

Scruton News

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Village Christmas Card

The theme for this year's Village Christmas Card is the Twelve Days of Christmas as created by Scruton residents in December 2021.



All the details are in the envelope which has been delivered with this newsletter, **it is not junk mail, do not discard it!** The enclosed flyer may be used to write your personal Christmas Greeting to the village and there is also an order form should you wish to purchase packs of cards for your own use. Due to rising costs, the price for packs of cards has gone up this year. All proceeds are for St Radegund's Church Fabric Fund.



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

The recent welcome rain has seen roses flowering for the second time. Later flowering perennials such as Helianthus and Michaelmas Daisies have recovered well from the dry weather, I particularly like Helianthus 'Lemon Queen'. The little Cyclamen Hederifolium, which prefers a shady situation, even under trees, along with the Autumn Crocus is also in full flower. Also 'in the pink' the Nerine lilies are starting to flower and will go on flowering for some time. The hot weather caused their foliage to die down, so I cut this off just to leave the flower heads. They spread quickly and will need thinning out occasionally. Their bulbs don't like being buried too deep in the soil, so leave half of the bulb above the ground when transplanting.

A shrub which is in full flower is Caryopteris 'Heavenly Blue' and on a warm day is covered with bees. 'Hint of Gold' is a good variety, the blue flowers against the greeny gold look lovely. This year's fruiting canes of summer raspberries are ready for cutting down. The new growth which will fruit next year needs to be tied in to wire, but the autumn raspberries are fruiting well, much better than the summer variety; these are not pruned until early next year when all the canes are cut down and the new growth will produce fruit.

Fireworks Quiz Night

There will be a Quiz Night in support of Thankful Village Fireworks at the Coore Arms, 7 pm on **Sunday 23 October**. The cost is £10 per person to include supper. The Quizmaster is Antony Wood and there will be a raffle on the night. To book a table call the Coore Arms 01609 748 215 or thecoorearms@gmail.com

Save the Date! – The Thankful Village Firework Display will take place this year on Scruton Playing Field on **Sat 12 Nov**.



GQT in Scruton!

The Allotment Association are holding a **Gardeners' Question Time** for all garden based topics at 7 pm on the **20 October** in the village hall. Panellists will include: Joe Lofthouse (RHS Harlow Carr); Phil Braithwaite, (Braithwaites Garden Centre) and Scruton's own expert, Elizabeth Davies. Phil will also talk about bee keeping. Raffle prizes include an escorted tour of RHS Harlow Carr with a 'behind the scenes' view of the nursery workings. Ticket details will be circulated shortly via Network Scruton and also posted on the Allotments web site: www.scrutonallotments.org.uk



Chris Snell 2022 Potato Challenge

Revised plans for this event will be circulated shortly via Network Scruton and posted on the Allotments web site.



Harvest Supper

Scruton's Harvest Supper will be on **Friday 14th October** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £10 each to include a buffet supper and a glass of wine, available from Josie Exelby, The Manor House, Scruton, tel: 01609 748 270 or email: jo.xlb@hotmail.co.uk

Harvest Festival - This year's Harvest Festival will be at 9.30 pm on **16 October** at St. Radegund's Church.

Hambleton Foodshare - The Church is asking for donations for the Hambleton Foodshare. Suitable items include: tinned goods, jars and packets of food, UHT milk and squash. Also items such as toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. For the latest details go to www.hambletonfoodshare.org.uk

All donations please to John Mainwaring-Taylor at The Green, from **4 - 16 Oct**. If no answer, please leave in front porch.

2022 Advent Displays

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to create an advent window in December 2022. A number of other communities are doing this and much inspiration can be found on the internet, Hazel Pratt suggests the 'Living Advent Calendar' at www.saltareinspired.org.uk

In Scruton, half the available dates have already been bagged, so please contact Janet Crampton on 748 321 if you are thinking of doing something. We could have more than 24, duplicates welcome!



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Summer is over and after a very good breeding season and swallows, house martins and swifts are on their way to Africa. Most of the swifts were gone by the end of July, but one returned night after night, to roost in Margaret Ward's roof until leaving on the 6 September.

Whilst gardening this summer and sitting out enjoying the odd glass of wine in the evening, I am surprised at the wide variety of birds that I have seen. Scruton is situated on a migratory route down the Swale Valley and the Vale of Mowbray and in addition the village appears to be a refuelling post, especially for insect eating birds. A hobby has made regular visits chasing after house martins and insects, especially dragon flies.

