

Scruton News

Scruton Parish Council

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Scruton Unlocks!

A Village Picnic – was held on the Playing Field on 4 September. It was the first proper get-together villagers have enjoyed since Covid struck. The overcast and threatening skies didn't deter folk from enjoying themselves, even our local MP Rishi Sunak joined in the fun! Tombola, cake and home-grown produce stalls proved popular and together with a Grand Raffle raised an amazing £3,091 on the day, which will be topped up with a further £1,000 of 'matched funding' from Barclays Bank, all in aid of village funds.



A Harvest Festival - on 19 September also took place on the Playing Field. The outdoor service, conducted by Paul Chubb, was well attended with much enthusiastic singing!

A Newcomers' Welcome Afternoon – took place later that same day and was another success with around 80 villagers 'old & new' coming together in warm, sunny weather to meet and greet and get to know each other.

Christmas Card Flyer

A flyer about the village Christmas Card has been delivered in a white envelope with this newsletter, **it's not junk mail, please do not discard.**

The flyer contains full details of how to write your Christmas greeting to the village and an order form for any packs of cards you may wish to purchase. Your greeting can be returned to Joan along with any card orders and payment/donation. Please call Joan Walker on 01609 748 458 for further information.

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(The editor reserves the right to make changes for editorial purposes)

Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston



Migration is fully underway and tracking devices are being used to locate where, in Africa, many of our summer visitors spend the winter. Wind is important for migrating birds and under the right conditions, significant distances can be achieved quickly. For example, on 1 September 2021, a cuckoo from England left Spain and, with a strong following wind, was 100 miles off the Moroccan coast the next day. By the 6 September, after flying 1,850 miles across the Atlantic and the Sahara, it was in the Congo where it will remain until it heads back to us next spring. Prior to this it was thought that cuckoos stayed overland through Europe, over Gibraltar and along the West African coast. These micro-electronic devices can be attached to bats and even to butterflies to follow their migrations, enabling environmental scientists to do more of their research indirectly - so much for the nature walk!

Farming News

by Malcolm Barker



Too much rain was a problem early in 2021. I hardly dare say it, but now we need it! My potatoes died with drought during August, something I have never seen before. I can only assume they didn't put down deep roots in the waterlogged field during the spring. The gaps between rows looked like parallel canals, so the potato plants kept their roots high in the rows. In the baking heat of early August their roots were unable to get deep enough to find moisture and the plants gave up and wilted away.



If I get a 25 kg sack of potatoes from every 5 metres of the row then I consider it to be a good crop; digging 7 metres of the row to fill a sack is an average crop. This year I have to dig 14 metres to fill each sack!

However, this dry weather means that winter crops can be sown, but I have to use a subsoiler to put deep grooves into the land at one metre intervals to open up the soil so that the plough can penetrate the sun baked fields.



Scruton Sky at Night

by Peter Williams

A New Moon on 6 Oct. means a dark, clear sky compared with the Full Moon on 20 Oct. which will impede viewing, due to its brightness. The 2/3 moon on 14 Oct. will have a bright Jupiter and Saturn just above it in the SSE. Venus will also be bright, low in the SW sky.

October sees the launch of two important spacecraft. NASA's Lucy Mission is expected to launch on 16 Oct. for a 12 year journey. It will include flybys of seven 'Trojan' asteroids, which may hold vital clues to the history of the solar system and perhaps even the origins of organic material on Earth. The mission is named after Lucy (Australopithecus), a 3.2 million year old female skeleton discovered in Africa in 1974, which provided a unique insight into human evolution. 'Lucy' was named after the Beatles hit 'Lucy in the sky with Diamonds' which was played in the expedition camp on the evening of her discovery.

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) should launch on 31 Oct. NASA describes it as the successor to the Hubble Telescope. However, it will operate at longer wavelengths and with improved sensitivity, enabling it to look much closer towards the beginning of time and the evolution of early galaxies.

