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news and views from our three villages

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Would you like to contribute something that you feel strongly about and want to tell our readers. If so please let your village representative have your copy (around 350 words) in good time for next month.

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STAR OPINION

Now is the time for us all to step up to the mark. One of the great traditions of Northern England is under attack and we should all answer the call.

It's time to issue an SOS – Save Our Sauce.

Yes, the formula for HP Sauce has been changed for the first time in 100 years – and there is almost universal agreement that the new HP is not the same as the old HP.

Now the original formula for the sauce that has graced generations of plates across the country for a century was invented by a Nottingham chemist and, officially, it has remained a closely guarded secret ever since.

But now, we are told, the nation's favourite sauce contains too much salt and thanks to some Government fitness freak's intervention, the salt content has been reduced from 2.1 per cent to 1.3 per cent.

But everyone seems to agree, the sauce is not the same. For 100 years we Brits have – in the words of the immortal Henry Cooper – been “splashing it all over” our breakfast, dinner and tea plates.

Generations of Brits have been held together by HP Sauce.

Bottles of HP Sauce grace tables from Sid's Cafe to the Savoy. It's been imitated, copied but never bettered in 100 years, so why change it now.

It's bad enough that one of the great traditions of dinner tables across this country is now made in Holland. HP Sauce has been owned by the Yanks since 2005 when production was transferred to the continent.

But change the taste? Change the formula? Why?

If it ain't broke, why mend it? Now's the time for us all to tell the food police exactly where to stick their interfering noses. If they had their way we'd be living on a diet of diluted water and lettuce leaves.

It has often been said that if we enjoy something it is either illegal, immoral, or it makes you fat – and perhaps there is more than a grain of truth in that.

But it is also said that a little of what you fancy does you good – and if you drink too much diluted water and eat too many lettuce leaves that will kill you just as quickly as too much salt.

HP Sauce might now be one of the famous Heinz 57 Varieties but it is one Variety they would do well to leave alone. It is as British as the Houses of Parliament that feature on the label. A bacon sandwich without HP Sauce, it's as unthinkable as fish without chips, tripe without onions and Morecambe without Wise.

Yes, this is a real SOS ... Save Our Sauce before it is too late.

A Christian Perspective



Food is a wonderful gift. There are so many recipes in the world to make food interesting and enjoyable –it's astonishing! There's great pleasure to be enjoyed in eating especially when the meal is shared with others.

At a recent mission conference we found one of the best ways of catching up with old friends and meeting new people, was at meal times. By the time the meal was over, we had discovered much about them and were able to give and receive encouragement.

In the home it's good to sit down often as a family together for the main meal of the day and spend time finding out about each other's day, and if there are small children it's a great time for some simple teaching.

Psalms 136:25 tells us that food is a gift from God: 'He gives food to every creature. His love endures forever.' Jesus tells us in the Lord's Prayer to ask God for our daily food and then trust him to provide it and not worry about it. He says this in Matthew 6:25. Don't worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; ... Is not life more important than food..?

Do you thank God regularly for the food he gives you? Many think food comes from supermarkets and so long as they have money to pay for it, it will be there and available. But however hard a farmer works he can't make crops grow. Only God does that, and it's always good to be thankful to God and tell him so.

There's a Biblical principal that says we must work to get food and be generous to others.

Paul wrote to the people in Thessalonica: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." And to the Ephesians he wrote that a man "must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

There are many ways of doing this. We can send money to support those working to help the poor and destitute in our own country and others. Ask God to show you how you can help, what you can do to relieve the distress and hunger of needy people. Jesus said, "You will always have the poor with you." And this seems to be the case. You might think – 'the little I can do will make no noticeable difference'. But it will make an enormous difference to the ones you do help! It's always worth doing.

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STREET LIGHT SWITCH OFF

The Parish Council objected to the street lights being turned off in the proposed way, however they were turned off! Nottinghamshire County Council was promptly telephoned, they admitted their mistake and the lights were turned back on again.

PLAYFIELD

The fence has now been repaired/erected thanks to funds from L.I.S. Improvement Scheme. The goal posts have now been erected. It has been decided that several trees that are over-hanging the play equipment are to be cut down in the winter. Adults will be pleased to know that there is now a bench.

The council are aware that individuals are attempting to damage the fence by climbing over it! A lot of effort has been made by local villagers to get the park; any damage will not be tolerated! Any person found to be damaging any part of the play equipment or play field will be reported to the Police.

Dogs are still being exercised on the park, this is unfair to the children using the park! NO DOGS ALLOWED!

We are still needing funds for more equipment, if you have any ideas or would like to volunteer your time to any fund-raising events, please notify any of the Parish Council before 11th October as we will be discussing this at the next Parish Council meeting.

POLICE ISSUES

The Police did not attend the meeting, the Police will now not attend Parish Council Meetings unless given 4 days notice to attend.

SPEEDWATCH

In the 3 week period that the Speedwatch team were out on the road 91 letters were sent out to speeding drivers in Ranskill & Torworth.

OTHER BUSINESS

The recycling/refuse centre in Retford is closed. This may increase the amount of fly tipping! If you see any fly tipping please telephone the Council on 01909 534501 where they will deal with the waste. If a person/company is about to remove your waste for you, you can check that they have a waste carriers licence by contacting the Environment Agency on 08708 506506 and ask for a waste carriers check – it's that easy!

FUND-RAISING!

Again we would like to ask for volunteers and ideas for more fund-raising for the playfield! Get your thinking caps on... we need more equipment for the teenagers. Contact any member of the Parish Council before the 11th October and it will be discussed.

FINANCE

Tee Pee (Huntsman) use of room - £10.00
Holmes Groundcare, grass cutting - £173.50
Play & Leisure, play equipment - £17,751.60
Mr D Gill, expenses - £9.00

ANDREW VALENTINE

Andrew Valentine died suddenly on the 18th August aged 30 years of age. Many of you will remember Andrew as he spent most of his life in Torworth and Ranskill – attending Ranskill Primary School and the Elizabethan High School in Retford before leaving for University.

Andrew was a courageous young man, who was a member of Ranskill Scout Group, gaining his Queen's Scout and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. He was an excellent sportsman and played Rugby for his university.

Anyone wishing to, can make a donation to the:

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Star mums

A few local mums sharing some mum stuff



'The things they say'..... "On asking my son in a slightly exasperated tone whether I was talking to myself, he very matter of factly replied "yes!" and continued playing. At least now I know!!!

Thank you to Mrs Bennett for this lovely extract from her diary reminiscing on her experience as a childminder 30 years ago – we were absolutely thrilled to receive your contribution. Now we all know what we can do with those lentils lurking at the back of the cupboard...



