

# Scruton News

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## Scruton Fest 2023 Saturday 24 June


Everything will be housed in a huge marquee on **Scruton Playing Field**

### Afternoon – free entry from 2 pm

- Picnic - bring your own food & drink
- Scruton Jazz & Blues Band (4 pm)
- Scruton Allotments BBQ (all day)
- Stalls – cakes, plants, tombola, local artists, crafts and more!

### Evening – Ticket only from 7 pm

Adults £10, under 16s £5, under 12s free

- Live music by Roundel 
- DJ - Andy Wilson
- Licensed bar by the Coore Arms
- Catering – pizzas, burgers, crepes, milk-shakes and much more!

### TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Email: [scrutonfest@gmail.com](mailto:scrutonfest@gmail.com)



## Scruton Fest Info

**Raffle** - Please remember to return your tickets and monies to **Tim Cresswell at Cundall Cottage**. The draw will take place on Sunday 25 June. We would be most grateful for any further donations of prizes for the draw. For details or if you need more tickets, contact Tim on 07813 215450 or [tim.cresswell99@gmail.com](mailto:tim.cresswell99@gmail.com)

**Cake Stall** – All cakes, tray bakes, jams and preserves will be gratefully received. Please list ingredients and, if possible, include a selling price. Contributions can be taken to the stall on the afternoon of the Fest or delivered beforehand to Joan Walker, 24 The Parklands.

**Plants** – If you have any spare plants for the stall, please leave them on Elizabeth's drive at 1 Peacocks Close.

**Tombola Prizes** – Donations of prizes for Scruton Fest Tombola would be much appreciated. Please take them to the Old Rectory, 01609 748595 or 07891 744198.

*Money raised at the Fest will go to Scruton Playing Field and St Radegund's Church Fabric Fund. Proceeds from the BBQ will go to the Allotments Assoc.*

## Playing Field Gets Facelift



Improvements to Scruton Playing Field include a new entrance, new benches (with wheelchair access) and a storage container.



## Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Rewilding is all the rage at the moment. However it may come as a surprise that there are over 2,000 non-native species of plants & animals already established in the UK. Many have been deliberately introduced, but a significant number have arrived accidentally. Examples in our neighbourhood include Himalayan balsam, Japanese knot-weed, giant hogweed, mink, signal crayfish and ring neck parakeets. Some of these alien species can be disruptive and cause problems to indigenous species.



Nobel false widow

Asian hornet

The noble false widow spider is highly invasive and spreading widely in the UK. It gives a nasty bite akin to a bee or wasp sting. The most worrying invasive insect is the Asian hornet which is endemic in Europe and often found in the UK. Larger than our own hornet, it preys on insects and honey bees and are a major threat to their existence as they are unable to fend off attacks.

Not all animals that have been introduced have major negative impacts on native species. The little owl, Canada goose, fallow deer, red necked wallaby and black swan have all fitted in well. However, if Chris Packham and George Monbiot have their way the sighting of lynx and wolf may become relatively common! I am not sure that local farmers would be too pleased! Then again, I understand that a previous owner of Kirkby Fleetham mill owned a pet lion that escaped at least once.



## Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

At last the warm weather is here and the gardens are growing almost too fast. Plants are very vigorous and it looks like a good year for peonies; mine have never been so tall!



Put plant supports in the borders among stronger plants before they get too big and fall over. It's time to prune the spring flowering shrubs like forsythia, as they produce next year's flowers on new growth and pruning helps control the size of the shrub. If you have managed to over-winter fuchsias in pots, they will need re-potting in fresh compost and, if they are growing well, pinch out the tips of the shoots to make a bushier plant and produce more flowers. Any long shoots can be used for cuttings. Daffodil and tulip foliage is dying down quickly now and can soon be cut. A sprinkling of fertiliser such as Fish, Blood and Bone around them helps the flowers for next year.

If you have any annuals ready for planting out (unless you have a cold frame which can be opened during the day) just stand them outside during the day and put them back in the greenhouse at night for a week to harden them off. If you grow asparagus, look out for the asparagus beetle which has arrived. Pick the beetles off before they do too much damage; it is a daily job!

