

Scruton News

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Thankful Village Fireworks

Saturday 12 November
Scruton Playing Field

The bonfire will be lit at 6pm, with the fireworks display with music at 7pm. There will be novelties for the children. Burgers and hot dogs on sale along with hot and cold drinks and a licenced bar. Bucket collections on the night.

Stay Safe – Follow the firework code. Make sure all your animals are safe and pets are indoors. The fireworks will begin at 7 pm and last approx. 15 minutes.

Quiz Night - Thank you to everyone who supported the Fireworks Quiz Night on 23 October in the Coore Arms. **£325** was raised towards the fireworks funds.



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Tuesday 18 Oct. began sunny but by mid-afternoon the easterly wind and grey clouds brought a huge migration of redwings and blackbirds from Scandinavia. By Wed. morning tens of thousands of birds crossed the east coast to disperse inland. In Scruton, new blackbirds squabbled with resident birds before dispersing to feed in hawthorn hedges.

The autumn migration of geese, wildfowl, swans, starlings and wood pigeons from Western Europe includes some with bird flu. This has already decimated seabird colonies and local poultry farmers are worried as the latest mutation of the virus is more virulent.



Waxwing



Mistle thrush

With the failure of Scandinavian rowan berries, waxwings may appear here soon. Anyone with cotoneasters or rowan trees, look out for them and also mistle thrushes which guard trees with berries and violently see off competitors.

There were 6 grey partridges in John Stubbs' garden and little 'Elgie', the blue tit, has returned for a *fourth* year to roost in Richard & Jane Meeres' porch!

Scruton Quiz Night

Friday 25 Nov. in the Village Hall

Please join us for a fun night of quizzing on the big screen in the village hall. Tickets are £10 per person to include a finger buffet supper and first glass of wine. There will be a Raffle and licensed bar with wine, ale and soft drinks. In aid of St Radegund's Church Fabric Fund. Contact Anthony Wood to reserve places for teams of 4-6, 07885 654795 or email anthony@scrutonvillage.co.uk



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

GQT - Many thanks from Scruton Allotments to everyone who supported our Gardeners' Question Time, we raised over **£200!** The Chris Snell Potato Challenge was won by Andrew Venus with a weight of 2.7kg. He received the trophy kindly donated by Jane Snell. The challenge is open to all and next year we hope to have even more entrants.

The climbing roses are now ready for pruning, even if they are still flowering as some are with the mild weather. Cut out any weak growth, tie in new strong growth and cut the remainder back to 2 or 3 buds to prevent wind damage in the winter. Continue to cut down perennials unless the seedheads are interesting or providing food for birds in winter.

On dry days I collect seeds in paper bags, mainly annuals such as tagetes, cosmos, ageratum and sweet peas. Dry them for a few days, seal and label them ready for sowing next year. This saves money as seeds are becoming more expensive - like everything else!



Scruton Xmas Market

Get into the festive spirit with Gifts, Cards, Wreaths, Tea/coffee, Cakes, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and a Xmas Raffle. Come along to the Village Hall, 10am – noon on **Sun 27 Nov.** Contact Helen Allison, text/tel. 07852 998 033 or email: helen_allison@icloud.com

Village Christmas Card

Thank you to everyone who has ordered cards and returned their signature greetings. Packs of cards are available for sale and if anyone has mislaid their Christmas card flyer, please contact Joan Walker on 01609 748 458 or email keithandjoanwalker@gmail.com



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

The hot, dry summers we get now are not conducive to growing potatoes. Once the temperature exceeds 25 degrees, potatoes go into survival mode and the yield suffers. A series of breakdowns and now the weather has slowed up the picking of this year's crop, but I have sufficient already in store to keep my customers happy for the next few weeks.

The fodder beet still awaits harvesting, but I am hoping for it to grow even more because most farmers are extremely short of winter feed for their animals. I have already used a third of this coming winter's feed to keep my cattle fed during the summer drought.

Potatoes – My sales team are waiting!



Prices are £10 per sack (25kg) or £6 per half sack (12.5kg). White varieties are Valor, Eurostar and Sagitta (new this year) and the reds are Rudolph. Call 748 627 or email malcolmbarker2@aol.com

Doorstep Hawkers

Whilst it is not illegal to sell goods door to door, some sellers, like the young men who were in Scruton recently, may not be what they claim to be. They may tell you they are part of a Rehabilitation Scheme, e.g. for ex-offenders, but there are no such schemes. Unless they show you a *genuine* Peddler's Certificate issued by their local Police Force it is unlikely to be legitimate.

