

# Scruton News

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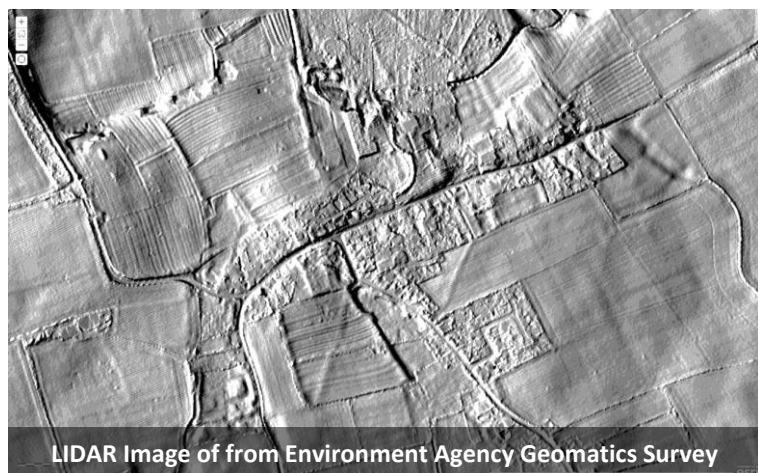
## Amazing 'LIDAR' Image Reveals Scruton's Ancient Past

by Malcolm Barker

Whilst working long hours I often think about those who worked upon the land before me and their lives. Listening to Radio 4 helps pass the time and I recently came across a programme about the use of LIDAR in archaeology (think **L**ight **r**a**D**AR). A search on Google revealed images of Scruton showing the ground level with all of the

buildings removed. It was like looking from above at the village 700 years ago. The rigs and furrows of the fields showed up, also some moats as well as ancient paths. What surprised me was that I could also see ancient ditches following unexpected courses and fish ponds which were kept by the Lord of the Manor. Almost every acre in the

Parish was ploughed before the Black Death wiped out so much of the population. With a shortage of villains it became customary for the Lords to create parkland for their use. It seems strange, in a time of global pandemic, to be able to look back into the shadows of the village which was here before the first global pandemic.



LIDAR Image of from Environment Agency Geomatics Survey



Image of Scruton from Google Earth

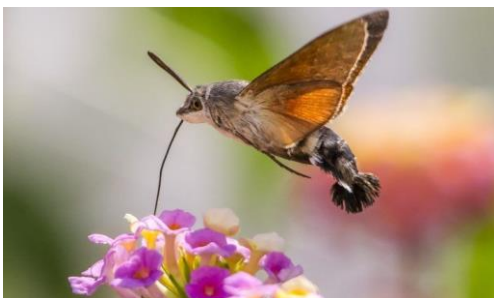


## Nature Notes

By Andy Johnston

At this time of year, with many flowers in full bloom, butterflies are evident, especially brimstone, peacock, red admiral and small tortoiseshell.

Occasionally we have a huge influx of painted ladies from Africa. We also have day flying moths but they tend to be small and drab. However, one surprising variety found in the village is the humming-bird hawkmoth. It mimics a hummingbird in the manner in which it puts its large proboscis into flowers to feed on the nectar (see photo).



Spectacular hawkmoths can be seen in late evening and may have highly coloured wing spans of two to three inches. The swifts will leave in the next week and already flocks of lapwing and geese are feeding on the stubble.

Where has the summer gone?

## Coore Arms Reopens!

The Coore Arms has been refurbished and deep cleaned. Official guidelines have been implemented throughout the premises for your safety and the team is eager to serve you from a new summer menu!

Landlord Mark Brown says, "Whether you're joining us for a drink, booking a table to dine or collecting a takeaway, everything is now ready - *we just need our customers to come back!*"

For reservations, call 01609 748 215 or text 07715 2526 899. Check out the website for the latest opening times.

## Village Hall Reopens

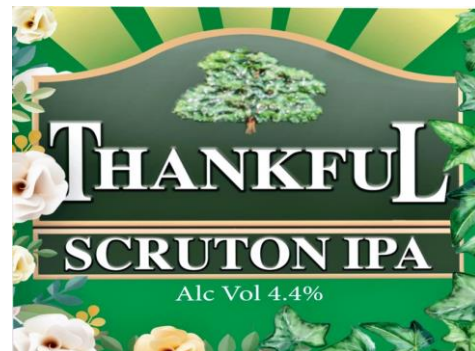
The Coore Memorial Hall is now available for bookings. The Management Committee have carried out a thorough risk assessment and measures have been put in place to keep the premises Covid-19 secure. To maintain social distancing, events will be limited to no more than 10 people for the time being.

