

# Scruton News

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## SCRUTON FOOD FESTIVAL 2023

Our Mini Food Festival takes place on **Sunday 8 October**. Gilly Robinson, Head Tutor at Malton Cookery School, will give 2 demonstrations in the village hall using locally sourced meat and veg. Go to [www.thecooksplace.co.uk](http://www.thecooksplace.co.uk) for more information about Gilly. Tickets (£10) for the cookery demonstrations are available at [shop.scrutonallotments.org.uk](http://shop.scrutonallotments.org.uk)

There will also be free entry to the potato weigh-in, a bar, a food and produce stall, and juicing machines to juice any surplus apples and pears you may have.



## Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies



Dahlias and Michaelmas daisies are in full flower and have stood up well to recent storms. My favourite is the small flowered variety 'Little Carlow', a lovely shade of mauve with masses of flowers, bought from Old Court Nurseries in Worcestershire, who hold the National Collection of Michaelmas daisies with over 400 varieties. My plant has been covered in bees and Red Admiral butterflies. Keep dahlias flowering for as long as possible by dead heading them. The buds and seed heads are similar, but the cone shaped head is the old flower, and the new bud is circular.

Tiny cyclamen hederifolium are also in full flower with masses of pink or white flowers above small marbled leaves, similar to ivy. Cyclamen prefer shaded areas with their corms just below the surface. When they set seed and are ripe, they burst open and scatter their seeds and you soon have many new, free plants!

If your potato leaves have brown patches and curl up quickly, it is a sign of Potato Blight, and the potatoes will not keep through the winter unless you cut the leaves to ground level to prevent the blight spreading down to the tubers.

## Village Christmas Card



Everyone in the parish will receive a traditional Village Christmas card with greetings inside from their friends and neighbours in Scruton. The envelope delivered with this newsletter contains a 'signature sheet' to write your personal greeting, and an order form should you wish to purchase packs of cards for your own use. See the enclosed flyer for *all the details*.



## Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

In early September, I woke to find my car covered in Sahara dust, thanks to a huge plume of hot air from the south. Sahara dust is responsible for delivering an estimated 22 kilotons of phosphorous and other nutrients to the rain forests of South America. Local farmers will be only too happy to receive free fertiliser!



I was surprised to see 3 moorhens in the churchyard recently as they are not common by the Swale. Some of you have reported seeing mink and these voracious predators are probably responsible for the demise of local mallard, coot and moorhen. Mink were introduced from the US into fur farms in the late 1920's but were banned in 2003. There were escapees and deliberate releases into the wild and mink soon became prevalent in many UK river systems. Despite their negative impact on native wildlife, all governments have failed to set up eradication programmes. It is legal for landowners or their reps to trap and shoot them.

Look out for a Great White Egret by the Swale, it is as large as a grey heron.

## Community Liaison Group

With the prospect of a solar farm development due to take place on our doorstep, a suggestion has been made that Scruton residents may form a 'Community Liaison Group' with the following aims:

- To create a channel for open dialogue to take place directly between the developer and the community.
- Minimise the impact of the development on the village and any disruption to village life, especially during the construction phase.
- Maximise any benefits for the village via a 'community benefit fund'.

We believe that an independent and impartial community led group, working in consultation with the Parish Council, could play a constructive role towards a positive community impact. If you are interested, please contact either Janet Crampton or Stephen Elmer.



## Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

It came as a shock, whilst I was paying a bill with my bank card, to find that my bank account of the last 43 years, had been closed without notice. My money is still with them and finally they have sent a cheque, but this is only payable into the account which is already closed. I have been left unable to pay for anything until I can get a new account with a different bank, and this is proving extremely difficult. September is always a busy month with land requiring preparation for winter cereals but much of this September has been spent at the computer trying to find a bank to accept me and my money!

An additional trouble of September has been another notification that I am again under TB restrictions. This is because another farmer has brought infected cattle from an area with tuberculosis into this part of the country, yet myself and others around me must pay the vet fees for testing our cattle to prove that they are clear of the disease. I am appealing against these restrictions because none of my cattle have been on fields within 3 kilometres of the new outbreak.

