

Scruton News

Scruton Parish Council

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Now that village events are (hopefully) starting to return after almost 2 years of disruption, Scruton is in need of more people to step forward and get involved in community activities.

The Coore Memorial Hall Management Committee is looking for two people to join the team and take on the roles of **Treasurer** and **Bookings Secretary** when the current Treasurer steps down in April. If interested please call John Mainwaring-Taylor on 01609 748 617.

Scruton Fete Committee is seeking a new **Chairperson** following Anthony Wood's notice to retire from this role. For details call Tony on 07885 654 795.

Other organisations in the village are always keen to welcome new members and especially anyone eager to get involved in village life. Refer to your 'Welcome to Scruton' booklet or contact Scruton News for further information.

Letters to the Editor

Sue Harpley has written to ask, 'Is there is anyone in or near the village who could do some garden work for us at Fairlea House, a day or part day per week? Starting early March.' Please call Sue on 01609 748 712.

Greg Clapham – has written to say that he and Tom will hire a Stump Grinder in March. If you have any tree stumps that need to be removed, call Greg on 07957 730 282 for the best rates!

Clapham Junction Returns!

One Day Sale at Scruton Village Hall, **Saturday 2nd April 10.30-3pm**. For sale, a wide range of Antique, Vintage and curio items for the home and Garden. Refreshments also available. Pop along to browse, buy and eat!

'Bubbles & Bonbons'

Please join us on **Sunday 6 February 10:30 – 12:30 pm** at Scruton Village Hall to celebrate...

The Platinum Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II



Tickets available from **John Mainwaring-Taylor, 01609 748 617**

Adults: £4, Children (<18): Free

To include a glass of Fizz and a selection of sweet & savoury 'bonbons'. Non alcoholic drinks will be available. Extra glasses of Fizz or Thankful Ale will be on sale at £3 per glass.

What was life like in 1952? If you have any memorabilia from the 1950s, please bring it along and share its story.



Life in 1950s Britain

by *The Time Traveller*

On 6 February 1952, King George VI died and his daughter Elizabeth acceded to the throne. Following a period of national mourning, Elizabeth was crowned the following year on 2 June 1953. It was a chilly and overcast day but the event was celebrated with street parties where Jolly Jelly Rings, Custard Slices and Spam were popular. A new recipe, 'Coronation Chicken' was specially created for the event. Sweet rationing was temporarily suspended for a few months in 1953, however food rationing didn't end completely until 1954. The King's funeral procession and the new Queen's coronation were both televised by the BBC, ushering in a new age of broadcast television.



Farming News

by *Malcolm Barker*

Lambing started on my farm on 14 January. During January and February I like to keep the sheep and their lambs indoors where they are sheltered from any bad weather which falls from the sky.

Another advantage of indoor lambing is that it is easy to check up on the sheep during the night to observe and intervene in any difficult deliveries.



Screen Scruton Returns!

Screen Scruton is back with an exciting new programme of films for the Spring!

- **9 February - No Time to Die** (12A)
- **9 March - Off the Rails** (15)
- **13 April - 1917** (15)
- **11 May - Dune** (12A)

For those new to Screen Scruton, all films are shown in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7) and **Admission is free!** However donations are invited towards Village Hall funds. There is usually a short supporting feature (often something interesting found on the internet). So come and enjoy our Community Cinema experience. Seating is typically 'café style' and you are *welcome to bring your own drinks & nibbles*. There is no need to book but for more details call or email Stephen Elmer.



The season kicks off with James Bond, recently retired from active service. His peace is short-lived when an old friend from the CIA turns up seeking help. All the usual thrills and spills ensue!



Scruton Sky at Night

by *Peter Williams*

There are planets-a-plenty throughout 2022 and in February, Uranus, the seventh planet from the Sun, will be visible in the night sky above the first-quarter Moon on the 7th of the month. Shining at mag. +5.7, and with the bright waxing Moon in view, you will have to reach for your binoculars to see this icy planet. 10x50 binoculars will do, or a small telescope with a 3 inch aperture and magnification of x100.