LENTILS

I consulted recipes and the 'mothers' as to the culinary benefits of lentils, squeezed the packet a few times and finally decoded how I should use them.

Out came the baby bath and stand, I reasoned the lentils may survive for a soup! Tipping the lentils into the bath I added a few spoons, egg cups and three small shallow lids, what do we have? A mess, yes. Rebekah just isn't interested although Robert wants her to be; Lisa prefers playdo and sits quietly licking the rolling pin, dribble running down her chin.

Lee – he's well into the lentils but finds difficulty tasting them as the spoon is flat. He tries an egg cup – not successful there's a hole through the bottom. Next he tries a bigger spoon and discovers its quite fun to sprinkle them all over.

Robert returns and with both hands stirs vigorously.

Lisa comes to see, she's just not quite tall enough to reach the bottom of the bath. Her attempts to steal Lee's spoon fails and she returns to the playdo. I've taken pity on her and fetched a booster stool. She can't throw them, they're stuck, however she does discover being higher than the others has its advantages and Robert's hair is littered with lentils.

I spend time assuring Rebekah her mummy will come back for her. Lisa dumps a dollop of 'do' into the lentils – interesting! Lee prods it and sinks it into the heap of lentils. Robert discovers it, "here you are" he says handing it to me. Lisa begins to sprinkle on the floor, using pincer skills few at a time. Now her attention turns to Robert as he trickles some from above she tries, not the same result but interesting.

We break for a story...

P.S. They have all survived into adulthood!



MUSIC BOX WORKSHOP

- Ensemble 360 are an 11 piece chamber music ensemble based at the Crucible studio theatre, Sheffield. Two or three times a year, they run a 45 minute music box workshop at the Crucible for children aged 3-6. The workshop costs £5 per child.
- We have been to several sessions now and they are fantastic.
- There are usually 4 musicians involved in the sessions and the children learn about classical music in a fun, relevant and practical way.
- The next workshop is being run on Saturday, 10th December at 3.45. Contact Chloe to book a place or for more information on 0114 281 4660 or e mail chloe@musicintheround.co.uk



Following our mention last month, the Bawtry Dental Practice have been in touch to say they have been inundated with phone calls! Could you please now give their phone lines a break as they are now not looking for NHS patients at this time.

Games

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An adult chooses a long word. Each child has 5 minutes to think of as many words as she can using the letters in the long word. Each letter can only be used once. Four letter words (and under) score 1 point, five letter words score 2 points, six letter words score 3 points etc. Some good words to use are nonsensical, championship, featherweight and housewarming.

Having a two-year-old is like having a blender that you don't have the top for.
~Jerry Seinfeld

We would love to hear from other mums with suggestions/ideas/helpful hints for this page. Please send your ideas to copy4star@yahoo.co.uk and place 'From mums to you' as the subject.

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Check your speed – before Speedwatch does

Exceeding the speed limit while driving through Ranskill and Torworth is NOT a good idea, as the latest figures from the village Speedwatch volunteers prove.

In the latest two week period of speed checks – involving 12 one hour sessions – a total of 93 drivers were reported to Nottinghamshire Police for breaking the speed limit. The checks were carried out on Mattersey Road in Ranskill and on the Great North Road in Ranskill and Torworth.

Speedwatch co-ordinator Rob Blatchford said the worst offender was recorded at 61mph in a 30mph area. And Mr Blatchford issued an appeal for more Speedwatch volunteers. "We desperately need more volunteers," he said. "We have proved that Speedwatch works because you can see drivers slowing down when our volunteers are out.

"If we could enrol a few more volunteers it would make life much easier for all of us. All we are asking for is one or maybe two hours a month and volunteers can choose their own time to go out with the speed gun.

Speedwatch is a voluntary scheme which is fully supported by Nottinghamshire Police and more than 12 schemes are now operating across the North Nottinghamshire area.

The schemes are managed by Parish Councils and run by volunteers and each village has the use of the speed gun on a random rota basis, which means the speed checks are carried out on a random basis so no-one knows where the checks are being carried out.

"The more volunteers we have, the more drivers will slow down," said Mr Blatchford, "because they never know when we are going to be out and about.

"Ideally we would like Ranskill and Torworth to get a reputation where, if drivers break the speed limit, they know they are highly likely to be reported," he added.

- If you would like to become a Speedwatch volunteer, contact Rob on 01777 818519 or Hilary Skelton on 01777 818545.



Trading Standards issue a warning about counterfeit alcohol

Trading Standards officers in Nottinghamshire are urging residents of the county to be extra vigilant when purchasing alcohol in local off licences.

Following reports from members of the public, Trading Standards officers have discovered counterfeit alcohol being offered for sale in off licences in the county.

Bottles purporting to be Jacob's Creek wine as well as Smirnoff vodka and Glen's vodka have been seized and tested by the officers.

As a result, officers have issued the following advice to consumers AND traders:

- Always purchase from a reputable retailer.
- Low quality labels and packaging may be an indication that the goods are counterfeit.
- Look out for spelling mistakes and altered logos. Counterfeit alcohol often imitates well known brands but the labels and packaging frequently have subtle differences and mistakes.
- If the quality and taste is unexpected or unusual don't drink it – report it.

A Trading Standards spokesman said the counterfeiters were not only evading duty on the products, the public were paying a premium for a product that is not genuine and may not be safe to drink.

Nottinghamshire Trading Standards officers warn that they will continue to check alcohol sales and, where necessary, seize suspected counterfeit goods and prosecute offenders.

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Can't wait to see you there!

Izzy & Jill - & all the Ranskill Guides



Guides meet at the Church on Monday evenings & is open to anyone aged 10 - 14, if you or someone you know is interested in coming to join us please contact me. That also includes any adults who would like to find out more about volunteering for this great organisation. Or do you have a skill or hobby you would like to share with us, then again please get in touch, we're always keen to learn new things or even old for that matter.

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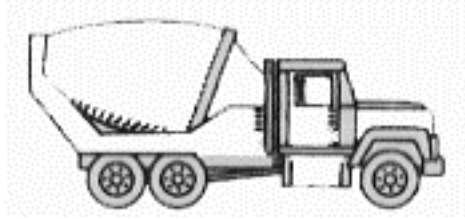
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Police warn of a new scam

Nottinghamshire Police are warning residents of a compensation scam after a man was persuaded to hand over hundreds of pounds to suspected fraudsters.

