

Scruton News

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Scruton Fest 2023 Saturday 24 June

The new festival is shaping up to be an exciting successor to Scruton Fete! *Everything* will be housed in a huge marquee on the playing field.

In the afternoon (free entry from 2 pm)

Stalls – Cakes, plants, tombola, local artists and much more (tbc).

Picnic – bring your own food & drink and enjoy live music from the Scruton Jazz & Blues band from 4 pm.

Scruton Raffle – grand prize draw.

The Main Event (ticketed from 7 pm)

Live Music by Roundel – a popular Northallerton band with a wide selection of musical genres.

DJ Andy Wilson – well known for filling a dance floor with a great mix of music, singing and guitar playing.

Other onsite features will include:

Bar - kindly provided by the Coore Arms.

Food - Woodfired Pizza Oven, Burgers, Hotdogs, Ice Creams and Milkshake Bar.

Evening Ticket Prices: Adults £10, under 16's £5, under 12's Free.

Scruton Playing Fields Association look forward to seeing you there. For tickets, enquiries about stalls, or any further information contact Mark Gatlenby email: m.gatenby@outlook.com



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

The dry February has become a wet March. I like to sow spring barley during the first two weeks of March but rain and snow prevented this. I now hope for better weather at Easter; Holy Week tends to bring dry weather and I regularly spend Easter weekend sowing crops. Once the spring barley has been sown then fodder beet and grass will be the next crops to plant.

I also plan to plant an area of wildflower seeds as an experiment to see if they encourage more wildlife. If successful, I hope to make hay from the resulting crop which I will spread for the sheep to eat next winter. I'm thinking that the seeds from the wildflowers will spread across the farm, either in the hay bales or inside the sheep, and will self-germinate for future years around the grass fields.

Growing food has become uneconomic in the last year, so I will halve the area of potatoes grown this year, and will decide next year if I plant any at all in the future.



Strollers & Striders

Scruton Walking Group meets **every Monday**. Look out for messages on Network Scruton or contact Janet Crampton for details or suggestions for future walks. Tel 01609 748321, 07540 503030 or janetcrampton@icloud.com



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Those of you who live near the Green or at the top of Ham Hall Lane are well aware of the rooks. As colonial nesting birds they are both very noisy and litter the ground with branches. We currently have approximately sixty nests between both rookeries, yet less than five years ago there were none at Ham Hall. Most of the rooks will now be sat on eggs and by July the young will have flown and peace and quiet will be resumed.



In the last few days chiffchaffs have arrived and the odd sand martin has been spotted by the Swale. Ospreys are migrating and it is only a matter of time before they nest near Scruton. Last year a pair raised two chicks on the Bolton Estate and the male was regularly seen fishing on the lakes at Nosterfield.

Recently, while walking along Ham Hall Lane towards the level crossing, I saw two pairs of lapwing in a nearby field where the males were doing their wheeling display flights. Suddenly a peregrine falcon attacked one of the males but missed. The falcon continued its attack for a further three or four attempts but each time the lapwing flipped and escaped comfortably. By the end of April swallows, house martins and blackcaps should all be back, adding to the dawn and evening chorus.



Free Money !?!?!?

You and a friend each put £20 in a box. You then offer to sell the box (worth £40) to your friend for £30. You both walk away with £10 profit! How can that be?



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

Spring is finally here, although good gardening weather changes from day to day. One job for the greenhouse is sowing tomato seed. I save my seed from the previous year and grow different varieties, this year it is Gardeners Delight, Shirley, a larger tomato, and Black Russian, a cherry tomato with a good flavour. I bought a packet of Sungold and had to pay £3.25 for 8 seeds! I will certainly be saving the seed from those this year. If you have no greenhouse, grow them on a windowsill.



Lots of annuals can be sown now. Sweet peas prefer a deep pot as they have long roots. Cosmos, tagetes, nicotiana are some of my favourites and are sown in trays of peat free compost mixed with perlite or vermiculite. Once again, I save my own seed but there are always new varieties on the market. Some annuals such as begonias, petunias, and geraniums I buy as plug plants and grow on quickly when transplanted.

