

Scruton News

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Coronation
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Coronation Coffee & Cake

Please join us in the Village Hall for a special celebration on **Saturday 6 May** from 2 to 4 pm. Includes a live screening of the Royal balcony appearance and fly-past. Fizz and non alcoholic drinks will be available to buy. Look out for further details on Network Scruton *and if you are willing to bake a cake for this event, please call Jacqueline on 01609 748617.*

Scruton Fest 2023 Saturday 24 June

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Email: scrutonfest@gmail.com

See the flyer delivered with this newsletter for all the details!



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

Now is the time to dead head daffodils and narcissi, but leave the foliage as the food in their leaves returns to feed the bulbs for next year. This also applies to hyacinths (in the ground or in pots). One narcissi yet to flower is Pheasant's Eye, a very old variety with a lovely perfume. Tulips, too, will need dead heading after flowering so that the bulb isn't putting energy into producing seed; if you miss one, the seed heads can get quite large.



Penstemon are ready to cut down now as new growth will be appearing at the base of the plant. I have lost a few penstemons this winter and so I will be taking cuttings. Hostas that are getting congested (especially those in pots) will need splitting and re-potting. A sharp spade is the easiest way to split them.

Potted plants are prone to vine weevil; the white, horseshoe shaped grubs eat the roots of plants so it is worth watering with Bug Clear Vine Weevil Killer. You can also use Nematodes but it is an expensive treatment. Use a heavy boot to deal with flightless adult beetles which have a very hard exterior!

Break Out the Bunting!

Our constitutional monarchy is a most remarkable form of government. It has no real power but occupies a space above politics and is a unifying force; it's cheaper than a republic; is less corrupt and more trusted; it's good for the economy and tourism; and most importantly it creates stability. Above all else, the *real* value of the monarchy lies not in the power it wields, but in the power it denies others.

So next weekend, let's break out the bunting, decorate our houses & gardens, and be a part of a historic moment. Let us celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III with pride!!!

- Editor



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Recently the north of England was subject to a ridge of high pressure and a NE airflow. These conditions were ideal for the creation of Britain's only named wind 'The Helm Wind', which is formed in the Cross Fell region of the North Pennines. Moisture in the NE wind condenses as it rises up the eastern flank of the Pennines to form a stationary cloud or 'helm' (thought to derive from the Anglo-Saxon word for helmet or head covering). As the wind crests the ridge it is compressed and increases in speed as it descends into the Eden Valley. Although local, it can blow for up to a week out of clear blue skies, at speeds of 60 mph or more; it can do significant damage. The wind may be accompanied by a roar, rather like standing behind a jet engine. The irony is that this wind is localised; within a mile or so of where it blows, the atmosphere can be calm.

As I write we have a pair of swallows and house martins back. Chalky White spotted an osprey flying over the village and a black cap is singing in the Old Rectory garden. Cuckoos have returned in southern England and by early May our swifts should also have returned.

Thankful Village Fireworks

Scruton's Pyro Squad are asking you to save the following dates in your diaries for Quiz Nights at the Coore Arms:

Sunday 28 May and 27 August to help raise funds for this year's firework display which will be on **11 November**.



Coronation Mugs

Mugs will be presented to the younger residents of Scruton at the village hall on **Monday 8 May** between 10 am & 12 noon. Anyone wishing to purchase extra mugs should contact Chris Barron.



Potato Challenge

The Potato Challenge is back for another season! See who can grow the biggest weight of potatoes from one tuber grown in a bag. It's free to enter, just pick up your potato and bag now from outside East Grange House, Common Lane. A grand weigh-in will take place later in the year. Prizes for under 16s and over 16s. Info: www.scrutonallotments.org.uk

Aurora Borealis over Scruton

Photo – Malcolm Barker, taken at 0:30 am on 24 April. The purple aurora is very unusual.



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

I always look forward to May, a month of promise of warm summer days. An easy month when the cattle and sheep are outdoors, eating the spring grass, after the winter when they needed feeding twice a day, bedding up every second day, and mucking out every six weeks.

