassetlaw Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "Recent issues have been reported of anti-social behaviour by teenagers and at times young adults which is causing alarm to local residents. "As a parent please ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I know with any certainty where my teenager is on an evening?
 2. Do I know with any certainty who my teenager is associating with?
 3. Do I know what type of behaviour my teenager and their associates are engaging in?
 4. Do you know the local "haunts" that attract teenagers in and around your locality?
- "If the answer to any of the above is no, then it is in your own interest to find out," said Sergeant Crofts

Local officers from Nottinghamshire Police deal with calls for assistance to many locations in relation to Anti Social Behaviour

"All parents have a responsibility to their community and to their children to prevent anti-social behaviour.

Knowing what your teenager is getting up to supports both. Please, as a parent, be aware." added Sergeant Crofts.



100 Club winners For March and April

St Barnabas' & St Wilfrid's 100 Club Draw winners are:

March:

1st Prize (£25) No.9 Simon Gill, Coleshill; 2nd Prize (£12) No.3 Joy Tudberry, Ranskill; 3rd Prize (£8) No.40 Sarah Coombes, Scrooby.

April:

1st Prize (£25) No.18 Phil Drummond, Ranskill; 2nd Prize (£12) No.32 Helen Skelton, Scrooby; 3rd Prize (£8) No.21 Hazel Ragsdale, Ranskill.

Letter to The Editor

Sir.- Am I right in thinking that there is a descendent of the Bottswood family still living in Scrooby?

I have a recollection of meeting a young lady who was their grand-daughter.

If so I would be very pleased if she would contact me on 01302 710281 as the Bottswoods were once residents of part of our house and it would be very interesting to have a chat.

**Sarah Coombes,
Scrooby.**



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'Cat' thieves strike again

Metal thieves have again been targeting vehicles across Nottinghamshire Residents and local businesses owners are urged to keep an eye on their vehicles after metal thieves have again targeted catalytic converters across the county

Beware of doorstep workmen

Nottinghamshire County Council has issued a timely reminder about doorstep traders and workmen operating in the region. Trading Standards traditionally receive an increase in complaints regarding doorstep callers touting for work at this time of year. Said David Brocklebank, a Trading Standards officer, "We are already receiving complaints from Nottinghamshire residents in regard to traders knocking on doors and offering building maintenance, driveway repairs and garden services.

"However, Trading Standards never recommend employing a trader based on a cold call.

To find a local trusted trader visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or phone Citizens Advice on 08454 04 05 06. Trading Standards offer free "no cold callers stickers" for your window by ringing 01623 452005 or by e-mailing traing_standards@nottscc.gov.uk.

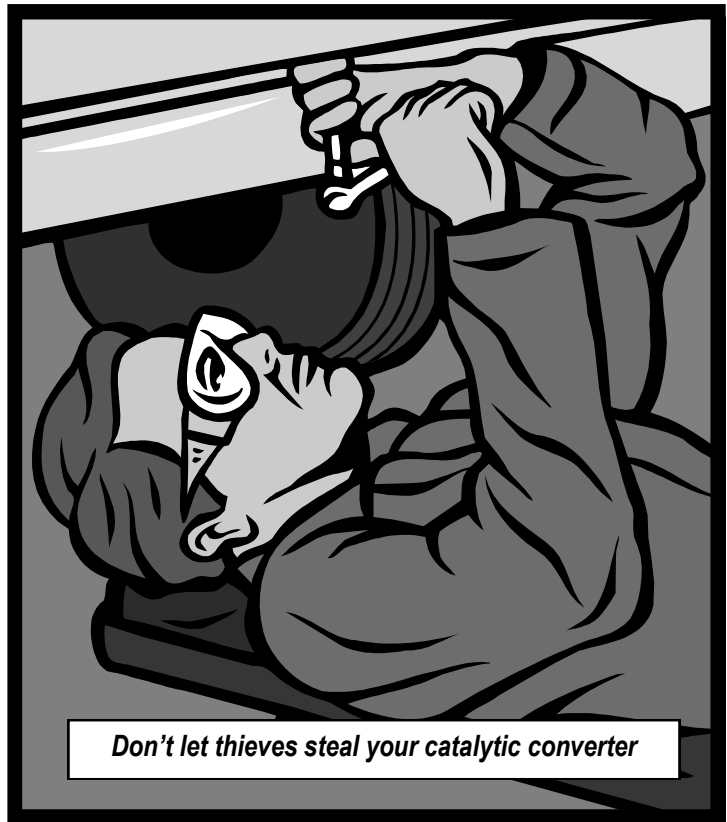
The catalytic converters have been stolen from commercial vans and in some cases cars. A Nottinghamshire Police spokesman said: "Please report suspicious activity, such as people working under vehicles in an ad-hoc manner, especially at night.

"Where possible, keep your vehicle in a locked garage or on your driveway at night, otherwise park it in a busy, well-lit area.

Install an alarm, such as a Thatcham alarm, which activates if your vehicle is lifted or tilted, and consider using a mark-

ing system to protect and register your catalytic converter," the spokesman added.

For further information on how you can protect your catalytic converter a leaflet is available free from Nottinghamshire Police.



Don't let thieves steal your catalytic converter

Festival plans well advanced

Plans for this year's Ranskill and Torworth Village and Scarecrow Festival are already well advanced.

The Festival will again take place on the School Field, this year on Saturday June 8th.

And after last year's Jubilee Festival, the emphasis this year will once again be on scarecrows, and organisers are hoping to break the record of 110 scarecrows set two years ago.

In addition to scarecrows made by village residents, organisers are appealing to STAR advertisers who do not live in the village to make scarecrows which will then be sited round the village.

And pupils at Ranskill School will be making a display to be staged on the grassed area at the junction of Mathersey Road and the Great North Road. The Festival will feature all the usual favourites on the School Field, followed

in the evening by the ever popular Picnic in the Park—again on the School Field.

Comedy Skiffle group Kick 'n' Rush have again been booked for the Picnic along with a disco for the youngsters. Two bands have been booked to play during the Festival which will feature all the usual attractions with roundabouts and games for the children crafts stalls for the adults, a full catering service as well as the welcome return of Mr Magic, the Festival compere - a favourite with everyone.