The Saturday Art Group resumed in July and much appreciated the efforts made to enable their return. All guidelines were followed and "no one felt at risk". The Group has rebooked two more dates.

All Hall enquiries to Rory Clarke on 01609 748 267.

## 'Let us be Thankful'

Scruton now has its own ale, '**Thankful Scruton IPA**', inspired by our special status as one of only 56 villages whose soldiers all returned home from WWI. At the end of the Great War, villagers raised money for a peace memorial in the form of a clock which was installed on the church tower in 1921 as a symbol of thankfulness.



The first 36 cases of Thankful Ale are sold, but more will be available soon at £25 per case (10 bottles), including a free draw to win a Yorkshire Fruit Cake Company Hamper! Contact Richard Burton-White on 07545 123 856.

Proceeds from the sale of Thankful Ale will be split between the Cricket Club, Scruton Families Day and a celebration (hopefully next year) at St Radegund's Church commemorating 100 years since the dedication of the Clock.





## Look Back in Time

by the 'Time Traveller'

**August 2000** saw Scruton celebrating St. Radegund's Feast Day (13 August) with a church service and barbecue.

**Saint Radegund\*** (c.520 - 587) was a princess of Thuringia (now Germany). She was taken by King Clotaire I to become one of his five wives. Clotaire may have mistreated her, but it was probably her Christian faith and her brother's murder which prompted Radegund's escape to join the church. Unusually for a woman at that time, Radegund was literate and became the popular deaconess of a French abbey. An early vegan, her extreme asceticism may have been her way of gaining control over her life at a time when the destiny and status of women was predetermined by men. Radegund stands out as an intelligent and independent woman. She is also unique in that her sainthood was gained not through martyrdom, as was the case with most holy women of the time, but through her pious and devout life. When the church is open look on the north wall to see the window where she is depicted.



*\*Radegund is a patron saint of Jesus College, Cambridge and only five parish churches in England are dedicated to her name - ed.*

## Thank You Slot

Janet Crampton has received a greetings card from the Chief Executive of South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, thanking Scruton for all our contributions of 'treats' for patients and staff which were delivered to the hospital in April. In addition, the team running South Tees Hospitals Charity sends "a huge thank you to Scruton village for supporting our front line staff as part of the Covid-19 appeal". The card and letter will be displayed on the village notice board.



## Message from the Rectory

**St Radegund's Church** - The risk assessment is complete and essential cleaning done in readiness for **Holy Communion at 9:30 am on Sunday 2 August**. Face coverings and social distancing will apply and you will be given a printed service which you may bring to future services, a list of which will be displayed in the Church porch.

**From Rev'd Jenni Lane** - Part of me will miss the camaraderie of our online Sunday worship. It will be strange to begin a service without checking first if there is anyone in the 'waiting room' and that everyone is 'unmuted'!

In these uncertain times, kindness and love have come to the fore. Paul Chubb, our Licensed Lay Minister, has tirelessly sent out copies of services and hosted online worship. The church wardens have looked after the empty buildings and deciphered news from both the Gov't and C of E. Our admin assistant has pulled the legal stuff together. Dedicated gardeners have kept our grounds beautiful. Many other people have supported and loved their neighbours.

So, this is me, saying thank-you to you all. We journey on in faith, hope and, most importantly, love.



## Scruton Sky at Night

by Peter Williams

Comet NEOWISE was visible low in the north sky during July, and with darker skies, will still be visible during the first weeks of August. Look out for it now – it won't be back for 6,800 years!



Mars will become a bright, spectacular object in the early morning sky, high in the south. At this time no other object can rival it except Venus and the Moon. The planet is receiving a great deal of attention at the moment as the UAE and China have launched spacecraft towards it in July. The US rover 'Perseverance' should hopefully have successfully launched by the time you are reading this. All 3 craft are due to arrive around February next year. The UAE craft 'Hope' is an orbiter, but the Chinese and US are landers.

One of the best meteor showers of the year will peak during the early hours of the morning on 12 and 13 August. These meteors are called the Perseids. Expect to see 80 or more meteors per hour. Viewing conditions should be fair but the Moon, which is just past quarter in the morning sky, may interfere somewhat.

Keep well & stay safe - ed.



## Parish Council Meetings 2020

All Parish Council meetings are suspended until further notice.

## Do you have any items for Scruton News?

Please email: [stephen.elmer@scruton.net](mailto:stephen.elmer@scruton.net)

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