

# Scruton News

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## Congratulations to the Scruton Fest Team!

Scruton Fest was a roaring success last weekend, thanks to the Fest Crew (SPFA) and **everyone** who supported and participated in the event in any way.

Villagers enjoyed picnics in brilliant sunshine while Scruton Jazz Band made its debut performance. The traditional elements (Raffle, Tombola, Plants and Cake stalls) together made over £2,800! (plus matched funding of £1,000 from Barclays for the raffle). The organisers said, "Stall holders and catering vendors all reported good sales, and we have received many generous donations. The bar was popular, selling over 700 pints of beer and countless other drinks.". The new features of live music (Roundel) and Karaoke DJ (Andy Wilson) were enjoyed by revellers who danced the night away under a beautiful mackerel sky.

The final total of fundraising should be available for next month's Scruton News and a provisional date for next year's Fest is **Saturday 29 June 2024**.



## Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

After a very dry month, at last a drop of rain, although we need more. Some plants have done well and the roses have been spectacular with more flowers than usual, although they haven't lasted long in the heat. So lots of dead heading, cutting back to a leaf bud, not just snapping off the head, hopefully we will get a second flowering. With the dry, hot weather varieties prone to black spot have suffered, especially climbers like Iceberg, as there hasn't been the air flow around them and some have lost their leaves. Nothing suitable to spray them with but if you water and feed them, they will come into leaf again.

Take out the side shoots from your tomato plants (except the bush varieties) to keep the plant under control and help put its energy into producing fruit. Feed weekly with a high potash fertiliser.

Delphiniums have almost finished flowering so cut them down to the ground, give them a good water and feed with Fish, Blood and Bone or a liquid fertiliser. Later in the year, you will get a second flowering. This also applies to oriental poppies.

A garden well worth visiting at the moment is Mount Grace Priory by the A19, redesigned by Chris Beardshaw.



## Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

I write this on the day after Scruton Fest. When I returned home, I checked the sheep because I had a nagging feeling that something was wrong. They sounded unsettled. As a farmer, you need a sixth sense for trouble and thundery weather sets off two alarm bells for me, namely, blight in potatoes and maggots in sheep. I soon saw the visual evidence such as a dark patch appearing upon the fleece and the sheep nibbling at the air as though they are wanting to bite at the offending parasites. Another observation is that green bottles can be seen landing upon the fleece ready to lay more eggs to the infestation.

I could hear the music playing down in the village, as the evening progressed under the mackerel sky. I sheared all of the affected sheep and sprayed an insecticide upon the affected areas to kill any remaining subcutaneous maggots which writhed as they escaped from the lymph filled burrows they had made beneath the ovine flesh. It became too dark to shear as the music from the playing fields ceased and the noctilucent clouds in the northern summer sky were replaced by the glow of another display of northern lights.

**The first Glastonbury Festival** was attended by 1,500 people in 1970 at Worthy Farm, Somerset. Today its attendance counts as a large city! The first Scruton Fest was held on the village playing field on 24 June 2023 – *who knows what the future may hold!?* - Ed.



## Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Recently I walked up Meeth Gill just west of Reeth to the Old Gang Smelt Mills to see how many species of upland birds I could find, especially summer migrants. As this is the height of the grouse breeding season there were numerous groups of young, varying in size from just hatched to virtually full grown. Young grouse can fly at 12 days old, so it looks rather incongruous to see an adult fly off followed by a squadron of miniatures. I also spotted pleasing numbers of curlew, lapwing, golden plover, a pair of stone chats and many meadow pipits. While approaching the Old Gang I heard the 'kronk kronk' call of a raven. They are very inquisitive birds and will come and check you out.



Northern Wheatear (male)

The ruins of the smelting mill are surrounded by rock waste, an ideal habitat for wheatears, small migrant birds from Africa, which nest amongst the rocks. Nearby were two pairs of ring ousels, or mountain blackbirds. The male has a characteristic white bib on its chest, whereas the female resembles a garden blackbird. Walking back to the car and feeling pleased with my tally, I spotted a young cuckoo on a fence being fed by two meadow pipits! Eventually it flew off with its foster parents in pursuit.