"We are going all out this year to beat our scarecrow record," said organising committee chairman Dave Hill, "and even if you don't live in Ranskill or Torworth, you can still make a scarecrow and we will exhibit it for you."

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New warning from Notts Police...

Vehicle thefts on the increase

A spate of vehicle thefts – especially commercial vehicles – has prompted a warning from Nottinghamshire Police.

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Ranskill And Torworth Women's Institute

The speaker at the next meeting of Ranskill and Torworth Women's Institute, to be held on Tuesday 23rd April will be a volunteer from Doddington Hall, near Lincoln.

The speaker will be talking about the history of the Hall and the family who live there.

Ranskill and Torworth WI meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday in the month in the Village Hall, Kennel Drive, Barnby Moor.

Meetings commence at 7.30pm.

Come along as a visitor, you will be welcome.

For further information please telephone Pat Blatchford. 01777 818519.

A police spokesman told the STAR: "In light of these incidents we would ask all vehicle owners to remain vigilant .

"We would like to remind all vehicle owners to ensure that their vehicles are secured at all times."

If you own or have use of a commercial vehicle, when carrying out work away from your vehicle, ensure that the vehicle is parked securely and is locked at all times.

"Ensure that all valuable electronic equipment such as sat navs, mobile phones and audio equipment are removed from the vehicle when left unattended," said the spokesman

"Ensure that power tools that you are not using whilst carrying out your work are kept secure within the vehicle and out of sight, for example using devices such as Van Vaults to keep tools locked away.

"We would advise you to ensure that when vans are parked overnight, to remove all items of value such as power

tools. In an attempt to deter offenders stickers can be applied to vans to declare that no items of value are left in the vehicle," the spokesman added.

With private vehicles, it is equally important to ensure you close and lock all windows, doors and sunroofs before leaving your vehicle unattended.

"Activate any security devices, such as alarms and immobilisers, when leaving your car unattended, and don't leave anything on display – even an old jacket or loose change can be an appealing target for a thief," said the spokesman.

"Never leave your keys in your vehicle, even for a second, and never leave the vehicle with the engine running or the keys in the ignition. If you do and your car is stolen in this situation you may find you are not be covered by your insurance," the spokesman added.

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The victorious Ranskill team: Back row, left to right George Scott, Lewis Clayton, Tim Scott (Capt.), Keegan Loveday, James Scott (Coach). Front Row: Tom Deeley, Kai Wyld, Chester Goodwin, Elliot Crowe, Kyle Simpson. Absent through illness, Will Savage and Billy Stevenson



Ranskill are the champions

A 4-3 away victory over Blyth secured the League title for Ranskill Primary School in the final game of the season. The two teams had played out a tense 2-2 draw earlier in the season to set up what was to be the title decider when they met at Blyth.

Ranskill scored first with a sublime goal resulting from a strong run down the left wing by Kyle Simpson who threaded his pass to the waiting Kai Wyld. Kai's clinical one touch finish left the Blyth keeper with no chance.

Blyth however were never going to lie down in this game and they managed to score twice before the break to lead 2-1 at Half Time. Fortunately, Ranskill has an embarrassment of riches upfront this season and the half time substitutes wasted no time in evening things up. In an effort characteristic of his commitment, Lewis Clayton chased

what looked to be a lost cause down the right hand side of the pitch and somehow managed to cross the ball through a beleaguered Blyth defence into the path of the ever-present Elliot Crowe for the equaliser. As Ranskill pushed for the winner with an attacking formation, Blyth had a series of chances to hit us on the break. Only solid defending from George, Tim and Tom along with a flawless goalkeeping display from Keegan kept them at bay.

The pressure mounted and it was clear that the next goal was critical. Chester was causing Blyth problems through his work rate and his attacking play which was rewarded when we won a free kick just inside the opposition's half. Ranskill loaded the Blyth penalty area with players and hoped for the best. The kick from George was floated in and sure enough, there was

that man Elliot Crowe to take us into the lead 3-2!

Within minutes we were awarded another free-kick from virtually the same position. They say nothing succeeds like success and sure enough, another great free-kick from George and another superb finish by Elliot for his Hat-Trick!

Blyth were worthy opponents and continued to battle to the end, they scored a late goal to make the final score Blyth 3 Ranskill 4, a result which ensured that Ranskill win the league.

Coach James Scott told the Star: "The league may be over but I'm pleased to say our season will continue after the Easter holiday when we have a date with Everton in the final of the Small Schools Cup.

"Well done to everyone involved this year, we are very proud of you all," he added.

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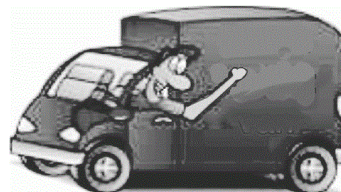
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Examining the plans for the refurbishment of Ranskill Park are Ranskill Parish Council chair, Cllr Sue Floyds (centre), with, from left to right, Simon Burke and Thomas Burke from Wickstead Playscapes, Cllr Shaun Hyland and Parish Clerk Dave McAra.

Parish Council gets £25,000 grant for new equipment for Village Park

Ranskill Parish Council has secured a grant of £25,218 from regeneration agency WREN, supported by FCC Environment and the Landfill Communities Fund, to purchase new equipment and carry out a major refurbishment of the Village Park.

Coffee Morning raises over £700

A Coffee Morning at Ranskill Parish Church on March 16th raised £725.50p.

Organisers Joy Tudberry and Jean McGill thanked everyone whom attended and supported the event.

As a result, £350 has been sent to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and a further £350 has been donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care Daffodil Day.

The remaining £25.50p has been given to St Barnabas' Parish Church to meet heating and lighting costs for the event.

At the March meeting of Ranskill Parish Council, plans for the new equipment were approved by the council.

Work is scheduled to start in late April or early May and will be completed in time for the summer months.

Following a survey of young people in the village, the Parish Council agreed to the installation of a 20 metre zip wire and a large pendulum swing

The plans also include the provision of new play equipment for the younger children.

Mums and dads are not forgotten either as the new equipment also includes two large picnic tables and seating.

In addition to the new equipment, renovation work will be carried out on the other equipment in the Park, including the climbing frame and the popular Youth Shelter.

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A tinfal of pennies handed in at the Coffee Morning on March 16th means Joy Tudberry's Mile of Pennies has now reached One and a Half Miles—or £1.165.

