

Scruton News

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November 2023



Thankful Village Fireworks

Burgers, Beer & Bangs!

Saturday 11 November
Scruton Playing Field

Gates open at 6 pm
Bonfire at 6:30 pm
Firework Display at 7 pm



*Bucket collections in aid of
Scruton Playing Field Association.*



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

After my banking troubles, I got money into my new bank and paid everyone. I hate owing money, particularly to small businesses who need it most.

I still have half my potatoes to pick, but after the recent rain they will have to stay in the ground longer. The pattern of cold late springs and warm late autumns has continued this year, but I would prefer a warm, early spring to give everything a lift after the long months of winter. I dislike the long winter nights. Work always seems harder in darkness because, for example, if I put a spanner on the ground, it may be difficult to find it again if it is hidden in shadows. My cows also enjoy the warm summer evenings, lazing in the sunshine instead of being in a barn on dark winter nights.

November is a month for sawing and storing firewood during the days when I am not selling potatoes and bagging them in the evenings. In the long hours I listen to Radio 4 or audiobooks, and I generally complete 2 or 3 books each week. I prefer the classics, but I like an assortment to keep things interesting.



Scruton Sky at Night

by Graham Dodds

Watch out for the Leonid Meteor Shower throughout most of November (at its peak on the 18 Nov) between midnight and dawn, with a 'promise' of 10 meteors per hour. They should be visible in most parts of the night sky, although a wide-open space is best for viewing.

Also, lookout for a full Moon on 27 November, known as the Beaver Moon, Frost Moon or Mourning Moon.

Village Christmas Card

Thank you to everyone who has ordered cards and returned their signature greetings. Packs of cards are available for sale and if anyone has mislaid their Christmas card flyer, please contact Joan Walker on 01609 748 458 or email keithandjoanwalker@gmail.com



Advent Displays

Once again Scruton is planning window/garden displays for Advent. This year's themes are anything seasonal, wintry, jolly etc and we hope more people will take part. If you would like to participate, contact Janet Crampton for more information, tel 07540 503 030 or email janetcrampton@icloud.com



An Invitation



You are invited to a screening of **Brief Encounter** to celebrate Sue Harpley's birthday on **13 November at 7:15 pm** in the village hall. Cake, cheese and a first glass of bubbly free! **Please RSVP to Alan Harpley on 01609 748 712.**



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

Recent storms brought us the largest fall of North American migrants for 30 years. Most of these birds are warblers heading to South America and included a magnificent male Baltimore oriole. Long distance migratory birds eat excessively before departure, in some cases doubling their body weight. The fat produced must be distributed properly. Many birds' bodies can shrink and grow their internal organs. Godwits, which summer and breed in Alaska, winter in New Zealand, completing the journey non-stop, taking 8 or 9 days! In order to do this and make room for the energy rich fat, they absorb 25% of their liver, kidneys and digestive tract and increase the size of their heart and chest muscles. In New Zealand they quickly return to their normal physiological state. If this is not surprising enough, I won't explain how they navigate, as this involves quantum physics! Perhaps being called 'bird brain' is rather a compliment! Birds have been around for one hundred and fifty million years, so of course they have evolved complex strategies for survival!

Solar Array Liaison

A Community Liaison Group has been formed when 12 people attended an initial meeting on 26 October. We hope soon to have a meeting with Lightrock Power to gather more information about the status of the project and future plans. For more details contact Janet Crampton (chair) or Stephen Elmer (secretary).



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

Dahlias were making a lovely show of colour until frost turned them black. A few in sheltered places survived and need to be left until they, too, turn black. I have been leaving them in the ground for the past few years and covering them with mulch, but last winter I lost them all. This year I will mulch those that survived last winter but also lift the new ones as a precaution.

Cut dahlias down to about 5 inches. Dig them up and turn them upside down to drain. When dry, pack them in boxes with a light covering of dry compost and store them in a frost-free place. Check over winter for signs of rot. Cut down perennials that have finished flowering, but leave interesting seed heads like phlomis; the finches enjoy their seeds. Divide plants and re-plant while the ground is still warm. Tulips need to be planted this month to avoid tulip fire, which shrivels their leaves and flowers. Narcissi and other bulbs should have been planted, but it is still not too late to get them in. Hydrangea heads are losing their colour but leave them to protect next year's buds.



