

# Scruton News



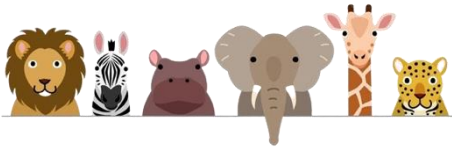
Scruton Parish Council

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## Safari Supper



Karen Long is planning Scruton's ever popular Safari Supper to take place this year on **Sat 8 Oct**. This is a wonderful way to meet and socialise with many different friends & neighbours whilst raising money for a good cause. The event involves you making one course of a meal for six 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 call Karen on 07876 340 184 or email: [karenrachel69@gmail.com](mailto:karenrachel69@gmail.com)



## Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

The gardens have suffered from hot, dry weather in July, but the roses have been wonderful and now is the time to do lots of dead-heading. Cut back to a leaf bud, shaping the bush at the same time, not just cutting off the dead heads. A sprinkling of Fish, Blood and Bone will help to get a second flowering on some roses. A lot of roses have suffered from rust this year, unfortunately there is no cure but to pick off as many leaves as possible and burn or dispose of them - but not on the compost heap.



It is also time to cut back some perennials such as oriental poppies and perennial geraniums; cut them right to the ground, and they will re-grow and possibly flower again. There is still time to sow biennials such as foxgloves, lupins and delphiniums to flower next year. Water any new trees regularly and keep on watering for the first two years.



## Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

Again, this year, a cold dry spring has become a hot dry summer. The record temperatures have forced the cattle and sheep to remain indoors for shade during the afternoons and they graze the fields during the night. I have been buffer feeding the cows with hay in the hope of saving some grass in the distant fields for the autumn.

Last week, on the radio, I heard that potatoes die once the temperature exceeds 30°C and I have been nervously watching my crop. Last year they died very early in the season when the heat came, so once again this seemed possible. Well, so far they have retained their leaves and are still flowering, although some leaves have scorched. If they can keep their foliage for two more months then the leaves will be able to collect the sunlight and convert it into a yield of tubers.

During the hottest day of summer I started harvesting the winter barley. It would be wonderful to have air conditioning on my combine instead of sitting in a glass cab in the sunshine!



## Bats in the Belfry?

**Dave Long** will be carrying out a bat survey at St Radegund's Church during the week 8 - 14 August. This is part of a nationwide 'Bats in Churches' survey run by the Bat Conservation Trust (BCT). Surveys are weather dependent and are intended to see if bats roost in the church, where they roost, what species are present and in what numbers. BCT will provide some equipment and David will also be using a variety of bat detectors from work. If anybody is interested in helping with the survey and finding out more about our local bats, please contact Dave at 11 Beech Close or tel. 07748 961513.



## Letters to the Editor

After 15 years in Scruton, Emma Corcoran has written to wish everyone a fond farewell. She says, "You have been our friends, neighbours, dog walking pals and the community our kids have grown up with which will always be precious to us. We'll miss living in this lovely village but look forward to keeping in touch and visiting frequently! Warmest wishes, Emma, Dean, Angus, Erin & Mhairi xxx"

## 'Scruton Air Show'



Scruton would like to thank the RAF for the marvellous aerobatic display from the Red Arrows and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. We had a grandstand view of the the spectacle in the sky. (Photo from Susan Rogers).



## Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Graham Bourne recently complained that he had 'mole problems' in his lawn. Sure enough there were the tell tale mole hills. I was somewhat surprised at this, as during drought conditions, moles operate in a deep underground network of tunnels which can be hundreds of metres long. Here they collect and eat worms which fall from the tunnel roof. Those that aren't eaten are stored in special chambers. The worms are immobilised by a bite to the head segment and up to 470 worms have been recorded in one chamber. Under normal weather conditions the worms are close to the soil surface and the moles create networks of temporary tunnels in order to catch them. This is when they form characteristic mole hills.



# I am a mole and I live in a hole!  
(...and I like worms!)

During the recent heat wave, swifts have been collecting in the evening sky above the village and in tight-knit flocks they scream low past their nesting sites. This is an indication that their young are ready to fledge and in the next few days they will go. Many will form huge flocks and perform spectacular aerial displays as they feed over large lakes and reservoirs on their way south.



