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## SCROOBY SHOW WEEKEND

A monthly round-up of  
news and views from our three villages



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All the news and views from our three villages

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# STAR OPINION

There seems to be no let up in the ever increasing cost of energy, a trend which affects every home in the country from Lands End to John O'Groats.

Whether it is the gas and electricity we use to heat our homes, the fuel that goes into our cars and the lorries that transport our goods around the country, or the buses, trains and planes that move us and everything else around the world, fuel costs just keep on rising. But what is difficult for the man in the street to comprehend is why every price increase announcement seems to be followed a few days later by the announcement of huge increases in profits for the company concerned.

British Gas is the latest: A few weeks ago price increases of 18 per cent were announced. They followed that up two weeks later by posting profits of £1.3 billion for the six months to the end of June. Incredibly that's 19 per cent LESS than 12 months ago, but it still amounts to a pay-out of £222 million to shareholders.

Yet two weeks earlier the company was pleading poverty when it announced an increase of 18 per cent in gas prices and 16 per cent in the cost of electricity.

The prices of petrol and diesel have fallen slightly in the last few days but the cost of filling up the average family car has still risen to around £80.

Yet oil giant Shell revealed profits of £4.9 billion in the three months from April to June. That equates to almost £38,000 a minute and represents a 77 per cent increase in the previous year.

Chief executive Peter Voser, however, was quoted as saying the high cost of fuel was due to sky high world oil prices and said Shell made "virtually nothing" on the forecourt adding that the vast majority of the company's profits were made outside the UK.

Of course, companies HAVE to make profits and 60 to 70 per cent of the price we pay at the pump for fuel is tax, but don't the companies posting these vast profits have a duty to their customers as well as to their shareholders?

In the light of these vast profits it is very hard for customers to accept British Gas' pleas of poverty and Shell's claim to be making "virtually nothing" on the forecourt and not see the continuing price rises as anything other than profiteering.

At a time when much of the world is being forced to tighten its belt to get us out of the hole we have dug for ourselves, these vast profits are difficult to take.

Indeed Shell's three months figures leave it on course to smash the all time record high for a UK company – the £19 billion profit it posted in 2008.

Shell and British Gas – like hundreds of other companies – now operate in a world-wide economy – an economy where increased demand from Asia is helping to force up prices and in a world where fossil fuels are being gobbled up at an alarming rate.

Profits are necessary to invest in developing new sources of supply, often in dangerous and difficult places, but that is no consolation to the motorist paying out £80 to fill up his car and householders facing an annual heating bill in excess of the current estimate of £1,200.

So isn't it time the watchdogs who supposedly look after the interests of the customer showed some real teeth and made us believe they really do have our interests at heart?

They can – and should – intervene, because customers really do believe they are being ripped off by these global giants whose decisions on price rises affect just about everything in our daily lives.

Our MPs too have a role to play because every price rise is accompanied by an increase in tax revenue so a cut in tax rates would not necessarily result in a reduction in tax revenues.

But while ever the current circle of price rises, profit rises, tax revenue rises continues, the man in the street will continue to feel ripped off.

And with considerable justification.



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Sept Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	- 1.30 to 3.30pm / Wildlife Watch (Posters)	£1
Sept Tues 13	11 to 12pm / Health Walk	FREE (no need to book)
Sept Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	- 10 to 11am / Coffee Morning (inc. short walk)	£4
Oct Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	- 10.30 to 11.30 / Health Walk	FREE (no need to book)
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Oct Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	- 11 to 12pm / Health Walk	FREE (no need to book)
Oct Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	- 9.15 to 12.30pm / Bird Walk	£2
Oct Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	- 11 to 12pm / Seed Gathering on the Reserve	£3
Oct Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	- 10 to 4pm / Learn about the world of fungi	£12
Oct Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	- 11 to 1pm / Magic Newts and Broomsticks!	£8

# Janet's been a Guiding Light for 30 years....

Janet Symonds, the Brown Owl of Ranskill's Brownie Pack, was recently presented with an award for 30 years service as a Guider. Janet, who lives at "West Winds", Great North Road, has led the Ranskill Brownie Pack for 30 years, and has also led the Rainbows Unit since it was formed 20 years ago.

Janet first joined the Guides when she moved to Ranskill and went on to win a Queen's Guide Award.

Report  
By  
John Foster



• Janet (centre), received her award from Anne Allery (right), the Nottinghamshire Girl Guiding County President along with Helen Page (left), the Retford Divisional Commissioner, who received an award for 40 years service.

"I was never a Brownie myself and it was never my intention to be the Guider in Charge, but I started helping to run the Brownie Pack 36 years ago and took over as Brown Owl 30 years ago," said Janet. Twenty years ago Janet formed the Rainbows Unit in Ranskill and she has been the leader of that group ever since.

"The Brownie Pack in Ranskill is now 80 years old and I am only their third leader, taking over when the late Mrs Nancy Booth retired," said Janet.



Ranskill Brownies "Neon Night" at camp.

"Over the years I have had a lot of pleasure out of running the Pack and a lot of support, but I am now looking for someone younger to help with the running of the Brownies and Rainbows on a regular basis.

"After 20 years of going on Brownie Holiday, we went to camp for the first time to celebrate the Girlguiding Centenary and in October are visiting ICANDO at Girlguiding Headquarters in London for a sleepover.

