

Scruton Parish Council



Village Newsletter June/July 2019

Notes from the May SPC Meeting and AGM

As a result of the Parish Council election, the following 5 people were appointed:

Simon Britton
Trevor Howe
Phill Langan
Syd Nye
Mike Widmer

More details of the councillors alongside and overleaf.

Elections & Roles – At the AGM, the following appointments were made:

- ☉ SPC Chairman – **Mike Widmer**
- ☉ Vice Chair – **Syd Nye**
- ☉ Village Hall Reps – **Syd Nye, Phill Langan**
- ☉ Scruton Charities – **Chris Barron**
- ☉ Playing Field Association – **Trevor Howe, Phill Langan**
- ☉ Clerk – **Chris Barron**
- ☉ Internal Auditor – **Craig Spence**
- ☉ Newsletter – **Stephen Elmer from July '19 edition**

Brian Phillips remains our District Council elected member. **Annabel Wilkinson** remains our North Yorkshire Council Councillor.

This is the 180th (and final) edition of the Newsletter produced by Janet Crampton on behalf of the Parish Council.

Production of the newsletter will transfer to Stephen Elmer from the July edition onwards and we wish him well in that role.

Janet thanks everyone who has kept her supplied with items for the newsletter over the years and she knows that Stephen Elmer will appreciate that input too.

Janet especially thanks **Richard & Barbara Zealley** for printing the newsletter, and **Jane Meeres, Margaret Sharp, Gordon McQuillen, Angela Smith, Val Tait, Joan & Keith Walker** for distributing it.

Pen Pictures of your Scruton Parish Councillors

Mike Widmer – Chairman 2019-2021 – Mike has resided in the parish for 22 years. An Accountant by profession, Mike spent most of his career in general management including financial management of the steelwork on the Thames Barrier, and working for 2 years as Finance Director and 10 as CEO and Managing Director of Arriva North East Bus Company. He retired in 1999 and became an amateur greyhound trainer and semi-professional punter but retired from both in 2006.

Mike joined SPC in 2015 before which he audited its accounts for a couple of years, and he still audits the Scruton Cricket Club books. He became well-known and was very active in successfully resisting the threat of mineral and waste extraction and he has represented SPC on the District Council's local parish committees and forums since joining. Mike is appreciative of being elected chairman of the Parish Council and says he is looking forward to the challenges of the next two years.

Syd Nye – Vice Chair 2019-2021 – Syd and his wife Karen moved into the village in 2004; his career was in the Royal Marines then the Police from which he retired as a Chief Inspector. Until last month Syd was an active football referee, but has now retired from refereeing in order to devote more time for village activities. Syd thanks villagers for their votes and hopes to make a positive contribution by using all his planning experience to benefit the village.

Simon Britton – Simon lives in the village with fiancée Sally and 11-month old son Harry. Simon co-owns George F White, a Property and Business Consultancy firm employing over 100 people across the North of England, and he is based in the Yorkshire office in Bedale. Simon put his name forward to be on the Parish Council in order to preserve what is so good about Scruton village, to help move it forward in a positive manner and embrace communication for all and particularly with younger residents who are the future of the village.

Trevor Howe – Trevor is a very well-known and long-established resident of the village, having grown up in Scruton surrounded by an extensive family. Trevor has served on the Parish Council for many years, and he is passionate about village conservation and our local history. He is an ardent champion of trees and the village green. Trevor was the prime mover in re-establishing Scruton Cricket Club which he currently still chairs, and he actively supports all other village enterprises.

(contd overleaf)

Key Date for Your Diary

38th Annual
Scruton Village Fête

2019

1:30 pm
Saturday 15th June
at Scruton Playing Field
Sorry - No dogs

Entrance £1.00
Children Free

Great fun for all the family!!!

ENTERTAINMENT: Steel String Band, Encore School of Dance,
Ainderby School Singers

EXHIBITS: Classic Cars and Commercial Vehicles, Vintage
Machinery, Hawkstone Birds of Prey (static display)

ALL YOUR FAVOURITE STALLS: Books, Plants, Toys, Face
Painting, Eric-a-brac, Tombola, Home Made Cakes
and much more!!!

CATERING: Hot Food, Cream Teas, Ice Cream, Beer Tent
Traditional Games, Children's Play Area
AND GRAND FINALE RAFFLE!!!

Kirkby Fleetham WI

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

- 13th Jun Open Meeting
- 11th July *Teddy Bears*, by Martin Curzon
- 12th Sep Talk by ex-British Diplomat & Author, Jean Harrod
- 10th Oct *Vintage Ball Gowns*, Pam Towse
- 14th Nov AGM & Annual Show
- 12th Dec Christmas Supper (destination to be confirmed)

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Pen Pictures (contd)

Phill Langan sent in the following piece about himself: "I was brought up in rural Dumfriesshire leaving to pursue my degree. During my degree years I qualified for and subsequently attended the RMA Sandhurst but injury ultimately led me to leave and enter the Police Service, retiring in mid-2017 with 30 years service completed.

Retirement has made me 'time rich', concentrating fully on my own interests/hobbies and supporting my wife's career and son's sporting interests. Since moving to the area in February 2018 I have watched, listened about and absorbed village life, getting to know folks, to integrate and enjoy all on offer. I play on the Darts and Cricket Team and have used village facilities with my family.

I both respect and value the village's past, its legacies and traditions but to evolve, be relevant and more inclusive requires one to move forwards; after all, 'new blood' was asked for."



Congratulations to Alan Moore of Scruton Lodge who has just celebrated his **100th Birthday**. A wonderful achievement for someone who has had an adventurous, full and varied life. Congratulations Alan!

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Parish Council Meetings 2019

Forthcoming dates are 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.