## Thankful Ale

Thankful – Scruton IPA is available for local delivery or collection from the village hall. Case of 12 bottles £27; 5 ltr mini keg £23. Every bottle raises money for the village. Contact Richard (Chalky) on 07545 1230856 or via Scruton Community Facebook page.



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 Jul** No Service in Scruton
- 9 Jul** Morning Worship - Paul
- 16 Jul** No Service in Scruton
- 23 Jul** Holy Communion – Jenni
- 26 Jul** Evensong (Wed at 7 pm)
- 30 Jul** No Service in Scruton
- 6 Aug** Morning Worship - Paul

**Charity Coffee Mornings** - There are no coffee mornings in July and Aug.



## Petrolheads

A wonderful day at Scruton Fest saw many cars we know, and also a splendid AC ACE of Russ Swift and Grant Sellers' 1927 Alvis 12/50- from Stokesley plus immaculate examples of MG marque. The next meeting is on **Thursday 13 July** with a proposed run to Tan Hill starting at 6 pm. (alternative suggestions always welcome). For details call Alan Harpley on 01609 748712.



## Lunch Club

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



## Book Club

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

## Scruton Ladies Evening Do

The next SLED is on **Wed 26 July**, 7pm at the Coore Arms, with an opportunity for some Temple Spa pampering if you wish! Please call/text Helen on 07852 998 033 in good time to reserve a place.

## Scruton Parish Councillors

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## Angela Smith

Joanna and Paul would like to thank everyone for their lovely messages about their mum over the past few days.

We would like dear friends from Scruton to celebrate Angela's life on Tuesday 11 July, 1 pm at Maple Park Crematorium, Thirsk, and to raise a glass with us afterwards at The Reubens in Leeming. Please dress in memory of mum and her fun times. Family flowers only. Donations to Leeming Grange events team and Abbeyfield, Northallerton.

## Memorial to Chris Snell

A tree has been planted and a bench installed at the Yorkshire Arboretum at Castle Howard by Chris' colleagues and friends. This long-lasting poignant reminder is in recognition of Chris' work in Plant Health. The flowering cherry tree (Prunus Kursar) and bench are marked with a plaque and are both located in the Woodland Garden (Area 32G3).



The arboretum is set in a landscape of parkland, lakes and ponds and is the backdrop for a collection of more than 7,000 trees from around the world. If you visit Castle Howard, or the Arboretum this summer, do pop in and have a look.

## Art at St. Radegund's

Come and see the work of Scruton artists displayed in St Radegund's Church from **26 - 28 Aug**. Donations for refreshments, and artwork available for purchase.

**Copy Deadline for the next edition is 25 JULY**



## Strollers & Striders

Scruton's walking group continues throughout the summer, but members have voted for a 9:30 am start in the warm weather. See messages on NS or contact Janet Crampton on 07540 503 030 or [janetcrampton@icloud.com](mailto:janetcrampton@icloud.com)



## Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Please join us for an evening of 'Pony Therapy' with Katy Smith on **Thursday 13 July**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. Call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or [carolinesboxes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinesboxes@gmail.com)

## From the Parish Council

*By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)*

**Scruton Fest** - SPC would like to thank all those who helped make the festival a success, once again a sterling effort which shows Scruton at its best.

**Solar Array** - The Planning Inspectorate has heard Lightrock's appeal against HDC's rejection of their planning application for a solar power station. The result will be announced by 31 August.

**Dangerous Litter** - If anyone knows who the misguided soul is that discards their empty beer bottles along the footpaths leading to and in the fields along the river, please ask them to stop it and take their bottles home. Their reckless discarding endangers all users of this area, broken glass can cause serious damage. Also, if this broken glass is gathered up in the Farmer's hay bales it can have serious consequences for the cattle it is intended to feed.

**Coronation Memorial** - Suggestions will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 13 July. If you have an idea and haven't yet told us, please forward them to the Parish Clerk.

**July** - was named after Julius Caesar in 44 BC, it being the month of his birth.



## Parish Council Meetings

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

**2023: 13 July, 14 September, 9 November**

**2024: 11 Jan, 14 March, 11 April (APM), 9 May (AGM)**

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