

Scruton News

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Lingering Autumn



No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace, As I have seen in one autumnal face. From The Autumnal by John Donne



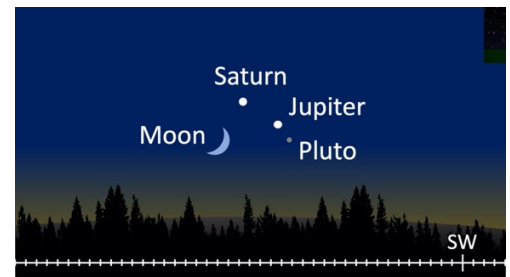
Scruton Sky at Night

by Peter Williams

Darker skies mean better viewing in November. From the 5th onward, the constellation Orion is visible, low at first in the ESE sky but rising higher, ending November fairly high in the SE.

Around 6am on the 13th, we should see a wafer thin crescent Moon with earthshine on its night hemisphere. It lies between Venus and Mercury in the increasing twilight, low in the ESE.

Mars is visible during most November nights. As the month progresses, it will fade in magnitude. The waxing gibbous Moon may be seen just to the south of Mars, and the pair will be high in the southern sky around 9pm on the 25th.



Around 6pm on the 19th, the broad crescent Moon passes just to the south of Saturn and Jupiter. They are in a nice grouping, low in the SSW. Pluto is also there, but you would only see it with serious technical kit! (see graphic).

Scruton Thankful Village

Firework Display

on Saturday 7th November at 7 pm

A Covid-19 safe firework display, celebrating Scruton's status as a Thankful Village, will be synchronized from 3 locations around the village so everyone may enjoy the spectacle from the comfort of your own home or garden.

- Subject to weather conditions on the night.
- All proceeds will be divided between SPFA, St Radegund's Church and the Firework Fund.
- Donations via Just Giving. Search for 'Scruton Playing Fields Association' at www.justgiving.com

CONTACT: Mark Gatenby (SPFA) 07715 421 588

Livestock and pet owners are requested to be aware on this date. The display is expected to last for approximately 10 minutes.



Remembrance Sunday

Please join us on the village green at 10:45 am on 8th November for a socially distanced Remembrance Service with the Last Post and two minutes silence. The service will be led by Rev. William Thackray.

Church Services

Upcoming services at St Radegund's Church are all Covid-19 secure and start at 9:30 am, except where stated:

1 Nov.	Morning Worship
8 Nov.	Remembrance (10:45 am)
15 Nov.	Holy Communion
22 Nov.	Holy Communion
29 Nov.	Holy Communion
6 Dec.	Holy Communion

Thankful Ale Available

Ten more cases of Thankful Ale are available for delivery to your door.



To order a case of 12 bottles for £25, contact Chalky White on Scruton's Facebook page, WhatsApp group or via email. All profits go to the village.

Upon Remembrance

by Malcolm Barker

Have you noticed that in the old BBC sitcom 'Dad's Army' none of the main characters are actually dads? Perhaps it wouldn't have made a good comedy if they were worrying about their children away fighting. The point I am making is that whilst remembering those who fought, we should also spare a thought for family members at home, anxiously waiting for the dreaded telegram.

On Remembrance Day we see images of white crosses receding into the distance at the war cemeteries, but just think that for each headstone there were probably heartbroken parents, a wife or sweetheart, grieving siblings, aunts, uncles and of course children who would grow up never knowing the father who had gone to war. Fighting was awful. Staying home and worrying must have been awful, too.

Scruton Christmas Card

Thankyou to everyone who has ordered Christmas cards and returned their Christmas greetings signature sheets.

There is still time to order packs of cards or prints of the image. You may just want your seasonal message included on the village Christmas card. Please contact Joan Walker on 748 458 email keithandjoanwalker@gmail.com

Valerie Tait

After battling Motor Neurone Disease for two years, Valerie Tait died on Sunday 18th October. Valerie was an inspiration to all that knew her, refusing to give in, she bravely fought the disease until the very end.

Valerie gave up her early profession as a Radiographer to have her children Jonathan and Joanna. She and Dave moved to Scruton in 2005 where she loved being part of the community and enjoyed volunteering. She made many friends who filled her life with happiness and purpose. After retiring as a work coach, she volunteered for the Wensleydale Railway. Valerie joined the Womens Institute and became President at Kirkby Fleetham WI.

It is with a deep sadness that we move forward into a world without our incredibly strong mother, partner and grandma. We will miss her greatly.

Farewell to DYN 11

Stephen Elmer has bid farewell to his cherished Rolls Royce vintage car.



The car has been in Scruton since 2013 and has featured each year in the exhibits at Scruton's Annual Fete and several local weddings. Stephen said, "The car has been shipped to Horsham in West Sussex, close to the home of her original owner, Sir August Cayzer, Bart. who first purchased her in 1937".



Nature Notes

By Andy Johnston

Recently a neighbour noticed her lawn covered in worms when she let her dogs out for their final comfort break. We remembered a village event held on the playing fields, when people dancing in the rain caused worms to emerge. You may also have seen gulls 'paddling' their feet to lure worms to the surface. Rain can attract worms up for breeding. Other vibrations stimulate the movement of moles, causing worms to emerge to escape them.



In the southern USA, worms are collected for bait by worm grunting*. A stake driven into the ground has its top rubbed with a ridged metal bar. Worms, attracted to the surface, are collected. Look on YouTube for 'Worm Grunting in the Apalachicola National Forest'.

* Also called 'charming' or 'fiddling', Ed.



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

This year potato picking is slow, challenging work as the ground is heavy and wet after a year of drought and flood and an unusually dark summer making all varieties smaller. As I write, half the potatoes are picked and half still in the ground.

All the potatoes I grow, Valour, Eurostar and Rudolph, are suitable for roasting, baking, mash and chips. Call 748 672 or email malcolmbarker2@aol.com to order full sacks, £7 or half sacks, £4.

Mark Parr

Our Dad, Mark Parr, passed away in the early hours of Wednesday 21st October aged 64, after being diagnosed with cancer in February this year.

He called Scruton home for 34 years and always valued the community here; accordingly our family have been so grateful for all of the messages from villagers, both wishing him well throughout the year as well as their condolences.

Mark will be remembered for many different things by many different people; super Dad, Grandpa Parr, drinking partner, golf buddy, gentle giant, non-stop traveller or Barnsley fanatic, the list goes on. Above all else he focused on the things which made the people around him happy. Thank you again for all the support, Alex, Becca and Eleanor.

From the Parish Council

The possibility, reported in last month's newsletter, of placing traffic mirrors at Fence Dyke Lane and Silver Street corner has been rejected by NYCC Highways Dept. due to safety concerns regarding adverse reflections.

Parish Precept - With effect from April next year, the precept for Scruton Parish will increase by £250. This will mean a cost to each Parish household of around £1 per year.

The increase is necessary because the cash holding is still uncomfortably low, even though spending has been kept to a minimum. Tree work in particular is proving expensive and we have one due for removal very soon. It is essential that the Parish Council continues to fund such projects to keep Scruton in the best possible condition.

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

The deadline for the next edition is 23 Nov.

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

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