Often, they work for an unregistered company, selling goods at inflated prices. They are taken to a particular area to sell as much as they can and then collected and moved elsewhere.

Some people buy items because they feel sorry for them or to get rid of them, but the best advice is not to confront them, say no politely and close the door. If you do not buy from them, they are less likely to return.



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

- 6 Nov** No service in Scruton
- 13 Nov** Remembrance (see below)
- 16 Nov** Evensong (Wed 7 pm) - Jenni
- 20 Nov** No service in Scruton
- 27 Nov** Holy Communion - Jenni Lane
- 4 Dec** Holy Communion - Jenni Lane

Remembrance Service – will be on Scruton Village Green at **10:45 am** on **Sunday 13 Nov**, led by John Sadler.

From the Rectory – November is a month of remembering, from All Saints to All Souls, to Armistice Day and then, 'Remember remember the 5th of November', fireworks and bonfires.

There's something very British about celebrating the failure of a plot to use explosives in an assassination. Is it an attempt to 'cheer' the hearts of those who find remembering difficult? Many things we try actively to forget, but remembering is so important.

November can be melancholy, but when we find ourselves stuck in negativity and despair, we remind ourselves that remembering is not only about the sorrowful stuff but more importantly the joyful stuff of our lives. Remembering the good times can bring us to gratitude which jolts us out of the bad times. We can then reflect on the good that can come out of the bad times, some growth, strength, renewed faith and hope.



Charity Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be in aid of The Macular Society. Please join us in the village hall on **19 Nov, 10 am – 12**. Donations of Raffle prizes and items for the Cake Stall would be appreciated. For further information or to help, please contact Jacqueline on 01609 748 617.

Susan Rogers has kindly agreed to organise the last SLED of the year which will be at the Coore Arms, **7pm for 7:30 on 30 Nov**. Buffet supper & vegetarian option, £10 per person. For catering purposes, you must register in advance. Email susan@susanrogers.me.uk or call/text 07776 145529 or 01609 748630.

SLED Organiser – A new volunteer will be needed for next year. Please contact Susan if you are interested.



Sunday Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club will be on **Sunday 20 November at 12.30** in the Coore Arms. To reserve a place, contact Alyson on 748227, alysontonge@gmail.com



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Please join us at **7:15 pm on Thurs 10 November** at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall for our AGM plus a celebration of the life of Queen Elizabeth II. For details call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or email carolinesboxes@gmail.com



Letters to the Editor

Karen Long – writes 'Thank you to all who supported the Safari Supper raising £425 on the night. Some people, unable to attend, still gave donations in memory of Chris Snell. The total raised for British Heart Foundation now stands at **£500!**'

Jim & Michele Hargan – are delighted to report that Narla has returned home, a little thinner but safe and sound.

Janet Crampton – says 'Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to create an advent window or garden display'. Janet will be in touch with you all in early November.



A true story - British intelligence officers use a corpse and false papers to outwit the German High Command.

Doors Open 7 pm, café style seating and bring your own drinks & nibbles. No Admission Charge, but donations are invited towards Village Hall funds. Email Stephen Elmer if you wish to attend: stephen.elmer@scruton.net

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

Bulbs - The Parish Council would like to thank Kirkby Fleetham WI who have given us 75 daffodil bulbs. At present the intention is to plant them on Pittfields Corner unless anyone has any objections or other suggestions.

Memorial - We have received a couple of suggestions for a memorial to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Please keep them coming in.

Trees - We are awaiting planning permission to carry out some remedial pruning on some of the trees on the Village Green. Some of the trees have preservation orders on them, hence the need for permission.

Drains - We have raised the issue of the blocked drains on the corner by Silver Street and at the bottom of Common Lane. Hopefully a longer term solution can be implemented soon.

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Parish Council Meetings 2022/2023

The public are welcome to attend council meetings in the Coore Memorial Hall, starting at 7:30 pm.

10 November	2022	
12 January	2023	
9 March	2023	
13 April	2023	(Annual Parish Meeting)
11 May	2023	(Parish Council AGM)



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