

Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter Mar/Apr 2017



Mobile Post Office coming to Scruton ...

... every Tuesday afternoon 2.30 – 3.00
p.m. parked opposite The Coore Arms.

Notes from the March SPC meeting

New Mobile Postal Service – we were delighted to hear that the Post Office is replacing our lost service with a mobile van. The mobile service operates every Tuesday 14:30 - 15:00 and is parked opposite The Coore Arms, Station Road and commenced on 7th March. There is a consultation process in place about this replacement service so let your views be known to the Post Office, but so far as we can understand it, it will offer the same range of services as we previously had.

Treatment to the Village Green – concerns have been received about the muddy state of the green in places and the loss of light for grass growth where trees need to have the crown lifted. We will be looking into regular treatment of the grassed areas to improve its condition and quality, and to reseed in some areas. Where parking for church services has caused erosion to the grassed area, we will investigate what remedies may solve the problem. Our contract for grass cutting will now include the strip all the way along to the bus stop at the T-junction. Regular pruning and maintenance of the trees on the green is part of our annual budget planning and we will get a tree surgeon in to assess what can be done.

Screen Scruton

Upcoming dates for 2017 are:

Wed 12 April - A United Kingdom: A true story based on extraordinary events in the late 1940s. The mixed marriage of the would-be king of Botswana to London office worker, Ruth Williams, sparks an international diplomatic crisis.

Wed 10 May - Sully: The untold story behind the 'Miracle on the Hudson' when Chesley Sullenberger (Tom Hanks) lands his A320 Airbus on the Hudson River saving the lives of the passengers and crew.

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**



Volunteers Wanted

Scruton Station Heritage Education Project is available to junior schools again this year and work is in hand to get a programme of dates worked out for educational visits to the Station. For those of you unaware of this project, groups of Scruton volunteers dressed in period costume enacted a play about life in the village in the early 1900s and got the children (also dressed in costume) to 'work' at the station, weighing and labelling parcels etc. It has been a huge success with enthusiastic feedback from the children and their teachers.

Now for more in 2017 - and we need more volunteers. It would involve a morning or two every couple of weeks over the summer term, but like all of these things, the more volunteers we have the more the sessions can be spread out amongst them. Full training will be given, help with costumes etc, and there is a great sense of fun and camaraderie amongst the volunteers (some of whom got into character to a very convincing degree!).

If you are interested at all in becoming a volunteer, please contact Janet Crampton on 748321, or Keith & Joan Walker on 748458 (the "Station Master" and "Station Master's Wife") or Tony Wood ("Reverend Rigby") who can tell you more about what is involved.

Wensleydale Railway – Volunteer Open Day

There is a Wensleydale Railway Volunteers' Meeting on the morning of **Sunday 9th April at Bedale Station between 0930 and 1330** for those interested in Heritage Project volunteering and other opportunities on the railway.

Come and find out about the whole range of volunteering opportunities on offer and meet some of the existing volunteers.

Opportunities include: assisting with the heritage education programme (see above), supporting administrative staff, undertaking vegetation clearance and gardening and track maintenance, and many others. If you have skills you'd like to share or interests you'd like to develop, Wensleydale Railway would like to meet you.

Dates for Your Diary

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

- ✦ **8th March – Screen Scruton** (see panel overleaf)
- ✦ **18th March – Charity Coffee Morning** in aid of Marie Curie.
- ✦ **24th March – Quiz Night**
Tickets are £5 per head including buffet supper available from Liz Davies 748664 or Katherine Lawther 748287. Proceeds for Scruton Church funds.
- ✦ **4th April – SPFA AGM**
Scruton Playing Fields Association AGM is open to all, please come and support the efforts of the SPFA to provide and maintain this village asset.
- ✦ **9th April – Wensleydale Railway Volunteering Day** (see panel overleaf)
- ✦ **12th April – Screen Scruton** (see panel overleaf, Contact Stephen Elmer on 748595 to reserve your place.
- ✦ **10th May – Screen Scruton** (see panel overleaf, more details about further showings in the next newsletter)
- ✦ **20th May - Charity Coffee morning** in aid of **Northallerton Breast Cancer Support Group**

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.

Charity Coffee Mornings

... are held 10 a.m. – 12 noon on the third Saturday of each month (with the exception of Easter this year, and the summer months). Each month a different charity or local fundraising cause has the opportunity to benefit from a coffee morning. For the list of available dates and more information, please contact Bozz Leach on 748357.

Kirkby Fleetham WI

All meetings at 7.00 or 7.30 p.m. (variable) in KF Village Hall unless stated otherwise

- 13th April – Confessions of an Antique Dealer – Trevor Taylor
- 11th May – History of Sam Turners – Charles and John Turner
- 8th June – Open Meeting
- 13th July – Wrong Time, Wrong Place, Romanian Refugee – Katy Willkomann
- 14th September – Victorian Clothing – Jane & Rebecca
- 12th October – Hurdy Gurdy – Steve Lane
- 9th November – AGM and Annual Show
- 14th December – Christmas Supper

For more information about KFWI, please contact President Val Tait on 748722

Thank You Slot

North Yorkshire Women's Refuge – Janet Crampton passes on many thanks to everyone who has supported the appeal for home goods for women starting out afresh after spending some time at the women's refuge. The high quality of the goods and the generosity of your donations has been very much appreciated by the Refuge, and also by the eventual recipients.



Dog-Owners – thank you to those who are responsible about clearing up after pets but there are still quite a few (you know who you are) who repeatedly fail to scoop it up. We're asking nicely, but the next step will be to invite the Dog Warden to come to the village on regular surveillance!

We've also had a request from home owners around the Village Green not to let dogs off the leash and allow them to go into gardens, where they sometimes make a mess. Please keep them under control.



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Parish Council Meetings

Meeting dates for the rest of 2017 are 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.