"My one regret is that we have had to move out of Ranskill because there is nowhere suitable for us to meet. We now meet in Scrooby and my dearest wish would be for us to move back into Ranskill and into a purpose built Village Hall or Community Centre," said Janet.

Currently Janet works for the National Autistic Society and has done for the last 20 years.

"You get out as much as you put in," said Janet, "and over the years I have got a great deal of pleasure from Girlguiding."

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 Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

**S** \* Ask the individual to SMILE.

**T** \* Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today.)

**R** \* Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.  
 If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call the emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

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There is a booking form elsewhere in the STAR and it is also downloadable from the Ranskill website [www.ranskill.org.uk](http://www.ranskill.org.uk)



**Closed shop:** What remained of the old Torworth village shop complete with petrol pump after the cottage was demolished

# Fond memories of corner shop

WHILST sorting through old photographs I came across these showing the old shop and how the corner of North Road and Holds Lane/Huntsman Place used to look many decades ago.

With the old shop and adjoining cottage there was also a row of old cottages that were knocked down to make way for the senior citizens bungalows and the new shop and semi-detached houses that are there today.

Daphne Booth, nee Tinker, ran both shops, the old and the new one which she moved into in 1968. She ran them for over 40 years. From the old shop she sold paraffin and petrol and most grocery items that were available in those early days. I remember stopping off at the old shop on my way home to Ranskill from the school in Torworth to buy sweets.

My mum would give me 3d (in old money) to spend on things like 1d bubble gum, white mice and flying saucers.

The new shop was bigger and Daphne sold a wider range of groceries and other goods that were the usual wants of a rural community



**New start:** The late Daphne Booth (nee Tinker) with the new shop by Huntsman Place before it was demolished



**Sign of the times:** The heyday of the shop

(it saved travelling to Retford or Doncaster) but gone was the petrol pump.

Her husband, Alex did the collection from the whole-

salers and also delivered the groceries to customers in Ranskill and the surrounding communities on Saturday.

When my children were small Daphne would pick them up so they could see the large selection of sweets on display, so they could decide what they would like.

There must be many STAR readers with fond memories of Daphne and her corner shop.

**Jackie Prendergast (nee Tinker)**

## Hospice events

TWO events aim to raise funds for Bassetlaw Hospice.

Dust off your deerstalkers for a murder mystery evening at Ye Olde Bell Hotel, Barnby Moor on Friday September 23, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets cost £28, including a two-course meal and coffee. Call Helen Eshelby at the Appeal Office on 01777 710444 or Ye Olde Bell on 01777 705121.

Get your walking boots on for the Bassetlaw Bash challenge walk at Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre, on Sunday, October 23.

The 20- and 26-mile circular routes start at 8.30am and the five- and 11-mile circular routes for families get under way at 10.30am.

For entry and sponsorship forms call Helen Eshelby on the above number or email [helen@bassetlawhospice.org](mailto:helen@bassetlawhospice.org)

## WI meeting

RANSKILL and Torworth WI hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, September 27, at the Village Hall, Kenel Drive, Barnby Moor, starting at 7.30pm. For further information phone Pat Blatchford on 01777 818519.

## Winning nos

RANSKILL St Barnabas' Church 100 Club Draw; 1st Prize £25.00 No.5 Roland Hill, Ranskill; 2nd Prize £12.00 No.10 Barry Tinker, Ranskill; 3rd Prize Mark Gill No 8, Lincoln.

## Cash boost

MEMBERS of the Bassetlaw and Bawtry Mothers Union raised £150 for the MU Wheels Appeal at a coffee morning at the home of the Blyth branch leader, Ann Henry.

## Job well done

THE Members and congregation of St Barnabas Church wish to thank John Snowden for a job well done rebuilding the church wall after it collapsed last winter.

## Keys found

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Registration enables you to report information regarding any crime, suspicious behaviour and anti-social behaviour you see or hear in your area.

But the system also allows Nottinghamshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue to communicate with YOU and send YOU alerts and warnings about crime in your area, or particular threats you should be aware of.

And you can join now. Just go to [eastbassetlawcommunity.co.uk](http://eastbassetlawcommunity.co.uk) and follow the links.

Neighbourhood Alerts is a highly secure database linking information providers – like the police and fire and rescue service - and registered users, but these providers cannot automatically see your details or send you information. YOU have to give specific permission in order for them to be able to see your details and send you alerts – and you can withdraw that permission instantly and control what priority of messages you receive.

Neighbourhood Alerts are fully supported by Neighbourhood Watch, and Alan Booth MBE, the chair of NottsWatch, the County Neighbourhood Watch organisation said of Neighbourhood Alerts: “In my opinion, this is the most exciting advance on community communications in the past 20 years.”

Inspector Jenny Madin, East Bassetlaw's Neighbourhood Policing Inspector said: “The most important aspect of Neighbourhood Alerts is that it is a two way communication. No one knows YOUR area better than YOU and by registering with Neighbourhood Alerts you will have a facility by which you can be heard.

“In the past many observations and pieces of intelligence from members of the public have not been listened to. However, the truth is that the police intelligence department DOES want this information and they have been fantastically supportive of the development of this system to collect this information confidentially. All reports are stored safely and local Safer Neighbourhood teams, police intelligence units and local co-ordinators are notified that information has been received.

And when the authorised personnel respond to your report you are notified by e-mail,” she added.

