

Scruton News

Scruton Parish Council

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Platinum Jubilee Weekend

Scruton held a wonderful weekend of celebrations to give thanks to the Queen for her 70 years of service to us all. Many thanks go to all those who took part in the Jubilee weekend; thank you to all the event organisers, everyone who gave prizes, made donations, bought & sold raffle tickets, and all who supported the celebrations in many other ways.

Over the course of the weekend more than £5,500 was raised for the village plus we anticipate an additional £1,000 of 'matched funding' from Barclays Bank for the Raffle ticket sales.

New Feature – we welcome Liz Davies who is an experienced plants-woman with a wealth of knowledge. Her column will be a MUST for all gardeners.



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

What a beautiful time of year in the garden, so much colour and lush growth. Many people have pots of plants for the summer, and the bigger the pot the better, they don't dry out so quickly and usually you need only water them 3 times a week. Water to the top of the pot, so leave space when planting.

One of my favourite plants is *Erysimum 'Bowles's Mauve'*, a perennial wallflower; mine has flowered all through the winter. However it is not long lasting; after a few years it becomes woody, so I take cuttings each year in July. Cuttings root easily and any spare can be given away.

I also take 3-4 inch cuttings now from *Dianthus* (pinks). I strip off the bottom leaves, cut at a node and plant in gritty compost; I put 4 in a pot. The old fashioned white 'Mrs Simpkins' has a beautiful perfume, a favourite of mine, but they come in a variety of colours.

Peonies are in full bloom this month. Often regarded as difficult to transplant and split, but they are usually successful when moved in Sept. The important thing is not to plant them too deep. Plant the tubers just underneath the surface of the soil; too deep and they won't flower.

The asparagus beetle is a problem this year. It is a small black beetle with white spots which sucks the sap from the stalk and weakens the plant. I check my asparagus every day and usually find a few beetles which I carefully pick off. If disturbed too much they'll fly away.



Jubilee Photos: Party in the Park - Beacon Lighting (upper left); Afternoon Tea (middle left); Village Picnic (lower left); Margaret Ward cuts the Jubilee Cake (upper right); Table setting at Afternoon Tea (lower right). Thanks to photographers, Mark Gatenby (with his drone), Diane Stokeld, John Mainwaring-Taylor and Stephen Elmer.



All That Jazz!



Susan Rogers plans to start a new Jazz and Blues band based in Scruton. Jazz covers a wide range of different styles but what she has in mind will *not be a 'trad jazz' or 'modern jazz' band.*

Susan says, "I'm thinking of it as lounge jazz / swing jazz / easy listening music. Songs like Autumn Leaves, Aint' Misbehavin', Summertime, Georgia and so on. Interested musicians will get together initially for jam sessions and we'll take it from there. All instruments are welcome, although I'm specifically looking for bass/bass guitar; front line (sax, clarinet, trumpet) and drummer."

You do not need to have played jazz before as Susan can teach you, nor do you need to be mega proficient on your instrument. As long as you can play basic tunes, you'll pick up the rest. If you are interested please contact Susan at susan@susanrogers.me.uk or call 07776 145 529 or 01609 748 630. Please also spread the word to any musical friends in the surrounding area.



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

Over the Jubilee weekend I finished shearing the sheep. I have reverted to hand shearing because the sheep sit quieter without the noise and vibration of machine shears. We have managed to get about half of the hay making done because the weather has been on our side. How different from the weather of 40 years ago when hay time was often interrupted by rain. Now we also have the option to wrap the bales in plastic to make silage if rain is forecast.

We should be harvesting winter barley by the end of July, provided that the combine harvester still works, when it comes out of the shed. I haven't had time to service and check it over but this will be essential before it goes into the first field. It is surprising how a combine harvester, which was reversed into the shed last September, in good working order can come to grief over the winter. Rodents spend the winter inside it as there can be a few stray grains of wheat for them to eat and many electric cables for them to chew upon to entertain themselves during the long winter.