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Letter to The Editor

Re your Clean Up Your Act piece in the March issue.. Whilst the exclusions are correct it would be worth making the points: Farmers are not particularly keen on their fields and crops being covered in dog mess. Nor are those fields where you can walk the edges meant for uncaring dog owners to allow their dogs to foul. Decency would dictate that you clear the dog mess from the pathway so other dogs and dog owners do not step in!!! A simple request but probably a lot of dog owners will just ignore.. until they step in it maybe!! It isn't rocket science just a bit of common decency and thought for others... as is putting your dog on it's lead when other unknown dogs are approaching.. the idea that 'my dog is alright with other dogs' might be fine as you know your dog but as you have no idea what the other dogs are like again common sense should prevail and IF the other dog owner has put their dog(s) on leads then you should follow suit. Common sense? Those two strange words that no-one seems to recognise these days.

Responsible Dog Walker.
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Beware of Mobility Aids salesmen

Nottinghamshire County Council's Trading Standards Team is warning residents of unscrupulous traders operating in the area selling mobility aids on the doorstep.

Mobility aids are products that are used by the elderly or disabled, such as mobility scooters, wheelchairs, and walk-in baths.

"These items are often sold to vulnerable people in their home," said a Trading Standards spokesman "Rogue traders often use a range of persuasive and emotional tactics to secure a fast sale and con people out of their money. For example you are made to feel that there is a great urgency in the offer and that if you don't sign up now, you will miss out," he added.

Trading Standards offers the following advice on how people can avoid being scammed by rogue traders selling mobility aids:

Never buy any products on the door-

step from a trader who turns up uninvited.

Make sure you get everything in writing, especially any incentives such as discounts or free offers.

"Find out if the trader you are considering buying from is a member of a trade association, such as the British Healthcare Trades Association (BHTA).

The BHTA has a code of practice that has been approved by the Office of Fair Trading under the Consumer Codes Approval Scheme," the spokesman said.

The Nottinghamshire County Council website has more information if you wish to find out more about buying mobility aids.

If you or someone you know has been subjected to high pressure selling or have been misled by a trader please contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 04 05 06 for further advice.

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Tickets, - priced £7 (£6 concessions) and £14 for the buffet evening performance on Sat 18th - will be available from the SPAR on Station Road, Bawtry from mid April.

Coffee morning Raffle winners

Raffle winners at the Marie Curie/Air Ambulance Coffee Morning were:

1, Pat Blatchford, 2, Jean White, 3, Owen Willis, 4 Olga Walker, 5, Joyce, 6 Peter Westhead, 7 John Kay, 8, Joyce Cox, 9, Robert, 10, Maureen Westhead, 11, David Stacey, 12, Lorian Wersley, 13, June Pennington, 14, Ann Anson, 15, Olga Walker, 16, Mr Beswarich, 17, Katie, 18, Annette Marshall, 19, Jane, 20 Joyce Cox, 21, Mrs Palmer, 22, Elaine Jowett, 23, John Kay, 24, Margaret Fitymins, 25, Molly, 26, Margaret, 27, Molly, 28, Mrs Walker, 29, Elaine Jowett.



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Nursery children raise £450 to spend on books



Book time: Archie Cotton and Lily Nicholls choose some of the books for nursery

BOOKWORMS at Ranskill nursery have raised £450 to spend on books for the new book corner.

The children have been taking part in a Ready, Steady, Listen event, which aims to encourage a lifelong love of stories and reading.

The sponsored story reading brought in £350 and another £100 was raised at a book fair which was organised by Usborne Books.

Chair Charlotte Arrow-smith said: "Lots of people turned up with lots of children and bought lots of books. Donna Buxton had the enviable task of choosing £450 worth of books for nursery.

"Thank you so much to everyone who helped and supported the book fair, especially to Jo Bertram



for organising it and to Donna who was the hostess with the mostess and also stayed late to wash up the millions of cups."

■ Children at Ranskill Primary School and nursery did something funny for money on Red Nose Day.

They raised cash for Comic Relief by wearing red noses, comical costumes and wacky hairstyles.

Mrs Heald's class, aka Barney's Bunch, pro-

duced a joke book written by the children which they sold for 20p each.

Mr Smith's class made buns and gingerbread men with red icing which they sold for 20p, raising more than £40.

Acting nursery manager Karen Meakin said: "Thank you to everyone who took part, we raised £25.80 for Comic Relief. Well done Jessica on winning our Jessie J sweepstake."

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Where do fish keep their money?

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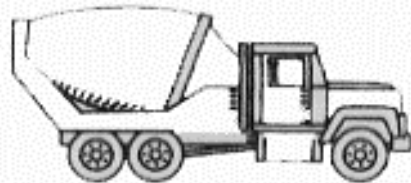
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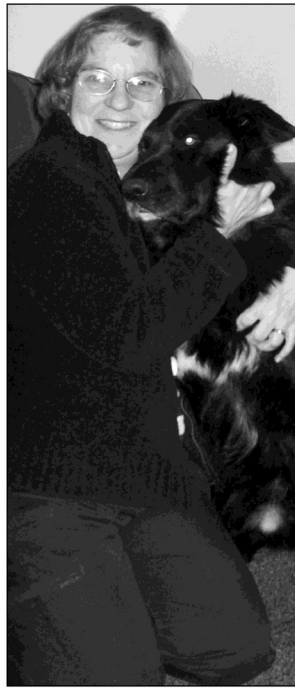
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20 Questions: Hubby thinks I sing like a strangled cat

Jill Swannack wouldn't live anywhere else but Ranskill or Scrooby. She lived in Ranskill for around 20 years until she moved back to Scrooby, where she was born. She has been married to Steve for 33 years and has three children. She has been on the Scouts fund-raising committee for more than 20 years, 16 as treasurer, and has been a helper at Beavers for two years. She coaches badminton at Bircotes Sports Centre on a Saturday morning (there are spare places)



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

1. Worst job I ever had was working at Curry's in Retford. I was employed to work in the office but when it got busy on the shop floor I had to go and help. I had no idea explaining how a washing machine worked at the age of 18. I hardly knew what a RPM was never mind trying to explain it to a potential customer.