The man contacted police after he received a demand for more money from a caller who claimed to be from the Ministry of Justice who told the victim he was entitled to £3,000 in compensation after being sold payment protection insurance.

By this time, the man had already paid £300 in "administration costs" via two cash transfers.

Detective Constable Simon Gunn of Nottinghamshire Police's Fraud Investigation Unit said: "These scams appear typical of what is known as 'advance fee fraud' which is prevalent across the county.

"Victims typically receive a telephone call from someone purporting to be a bank official or from an official organisation who claims the victim is entitled to compensation or a refund.

"They may even be quoted details of their own bank account or other personal finance information which makes the contact appear genuine. The victim is then asked to pay an admin fee in advance, usually by sending a payment via a money transfer agent like Western Union.

"The fraudster will often follow up any initial payment with further calls asking for more money to be sent. It is believed that most of these frauds emanate from abroad and that is where monies are usually being sent," Detective Constable Gunn added.

What should you do?

Detective Constable Gunn offers the following advice if you are contacted by someone wanting money:

- Do not provide any details such as credit card numbers or personal financial information to anyone over the phone.
- Never send money to an unknown person or organisation on the promise they will send money in return.
- Remember, genuine organisations will never cold call or contact you to ask for personal information, or ask for a payment in advance

Other versions of the scam involve stories about the victim being due an inheritance from someone dying in a foreign country leaving millions of pounds, or being due a tax refund. Police investigations are ongoing to try and identify lines of enquiry.

If you have any doubt about any organisation that contacts you, try contacting them BEFORE you take any action. Get the name of the business that calls you.

"If you have any suspicions about any approach made to you, contact Notts Police on 0300 300 9999 or go along to your local police station," said DC Gunn.

A Sign of The Times... or Did I Read that Right?

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In a Launderomat: Automatic Washing Machines: Please remove all your clothes when light goes out.

In a department store: Bargain basement upstairs.

In an office: Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back, or further steps will be taken.

In an office: After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

In a health food shop window: Closed due to illness.

In a safari park: Elephants please stay in your car.

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- 1 tsp white sugar (or substitute)

Heat margarine in a pot and cook until glassy. Add curry paste and cook for one minute. Add cubes of pumpkin, stock and sugar.

Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes, until pumpkin is soft. Blend until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Garnish with parsley and serve.

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- 4 hard boiled eggs, shells removed, quartered
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- 450g/1lb salmon, cut from the tail piece, skinless and boneless
- 150ml/¼ pint single cream, 55g/2oz butter, plus extra for greasing
- Salt and white pepper, pinch freshly grated nutmeg, squeezed lemon juice

For the parsley sauce

- Large bunch of parsley, leaves only, finely chopped
- 30g/1oz plain flour
- 85g/3oz butter
- 570ml/1 pint milk
- Splash of single cream, to taste

Cook the potatoes in boiling salted water until soft.

Drain well and mash. Add the cream and butter, then season with salt and pepper and nutmeg. Mix well until smooth and creamy. Taste, adding more seasoning if required, then set to one side.

For the parsley sauce, heat the butter in a heavy based pan over a very low heat then stir in the parsley. Cook for about 10 minutes.

Add the flour and stir well. Cook, stirring regularly, for about three minutes. Do not let the mixture brown.

In another pan, bring the milk to the boil. Pour this into the "roux" (the butter and flour mixture) a little at a time, whisking or beating after each addition until completely smooth. Whisk in single cream, to taste. Bring the sauce to the boil then reduce the heat and simmer over a low heat for 5-6 minutes.

While the sauce is cooking, pre-heat the oven to 200°C/400F/Gas 6 and generously butter a deep ovenproof dish.

Cut the haddock and salmon into serving pieces, lay in the dish, season lightly and squeeze over a little lemon juice.

Pour the hot parsley sauce over the top, place the quartered eggs evenly over the sauce and spoon over the mashed potatoes.

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Most burglaries are carried out by opportunist thieves, and – incredible as it may seem – in two out of every ten burglaries they don't even have to use force to get in, they gain access through an open door or window.

But everybody can reduce the risk of their home being burgled by taking some simple (and often inexpensive) precautions.

Start by making sure your doors and windows are fitted with strong locks – and keep them fully locked, even when you are in the house.

An open door or window is an open invitation to a burglar.

If you are replacing or fitting new doors and windows, get ones that are certified to British Standard BS7950 (windows) or PAS 24-1 (doors).

Then, look at your home through a burglar's eyes. If you had forgotten your keys, how would you get in?

If you can get in then so can a burglar. Are there any places where they could break in without being seen?

Would they have to make a lot of noise by breaking glass?

A third of all burglars get in through a window, so in addition to BS7950

Windows of Enhanced Security, consider fitting laminated glass, particularly in ground floor and accessible windows as this is much harder to break.

Window locks that can easily be seen from the outside are a good deterrent and may well put thieves off because the burglar knows he will have to break the glass and risk attracting attention.

And even if he does take that risk, he knows he still cannot open the window so runs the risk of cutting himself climbing through the broken glass.

Home security and DIY shops sell inexpensive, key operated locks to fit most

kinds of windows, and remember you may need more than one lock depending on the size of the opening to be secured.

You should fit key operated locks to ALL downstairs windows and windows that are easy to reach such as those above a flat roof or near a drainpipe.

Even really small windows such as skylights or bathroom fanlights need locks. A thief can get through any gap that is larger than a human head.

Louvre windows are especially vulnerable because a thief can easily take the slats out of the frame.

If you have one, glue the slats in place and fit a special louvre lock or replace them with a fixed glass window.

Before fitting locks to PVC-U or metal windows, it is best to talk to your installer to make sure this will not affect your warranty.

You may also like to consider fitting security grilles to particularly vulnerable windows, but only if these windows are not escape routes in case of fire.

A number of recent burglary victims have been away on holiday at the time.

Caravans and campervans which are usually parked outside your home are sure signs to a thief that the occupants are away when they are not there.

My advice would be to consider storage away from the property. If this is not possible ensure neighbours are aware that you are away and can look after the house for you. And ensure valuables, including jewellery and money, are locked in a safe.

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MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 11th July 2011
SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Councillors: Ed Marshall – Chair,
Heidi Robbins, James Arrowsmith,
Dennis Marshall, Matt Pollard, Chris-
tine Bailey, CPO Catherine Phillips
(attended part of meeting), Barry
Bowles

Clerk: Sheila Firth

Apologies

Mark Firth

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were
agreed, proposed by Dennis Mar-
shall, seconded by Heidi Robbins.