Thankful Fireworks

This year's Thankful Firework Display will be on **Saturday 13 November** on Scruton Playing Field. The timing is: 6.15 pm Hot drinks & novelties on sale 6.30 pm Lighting the Bonfire (hopefully) 7.00 pm Fireworks (approx. 10 mins)

We need volunteers to help with the stalls and bucket collections. Contact Mark Gatenby (07715 421 588) or Greg Clapham (07957 730 282) if you can help. All proceeds will be shared between St Radegund's Church Fabric Fund and the Firework Fund.



Thank you to those who supported the Quiz Night at the Coore Arms on 29 August which raised £390 for fireworks.

Dates for your Diary

Coffee Mornings



The next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 16 October**. Everyone is welcome. Please pop into the Village Hall between 10 am – 12 noon, stay for as long or short a time as suits you, meet friends and neighbours and get to know more people in the village. We always have a Raffle and usually a Cake Stall to raise money for charities and local good causes. Donations of prizes and cakes are most welcome.

In 2019, we raised over **£3,700** which was shared between nine different good causes. Contact Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor on 01609 748 617 for further information.

S.L.E.D is Back!



Scruton Ladies Evening Do resumes on **Wednesday 17 November** at The Coore Arms, Scruton, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Christmas Meal with Vegetarian option £10. To book a place email Bozz at rosalynleach8@gmail.com or tel 01609 748 357. Last date to book a place is Friday 12th November.

Scruton Book Club



Scruton Book Club returns on **Tuesday 26 October**. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month, usually in the evening but this winter we are trialling daytime meetings - over coffee in the morning or a cuppa in the afternoon. If you are interested in joining, please let Janet Crampton know your time preference, call 01609 748 321 or email janetcramptonscruton@gmail.com

All services commence at 9:30 am except where stated. Hand sanitising is required, face masks and social distancing are your choice. Rev'd Jenni Lane can be contacted at the Rectory on 01609 631 122.

3 Oct	Morning Worship	Paul
10 Oct	Holy Communion	Jenni
13 Oct	Evensong (7pm)	Jenni & Paul
17 Oct	Holy Communion	Jenni
24 Oct	Morning Worship	Paul
31 Oct	Morning Worship	Paul
7 Nov	Holy Communion	Jenni

Kirkby Fleetham WI celebrates its centenary this month. The meeting on 14 October will be a Birthday Dinner for members and invited guests only.

Everyone is welcome to the November meeting, 7:15pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. It is the group's AGM, and includes a display of items made, baked or written during the lockdown.

For further information please contact Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or email: carolinesboxes@gmail.com

From the Parish Council

Defibrillator - The Parish Council now have responsibility for keeping the Defibrillator (located outside the Coore Arms) in a state of readiness. Each time the Defibrillator is used, the pads are disposed of by the attending Ambulance and the Parish Council will fit new pads and keep a spare set so that the Defibrillator is always ready for use. Replacement pads cost £65 and batteries are £235 (every 4 years).

If you are interested in training to use the Defibrillator please get in touch with the Parish Council. Training in North Yorkshire will not be available before December, and if there is a high demand the Parish Council will arrange for several sessions.

Station Road Footpath - The Parish Council have begun planning for the proposed footpath from the railway station to the A684. The Highways Agency have been asked for their advice and a possible source of finance, via a grant, has been identified. The grant however will need to be matched by our own fundraising. Scruton Parish Council will seek to raise money by sponsorship and other initiatives and any suggestions are welcome. It is estimated that we will need to raise about £10,000 and hope for a similar amount by way of a grant.

Chris Snell



It is with great sadness that the family of Chris Snell announce that he died suddenly but peacefully at home on 16 September, aged 58. Chris was Chairman and a founder member of the Scruton Allotments. He had the enthusiasm and vision that they would be a great community asset for the village, bringing likeminded people together. He enjoyed sharing his growing knowledge with others and encouraging their interest.

Chris was a truly good man who deserved a much longer life and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him. His funeral will be held at St Radegund's Church on Monday 4 October at 1 pm and afterwards at Romanby Golf Club. All welcome.

Photo taken at the Potato Challenge, Scruton Village Picnic, September 2021.

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Parish Council Meetings 2021/22

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

11 November

2022

13 January

10 March

14 April (Annual Parish Meeting)

12 May (AGM)