

Scruton News

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Newcomers' Welcome Evening

Friday 22 Sept. at 7 pm
in the Village Hall

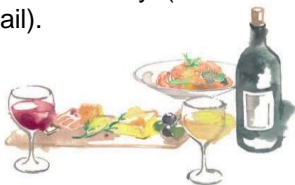
If we have recognised that you are a newcomer to Scruton (moved here in the last 2 years) you should receive a personal invitation to our Welcome Evening on **Friday 22 September**. If you haven't received your invitation by **Fri 1 Sept**, please contact Avryl Pearson on 01609 748419 or 07967 928911 or email avryljean@gmail.com

This will be an informal evening with an opportunity to meet fellow villagers and find out what Scruton has to offer. There will be a finger buffet and liquid refreshments on offer.

All villagers are welcome to attend

For catering purposes, if you wish to attend, please contact Avryl (see above for contact detail).

Have a
great
evening!



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

I am feeling my age. In my head I am still 22 but when I set off to run after a sheep or a cow, I feel more like 90. Last year I tore the muscles in my right shoulder when starting a chainsaw. I still am unable to reach for things with my right arm and earlier this month I tore the muscles in my left shoulder whilst sorting sheep. I was starting to feel better, until last week, when I was unblocking my round baler and the long-handled spanner which is used for the job came off the sprocket and I retore both shoulders. I am ok during the day, but I must sleep upright in a chair at night because lying down is too painful.

The harvest is 90% completed but a few acres of spring barley are still unripe and probably won't be ready until mid-September. Potatoes and fodder beet are looking well at this stage, but they won't be ready to harvest until October and November.

I am hoping to make some silage this month, but it will take much longer to wilt because the days are shorter and cooler than they are in June.



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

After the recent rain and warm weather annuals such as cosmos, asters and tagetes are flowering well, adding late colour to gardens. Deadhead where possible to keep them flowering and prevent them setting seed.

Some plants however are ready for cutting down, especially alchemilla mollis. I think this is one of the best plants to have in a garden, with its frothy lime green sprays of flowers, especially edging a path or border. Very useful for flower arrangers. Cut the whole plant down to a few inches and it will soon re-grow with attractive foliage.

Most lavenders such as Hidcote and Munstead have finished flowering, although the taller Latifolia is still in bloom. Give them a good trim, but not down to the woody stem. I leave a few stems to set seed for sowing next year as the plants can become untidy after a few years, and I replace them with my own young plants.



Mount Fuji Phlox

White phlox, Mount Fuji, is the last variety to flower and I think one of the best. It makes a good display at this time of year. If you are planting new shrubs or plants while the soil is still warm, it is worth considering using Mycorrhizal Fungi, which comes in powdered or granular form to sprinkle over the roots. The fungi create an association with plant roots, extending them into a wider area and allowing nutrients and moisture to be more readily available.



GQT Returns

Gardeners Question Time will take place in the the village hall on the evening of **Thursday 2 November**. It is hoped that the panel will consist of two members of the RHS Harlow Carr team.



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

It has been a strange summer weather wise; June was very dry and sunny but with cold evenings. House martins returned in good numbers but many failed to build nests due to a lack of mud and those that did now have their second broods. Butterflies were scarce and hedgehogs had a dreadful breeding season owing to a lack of food caused by the drought.

The third week in July brought much rain and lower temperatures to Scruton. Our village swifts, who have been bucking national trends by slowly increasing, left immediately prior to the inclement weather. They are known to be sensitive to electrical storms. Thanks to the absence of summer floods, river birds have bred well. Over the past decade little egrets have become more plentiful than grey herons and are seen on the Swale in ever increasing numbers, but where they breed locally is a mystery. August has seen more butterflies about, especially red admirals, white butterflies and grasshoppers. Current planting of next year's crops is now accompanied by gulls, many of which have bred at the coast or in northwest Europe and are here for the winter. Some actually breed on the high roofs of the business estates in Northallerton.



Hazel Pratt has sent a photo of a tawny owl looking through her bedroom window. A hobby has been seen twice, chasing house martins over the village.