2. How important was your education?

Looking back at my education I really did not make the most of it. I had a wonderful time at school but was not a star pupil. I was one of the naughty ones who used to sneak out of the basement cloakroom window after lights out and walk through Harrogate – don't tell my mum. Oh yes, and I went to Scrooby school many moons ago, a lovely small school with only about 34 pupils. I am sure many STAR readers will agree that it was a wonderful school and we all have many fond memories of our time there.

3. Did you have a Saturday job?

No, I didn't have a Saturday job but I did sell horse manure at our front gate – does this count?

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

I never buy a ticket this is unlikely, but if I did I'd love to redecorate and recarpet the whole of our house, top to bottom. We keep talking about home improvements and then something interesting comes along and we do that instead, but one day we will bite the bullet and get the house done.

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

Don't think I'd like to be famous.

6. What do you hate spending money on?

Parking tickets – I have had three in the last year.

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

Gosh, where does one start?

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

A singer on TV. I remember when I was little going down the bottom of our field and standing on a pile of wood, with a makeshift

microphone singing at the top of my voice. I still sing when I am washing up and hanging out the washing. Steve is very complimentary and comes in and asks where's the strangled cat – good job we don't have any neighbours.

9. What has been your greatest extravagance?

Our little cottage in Whitby. It's not very big, but we love it.

10. What other job would you have liked to do? I

always wanted to work in an office, so working in my own office at home is great. Maybe a teacher, as I love working with children but only just recognised this fact in the last few years and it's too late now.

11. What are your pet hates?

Rude people and employment laws which discriminate against employers.

12. Happiness is....?

Getting my family together – which is gradually getting harder as our children and their partners all have jobs and other commitments

13. What was your first job

Working for my father between leaving school and getting my first proper job. I worked in the yard at Ranskill Hire – I can't remember exactly all the odd jobs I had to do but I do remember wire-brushing machinery – mainly the muck spreaders, (which I hated as the brush used to make an awful scraping noise) and painting them all Ranskill Hire orange.

14. What's been your most rewarding experience?

Marrying Steve my husband, the mainstay of my life. We have been married 33 years, during which time we have built up a business

and worked together for the whole time and had three gorgeous children. Now we are looking forward to our first grandchild. Emma got married last year in Scrooby Church and is expecting our first grandchild in July – great excitement.

15. Four favourite dinner guests – dead or alive

My family and old friends – no-one famous. I am not a very good cook and would have a nervous breakdown even at the thought of inviting anyone famous.

16. Any unfulfilled ambitions?

No. I can't think of anything. I would like to buy Steve that Porsche he fancies but not sure that you would class this as an ambition.

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

I always tell my children to make the most of everything and enjoy life – you only live once.

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

ASAP. Travel more and see more of the world. In between globetrotting I would potter at home and make more jams and chutneys. Steve and I like walking, especially if we come home with sloes and blackberries which we then make into various alcoholic beverages.

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

Reality programmes. Who wants to see ordinary people doing everyday things or even stupid things? They always act up for the cameras, so it is so false. I have my own reality, life, much more entertaining.

20. How do you see yourself?

I never really step back to look.

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Warrior class get taste of culture out of Africa



Masai outfits: Barney Cotton, Thomas Gee, Stanley Cawley, Alistair Lea, Andrew Jaffaar. Below, Lilly Towndrow, Saffron Qualter, Darcie Massam

Darcie Massam wrote an account of Class 3's African workshop.

First a lady called Valerie introduced herself. She was from wonderful east Africa.

Valerie said hello in an African way, which was 'Jambo'.

The lady explained that girls dress in clothes called kangas and



they wrap three wear clothes called around them. kikoy. The Masai boys Then a boy

called Barney and a girl called Saffron dressed up as a Masai boy and a Masai girl with a lot of jewellery like headbands and 7cm wide necklaces.

The boys have catapults, the women make the necklaces and head bands.

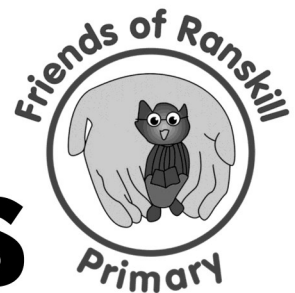
We did an African dance, with a chant, and it was extremely good.

The dance really got me into the African mood!

The African workshop taught me how African people live and the way they dress, eat and speak very differently to us.

This has shown me how different countries have different cultures.

Come and make some new Friends



PARENTS of all children due to start at Ranskill Primary School in September 2013 are invited to an AGM and cheese and wine evening at the school on Monday, April 22 at 7.30pm.

There will be a chance to look round the school as well as meet headteacher Helen Leone and reception teacher Jane

Heald. Governors and members of the Friends of Ranskill Primary will also be there.

The Friends have been busy fundraising for the new outdoor trim trail, which has just been installed in school.

They will be holding their annual general meeting when the new chairman and committee members

will be chosen. All parents are welcome to join.

Friends secretary Caroline Hennigan said: "This is the ideal chance to come along and have your say - we would love to hear any suggestions for events, thoughts about how you would like to see funds spent and we will be happy to answer any questions

you have. If you are feeling even slightly tempted to come along, we hope that serving cheese and wine will sway you."

■ Come and join Ranskill Primary School's 100 club. It costs just £12 for the year to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize every month as well as raising money for the school at

the same time. It is open to anyone over the age of 16.

Winners so far include Michelle Jaafar, Jo Bertram, Jean Havercroft, Heather Reid and Matthew Newton. Application forms available from nursery and school offices or Caroline Hennigan c/o Larkfield Cottage, Blyth Road opp Ottley's.

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In the Garden with Sue Staveley

At last it seems that the world is waking up and everything is coming to life. Weeds are starting to grow and should not be ignored. Seedlings are also growing fast and should be potted up as soon as possible.

Despite everything that has to be done, take time to enjoy the abundance of plants that are starting to unfold.

You can prepare your hanging baskets this month if you have somewhere to keep them protected from any late frosts. You can also prepare your containers and window boxes if you have space to store them but don't forget that they are heavy when filled with compost and may be difficult to move.

Bulbs are at their best this month especially tulips and daffodils. The beauty of bulbs is that they take little looking after and come up year after year. In order to keep the bulbs healthy, remove the old flowers as they die back to prevent seeds which takes a lot of the bulbs stored energy. However, leaves

should be left on to assist the producing of new food stores.