Matter Arising

With reference to the Pilgrim Fa-
thers Society and the visitor centre
they were proposing in the church,
it was suggested that they be al-
lowed to use the Village Hall for
meetings, as there is a kitchen and
toilet facilities. It was agreed in
principle but queries were raised
about security and cleaning costs
etc. Heidi Robbins and/or Ed Mar-
shall to go to Pilgrim Fathers Socie-
ty meeting on 14 July 2011.

5. Correspondence

An invitation was received from the
Idle Valley Nature Reserve for the
Parish Council to visit the Reserve
and take a guided tour. It was
agreed that a Saturday would be the
best day for all concerned, Sheila
Firth to arrange visit.

A questionnaire was received from
Rural Community Action re the
broadband facilities in the village -
Matt Pollard to complete.

Email received from Barry Bowles re
government grants received for
grass cutting, street cleaning etc.
being under threat. It was decided
to wait and see what happened with
this.

A letter was received from
Bassetlaw District Council re the
continuing use of Village Hall as a
polling station, Sheila Firth to re-
spond and to confirm that the
Village Hall will still be available for
use as a polling station.

6. District Councillor's Report
See 5 above for email from Barry
Bowles.

7. Finance Report

Three invoices required cheques,
Dennis Marshall to fill them in.

8. Police Report

There had been a report of theft of
lead from the church roof.

A dog had been running loose on

Mayflower Avenue, which had
attacked Christine Bailey's dog.
Catherine Phillips said she would
report it to the Dog Warden. Police
report passed to Matt Pollard.

9. Planning & Village Plan

No planning applications received.

10. Play Area

The brackets for the goal posts have
been installed.

It was deemed not necessary for the
petanque court to be ready before
the Village Show, but if Matt Pollard
can get the materials for a reasona-
ble price then we can go ahead.
Village barbecue - Matt Pollard to
ask his builder to look at building a
brick barbecue with a metal grill,
to be built behind Village Hall out by
the tree.

11. Village Hall

The plumber has started work and
will return on Tuesday 12 July to
continue work.

A note was received from Graham
Robbins, who had achieved a 100%
pass in his licensee exam. He
recommends we apply now for the
licence and nominate the designat-
ed licensee, to be Graham Robbins.
The Committee expressed their
gratitude to Graham Robbins for
doing this for the village.

12. Village Environment

The footpaths need cutting.
Dennis Marshall raised the caravan
site - three or four of the caravans
appear to be there permanently,
and the owners come down for
weekends. Is this lawful? Heidi
Robbins said she has seen some
people living there all year round.
The site has no permission for cara-
vans to be stored there, or for peo-
ple to permanently live in them.
Matt Pollard is to find out what the
position is with regard to the use of
the site.

13. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The theft of the lead from the
church roof was raised, Matt Pollard
will submit email to Neighbourhood
Watch.

14. Any Other Business

Matt Pollard enquired about the
issue of the birds of prey for the
Village Show?
There is to be a meeting on Thurs-
day in the Pilgrim Fathers to discuss
the birds of prey issue and the Vil-
lage Show in general.

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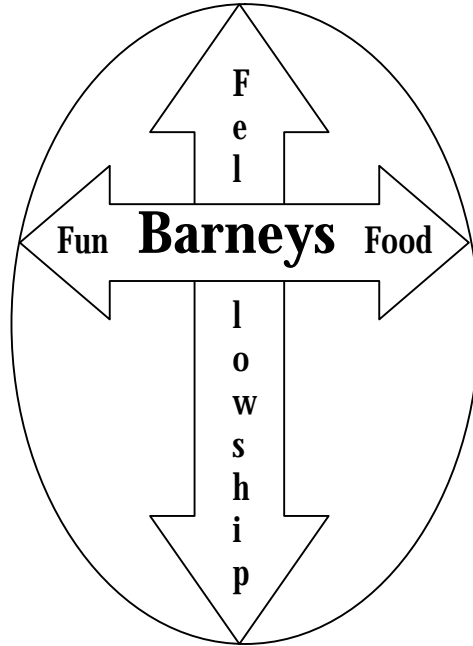
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Scrooby steals show



Scrooby snacks: Mark Firth tends to the hog roast at Scrooby show

IT WAS fun and games all the way as hundreds flocked to the Scrooby Show last month.

The rain held off as the sun shone for the show at the village hall and Croft, which was opened by Helen Leone, headteacher of Ranskill Primary School.

Izzy Marshall and Charlotte Arrowsmith led the team selling cream teas, cakes and jams in the village hall, Ranskill Nursery staff and committee members sold ice creams and Matt Pollard and Helen Skelton cooked burgers and hot dogs on the barbecue.

Jane Thomson was kept busy on the skittles, horse-shoe throwing and welly wanging.

The Baldings stable brought William the pony to meet the children.

Peter and Steph Kimberley drove their vintage tractors to the Croft and Don Skelton and Doncaster Historic Car club brought their vintage vehicles along.

Ann Robbins organised a raffle, with donations from many local businesses and the church put on a tombola.

The book stall was popular

and Sheila Firth's craft stall brightened up the marquee. George Gargett and Ryan Alder's stall must have nearly sold out of sweets.

The Messy Church tables kept the kids entertained and Spike Arrowsmith and Sam Robbins' model train exhibit ran throughout the afternoon.

Piers and Gill Cawley took to the stage in the marquee to perform folk songs, including Piers' composition I'm a Child of the Libraries, which recently came second in the national folk competition at Whitby.

Camilla Dunstan sang classical songs and show tunes before dashing to Gainsborough to perform at a concert in the evening.

Tickhill Handbell Ringers performed in St Wilfrid's Church.

The many competition entries were of a high standard. Maris Foye and her team of prize card writers were on duty, with judges Don Skelton (vegetables and fruit), Helen Leone (art and craft, and children's classes), Ray Hill of Tickhill Horticultural

Society (plants and flowers), Heidi Robbins (eggs) and Mary Sykes (cooking).

The pet show was organised by Julie Davison and judged by visiting television historian Michael Wood, who is making a series about history and community in Britain.

The sports were riotous as always, but with the added fun of adult races.

The whole event ended in a heap at the culmination of the tug-of-war.

New this year was an evening Scrooby do in the marquee organised by Mark and Sheila Firth.

Gordon Ashworth at Scrooby Top, supplied the pig for a hog roast which fed 120 as Ed Marshall's skiffle band More Dog supported soul-rock band Kiziah and the Kings from Misson.

Organiser Graham Robbins said: "The show went really well. We were lucky with the weather, and the afternoon was very well attended. The show raised about £1,200 for the village and we had a great day."

