

Scruton News

Scruton Parish Council

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Scruton Celebrates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend!



Beacon Lighting Party - On Thurs. 2 June (Spring Bank Holiday) there will be an evening Jubilee Party on the playing field with music, drinks, hot food, Beacon Lighting and Fireworks!

Thanksgiving Service - On Friday morning 3 June (Jubilee Bank Holiday) there will be a 'Songs of Praise' style service on the Village Green in thanks for the Queen's reign of 70 years.

Big Jubilee Village Picnic - The weekend events culminate on Sun. 5 June with a Village Picnic Lunch on the playing field with a grand raffle, tombola and cake/produce stall. Also sweets/ice cream and various children's activities.

Decorate Scruton - Let's make our village colourful for the Jubilee! Start planning how to decorate your houses, gardens and streets with red, white and blue bunting, flags & flowers. Let's make it fun for the children!

Jubilee Mugs - Every child under 16 in the village will receive a free commemorative mug. The Parish Council would like to hear from any adults who may also like to buy a Jubilee Mug, for £6 each.



Village Fete - In view of the Jubilee weekend celebrations in early June, the traditional Scruton Fete will not take place this year.

Head Teacher Leaving

After 15 years in post, Mrs Fiona Sharp is leaving Ainderby Steeple CE School at Easter to become Head Teacher at Broomfield School. Mrs Rachel Peart will join the school as the new Head Teacher. We thank Mrs Sharp for her years of dedication to the school and wish them both well in their new roles.

Red Arrows soar above Leeming & Scruton in a spectacular farewell tribute to RAF 100 Squadron



The flypast, which took place at 2:05 pm on 24 March, was to bid farewell to 100 Squadron which is to be disbanded on 31 March 2022. RAF 100 Squadron, which fly Hawk T1 aircraft, was formed in 1917 and moved to Leeming in 1995. Their badge was approved by King George VI and bears the motto, 'Never stir up a hornet's nest'. *Pictures credits: Robin Jessop (left) and Mike Gough (right).*



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

There is a feeling of spring everywhere. The dry, sunny days in late March have helped to get the spring barley sown and most of the lambs are outdoors and should be grazing the herbal leys and swedes in the coming days.

In late March I was notified that my cattle were within 3 km of an outbreak of Tuberculosis and that they would all have to be tested for the disease. Any that I sell will have to be tested again at my expense until further notice. I have questioned this and it turns out that only one of my fields is within the 3 km zone and this field has never been used for grazing cattle in my lifetime. I now must prove this to the authorities to be allowed to go back to the usual position of testing for this disease every 4 years.



Potato Challenge Returns!

This year's Challenge is held in memory of Chris Snell. See who can grow the biggest weight of potatoes from one tuber grown in a bag. It's free to enter, just pick up your potato and bag now from outside East Grange House, Common Lane, Scruton. The grand weigh-in and BBQ will take place later in the year with prizes for under 16s and over 16s. More details at www.scrutonallotments.org.uk



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

The warm weather has brought out cherry blossom and spring flowers, and thrushes and blackbirds are in full song especially at dusk. The first migrants have arrived - chiffchaffs with their repetitive and monotonous song and blackcaps which are truly melodious. Buzzards are performing spectacular mating displays, wheeling and diving whilst giving distinctive 'mewing' calls.



Red kites, which have been seen over the village, have narrower wings than buzzards and distinctive v-shaped tails, which they use as rudders, allowing great manoeuvrability with slow flight. Each year more are seen locally and I am sure they will start breeding soon. They were first released at Harewood House 23 years ago, and then in the Derwent Valley in 2004.

Look out for pink footed geese and whooper swans on their migration to Iceland and Greenland. By the end of April many of our summer migrants will arrive. Cuckoos, with geolocators, are flying north through west Africa after wintering in the Congo basin. They will arrive in England during April and May. Summer is not far away!



