

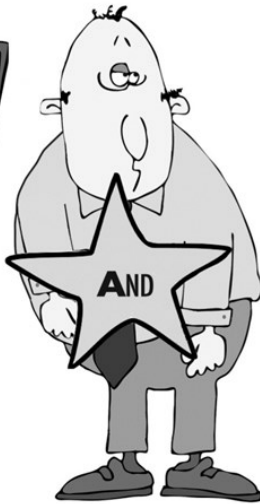
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STAR OPINION

The news that Retford's Ambulance Station – along with those in Worksop and Gainsborough – has been saved from closure is mightily welcome to everyone living in rural East Bassetlaw. As Bassetlaw MP John Mann says, it is a victory for people power and common sense

It was late last year that East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS), announced radical plans for the service – plans that included the closure of the ambulance stations in Retford, Worksop and Gainsborough.

Mr Man was one of the leading campaigners against the plans, and back in November last year the STAR urged its readers to support Mr Mann in his opposition to the changes.

In January, when the decision should have been made, EMAS announced a re-think and last month, EMAS said the three ambulance stations would be saved from the axe.

Perhaps there was merit in the proposals if you lived in a major town or city, but large parts of Nottinghamshire are rural like East Bassetlaw and for those of us who do, the proposed closures would have been nothing short of a disaster waiting to happen. The whole idea of ambulances waiting around on street corners to respond to 999 calls was farcical. As we said several months ago, in an emergency, it would have been quicker to get to hospital by bus rather than wait for one travelling from Mansfield if the street corner ambulance was already in service.

Manning levels at Retford have also been guaranteed, further good news for the area.

The North Road ambulance station may be re-located, possibly sharing premises with the Fire Service in a new combined building, but if this proves impossible the current building will be updated.

The very fact that some 19,000 people from across East Bassetlaw voiced their objections to the EMAS proposed changes is testament to the strength of feeling they aroused.

By signing petitions, joining protest marches and e-mailing their protests, the people of East Bassetlaw have scored a major victory and can feel justifiably proud of what they have achieved. Forcing an organisation like EMAS into such a massive U turn is no mean feat. Getting 19,000 signatures on a petition is no mean feat either and John Mann deserves the thanks of us all for leading the protest so successfully.

Everyone in East Bassetlaw who is unfortunate enough to need to call an emergency ambulance will have reason to be grateful to the 19,000 people who have won a major victory for people power and common sense.

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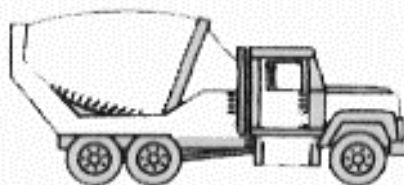
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Retford Ambulance Station is SAVED



Retford's Ambulance Station - along with those in Worksop and Gainsborough - have been saved from closure. Bassetlaw MP John Mann, one of the leaders of the campaign against closure, described the decision as "a victory for people power." At the meeting last month the East Midlands Ambulance Service agreed a plan to create nine ambulance hubs, 19 ambulance stations and 108 community ambulance stations - including the one in Retford. The original plan was to close the ambulance stations in Retford,

Worksop and Gainsborough, but following a series of protest meetings and marches and a 19,000 name petition, EMAS had a change of heart and agreed to retain the threatened ambulance stations. Campaign leaders were said to be "absolutely ecstatic." EMAS now hope to share facilities with the re-built Retford Fire Station, but if this does not work out they will continue at the present North Road site. EMAS have also committed to retaining current staffing levels in Retford and protect current service provision. Said John Mann: "I want to thank

everyone who contributed to this victory. "Clearly we need to maintain a watching brief over service provision and I will need local people to keep me updated and informed on what is happening at the front line. "Such a high level of participation reflected the deep levels of concern in Bassetlaw on the future of ambulance provision and it is welcome news that EMAS have responded in such a positive way "This is a common sense victory on every issue which could not have been achieved without everyone working together."

RANSKILL PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Parish Meeting

will take place at 7.30pm on

Tuesday 14th May 2013

at Ranskill Primary School.

This is an open meeting when **Ranskill electors** are entitled to ask questions and make proposals on any matter of interest to the parish.

AGENDA

- Introduction by the Chairman of the Parish Council
- Apologies
- Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2012
- Reports and Q & A from the following individuals and organisations:
 - The Community Police
 - The District Councillor
 - The County Councillor
 - Annual Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Public and Press are welcome to attend.

Clerk to Ranskill Parish Council

01777 816864 11th April 2013

Ranskill Mothers' Union

For our April meeting we were joined at St Barnabas' for lunch and a service by our friends from Trowell.

What a joy to meet up with old friends and spend time, enjoying good fellowship and tasty home cooked food, all provided by our members.

Trowel won the numbers game with 17 members travelling from the South of the county, and 16 Ranskill members attended.

Following a lunch of Cottage Pie and a choice of sweets, the Rev Irene Tissington led our service, recalling thoughts of the past few weeks. Barbara accompanied the singing of three hymns on the organ.