"Next year we want to try a few new ideas. The tug-of-war

will be a bigger part of the event, so get your teams ready. Also, we would like to run a trolley-cart competition, with trials for speed, long-running and manoeuvrability. We also hope to hand out seeds to all children at Ranskill Primary School in March, so they can enter the tallest sunflower competition.

"Each year there are more helpers, and each year the show is easier and more fun to organise. If anyone would like to be involved, they could come to any of the three helpers' meetings at the Pilgrim Fathers on Thursday June 15, July 13, and August 24 for the show on Saturday September 1.

"The organisers would like to thank Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council for financial help, Mudfords of Retford for a very cheap rate on marquee hire, Bawtry and Tickhill Methodist Chapels for lending tables and Ranskill Scouts for lending their skittles, tables and chairs.

The Church lunch in the marquee on the following day was well attended.



Top scorer: Points winner Peter Turver of Scrooby Top gets his award from Helen Leone; Charlotte Arrowsmith and Izzi Marshall at the cake stall



Full steam ahead: Spike Arrowsmith and Sam Robbins, Michael Wood filming; a classic car and the podium for the over 16s egg and spoon race

Village in TV spotlight

SCROOBY show doubled as the set for a history documentary.

Big name television historian Michael Wood targeted the event in Scrooby for a documentary which is set to be broadcast next year, which will look at the impact of historical events on villages.

Scrooby is famous as the home of many of the Pilgrim Fathers – the community which left Britain to sail for America on the Mayflower for freedom of worship.

And Michael wanted to find out what people in the

village today feel about that.

He contacted show organiser Graham Robbins and asked to come out and meet the people at the event.

Graham, who trained as an archaeologist, agreed for him to join the event.

He said: “They told me they were looking at British communities and how they are affected by historic events. They were interested in Scrooby because of the Pilgrim Fathers.

“So they came up and enjoyed the village show while they were talking to people.

Michael even agreed to be the judge for the dog show jumping!

“He knew quite a lot about the region and was quite obviously very well read.”

It is not known if the documentary makers will return to the village again but it is hoped that outtakes of the programme will be shown at the village hall.

Graham was not sure local people knew a lot about the Pilgrim Fathers but said headteacher Helen Leone at Ranskill Primary School had worked on raising children’s awareness of Scrooby’s place in the history books.

He said he thought there was more interest in the story in America, than in the community which the migrants had rejected and left for the new world.

He said: “We get a few American tourists here, but it’s probably only about a dozen a month.

“There is not that much to see, as the Archbishop’s Palace where Pilgrim Father William Brewster lived was pulled down hundreds of years ago.”

2011 Scrooby Show

Results

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
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| Vegetables & Fruit | Best in Class: Peter Turver | | |
| 1 4 culinary apples | Annie Magri | Beryl Dickens | Peter Turver |
| 2 4 dessert apples | Steve Swannack | Peter Turver | Colin Lawrenson |
| 3 plate of fruit | J A Frow | Maria Bonner | Heidi Robbins |
| 4 6 runner bean | J A Frow | Jill Swannack | Peter Turver |
| 5 6 dwarf bean | | | |
| 6 3 beetroot | Liz Cooper | Andrew Robertson | J A Frow |
| 7 white cabbage | Liz Cooper | Peter Turver | |
| 8 3 carrots | Peter Turver | Andrew Robertson | |
| 9 cucumber | Peter Turver | | |
| 10 3 courgettes | Jane Thomson | | |
| 11 marrow | M A Orritt (11lb 10oz) | Peter Turver (10lb 7oz) | Joe Taylor (9lbs) |
| 12 3 white onions | Peter Turver | Heidi Robbins | Jill Swannack |
| 13 3 white onions >8oz | J A Frow | Andrew Robertson | |
| 14 3 red onions | Peter Turver | Jill Swannack | Heidi Robbins |
| 15 heavy onion | Andrew Robertson | | |
| 16 long runner bean | Joe Taylor | J A Frow | Peter Turver |
| 17 3 white potatoes | Liz Cooper | Peter Turver | Heidi Robbins |
| 18 3 coloured potatoes | Heidi Robbins | Andrew Robertson | Heidi Robbins |
| 19 6 shallots | Peter Turver | Heidi Robbins | |
| 20 4 tomatoes | Peter Turver | Colin Lawrenson | Heidi Robbins |
| 21 5 cherry tomatoes | Peter Turver | Julie Davison | Joe Taylor |
| 22 plate of herbs | Jane Thomson | Ann Robbins | |
| 23 3 leeks | Peter Turver | J A Frow | |
| 24 tray 4 veg | Peter Turver | Liz Cooper | Jill Swannack |
| 25 tray 4 salad veg | Peter Turver | Heidi Robbins | |
| 26 cos lettuce | Peter Turver | | |
| 27 largest pumpkin | Peter Turver | Heidi Robbins | |
| 28 6 nuts | Heidi Robbins | | |
| 29 any other veg | Steve Swannack | N Maddison | Peter Turver |
| Plants & Flowers | Best in Class: Chris Spence: Flowering House Plant | | |
| 30 cacti | Chris Spence | Georgie Worthy-Pollard | Beryl Dickens |
| 31 fuchsia | Julie Davison | N Maddison | |
| 32 foliage house plant | | | |
| 33 flowering house plant | Chris Spence | Ann Robbins | Julie Davison |
| 34 pelagonium | Chris Spence | Ann Robbins | |
| 35 gent's buttonhole | Anita Gaska | B Gaska | Chris Spence |
| 36 lady's corsage | Anita Gaska | Chris Spence | Christine Bailey |
| 37 rose | Chris Spence | Christine Bailey | Liz Cawley |