**Don't forget  
1<sup>st</sup> August is  
Yorkshire Day!**

## Services at St Radegund's

All services at St Radegund's are on Sunday at 9:30 am except where stated.

- 31 Jul** Holy Communion, Jenni
- 7 Aug** No Service in Scruton  
(Holy Communion, Kirkby Fleetham, 11am)
- 14 Aug** Holy Communion, Lesley Ashton
- 21 Aug** Holy Communion, Lesley Ashton
- 28 Aug** No service in Scruton  
(Utd. Morning Worship, Kirkby Fleetham, 10am)
- 4 Sep** Holy Communion, Jenni



## Charity Coffee Morning

There will be no coffee morning in August. The next one, in aid of the Macular Society, will be on **Sat 17 Sept**. For details call Jacqueline on 748 617.



## Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

The next meeting of KFWI on **11 August** will be an outing to Rydale Folk Museum. For further details call 01609 748 315 or email [carolinesboxes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinesboxes@gmail.com)

## Sunday Lunch Club?

The weekend can be a quiet time for anyone living on their own. Alyson Tonge has an idea that it would be nice to meet up at the Coore Arms once a month for lunch, starting in September. If you are interested please contact Alyson at [alysontonge@gmail.com](mailto:alysontonge@gmail.com) or call 748 227.



## One Day Sale!

**Baby & Child's Toys & Clothes** will be on sale at Scruton Village Hall. Also some women's clothes/accessories and household items; plus Beauty Within by Becky (The Body Shop) & RMB Designs. Tombola, lucky dip, refreshments and more on **Sun 25 Sept, 11am – 3pm**.

## Yorkshire Water Debacle

As SPC received no response from Yorkshire Water about the hole in Station Road, NYCC Councillor Annabel Wilkinson was asked to intercede on Scruton's behalf. Annabel's detailed and useful response has been circulated via Network Scruton and we are grateful for the information she provided.



Scruton resident, John Mainwaring-Taylor, also vigorously pursued Yorkshire Water for an explanation and eventually received a letter apologising for the inconvenience caused to Scruton. Several problems were identified and John has received a written list of undertakings from Yorkshire Water to improve the way any future works are carried out. A copy of this letter will be circulated shortly on Network Scruton... *it pays to complain!*

## Scruton Rally Success



Local rally driver, Joe Cunningham (photo right) and his ex-Scruton co-driver, Josh Beer (photo left) finished in third place in Joe's Ford Fiesta S2000, sponsored by Procter's Coaches at the annual McRae Rally Challenge at Knockhill in Scotland on 2-3 July.

## In Memorium

Keven Surtees, long time resident of Scruton, sadly died on Wednesday 20 July 2022. A funeral service will take place at St Radegund's Church on Thursday 11 August at 11:30 am and afterwards at the Coore Arms.

## From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

SPC are saddened to hear that former Parish Councillor Keven Surtees has passed away; our condolences go to his family. Keven is warmly remembered for his sterling service on the Council.

The recent hot weather has allowed our local farmers to begin harvesting their crops and as a consequence tractors and full trailers are passing through the village. May we politely ask villagers, and their visitors, to park their cars on the road considerably, especially along Common Lane and Station Road.

During the hot weather most of us have our windows open and we also ask that everyone take this into account when enjoying themselves outside and please keep the noise levels down, thank you.

We are pleased to report that Mike Widmer has been elected as Vice Chairman for the Parish Council.

## Village Hall Bookings

Please note that Rory Clarke has now stepped down as Treasurer for the Coore Memorial Hall and the village hall diary is now held by Jim & Michele Hargan at the Chapel House, Station Road. **All enquiries to Jim on 07788 935655 or Michele on 07894 587262.**

**Deadline for the next edition is 23 August**

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## Parish Council Meetings 2022/2023

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.

<b>8 September</b>	<b>2022</b>	
<b>10 November</b>	<b>2022</b>	
<b>12 January</b>	<b>2023</b>	
<b>9 March</b>	<b>2023</b>	
<b>13 April</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>(Annual Parish Meeting)</b>
<b>11 May</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>(Parish Council AGM)</b>