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Isabelle's eggs-travagant headgear



Head boys and girls: Nursery assistant Donna Buxton with youngsters in their Easter bonnets

YOUNGSTERS were hard at work with their parents over the holidays constructing weird and wonderful headgear

for the Easter bonnet competition. There were 19 entries with Isabelle Newton's wonderful eggs-on-a-bed

of straw creation being voted top hat, followed by efforts by Aaron Bradley and Archie Cotton. Nursery manager Carol

Freeman said: "All the children who brought in a bonnet will be getting a prize, so well done to their parents."

Event helps to say thanks after airlift

GRATEFUL Ranskill granny Jean McGill has helped raise funds to say thank you to Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance after her granddaughter was airlifted to hospital last year.

Hannah Beswarick had to be flown to hospital by helicopter after she broke her leg while out on her bike in Claborough.

Hannah, aged 11, has made a full recovery and was able to run a stall with her sister Emily, eight, at a fundraising event at St Barnabas Church, Ranskill.

Stalls selling bric a brac, toys and refresh-



Helping hand: Hannah Beswarick, left, with sister Emily, eight

ments at the coffee morning raised £700 to be split between the air ambulance and Marie Curie Cancer Care, which provides end-of-life care at

home for terminally ill patients.

Jean said: "I would like to say a big thank you to all who supported the coffee morning. It was a

most successful event."

The medical air service helicopter is based at RAF Waddington, south of Lincoln and can reach any destination in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire in 19 minutes.

It costs £1.7 million to operate the helicopter each year.

Any donations of clothes, bric a brac and toys can be made to the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust shop in Exchange Street, Retford opposite the old court building.

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Call Serena on 07584 248636 or Caroline on 01777 818077 and leave a message and someone will get back to you.



PCSO Aaron Stocks (left), and Pc Jason Fellows

Meet the new policing team for Ranskill Scrooby and Torworth

The new Safer Neighbourhood Team Beat Manager for the Ranskill and Lound beat area is Pc Jason Fellows.

He replaces Pc Alan Johnson, who has returned to the Response Team.

Jason's new beat covers the villages of Ranskill, Scrooby, Torworth, Lound, Mattersey and Mattersey Thorpe, Barnby Moor, Babworth and Ranby.

He joined Nottinghamshire Police as a Special in Newark in 2003, rising to the rank of Special Sergeant, before joining the regular force in 2007.

He worked with the Response Team in Retford and as Beat Manager in the Hallcroft area before joining the Pro Active team, returning to the Safer Neighbourhood Team and his current rural beats in February this year.

Jason is 40 years of age and before joining the police service worked with his family's international road haulage business.

Jason is joined on the beat by a new PCSO, 23-years-old Aaron Stocks, for whom this is his first posting. Aaron has completed his basic training and has just completed six weeks on the beat tutoring.

Formerly a customer advisor in a leisure centre, Aaron says he is looking forward to his new role.

"I have been trying to join the police service since leaving school, so this is my big chance," he said.

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20 Questions: I washed up at Danny La Rue's hotel

Dave McAra is about to complete his first year as clerk to Ranskill Parish Council. He moved to Ranskill with wife Maggie in September 2010 after living and working in Mons, Belgium for four years. He knew and liked the area from two tours of duty at RAF Finningley in the 1980s and 90s. Dave and Maggie have two grown-up children, Tim, who is married and serving with the Army and Kirsty who is a dental nurse in Birmingham. No day is the same as a parish clerk. It can run from checking the mail in the office to being harangued in the street about fly tipping or dog fouling

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

My most enjoyable job was training RAF YTS students in the mid-1980s. The worst was clearing a cockroach-infested airing cupboard in a hotel – there were thousands of them.

2. How important was your education?

Ah. I'm afraid that I didn't try as hard as I should have done at secondary school and passed only three of my eight O Levels. Consequently, I had to retake them to achieve what I wanted to do. I now realise that school was more important than I thought at the time.

3. Did you have a Saturday job?

Yes – I worked as a 'pot boy' collecting and washing glasses in a hotel owned by Danny La Rue.

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

If it was a large win I would probably establish a charitable trust with which I could endow an academic and sports scholarship or two.

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



Neil Diamond because I would love to know what it feels like to write and perform a song like September Morn.

6. What do you hate spending money on?

A TV licence.

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

I'm rather impatient so I'd like to be a little more tolerant and let things happen as they should.

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

Growing up in the 1960s I wanted to be an RAF pilot like Guy Gibson or Douglas Bader.

9. What has been your greatest extravagance?

It's going to happen soon – Maggie and I are about to celebrate our pearl wedding anniversary so we're going to Hawaii to visit Pearl Harbor and staying in a posh hotel on Waikiki Beach.

10. If you weren't in the RAF what else would you have liked to do?

Without wishing to sound pompous I think that I have been very lucky to do what I have done and would go back to flying given half a chance. Otherwise, I'd have quite liked to have been a rock star (probably would have been a pretty ropey one).

11. What are your pet hates?

Selfishness. I appreciate that the world is not a perfect place but it could be just a little bit better if some people were more respectful of other peoples' interests, feelings, welfare and property.

