

Scruton News

Scruton Parish Council

March 2020



Welcome Evening

7 pm on Friday 27 March 2020
at the Coore Memorial Hall

An opportunity for everyone to meet
and welcome newcomers to Scruton

Includes a finger buffet, soft drinks
and licensed bar available.

If you are new to the village, you should receive an invitation through your letterbox. If this has not arrived by 29 February, please make contact with Avryl Pearson (01609 748419, 07967 928911 or avryljean@gmail.com)

All villagers are encouraged to attend. For catering purposes, kindly let Avryl know if you will be attending by 16 March.

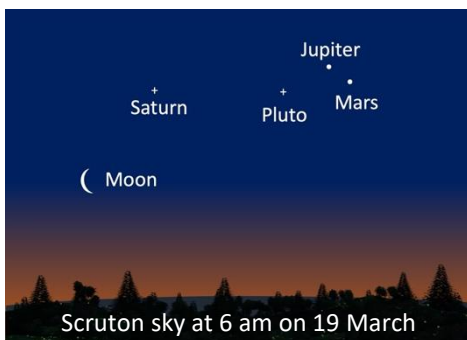


Scruton Sky at Night

by Peter Williams

The second of this year's 'supermoons' will occur on the evening of 9 March.

On the morning of 19 March at around 6 am there will be a very thin crescent moon with several planets adjacent as shown in the image below. You should at least be able to see Jupiter & Mars.



On 24 March in the evening, Venus will reach its greatest elongation from the Sun, and will be a very bright object. After that, it will slowly fall sun-ward, but will still be bright for a few more months. You should be able to see the moon and Venus high up in the SW sky on 28 March at around 4pm in the afternoon - quite unusual.

Finally, British Summer Time begins at 2:00 am on 29 March. The clocks go forward 1 hour and as the skies become lighter, sightings will be less easy.

Vote For Scruton!

Wonderful Village Photo

The Coore Memorial Hall committee have entered the picture shown below into Allied Westminster's "Wonderful Village" competition. The theme of the competition is *Village Life - a photo which characterises the value of community in your village*. The competition aims to celebrate village life and especially the contribution that village halls and people doing things make to the sense of community.



You can vote online at

www.alliedwestminster.com

Click on the link to the 'Wonderful Villages' competition and follow the instructions for voting. Be sure to select Scruton's picture from the gallery (you may need to scroll through several pages), click on our photo to select it and then click on the VOTE button. Multiple votes by one person for the same picture will not be counted so *please pass this request onto as many different friends and family as possible!* If we are lucky, the village hall could win up to £1,500 (100% of any winnings will go to the Coore Memorial Hall).

St Radegund's Lent Lunch

Thurs 26 March, 12 noon to 2 pm
at the Coore Memorial Hall



Please join us with family, friends or on your own, for a simple meal of home-made soup with fresh bread rolls.

Donations to St Radegund's Church.

Nature Notes



By Andy Johnston

February has proven to be an extremely wet and windy month with the Swale breaking its banks on three occasions.



The large areas of flood land have attracted blackheaded and herring gulls, together with lapwing, golden plover and curlew, all of which will be dispersing to their breeding grounds within the next week or two.

For those of you who frequently walk by the Swale look out for a Great White Egret that has regularly been seen locally. It is the size of a grey heron and quite spectacular.

Oystercatchers and grey wagtails are returning, and the first of our summer migrants, the chiffchaff, should be here in the next few days.

Spring flowers are much in evidence, including early cherry blossom, hellebores and crocus on the village green. Finally on Sunday I saw my first butterfly, a brimstone!



Thank You Slot

Alan Harpley would like to thank all those who helped to make his 82nd birthday so memorable, and for their generosity, kind words and amusing cards.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 11 Mar – Screen Scruton

Will be showing Downton Abbey. Contact Stephen Elmer to reserve seats. *Film starts at 7:30 pm (Doors open at 7:00 pm) at the Coore Memorial Hall.*

Sat 21 Mar – Charity Coffee Morning

In aid of Friends of Ainderby Steeple School. Organised by St. Radegund's Church (contact Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor on 748617 for details, or to help at future events). Donations for the raffle and cake stall would be appreciated. *From 10 am – 12 noon at the Coore Memorial Hall.*

Wed 25 Mar – S L E D

Call Bozz for details (748357). *7:00 pm for 7:30, at the Coore Arms.*

Thur 26 Mar – Lent Lunch

Join us for homemade soup & bread. *12 – 2 pm at the Coore Memorial Hall.*

Fri 27 Mar – Welcome Evening

An opportunity for residents to meet and welcome newcomers to Scruton. With buffet supper and licensed bar available. Everyone welcome. *7:00 pm at the Coore Memorial Hall.*

Tue 31 Mar – Book Club

Meets at 7:30 pm. Contact Janet Crampton (07540 503030) for details.

Fri 17 Apr – Quiz Night on the big screen.

Buffet supper, raffle and licensed bar available. Tickets: £10 per person, from Anthony Wood (07885 654795). *Quizzing starts at 7:30 pm in the Coore Memorial Hall.*

Sun 26 Apr – 'Clapham Junction'

Sale of antiques, vintage and curio items for the home; plants, pots, stoneware and benches for the garden. Refreshments available. *From 11 am to 2 pm at the Coore Memorial Hall.*

Screen Scruton

Wed 11 Mar, 7:30 pm in the Village Hall

Downton Abbey - The Crawley family and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from King George V and Queen Mary will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance...



Doors open 7 pm, bring your own drinks & nibbles. No admission charge but donations welcome for the village hall. Contact: Stephen Elmer.

Kirkby Fleetham WI

New Members Welcome

All meetings start at 7.15pm in Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month.

12 Mar – Hear how the Street Angels keep members of the public safe

9 Apr – Treasures of the River Wear by Gary Bankhead

14 May - From Forensics to Crime Fiction by Susan Parry

11 Jun – Flower Demonstration by Charlotte Roberts

For more details contact Helen Lunn on 01609 748582 or email helenlunn123@gmail.com

From the Parish Council

Ham Hall Lane – The Parish Council have been notified that Ham Hall Lane is now officially closed for a six month period. This is a formal/official closure rather than the informal arrangement which was the case previously.

The Highways department says that there will be no physical barrier to stop people using the road but, because of the new status, drivers should not use the road at any time.

Please be warned that any person unwise enough to ignore the closure signs would not be able to recover the cost of any damage to their vehicle or for any personal injury claim through the usual insurance channels.

Bad Joke Corner!

☹️ Two antennae met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was excellent.

😄 A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

Items for Scruton News?

Do you have any items of news or local interest? Do you have any ideas either for a one-off article or for a regular column?

Any ideas and suggestions would be much appreciated and gratefully received by the editor.

Email stephen.elmer@scruton.net

Deadline for April news is Mon 23 March

The editor reserves the right to make changes for editorial purposes.

Parish Council Meetings 2020

Meetings are held at the Coore Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30 pm with a 10 minute open forum for parishioners. The public are welcome to attend.

- **Thursday 5 March (please note change of date)**
- **Thursday 9 April (Annual Parish Meeting)**
- **Thursday 14 May (Annual General Meeting)**
- **Thursday 9 July**
- **Thursday 10 September**
- **Thursday 12 November**

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