

Scruton News

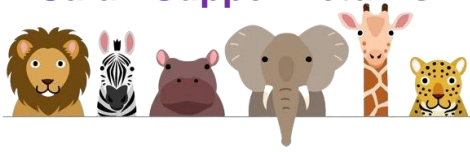
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Safari Supper Returns!



Karen Long has contacted Scruton News to say that she plans to bring back the Safari Supper in October!

Karen says, 'This a wonderful way to meet and socialise with many different friends and neighbours whilst raising money for a good cause. This event takes place on the 2nd Saturday in October and involves you making one course of a meal for 6 people, then moving to a different house for each course with different diners. Neither the guests nor the hosts know who is coming! The evening ends with everyone meeting up at the pub.'

If you would like to participate contact Karen Long on 07876 340 184 or email karenrachel69@gmail.com

Fete May Return in Sept?

Scruton Fete Group will be meeting on 21 July to discuss holding a reduced form of the Scruton Village Fete in early September – watch this space!

Double Honour for Pub

COORE ARMS
PUB & DINING

Scruton's Coore Arms has won two awards for supporting the village during the pandemic by providing a takeaway and delivery service and supplying fresh produce and groceries to residents. The first award was as one of Hambleton District Council's **Hambleton's Heroes**; the second award was from North West Yorkshire Camra 'in recognition of providing a service throughout all three lockdowns to its customers and local community'.

Mark and his team thank everyone for their support during the dark days of the pandemic and also the folk who nominated them.



Scruton Sky at Night

by Peter Williams

The night skies are still very light, making celestial viewing difficult. But with the passing of the Summer Solstice in June we will be gradually getting shorter days and hence darker nights. Between the 1st and the 31st of July the sun will rise about 40 minutes later and will set about 30 minutes earlier meaning that the day will be 1 hour and 18 minutes shorter by the month end.

There will be several conjunctions between the Moon and various planets, for example with Mercury on the 8th, with Venus on the 12th and with Jupiter on the 26th. A conjunction is an apparent meeting or passing of two or more celestial bodies as seen from Earth. As explained, however, the light skies may make for difficult viewing.

I do hope you got some glimpses of the partial solar eclipse last month - the cloudy skies were very frustrating!



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

The dry weather of June has been beneficial because it has allowed me to get most of this year's hay baled without it getting rained upon. In a 'normal' year I would make silage early in the season and leave haymaking until later, when the grass is older and drier, after the seeds have formed. The long spell of warm, settled weather during June gave me the confidence to leave the mown grass to dry in the sunshine, turning it daily, until it was dry enough to bale for hay. Wet hay is to be avoided because at best it goes mouldy and at worst it is a fire risk as the bales heat up once stacked indoors.

The alternative way of conserving grass is to make it into silage. For this to work the grass is kept airtight under a film of plastic, either in a pit or as individual bales.

I have had to 'hand shear' most of my sheep because my electric shears wouldn't cut the fleeces this year. Although hand shearing is a little slower, I think that the sheep are easier to control because they aren't spooked by the noise of the electric shears.

Village Green Pop-up Stall

Marie Curie
Cancer Care



There will be a pop-up stall on the Village Green in front of The Lodge on 3rd & 4th July between 10 am & 4 pm. Plants and produce will be on sale in aid of Marie Curie Care.



Nature Notes

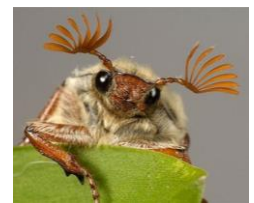
by Andy Johnston

June has been sunny but dry, making it difficult for many birds to feed their young. The pair of blackbirds in our garden have nested twice but failed to rear any young. On a positive note the wagtails, which regularly nest under our solar panels, have raised two young. Ken Ross reported that his blackbirds had bred well and recounted that last year a pair of wagtails had nested in his tractor and successfully raised a brood despite his continuous use of the vehicle!

You may have noticed the ending of the dawn and evening choruses which tend to be dominated by blackbirds. They will become less evident in July as they moult, hiding in shrubbery and keeping a very low profile. If you sit out to enjoy the evening sun you will have to put up with the monotonous cooing of wood pigeons and collared doves.



Pied Wagtail



Cockchafer (Maybug)

Butterflies have been scarce, with odd sightings of small tortoiseshell, yellow tip and red admiral. While gardening one evening recently I was "bombed" by a cockchafer or maybug. After the initial surprise (it is 3cm long) I realised I had never seen an adult before but had occasionally dug up their large white grubs (5cm long).