12. Happiness is....?

A long walk in the hills with Maggie on a sunny afternoon.

13. What was your first job?

Apart from some very temporary holiday work my first job was my last job – I had a full career in the

Royal Air Force – 34 years man and boy.

14. What's been your most rewarding experience?

Working with a lot of fantastically talented and generous people and making some wonderful life-long friends.

15. Four favourite dinner guests – dead or alive

The Duke of Edinburgh, because he's astute, witty and I'm sure would be a magnificent dinner guest. Sir Patrick Moore, a personal hero on many levels and whom I never got to meet. John Wayne to add a bit of 'Hollywood' and Kirsty Wark for reasons that I will not go into.

16. Any unfulfilled ambitions?

To live to see a grandson open the batting for England at Lords.

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

I was taught at primary school that 'if a job's worth doing it's worth doing well' – I think that this was excellent advice and would commend it to everybody.

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

I can't really imagine being retired so, as long as I stay fit and well, I'd like to work until I'm 70 and then I'll review the situation.

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

Coffee cups that are labelled – 'Caution – contents may be hot'.

20. How do you see yourself?

I'd like to think that I was like Steve McQueen in Bullitt but I think that I'm probably a bit more like Victor Meldrew.

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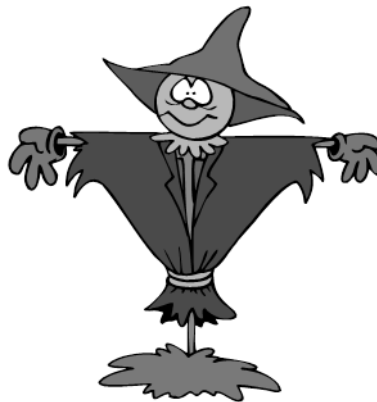
Kick n' Rush—returning for the Picnic in the Park

‘Festival Fever’ starts to mount

Ranskill and Torworth’s Village and Scarecrow Festival is just weeks away — on June 8th — and Festival Fever is starting to grow.

The annual Festival attracts visitors to the two Villages from far and wide, and organisers of this year’s event are hopeful of breaking the record of 110 Scarecrows. For the first time this year, entries are being invited from individuals, organisations and traders from outside the two villages and they will be displayed around the area.

And pupils from Ranskill School will be staging a special display on the grassed area at the junction of the Great North Road and Mattersey Road. The Festival will again take place on the School Field, and after last year’s Jubilee Special, will return to its more traditional format



Retford Scout Band has been booked to play at the Festival, which will feature all the usual attractions, side shows, games and rides as well as a full catering service and barbecue. This year’s Festival also sees the return of Mr Magic, the children’s entertainer who is a firm

favourite of everyone.

The School Field will again be the venue for the annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday evening when everyone brings along their chairs and tables, food and wine, to dance the night away under the stars. Entertainment will come from Kick n’ Rush who made a big impact at last year’s Festival, with music for dancing from Pure Heaven Disco.

“We are determined to beat our record of 110 Scarecrows,” said Festival Committee chairman Dave Hill, “and this year, even those who don’t live in Ranskill or Torworth can get involved by making a scarecrow and letting us exhibit it for you.”

Ranskill and Torworth Festival SCARECROW COMPETITION 2013

This year we have two Scarecrow Making Sessions:

Monday 20th May 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Monday 3rd June 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

If you need help to make one why not come along to Malkiln Farm, Low Street, Torworth. You can buy the basic body for £1 and the straw to stuff it is free and when you've finished you can take your scarecrow home to "dress" in your chosen outfit.

The competition will not be divided into categories this year so you are free to choose any subject you like. The judge will be looking for originality, the use of re-cycled materials and a sense of humour.

Judging will take place on Saturday 8th June and prizes will be presented at the Songs of Praise in St. Barnabas Church on the Sunday. Please leave your entries on display for both days so that everyone gets the chance to enjoy them.

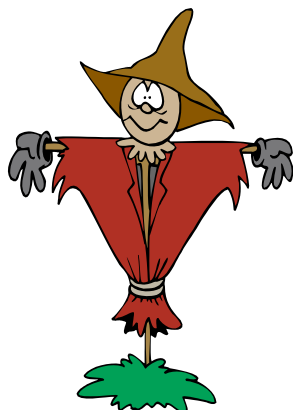
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in fact anyone wishing to make a Scarecrow is welcome to do so.

If you are unable to make a Scarecrow would you be willing to give a home to one for the weekend – please let us know.

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June 8th 2013

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Picnic in the Park

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Saturday 8th June 2013

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A busy morning at the Ranskill and Torworth Festival car boot and table top sale on Saturday April 20th at St Barnabas' church

**Ranskill and Torworth annual Scarecrow and Village Festival
Saturday June 8th 2013.**

**To be held on the Ranskill Primary School Field
from 11am to 4pm.**

**Do you have a craft or skill, products to sell?
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School youngsters enjoy chance to be trailblazers



Opening ceremony: Friends of Ranskill Primary members with schoolchildren at the opening of the trim trail. Below, trying out the equipment

CHILDREN have been putting the new trim trail at Ranskill Primary School through its paces after it was officially opened.