In the fruit garden there is not much to be done. Just check that all is well and the late spring frosts have not damaged the trees or bushes. The other protection needed is from the birds as they will like the new buds.

As the weather warms up, make sure your greenhouse is well ventilated, and don't forget, if there is a lot of sun then it will need shade even at this time of year. If you wish to produce early crops in the greenhouse now is the time to plant and move them out when safe to do so.

A tip when weeding: If you do not like using weed killers, it is possible with effort to kill off perennial weeds. Go around the affected area several times a week and remove any weed shoot that appears above ground. Eventually the weed will have used up all its stored energy and will die. If you allow leaves to appear even for a couple of days the roots will start to be replenished and the weeds will gain the upper hand. With persistence even bindweed can be subdued this way.

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I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day—but I couldn't find any.

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli—a strong currant pulled him in.

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Church Notices

Message from Kate

I remember buying a gift for my Godmother a few years ago. I had set my sights on buying her a small gold cross and took myself off to Meadowhall to buy one. I got to the jewellery shop and the girl behind the counter asked if she could help me with what I was looking for. I told her my plan to buy my Godmother a cross. The assistant asked 'Do you want a plain one or one with a little man on it?'

This made me smile.

The cross is an important symbol of the Christian faith so important that there have been recent court cases about where and when people can wear this display of faith. But the cross is a very strange symbol to choose for the Christian faith. It is after all a symbol of execution. Imagine if Christ was executed in the present day, we would all be wearing symbols of the electric chair or lethal injection or a noose around our neck!

Both types of crosses, ones without Jesus on and ones with (a crucifix), for me serve different purposes. With Jesus on, it reminds me of Good Friday, of Jesus' suffering and death. A crucifix is a symbol of God's love poured out through Jesus as he died on the cross for the good of the whole world. But the empty cross reminds me that Jesus did not stay dead. Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection, and an empty cross reminds me that just as Jesus rose from the dead we too have a promise of a new life with him, here on earth but also after we die. Because the cross is empty, death is defeated. And that's what celebrating Easter for Christians is all about.

In the end I bought my Godmother both types a plain one and one 'with a little man on it!'

Love Kate

Vicar of Blyth and Scrooby with Ranskill and Chaplain of North Notts. College



Useful Contacts

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Church Wardens—Scrooby

Gordon Ashworth 01777 818322

Maurice Chapman 01302 710008

Services in April

Sunday 7th

Blyth 11.00 am HC CW

Ranskill 9.30 am HC CW

Scrooby 9.30 am CW MP

Sunday 14th

Blyth 8.00 am BCP HC

Blyth 11.00 am HC CW

Ranskill 9.30 am HC CW

Sunday 21st

Blyth 11.00 am CW HC

Ranskill 9.30 am MP CW

Scrooby 9.30 am HC CW

Sunday 28th

Blyth 8.00 am BCP HC

Blyth 11.00 am

Family Worship

Ranskill 9.30 am HC CW

Key:

BCP Book of Common Prayer

CW Common Worship

HC Holy Communion

MP Morning Prayer

What's happening at St. Barnabas Church Ranskill?

Barney's Toddlers

Every Monday 9.30—11.30 am
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Thursday 11th April

Lunch Club 12.30 pm

Thursday 18th April

Messy Church 3.30—6.00 pm

Friday 19th April

Youth Club—7.00 pm

Saturday 20th April

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Saturday 27th April

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Christian Perspective



If you go to Sherwood Forest Country Park, especially when the Robin Hood Festival week is on during the summer holidays, there are lots of interesting and, for the children, exciting things to see. Among the many other items on offer at the shop, there are toy bows and arrows, and swords and shields. I've been thinking about shields recently, as I've been working my way through daily Bible readings. God said to Abram in Genesis 15: "Do not be afraid, Abram; I am your shield, your very great reward." And in Psalm 3 we read: You are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.

When we put our trust in God, when we come to him through faith in Jesus Christ, we can be assured that whatever happens in life we have a sure and certain shield of protection around us. Sometimes it might not look like it when difficulties and problems come to us, but God is always at work

drawing the strands together to make everything work out for our good. (Romans 8:28)



We also have our part to play in persevering in faith. Paul writes in Ephesians 6 that we ourselves must do our part in wielding the 'shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one'. Often the flaming arrows look like people causing us trouble, or something we have read or watched on the TV, causing us to doubt that what we believe about our Lord Jesus Christ is still true today. You can build up own shield of faith by keeping the Bible fresh in your mind, not neglecting to meet with other Christians, talking to God in prayer and listening to his answers. When you get a quiet moment read Ephesians 6:10-20 and see again what Paul tells us about our walk and warfare as Christians.

Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for April

Futoshiki is a logical puzzle played on a square grid. The objective of Futoshiki is to enter numbers from 1 to 6 in each column and each row. In addition, inequality constraints are given between some of the cells, indicating that one cell must be higher or lower than its neighbour. This puzzle is grade 'medium' and the solution is on the next page. This puzzle is used with permission and similar puzzles can be found at www.sudoku-puzzles.net.

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RANSKILL SCOUT GROUP

Ranskill Scout Group would like to thank everyone who supported and attended the Quiz Night on March 8th in Scrooby Village Hall, where we made a profit of £250 for Scout Group funds.

Thanks to Sue, our question master, and to Kim Fleming who organised the raffle to raise money for her charity trek through the High Atlas Mountains—we wish her much luck with this venture. Thanks also to everyone who provided a pudding—they were all very much appreciated!

As many of you will know, Ranskill has a very active Scout Group, starting with Beaver Scouts at the age of six, through to Explorers at 18, along with a Duke of Edinburgh Section. However, as always, we are short of adult leaders to help with the running of the group. Nathan, our Beaver Leader will be leaving in July due to work commitments, and unless we have volunteers to take over, we may be looking at the closure of this section. Laren is currently running the section with Nathan, but cannot continue to do so alone, so if you feel you could help out, please have a word with either Nathan or Laren to see what the position entails. I can guarantee you will enjoy working with these young people!

This year is also the centenary of the formation of scouting in Ranskill, and we will be holding an event on September 14th to celebrate this. If anyone has any old memorabilia, photos, etc. that we could borrow, please get in touch with one of the leaders, or Hilary Skelton (01777 818545). More details will follow, but everyone who has been involved in scouting will be very welcome to attend.