Allotments Food Festival

Our first Food Festival was a great success. Gilly Robinson demonstrated cookery techniques with locally grown vegetables. There was a produce stall, fruit juicing and pumpkin quiz. The potato weigh-in was won by Richard Zealley with 2.38kg of potatoes grown in a bag from one tuber. See full details on the Scruton Allotments website.

A similar event is planned for next year, with Gardeners' Question Time rescheduled for Spring 2024.

The Copy Deadline for the next Scruton News is 25 NOVEMBER.



Services at St Radegund's

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 Nov** No Service in Scruton
- 12 Nov** Remembrance Service at 10:45
- 19 Nov** Untd. Morning Worship at 10am
- 26 Nov** Holy Communion, Jenni & Stasi
- 3 Dec** Holy Communion, Jenni



Remembrance Service

This year the service will take place on **Sunday 12 November** at 10:45 am on the village green, led by Jenni Lane and Stasi Tregartha.



Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning is on **Saturday 18 November** from 10 am to 12 noon in the village hall. Money raised will be added to the Charity Fund which will make Christmas donations to charities suggested by our volunteers. Donations of Raffle prizes and items for the Cake Stall would be much appreciated.



Petrolheads

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 9 November**, 7:30 pm at the Coore Arms when Graham Bourne will share his experience of motor matters. Contact Alan on 01609 748 712 for details.

Kirkby Fleetham WI

Everyone is welcome to join us for our AGM on **Thursday 9 Nov**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. For details call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or email carolinesboxes@gmail.com



Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club is on **Sunday 19 November**, 12:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Please contact Alyson Tonge if you wish to participate, Tel 01609 748 227 or email alysontonge@gmail.com



Jazz Supper Evening

Featuring Scruton's own Jazz & Blues Band on **Saturday 25 Nov**, 7 pm in the village hall. Last few tickets! £6 including a two-course supper with tea or coffee! Contact Susan Rogers on 07776 145529 or email susan@susanrogers.me.uk

Scruton Ladies Evening Do

The next SLED will be on **Wednesday 29 November**, 7 pm at the Coore Arms. Please call or text Helen Allison in good time to reserve a place, 07852 998 033.



Screen Scruton

Wednesday 8 November
7:30 pm in the Village Hall



With subtitles, café style seating, bring your own drinks & nibbles. Admission free (donations in aid of the village hall). Please email Stephen Elmer at stephen.elmer@scruton.net



Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Tuesday 28 November**, at 2:30 pm. Please call/text Janet Crampton on 07540 503030 or email janetcrampton@icloud.com

Coore Memorial Hall

New email - The village hall bookings diary has now moved to an online calendar. For all future enquiries please email: villagehall@scruton.net

Cleaner Required - If you are interested, please call John Mainwaring-Taylor on 07969 385251 or email jmainwaringtaylor@gmail.com

Thank You Slots

Coffee Morning - to all those in October who helped us raise £391 for the Thankful Village Fireworks.

Safari Supper - to everyone who helped us raise £370 for Cancer Charities, including from some who were unable to take part but still donated.

Harvest Festival - to Elizabeth and her team (incl. Malcolm Barker) who decorated the church and to John MT for organising the Foodshare collection.

Strollers & Striders Award

Janet Crampton and the 'Strollers & Striders' group have received a 'Volunteer Recognition Award' for their collaboration, which offers neighbourly networking and social opportunities as well as physical health benefits.

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

Parish Clerk - We are saddened to announce that, after 15 years of sterling service, Chris Barron has decided to stand down at the next AGM in May 2024. We thank him for all the help and advice given and for all his outstanding work keeping SPC functioning.

We now seek a new Parish Clerk. If you are interested in the role, please contact Chris for a copy of the job description and maybe attend some PC meetings to get a flavour of what's involved.

A Sink Hole - has appeared by the new drain close to Silver Street. Thankfully, prompt action by Greg Clapham and Chris Barron got the hole barricaded off by Highways Agency before anyone suffered. Thanks guys.

SPC Vacancy - we are still looking to co-opt another Parish Councillor. If you feel you can contribute to the benefit of the village, please send an expression of interest to the Parish Clerk.

Polling Stations - North Yorkshire Council is conducting a review of polling districts and polling places and would like to know your views. Please go to www.northyorks.gov.uk/PollingPlacesReview to take part until 13 November 2023.

Parish Council Meetings

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

2023: 9 November

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

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