Any roses that haven't been pruned need to be done now so that they produce strong buds for the summer. The late frosts have caught some rose shoots.

Perennials such as phlox, michaelmas daisies and campanula benefit from being split and the centre woody growth discarded. You may get 3 or 4 new plants from one old one. If you have any hydrangeas the dead flower heads can be cut off along with any dead wood. Borders and pots will benefit from a top dressing of compost, old woodchips or fish, blood, and bone.



Thank You

Grateful thanks go to the supporters of Marie Curie (care for all those with a terminal illness). The Coffee Morning in March raised £390 which, with additional donations, means that a grand total of £468 was raised for this good cause.

All services at St Radegund's are on Sunday at 9:30 am except where stated. The Rev. Jenni Lane may be contacted on 01609 631122.

- 2 Apr** No service in Scruton
- 5 Apr** Evensong (Wed 7 pm)
- 7 Apr** Good Friday Devotion (2 pm)
- 9 Apr** Easter Day Morning worship
- 16 Apr** Holy Communion - Jenni
- 23 Apr** Untd. Holy Communion (10 am)
Lesley Ashton
- 30 Apr** No service in Scruton
- 7 May** Morning Worship - Paul



Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 15 April**. Any money raised will go towards providing a metal rail to help Steve Walsh access his garden. Steve lives in Bedale and suffers from Locked in Syndrome; you may have read about him in the D&S Times. Donations of Raffle prizes and items for the Cake Stall would be welcome. For details or to help call Jacqueline on 01609 748617.

Coronation Coffee & Cake

Please join us in the Village Hall for a special celebration on **Saturday 6 May** from 2 to 4 pm. Look out for further details on Network Scruton.



Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club will be **Sunday 16 April** 12:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Call Alyson to reserve a place, 01609 748227 or email alysontonge@gmail.com



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Please join us for a demonstration of painting by Alison Southward on **Thur 13 April**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. Call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or carolinesboxes@gmail.com



After 30 years service as a top aviator, Pete Mitchell is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous Navy test pilot, dodging any promotion in rank that would ground him.

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 to reserve a place: stephen.elmer@scruton.net



Petrolheads

Petrolheads meet on the second Thurs of each month, 7:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Previous meetings featured talks by Anthony Wood about the MG and James Charnley about Porsche cars. On **13 April**, Andy Dobson will speak about Datsun cars. For more details call Alan Harpley on 01609 748712.



Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Tuesday 25 April** at 2:30 pm. For information call or text Janet Crampton on 07540 503030 or 01609 748321.



Letters to the Editor

Coronation Monday - Trevor Howe writes to suggest that we all decorate our houses and have Garden Picnics (as we did in 2020 for the 75th anniversary of VE Day). If you are interested in taking part, call Trevor on 01609 748355.

The Playing Field Committee would like to apologise for insufficient public notice given of their AGM, which took place in the Village Hall on 14 March.

The AGM Minutes are available upon request. An extra-ordinary meeting can be arranged if anyone wishes to raise any other issues. Please contact Tim Cresswell, tim.cresswell99@gmail.com

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

Silver Street Corner - The ongoing saga of the flood at the corner of Silver St and Station Rd has caused a lot of frustration, SPC have regularly asked for updates. The issue is that an engineer from British Gas has to be in attendance, and the co-ordination between the engineer and the Highways Agency staff has been problematic. We have been promised that work will be completed by the end of March. * (See below)

Litter – The litter Pick-Up undertaken on the verge beside Fence Dike Lane collected two bags of rubbish and a large number of wine and beer bottles. SPC would also like to thank all the village heroes who quietly pick up litter from the lanes and along the river flood plain; your efforts to keep our village looking nice do not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Village Green Trees - Planning permission has been received for tree pruning to commence on the Village Green. We will advise when we know the date that work will start.

Coronation - SPC have been asked if a tree will be planted to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We would like to do this, and would also welcome any other suggestions.

*** STOP PRESS** – As Scruton News goes to press, a 'void' has been found under the road at Silver Street corner. The road will be closed; look for further updates on Network Scruton.

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Parish Council Meetings 2023

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

13 April (Annual Parish Meeting)
11 May (Parish Council AGM)

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