Goshawk



More unusual sightings have been red kite, golden plover, lesser whitethroat, cuckoo, whimbrel, yellow wagtail and two views of spotted flycatchers which means that they may still be nesting in the village. The best sighting happened recently when I was alerted to a commotion over the Parklands. A pair of crows and half a dozen rooks were seriously mobbing what I thought to be a large sparrow hawk. On closer inspection I could see it was a goshawk. As a young man I would regularly do a bit of 'twitching', but now I am of an age where they can come and find me!

Services at St Radegund's

All services at St Radegund's are on Sunday at 9:30 am except where stated. The Reverend Jenni Lane may be contacted on 01609 631 122.

- 2 Oct** No service in Scruton
9 Oct Morning Worship - Paul Chubb
16 Oct Harvest Festival
Holy Communion - Jenni Lane
23 Oct No service in Scruton
30 Oct Holy Communion - Jenni Lane



Charity Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning, in aid of Thankful Village Fireworks, will be from **10am – 12 on Saturday 15 October**. We would be grateful for donations of Raffle prizes and items for the Cake Stall. For more information or to offer help, call Jacqueline on 01609 748 617.

SLED Organiser Needed

Due to other commitments, Susan is stepping back from organising SLED. Someone is needed to organise the next SLED on **Wed 30 Nov**. If you are interested, call Susan on 07776 145529 or email susan@susanrogers.me.uk

Sunday Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club will be on Sunday 16 October 12.30 in the Coore Arms. Contact Alyson for table numbers on alysontonge@gmail.com 01609 748227



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Join us at our next meeting for a talk on *Beekeeping and the importance of bees*. By Philip Braithwaite. **Thurs 13 Oct.** at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. For more details call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or email carolinesboxes@gmail.com

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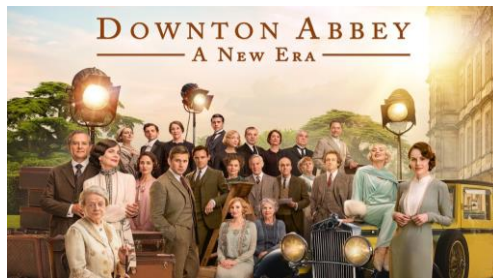
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Screen Scruton 7:30 pm on 12 October at Scruton Village Hall

Downton Abbey: A New Era – The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager Countess's newly inherited villa.



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

Narla is Still Missing

There have been sightings so please check sheds and outbuildings, and if you have any news please call Jim or Michele Hargan: 07894 587262 or 07788 935655



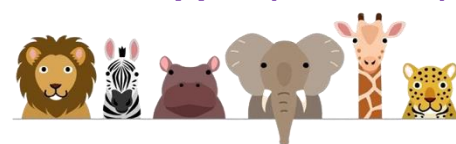
Dog Mess on Village Green

Scruton Parish Council

Grass Cutting at Risk! – The Parish Council have received a complaint from the grass cutters that they had to clean their machines from excessive dog mess after the last cut. If this reoccurs, the grass cutters will consider withdrawing their service!

Dog excrement is a serious issue. It is a health hazard to children who play on the green and dog mess had to be cleared away before the recent vigil to HM The Queen took place. A Dog Waste bin is provided and there is no excuse for not cleaning up after your dog!

Safari Supper (Sat 8 Oct)



Places at this year's Safari Supper are now fully allocated. This year's good cause is the British Heart Foundation in memory of Chris Snell. If you would like to donate call Karen on 07876 340 184 or email: karenrachel69@gmail.com

Thankful Ale

Thankful - Scruton IPA is available for delivery: Mini Kegs (5 litre) £23, Case of 12 bottles £27. All profits go to the Village. Contact Richard Burton-White (Chalky) on 07545 123 856, or via Scruton Facebook or WhatsApp groups.



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

In the farming game, the snakes are more numerous and the ladders are getting shorter. Government policies are changing fast and are less predictable.

Summer has slipped into autumn. This has been an easy summer for harvesting because of the dry weather but yields of grass and spring barley have been poor. The current high fertiliser prices and machinery costs are not reflected at the farm gate. My only working tractor needs repairs to the gearbox which I expect will account for most of next year's profits.

By the end of October I hope that my potatoes will be ready to store. I have let most varieties grow for as long as possible this season in the hope of maximising yield. Eurostar, the one variety which died back early in the drought, is yielding one sack of potatoes every 20 metres of potato row compared with one sack every 7 metres in an average year. It is by digging along the potato rows with a fork and picking and measuring each variety that I can estimate the potential eventual yield of potatoes on this farm.

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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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