In addition to this, if you register with the system you also receive access to the police crime stats reports for your immediate area – a weekly report that will enable you to see exactly what crime has been reported in your street thus enabling you to take precautions against perhaps an increase in burglary or vehicle theft, or just feel reassured by a downward trend in crime in your area.

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Tony Crofts said already, more than 300 residents of East Bassetlaw had signed up to receive Neighbourhood Alerts. “That's a fantastic response, but the more people who join, the better the system will work,” he said.

“Joining is easy and costs absolutely nothing,” he added.

Alerts are primarily sent to warn you about crime in your particular area or particular threats you should be aware of, but you are in charge of how, when and what messages are sent to you, and you can stop all alerts with one click or raise the priority level that you are prepared to receive.

And even if you do not have access to a computer or the internet, you can still make use of Neighbourhood Alerts using text messaging or telephone alerts.

Any East Bassetlaw resident can register by calling in at their local police station – but please check opening times first.

“Personally, I think Neighbourhood Alerts is a fantastic system and a fine example of the Big Society the Prime Minister talks about,” said Inspector Madin.

“It offers better and quicker links between the police and the public and between the public and the police and gets a lot more people actively involved in their local community,” she added.

- *To sign up for Neighbourhood Alerts just visit [eastbassetlawcommunity.co.uk](http://eastbassetlawcommunity.co.uk) and click on the Join Here link.*

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## Track Record

Although in midsummer the track is at its least attractive in terms of blossom at ground level or on trees and bushes, it is at its most attractive to insects, with tall, untidy plants such as the 'umbellifers' providing nectar for flies, beetles etc. This year there seem to be fewer flowers than usual and the only colour was provided by a few agrimony plants and some white campion. Rose bay willow herb and some new-growth alder trees are now taking over in an area where scabious and lady's bedstraw once grew. In the twenty years that we have known the track, the vegetation has undergone many changes. Mother Nature is constantly rearranging the furniture in her living room.

The warm and alternately rainy/sunny weather has provided ideal conditions for insects and in late July the meadow brown butterfly was seen on the track, although not in such large numbers as we remember from previous years. 'Off the beaten track', on buddleia bushes and other butterfly friendly plants, in a garden we observed the greatest variety of butterflies for some years and also the largest number of these insects present at one time. Among those seen were up to a dozen peacocks, half as many commas, a few red admirals – the second batch this year – small tortoiseshell and several painted ladies. It was encouraging to see this latter insect as it has not been observed in this location for quite some time. The warm sunny weather at the beginning of August provided ideal conditions for these creatures to feed but at the end of the first week the different species were already being outnumbered by the large white, nobody's favourite butterfly. This is because the caterpillars of this species feed on members of the cabbage family to the cost of gardeners and on nasturtiums whereas some of the other caterpillars, such as peacock, red admiral, comma and small tortoiseshell, all share a preference for stinging nettle as a food for their caterpillars. The painted lady also utilises urtica as a food plant, along with other plant species. It is always exciting to see this very attractive butterfly here as it is not a native but comes from North Africa. The eggs are laid on thistle plants, but occasionally on nettles.

'Back on track' we can see how beneficial locations such as the railway line can be as a wild habitat for creatures such as these butterflies.

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What do you mean he wasn't in for a sex change?  
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## **Gardening Page**



September is here already. There are lots of wonderful colours still to see: the subtle changes from oranges to gold, and green to red.

In the greenhouse, cut down on watering and reduce feeding as growth there slows down now that the nights are cooling down. If you have put shading paint on your greenhouse and the light is getting low, now is the time to wash it off to give your plants maximum light. You can now also start to spring clean your greenhouse and prepare the soil for winter salads.

Mid-September is the last time you can plant prepared bulbs for Christmas. If you do forget, don't throw them away; plant them anyway, you will just have the colour at a later date.

Your summer crops will still continue fruiting until the nights turn cold. A tip for tomatoes: about six weeks before you want to pull up the plants stop feeding and cut back drastically on watering, this tricks the plants so full-sized fruit ripen quicker. If the fruit is still green you cannot leave it after mid to late September, pick the fruit and leave to ripen on a shelf indoors – not too hot and out of the sunlight; placed on a windowsill they will shrivel up rather than ripen. Or, if you like green tomato chutney, make the most of them. There is plenty to harvest this month and it could be worth covering late crops of salads. You can sow over-wintering onions. There is nothing much else to sow this month but if you wish for baby spinach or corn salad you can plant this now but it will need covering. Watch out for vine weevils under glass; if you had a problem in April or May a second batch will now be hatching. Pigeons will also be eating your brassicas. It's time to look at the lawns, repair broken lawn edges, attend to bald patches. Make new lawns from around the middle of the month, but delay putting down turf until October. Replace summer bedding as it comes to an end with plants for the winter and spring. Collect seeds from perennials and alpines. For patios and containers, plant winter bedding and spring bulbs. Stop feeding permanent plants growing in containers and move tender plants under cover in cold areas. Everything is now coming to an end in the garden but we will have plenty to do as ever, thinking about next year and enjoying what is left of this year.

Sue Staveley

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# Crimebeat

A monthly look at ways to  
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With East Bassetlaw's Neighbourhood  
Policing Inspector, Jenny Madin.



