

R.O.F. Ranskill—Part 2

To house the workforce from outside the area for married couples, bungalows were built on a 40 acre site at Mattersey Thorpe. Single personnel were housed in hostels and social buildings on a 13 acres site at Ranskill, while staff requiring accommodation were put up in two houses in Lound, 'Highfield House' and 'White Lodge'.

As the village school on the Mattersey Road was directly opposite the factory and within the danger area, it was acquired and used by contractors. The school classes were moved to the local village halls. After the war, the school was used as a hostel for displaced persons and later by the Women's Land Army.

The public were excluded from the site so 'stopping up' orders were made to close the Lound to Torworth road together with the footpath from Manor Farm in Sutton diagonally across the site to Danes Hill Farm.

For the construction of the factory much of the material came by rail, the nearest delivery point being Ranskill Station.

Workforce memories of Ranskill R.O.F.

Lound Phoenix Group

Janet Lewis gave a most interesting talk on her times as a volunteer at a secondary school in Bethlehem. Making light of the many challenges and finding her four visits to the school extremely rewarding. As a donation, Janet gave her fee to the school.

The next meeting is Tuesday 18th February at 7.30pm. All are very welcome, so why not come along and have a glass of wine and enjoy *'The history of Steiff Bears'*.

Carol Singing - Funds Raised

A big thank you to all those stalwart villagers who turned out on a very cold night in December to sing carols and make music around the village. There weren't very many of us but everyone sang strongly and well.

Together, we raised **£316.76 for Lincs. and Notts. Air Ambulance**

They are always very appreciative of our efforts. A certificate has been posted in the village hall to prove it!



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Neighbourhood Plan Update—P2

Bluebell Inn Vacancy

The Bluebell Inn has a Vacancy for Staff

The applicant must be over 18 years of age.



We require cover for a variety of shifts and can be flexible to suit applicant. These will range from 4-6 hours in length.

Previous experience preferred but not essential as maturity, reliability and motivation are more important!

Ideally, the applicant would be able to work Monday evening 5pm - 9pm and at least one shift every weekend.

All ages considered.

**Contact Joanne on-
Tel: 01777 818457
Email: jschuller4@aol.com**

Lound Defibrillator AGM

Regrettably, the Defibrillator AGM scheduled for Sunday 8th March has been **Postponed**.

Note for your diary

It will now take place on **Sunday 19th April** at 12 midday. Further details nearer the time.

Crier and Website Team

The Crier has been providing villagers with news and information for over 40 years, more recently, the Village Website. Both being very important means of communication.

If you have information you would like for entry in either, then please go to the village website and 'click' on the 'Crier' tab, taking you to the link enabling you to contact the team.

Entry at discretion of editor

Neighbourhood Plan Up-Date — February 2020

In December, the Steering Group submitted the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to Lound Parish Council for their approval, on the understanding some changes might arise when the latest draft Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) Local Plan was released on 15th January 2020. It was envisaged such changes would contain modest refinements and our Draft Plan could be published this month, leading to a Public Consultation on its content.

In the event, after just one year, the draft BDC Local Plan showed a 37% increase in the requirement for new homes across Bassetlaw by 2037 and radical changes in how each town and village will contribute to these figures. The target for new homes in Lound, which is classified as a “small rural settlement”, has been doubled. This completely undermines the foundation on which the Lound Neighbourhood Plan was based.

The Residents’ Survey, 2016, showed a large majority of respondents believed little or no new housing was needed in the village. In January 2019, Part 1 of the draft BDC Local Plan stipulated a minimum of 21 new homes and our Draft Plan was revised upwards to meet this figure. The Steering Group were confident the Draft Plan was a realistic compromise and the policies written into it would protect the village from inappropriate development. Now we are being told that 42 new homes are required, calculated at 20% of dwellings in the Parish. This figure is neither fair nor sustainable. BDC’s presentation given at the recent Rural Conference will be available on the village website.

The Steering Group, which includes Parish Councillors, have remonstrated strongly with Bassetlaw officials that their disproportionate methods of seeking the higher figures unfairly penalise the small rural settlements such as Lound. Discussions have been opened with BDC to find a way around this impasse.

The draft BDC Local Plan is available to view on their website-www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/planning-and-building/the-draft-bassetlaw-local-plan/draft-bassetlaw-local-plan-2020/ and this also allows you to comment on the draft during the consultation with the public, which is open until 26th February 2020. Copies should be available at Council offices or libraries. You are encouraged to write or email your concerns to Bassetlaw District Council, as individual responses and representations are very important and carry significant weight. A suggested form of words for this will be available on the village website. Those without internet access can obtain a paper copy from Nick Prout at 83, Town Street. The postal address is Planning Policy, Bassetlaw District Council, Queen’s Buildings, Potter Street, Worksop, Notts, S80 2AH and the email is: thebassetlawplan@bassetlaw.gov.uk

We hope you will feel able to support your Parish Council and its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Lound Lingerers

This month’s enjoyable walk of about an hour is another new one for Lingerers. It is on **Friday 21st February** through woodland and around Langold Lake.

We meet at Willow Cottage, 65 Town Street at 10.45am.

Please let Gee know on Tel: 818792 if you would like to come so that we can organise transport and book a table for lunch. Do join us - everyone welcome!

Did you know?

Designed by Ralph Knight of Langold Hall in the 1750s. He was responsible for much of the planting and also created a series of lakes.

During the 1920s the area was developed for mining with the former Firbeck Colliery site. Firbeck Colliery purchased the land in July 1927 and became a leisure facility for the Langold miners.

Today, the 300 acre Nature Reserve, is owned and managed by Bassetlaw District Council. The park links into Dyscarr Wood, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is recognised as one of the best examples of a limestone ash-wych elm wood in Nottinghamshire.

Parish Council

Winter Weather:



Should the weather change to ice and snow, avoid the risk of slipping about. The Village has a supply of bags of salt and grit for the roads to keep Jack Frost at bay. Available to all villagers if required. Please contact the Parish Council.

St. Bartholomew’s Church



Church Services

February 2nd -
Service for Candlemas 9.15 am

February 9th -
Holy Communion 9.15 am

February 16th -
Family Service 9.15 am

February 23rd -
Worship for All

‘Four Score Draw’

January £20 Winners

122..... Ian Prince
129..... John Leake
46..... Manju Prince
98..... Pam Storey

Premium Prize Winner £150

3..... Chris Corcoran