

Scruton News

Scruton Parish Council

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Village Meeting



There will be an open village meeting to discuss Scruton's **Platinum Jubilee** celebrations over the Bank Holiday weekend in June, and the **Scruton Feté/Village Picnic**, which would also normally be in early June.

Please come to the village hall on **Tue 22 March at 7:30 pm**. Look out for further details on Network Scruton.



On the Big Screen in the Village Hall

On **Friday 18 March at 7:30 pm** (doors open at 7pm). The cost is £10 per person which includes a finger buffet supper and first glass of wine. There will be a Quiz Night Raffle and licensed bar with wine, soft drinks and Thankful Ale available to purchase. All proceeds for St Radegund's Church Fabric Fund.

Contact Anthony Wood to reserve places for teams of 4 - 6, call 07885 654 795, anthony@scrutonvillage.co.uk



Scruton Sky at Night

by Peter Williams

Whilst there is always *something* happening in the night skies, March will be relatively quiet from a viewing point. There have been sightings recently of the Northern Lights (Aurora) even in our area. However these are difficult to predict, which is a good reason for keeping an eye on the night sky. The Spring Equinox occurs on 20 March, which marks the start of Astronomical Spring in the Northern Hemisphere. British Summer Time begins on 27 March and the clocks go forward 1 hour, bringing lighter evenings.

There have been several significant space missions recently. It is now a year since NASA's Perseverance rover landed on Mars, and some of the pictures sent back are amazing. The James Webb Telescope is now in position and undergoing final tests. The scientific data which it will send back should be fantastic!

Sky at Night will be taking a break over the summer months, but will hopefully return in the autumn. If anyone feels they would like to provide a regular or occasional article for **Scruton News**, please email me - Ed.

Beautiful display of spring crocus on the village green - let's have more!



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Roe deer are regularly seen around here. Last week I spotted a hind with two three-quarter grown young break out of Carriage Road Plantation and run across a field of rape into a copse.

During the rut in July and August, the buck occupies woodland territory and if you enter it, especially in early morning or at dusk, it will bark loudly at you. This happened to me whilst looking for nightjars at dusk at the Druid's Temple on the Swinton Estate. I was sitting on one of the stones when loud barking began behind me. Once I had pulled myself together, I thought it best to return home! Breeding takes place in July and August and the young (kids) are born in May and June, with twins being very common. To see other wild deer, visit Bilsdale where there is a herd of fallow deer or red deer at Cropton Forest. Muntjac deer are uncommon locally but they are spreading from the south.



Sizeable flocks of fieldfare and redwing are around the village and a wintering peregrine falcon has been spotted.



Scruton Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Tuesday 29 March**. For further details call Janet Crampton on 07540 503 030.

Two Spare Allotment Plots

If you are interested please email info@scrutonallotments.org.uk. Find out more at www.scrutonallotments.org.uk.



Screen Scruton

9 March 7:30 pm
At Scruton Village Hall

Off the Rails (Cert.15) In honour of their friend, 3 women set out to repeat the European inter-railing adventures of their youth. Stars Jenny Seagrove, Sally Phillips and Ismel Calvillo Millan.



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



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

The days lengthen in February and the four weeks give an extra hour at each end of the day. By the time March arrives, spring arrives also. Lambing is two thirds completed now and the remaining third will be slow to deliver. Aside from lambing, February was spent repairing fences and chopping logs because firewood is our chief form of fuel for heating and I like to keep a stock of logs drying in reserve.

Last July I was accepted to take part in the Sky Arts programme, *Landscape Artist of the Year* and I travelled to a stately home in Warwickshire for filming at Compton Verney House. I didn't win, but when asked by the producer if I'd had a wonderful day, I replied, 'yes, and someone from the stately home bought my painting'. The programme was broadcast on Sky Arts (Channel 11) on 9 February and is also on NowTV.

Services at St Radegund's

- 2 Mar** Evensong Ash Wednesday 7pm
6 Mar Morning Worship at 9:30 am
13 Mar Holy Communion at 9:30 am
20 Mar Utd. Morning Worship at **10 am**
27 Mar Holy Communion at 9:30 am
3 Apr No service (Holy Communion in Kirkby Fleetham at 11 am)

From the Rectory - One of the joys of living in beautiful North Yorkshire is watching the changing seasons. I love hares and have seen a number recently. Hares are associated with many religions. A sign of spring arriving is the sight of leaping hares, who have a reputation for being mad, especially in March. Lewis Carroll had a March hare at Alice's tea party and the term 'hare-brained' stems from their spring time behaviour. Spring is a wonderful time of year with new life, the promise of longer days and the joy of watching God's creation grow. Even the birds and animals seem to sing His praise in spring, as Bob Gotti wrote:

*God's tiny creatures are everywhere,
on all the lands and in the air.
Everywhere you look there's proof,
of God's Creation and His Truth.
Various creatures in a wide array,
are on this earth and on display.*

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

Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Pam Towse will speak about 'Travels on a Camel' at our next meeting on **Thursday 10 March, 7:15pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall**. For details call Carol on 01609 748 315 or email: carolinesboxes@gmail.com



Charity Coffee Mornings

Please support our Coffee Morning in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care on **Saturday 19 March from 10 am - 12 at the village hall**.

Marilyn writes, 'The local Marie Curie team (Liz, Joan & Marilyn) look forward to meeting all our faithful Scruton friends again after our two-year absence. Join us for a 'catch up' chat with coffee and cake. There will be a raffle, a cake stall and a Lucky Dip.'

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.



S.L.E.D.

Susan writes - My apologies to Diana for omitting her from my thanks in the last newsletter for her years of work with Bozz in organising SLED. After a successful start to the year in February, the next SLED will be on **30 March at the Coore Arms, 7 pm for 7.30**. Buffet supper with a vegetarian option, £10 per person. For catering purposes, you must register in advance. Please contact Susan by email susan@susanrogers.me.uk or call 07776 145 529 or 01609 748 630.

Clapham Junction

Come to Scruton 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!

Stump Grinding - Greg Clapham and Tom Duffield will hire a Stump Grinder in March. If you need any tree stumps removing, call Greg on 07957 730 282 for the best rates!

Local Elections in May

From April 2023 there will be a new unitary authority for North Yorkshire (*North Yorkshire Council*), replacing the seven district and borough councils as well as the current County Council.

On 5 May, we will be able to vote for one of 90 councillors, who will serve for 5 years (one year more than normal) covering the final year of the current County Council, plus the first 4 years of the new *North Yorkshire Council*.

Parish elections will also take place on 5 May, thus saving money for parishes like Scruton that would otherwise incur the expense of a separate election.

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

May Elections - The restructuring of Local Government requires the Parish Council to hold elections in May after three years in office. Currently all Councillors are willing to stand for re-election. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Parish Council is requested to contact the Clerk to register their interest and receive nomination forms. The new Council will serve for 5 years, and after the election in 2027, all Councillors will remain for another 4 years. I have been Chairman for the last ten months and thank my fellow Councillors and the Clerk for all their advice, help and support.

54 Bus Service - From Monday 21 February passengers using the number 54 bus service may alight and board at any recognised bus stop along the route. This will continue until the number 73 bus resumes its half-hourly service.

Snickets - Thanks to all those who have planted and tidied the edges of the snickets. Spring bulbs are blooming on the Village Green, including the recent additions from Graham.

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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 March

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