The wooden activity equipment is now fully installed and ready to go after the Friends of Ranskill Primary contributed £1,500 towards the cost. Money also came from a sponsored walk involving pupils last summer.

Members of the OATS team (school council) have thanked everyone who helped raise money and have given the trim trail the thumbs-up.

They said: "It's amazing and it's cool. The bars are quite hard – it's a good challenge."

Headteacher Helen Leone also thanked everyone who helped with fundraising for the equipment, which she said would give many



children a great deal of pleasure for a long time to come.

She said: "A huge thank you goes to the Friends, who organise so many fundraising events, as well as everyone who supported these events. Without the Friends the trail would never have been possible."

"They work so hard for all our children and they



really would appreciate some more help. Please see if you can spare just a few hours occasionally.

"Thanks also to all the children who did the sponsored walk last summer and all the sponsors, as the money raised has gone towards the payment.

"Also thanks to Greenfield Leisure for providing and installing the equipment."

Mrs Leone also urged parents to support the Friends' next fund-raising event, a quiz night at Scrooby Village Hall on May 17 at 7.30pm.

She said: "Please remember the Friends now need to refill the bank account.

"They raised more than £150 from the Easter Egg raffle and another £40 from a car boot sale at St Barnabas church.

"Please get your team booked in for the quiz. See a committee member for tickets."

■ Two new members of staff have started work at Ranskill.

Ann Teather is teaching Class 4, taking over from Charmagne Haxby who is on maternity leave.

Carol Cook will assist Mrs Archer to ensure there is someone in the office all week.

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Customs and Folklore
By
Shirley Ryan

Having previously discussed expressions and customs to do with animals and birds, we now turn our attention to those which apply to plants. The oak, one of our most common trees and perhaps England's signature tree, features largely in both our history and our folklore.

'Heart of oak', a well-known phrase, from the sea song by William Bryce, begins with the stirring words: 'Heart of oak are our ships, heart of oak are our men' and although written as early as 1759, a year of naval victories, became increasingly popular in the 19th century.

Originally, the oak, a tree venerated by the Druids, was sacred to the god of thunder, being thought to be the tree most likely to be hit by lightning. Oak trees with historical connections are remembered by names such as Major Oak in Sherwood Forest, the hollow trunk said to have held fifteen people. Also in Sherwood Forest is the Parliament Oak under which Edward I held a Parliament in 1282. Norfolk has a well-known oak – the Reformation Oak on Mousehold Common, Norwich, where Robert Kett held his court in 1549, with nine of the ringleaders of the rebellion later being hanged from this tree. Perhaps the most famous is the Boscobel Oak in Shropshire, where Charles II concealed himself after the battle of Worcester on September 3rd 1651. Although Oak Apple Day or Royal Oak Day refers to this historical event, it is celebrated on May 29th, both the birthday of the king and the day on which he entered London at the Restoration.

Although many rhymes to do with the weather have now fallen into disuse, one which is still remembered concerns the oak: 'If the oak before the ash, then we'll only get a splash. If the ash before the oak, then you may expect a soak'.

There is often an item of lore for which we cannot find verification but which we have come across at various times and it may be known to some readers. This is the belief that we owe the success of the British in battle to the domestic cat.

When acorns sprouted, the young plants were often destroyed by mice nibbling them.

If cats had not killed many of the mice, not enough oak saplings would have survived to grow into oak trees for our ships. This may be apocryphal but we like to think it is true!

Thank you to all of the people who sent photographs of the Jubilee Festival. I'm still looking for photographs of the Tractor Ride and also the Picnic in the Park especially the Band playing. Please contact Hilary Skelton on 818545 or email: hilary@maltkilnfarm.co.uk if you can help.

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up.

"Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again". The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

THE COFFEE QUIZ

All the answers have numbers in them.

1. Aramis, Porthos and D'Artagnan.
2. Where Ruby Keeler and Ginger Rogers danced in New York in 1933.
3. Julian, Dick, Anne, 'George' and Timmy.
4. Where and how did Phileas Fogg travel.
5. An aircraft at twice the speed of sound is said to be flying at
6. Where Sherlock Holmes lived.
7. American Highway where you 'take your kicks'.
8. Where Canada meets the USA.
9. Another name for Scheherazade's Arabian Tales.
10. Where the mystery led in John Buchan's novel.

Recent crimes in the Ranskill area

Between the evening of March 31st and the evening of April 1st there was an attempted break in to the side door of a garage at a property on Arundel Drive, Ranskill.

Please consider purchasing shed alarms, or similar, for all sheds, garages and out buildings. They are available at a cost of £10 each from a number of village retail outlets including the Top Shop at Ranskill and the Post Office at Mattersey.

Between 2200 hours on April 7th and 0830 hours on April 8th a vehicle parked outside an address on Arundel Drive, Ranskill was interfered with by unknown person(s)..

Wherever possible, garage vehicles overnight. Where this is not possible, park vehicles on private driveways, preferable to on the public highway. If vehicles have to be parked on the public highway, always park them in well-lit areas.