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| 38 rose for perfume | Peter Turver | | |
| 39 3 dahlias | Liz Cooper | Edith Turver | Christine Bailey |
| 40 specimen flower | Ann Robbins | Julie Davison | Marylyn Cooper |
| 41 4 pansy heads | | Peter Turver / Maria Bonner | |
| 42 table flower arr'mt | Chris Spence | Ryan Hanson | Susie Arrowsmith |
| Eggs | Best in Class: Peter Turver: 3 Brown Eggs | | |
| 43 3 brown eggs | Peter Turver | Andrew Robertson | |
| 44 3 tinted eggs | Dominic Thompson | Ryan Hanson | Don Gallucci |
| 45 3 white eggs | Dominic Thompson | Jane Thomson | Andrew Robertson |
| 46 1 egg contents | Libby Morrell | Dominic Thompson | Ryan Hanson |
| 47 3 bantam egg | Peter Turver | | |
| 48 1 bantam content | Susie Arrowsmith | Peter Turver | |
| Cooking | Best in Class: Rachael Morrell | | |
| 49 jam | M A Orritt | Ann Robbins | Linda Gallucci |
| 50 jelly | Ann Robbins | M Bower | |
| 51 chutney or pickle | Liz Cooper | M Bower | Ann Robbins |
| 52 3 plain scones | Julie Davison | Annie Magri | Maria Bonner |
| 53 quiche | Julie Davison | Elaine Gargett | |
| 54 Victoria sponge | Rachael Morrell | Jill Swannack | Stewart Kewarth |
| 55 5 saus rolls | Jon Wragg | M Bower | Elaine Gargett |
| 56 fruit pie | M A Orritt | Cyril Davison | Ryan Hanson |
| 57 elderflower cordial | | | |
| 58 5 decorated buns | M Bower | Ryan Hanson | Libby Morrell |
| 59 fruit cake | Annie Magri | Cyril Davison | |
| 60 shortbread | Jill Swannack | Ellie Wragg | Ann Robbins |
| 61 beer | | | |
| 62 wine | | | |
| Art & Craft | Best in Class: Dougal Cawley: Wooden Item | | |
| 63 picture | Barbara Michell | Sheila Firth | J A Frow |
| 64 model | | | |
| 65 knitted garment | Ann Robbins | Stephanie Kimberley | |
| 66 knitted toy | | | |
| 67 patchwork | | | |
| 68 egg cosy | | | |
| 69 wooden item | Dougal Cawley | B Gaska | D Maddison |
| 70 jewellery | Anita Gaska | Julie Davison | |
| 71 photograph | Chris Spence | Mark Firth | James Arrowsmith |
| 72 art or craft item | Laurette Thompson | Sheila Firth | M Bower |
| Children <12 Years | Best in Class: Dominic Thomson: Craft Item | | |
| 73 kit model | Dominic Thompson | E Wilkinson | Dominic Thompson |
| 74 vegetable model | Jenny Morrell | Ellie Alder | Tessa Robbins |
| 75 lego model | Lucy Morrell | Callum Richardson | David Thompson |
| 76 garden on a tray | Lucy Morrell | Tessa Robbins | |

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| 77 picture | Libby Morrell | Susie Arrowsmith | Ellie Wragg |
| 78 photograph | David Thompson | Libby Morrell | Darcie Massam |
| 79 craft item | Dominic Thompson | Darcie Massam | Susie Arrowsmith |
| 80 tallest sunflower | Liz Cawley (2.67m) | Dominic Thompson (1.95m) | |
| 81 vegetable | Ellie Wragg | Lydia & Alice Walker | |
| 822 butterfly buns | Libby Morrell | Ellie Alder | |

Trophies

Jim Lister Rosebowl for overall winner on points: Peter Turver

North Notts Landsape Cup for overall winner on points in the vegetable and fruit classes: Peter Turver

Lewington Award for best exhibit in the vegetable and fruit classes: Peter Turver of Scrooby Top

Camm Cup for largest onion: Andrew Robertson of Ranskill

Dorothy and Dennis Dunstan Cup for best white potato: Liz Cooper or Bircotes

Lewington Award for flower and plant classes: Chris Spence of Scrooby

Westhead plate for best flower arrangement: Chris Spence of Scrooby

Award for overall winner on points in the craft classes: Sheila Firth of Scrooby

The Pilgrim Fathers Plate for overall winner on points in the cooking classes: Margaret Bower or Mattersey Thorpe

Award for best exhibit in the cooking classes: Rachael Morrell of Brodsworth

Best in Class Awards went to:

Vegetables and Fruit: Peter Turver

Plants and Flowers: Chris Spence

Eggs: Peter Turver

Cooking: Rachael Morrell

Art & Craft: Dougal Cawley

Childrens: Dominic Thomson

Raffle

The raffle was drawn on 3rd September after the children's sports at the show. Thanks to all for their support. If you have one of the three unclaimed winning tickets please contact Graham Robbins 07720 509683.

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| Sunday Lunch for 2 at The Pilgrim Father's | 471 | Steve Fenning |
| Spanish Lesson with Mrs Erica Tasker | 481 | Sue Cameron |
| Sand Pit Sand from Scrooby Top Quarry | 231 | Bethany Bailey |
| Sunday Carvery for 4 at The Penny Farthing | 401 | Sian Glaister |
| £10 Voucher for Milanda, Hairdressers in Bawtry | 111 | Jill Swannack |
| £10 Gift Token for The Majestic Theatre, Retford | 161 | Janet Symonds |
| Sunday Lunch for 2 at Ye Olde Bell, Barnby Moor | 76 | Merrick |
| £20 gift voucher for Torne Valley, Tickhill | 66 | Dennis Allin |
| £50 Voucher for The Glow Company | 206 | Annie Magri |
| £50 Voucher for The Glow Company | 476 | Peter Turver |
| £50 Voucher for The Glow Company | 496 | Tony Smith |
| Water colour painting by Penny Cawley | 21 | Hilary McNamee |
| Pot Pourri | 26 | Liz Brown |
| Pot Pourri | 301 | Stewart Keworth |
| Candle and Holder | 441 | Steve Fenning |
| Serenity Angels | 161 | Gill Cawley |
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| 151 | Trudi Bushel |
| 336 | Julie Davison |
| 126 Blue | |
| 106 | Liz Barton |
| 231 | Mrs J Wright |

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11th July 2011
 SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Councillors: Ed Marshall – Chair, Heidi Robbins, James Arrowsmith, Dennis Marshall, Matt Pollard, Christine Bailey, CPO Catherine Phillips (attended part of meeting), Barry Bowles

Clerk: Sheila Firth

2. Apologies

Mark Firth

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed, proposed by Dennis Marshall, seconded by Heidi Robbins.

4. Matter Arising

With reference to the Pilgrim Fathers Society and the visitor centre they were proposing in the church, it was suggested that they be allowed to use the Village Hall for meetings, as there is a kitchen and toilet facilities. It was agreed in principle but queries were raised about security and cleaning costs etc. Heidi Robbins and/or Ed Marshall to go to Pilgrim Fathers Society meeting on 14 July 2011.

5. Correspondence

An invitation was received from the Idle Valley Nature Reserve for the Parish Council to visit the Reserve and take a guided tour. It was agreed that a Saturday would be the best day for all concerned, Sheila Firth to arrange visit.

A questionnaire was received from Rural Community Action re the broadband facilities in the village - Matt Pollard to complete.

