

Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter December 2018

Notes from the November Parish Council Meeting

Precept – At its November meeting, the Parish Council was able to agree that, for another year, we will be able to hold the precept at its current level. Our reserves are however becoming depleted and we want to give notice that we are likely to have to increase the precept in 2020/21. Meanwhile we will carry on with our programme of tree and maintenance on the village green.

Village Green – we are grateful once again to Richard O’Neil for organising leaf collection and to Dave Ward’s band of helpers to dispose of it all. The green has taken some knocks this year, not least because of work done by the Water authorities who left the areas where they were working in poor condition. These areas have been levelled and reseeded, and we shall be ensuring that these patches are restored. The trees around the green are being attended to this year too.

A Year of Commemoration

The last activities of the year ended with a wonderful Fireworks and Armistice Party on 11th November, followed by ‘A Soldier’s Homecoming’ and Edwardian Christmas at the Station. During the year we have had a lot of publicity of our history and our events, and the interest of ITV in featuring the village. All of this is written up in a commemorative souvenir edition of the newsletter, coming out with this regular news sheet.

The Parish Council has been pleased to support the WWI Committee in their ambitions to have a variety of events to suit all age groups, interests and preferences. Very appropriately there has been terrific *esprit de corps* and the events have given everyone lots of pleasure.

In particular, we are grateful to the WWI committee for ensuring that the shortfall between the Localities Grant and the cost of refurbishing the old signs and supplementing them with new Thankful Village signs on enlarged plinths is met from proceeds from the year of WWI Commemorative activities. At the time of writing this newsletter, one village sign has been replaced with the additional wording on the stone plinth at the south side of the village and we are hoping that the second will have been completed by the time you are reading this, and certainly before the calendar year end.



Compliments of the Season

Scruton has had an amazing year. We have commemorated our Thankful Village status and the centenary anniversary of the end of the First World War with gusto.

In great community spirit, people have enthusiastically supported and enjoyed a wide range of events, and the village has never looked lovelier. Hopefully next year will be as good for us all.



The Parish Council thanks you for your support in 2018 and wishes you all the best for 2019.

Christmas Tombola



Norma Slade and Margaret Moore

This lovely picture taken by Margaret Ward shows the extent of the festive tombola she and Norma Slade have been organising for the Christmas Market for the last few years.





This year they raised nearly £500.

Margaret and Norma send in their ‘many thanks to everyone who over the years have generously given prizes and their time helping us to raise money for charitable causes. Our thanks include all who bought tickets.

We’ve had a lot of fun but we are bowing out now, leaving a vacancy for some others to fill in future years. Anyone wishing to fill the gap, and prepared to take on this annual tombola, please ring Avryl Pearson on 748419’.

Dates for Your Diary

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

-  **12th December – Screen Scruton presents *The Shape of Water***
-  **15th December – Charity Coffee Morning 10 a.m. - 12 noon**
-  **9th January – Screen Scruton** [see panel alongside]
-  **19th January – Annual Festive Coffee Morning - 10 a.m. - 12 noon**, the proceeds of which fund the running costs at coffee mornings supporting the rest of the year's charitable causes.

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

These are held in the Village Hall from 10-12 on the third Saturday of most months, organised by a team of volunteers and sponsored by St Radegund's church.

So far this year, we have raised almost £3,500 and eight different charities have benefitted.

The next Charity Coffee Morning will be on 15th December and the annual Festive Coffee Morning will be on 19th January 2019. A list of forthcoming dates and the charities they will be benefiting will be included in the January newsletter.

Everyone is welcome, so please join us if you can.

We are always happy to have new volunteers so, if you are willing to help, even on just one Saturday in the year, please contact Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor (748617).

The Village Charity Christmas Card

... is included in this envelope this year, and we send thanks to Joan Walker and all those who organised and supported this community-minded fundraising venture raising money for worthy charities.

Kirkby Fleetham WI

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

13th December – Christmas Supper

The programme for 2019 will be included in next month's newsletter.

For more information about KFWI, please contact

Screen Scruton

The dates for Screen Scruton 2019 are Wednesdays 9th January, 13th February, 13th March, 10th April.

As usual: all films are in the village hall, doors open 7pm, film starts 7:30pm, free admission (donations invited) and bring your own drinks & nibbles.

Along with this newsletter, enclosed in the envelope, is a short list voting slip so that film devotees can have their preferences taken into account.

1. Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again
2. Edie
3. The Children Act
4. Alpha
5. Mission Impossible - Fallout
6. The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society
7. Isle of Dogs
8. First Man

Voting

Anyone receiving the voting slip, or indeed anyone of Screen Scruton's patrons from neighbouring villages, may vote for a MAXIMUM of FOUR films from the list by sending an email to me (stephen.elmer@scruton.net).

Closing date for voting is **Friday 28 December 2018**.

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Parish Council Meetings 2019

Forthcoming dates are 10th January, 14th March, 11th April (APM), 9th May (AGM), 11th July, 12th September, and 14th 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.