Between 1300 hours and 1415 hours on April 9th a vehicle parked in the car park at Daneshill Lake, Daneshill Road, was broken into and items were stolen from within.

Please ensure that when vehicles are left unattended, all personal items are removed or hidden from view to prevent similar incidents.

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Don't lead a thief up your garden path

The recent cold weather might have made Spring a little late this year, but many of you will already have made a start on tidying up the garden after the ravages of the winter months.

Cleaning out the garden shed, dusting down the lawnmower and making preparations for the long days of summer we all hope are just around the corner.

But your garden shed can be a magnet for thieves so make sure you do not lead a thief up your garden path straight to your shed and its contents. Sheds can be an easy target, so stop and think how much it would cost to replace what is stored in yours or in your garage.

Most thieves are opportunists – so if you toughen up on security in your shed or garage, an opportunist thief will usually move on

First of all, keep your shed and garage locked at all times. Most garages are fitted with a lock, but the standard locks are very easy to open so fit additional locks to keep a thief out. Fit at least one good lock to your shed – better still two – and use hasps where the screws are hidden so a thief can't simply unscrew it and get into your shed.

If your garage or shed has a window, consider fitting window bars or at least a fit a curtain so a thief cannot see what is inside. They don't break in for a look round – they break in because they can see something to steal.

Mark your larger, more expensive tools with a permanent marker pen or a Cremark kit. It's difficult for a thief to sell your lawnmower if it has your name and address written on it in large letters – and it will cut the grass just as well.

Chain larger items together – it makes them difficult to carry away – and then lock the ends of the chain to the wall or the floor. Put ALL your tools away EVERY night and then make sure your shed and garage are locked.

Fit an intruder alarm. They are very inexpensive, and make a real racket that will alarm you and your neighbours and scare off most thieves.

And finally make it difficult for a thief to get to the rear of your property where most sheds are. Fit a

high gate and keep it locked. Thieves don't like things that block their escape route and it's difficult to climb a high gate or a fence carrying a lawnmower.

And the long warm days of summer often herald an increase in auto crime so make sure your vehicle doesn't become a target for a criminal.

Thieves are always on the look out for easy pickings and open car doors, windows and sun roofs are just what they are looking for.

There are three basic rules for vehicle security

1. **Always** keep your vehicle locked. This includes the sunroof and windows even if you are only leaving it for a few seconds. It is amazing how many people still leave their vehicle unlocked, and yet a few seconds is all the time it takes for a criminal to steal your car or your belongings.

2. **Never 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 really 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 sat navs.

3. **Think** before you park. Park in busy well lit areas near CCTV cameras or in a police approved "ParkMark" car park. Always chain bikes, motorcycles and scooters to something fixed, like a security rail or post.

Enjoy the Spring and Summer sunshine, but let's keep thieves where they belong – out in the cold.

Register your belongings on a site like www.immobilise.com so that if they are stolen and recovered by police you are more likely to be reunited with them.

Report suspicious activity around homes and gardens to police immediately on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

For further information on combating crime, you can contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team Beat Manager, Pc Jason Fellows on 07525 226893 or PCSO Aaron Stocks on 07824 457397. And don't forget, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously at any time on 0800 555 111

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Nottinghamshire County Council's Trading Standards team is asking friends, relatives and neighbours of vulnerable people to be on their guard after an elderly man was duped into handing over cash to a doorstep conman claiming to be a Trading Standards Officer.

The man had previously been targeted by rogue builders in 2009 and it is possible that the latest incident is linked.

The conman told the resident that he needed £2,300 as the trader that had previously conned him was now in court and they needed the money to take the matter further.

Nottinghamshire Police have been informed and are investigating the incident.

A spokesman said: "Nottinghamshire County Council trading standards team never ask for payment from consumers and always carry identification in the form of a warrant and identification card, which has their photograph on it.

"If a member of the public is approached by telephone or by cold call at the door by someone claiming to work for Trading Standards who asks for money as part of a refund or compensation for rogue trader problems, they should not pay any money or give any personal details," he added.

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Message from Kate

I recently did an assembly at Ranskill School all about wind.

No, not that sort of wind!

I talked to the children about the power of the wind to blow over trees, to fly kites, and to turn umbrellas inside out. I showed them a hair dryer and blew their hair. We played with ping-pong balls and the hair dryer and watched the balls hover in the hair dryer's blast. The children loved it, especially when I tried to blow the hair of a male teacher who didn't have that much hair to blow. We talked about the wind and what it looked like and of course, the children soon commented that although you could see what the wind does you couldn't actually see the wind itself.

May is the time of year when we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of God's Holy Spirit. Scripture describes that Spirit as a rushing wind. The first disciples were literally knocked off their feet by the power of this new helper that God had sent. God's Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in the world today. The Holy Spirit is God's helper, helping us to pray, to worship, to serve and to witness. We cannot see the Holy Spirit in the same way as the disciples saw the risen Jesus, but we can see the power and work of the Holy Spirit in the world around us. And we pray for more of God's Holy Spirit at work in our lives and in our communities.

