



Scruton News



Scruton Parish Council

December 2019



Happy Christmas
to all
Our Readers!



Remember November!

Christmas Market

Scruton Christmas Market, organised this year by Avryl Pearson with support from Carol Barron, raised a staggering total of **£1,431** for the Motor Neurone Disease Association!

A team of volunteers erected and dismantled the tea tent and several residents provided heaters, while Calvert Carpets kindly donated a carpet for the floor.

Many villagers contributed by providing home-made cakes, preserves and refreshments or serving food, washing up and running stalls. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, the Tombola, run by Rod & Josie Wilson, was a huge success. Bacon butties were a hot favourite with bacon donated by The Vale of Mowbray and John & Jenny McGuckin. Chris & Carol Barron supplied the bread rolls.

Avryl says, "A big THANK YOU is due to everyone who helped and to all the independent stall holders and of course to those who came to the market to buy gifts or enjoy the food and drink and made such generous donations".

St Radegund's Charity Christmas Card

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Scruton Christmas card this year – the cards are now all sold! (although there are still a few available to buy from earlier years). Everyone in the village will receive a Scruton Christmas Card with a copy of the signature greetings.



The sheets for signatures will be in the Church until mid-December. Donations may be put in the wall safe by the main door or given to Joan Walker (24 The Parklands). Proceeds this year are in support of St Radegund's Church Fabric Fund.

Scruton Quiz Night

Anthony Wood reports that just over **£730** was raised at the Village Quiz on 22nd November. The fifty people who attended were challenged by an ingenious 'Round-the-World' audio-visual quiz created by Tony Wood and Stephen Elmer.

A delicious buffet supper, organised by Janet Crampton, was served in the interval and Janet would like to thank all those who created tasty dishes for the supper. Thanks are also due to John & Jenny who organised the raffle and to Rory Clarke & John Vickers who ran the bar; not forgetting everyone who helped clear away afterwards!

The money raised goes to the Church Fabric Fund (notably for the renovation of the lychgate).



Edwardian Christmas at Scruton Station

Sunday 8th December 2019, 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Admission: Adults £2.50, Children Free!

Come and join us at our beautifully restored station, set-dressed for Christmas in Edwardian style, with festive music and traditional children's activities. The admission price includes a glass of mulled wine or non-alcoholic fruit punch and home made mince pies. Fruit juice, Christmas biscuits and craft activities for children.

Firework Display

A fine night on 9th November contributed to the success of the **Thankful Village Firework Display** on Scruton Playing Field. The pyrotechnic extravaganza, masterminded by Mark Gatenby and Greg Clapham, was organised by SPFA and enjoyed by a family crowd estimated to exceed 300, some of whom followed the entertainment with a hot buffet supper and drinks at the Coore Arms.

The evening was funded at a cost of £1800 raised by local business sponsors and quiz nights at the Coore Arms during the year. A further **£600** was raised on the night which the organisers say will roll forward to an even bigger and better display next year! Look out for more fundraising events at the Coore Arms in 2020!

The organisers would like to thank all the business sponsors for their generosity: Charnley Fertilisers, Coore Arms, Exelby Services, Greg Clapham, Lifetime Home Improvements, Liz Dennison Property, Procters Coaches, Stephen Carver, Total Recycling Services and Vale of Mowbray.

Nature Notes



by Andy Johnston

A number of people have recently seen a hedgehog feeding on the village green (see photo thanks to Jane Snell). Due to the warm late summer many hedgehogs produced young in September, which puts them at risk of gaining insufficient weight to survive the winter. With the warm, wet autumn that we have had there have been lots of slugs and snails for hedgehogs to eat, so our it may well be lucky.



However there is the distinct chance that this winter could be very cold. Current sun spot activity is very low and we are in a phase known as the Grand Solar Minimum, which can have a major cooling impact on our weather. Already northern parts of US, Canada and Russia have experienced very early blizzards. Time to get the goose grease out!!

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Dates for Your Diary

Sun 8th Dec. Edwardian Christmas: 1pm to 4:30pm at Scruton Station, Adults £2.50 mulled wine or fruit punch, Children free.

Wed 11th Dec. Screen Scruton: is showing "Fisherman's Friends" Doors open at 7:00pm for film at 7:30pm at the Coore Memorial Hall. Contact Stephen Elmer to reserve seats.

Sun 22nd Dec. Nine Lessons and Carols: 6:30pm at St Radegund's Church, with mulled wine and mince pies.

Tue 24th Dec. Midnight Holy Communion: 11:30pm at St Helen, Ainderby Steeple, led by Rev Jenni Lane.

Wed 25th Dec. Christmas Morning Family Service: 9:30am at St Radegund, Scruton, led by Rev Jenni Lane.

January 2020

Sat 18 Jan. Festive Get Together Coffee Morning: 10am – 12 noon at the Coore Memorial Hall. No cake stall but there will be a Raffle and donations of prizes and surplus Christmas edibles (mince pies, cake and biscuits etc.) would be appreciated.

St Radegund's Charity Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings are organised by a team of volunteers, sponsored by the Local Church Council. They are held in the Coore Memorial Hall from 10am – 12noon on the 3rd Saturday each month, except for a summer break from June to August.

In 2019, a total of **£2,103** was raised in support of: Village Fireworks, New Fete Tents, Scruton Station, Marie Curie, Tiny Ticklers, Motor Neurone Disease and St Radegund's Church. If you have any suggestions for charities or local causes for next year or would be willing to help out, please contact Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor on 748 617.

Come along to a Coffee Morning next year; chat to friends and neighbours; get to know more people in the village over a nice cup of tea or coffee ...and help raise funds for good causes!

Kirkby Fleetham WI

All meetings at 7.15 p.m. in KF Village Hall

12th Dec - Christmas Supper at the Reubens, Leeming Bar

For more information, please contact the President, Helen Lunn, 01609 748582, helenlunn123@gmail.com

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Screen Scruton

Wed 11th December at 7:30pm



The **Fisherman's Friends** are a male singing group from Cornwall who are offered a record deal which aims to achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of Sea Shanties. Staring James Purefoy, Meadow Nobrega & David Hayman.

No charge for admission but donations for the village hall. Contact: Stephen Elmer.

Vote for your choice of films in 2020. See the voting sheet delivered with this newsletter.

Notes From the Parish Council

Village Green Leaf Clearance

The *Yorkshire Community Rehab Group* have begun the annual clear up of leaves on the Village Green. This takes a lot of effort each year but remember, the leaves make a big environmental contribution to the planet by absorbing CO2 and emitting oxygen. The clear up of the dead leaves is necessary to uncover the spring bulbs - snowdrops, early daffodils, crocus and anemones - which have been planted on the Green over the last 40 years and which will be on show from December to May. The Community Rehab Group will carry out other work around the Village.

Parish Precept to Increase

The Parish Council have opted to increase the Parish Precept (the amount Hambleton District Council forwards for village maintenance) from the previous £4,250 to £5,000 in an effort to cover any unforeseen events within the village. The previous amount has remained at the same level since 2013.

The next meeting of Scruton Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th January 2020.

The deadline for the next edition is Friday 27th December
Please email any copy to stephen.elmer@scruton.net

Parish Council Meetings 2020

2020: Thursday 9th January
Thursday 12th March
Thursday 9th April – Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 14th May – Annual General Meeting

All Meetings are 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.

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