

Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter Nov/Dec 2017

All the Best for Christmas and the New Year

The Parish Council extends seasonal greetings to everyone in the village, and to all your friends and family who visit regularly.

We wish you a happy time at Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year.



Notes from the November Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council made several decisions of note:

Village Precept – we have sufficient reserves to freeze the annual precept of £4,500 for another year (this is about the 4th or 5th time we've been able to do this). This will still allow us to fund village improvements and support village projects. We were asked to support the WWI celebrations (see item below) and, in particular, councillors were keen to provide a contribution to any lasting acknowledgement of our status as a Thankful Village. At present the only permanent signs are the clock on the church tower and the commemorative boards in the Church porch.

Beautifying the Snickets – many thanks to Joy Beardsworth and others who have provided plants for the pathway between Beech Close and Common Lane. They've made an attractive difference. If you have any surplus plants you're lifting or splitting, we would be glad to receive them (and especially if you're prepared to plant them too).

Leaf Clear Up – you will have noticed a massive clear up and bagging job has been done – and we may have a photograph for the next edition of the newsletter – but we hope you'll agree that it makes all the difference to the quality of the Village Green. Thank you Richard O'Neil for organising the Community Services workforce again this year. More work continues too on keeping the trees in good order and there'll be a piece about that next month.

Free Wi-Fi at the Village Hall

The Coore Memorial Hall now has a **free** WiFi service which has been installed so that Village Hall users may enjoy unlimited free broadband access to the internet when they are at the Village Hall.

The service should work with laptops, tablets and smartphones but you will need to enter the **Network Name** and **Password/Key** into the settings on your device. These details will be posted on the notice board in the main hall.

IMPORTANT - By connecting to the Wi-Fi service, users agree to be bound by the 'Terms of Use', which are also posted on the notice board alongside the network name and password.

ADVICE - the Wi-Fi service provided is an "open public network" and you are advised to avoid using it for online banking or any activity that involves sending personal financial details or other personally sensitive data.

Otherwise, please enjoy this new facility.

If you have any questions, ideas or comments, please forward them to Stephen Elmer at The Old Rectory or on 748595 or at stephen.elmer@scruton.net.



WWI Centenary Plans



A small committee has been formed to take plans forward to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI and the village's attribution of Thankful Village. Jackie Mainwaring-Taylor writes: *We were delighted with the positive response from everyone who came to the Preliminary Meeting on 15th November and entered into the discussion so enthusiastically. As a result, we now have a whole range of excellent ideas for events and activities as well as a suggestion that we should have a permanent reminder to commemorate the centenary of the end of WWI.*

The next stage will be to hold another meeting early in the New Year to decide what is possible, cost some of the ideas and begin to plan how to implement them. So please look out for further information and if you weren't able to come to the first meeting but have suggestions or would like to be involved please come to the next one or contact either Stephen Elmer (748595), Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor (748617) or Anthony Wood (748301).

AND please support the fundraising Coffee Morning on 16th December.

Dates for Your Diary

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

- ✦ **10th December – Charity Quiz** in The Coore Arms at 8.00 p.m. (see panel alongside)
- ✦ **16th December – Charity Coffee Morning in aid of the WWI Centenary Celebrations** (see article overleaf).
- ✦ **16th December – Festive Domino Drive**
- ✦ **17th December – the Spirit Draw** in The Coore Arms at 8.00 p.m.

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

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 Jackie Mainwaring-Taylor on 748617. Coffee mornings resume on 20th January 10-12 noon (but see note above about an extra one), and there'll be more information in the next newsletter about the good causes they'll support.

Screen Scruton

There'll be information on titles in the next newsletter but dates for your diary are screenings at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesdays 10th January 2018, 14th February (will be a "romantic" film), 14th March, 11th April, 9th May.

Voluntary Sector slot

The team running **Talking Newspapers** is urgently looking for two volunteers with some competence in computer and/or sound equipment to assist in the production of this wonderful service to people with visual impairment. Recordings take place in Northallerton Library once a month on a Monday evening.

If you're interested, please ring Ann or Alan on 772743 or contact ann431@btinternet.com.

Meanwhile, financial skills required – **The Friends of the Friarage** are looking to replace their Treasurer of some 22 years. This very worthwhile group has raised £6 million in its 60 years of activity.

Janet Crampton can put you in contact with the current Treasurer or Chairman if you're interested in knowing more about this post.

Kirkby Fleetham WI

All meetings at 7.00 or 7.30 p.m. (variable) in KF Village Hall unless stated otherwise. Next year's programme next month.

14th December – Christmas Supper

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

Thank you slot

Margaret Ward and Norma Slater would like to thank everyone who donated prizes for the Tombola, and to everyone who bought tickets to win them, because they made a very rewarding £365. The total proceeds of the Christmas Market was c. £1000. A very enjoyable event, and a great effort.

Ring in the New ...

The Coore Arms has changed hands and – though sad to be losing the Hendersons who have been wonderful hosts – we extend a welcome to Mark Brown, its new owner.

There are festive season events coming up:

– a Charity Christmas Quiz (this year in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance) on Sunday 10th December at 8.00 p.m. Cost £5 per head to include Quiz, Bingo and a light Supper.

– the Spirit Draw on 17th December at 8.00 p.m.

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Parish Council Meetings

Dates for 2018 are 11th January, 8th March, 12th April (Annual Parish Meeting), 17th May (Annual General Meeting), 12th July, 13th September, 8th 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.