Carolyn West
Chairman Executive Committee

Crimebeat

A monthly look at ways to
Combat Crime.

With East Bassetlaw's Neighbourhood
Policing Inspector, Neil Bellamy



Three Golden Rules of vehicle security

Over the last two months I have been writing about not advertising your belongings and personal details to thieves and in this third – and final – article in the series, I want to deal with vehicle crime.

For many people – after their home – their car is their second most expensive single purchase, yet it is amazing how many people fail to look after their vehicle.

Vehicle thefts, including bicycles and motorcycles, are crimes of opportunity, yet around one fifth of all drivers admit they regularly leave their car unlocked. To outwit the thief, there are three golden rules

- Always keep your car locked. This includes the sunroof and windows even if you are only leaving it for a few seconds – that's all the time it takes a criminal to steal your car or your belongings.
- Don't leave **anything** in your car whether it is valuable or not, particularly when it is parked overnight. More than 60 per cent of thefts of and from vehicles occur when they are parked outside the home. If you must leave items in your vehicle, lock them in the boot or out of sight and be particularly careful with expensive stereo units, mobile phones and satnavs.
- Park with care. Park in busy well lit areas near CCTV cameras or in police approved "ParkMark" car parks. Always chain bikes, motorcycles and scooters to something fixed, like a security rail or post

Keeping you car secure: Never leave the keys in the ignition, not even when you are filling up or paying for petrol. Don't leave anything on display, and wipe any suction marks off your windscreen as they alert a thief to the presence of valuable items in your car.

Never leave vehicle documents or spare keys in your car and if your car doesn't have one already,

considering fitting an approved alarm or immobiliser or a steering lock on an older vehicle. If you own a high value or performance vehicle, consider fitting a tracking device.

Have your car's registration number etched on all glass surfaces, including the headlamps, and ensure your number plates are secured properly to prevent theft. If your number plates are stolen, report it to the police.

Even when you are driving, keep doors and windows locked and bags and mobile phones out of view. A thief can lean in and snatch them in the time it takes for a red light to turn green.

Keeping your motorcycle secure: Put a steering lock on and use a strong steel cable or D-lock to attach your bike to security rails or a ground anchor. Consider a professionally fitted combined alarm and immobiliser.

If you have a garage – **use it** . Or at least cover your motorcycle when you are not using it.

Keeping your bicycle secure: Buy a good quality lock that can withstand attack. Two locks will double your security, and lock your bike to an immovable object. Keep you bike secure at home. Keep it in the garage or shed and lock it up even when it is in there.

When locking it to a fence or post, make sure it cannot simply be lifted off and get your bike frame security marked with your name and postcode. Your local police may be able to help with this.

The more difficult you can make life for a thief, the better, and the more likely you are to retain your valuable possessions.

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



What's Cooking?

With Joy Tudberry

PORK & AUBERGINE CASSEROLE -serves 6

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| 2 sliced onions | Garlic to taste |
| Salt & pepper | 8oz aubergine, diced |
| Generous pinch of sugar | 1 vegetable stock cube |
| 14oz can chopped tomatoes | 2 tablespoons oil |
| 1lb lean minced pork | 3 eggs, beaten |
| 7½oz can kidney beans, drained | 3oz grated cheese |
| Large carton natural yoghurt | |

Soften onion and garlic in the oil. Add meat & garlic and sauté for 10 minutes. Add tomatoes, sugar, beans, stock cubes, salt & pepper.

Simmer together for 15minutes. Turn into a casserole.

Topping: Beat eggs & half the cheese into yoghurt. Pour Over meat, sprinkle rest of cheese on top.

Bake for 50 minutes at 350F, 175C, Mark 4.

COOK'S COOKIES - EASTER BISCUITS

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| 3oz butter | 3oz sugar | 1 egg yolk |
| 1oz currants | 6oz plain flour | ½oz mixed peel |
| ½ teaspoon mixed spice or cinnamon | | pinch of salt |

Cream fat & sugar, beat in egg. Add rest & mix to a stiff dough, adding a little milk if necessary.

Roll out & prick all over then cut biscuit shapes as wished.

Place on greased, floured trays.

Bake for 20 minutes at 400F, 200C, Mark 6.

*Traditionalists would add a pinch of saffron soaked overnight on 1 tablespoon milk or brandy.

THURSDAY CLUB
In Saint Barnabas' Church
APRIL 11th
12.30 – 2.30pm

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Rosemary's such a pretty flower,
By a wall or on a bower.

It is a lovely shade of blue
But this fine colour of course is due

To God, who in his endless love,
Gave us the flowers and skies above.

He gave us all the birds as well
And the earth on which we dwell.

So in the rain or sunshine bright

It's up to us to treat it right
And as we follow in this way,
We fall upon our knees and say
"THANKYOU, LORD!"

Johnny Jones

St Barnabas' Mothers' Union

The March meeting of St Barnabas' Mothers' Union was held on Wednesday, 13th in the Church Meeting Room. Our guest speaker was Lyndis Rowley.

Although it was a little early, she conducted a service for 'Lady Day' - 'A new flower within us'- when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary.

Irene Tissington played the organ for our hymns. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 10th at Church, together with the Mothers' Union from Trowell, Nottingham our Link Branch.

Irene Tissington will take the Service.

Solution to this month's puzzle from www.sudoku-puzzles.com

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AT EASTER

Did we lose Christ upon the cross?

Oh, no! He is risen. There was no loss.

His presence is with us for all to share.

We gained our path to glory there.

Joy Tudberry

APRIL 1st – April Fools Day

The origins of this custom are somewhat uncertain, but may have initially been related to the arrival of Spring in late March, at which time Mother Nature is said to “fool” the human race with sudden and fickle changes in weather... showers one minute and sunshine the next. The playing of practical jokes, however, dates back to Ancient Rome and such activities were an integral part of the Hilaria celebrations held on March 25th, a celebration which appeared to be associated with the coming of Spring and Vernal Equinox, held to honour the resurrection of Attis, Roman God of Vegetation who was linked to the seasonal cycle. An ancient English legend states that April Fool's Day commemorates the fruitless mission of the Rook, which was sent out in search of land from Noah's flood-encircled ark.