## Crime reduction – we ALL have a part to play

### **Are you fed up with criminals and drug dealers? Are you sick and tired of vandalism?**

Well, we all have a part to play in crime reduction and crime prevention. It is not just a police responsibility. And, there is a very simple way that you can tell the police what these people are up to WITHOUT having to give your name and address and without having to go to court and give evidence.

You can “Rat on a Rat” or “Bag a Burglar” by simply calling Crimestoppers.

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You can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 at any time of the day or night. It is a freephone number and will not cost you anything.

When you ring Crimestoppers you will speak to a person – not a machine, and the service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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You will NOT be asked for your name, address or phone number – it is an anonymous line.

The police will NOT contact you – but if you should want to call back, to offer

additional information or to check if your information has led to an arrest, you will be given a code number. So just how safe are you if you call Crimestoppers? Well, for a start the fact that you have rung will NOT appear on any itemised phone bill from a landline. And, Crimestoppers call agents don't have call line identifier and don't have the 1471 facility to identify a caller's phone number. And, they never trace calls.

Agents are even forbidden from telling the police the gender, apparent ethnicity or apparent age of the caller. If you do call Crimestoppers, you may even qualify for a cash reward of up to £1,000 if your information leads to an arrest and charge.

Even these rewards are paid out anonymously by Crimestoppers.

But, whatever happens, remember:

- You won't have to go to court, and
- No one will know who gave police the tip-off.

So, if you are fed up with crime in your area, you CAN do something about it. Call Nottinghamshire Crimestoppers ANONYMOUSLY on 0800 555 111 today, and help the police to reduce and prevent crime in your neighbourhood. Thank You!

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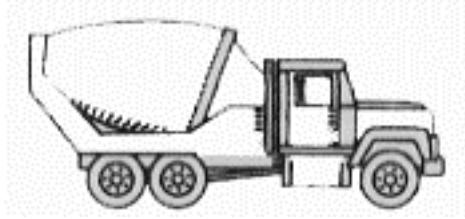
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> RANSKILL SCOUT GROUP SUMMER FAYRE

On behalf of the Scout Group I would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Summer Fayre on 20<sup>th</sup> July, and who helped us to raise £820.00 towards Scout Funds and the Senior Citizens Xmas Party (hopefully this year we won't be snowed off!) Thanks also to all the people who helped to man a stall, make teas and serve cakes, and barbecue our burgers and sausages, in spite of the shower halfway through the evening, and to everyone who donated raffle or tombola prizes. I have listed the prize winners below and hopefully have managed to contact everyone, if you have not yet received your prize, please contact Carolyn on 01777 818016, and I will organise to get it to you.

Special mentions to Carol and Stuart for all their help, it is very much appreciated, couldn't manage without you.

Carolyn West (Executive Committee Chair)

### SUMMER FAYRE RAFFLE PRIZE LIST:

No.	Colour	Name/contact	prize
598	purple	P Parkin	Newby Hall tickets
552	yellow	T Heraghty	set of knives
777	beige	B Fulwood	Yorks Wildlife Park tickets
247	green	S Wylde	The Deep tickets
772	green	I Ashworth	Lunch for 4 @ Ye Olde Bell
841	pale green	H Robbins	£20 Waterstones voucher
716	pale green	L Robinson	Bottle wine
525	pink	E Cooper	£20 Waterstones voucher
885	beige	J Thomson	Belvoir Castle Tickets
675	purple	Chapman	Bottle wine
529	beige	R Skelton	Wetlands Waterfowl tickets
454	pale green	K Skelton	Butterfly House tickets
323	pink	S McLorgh	Mug gift set
123	pale green	Wilkinson	bottle wine
31	pale green	E Hallam	Bottle of wine
598	yellow	Mrs Morris	£10 Bacon's voucher
184	beige	B Cree	bottle wine
691	pink	S Wylde	Woodside Falconry tickets
415	pink	O Scott	Eden Camp tickets
100	green	A Hall	Little Theatre tickets
514	purple	M Shane	Bottle wine
886	orange	E Cawley	Burghley House tickets
169	beige	Y Candy	Bottle wine
531	purple	M Fleming	£5 Bacon's voucher
238	pink	A Fitzpatrick	Bottle wine
128	green	J Croft	Bottle Bailey's
129	pink	M Brannan	Mug gift set
549	beige	R Skelton	Rockingham Castle tickets
34	pale green	E Hallam	Bottle wine
163	pink	C Hughes	Toiletries
286	pink	L Hurley	Toiletries
313	green	M McKay	Bottle wine

592	yellow	Hill	Bottle wine
42	green	L Kitchener	Mug set
570	purple	Sue & Dave	Toiletries
305	purple	N Jeffries	Mug Set
325	green	M McKay	Beauty Massage
499	purple	N Jeffries	Lavender Gift Set
352	pink	M Wardell	Box Biscuits
681	purple	M Fleming	Lodge Farm Fisheries tickets
331	pale green	Damelios	photo cube
679	beige	Nicki	Doncaster Races tickets
430	purple	Laura	£7 Coopland Voucher
758	green	I Ashworth	Oriental gift set
420	beige	Roy	bottle wine
147	pink	E Rennison	Grimthorpe Castle tickets
950	orange	Walden	Lodge Farm Fisheries tickets
375	beige	L Worsley	£15 Kettlewells Voucher
385	green	P Warren	Wetlands voucher
315	pale green	D Stockwell	Hackett Bag
501	beige	J McGill	Mansfield Water Meadows voucher
984	orange	O Scott	Wheelgate Park tickets
532	pale green	T Emery	Bag
876	beige	N Thompson	Twin Lakes tickets
719	purple	K Skelton	Seal Sanctuary voucher
208	green	Lancaster	Hardy's Animal Park voucher

Hunt the Woggle Winner Janet Symonds number 51 Box of chocolates

Skittles            Adult    James Thomson - bottle of wine  
                          Junior    Kyle Taylor - box of chocolates.