Email received from Barry Bowles re government grants received for grass cutting, street cleaning etc. being under threat. It was decided to wait and see what happened with this.

A letter was received from Bassetlaw District Council re the continuing use of Village Hall as a polling station, Sheila Firth to respond and to confirm that the Village Hall will still be available for use as a polling station.

6. District Councillor's Report

See 5 above for email from Barry Bowles.

7. Finance Report

Three invoices required cheques, Dennis Marshall to fill them in.

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8. Police Report

There had been a report of theft of lead from the church roof. A dog had been running loose on Mayflower Avenue, which had attacked Christine Bailey's dog. Catherine Phillips said she would report it to the Dog Warden. Police report passed to Matt Pollard.

9. Planning & Village Plan

No planning applications received.

10. Play Area

The brackets for the goal posts have been installed. It was deemed not necessary for the petanque court to be ready before the Village Show, but if Matt Pollard can get the materials for a reasonable price then we can go ahead.

Village barbecue - Matt Pollard to ask his builder to look at building a brick barbecue with a metal grill, to be built behind Village Hall out by the tree.

11. Village Hall

The plumber has started work and will return on Tuesday 12 July to continue work.

A note was received from Graham Robbins, who had achieved a 100% pass in his licensee exam. He recommends we apply now for the licence and nominate the designated licensee, to be Graham Robbins. The Committee expressed their gratitude to Graham Robbins for doing this for the village.

12. Village Environment

The footpaths need cutting.

Dennis Marshall raised the caravan site - three or four of the caravans appear to be there permanently, and the owners come down for weekends. Is this lawful? Heidi Robbins said she has seen some people living there all year round. The site has no permission for caravans to be stored there, or for people to permanently live in them. Matt Pollard is to find out what the position is with regard to the use of the site.

13. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The theft of the lead from the church roof was raised, Matt Pollard will submit email to Neighbourhood Watch.

14. Any Other Business

Matt Pollard enquired about the issue of the birds of prey for the Village Show?

There is to be a meeting on Thursday in the Pilgrim Fathers to discuss the birds of prey issue and the Village Show in general.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next meeting Monday 12 September 2011
 7.30pm Scrooby Village Hall

Vintage beauties motor into Scrooby

A great range of vintage and classic cars, from a Bugatti Brescia to a couple of Vauxhall 30/98, motored into Scrooby.

Penny Cawley gives her report on The Vintage Sports Car Club tour which started and finished at the Croft.

THIS year our tour had a Farthest North feel to it as all went to the Yorkshire Sculpture park, missing the underground trip at the Mining Museum. We found a route which went over all the narrow bridges near Kirk Bramwith before it passed over the railway level crossings north of Doncaster.

Womersley village looked very pretty in the sunshine as various vintage motors thundered past.

The A1 looked like a problem but there was an underpass at Darrington and saved us any anxiety. Our cars are not quick off the mark, or good at braking hard, so we feel more content on the little roads away from the speed merchants



Proud show: Vauxhall 30/98 in Scrooby

and 20 ton trucks too.

Going west to Woolley edge and views of Emley Moor took us to west Bretton and our glorious national treasure.

The Sculpture Park is breathtaking, beautiful parkland and marvellous

works of art. Some of them are permanent but the guest exhibitors provide more excitement and their shows last about six months. I really do recommend a visit.

We chose the Cherry Tree pub at High Hoyland for its

views and beer and Yorkshire food too.

The next bit of the route had worried us as there is still a lot of industry in Barnsley, Rotherham and Sheffield and the roads are too full for us to enjoy. But we avoided all that and skirted round and wiggled through via Wentworth, Swinton, Braithwaite and Styrrup to return to Scrooby Croft.

After reviving cups of tea Graham Robbins lit the barbecue and cooked steaks to order. The day before we had made salads and crumbles.

Don Skelton provided some wine, Longstone tyres brought a barrel of Thorne Brewery's ale, Wilkinson's Butchers in Bawtry were very generous with our steak and gave us a handsome discount.

Our profit went to Air Ambulances coffers and we made £400 for them.

Thanks to all who helped and we all hope we did not disrupt your weekend too much.

No pet deserves to be cruelly shot

On THURSDAY September 1 our little one-and-a-half year old grey and white cat Roxy – who was wearing a purple collar and bell was shot by someone near our home on Arundel Drive between 7am and 7.20am.

She was shot deliberately from a height – due to her injuries – through her back by someone in possession of an air rifle.

After making enquiries we have learned that Roxy was seen running from the Folly Nook Lane area onto Arundel Drive, captured on camera at 7.16am on a neighbouring property before making it back home.

The police have been informed and the RSPCA.

Roxy has suffered tremendous internal injuries.

The pellet went through her kidney, intestine, abdomen and is lodged in her heart muscle.

She has had her stitches out and we think she is going to be OK.

The vet is just keeping an eye on her sickness which could be related to her intestine.

He has discharged her but will not be removing the pellet.

She has definitely used up one of her nine lives.

If you are a pet owner we

would ask you to be aware of what has happened.

It could happen again and we don't want anyone to have to come to terms with the shock and distress this has caused us and the suffering, pain and treatment that Roxy has had.

No animal deserves to be cruelly and cowardly shot.

If after reading this please if you have any idea or know who is responsible then any information would be appreciated.

**Kay Gill, Arundel Drive.
Ranskill. Call 01777
818284 or email:kaygill1@btinternet.com**

Victim support

MEL Horsman will be speaking on victim support at Ranskill WI meeting on Tuesday October 25, at 7.30pm.

Meetings are in the Village Hall, Kennel Drive, Barnby Moor on the fourth Tuesday in the month. Call 01777 818519.

The annual coffee and cake morning is on Wednesday November 9 at St Barnabas' Church, Ranskill, 10am-noon.

Kittens found

TWO kittens have been taken to Mayflower Animal Sanctuary in Bawtry after being found in Folly Nook Lane near Great North Road

The kittens are female and about eight weeks old.

Winning nos

1st Prize £25.00 No.35 Chloe Morris, Ranskill
2nd Prize £12.00 No.40 Sarah Coombes, Scrooby
3rd Prize £8.00 No.17 Jean McGill, Ranskill

Quiz

This month's Quiz centres on British birds, some of which but not all, hopefully visit your gardens
The following birds are more commonly known as:-

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| 1 Hedge-sparrow | and now for some anagrams:- |
| 2 Goatsucker | 9 Get to drop sweetcake (5,7,10) |
| 3 Ruddock | 10 Trigger paddle greed (9,9) |
| 4 Pyot | 11 Hire harner (3,7) |
| 5 Redcap | 12 Foreigner enclap (9,6) |
| 6 Cushat | 13 Eagle so carbon (8,5) |
| 7 Puttock | 14 Digital nottle (4,6,3) |
| 8 Whitewing | 15 Crept ere ere (4,7) |

RETFORD RAMBLERS

Retford Ramblers are enjoying getting out and about enjoying the countryside both near and far. We have walks to suit all tastes. Our usual Sunday morning meeting place is Chapelgate Car Park in Retford at 9.30am, we operate car sharing from there if needed. We are a lively friendly bunch so come along for a taster walk or two. Hope to meet you soon.

