

Scruton News

Scruton Parish Council

June 2022



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Scruton all set to Celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Please refer to the Programme Booklet delivered to every house along with this edition of Scruton News.



Thursday 2 June

PARTY in the PARK

from 6 pm on the Playing Field
Music, hot food, licensed bar, soft drinks, tombola, games and prizes.
Beacon lighting and fireworks (10 pm)

Friday 3 June

'HYMNS & PIMMS'

3 pm on Scruton Village Green
A 'songs of praise' style service to give thanks for the Queen's reign of 70 years.
Pimms & soft drinks to follow.

Saturday 4 June

Jubilee Afternoon Tea

3 pm in the Village Hall (£5 pp)
Cream tea with cake & sandwiches (Fizz optional) followed by 'Derby with the Queen' & Jubilee Raffle Draw.

Sunday 5 June

Scruton Village Picnic

3 pm on Scruton Playing Field
Bring your own food & drink. Plant stall, cakes, produce, ice cream, children's treasure trail, raffle prize presentations.

Jubilee Competition

Win a prize for the best decorated house or garden with red, white and blue (& purple) bunting, flags & flowers etc.

Auction of things you can't Buy

A unique opportunity to acquire something special and not normally obtainable. Bids over the Bank Holiday.



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

May has been a month of catching up on work which should have been done during April. I was advised after my heart attack, to start work slowly and build up steadily over the next four weeks to my usual work load. In truth, most of the work has been easy, sowing barley and swedes and planting potatoes. The barley has been sown desperately late and I expect the yield to suffer as a result. Heavier work has included treating sheep and lambs for foot-rot.



This involves tipping the sheep or lamb over and holding it whilst I trim the hooves and spray antibiotic onto the rotting part of the hoof. The most awkward feature of the last month has been the fact that I wasn't allowed to drive on the road for 7 days after my stent was fitted, and because I am waiting for a second stent, the 7 days was automatically extended to 28 days.

My other main job for May hasn't been started yet, and that is the chopping of logs ready for winter. If the logs have the summer to dry out, then they burn hotter and cleaner during the following winter.

St Helen's Youth Groups

St. Helen's Church (Ainderby Steeple) Children and Youth Groups are for the whole Benefice and are free of charge. They meet once a fortnight during term time, on Thursday evening in St. Helen's Church. Activities include games, music, stories and artwork. In the summer there are rounders and French cricket on the village green. The current groups are **Groovers and Shakers** (7-11 years) and **Trendy Teens** (11-16 years), and we are hopeful that **Busy Bees** (4-7 years) may return in September.

Contact Shawn Costello 01609 772 324, sp.costello@btinternet.com or Diane Jennings on 01609 770 795 or Judith Brown at judyding128@gmail.com

Confirmation classes begin in the autumn. Contact Rev'd Jenni Lane 01609 631 122 for more details.



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

For the past month I have been watching a queen wasp building its nest in my wooden garden shed. It started by making a small, umbrella-shaped dome, hanging down from the roof. In order to do this the wasp chewed wood with its strong mandibles, mixing it with saliva to form a papier-mâché to construct its nest. During the building process brood cells are created, into which the queen lays her eggs. Prior to hibernating, the queen will have mated and then found a comfortable place to over-winter. The young grubs are fed on insects and larvae, and when they become adult workers they will enlarge the nest while the queen concentrates on egg laying. At the end of summer special cells will be constructed for drones and queens.



At the moment the nest is about the size of a golf ball with an entrance at the base, and my relationship with the queen is good. However, with the thought of lots of workers coming and going, a reckoning may not be too far off!

Significant numbers of house martins and at least twelve swifts have returned this week, and the recent rain will help with nest building. Butterflies are about, especially peacock, orange tip, small tortoiseshell and painted lady. Two villagers heard a cuckoo at the beginning of the month and the osprey has been seen again fishing along the Swale. It could be a juvenile that has decided to summer at Scruton! Apparently last autumn an osprey with a locator spent two weeks on our stretch of the river but no one saw it.



All services are on Sunday at 9:30 am except where stated.