Clapham Junction

Come to the village hall on **Saturday 2nd April 10.30 - 3pm** for a One-Day Sale of a wide range of antique, vintage and curio items for the home and garden. Refreshments also available. Pop along to browse, buy and eat!

- 3 Apr** No service (Holy Communion in Kirkby Fleetham at 11 am)
10 Apr Morning Worship at 9:30 am
15 Apr Good Friday Service at 2:00pm
17 Apr Easter Day Holy Communion, 9:30 am
24 Apr No service (Kirkby Fleetham - Utd. Morning Worship at 10 am)

An Easter Message From the Rectory -

It has been a tough winter and the continuing sadness of a world in turmoil seems to follow us; but in Easter, Christ's resurrection conquers the darkness so that we can live in hope and love. Bishop Helen-Ann recently said that we need to 'dig into our hearts and not lose hope.' Wishing you all Easter blessings and love from us all at the Rectory. *The Reverend Jenni Lane may be contacted on 01609 631 122.*



Charity Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Morning, in aid of the Charity Fund, is on **Saturday 16 April from 10 am - 12 at the village hall.**

Donations for the raffle and cake stall would be appreciated. For Coffee Morning details, or to help at future dates, please call Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor on 01609 748 617.

Ukraine Coffee Morning - As a result of additional donations the total amount donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee was **£2,307!** Thank you again to the Coffee Morning Team and their generous supporters.

Playing Field AGM

Scruton Playing Field Assoc. (SPFA) will hold its AGM on **5 April at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.** Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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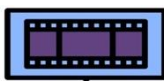


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Screen Scruton 13 April 7:30 pm At Scruton Village Hall



1917 (Cert.15) A British war film co-written and directed by Sam Mendes. Inspired by stories told to him by his grandfather about his service in WW1. Some filming took place on Salisbury Plain and also at Low Force, Teesdale. The film won 3 Oscars & 7 BAFTAs.



Doors Open 7 pm, café style seating and bring your own drinks & nibbles. There is no Admission Charge, but donations are invited towards Village Hall funds. No need to book but please contact Stephen Elmer if you know you will attend, stephen.elmer@scruton.net



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Join us for an 'Easter Extravaganza' at our next meeting. All are welcome on **Thursday 14 April 7:15pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall.** For details call Carol on 01609 748 315 or email carolinesboxes@gmail.com



Do you like Trains? Do you like History?

Wensleydale Railway need volunteers to guide visitors around our historic stations as part of our Living History Team. With tourists, special groups & schools there are lots of ways to be involved through regular or occasional volunteering. If interested please contact Clare Bell, email: volunteercoordinator@wensleydalerailway.com

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

Solar Farms - We have received correspondence from Ecap Renewables requesting a preliminary meeting to discuss their plans for a new Solar Farm Development to the north of Fencedyke Lane. We will be meeting with them shortly and we will advise on the outcome in the next newsletter. We have not received any further communication from HDC about Lightrock's planning application and understand the delay is due to a backlog of planning applications from staff shortages during the Covid crisis.

Thank You - We would like to thank our County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson for all her help, advice and support over the past three years, in particular for her assistance with a financial contribution to the Playing Field draining scheme to alleviate the flooding in Ham Hall Lane. Annabel is standing again for the new County Council and we wish her success. We also thank our District Councillor Brian Phillips for all his help and advice.

Street Lighting - We will not be installing a new street light near the Village Hall as the lighting problem has been alleviated to a degree by pruning one of the trees adjacent to the street light outside the playing field. We have written to the Highways Agency over concerns about other poorly lit areas of the village and will keep you informed.

Parish Elections - Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Parish Council must have their completed nomination papers submitted by 4 o'clock on 5th April 2022. The current Councillors are all standing for re-election. If no further candidates come forward there will be no need for a parish election.



Parish Council Meetings 2022

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.

14 April 2022	(Annual Parish Meeting)
5 May 2022	Local Elections (incl. Parish if contested)
12 May 2022	(AGM)

Deadline for the next edition is 23 April

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