Venus is a morning 'star' throughout most of the year. Easy to identify because of its exceptionally bright appearance, the planet closest to us forms a dazzling conjunction with Mars on the morning of 27 February. If you can locate the waning crescent Moon, hanging low in the southeast, then look to its left and you will easily see Venus shining brightly above Mars.

Sunday Services at St Radegund's

- 6 Feb** No Service (Holy Communion in Kirkby Fleetham at 11am)
13 Feb Holy Communion at 9:30am
20 Feb Utd. Morning Worship at 10am
27 Feb No Service (Holy Communion* in Ainderby Steeple at 11am)
2 Mar Evensong (Wednesday) at 7pm
6 Mar Morning Worship at 9:30am
* With Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley

The Reverend Jenni Lane may be contacted on 01609 631 122.



Charity Coffee Mornings

Please support our Coffee Mornings from **10 am -12 at the Village Hall**. Everyone is welcome:

Sat 19 Feb – in aid of the Charity Fund

Sat 29 Mar – in aid of Marie Curie

Donations for the Raffle and Cake Stall would be appreciated. For details, or to help at future dates, call Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor on 01609 748 617.



S.L.E.D.

Scruton Ladies Evening Do (SLED) is now organised by Susan Rogers who has taken over from Bozz, who did a great job for 14 years! The usual arrangements will continue - a buffet meal at the Coore Arms on the last Wednesday every 2 months. However Susan says she may try some new things during the year.

As January was missed there will be an extra SLED on **23 Feb, 7 for 7:30 pm**, £10 per person incl. a vegetarian option. Last booking by 18 Feb, Email Susan at susan@susanrogers.me.uk or call 01609 748 630.

Future dates are: **30 Mar, 25 May, 27 Jul, 28 Sep and 30 Nov.**



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Walking along Fleetham Lane on New Year's Day I was surprised to see four hares cavorting around showing signs of mating. Normally hares breed from early spring into autumn. Ancient Britons regarded them as magical and they were associated with spring rejuvenation and the moon. Hares spend much of their day in woodland, except in the breeding season when they emerge into arable fields and grassland where they create their "forms" and give birth to leverets.



Although there has been a huge reduction in hare numbers nationally, we have a good local population, and last June I counted 13 near the Swale. Hares can damage young trees and shrubs and in the past "hare drives" reduced their numbers. A local farmer recounted that as a boy he was at one drive which took place between Morton Bridge and Far Fairholme. The farmers, workers, boys and dogs 'beat' a large area and drove the hares towards a loop in the Swale, thus enclosing them. Today the biggest danger to hares, other than foxes and badgers, are poachers and illegal hare coursing.



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Enjoy a relaxing evening in good company. Carol Baron will demonstrate how to make 'A Fabric Heart to Share'. Everyone welcome on **Thursday 10 February, 7:15pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall**. Call Carol, 01609 748 315 or email: carolinesboxes@gmail.com



Scruton Book Club

The next Book Club is on Tuesday 22 February. For further details call Janet Crampton on 07540 503 030.

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

Street Light - SPC have received a request to install a new street light by the Village Hall. Currently we are canvassing villagers in that location; that stretch of road is rather dark and poorly lit and it is suggested that more lighting in the vicinity of the Village Hall would increase safety to those using that stretch of road at night. We would welcome any views on this matter.

Snickets - Trevor Howe has acquired some wildflower seeds and some small bushes. He will organise planting & sowing of the sides of the snickets when the weather warms up a bit. We will be asking for some volunteers to help nearer the time.

Trees - Following last month's request re. Jubilee trees, it has been suggested that two trees be planted on the grass verge near the North West Thankful Village sign on Fleetham Lane; we welcome any opinions on this matter.

The willow tree stump on Common Lane will be removed to allow grass to be sown sometime during Spring.

Crimewatch - After the recent Police activity just outside the Village, there was a suggestion that some crime prevention advice would be helpful. North Yorkshire Police have a Crime Prevention Team that can deliver advice; if there is sufficient interest we can arrange for them to attend and give a presentation. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending such a presentation.

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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.

10 March 2022

14 April 2022 (Annual Parish Meeting)

12 May 2022 (AGM)

Deadline for the next edition is 23 February

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