

Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter March 2018



Knit and Natter



Come along and knit or crochet poppies for the Centenary Celebrations. No experience needed, help is on hand to get novices started. Bring along your own needles and some red wool.

2.00-4.00 p.m. in the Village Hall Thursdays
1st March, 5th April, 3rd May and 7th June.

More dates to be announced in due course.

Notes from the last Parish Council Meeting

Village Green – it was agreed to consult Greensleeves to see whether further improvement to the quality of grass was needed. Constant shedding from the lime trees means there is always brash on the grass. Agreement was reached on which trees in the village needed pruning/attention.

Litter – as has been reported in the past, a lot of litter is being deposited in our lanes. We have made representations and it's gratifying to see that a lot has been cleared away. It's a perennial problem, however, with no easy answer as people seem unconcerned about the antisocial mess they create by abandoning rubbish.

Pot Holes – the state of Common Lane has been reported and it is noted that some work has been done on some of the holes. We have followed this up to urge that all of them are mended with a permanent fix rather than a seemingly half-hearted, half-executed attempt.



Afternoon Tea

Saturday

31st March 2018

2.30-5.00 p.m.

Afternoon team will be served in the Village Hall as the first fundraiser in aid of our village WWI Centenary Celebrations.

This is a ticketed event – numbers are limited and cost £5 per person. Have you got your tickets yet?

They are available from Mary Clarke on 748267 and Sandra Johnston on 748363.

WWI Centenary Plans

Plans are shaping up for a range of activities over the next 9 or 10 months offering something for everyone.

It all starts on 31st March with an Afternoon Tea (see item above), and on 28th April an Evening Concert Party "Scruton's Got Talent". On 5th May we'll be witnessing the Tour de Yorkshire as it passes the village at the lane end, and on Thursday 7th June we're invited on a coach tour to the National Arboretum being organised by Anthony Wood (call him on 748301 if you're interested in going).

The Big Lunch is on 10th June with more information coming out soon. Saturday 16th June is the date of the Village Fete which this year will have an Edwardian Theme and there will be an Edwardian Garden Party on 22nd July at The Old Rectory.

On Saturday 28th July or 4th August (date to be decided but to be coinciding with the day war broke out in 1914) a Community Toddling/Walking/Jogging/Riding Challenge will be held involving anyone and everyone regardless of age to help us achieve a distance target – perhaps based on Scruton-to-the-Somme – with everyone contributing their bit whether a toddle round the playing field, a 4 mile walk or bike/horse-ride, or something even longer for keen riders and cyclists. Specially themed films in the autumn Screen Scruton programme, and a play about Thankful Villages will also be put on to entertain us; plus another Edwardian Christmas at Scruton Station and a whole weekend of activities to mark Remembrance Sunday weekend.

Dates and times and details for some of these are yet to be finalised. Watch out for more information in future newsletters, on notice-boards, and please sign up to Network Scruton if you're not already registered for detailed information and breaking news as plans develop.



Dates for Your Diary

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

-  **14th March – Screen Scruton - Gifted**
-  **16th March – Welcome Evening**
7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall (see article alongside).
-  **22nd March** – meeting in the Village Hall for Centenary Events organisers.
-  **31st March – Afternoon Tea** (see article overleaf).
-  **11th April – Screen Scruton - *Another Mother's Son***
-  **28th April – Scruton's Got Talent** (more details in due course)
-  **9th May – Screen Scruton - *Victoria & Abdul***
-  **10th June – Big Lunch** (more details in due course)
-  **16th June – Village Fete**

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 resumed in January and will be held on 17th February, 17th March, 21st April, 19th May between 10-12 noon. More information in the next newsletter about the good causes they'll support.

Screen Scruton

Wed 14th March

Wed 11th April

Wed 9th May

Kirkby Fleetham WI

All meetings at 7.15 p.m. in KF Village Hall unless stated otherwise

- 8th March – Marco Circus by Marco Taylor
- 12th April – Hands On Craft Evening
- 10th May – A Year behind the Veil – Ingrid Kilner
- 14th June – Fashion Show by Cancer Relief Charity Shop
- 12th July – Alpacas by Colin & Audrey Grimston
- 13th September – Festive Wreaths & Garlands by Keeley Metcalf
- 11th October – Nursing to Archaeology – Professor Charlotte Roberts
- 8th November – AGM and Annual Show
- 13th December – Christmas Supper

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

Bedale Community Mini-Bus

... is available for groups/individuals – contact Anthony Wood on 748301 for more details about this offer.



Welcome Evening

A Welcome Evening for villagers old and new has been set for Friday 16th March. It will be held in the village hall and will commence at 7.00 pm.

All newcomers to the village that have been identified will receive an invitation through their letterbox; if anybody does not receive an invitation, however, please make contact with Avryl Pearson on 748419 or email her at avryljean@gmail.com, or pop into 14 Beech Close.

All villagers are encouraged to come along to meet the new people. There will be a finger buffet and bar and a chance to circulate and chat.

If you require further information, please let Avryl know.

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Parish Council Meetings

Dates for 2018 are 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.