

# Scruton News

Scruton Parish Council

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## 2022 Chris Snell Potato Challenge

This year's Potato Challenge is set to be concluded and the winners decided on **Sun 11 Sept.** when Scruton Allotment Association will hold its annual BBQ.



Association members and villagers are all welcome to attend with the highlight being the 'weigh-in' of the potato bags. The event will be in and around the Village Hall and Playing Fields, and will start at 2 pm. Further details will follow via Network Scruton as well as on the website: [www.scrutonallotments.org.uk](http://www.scrutonallotments.org.uk)



## Nature Notes

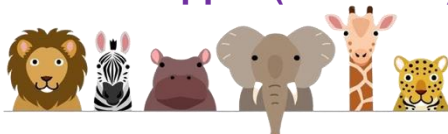
by Andy Johnston

We recently had a hummingbird hawk-moth feeding on flowers in our garden. These day time feeding moths migrate from around the Mediterranean to Britain and Northern Europe. Many insects world wide migrate over huge distances and with the advent of micro transmitters the larger ones can now be tracked. Recent research on the death head hawk-moth has revealed that they are great navigators on their migration from Northern Europe to Africa. It was previously thought that their journey was largely subject to the vagaries of the wind. They actually migrate at night, very much in a straight line and can vary their trajectory & heading to take account of the wind. On approaching the Alps they either use mountain passes or skirt around them. This remarkable ability to stay on course, even in unfavourable conditions, indicates the moth has sophisticated compass mechanisms.

Recent sightings on the Swale include an osprey, a great white egret, and an otter. Also seen were hobbies, spotted flycatchers and a huge & spectacular Globemaster III !

**Can you name the 9 brands represented by these emojis?**

## Safari Supper (Sat 8 Oct)



**First Come, First Served!** – The closing date for Safari Supper draw is **Friday 9 September.** The number of couples participating needs to be divisible by 3 for the draw to work, so any late replies may be kept as reserves. If you would like to participate call Karen, 07876 340 184 or email: [karenrachel69@gmail.com](mailto:karenrachel69@gmail.com)

## 2022 Advent Displays

After the success of last year's *Twelve Days of Christmas*, we are going to try the **24 days of Advent** this year. These can be illuminated in a window or in your garden and can feature an interpretation of your choosing; see attached sheet for inspiration. A location map will be provided but displays that can be seen by passers-by would be most effective. Call Janet Crampton on 01609 748 321.



## Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

Another hot, dry month has spoilt many summer plants, but it has suited plants like lavender which has been covered in flowers. (I was pleased to see a hummingbird hawk-moth feeding on mine.) But now that the flowers have faded it is time to cut it back to prevent it becoming untidy and woody. Trim with shears but not down into the bare wood as it may not shoot again. I always leave a few flowers on a plant to set seed as I like to sow some each year for new plants to replace ones that are getting past their best. I grow two compact varieties, Hidcote, a dark purple and Munstead which is a shade lighter.

Although lots of plants need cutting down for the winter, penstemons don't as they are quite tender and the old foliage protects new growth over the winter. Cut these down at the end of March. Dahlias are in full flower now and need dead-heading to help them continue flowering, not just cutting off the dead head but back to the base of the stem, like roses. To distinguish between the old and new buds: the old ones are cone shaped and the new buds are more rounded.

## Station Visitors from SA

Descendants of Henry Hutchinson, Scruton's Station Master in the 1920s, visited Scruton in August and were amazed to see the renovations to the once derelict building where Henry worked and lived with his wife Edith and four children, two of whom were born and educated in Scruton. The visitors included Flora Caveney (Henry's granddaughter) and her husband Philip, here from South Africa; Hazel Hare and her brother Selwyn Hutchinson (Henry's grandchildren), and Hazel's daughter Sally (Henry's great-granddaughter).



## Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

As I write, harvest is now almost over, with one small area of spring barley remaining. I have still to calculate the final accounts for this year's cereals but I already know that the results are mixed. The wheat yielded well considering the drought, and the winter barley was also acceptable. My spring barley was late sown after my Covid and subsequent heart attack and I knew that it would only do well if the weather conditions were favourable. The cold arid spring which we had was the opposite of that which the crop needed and the resulting yield is unsurprisingly moderate.