Lottery Bonus Ball Winning Number 39 – Elizabeth Cooper won £24.00.

#### APPRECIATION

For some time now, since my husband and myself moved into the village of Ranskill, it has been my long overdue intention to let you know how much we appreciate receiving the STAR each month. Truly, congratulations on the excellent production of this magazine and to all who are involved in getting it into all households. We are delighted to now know some of the folk who contribute at various times with news and information. We love Brenda Critchley's contribution from Good News broadcasting. What a privilege to have this on our doorstep! Also, the members of St Barnabas Church have made us more than welcome of which we are appreciative. We have found the warmth and love extended to us as a true reflection of the love of Christ and Christian faith. Having recently become involved in the team of 'Messy church' it is a wonderful time for children to come together and learn of that same love and care.

Finally, it was great to be part of Ranskill Festival this year and we were so aware of how much we love having made the right decision to move here. Thank you folk of Ranskill .Let's keep working together to make this community a place of security and friendship.

Celia and Alan Hunter.

**PURPLE THUMB**  
or The Touch of Death

I went for a walk round my garden in May,  
The weather was sunny, a beautiful day,  
I saw my peas choking in five feet of clay,  
Now, what did I do that was wrong?

I went for a walk round my garden in June,  
The sun was bright as a yellow balloon,  
I pulled up my carrots, but it was too soon.  
Oh, why can't I just leave things be?

I went there again at the end of July,  
My corn was as high as the eye of a fly,  
The stuff wasn't growing. I couldn't tell why,  
I think I'll leave gardening alone.

In August I went for a walk round my land,  
Potatoes were drowning in six feet of sand,  
My garden was not turning out as I planned,  
This country life isn't for me.

I looked at my land, it was early September,  
Time to do something, but couldn't remember,  
My garden looked just like it does in December.  
I think I'll try fishing instead.

Shirley Ryan



**By Way of "Thank You"**

Summer passes, Autumn comes  
With its apples, pears and plums.  
Nature's bounty never ends.  
Thank goodness for so many friends  
Who share with me their excess fare  
Now filling shelves that once were bare  
With jams and pickles, mincemeat too.  
All set for winter, thanks to you.  
With treats to give when people call,  
I thank you greatly, one and all!

Joy Tudberry

**Kids are Quick**

*TEACHER:* Maria, go to the map and find North America

*MARIA:* Here it is

*TEACHER:* Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

*CLASS:* Maria.

*TEACHER:* John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

*JOHN:* You told me to do it without using tables.

*TEACHER:* Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

*GLENN:* K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

*TEACHER:* No, that's wrong

*GLENN:* Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

*TEACHER:* Donald, What is the chemical formula for water?

*DONALD:* H I J K L M N O

*TEACHER:* What are you talking about?

*DONALD:* Yesterday you said it's H to O.

*TEACHER:* Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

*WINNIE:* Me!

*TEACHER:* Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

*GLEN:* Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

*TEACHER:* Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I'.

*MILLIE:* I is .....

*TEACHER:* No Millie .... Always say, 'I am'.

*MILLIE:* All right ..., 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

*TEACHER:* George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

*LOUIS:* Because George still had the axe in his hand.

*TEACHER:* Now Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayer before eating?

*SIMON:* No sir, I don't have to, my mum is a good cook.

*TEACHER:* Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

*CLYDE:* No sir, it's the same dog.

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A few local mums sharing some mum stuff

# Star mums



## Games

**'The things they say'.....** "Having said to my little boy that it was lovely to see him as happy as Larry, it made me smile when he looked totally confused and asked "Who's Larry?" Any ideas?!?!"

## Starting Secondary School

Well, if anyone comes up with a magic potion to slow down the rate at which our children grow up - PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Otherwise, you may well be in the position where your child is about to start secondary school or you will be before you know it!!!! Here's some handy hints to make the transition as smooth as possible.....

Acknowledge your child will probably have mixed feelings and that this is normal - excitement, concern....

Enjoy getting organised together - uniform, stationery.....

Revisit road safety issues

Be patient if your child reverts to childish behaviours - this is common and is a result of insecurities

Chat informally about school rather than sitting your child down and grilling them

Encourage your child to join in extra curricular activities - there is much to be gained

This time of transition provides a good opportunity to address the subject of greater independence - share your thoughts with your child re parties/curfews/travelling independently/dating.....(yikes!!!!)

Homework needs to be taken seriously - make sure your child has an appropriate study environment and offer practical help with time management, research methods.....

Discuss strategies for coping with the things your child may be concerned about - getting lost, making friends, new subjects, different teachers, bullying....

And take some deep breaths!



## Website of the month

- Following on from the subject of school, we have found a couple of websites that offer practical educational support.....
- Poetry4kids.com - loads of fab stuff from how to write different types of poems to a handy rhyming dictionary
- Channel4learning.com - loads of support for all ages and covers a wide variety of subjects. Also home of Homework High, a library of over 30,000 questions and answers from teachers

**The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.**

**~Sydney J. Harris**

*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](mailto:copy4star@yahoo.co.uk) and place 'From mums to you' as the subject.*

*Love from STAR Mums x*

Having just bought a book entitled 500 games for children, we might just be sharing one or two with you!! Here's our current favourite....

