

Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter Jan/Feb 2017

Notes from the January SPC Meeting

Speeding – we have had community police in the village monitoring speed. On one occasion on the stretch of road from the level crossing into the village by the first bends, 25% of people monitored were caught speeding. This is a staggeringly high proportion. One of those had managed to increase his/her speed from 28 mph to 46 mph in those two or three hundred yards.

Dog Fouling - Please will dog owners respect our greenspaces and pathways that are used by many others including children. There are adequate bins around so please follow good neighbourly Poop and Scoop rules!

If any persistent irresponsible behaviour is noted, members of the public have a right to report it directly to Hambleton District Council. To pursue and potentially prosecute selfish dog owners, they will require evidence in the form of owner names, dates, times etc.

Another Accolade for Scruton Station

Scruton Station has won another award. This time, the volunteers of the Wensleydale Railway Direct Works Team and other villagers were awarded a Highly Commended in the National Railway Heritage 2016 Annual Awards in London in December in acknowledgement of the volunteer success in the construction, installation and painting of the gates. The picture shows John Ellis, Chairman of the National Railway Heritage Association, presenting two volunteers, Tug Lee and Peter Chapman, with the certificate in front of an enlarged photo of the gates.



T'ai Chi Qigong

After the success of the trial session and the first series, Annie Anwar is running two more sets of T'ai Chi sessions in the village hall on Tuesdays, one in the morning and one in the afternoon starting 17th January. The cost will be £20 in total for the five-week course payable in advance or £5 per session on a pay-as-you-go basis. If you're interested in joining, contact Annie on 07889 852360 or at annieanwar7@gmail.com for timings and to check availability.

Cross-Country Champion

Graeme & Wendy Nicholson's granddaughter Victoria Weir represented Great Britain in the European cross-country championships on the 11th December which were staged in Sardinia.

She earned her selection by winning the trials in Liverpool on the 26th November and was one of 36 athletes selected to run for GB in the three age groups for male and female athletes. She justified her selection by finishing 10th for the under 20 team which won the gold medal and will now be eligible for selection to compete in a GB team at the annual cross country event in Edinburgh on the 7th January. Go girl!

Victoria is currently in her first year at Birmingham University studying international politics; we wish her every success in her studies and her running career.

Screen Scruton

Upcoming dates for 2017 are:

Wednesday 8th February – Swallows & Amazons

Wednesday 22nd February – bonus night, see below

Wednesday 8th March – tba

Wednesday 12th April - tba

Wednesday 10th May - tba

Look out for a Bonus Feature too on 22nd February 2017: Classic Film Night ... possibly a double feature of two classic black & white films ... (rumour has it one of them is going to be Casablanca) ...watch this space!

As usual all performances begin at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 p.m.). Please feel free to bring your own drinks & nibbles.

Don't forget to book in advance with Stephen Elmer, Tel: 748595 or email: stephen.elmer@scruton.net



Dates for Your Diary

All events are 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, unless specified otherwise.

- ✘ **21st January – Festive Coffee Morning**
10.00 a.m.-12 noon in the Village Hall
- ✘ **8th February – Screen Scruton** (see panel overleaf for more details)
- ✘ **18th February – Charity Coffee Morning** in aid of 'Roxy's Magic'
- ✘ **22nd February – Screen Scruton** (see panel overleaf for more details)
- ✘ **8th March – Screen Scruton** (see panel overleaf, more details in the next newsletter)
- ✘ **18th March – Charity Coffee Morning** in aid of Marie Curie
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Domino Drives

... are held monthly in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the third Saturday including the Christmas Festive Domino Drive. Tickets are £2.00 per player, plus a raffle, and proceeds go to the Village Hall Committee general fundraising.

North Yorkshire Women's Refuge

Many of you will remember and, indeed, contributed generously, to Janet Crampton's appeal last year for toiletries and such like for the North Yorkshire Women's Refuge. They were enormously appreciative. This year, in taking some additional gifts to them, we learned that quite a lot of the women and families who arrive there, eventually go on to establish their own homes. **But they start with very little indeed.** Under government grants they are entitled to the bare minimum – a bed for each person, a couple of living room pieces, and one item of white goods. They often have nothing in the way of crockery, utensils, pans, bedding, small pieces of furniture, lamps, ornaments and all the other things that make a place feel like home.

Janet is offering to be a collection point for any good, clean and fully working items and is sending out an appeal ... please donate some of those unwanted Christmas gifts, towels/bed-linen that you're never going to use again, children's bedroom things, any kitchen items, or anything that helps to build up a home again. All will be received gratefully by people who simply have nothing.

Please ring Janet on 748321 if you have any queries or want to arrange items to be collected.

Kirkby Fleetham WI



There'll be more news about KFWI's 2017 programme in the next newsletter.

Thank You Slot

Christmas Tombola - The Christmas Market was a great success, with the Tombola Stall doing particularly well. Norma Slade and Margaret Ward have sent in their thanks to everyone who generously donated items for the stall, raising a magnificent £470.

The proceeds from the Christmas Market, which raised about £800 overall, went to The Dalescare Centre.

Scruton Station Edwardian Christmas – a lovely atmospheric party and 'talk-and-tour' was enjoyed by supporters of the Station Project, raising about £70 in donations towards upkeep of the station.

Virginia Arrowsmith, the Heritage Project Officer thanks everyone for their support, dedication and enthusiasm.

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Parish Council Meetings

Meeting dates for 2017 are 12th January, 9th March, 13th April (Annual Parish Meeting), 11th May (AGM), 13th July, 14th September, 9th November.

Meetings are normally held in the Coore Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m., with a 10 minute open forum for parishioners. All are welcome to attend.