

Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter April 2018

WWI Centenary Challenge

Help the village achieve a community challenge of a 'notional' target number of miles – 303 or multiples of it (which represents Scruton to Ypres) on **4th August**. A route and a distance for everyone. So ... toddlers 303 yards, walkers average 3.03 miles, runners/casual cyclists/horse riders 8-10 miles, keen cyclists and bikers 30.3 miles. We'll be starting at a central point in the village, perhaps finishing with a barbecue but this is still to be worked out. For those of you not around on the 4th August, you can still contribute to achieving the target. More information as plans firm up next month.



Grow with Joe

Joe Lofthouse, who works in the vegetable garden at Harlow Carr, has kindly agreed to give us a talk on vegetable growing the RHS way on Thursday 19th April at 7.30 pm. £5 entrance on the door at the Village Hall which includes a glass of wine. Everyone welcome. If you would like more information email Chris Snell on chrisandjanesnell@icloud.com



1918-2018 Exhibition

Call for Objects

As part of the programme of commemorative events planned for 2018, a small team is proposing to create a community exhibition of objects, photographs and stories relating to the First World War from families living in (or connected with) the parish of Scruton today.

It could be a photograph of a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent; a letter or postcard sent home; an object sent or brought home such as a piece of trench art (brass shell); an item of uniform such as a cap badge or shoulder title or something relating to the experiences of a family member on the home front. Equally, it could be a story, a snapshot of someone's war that brings one aspect of the conflict into focus.

It doesn't matter whether your family were living in Scruton during the First World War period or not – what is going to unite the objects we put together, is the fact that they will all highlight different aspects of the First World War, and indeed different theatres of war, collectively telling the whole story.

The exhibition will run over the course of a weekend during October or November in the village hall. Images of the objects loaned and their accompanying stories will then form part of a publication which will be one of several permanent legacies of the commemorations.

At this stage, please just start thinking about what your family might be able to contribute to the exhibition. We will be sending out a more detailed form in the early summer, on which we will ask you to tell us more about your object, photograph or story, identifying where more research may be needed and address practical considerations for display.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you'd like more information or would like to get involved with this exciting project.

Virginia Arrowsmith, Janet Crampton,
Bridget Vickers, Joan Walker.
Community Exhibition project team



Could you volunteer a few hours on a weekly, fortnightly or even monthly basis to support a person living with dementia to do something they love?



Side by Side requires volunteers to support people with dementia on a one to one basis, to retain hobbies and interests or to take up new ones.

Whether you have a special talent or particular hobby you'd like to share with someone living with dementia, or if you'd like to learn a new skill from them, I'd love to hear from you.

For more information, contact Fiona Baker on 07826 867835 or fiona.baker@alzheimers.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary

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

-  **31st March – Afternoon Tea** (see article overleaf).
-  **11th April – Screen Scruton - *Another Mother's Son***
-  **12th April – Annual Parish Meeting**
-  **19th April – Scruton Allotments Society Talk** (see panel overleaf)
-  **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**
-  **22nd June – Edwardian Garden Party** (more details in due course)
-  **4th August – WWI Centenary Relay Challenge** (see panel overleaf)

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. Forthcoming coffee mornings will be held on 21st April, 19th May between 10-12 noon. More information in the next newsletter about the good causes they'll support.

Screen Scruton

Wed 11th April

Wed 9th May

Kirkby Fleetham WI

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

- 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

Village Green

Trevor Howe has sent in the following, now slightly abridged "The Parish Council has been maintaining the Village Green since 1895. In the 1960s, the Parish Rate was doubled to £65 p.a. for two years in order to purchase a powerful hand-mower to keep the Green in good order. The Village Green was officially registered in 1969 and in the 1980s the major part of the Green was designated a Conservation Area. In 1982 Tony Hoare started cutting the Green with an old tractor and grass mower until about 2010. This kept costs very low for the Parish Council but the decision eventually came to hire in a contractor to undertake a specified number of cuts per year. Last year we had treatment given to the grass too.

In 1950 the Parish Council had to intervene to stop a local timber merchant from cutting down the trees on the green and has been vigilant in maintaining them ever since. Around 2010 a comprehensive tree survey was carried out and considerable work was required which included taking out the dead tops of the 15 Lime Trees, all of which date from the mid-19th Century and have Preservation Orders on them. We have continued with a rolling programme of careful and professional tree maintenance ever since and the condition of the trees is inspected monthly. Healthy trees lead to heavy leaf fall every autumn, and healthy trees are thirsty, taking water from the Green around them, but also provide an effective wind break and greatly enhance our village scene".

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Parish Council Meetings

Dates for 2018 are 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.