### THE CLOCK GAME

Each child draws a numbered clock face on a piece of paper  
They take turns to throw 2 dice

They can either choose a number from a single dice (eg 2 or 5) or add the numbers from both dice together (eg 7)

They then cross the number off their clock

If the number has already been crossed off, they miss a turn (have to 'knock')

The first to cross off all their numbers is the winner!

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"There are some really original projects delivering fantastic results and we want to hear about them, so that we can acknowledge them and show our appreciation of the time and effort people put in to their community."

The Jean Varnam Award is an annual award launched in 2005 by the Police Authority in memory of former magistrate member Jean Varnam OBE. It has the support of her husband, Roy Varnam, and each year it is presented to a different sector of the community in recognition of achievement in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour. Nominations should be with the Police Authority by midday, Monday, 15 September 2011. There are no restrictions on who can make a nomination, but people will be asked how they know the person or people they are nominating. Please contact the Authority for a nomination form and further criteria.

More information is available from Nottinghamshire Police Authority, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email [npa@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:npa@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk) or telephone 0300 300 9999 ex 801 2005.  
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# A Christian Perspective: Brenda Critchley

I'VE been asking – who are we? And finding out that we are spirit, soul and body.

Here are some fascinating facts about the body:

An adult has 13,000 million nerve cells. The number of on/off permutations is staggering, to think nothing of the hundreds of interconnections. How the brain handles all this information is amazing. We don't have to consciously think about most of the messages that arrive at the brain. If you touch something hot there are reflexes that make you react, before you have time to think about it. The vast majority of the brain's activity is subconscious - things like controlling digestion, heart rate and breathing. Even when you are asleep 50 million messages reach your brain and are processed every second.

So there's the body, but what about the soul and is that different to the spirit?

We read in Hebrews 4:12: For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates

even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow.

So there is some division to be made then; they are not the same thing. But it takes the sharp, active and living word of God to do that deep penetrating. Maybe it is enough to say here that with the body we relate to the natural world, with our spirits we relate to the Holy Spirit, and our souls are that thinking reasoning part of us, the seat of our understanding.

All these aspects of us as people work together of course, to make a whole human being. Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." True worship comes out of our spirit – our heart or inner person – often expressed through our soul, with considered understanding of the truth of the Gospel, and also expressed through our bodies, as we bow down, or raise our hands, or use our voices to sing or pray or even groan, when life gets tough.

And God knows what we need. In Romans it says... the

Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know how to pray but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he... intercedes for the saints in accordance with the will of God. Our Heavenly Father provides this wonderful, personally appropriate intercession for us. It's a great encouragement to know this when you feel the props are being removed from your life, and you wonder how you will cope. What are we to do when faced with such things?

Allow the Holy Spirit to pray through you. He knows how to pray according to the will of God. And we know that the will of God for us is 'good, pleasing and perfect'. If you have been blessed with the gift of tongues, use it; don't let this precious gift be neglected. The Bible says it will build you up. Read the Bible often.

Spirit, soul and body – whole people precious to the Lord, made by him, kept by him, and he is preparing us for eternity.

## Heritage open day

THE Retford Civic Society is opening up the town's historic buildings to the public this month.

There will be lots of the town's heritage to explore between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, September 10.

And the Chesterfield Canal Trust are hosting a gathering of the Historic Narrow Boat Owners' Club above Town Lock over the weekend.

There will be boat trips, stalls and a beer festival at the Rum Runner.

Buildings opening their doors include Bassetlaw Museum, Grove Street Methodist Church, Denman Library, St Michael's Church, The Masonic Hall, St Joseph's RC Church, Trinity Hospital, St Swithun's Church, The Majestic Theatre and Retford Railway Station.

Vintage buses and cars will be on display thanks to Lincolnshire Vintage Vehicle Society.

Young people can take a picture of Heritage Day activities for a photographic competition organised by the Retford and District Photographic Society.

A programme of events is available from the Museum, Denman Library and Bookworm on Spa Lane.

## Open window

DESIGN expert Michael Stokes is opening up the world of stained-glass windows with an illustrated talk at St Swithun's Church, in Retford this month.

Admission is £5 on the door for the talk on Saturday, September 24, at 7pm.

Michael has carried out numerous restoration/conservation projects and produces beautiful stained-glass panels and windows in his studio in the Sherwood Forest Art and Craft Centre at Edwinstowe.

## Concert dates

FANS of organ music are in for a treat this month with three lunchtime recitals from local organists at St Swithun's Church.

The recitals are being held on Thursdays September 15, 22 and 29, from 1pm to 2pm.

Refreshments are available from 12.30pm.

# Belated message from councillor

Dear People of Scrooby.

I do apologise for this being such a belated message, but things have been hectic since my election.

I do, though, want to thank all those who voted for me at the District Council Election in May. Your support was, and is, greatly appreciated.

If you didn't vote for me I can assure you that that will make no difference whatsoever in the way that I serve you in the future. As your councillor I am here to serve everyone equally and I pledge to do so.

I can be reached on 01909 732121 at any reasonable time if you have something you feel that I might be able to assist you with, or even just wish to speak to me.