Recent sightings include a cuckoo heading east, probably returning to Africa, and frequent views of a hobby, probably attracted to the swallows and house martins nesting in the village.

Deadline for the next edition is 23 July

Please email items to:

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Solar Farm Update

From Lightrock & Bluefield

Lightrock and Bluefield would like to reiterate our thanks to everyone in the community for the insight and input in helping to shape the solar farm proposals.

We are so pleased with the level of engagement we received directly from individuals in the community; it's always encouraging when people seek to inform themselves of the facts so they can assess matters independently.

We'd ordinarily like to host events in a local village hall to discuss the project over a cup of tea, so it's been very different to be doing things 'virtually', whether by Zoom, email, telephone or letter. The local community has risen to this challenge well and we have made significant changes to the scheme as a result of all the feedback.

The planning application has now been submitted to Hambleton District Council and they have begun the process of consulting statutory stakeholders as part of the Planning process.

Thank you for taking the time to engage with us through this process; please do feel free to continue to get in touch with any queries.



St Radegund's Church

Covid requirements to wear a mask, sanitise hands and maintain social distancing apply until further notice. The upcoming services all start at 9:30 am.

4 Jul	Holy Communion	Jenni
11 Jul	No Service	
18 Jul	Holy Communion	Jenni
25 Jul	Holy Communion	Jenni
1 Aug	Morning Worship	Paul
8 Aug	Holy Communion	Lesley Ashton



Wensleydale Rail Travel

You will have heard (quite literally) that Wensleydale Railway is now running trains from Bedale to Scruton. The railway is encouraging passengers to book tickets online from Bedale, but living in Scruton, you may wish to travel from Scruton to Bedale and back. To do that you can board a train at Scruton, let the guard know that you're travelling from Scruton and that you will purchase a ticket at Bedale Station. If possible, please walk to Scruton Station as parking is very limited. On your journey don't forget to stop off at Leeming Bar Station to have a look at the transformation that is taking place.

Frank Burns

On Saturday 26 June there was a Memorial & Thanksgiving Service at St Radegund's Church and burial of ashes for long-time Scruton resident Frank Burns who died last April. Frank will be fondly remembered for his keen interest in village events, including the monthly domino drives, his contribution to the Village Millennium Book and as a governor of Romanby School.

Thank You Slot

Jean Morley writes to say, thank you to all the Scruton folk who supported Kirkby Fleetham's plant stall this year. It raised over £7,000 which will be used to improve Kirkby Fleetham's village hall. All being well, the plant stall will open again next year - April to June.

Village Green Safety

The grass cutters have again spotted a number of parents and children close by when the grass cutting takes place. When this large machinery is present, everyone should keep well clear.

From the Parish Council

The planning application for the Solar Installation has been submitted to Hambleton DC. It's a large document and some of the annexes are hard to find on the HDC website; SPC strongly recommend that you read it carefully (for example, Lightrock state that they invited all local Parish Councils to a presentation on solar energy but none took up the offer. They neglect to say that Covid restrictions prevented attendance). SPC have requested that the consultation period be extended because the document is so large, the closing date for comments or objections is now 15 July 2021.

SPC will object to the application, the Parish voted two to one against the plan. That will not be enough to stop this application being passed, HDC will receive a considerable amount of money per annum in business rates from this plan, so if you do not want the plan to be approved you will need to object. More objections means a better chance of the plan being rejected.

SPC are aware that the Action Group have prepared and are in the process of delivering a pamphlet that highlights the disadvantages of the installation, they have also prepared an objection letter to be signed and sent to HDC. SPC also advise you to carefully read this pamphlet as well. To make a balanced informed decision you need all the facts.

The only reason Scruton was selected for the Solar Installation is because the electric sub-station is close by. The only people who will benefit from this installation are the landowners, HDC and Bluefield investors.

SPC would like to point out its green credentials, SPC own and maintain around 100 trees in the village.

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Parish Council Meetings 2021

Subject to Covid restrictions, meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of alternate months at the Coore Memorial Hall, starting at 7:30 pm with a 10 minute open forum for the public who are welcome to attend.

2021	2022
8 July	13 January
9 September	10 March
11 November	14 April (Annual Parish Meeting)
	12 May (Annual General Meeting)

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