Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter September 2018

Visitors to Scruton

On a sunny 11th July Scruton had visitors. A Mr. and Mrs. Scruton came all the way from Kansas City USA, with a friend from London, to visit their namesake village. They visited the Station first, insisting on having photos taken of themselves beside every sign that said 'Scruton'.

In the Visitors' Book they wrote the Station was an 'amazing place' and that it was 'a beautiful restoration', adding 'Thank you for the hospitality'.

They asked if Scruton was "an historical village with a pub and a church" and were assured by Joan & Keith Walker that indeed it was! They directed them to the rest of the village where they signed the Visitors' Book in St Radegund's Church.

Scruton has also had a visit from George Coore from Australia, a relative of the last squires of the village. Once again, he was delighted to see everything so well preserved and attractively presented. He enjoyed hearing about the history of the village and visiting all the sites guided by Trevor Howe.

Commemorative Walk

Huge thank you to the 76 participants in the village on the day (and more who participated at a distance). It was especially great to have so many families and young people, ranging in age from 3 to 13, joining in the fun.



The event was sponsored by Vale of Mowbray Pies, Steve Carver, Heck Sausages, Pets at Home (yes, free bandanas, dog treats and poo bags for the doggy participants). Early indications of the cumulative total exceeded 400 miles with more to be notified, and £400+ raised for the WWI fund. Big thanks to Chalky White (the "Great Procurer") who achieved a huge amount and drew in a lot of support. The Cricket Club provided a great base (thank you to Trevor Howe and his band of helpers) forming a super backdrop for the walk start and post-walk activities and providing an overnight base for campers too. Brilliant! More details on final numbers next month.



Local MBE

On behalf of the Parish Council and, I'm sure, the whole village, congratulations to RAF Sgt Kevin Stannard of Alban Coore Place who has been awarded a MBE for his work in youth engagement throughout the country.

He will receive his award on 5th February at Buckingham Palace from a member of the Royal Family with his wife and son present. Best wishes, Kev, for that great day and congratulations again on your achievement.

Localities Budget Grant

We are grateful to County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson for nominating the village for a Localities Budget grant in light of the year's programme of activities to commemorate the Centenary of WWI.

We are pleased to announce that £1400 has been awarded to us and the money has come in via the Parish Council.

Discussions are being held with the WWI Committee on how it can best be used so that we have maximum 'reach' to benefit the whole village.

This grant is in addition to the Parish Council's pledge of monies needed to support the general fundraising efforts of the village.



The Battle of the Standard

A series of events is being held to mark the 880 Anniversary of this famous landmark battle, now also known as The Battle of Northallerton:-

Saturday & Sunday 18th and 19th August - a two-day encampment on the Allertonshire East school playing fields demonstrating a medieval way of life, entrance free.

Monday 20th August - A Rotary Club talk by our very own Tony Wood on The Battle of the Standard "A case of Fake News?" If you're interested in coming to this, you will need to let Janet Crampton know so that you can be booked in to The Allerton Court for a meal (£10.95 for two courses).

Wednesday 22nd August - A Medieval Banquet at All Saints Church Northallerton, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. £30 per head for a multi course meal made to authentic recipes (but tweaked for 21st Century tastes). Minstrels, games, commemorative beaker and some drinks included in the price.

Friday 24th August - a lecture at The Forum by an eminent historian on the battle and how it changed the course of British history.

Sunday 26^{th} August - an open-air service at St Thomas's, Brompton.

For more information about timings etc, please contact Janet Crampton on 748321 or by emailing janetcrampton@btinternet.com.

Dates for Your Diary

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

- 8th September Screen Scruton Last Night of the Proms live from the Royal Albert Hall.
- 8th & 9th September − Scruton Station Heritage Open Days
- 15th September Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Scruton Station Upkeep – 10-12 in the Village Hall
- **5**th **October − Harvest Supper −** more details in next newsletter
- **7th October Harvest Service –** more details in next newsletter.
- 10th October Screen Scruton 'Journey's End' (2018 version).
- 18th & 19th October Bad Apple Theatre Company performance of 'A Thankful Village' (more details next month)

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. The next three coffee mornings are:

15th September Scruton Station 20th October St Radegund's Church 17th November Christmas Market

For a list of available dates in 2019 and for more information, please contact Jackie Mainwaring-Taylor on 748617.

Coffee mornings are held in the Village Hall from 10 a.m. -12 noon on the third Saturday of the month, organised by a team of volunteers and sponsored by St Radegund's church.

Kirkby Fleetham WI

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

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

Thank You

Janet Crampton sends heartfelt thanks to everyone who came to celebrate her birthday and who donated so very generously to her chosen charities. A sum of just under £950 was collected which, after some costs come off, raises enough for local charities and also to fund the cost of purchasing, storing and freighting a ShelterBox in response to the next world emergency crisis appeal.

For those of you who don't know about them, ShelterBoxes are sturdy plastic boxes the size of a large trunk containing a complete survival kit – tent, tools, blankets, water filtration systems, cooking utensils and a wood burning stove, as well as education packs and soft toys for children. The box itself provides secure dry storage and can be a table, workbench, or inverted to become a child's cot or playpen.

When bought, ShelterBoxes are held in storage for fast despatch to the next disaster – earthquake, tsunami, forest fire or whatever – and each one costs £590. Janet thanks you all for helping to raise the money for one.



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Parish Council Meetings

Dates for the rest of 2018 are 13^{th} September, and 8^{th} 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.