My email address, is [barry.bowles@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:barry.bowles@bassetlaw.gov.uk) and my address is 2 Chapel Gate, Carlton-in-Lincoln, S81 9EN.



**Thank-you:** Coun Barry Bowles

If you see me in your area, please don't be afraid to stop me and speak to me. I haven't arranged any surgeries but will be addressing that as soon as possible.

In the meantime I am in Scrooby Village Hall every

second Thursday of every other month (next time is September) 8 at our Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association meetings.

We start at 10.30 and finish about an hour and a half later.

I also attend most meetings of all three Parish Councils.

As many of you will be aware, I have from the District Council, a small sum of money – Councillor's Community Grant Fund – that enables me to give some support to 'good causes' or Community Groups who have specific projects, needs or events that may require that little bit extra cash.

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# A page to make you laugh – and think..

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1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2. Which Country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get cat gut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made from?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after which animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What colour is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese Gooseberries from?
10. What is the colour of the black box on a commercial aeroplane?

Answers at the foot of the page

Ps. We failed too.

Been on your holidays yet: If you have – or even if you are still waiting to go – these extracts from letters of complaint received by travel giant Thomas Cook will make you smile.

1. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local store does not sell proper biscuits, like Custard Creams or Ginger Nuts"
2. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time - this should be banned!!!!"
3. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry!! I don't like spicy food at all."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our swimming costumes and towels."
5. A tourist at a top African game lodge over-looking a water hole, who spotted a visibly aroused elephant, complained that the sight of this rampant beast ruined his honeymoon by making him feel "inadequate".
6. A woman threatened to call police after claiming that she'd been locked in by staff. In fact, she had mistaken the "Do Not Disturb" sign on the back of the door as a warning to remain in the room.
7. "The beach was too sandy."
8. "We found the sand was not like the sand shown in your brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as yellow but it was white."
9. A guest at a Novotel in Australia complained his soup was too thick and strong. (He was inadvertently slurping the gravy at the time.)
10. "Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. My holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women."
11. "We bought 'Ray-Ban' sunglasses for €5 (£3.50) from a street trader, only to find out they were fake."

Should these people be allowed to go on holiday?

Quiz answers: 1. The Hundred Years War lasted 116 years. 2. Panama Hats are made in Ecuador. 3. Cat gut comes from sheep and horses. 4. Russians celebrate the October Revolution in November. 5. A camel hair brush is made of squirrel fur. 6. The Canary Islands are named after Dogs. 7. King George VI's first name was Albert. 8. A purple finch is crimson. 9. Chinese Gooseberries are from New Zealand. 10. The black box on an aeroplane is orange.



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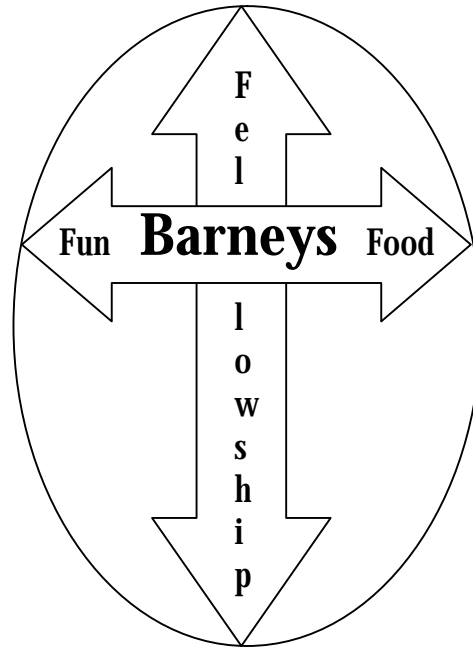
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Joy Tudberry

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And so, his heart rejoicing,  
He sings his harvest song.

From a poem by K Fisher

## THANK YOU

Lilian Middlemass would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and gifts received on the occasion of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Also thanks to Richard, Ann and staff for the lovely meal and for making the celebration that extra special.

Thank you all once again

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Monday 3 October 2011

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under 16 £5 Please bring  
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# Scrooby Village Show Weekend

## Timetable for the weekend

### FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September

12 noon

6 pm – 8 pm

All helpers to the Croft to help with preparation  
Village Hall Open to accept entries

### SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September

7 am onwards

8:30 am – 10 am

10 am

12:30 pm

1 pm

2 pm

2:30 pm

3 pm

4 pm – 6 pm

6 pm

7:30 pm – Midnight

All helpers to the Croft to help with preparation  
Village Hall Open to accept entries

Judging Starts

Judging Closes

Show Opens

Pet Show

Prize giving and Raffle Drawn

Children's Sports

Entertainment

Show Closes

Evening Entertainment and Hog Roast

### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September

10am onward

1 pm

All helpers to the Village Hall to help clear up and  
prepare for Church Lunch  
St Wilfrids Church Lunch

An entry form is included in this issue of The Star, you will also be able to get one from the village web site [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net) or from the hall when you bring your entries.

### JAM and PICKLE STALL

Please bring any pickles and jams you have made to Ann Watkin at West End Farm before the show or bring them along on the day.

### CAKE STALL

Please bring cakes, buns, pies, tarts or biscuits to Izzi at Chirnside or Charlotte at Woofendon before the show or bring them to Izzi at Chirnside on Saturday morning.