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Blyth 11.00 am HC CW

Ranskill 9.30 am Methodist

Sunday 19th

Blyth 11.00 am HC CW

Ranskill 9.30 am HC CW

Scrooby 9.30 am HC CW

Sunday 26th

Blyth 8.00 am BCP HC

Blyth 11.00am Family Wor-
ship

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Key:

BCP Book of Common Prayer

CW Common Worship

FW Family Worship

HC Holy Communion

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Christian Perspective

Suddenly the weather is improving and lots of us notice the dust and cobwebs that have accumulated in the house. It's that time for spring cleaning again (maybe a little late this year!) It might not be your favourite activity, but if we neglect our homes, in the course of time it will become obvious. Dust and dirt mounts up.



And don't do a half-hearted job. If you sweep the dust under the rug eventually someone will trip over it.

It's the same with home maintenance; if you never do any, your home will take on that neglected look which is never attractive. We have been house hunting recently and have found it interesting to see how other people keep and maintain their homes. "Couldn't live there – nasty smell!" "Too much work to make it liveable." These are some of things we have said to one another after viewing a property. Do you enjoy watching programmes like Homes Under the Hammer where the buyers start with a completely rundown house and after a lot of hard work end up with something fantastic?



All these things are applicable to our spiritual lives as well. If we neglect to read the Bible, pray and keep ourselves open to God, we will find the 'dust' starts to collect in the corners of our souls. Spend some time taking a good long look at yourself in the light of Galatians 5 and see what you find. Is there more 'discord' and 'selfish ambition' or 'patience' and 'gentleness'?

There are times when we need to have a spiritual spring clean and invite the Holy Spirit to show us where the 'dust has been swept under e

the carpet', and cobwebs have multiplied, so that we can come to God in repentance and faith for his cleansing and renewing.

Jude writes in the New Testament: "But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."

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Sudoku

About this puzzle

Sudoku - also known as "Number Place" - is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The aim of Sudoku is to enter a number from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid, most frequently a 9x9 grid made up of 3x3 subgrids. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each number.

This puzzle is graded as medium. The solution is given on the next page. There are many other free puzzles available from www.sudoku-puzzles.net

Sudoku Puzzle - Medium

		2		9	4			
	1							2
	7	8	5	2			4	
				6		7		8
3		9		7	1	4	6	
	6	5	8	4		9		1
		1				3		4
		7			9	8		6
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Sudoku Solution - Medium

5	3	2	1	9	4	6	8	7
4	1	6	3	8	7	5	9	2
9	7	8	5	2	6	1	4	3
1	2	4	9	6	5	7	3	8
3	8	9	2	7	1	4	6	5
7	6	5	8	4	3	9	2	1
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Garden pests need to be carefully monitored. If you do have to spray your plants do it late in the evening when the natural predators like ladybirds are not around. Prevention is much better than cure; healthy plants are far more resistant to attack, just like us, and it really does pay to keep the soil in good order. Attracting wildlife also pays dividends because birds, hedgehogs and a host of others will consume large quantities of insect pests.

Sow or turf new lawns as soon as possible, before the weather becomes too warm and dry for new grass to establish properly. Lawns sown last month should be ready for their first cut. Water during dry spells using a fine sprinkler. Don't put grass clippings directly on borders as a mulch, because they heat up and could damage your plants.

Strawberry fruits need to be lifted off the ground once small berries appear. Tuck straw under the leaves or if you have them you can use the special strawberry mats. Broad beans should have their young tops pinched out once around five trusses of flowers have formed, to prevent blackfly. Hoe regularly round the vegetables to keep weeds down. They grow so fast at this time of year and will take valuable water away from young crops. If you have grown marrows and butternut squash under cover, these can be planted out towards the end of the month, harden them off first, and cover if there is any risk of frosts. Now is the time to plant vegetables such as beetroot, carrots, runner beans and salad vegetables.

When growing tomato plants, do not overcrowd them or they will reach for the light and become thin and leggy. One way to support them is to run a length of nylon string under the root ball and fasten the other end to the top of the greenhouse or supporting structure. Gently wind the plants round the string as they grow and as the side shoots appear in the leaf joints, snap them off whilst still young.

Ranskill storm into final with an eight goal blitz

A sunny but very windy afternoon on April 16th saw Ranskill Primary School beat North Leverton 8-2 to secure a place in the final of the 'Champion of Champions' schools competition. Despite kicking into a fierce wind in the first half, Ranskill managed to take a 3-1 lead into the break. With the advantage of the wind in the second half, Ranskill's superiority shone through. Goals from Kai, Tim (2), Kyle (2) and Elliot (Hat-trick) earned a comfortable victory over a North Leverton team that had won their division. It was another fantastic team effort from Ranskill with invaluable contributions also from Chester, Tom, Lewis, George, Will & Keegan. The team also wishes to thank Steve Bloomfield from Blyth Bombers for kindly volunteering to referee the game. As well as the 'Champion of Champions' final, the coming month will also see Ranskill in the final of the Small Schools Cup against Everton. More details to follow on this. Well done again to everyone involved!