As you will be aware, the solar farm, although recommended by the planners, was turned down by Hambleton District Council, because they object to the loss of land used to grow food. A few months earlier the same council passed plans for a factory on better land at Leeming Bar. My sheep would have grazed the grass growing beneath the solar panels and so food would still have been produced. I still fervently believe that this country should produce its own energy rather than relying on foreign dictatorships to sell it to us.



## Services at St Radegund's

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

- 4 Sep** Holy Communion - Jenni Lane
- 11 Sep** Morning Worship - Paul Chubb
- 18 Sep** No service in Scruton
- 21 Sep** Evensong (Wed at 7 pm)
- 25 Sep** Holy Communion - Jenni Lane
- 2 Oct** No service in Scruton



## Charity Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Sat 17 Sept. 10 am - 12 in the Village Hall**. It will be in aid of the Macular Society, a UK charity which supports people with central vision loss. Contributions of cakes and raffle prizes will be welcome. For further information or to offer help, contact Jacqueline on 01609 748 617.



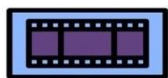
## Sunday Lunch Club

The weekend can be a quiet time for anyone living on their own. The Sunday Lunch Club will meet in the **Coore Arms at 12:30 on 18 September**. Please let Alyson know by 9 Sept. if you are interested; call 01609 748 227 or email [alysontonge@gmail.com](mailto:alysontonge@gmail.com)



## Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Members and friends of KFWI are welcome at the next meeting on **Thurs 8 Sept. at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall**. There will be a talk by Susan Parry on *From Forensics to Crime Fiction*. For details call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or email [carolinesboxes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinesboxes@gmail.com)



## Last Night of the Proms

There have been no bookings so far. The screening on 10 September will be cancelled if there is insufficient interest.



## Scruton Ladies Evening Do

The next SLED will be on **28 Sept. at the Coore Arms, 7 pm for 7.30**. Buffet supper with a vegetarian option, £10 per person. This time as an experiment, you'll be given random seating so that you can meet people you know less well. If you would rather sit with your regular friends, please say when booking (if you don't specify, you'll be given a random seat). For catering purposes, you must register in advance, please email Susan [susan@susanrogers.me.uk](mailto:susan@susanrogers.me.uk) or call/text 07776 145 529 or 01609 748 630.

## Thank You Slots

**Keven Surtees** - The family of the late Keven Surtees would like to thank the residents of Scruton for their cards and kind messages of condolence.

**Alan Harpley** - thanks all who offered help and support to himself and Sue during their recent worrying moments.



## Letters to the Editor

**54 Bus Service** - Isobel Cherry would like to remind everyone to use the 54 bus, which runs 3 round trips each day between Northallerton and Kirkby Fleetham - **Use it or lose it!**



## Have You Seen Narla?

Our cat, a Bengal and Main Coon cross, went missing about 4 weeks ago. She looks like a tortoiseshell with very soft coat. If you have any news or have taken her in please let us know. Jim & Michele Hargan. The Chapel House, Station Road, 07894 587262 or 07788 935655.

## More Dog Fouling!

Scruton residents have reported dog fouling in their gardens in Meadow Drive. This is unacceptable, please **DO NOT** let your dog foul in private gardens.

## From the Parish Council

*By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)*

SPC would like to thank our County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson for unveiling the plaque for our Jubilee Tree. We also thank Liz Davies for planting the tree on the Jubilee weekend, and George Ewart for buying the Plaque and the Prosecco. The ceremony was a pleasant end to the working week.



SPC attended the Planning Meeting where the application to build a solar photovoltaic array was put forward and discussed. In accordance with the mandate from the independently verified Scruton Village Referendum, in which 68% voted against the solar installation, SPC spoke against the proposal on the grounds that putting a solar power station on grade 2 best most versatile agricultural land would contravene Local Policy. The HDC Planning Committee voted to follow their Local Planning Policy and rejected the application.

## Yorkshire Devolution?

The City of York & NYCC have proposed a devolution deal worth £750m with central government. This is a historic moment which could be a step towards powerful long term change for our region. For more information go to [www.northyorks.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/devolution)

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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.

<b>8 September</b>	<b>2022</b>	
<b>10 November</b>	<b>2022</b>	
<b>12 January</b>	<b>2023</b>	
<b>9 March</b>	<b>2023</b>	
<b>13 April</b>	<b>2023</b>	(Annual Parish Meeting)
<b>11 May</b>	<b>2023</b>	(Parish Council AGM)



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