For further information contact 01777 818055 or 01777 838763 or email retford.ramblers1@btinternet.com
Sally Fraser – Chairman – Retford Ramblers Group

Tell me it won't happen to me

DOWN AT THE RETIREMENT CENTRE

80 year old Bessie bursts into the rec room at the retirement home. She holds her clenched fist in the air and announces, "Anyone who can guess what's in my hand can have sex with me tonight!" An elderly gentleman in the rear shouts out, "An elephant?" Bessie thinks a minute and says, "Close enough."

OLD FRIENDS

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Ranskill Parish Council Newsletter

September 2011

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

NCC HIGHWAYS PLANNING AHEAD FOR WINTER WEATHER

Appointment of Snow Warden to help with the following:

1. To provide information to the District Highways Manager on the local situation during periods of severe weather.
2. To consult with the District Manager about local needs.
3. To assist the District Manager in co-ordinating the operations of other agencies and authorities.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

The County Council are also seeking expressions of interest regarding the use of farmers to help with snow clearing.

In the first instance please contact the Clerk of Ranskill Parish Council for further details
01777 818545

PLANNING

Applications:

Renewal of planning application (P/A 39/08/00025R) at Appledore, Station Road, Ranskill to erect two dwellings with detached garages and construct access.

No objections were raised.

Other:

The clerk reported that the grass and tree maintenance on the Persimmon Site would be carried out by a contractor for the company and not adopted by the parish council.

VILLAGE PARK—Anti graffiti paint is being purchased to remove the graffiti from the Youth Shelter.

The safety surface near the swings and under the roundabout is to be repaired.

FINANCE

RESOLVED that the following cheques be passed for payment:

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| 1416 G. Munton—Mowing—out of meeting | £403.00 |
| 1417 H. Skelton, Salary, Expenses—out of meeting | £416.90 |
| 1418 Mr. J. McGill Litter Picking - Aug and Sept | £72.00 |
| 1419 NCC Supplies— Ink and stationery | £43.32 |
| 1420 Clement Keys Chartered Accountant Audit Fee | £162.00 |
| 1421 G. Munton—Mowing | £250.00 |
| 1422 H. Skelton, Salary and expenses | £416.90 |
| 1423 Bassetlaw District Council—Fee renewing Plans | £170.00 |

CASUAL VACANCY

Mr. Andrew Cook is to be invited to take the remaining seat on the parish council.

Full contact details of all councillors will be published in the next STAR.

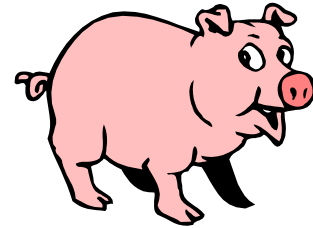
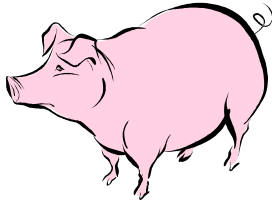
Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 18th October
at Ranskill Primary School
at 7.30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
Clerk: Hilary Skelton 01777 818545
Email: parishcouncil@ranskill.org.uk
Village Website: www.ranskill.org.uk

Nottinghamshire police will soon be rolling out Neighbourhood Alert, You can register now via the web site and once registered you will receive updates by your chosen method such as Phone, Text or Email as to what is happening in your area, You can set the parameters to just your village or your beat and you will receive free alerts regards crime and crime trends. You can also add further info via the web should you witness anything you feel others should be aware of. It's away of spreading the message fast and getting the message to as many people as possible so they can prevent themselves becoming a victim of crime.

www.eastbassetlawcommunity.co.uk

Quiz Answers: 1 Dunnock, 2 Nightjar, 3 Robin, 4 Magpie, 5 Goldfinch, 6 Ringdove or Woodpigeon, 7 Kite or Buzzard, 8 Chaffinch, 9 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 10 Redlegged Partridge, 11 Hen Harrier, 12 Peregrine Falcon, 13 Barnacle Goose, 14 Long Tailed Tit and 15 Treecreeper

Customs & Folklore By Shirley Ryan



Where other denizens of the farmyard have at least a chance of spending their days giving us milk, wool and eggs or providing us with transport or sport, sadly a piglet is born to be reared solely as food. If we read authors, such as Thomas Hardy we find it was common for country dwellers to raise a pig for food for the year. However, as with the other farmyard animals, it was also celebrated in folklore and literature, even meriting a whole column in at least one dictionary, with expressions such as: piggybank; pig-headed; pig in a poke; pig iron; to pig it; to make a pig's ear of – meaning to botch something; pigs in clover; pigtail, pigs might fly; pearls before swine.

'Pigs in clover' refers to people who have money but not the necessary breeding to go with it, 'to cast pearls before swine' having a similar meaning.

One of our most popular pub signs – The Pig and Whistle is disappointingly, not thought to refer to the farmyard animal but to a 'piggin', a container, such as a bowl or pail, with 'whistle' being a corruption of the word 'wassail', an explanation which, of course, makes more sense, but we are sure that many of us prefer the more whimsical version.

'A pig in a poke' suggests that con artists have been around for a long time and in large numbers in order to give rise to this expression. It refers to the practice of substituting a cat for a piglet in a business transaction, where the animal, wrapped in a bag or 'poke' was bought unseen. Although we cannot envisage any cat of our acquaintance submitting to this indignity and the customer must indeed have been very gullible not to spot the difference. 'Letting the cat out of the bag', has a similar meaning. Although the word 'poke' is now obsolete, our word 'pocket' is derived from it.

Judging from some of the expressions above, the pig has always had rather a bad press. In George Orwell's 'Animal Farm', pigs are used to represent a totalitarian state and imbued with the traits of cunning and treachery, Napoleon, their ruthless leader, one of literature's least attractive characters. In the current children's TV favourite, 'Shaun the Sheep', three pigs are the villains of the piece.

In contrast to this however, we must remember that one of the favourite stories of all time with very young children is: 'The Three Little Pigs'.

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