

Scruton News

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Scruton 'Festival' Saturday 24 June 2023

Scruton's traditional annual Village Fete is superseded this year by a new festival organised by Scruton Playing Field Association (SPFA).

The new Festival will be staged in a large marquee on the playing field and will include events during the afternoon for children and families, plus a Party in the evening for grown ups. Details have yet to be finalised but you should put the date in your diary now!

The daytime activities are likely to include many old favourites such as Tombola, Plant Stall, Cakes & Produce, Games, Food & Drink etc. perhaps also an exhibition of cars and other vehicles.

The evening event will be ticketed and will include live music and a DJ, hot food and a licensed bar. Any money raised will go to village funds. Look out for further details in future Newsletters, on Network Scruton, and on Facebook.

King Charles III Coronation

Buckingham Palace – Have announced plans for the Coronation weekend. The Coronation Service will be on Saturday 6 May with a special Concert live from Windsor Castle on Sunday 7 May. Local communities are invited to hold a 'Big Lunch' on Bank Holiday Monday, 8 May.

So far, Scruton News is not aware of any firm plans for a celebration in the village, but there's still time for someone to step forward to organise a Street Party or perhaps a Village Picnic.



Coronation Mugs - SPC are offering a free Coronation Mug to all children under 16 years. Contact the Parish Clerk to reserve mugs for your children, or to place orders for any additional mugs at £6 each.



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

At last signs of spring: great tits, robins, starlings, mistle thrushes and song thrushes are all starting to sing. Early nesting rooks are well on with their constructions above the green, while below, snow drops are in full bloom with yellow patches of aconites.

Judi Elmer was telling me that both she and Jane Meeres have been woken recently by the 'screams' of foxes. This is the breeding season for foxes. Normally they operate as individuals and hold a territory, but at this time of the year they bark and give out blood curdling screams to attract a mate. It is hardly surprising that Judi and Jane heard one, as Judi has a large dog fox which regularly frequents her garden and is quite dismissive of her presence.



The recent cold spell and frozen ground has forced fieldfares and redwings into gardens with fallen apples for food. Margaret Ward has an ornamental crab apple which still contains a lot of fruit. A flock of over fifty fieldfares has regularly swarmed the tree in the past few days. In a month, these winter thrushes will be heading back across the North Sea.

Recent sightings include an otter seen on Common Lane and three egrets that have frequented the flooded fields opposite the Coore Arms and Ham Hall Lane. Amongst the birds that John Cherry has been feeding in his garden is a blackcap (normally a summer migrant) but over the past fifty years more are becoming resident. Ever since arriving in the village I have suspected this to be the case, as in late January I hear snatches of song from the hawthorns opposite our bungalow.



Strollers & Striders

Scruton Walking Group will meet **every Monday**. Unless notified otherwise, assemble on the village green at 10 am. Dogs are welcome and normal country codes must be observed.

Contact Janet Crampton for details and with suggestions for future walks. Tel 01609 748321, 07540 503030 or janetcrampton@icloud.com



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

Last Autumn I responded to a Facebook advert which was requesting Leeds based artists. I explained that I live about 50 miles away but gave details of my website and Facebook page. A few weeks later I received a call asking if they could send a cameraman to film me at work and whilst painting. This was arranged for a Friday, and shows me working at the farm then painting at Leyburn Mart. The resulting film was introduced by Gabby Logan and shown to 10,000 people at Headingley Stadium on 7 January at the opening ceremony of Leeds 2023 which is the city's 'Year of Culture'. This short film has now been added to my Facebook page.

Last Summer I went to Northern Ireland to paint, as a wildcard, in Landscape Artist of the year. This episode was transmitted at the end of January. The judges were very complementary but I didn't win, although Joan Bakewell said 'Obviously you are an extremely accomplished artist'. I can live with that.



The sheep started lambing in January and then stopped again. We have a total of six lambs from four sheep.

QUIZ: What ten film titles are represented in these emojis? (Answers below)



Answers: Finding Nemo, Spiderman, Catch 22, Lion King, Silence of the Lambs, Clockwork Orange, ET (Phone Home), The Good the Bad & the Ugly

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.

- 5 Feb** No service in Scruton
- 12 Feb** Holy Communion - Jenni
- 19 Feb** United Morning Worship (10am)
- 22 Feb** Evensong (Wed 7pm) - Jenni
- 26 Feb** Morning Worship - Paul
- 5 Mar** Holy Communion - Lesley Ashton



Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be in aid of *Riding for the Disabled*, on **Saturday 18 February**, 10 am - noon in the village hall. Donations of Raffle prizes and items for the Cake Stall would be much appreciated. For more details or to help call Jacqueline on 01609 748617.



Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club will be **Sunday 12 February** (earlier than usual) at the Coore Arms. If you wish to participate, call Alyson Tonge on 01609 748 227 or email alysontonge@gmail.com



Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Tuesday 28 February** at 2:30 pm. For information call or text Janet Crampton on 07540 503030 or 01609 748321.



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Please join us for a demonstration by chocolatier, Andrew Thwaite from York Cookery School, **Thursday 9 February**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. For details call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or carolinesboxes@gmail.com



Screen Scruton

7:30 pm on 8 February
at Scruton Village Hall



Summer 1939: influential families in Nazi Germany have sent their daughters to an English finishing school. A teacher who sees what is coming tries to raise the alarm. Stars Judi Dench, Eddie Izzard and Jim Broadbent.

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



Petrol Heads

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 9 Feb**, 7:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Call Alan Harpley, 01609 748712 for details.



Letters to the Editor

Thank you – Elaine & Paul Harrison have written to thank everyone who came to enjoy mulled wine in their garden on Christmas Eve. £120 was raised for the Sports Field Association!

Baby News! – Jane Snell writes to say that Alice (nee Snell) and Marc Lomas are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son, James Christopher, born 25 January weighing 7lb 3oz. He is doing well and brings much joy!



From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

Silver Street Corner - Hopefully the recent work on the drain will resolve the flooding issue and the puddle will not reappear the next time it rains.

Speeding - You may have noticed the traffic speed warning signs in Great Fencote. SPC do not intend getting this system for Scruton (we do not have a budget for this, which costs around £3,500). We have however asked the Highways Agency if they will install a roadside monitoring box with sensor wires across the road which should identify if we have a speeding problem in the village. The last time one was installed it did not identify a problem.

Dogs – Due to the number of complaints we have received about dog fouling, we have asked for the Dog Warden to start visiting the village again.

Parking - Part of the benefit to Scruton of the Pittfields development was the provision of 12 parking spaces for residents who live opposite Pittfields; in order that they may park their vehicles off the road, so as not to cause a hazard on the corner of Common Lane and Station Road. We understand there has been some confusion about who is entitled to use these spaces; hopefully this clarifies the matter.

Queen Elizabeth - Currently the suggestions of a commemoration of Her Majesty include: a memorial rose garden, naming the approach to the Church after her, a clock or a plaque. SPC are considering combining the Queen's commemoration with the King's Coronation and we would welcome any further suggestions or comments.

Spring Flowers - As Spring approaches, Trevor would like to point out that the spring flowers on the roadside at Pittfields and on the Village Green are the work of years of planting by many people, so that we can all enjoy the splendid colours and joy they provide.

Parish Council Meetings 2023

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

- 9 March**
- 13 April (Annual Parish Meeting)**
- 11 May (Parish Council AGM)**

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