I still have a small area of spring barley to plough, harrow and sow and then the potato land will need rotavating, ridging up and planting with the seed for this summer. I am only going to grow half as many this year because I lost too much money on last year's potatoes; I might as well grow crops which earn money rather than unprofitable ones. I have a feeling that this year will be a 'grass year' by which I mean that we should have good grass yields after the wet spring. Autumn sown cereals should also yield well for the same reason.

On the first two weekends of June, I am holding my first ever exhibition of paintings, 50 years since I began. More details next month.

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

7 May Morning Worship - Paul
14 May Holy Communion - Jenni
21 May Morning Worship - Paul
28 May No Service in Scruton
4 Jun No Service in Scruton



Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning, on Saturday, 20 May, will be in aid of Wendy's Wish, a family run charity set up in memory of Wendy Reed, after her death from eye cancer. It raises money for research and helps patients and their families. Wendy was the pianist who accompanied the Scruton Ladies' Choir. Donations of Raffle prizes and items for the Cake Stall would be welcome. For details or to help call Jacqueline on 01609 748 617.



Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club will be **Sunday 14 May** 12:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Call Alyson to reserve a place, 01609 748227 or email alysontonge@gmail.com



Strollers & Striders

Scruton Walking Group meets **every Monday**. Look out for messages on Network Scruton or contact Janet Crampton on 01609 748 321 or 07540 503 030 or janetcrampton@icloud.com



Kirkby Fleetham Women's Institute

Please join us for a talk about Hambleton Foodshare by Alison Grainger & Kerry McArdle on **Thursday 11 May**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. Contact Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or email carolinesboxes@gmail.com

Gillian Bourne

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all in the village who have been so kind and thoughtful after the sudden and tragic loss of my darling wife Gill. The amount of cards, flowers and visits have been a great comfort to me. She was such a kind, considerate and caring person; she will be missed by all who knew her. Many Thanks, Graham.



Petrolheads

David Graham will be giving the subject of electric cars a full airing at our next meeting on **Thursday 11 May**, 7:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Those of you who are considering 'going electric' will find this talk enlightening. We would also like to welcome some female car enthusiasts to our gathering. For more details call Alan Harpley on 01609 748712.

Scruton Ladies Evening Do

The next SLED will be on **Wed 31 May** 7pm at the Coore Arms. Call Helen on 07852 998033 to reserve a place.



Screen Scruton

7:30 pm on 10 May
at Scruton Village Hall



A cleaning lady in 1950's London falls in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must own one.

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

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Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Tuesday 30 May** 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)

Parish Council Vacancy – John Thompson has stepped down as Parish Councillor. We thank John for all his help and wise advice, and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

Waste bins - we thank recently retired District Councillor, Brian Phillips, for his help in replacing the old decrepit waste bin by the Bus Shelter.

Pittfields Corner – we have been asked to address an item regarding car parking from March's Scruton News. In 2010 SPC met with Chevin Housing Assoc. to discuss the proposed Pittfields housing development. There were several public meetings to discuss the project, and it was verbally agreed that in return for supporting the scheme, extra parking spaces would be provided for the village, to help alleviate the parking problems at the corner of Station Road and Common Lane. Unfortunately this was not recorded in writing and the officials attending the meetings are no longer in post; the planning documents were not checked, so as a consequence the current management (Together Housing Group) do not feel obligated to honour the agreed arrangement. With so many recollections of what was agreed in the village, some which were published in the Parish Council Newsletter, we are exploring if the agreement can be formalised retrospectively.

Solar Array – An appeal to the Secretary of State by Lightrock Power against HDCs refusal of planning permission will be heard by an independent inspector on 31 May 2023 at the Civic Centre, Stonecross.

STOP PRESS - A representative from Trading Standards is expected at the next Parish Council meeting (AGM on 11 May) to talk about 'cold calling'. The public are welcome to attend.

Parish Council Meetings 2023

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

11 May (Parish Council AGM)

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