**HELPERS** for the **CREAM TEAS** and **WASHING UP** please contact Izzi 01302 719811 or Charlotte 07884 430201 with offers to help, just an hour is really helpful.

**Scrooby Show Evening entertainment**  
Saturday September 3rd from 7:30pm to midnight  
on The Croft

Appearing on stage

**Under Suspicion** - UK Premier Blues Brothers Tribute Band  
supported by local skiffle band **More Dog**

Hog Roast and Bar all night

Tickets £5.00 including food available from  
Mark Firth, The Old Vicarage, Scrooby

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**St Wilfrid's Sunday Lunch**

1pm on Sunday 4th September

In the Village Hall and on the Croft

Summer Salads (Ham, Beef, Salmon and Quiche)

Delicious Puddings

Donation Bar or bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets on the door £7.50 Adults

Children - donation

# Scrooby Show 2011 Entry Form

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Age if under 12</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Tel No</b>	

Please tick the classes you wish to enter, **use a separate form for each person.**

Bring your completed form and entry fee to Scrooby Village Hall between 6pm and 8pm on Friday 2nd September or on the morning of Saturday 3rd September between 8:30am and 10am

Class No	Description	Tick to enter
	<b>Vegetable Classes</b>	
1	4 culinary apples with stalks, all the same variety	
2	4 dessert apples with stalks, all the same variety	
3	Plate of fruit, any one variety, soft fruit with stalks	
4	6 runner beans	
5	6 dwarf beans	
6	3 beetroot washed with root and 3" tops	
7	1 white cabbage with 2" stalk	
8	3 carrots with 3" tops washed	
9	1 cucumber with 1" stalk	
10	3 courgettes all the same variety 1" stalk	
11	Heaviest marrow	
12	3 white onions clean and dry with no tops 8oz or under	
13	3 white onions clean and dry with no tops over 8oz	
14	3 red onions with no tops	
15	Heaviest onion	
16	Longest runner bean	
17	3 white potatoes washed	
18	3 coloured potatoes washed, coloured potatoes include those with just coloured eyes	
19	6 single shallot bulbs with no tops	
20	4 tomatoes with stalks all same variety	
21	5 cherry tomatoes with stalks all same variety	
22	Plate of culinary herbs judged for variety and display	
23	3 leeks, washed	
24	A tray of 4 kinds of vegetables, washed	
25	A tray of 4 kinds of salad vegetables	
26	1 cos lettuce with root on	
27	Largest pumpkin judged by measurement around circumference	
28	6 nuts, all same variety	
29	Any vegetable not listed	
	<b>Flowers and plants</b>	
30	1 cacti in a plant pot	
31	1 fuschia in a plant pot	
32	1 foliage house plant in a plant pot	
33	1 flowering house plant in a plant pot	
34	1 pelagonium (geranium) in a plant pot	
35	1 gentleman's buttonhole, flowers pointing upwards	
36	1 lady's corsage, flowers pointing downwards	
37	1 specimen rose, any variety, in a specimen vase	
38	1 specimen rose for perfume, in a specimen vase	
39	3 dahlias of the same variety, in a vase	
40	1 specimen flower, any variety, in a vase	
41	4 pansy heads on a plate	

42	1 table flower arrangement, any size on the theme 'Pretty in Pink'	
	<b>Egg classes</b>	
43	3 brown eggs, judged for similarity of shape and colour	
44	3 tinted eggs, judged for similarity of shape and colour	
45	3 white eggs, judged for similarity of shape and colour	
46	1 egg for contents, judged for yolk and white colour and consistency	
47	3 bantam eggs (under 2oz each) any colour, judged for similarity of shape and colour	
48	1 bantam egg (under 2oz each) for contents, judged for yolk and white colour and consistency	
	<b>Preserves and Chutneys</b>	
49	Jar of jam in clean jar, old labels removed, jars filled to top with cellophane cover	
50	Jar of jelly in clean jar, old labels removed, jars filled to top with cellophane cover	
51	Jar of chutney or pickle in clean jar, old labels removed, jars filled to top with cellophane cover	
52	3 plain scones	
53	Quiche to contain 3 eggs in a 9" flan dish presented out of the dish	
54	Victoria sandwich cake, 2 sponges baked in separate tins sandwiched together with jam only	
55	5 sausage rolls with home made pastry	
56	Fruit pie pastry top and bottom not exceeding 10" diameter	
57	Elderflower cordial	
58	5 decorated buns	
59	Fruit cake - entrant must submit recipe with cake	
60	Shortbread	
61	1 bottle homebrewed beer	
62	1 bottle homebrewed wine	
	<b>Art and Craft classes for any age</b>	
63	Picture any medium	
64	Model - any material	
65	Knitted garment	
66	Knitted toy	
67	Patchwork item	
68	Egg cosy	
69	Wooden item	
70	Item of Jewellery	
71	Photograph - 'Scrooby in the Snow'	
72	Any art or craft item not listed	
	<b>Childrens classes - only for children under 12 years old</b>	
73	Model made from a kit	
74	Model made from vegetable(s)	
75	Lego construction	
76	Garden on a Tray	
77	Picture any medium	
78	Photograph	
79	Any craft item	
80	Tallest sunflower	
81	Any vegetable grown by the child	
82	2 butterfly buns made by the child	

Official use only

Entrant Number	
Number of classes entered	
Entry Fee received(10p per class)	