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Cheesy Custard Gratin

A simple dinner dish to prepare and refrigerate, to cook when needed. Vary meats and vegetables to suit.

4 slices bread crusts removed, 2 tbsp butter, 1 onion chopped, ¼lb mushrooms sliced, 6-8oz grated cheese, 2 tsp flour, ½lb diced cooked chicken, ham or drained tin tuna, 4 eggs, pinch salt, 2 tsp prepared mustard, ¾ pint milk, ½tsp garlic salt if wished. Spread bread with half the butter and place butter-side down in a suitable gratin dish.

Saute the onion and mushrooms in rest of the butter for 5 mins. Spread over the bread. Cover with the meat. Combine the cheese and flour and sprinkle over the meat. Beat together the milk, eggs, mustard and salts and pour over. Refrigerate for a few hours or overnight.

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£346 for Africa trek

A Coffee Evening, hosted by Ranskill Brownies, raised £346 towards Kim Fleming's Atlas Mountains Trek later this year.

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Torworth Parish Council

Chairman's annual report

The start of my first year as Chairman was quiet, but quickly went downhill... our Clerk resigned and in the ensuing months Hilary Skelton kindly came to our aid and stepped in as temporary Clerk.

It is thanks to Hilary that we managed to overcome the crisis and her hard work in sorting everything out meant we were able to go forward and in a better financial position. Hilary also helped us appoint Rachel Hyland as our new Clerk to the Parish Council from 1st November. Thanks again to Hilary and again welcome Rachel..

Within her temporary tenure Hilary sorted the accounts for 2011/12 and archived our old files... and Rachel has helped sort all the other outstanding items though still negotiating with HMRC over one of them.

Gail Footitt and Alison Pickard stood down as councillors. Thanks to both for their years of service to the village. This means we have two vacancies for Parish Councillors and notice had been placed in the STAR and also on the village notice board though we still await candidates. Karen Varley became my Deputy-Chair.

Last year's weather caused much disruption to the grass cutting on North Road and the playfield along with other problems which caused some complaints in the village, but we hope we won't have the same weather this year... and to that end we have now contracted North Notts Landscapes to cut the verges, playfield and the playfield hedge and they have already done the first cut.

We did have a situation last year when a villager noticed something in the playfield late at night and we found someone had been trying to steal the metal bench. Thanks to this intervention the bench was removed to safety until it could be more securely re-sited.

The roads in the village were 'resurfaced' but it was sad to have to go to Highways to ask why, within a few months, various utility companies had already started digging trenches and holes in Low Street!

The council has asked Notts Highways to look at Baulk Lane/Graves Moor Lane with regards to road restrictions for HGVs as it is felt it is unsuitable for such traffic, especially at the Blyth end of Graves Moor Lane.

It was thanks to Hilary, who contacted the Probation Service and managed to get Torworth on their Community Payback scheme, that the footpaths to Ranskill and to Barnby Moor were cleared and the village pump cleaned and repainted. A worthwhile and much appreciated job was done by these young people.

The winter was not so disruptive as last year, though it has dragged on a bit too long, but with no serious problems.

This has meant Speedwatch has yet to start though it has been minuted that Speedwatch is still looking for more volunteers in Ranskill and Torworth so it can continue.

We have had PCSO Dave Airey take over from PCSO Catherine Phillips and a new beat manager, PC Chris Glover..

Both have been around the village though PC Jason Fellows has recently arrived so we hope to see him at a meeting soon. PCSO Airey has already attended our meetings..

Dog fouling has decreased markedly in the village but still occurs so we still keep a check on the situation.

We still await details of law changes by BDC.

The Council still continues to support the STAR magazine.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Middlebrook for continuing to clean the bus shelters, Councillors Liz Yates and Michael Gray for their continued help and support, Richard and Ann for the kind use of the Huntsman, all Parish Councillors for their attendance and support throughout the year and finally to Rachel for taking on the role of Clerk and doing such a good job and keeping us in order in such a short time..

Graham Hadley – Chairman ,Torworth Parish Council

Ranskill and Torworth WI

Ranskill and Torworth W.I. will be meeting on Tuesday May 28th in the Village Hall. Kennel Drive, Barnby Moor, commencing at 7.30.p.m.

The speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Ellie Briggs who will be conducting a discussion on keeping our High Street Shops open. Do come along and join in the discussion.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the above venue. For further information please telephone Pat Blatchford 01777 818519.

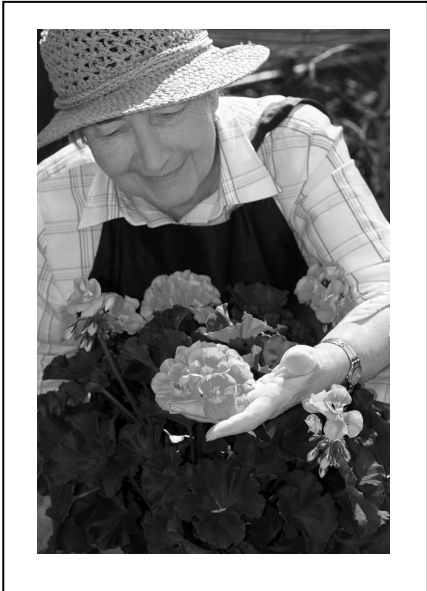
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**We look forward to seeing you when we
start afresh in September.**

Torworth Parish Council

April 2013

(including Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on 9th April)

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

Annual Parish Meeting

Torworth Parish Council held their Annual Parish Meeting in April, there were no members of the public present but the meeting was attended by County Cllr Liz Yates and PCSO Dave Airey, the parish council would like to thank them for all their support over the past year and look forward to working with them this year.