STOP PRESS
(Potato Challenge)



New - Mini Food Festival - With the growing season beginning to wane, the Allotment Association is looking to hold its Annual Chris Snell Memorial Potato Weigh-in on **either Sat 30 Sept or Sat 7 Oct**. This will be combined with a 'Mini Food Festival', a new idea for this year. Please look out for further details on Network Scruton.



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.

- 3 Sep** Holy Communion, Jenni & Stasi
- 10 Sep** Holy Communion, Jenni
- 17 Sep** No Service in Scruton
- 20 Sep** Evensong (Wed at 7 pm), Paul
- 24 Sep** Holy Communion, Jenni
- 1 Oct** Holy Communion, Jenni

The Rev William Thackray

Scruton's former House for Duty Priest is celebrating **50 years** since his ordination as deacon. All are welcome to attend the Holy Communion Service at 11:00 am on **Sunday 24th September** at All Saints Church, Northallerton.



Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning on **Sat 16 Sept** is in aid of The Friends of Ainderby Steeple School, who are raising money for a new allotment area (to facilitate outdoor learning) as well as a whole-school visit to Richmond's Georgian Theatre. We will be entertained by the school choir and there will be a Tombola. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



Petrolheads

Our last outing to Lofthouse, Pateley Bridge, Kirkby Malzard was demanding, but was accomplished by all. Our next trip on **Thurs 14 Sept**, is to: Leyburn (fish & chips), Kettlewell, Middleham, Masham, returning to the Coore Arms. Call Alan, 01609 748712 for details.



Kirkby Fleetham WI

Please join us for an opportunity of some Temple Spa pampering with Helen Allison on **Thurs 14 Sept**, 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 24 September**, 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



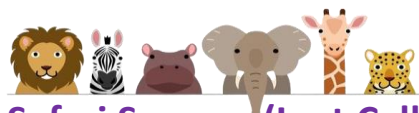
Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Tuesday 26 Sept** at 2:30 pm. Please call/text Janet Crampton on 07540 503030 or email janetcrampton@icloud.com for details.



Screen Scruton

Film Night is due to return to the village hall on **Wednesday 11 October**. Please email Stephen Elmer with suggestions for any films you would like shown: stephen.elmer@scruton.net



Safari Supper (Last Call)

The closing date for the Safari Supper draw is **Tuesday 5 September**. The number of couples needs to be divisible by 3 for the draw to work, so any late replies may be kept as reserves. For more info or to take part please contact Karen Long on 07876 340184 or email karenrachel69@gmail.com

The Supper will take place on **Saturday 14 October**, all money raised will go to Cancer Research, in memory of Eddy Baldwin, and to Prostate Cancer UK.



Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be on **Friday 20 October**, 7:30 pm in the village hall. More details will follow.



Strollers & Striders

Walks take place every Monday morning. Please call/text Janet Crampton on 07540 503030 or email janetcrampton@icloud.com for details.

Scruton Fest Final Results!

The inaugural Scruton Fest in June was well attended and was a huge success.

Total takings for the event was an amazing £10,455 (including the village raffle and £1,000 of matched funding)! With costs of £3,980 this leaves a profit of £6,475 which is to be shared between the Church Fabric Fund and the Playing Field Association (SPFA). Thanks again go to **everyone** who supported and participated in any way!

We are hoping to improve on this great result at next year's Fest which will take place on **Saturday 22 June 2024**, so save the date now!

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

Potholes - We have received requests to do something about the potholes. SPC reported the state of the potholes in Common Lane to the Highways Agency on 17 August and it appears that they are preparing to come and do some repairs if the yellow paint is any indicator.

May we suggest that if you have any observations or complaints about the state of the village roads you go to www.northyorks.gov.uk and under 'Council Services' click on *Roads Parking & Travel*, where you can report a problem to the Highways Authority (if you have not already done so, you may need to first register for online access to North Yorkshire Council). The more complaints the better the chance of getting something done.

Repairs - The fascia board and roof on the Bus Shelter (opposite Pittfields) has been replaced, and two commemorative benches have been repainted.

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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: 14 September, 9 November

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

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