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

- 3 Jul** No service in Scruton *
- 10 Jul** Morning Worship Paul
- 17 Jul** No Service in Scruton or KF
- 20 Jul** Evensong (Wed at 7 pm)
- 24 Jul** Holy Communion Jenni
- 31 Jul** Holy Communion Jenni
- 7 Aug** No Service in Scruton *

* Holy Communion in Kirkby Fleetham at 11 am

Also, Pet Service at St Helen's, Ainderby Steeple on 10 July at 2 pm. All Welcome!



Charity Coffee Morning

Please note, there will be no coffee mornings in July and August. The next coffee morning, in aid of the Macular Society, will be on **Saturday 17 Sept**. For further details, contact Jacqueline on 01609 748 617.



Scruton Ladies Evening Do

The next SLED will be at the Coore Arms on **Wednesday 27 July, 7 for 7:30 pm**. Buffet supper with a vegetarian option, £10 a head. For catering purposes, you must register in advance. Contact Susan on 07776 145 529, 01609 748 630 or email susan@susanrogers.me.uk



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Members and friends of KFWI are welcome to join us on **Thurs 14 July, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall** for an evening of Fudge Tasting & Biscuit Decorating by 'Made at Muddfields'. For further details, contact Carol on 01609 748 315 or email carolinesboxes@gmail.com

The dawn and evening chorus has come to an end this mid-summer week. It tends to be dominated by blackbirds, and as it is the end of their breeding season they will gradually disappear during July, inhabiting herbaceous borders and hedges to moult.

The song thrush will continue to sing for the next few weeks. Although it is in decline nationally, we still have half a dozen pairs in and around the village. For the past fifteen years we have had at least two pairs of spotted flycatchers nesting in Scruton. Unfortunately I have been unable to locate them this year and it would appear this loss reflects their decline in the north of England - 32% in the last twenty years.

On a brighter note, Audrey Blenkiron tells me that she has had two fledged little owls in her garden. Hopefully the result of the pair that is infrequently seen perched in the weeping ash tree. Those of you walking along the Swale will be aware of the increase in little egrets. Despite them being white nobody knows where they nest in our area!



Jasmine Elmer - has a mission to make everyone love the Classics as much as she does. She tackles a different subject in weekly podcasts with the aid of a special guest, to explain how the Greco-Roman era has influenced virtually all aspects of modern life. This is the classic podcast that talks as much about modern life as the ancient world. No prior revision required!

Jubilee Celebrations - We would like to thank everyone who organised and took part in all the Jubilee celebrations. The whole weekend was a great success, well done Scruton!

To commemorate the Platinum Jubilee SPC have purchased a tree, which Liz Davies has planted. George Ewart has kindly donated a plaque for the tree, and a dedication ceremony will take place for the unveiling. Details will be published as soon as finalised. SPC would like to thank George for this initiative.

Station Road Works - SPC only became aware of the roadworks in Station Road when Councillor Howe walked passed and asked the workmen what was happening. SPC were initially advised that the roadworks would be finished on the 17th. Further assurances were given to residents that work would be completed on Saturday morning, then on Monday, 20th, and again on Tuesday. We have asked why no work was undertaken between the 16th and 21st June. They finally they turned up on Wednesday 22nd and filled in the hole.

Jubilee Mugs – There are still a few Jubilee Mugs available for sale at £6 each. If you are interested please contact the Clerk (Chris Barron) – see panel below for details.



Scruton Book Club

The next Scruton Book Club meeting will be on **Tuesday 26 July at 2:30 pm**. For more details call or text Janet Crampton on 07540 503 030.

Deadline for the next edition is 23 July

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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.

- 14 July 2022**
- 8 September 2022**
- 10 November 2022**
- 12 January 2023**
- 9 March 2023**
- 13 April 2023 (Annual Parish Meeting)**
- 11 May 2023 (Parish Council AGM)**