CRIME - PCSO Dave Airey attended the meeting. There was no reported crimes in Torworth during the month. Over the beat area there has been approximately a 10% increase in crime compared with the previous year, however, ASB incidents have been reduced by approx. 37% over the same period. The Police would like to remind all residents that doorstep crimes increase during this time of year, so please be extra vigilant and always check I.D before letting anyone into your home. Any suspicious persons should be reported to the Police by calling 101.

There is a crime prevention afternoon taking place on 27th April at Ranskill Church between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

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

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Next Parish Council Meeting TUESDAY 14th May 2013

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Please note the next meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Playfield Committee

Clerk: Rachel Hyland — 07595 932307

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Ranskill Parish Council Newsletter

April 2013

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

CRIME REPORT & POLICE NEWS

During March there were four reported incidents of burglary in Ranskill; one attempted burglary; one theft of a motor vehicle; one theft from a motor vehicle; one incident of criminal damage to a motor vehicle and three theft incidents. There were seven reported incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the beat area which compares with nine reported for February 2013 and fifteen reported for the same month in 2012. These incidents include Personal ASB, Environmental ASB, animal problems, hoax calls to the emergency services, trespass, found/abandoned vehicles and neighbour disputes.

HOME SECURITY ADVICE

Community police recommend that homeowners review all house and vehicle security on a regular basis. You are advised to lock doors and not to leave the key in the keyhole, or nearby, even if you are in the house: this includes the back door and sheds and garages. Don't leave windows open in rooms that are unattended or leave valuables on display, certainly not near unlocked doors or windows. Where possible install a security light for your garden and a burglar alarm for your home. Marked and registered property is less attractive to a thief and if it is stolen there is a better chance of it being returned if it is recovered; to that end, property can be marked and registered online with a site such as www.immobilise.com. Most importantly, be vigilant - keep an eye on your own and your neighbours' homes and report unusual activities to the Police Control Room on 101 or on 999 if appropriate.

FINANCE

Current Account balance - £100. Reserve Account Balance - £17277.18. £4000 remains on reserve to cover 2012 instalment for purchase of garage site on Station Avenue from Bassetlaw DC. The annual accounts for FY 2012/13 will be audited during April and May.

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

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1552	HMRC	PAYE	£ 78.69
1553	D McAra	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 314.76

PLANNING

There were no planning applications received during March 2013.

AMENITIES & FACILITIES

The Dedication Ceremony for Ranskill Village Park as a Fields in Trust (FIT) playing field has been registered as a 'Have a Field Day'. The Village Park Working Group met on 28th March and made recommendations for consideration by the Council as to the scope of the event that will be held on Saturday 31st August.

The refurbishment and replacement of play and leisure equipment work in the village park has now been approved and the contract with WREN has been signed; consequently, Wicksteed Playscapes Ltd estimate that they will begin work in the park during the week commencing 29th April or shortly afterwards.

RANSKILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm at Ranskill Primary School. This is an open meeting at which any local elector is entitled to ask questions and make proposals on any matter of interest to the parish. In addition to the annual report by the chairman of Ranskill Parish Council, there will be reports from the Community Police, District Councillor and County Councillor. Each report will be followed by a question and answer session. Ranskill residents and members of the press are encouraged to attend.

RANSKILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting which will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 7.30 pm at Ranskill Primary School.

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- * Clothing, Giftware, Cards, China, Candles, Garden furniture, Hammocks & much more!



Citrus Cafe's spacious table area

Citrus Cafe

at Retford & Gainsborough Garden Centre

Open daily from 9.30am till 4.00pm



Enjoy our freshly cooked six-item breakfast with toast served every day till 11.30am

Hot dinners—including short-crust pies, luxury fishcakes, lasagne & whole tail scampi, all served with our own hand-cut chips or new potatoes, salad or fresh vegetables.

All day lighter options include baked jacket potatoes, paninis, toasties, freshly made sandwiches & rolls, quiche, salads and our home-made soups.

*Bean to cup fair-trade coffees, speciality teas, creamed scones, gateaux & cakes.
Afternoon teas and cream teas available from 2.30pm*

New - Freshly Battered Fish with our own hand cut Chips & Peas,
served fresh every Wednesday to Saturday lunchtime subject to availability

Or enjoy our weekend roast dinner with Yorkshire Pudding

available every Saturday & Sunday from 12.00 noon to 2.30pm & Bank Holidays

***** Book now to reserve a table – Telephone 01427 848784 *****