## Northallerton Silver Band

The band presents an Autumn Concert – Around the World, on **13 October**, 7 pm at All Saints Church, Northallerton.



## 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.

- 1 Oct** Holy Communion, Jenni
- 8 Oct** Holy Communion, Lesley A
- 15 Oct** No Service in Scruton
- 18 Oct** Evensong (Wed at 7 pm), Jenni
- 22 Oct** Morning Worship, Paul & Stasi
- 29 Oct** Holy Communion, William T
- 5 Nov** No Service in Scruton



## Coffee Morning

Please support our next Coffee Morning on **Saturday 21 October** from 10 am to 12 noon in the Village Hall, which will be in aid of Scruton's Thankful Village Firework Display (on 11 Nov). Donations of Raffle prizes and items for the Cake Stall would be much appreciated.

**Thank you** to all who came to the Sept. Coffee Morning, which raised £390 for the Friends of Ainderby Steeple School.



## Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be on **Friday 20 October**, 7:30 pm in the village hall. Tickets at £10 per head to include supper and first glass of wine, available from Josie Exelby, tel 01609 748270 or email [jo.xlb@Hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jo.xlb@Hotmail.co.uk)

## Hambleton Foodshare

Scruton's Harvest Foodshare Collection will take place from **7 to 16 October**. Look out for details on *Network Scruton*

## Safari Supper

Safari Supper is fully subscribed but *everyone* is welcome in the pub afterwards on **Saturday 14 October**.



## Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club is on **Sunday 22 October**, 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](mailto:alysontonge@gmail.com)



## Petrolheads

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 12 October**, 7:30 pm at the Coore Arms when Paul Bell will give a talk. New faces are always welcome, call Alan on 01609 748 712 for details.

## Kirkby Fleetham WI

Please join us for a talk by Susan Parry: *From Forensics to Crime Fiction*, on **Thursday 12 Oct**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. For details call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315 or email [carolinesboxes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinesboxes@gmail.com)

## Coming up in November



## Allotments GQT

**Gardeners Question Time** will take place in the the village hall on the evening of **Thursday 2 November**. There will be a panel of experienced horticulturists to answer your questions. Look out for details on *Network Scruton*



## Burgers, Beer and Bangs!

...will be on offer at the **Thankful Village Firework Display** on the Playing Field on **Saturday 11 Nov**. Open from 6 pm; bonfire at 6:30 pm and fireworks at 7 pm. Bucket collections in aid of SPFA.



## Jazz Supper Evening

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



## Letters to the Editor

**Trevor Howe** writes, 'I wish to draw attention to the fact that all the flowers along the footpath from Beech Close to Common Lane have been poisoned. It is hoped that this act of environmental damage does not occur again in future'.



## Screen Scruton

**Wednesday 11 October**  
**7 pm, Scruton Village Hall**



*Café style seating; bring your own drinks & nibbles, Free Admission, Donations in aid of the Village Hall.* Email Stephen Elmer at [stephen.elmer@scruton.net](mailto:stephen.elmer@scruton.net)

## From the Parish Council

*By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)*

**Pittfields** - We are pleased to report that agreement has been reached with the landowners (THG Ltd.) and residents of Pittfields to allow the white van (normally parked near the junction of Common Lane & Station Road) to use the spaces at Pittfields in future. This will alleviate a hazard at the junction, which several people have complained about.

**D-Day** - 6 June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day. There will be a national celebration, culminating in the lighting of beacons in the evening. This event is worthy of support and now is a good time to start planning village events. SPC would like to facilitate an initial meeting of village organisations to co-ordinate the events. Please forward any expressions of interest to the Clerk.

**Amenities** - We have been offered some orchid plants. Please forward any suggestions for planting areas around the village to the Parish Clerk.

The Commemorative Coronation Notice Board for the Playing Fields has been purchased and will be put in place soon.

It has been suggested that an additional defibrillator be purchased and sited in Common Lane. These are expensive devices to purchase & maintain, but if there is sufficient support, we will endeavour to raise appropriate finance.

**Copy Deadline for the next edition is 25 OCTOBER.**

## 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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