APRIL 19th – Primrose Day

Primrose Day is the anniversary of the death of Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield, on 19th April 1881. The primrose was his favourite flower and Queen Victoria would often send him bunches of them from Windsor and Osbourne House. She sent a wreath of primroses to his funeral. On this day Beaconsfield's statue in Parliament Square, London, is decorated with primroses, as is his grave in Hughenden, Buckinghamshire.



APRIL 23rd – Saint George's Day

According to the Golden Legend the narrative episode of Saint George and the Dragon took place in “Silene”, in Libya. A dragon, living in a nearby lake, was terrorizing the town's people and the king tried to appease it by offering it sheep as a sacrifice and, when this failed, children were chosen at random instead. However, one day, the king's daughter was chosen and, even though the king offered all his money to the people to spare his daughter, they refused it and the princess was taken to the lake as a sacrifice. Saint George happened to be riding by and saved the princess. He harnessed the dragon and led it into town whereupon, true to his promise, he slayed it after the frightened town's people converted to Christianity and were baptized.

SO FUNNY! Dear Milkman ...

I've just had a baby, please leave another one.
Please leave an extra pint of paralysed.
Please don't leave any more milk, All they do is drink it.
Please could I have a loaf but no bread today.

Farndale Daffodil Walk, near Lowna, North York Moors. (3 miles)

Farndale is a beautiful, deep valley with narrow winding lanes, a patchwork quilt of fields divided by ancient drystone walls. However, the dale is most famous for its daffodils which were once reputed to have been planted by the monks of nearby Rievaulx Abbey. The daffodils, also known by the old name of Lenten Lily because they flower around Easter time, are truly wild, adding even more charm to the beauty of their annual display in late March early April.

The walk starts at the small hamlet of Low Mill, where a nearby field is used to accommodate the hundreds of cars which arrive during the daffodil season – there are nearby public toilets and a tiny post office.

You go through the wooden gate next to the car park and follow the clear path downhill to a wooden footbridge which crosses the tranquil River Dove. Looking upstream from the bridge you get your first glimpses of the daffodils which carpet the banks of the river. Then you turn left after crossing the bridge and follow the path alongside the riverbank. For the next mile or so, the path meanders more or less parallel with the river.

About 2,000 acres of Farndale have been designated as a Nature Reserve. The walk continues from field to field, each containing a new 'show' ... but all with their own charm. By now, nature's display is almost over but there's something else to enjoy ahead!

The path eventually arrives at a set of old stone buildings, High Mill, better known these days as 'Daffy Caffy'. Here, indoors or out, you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a wide range of other refreshments... or you can continue along the narrow lane towards the tiny hamlet of Church Houses, where you'll be welcomed at the Feversham Arms country inn.



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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.

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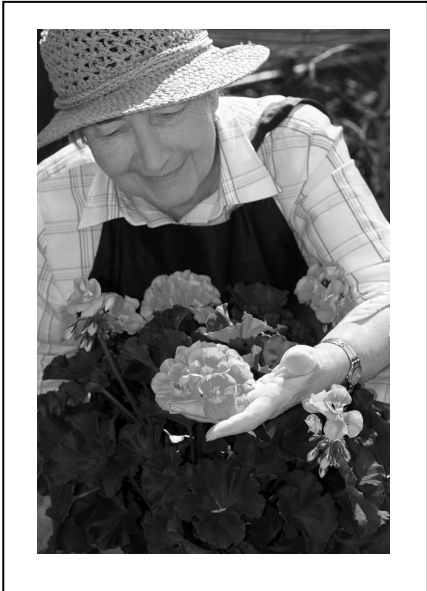
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HANGING BASKETS 2013

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Address.....

I/We.....

Of (address).....

In Memory of.....

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about relevant and worthwhile opportunities.

Registration will prevent organisations who regard you as a customer from contacting you again, unless you have previously told them that you have no objection to them calling you.

Registering with the Telephone Preference Service will not stop calls from market research organisations. If you also wish to stop these calls or any other non direct marketing calls, you will need to contact each company directly.

There are three ways to register with the Telephone Preference Service;

The quickest way you can register is on the TPS website at www.tpsonline.org.uk and by clicking on the link to register.

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8pm – 1am Sherwood Ranger,
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from Sherwood Ranger:
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April 18th – Memorial Service
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Lane, Worksop. 7pm
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April 21st – Bassetlaw Bash,
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Centre, Retford.
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**April 27th – Spring Coffee
Morning**
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advert opposite which
has a response form.**

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Thursday 18th April 3.45pm – 5.45pm**

**Donations to cover the cost of the food are welcome thank you.
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We look forward to seeing you there!



**All 11 - 16 year olds welcome!
7pm - 8.30pm at Ranskill Church
Friday 10th May**



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.

CAR BOOT AND TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday April 20th 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:

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| Car boot pitch @ £5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Email address

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MEETING
Monday 4th February
2013
SCROOBY VILLAGE
HALL**

1. PRESENT

Ed Marshall – Chair,
Councillors: Heidi Robbins, Mark Firth, James Arrowsmith, Barry Bowles, Matt Pollard, Elaine Gargett, Julie Dunstan
Clerk: Sheila Firth

2. Apologies

Barry Bowles, District Councillor; Tony Smith

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed, proposed by Heidi Robbins seconded by James Arrowsmith

4. Matters Arising

Clerk to provide Declaration of Interest forms to new Council members.

5. Correspondence

The Lengthsman scheme has been re-evaluated and extended to March 2014.

6. District Councillor's Report

Some funding may now be available for new village signs.

7. Finance Report

The PC had received the application for this year's precept. The PC discussed the precept for 2013-2014 and the figures to be submitted were agreed, proposed by Julie Dunstan and seconded by James Arrowsmith. Chairman and Treasurer to complete and submit the application. The tax base reduction was discussed and figures were agreed, proposed by Mark Firth and

seconded by Matt Pollard.

Cheques were to be raised for: Performing Rights Society, £83.14; Film Club VAT £33.20; Notts CC (Sheila Pace) £100.00. Other bills to be paid were: Ilchester Estates £5.00 for rent of Croft; Anglian Water rates £71.98 and NALC fees £71.40.

8. Police Report

Two incidents were reported in Scrooby during the month, a break in at the Pilgrim Fathers and a theft of vehicle.