- 26 May** Evensong (Thurs at 7:00 pm)
 - 29 May** Holy Communion - Jenni
 - 3 Jun** 'Hymns and Pimms' on the village green (Fri at 3 pm)
 - 5 Jun** No service in Scruton *
 - 12 Jun** Holy Communion - Jenni
 - 19 Jun** Holy Communion - Jenni
 - 26 Jun** Untd. Morning Worship (10 am)
 - 3 Jul** No service in Scruton *
- * Holy Communion in Kirkby Fleetham at 11 am

Message from the Rectory

Rev'd Jenni Lane

The summer months are nearly upon us. Much of our time is pressured – the sands of time run through our hands far too quickly for us to grasp. I often see the summer as a precious time of year: a part of the year when time seems to become slightly more generous to us.

One of the best things about the summer months is the opportunity to take time out. Many people take an annual holiday, where they have the opportunity to recapture some time: time with family or friends, or a precious few hours to catch up with a novel or some sleep. The word holiday takes its meaning from exactly what it says: 'holy day'. In 14th century England, these 'holy days' were taken at times of religious festival. They were meant to be times to sit back and reflect on God and life.

I rather like the following Irish saying – it presents a challenge to us all:

- Take time to...*
 - Work - it is the price of success.*
 - Think - it is the source of power.*
 - Play - it is the secret of perpetual youth.*
 - Read - it is the foundation of wisdom.*
 - Be Friendly - it is the road to happiness.*
 - Dream - it is hitching your wagon to a star.*
 - Love & be loved - it is the privilege of God.*
 - Look around - life is too short to be selfish.*
 - Laugh - it is the music of the soul.*
- So, here's to taking time!

Our next Coffee Morning is on **Sat 18 June, 10 am - 12 in the Village Hall**. It will be in aid of **POSCH** (Parents and Carers of Special Children). Run entirely by volunteers, the charity's aim is to support parents and carers of children with additional and special needs by providing information, experiences and activities that help to improve their daily lives. There will be an opportunity to find out more at the Coffee Morning.

Donations for the raffle and cake stall would be appreciated. For further details, or to help on the day, please contact Jacqueline on 01609 748 617.



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

We send a warm welcome to members and friends to join us on **Thurs 9 June, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall** for a Musical Evening with Sandie Smith followed by a sumptuous supper. Contact Carol on 01609 748 315 or email carolinesboxes@gmail.com



Can you help?

Alison Knights (Cundalls Farm) – would like to request any gardening magazines or magazines with gardening pictures in them, if they are no longer needed. 'It is for a project that I am doing and I'd be happy to collect. Please email me at alisonknights@mac.com'



Scruton Book Club

The next Scruton Book Club meeting will be on **Tuesday 31 May at 2:30 pm**. For more details call or text Janet Crampton on 07540 503 030.

Jubilee Mugs - SPC are pleased to announce that the free Jubilee Mugs for under 16 year old villagers will be distributed at the Village Picnic on 5th June. Councillor Trevor Howe will be handing them out. Please can you let the Parish Clerk know who will be collecting them. Jubilee Mugs are on sale via the Parish Clerk at £6 per mug (they will not be on sale at the Picnic).

Jubilee Tree Planting - Following positive feedback, SPC will buy a tree to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. It will be planted on the Green outside the Lodge near the entrance to Kevin Procter's drive. Details of the type of tree and arrangements for the tree planting to follow.

Jubilee Celebrations - SPC have purchased the fireworks for the Jubilee celebrations and paid for a Commemorative Booklet to be delivered to every household in the Parish. The money is from the Community Fund.

Speeding - After receiving a number of complaints about speeding along Station Road and in particular near the Level Crossing, SPC have written to the Highways Agency requesting a site meeting to discuss the problem, with a view to new signage and the temporary installation of a traffic census box to establish if a speeding problem exists.

New Councillor – SPC would like to welcome Maurice Daley, who has agreed to be co-opted onto the Parish Council (contact details in panel below).

Meeting Dates – Please refer to the panel below for council meeting dates in 2022 & 2023.

Deadline for the next edition is 23 June

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Parish Council Meetings 2022/2023

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 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)