## Art in a Barn



Malcolm Barker invites you to an exhibition of original paintings and prints at Moor House Farm over the next two weekends, 3 & 4 June and 10 & 11 June, 10 am to 5 pm. Free entry and parking. See 'Malcolm Baker Paintings' on Facebook for more details.



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.

- 4 Jun** No Service in Scruton
- 11 Jun** Holy Communion – William T.
- 18 Jun** Holy Communion – Jenni
- 21 Jun** Evensong (Wed at 7 pm)
- 25 Jun** United Morning Worship (10am)
- 2 Jul** Benefice Holy Communion (10:30 am at Ainderby)
- 9 July** Morning Worship - Paul



## Coffee Mornings

Thank you to everyone who supported us during the year and helped raise money for a wide range of charities. There will be no coffee mornings over the summer, but we hope to see you all again in the village hall in September.



## Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club will be **Sunday 18 June** 12:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Call Alyson to reserve a place, 01609 748227 or email [alysontonge@gmail.com](mailto:alysontonge@gmail.com)



## Petrolheads

Please join us on **Thursday 8 June**, for an excursion into the Dales, departing Scruton in your own vehicles at 6:15 pm, in time to enjoy fish & chips in Hawes, followed by a return trip over Buttertubs Pass. For details call Alan Harpley on 01609 748712.



## Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Please join us for an evening with the Leeming Military Wives Choir on **Thursday 8 June**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. Contact Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or email [carolinesboxes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinesboxes@gmail.com)

May has been a month where the crops have grown fast because of the combination of warm weather and sufficient moisture in the ground. I planted my potatoes at the start of May, a little later than I would have liked, but I had to wait until the field was dry enough to rotavate and make the rows. In line with many potato growers around the country, I have reduced the area planted because sales have not covered the increased costs for the last few years. Grass growth continues to look good, as anyone with a lawnmower will be aware.

During the first two weekends of June, I will be opening up my lambing shed as an art gallery as part of a countywide event organised by North Yorkshire Open Studios. I will have around 100 original paintings on display as well as a number of prints. Some of the paintings and all of the prints will be for sale but my main reason for exhibiting them is to give people the opportunity to view the originals rather than looking at them as a screen image.

This summer will mark 50 years since I started painting and this will be my first exhibition. It will be a free event for anyone interested and will be signposted from the village and from the main road.



## Strollers & Striders

Scruton's walking group goes from strength to strength with regular walkers enjoying fresh air and good company every Monday morning. More walkers are welcome, including non-villagers. Our usual start time is 10.15 am on the village green or at a pre-notified meeting place. After some discussion about how to remain in contact, we have decided to continue using Network Scruton for the present and may consider an email group in the future. See messages on NS or contact Janet Crampton on 07540 503 030 or [janetcrampton@icloud.com](mailto:janetcrampton@icloud.com)

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Tuesday 27 June** at 2:30 pm. For information call or text Janet Crampton on 07540 503030 or tel. 01609 748321.

## From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

**SPC Vacancy** – We are looking to co-opt a new Parish Councillor following a recent resignation. If interested, please write to the Parish Clerk. At present we have had one expression of interest.

**Coronation** - The new entrance to the Playing Field requires a replacement notice board and the Playing Fields and Cricket Club have asked SPC to help with the cost. The new notice board will commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting along with other commemorative suggestions.

If any young person under 16 living in the village has not yet received their free Coronation Mug, can they please contact the Parish Clerk to arrange collection. There may be some mugs left over for sale, in which case they will be advertised for anyone to purchase.

**Scams** - Following the presentation on scams by the Trading Standards Officer at the last PC meeting, Janet Crampton has set up a neighbourhood alert group on WhatsApp. Anyone wishing to be included in the alert group should contact Janet.

**Volunteers Required** - It has been suggested that the edges to the Snickets require tidying up; if there are any willing volunteers with some spare time a work party could be arranged.



## Midsummer

Astronomically, summertime officially begins at 15:57 (BST) on 21 June with the summer solstice, which brings the 'longest day' and 'shortest night'.

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

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## 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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