9. Planning & Village Plan

Of the two retrospective planning applications received regarding the stable and barn behind the bungalow on Gibbett Lane, the bungalow was approved but the stable had not yet been adjudicated on.

Bassetlaw Council had been alerted to the fencing being erected at Avonlea.

10. Play Area

The Lengthsman had removed the part of the play area fence as agreed, and will be able to install the gate when one has been obtained. The ground anchor will be installed under the picnic table when the ground has become softer.

11. Village Hall

A new cleaner will need to be appointed after the resignation of the existing one. The boiler has been repaired. Blackout curtains have not yet been obtained. A large scale copy of the village photograph taken in August 2012 is to be ordered by Matt Pollard. The new First Aid box has still to be billed for.

12. Village Environment

The foot/bridle paths to the east of the village are presently in an unusable condition and need to be repaired and made useable. The path alongside the railway is not technically a footpath. Can this be adopted as a right of way? The signs for Mill Lane to be

requested and installed.

The village in general and Mill Lane in particular are in need of a litter pick.

The large gap in the Whinz fencing caused by the water board is now being used to drive onto the Whinz by the public. The Lengthsman is to repair the gap with materials provided by the PC. The old concrete fence posts to be removed and new post and wire fencing to be erected. The gorse beside the Whinz footpath needs to be trimmed.

13. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Not many Neighbourhood Alert emails are being received.

14. Pilgrim Fathers Society

A group of American visitors are coming to the village on 25 May 2013. The Pilgrim Fathers Society proposed a village history day takes place on that date. The Pilgrim Fathers Association is going to apply for Lottery grants and funding to enable them to buy the lease of the barn beside the pub to use as a permanent visitors centre.

15. Any Other Business

Clerk to report to Bassetlaw Council the street light that is permanently lit at the bottom of Dog Lane.

There is a lot of dog mess being left uncleaned in the village recently particularly around Dog Lane. Clerk to let Matt Pollard know the appropriate contact details with BDC to discuss installation and emptying of dog bins.

The Chairman had been asked by a local resident whether we needed any help removing snow this winter. By this point the snow was already gone and none since.

**Meeting closed at 8.55 pm
Next meeting
Monday 11 March 2013
7.30pm Scrooby Village Hall**

Torworth Parish Council

March 2013

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

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

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 - PCSO Dave Airey attended the meeting. There was one reported crime in Torworth this month, which was theft of gardening equipment from a container. As the Spring / Summer season approaches the Police would like to remind everyone to keep their lawnmowers, strimmers and all other valuable goods locked away and not kept on display as thieves are already out on the lookout for these goods.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION—We have received some information on entering the Best Kept Village Competition and wondered if this is something the residents of Torworth would be interested in? Could you please contact me on the email address or phone number below if you would like me to submit the application.

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:

Tee Pee – Huntsman Inn – Hire of Room	£10.00
R Hyland – Clerks Salary	£95.90
HMRC – PAYE March	£23.80
R Hyland—Expenses	£22.20

Next Parish Council Meeting TUESDAY 9th April 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

Ranskill Parish Council Newsletter

March 2013

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

CRIME REPORT & POLICE NEWS

Crime figures for Ranskill to the 28th February reported that there were four house burglaries and two attempted burglaries for which charges have been laid against a man from a neighbouring county thanks to the vigilance of a resident who reported the sighting of a suspicious vehicle. There was one theft of motor vehicle, one incident of criminal damage to a house, one incident of criminal damage to a motor vehicle and two thefts. There were also nine reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the beat area. Slight improvement in weather conditions has meant a start to the gardening season and gardening equipment and tools have become attractive to criminals; consequently, there is a need to check the security of all outbuildings and sheds and take preventative measures wherever possible.

HIGHWAYS—RENEWED SPEEDWATCH CAMPAIGN

Due to constant occurrences of speeding along the Great North Road the SpeedWatch campaign is to be relaunched and additional volunteers are required. Two more couples are needed to complete the SpeedWatch team for which the initial commitment will be only one hour per month per couple. Police training will be available and volunteers should contact Bob Blatchford on 01777 818519.

FINANCE

The annual accounts for FY 2012/13 will be audited during April and May; consequently, it was resolved to re-appoint Mr Stuart West to conduct a full internal audit of the accounts of Ranskill Parish Council and Ranskill & Torworth Burial Committee. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be passed for payment:

1540	John D McGill	Litter picking	£ 39.00
1541	D McAra	Refund BDC Planning Application	£ 97.50
1542	Sharpe Systems Ltd	Website Support	£ 72.00
1543	NCC Ranskill Primary School	Meeting Room Hire	£ 30.00
1544	FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd	WREN Third Party Funding	£ 2733.98
1545	Cash	Discretionary Expenses	£ 30.00
1546	HMRC	PAYE	£ 77.00
1547	D McAra	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 307.50

PLANNING

Two planning applications were received during the last month and were approved with no objections: 13/00233/HSE. Demolish existing conservatory and erect two storey and single storey extensions to rear of property, The Old Post Office, Mattersey Road, Ranskill.

13/00257/HSE. Erect first floor extension over existing garage/utility at 6 Ravenshill Close, Ranskill.

WREN GRANT FUNDING AWARD— RANSKILL VILLAGE PARK

Following the public consultation that took place last summer the parish council is very pleased to announce that Ranskill has been awarded up to £25218 grant funding from WREN towards the refurbishment and replacement of play and leisure equipment in the village park. Match funding of £2733.98 has secured the contract and an application has been submitted to the NCC Local Improvement Scheme to cover this outgoing. Final design agreement has been agreed and work is expected to begin in early May.

AMENITIES & FACILITIES

It was agreed to go ahead with the planning of an inter-generational community event to be held in the village park on Saturday 31st August to mark dedication of the park as a QEII Playing Field. The theme is to be 'People, Food and the Outdoors' and volunteers who would like to help should contact Dave McAra on the number below.

DOG FOULING—BDC CONSULTATION

Dog fouling is on the increase again and Bassetlaw District Council is conducting an online consultation at: www.bassetlaw.gov.uk. Go online, follow the links and have your say about this unsightly and potentially dangerous issue.

RANSKILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm at Ranskill Primary School. Ranskill residents and members of the press are encouraged to attend.

RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 2013

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April 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



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