

# Scruton News

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## Rishi visits Scruton Fest

Rishi Sunak (seen here chatting to Margaret Ward and Norma Slade) made a surprise visit to the Fest and spent time talking to stall holders and festival goers.



Mark Gatenby commented on behalf of SPFA & the Fest Crew: 'We enjoyed 3 excellent acts, and local band Citizen Smith was the highlight of the evening. Having a stage gave the event a focal point and a proper festival feel'.

Based on initial indications from the stall holders and ticket sales, Mark predicts a decent profit will be generated for the village. The date for next year's Fest has been set for **28 June 2025**; put it in your diary now! SPFA are on the lookout for new members and volunteers; anyone interested in helping with the next Fest or other events should contact SPFA.



## Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

The upturn in the weather in recent weeks gives anticipation that the harvest of winter barley should commence in the last few days of July. This year's crop of grass is looking plentiful after all the rain, and a dry couple of weeks have enabled us to conserve much of the grass as hay, instead of wrapping it to make silage.

At my open studios weekends I had some unexpected visitors, when someone brought a carload of asylum seekers from a church in Stockton because one of them wants to be an artist. What lovely people they were. It was an education for myself to meet some of those who I have heard so many negative news reports about. This came as a much-needed tonic because earlier in the day I had to take Pip, my older sheepdog, to the vets to be put down because her cancer had become too much for her to tolerate. Many of you will have seen her sitting beside me in my pickup over the years as I took her with me to auction marts to sell potatoes, where she became well known.

## Scruton Fest Success for the Second Year



## Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

Slugs and snails are eating things they never ate before! The new slug pellets are wool based and don't have much effect. To control the damage on hostas, try crushing a clove of garlic in boiling water, strain, and spray the liquid weekly. Take cuttings from penstemon, salvia and dianthus. I have been using just perlite, planting the cuttings round the edge of the pot and keeping them moist. When the roots appear at the bottom, pot them up in compost.

Keep deadheading roses, cutting to a bud which will shoot again and produce a second flowering. Cut oriental poppies and lupins down to the ground. Feed with Fish, Blood & Bone and they will produce new growth and flowers. Cut off the dead flowers from peonies which won't flower again this year.

Tie sweet peas onto canes or twiggy supports. Cut the flowers regularly. If you let them seed, they weaken the plant and shorten the flowering period. Liquid feed tomatoes once a week and remove leaves below the first fruit and any side shoots, but not the bush variety. Yellowing leaves mean a shortage of magnesium and feeding with Epsom salts will help.

## Village Store to Reopen

The Village Store & Ice Cream in Morton on Swale will be opening on 6 July to serve the local community from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm, seven days a week.

## East Grange Kittens

We're trying to manage a colony of local stray cats and have kittens that need homes. Find out more on the village website [scruton.net/egh-kittens](http://scruton.net/egh-kittens)



## Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

There are few bees, butterflies, moths and hover flies at present. This is due to the inclement weather, especially in May, which was the sixth wettest on record. This decimated the pollinators and is holding back mid-summer insects; it is known as the 'June gap'. The warm weather since the solstice should rectify the situation. The benefit of the wet weather has been the vigorous growth of trees and hedges and especially verge plants; in places cow parsley is over five feet tall.

The breeding season for many birds is over and so the dawn and evening chorus will soon come to an end. Unlike last year, the wet weather has meant ample food for blackbirds, thrushes and starlings, but swallows and house martin numbers are down. Good news that the swifts are doing well. The spotted flycatcher no longer seems to be breeding in the village, the last ones seen at the junction of Ham Hall Lane and Fleetham Lane.



Sightings: Hazel Pratt spotted a magnificent Eyed Hawkmoth and a Southern Hawker dragonfly. A flock of about sixty lapwings was also spotted, back from breeding up in the Dales.



## Jazz in the Garden

Judi and Stephen Elmer would like to invite you to bring your own picnic to an afternoon of Scruton Jazz in the Old Rectory Garden on **Sunday 7 July**. No tickets required but we will be grateful for donations to the Royal British Legion to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day (plus one month). Everyone is welcome; see over the page for more details.



## 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.

- 7 Jul** Morning Worship, Paul
- 14 Jul** No service in Scruton
- 17 Jul** Evensong (Wed at 7pm), Stasi
- 21 Jul** Holy Communion, Jenni/Stasi
- 28 Jul** Morning Worship, Paul
- 4 Aug** No service in Scruton



## Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning on **Sat 20 July** will be in aid of the Friends of the Friarage's Eye Appeal, which aims to bring Vitreo-Retinal treatment to the Friarage. Contact Jacqueline on 01609 748 617.



## Petrolheads

The last run was marred by bad weather. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 11 July**. Call Alan on 01609 748 712.



## Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club is on **Sun 14 July**, 12:30 pm at the Coore Arms. If you wish to join us, please call 748 227 or email Alyson at [alysontonge@gmail.com](mailto:alysontonge@gmail.com)

## Kirkby Fleetham WI

Join us for a Flower Demonstration by Jane Snook, on **Thurs 11 July**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham village hall. For details call Carol Barron, 01609 748 315, or email [carolinesboxes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinesboxes@gmail.com)

## Scruton Ladies Evening Do

The next SLED for drinks and supper is on **Wed 31 July**, 7 pm at the Coore Arms. Please let Helen know in good time on 0785 2998 033 or email [helen\\_allison@icloud.com](mailto:helen_allison@icloud.com)

**The Copy Deadline for the next Scruton News is 25 JULY**



## Book Club

The next Book Club is on **Tue 30 July**, at 2:30 pm. For more details contact Janet Crampton on 07540 503 030.

**D Day + One Month**

**Jazz in the Garden**

**SJB**  
JAZZ & BLUES

**1940s dress optional**

Featuring Scruton Jazz & Blues at 2:00 pm

**Bring Your Own Picnic**

Some chairs will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own

**Old Rectory Scruton** | **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Gates open 1:00 pm**

**Donations to the Royal British Legion**

## Thank You Slots

**Festival Stalls** – Thank you to all those who helped, donated and purchased from the Tombola, Plant and Cake stalls.

**Raffle** – Thank you to everyone who generously donated prizes and bought tickets for the Scruton Fest Raffle.

**Tim Cresswell** - Sadly, 2024 will be the last year for matched funding as Tim is retiring from Barclays Bank. So, an extra thank you goes to Tim (and Barclays Bank) who, over the years since 2009, have been responsible for boosting village funds by over £12,000 in total!

**The D-Day 80 team** would like to thank everyone who helped to raise £591 for Walking with the Wounded.

**Tennis Courts** - Gordon McQuillen sends a thank you to James, Rachel & Beth for clearing away all the debris.



## Coore Memorial Hall

For all enquiries, please email [villagehall@scruton.net](mailto:villagehall@scruton.net)

## Thankful Ale Scruton IPA

Available for local delivery at £27.50 for a case of 12 bottles, cash on delivery or BACS details on request. Call Richard (Chalky) on 07545 123 856 or message via village WhatsApp or Facebook. Every bottle sold raises money for the village.

## From the Parish Council

*By Cllr. Syd Nye*

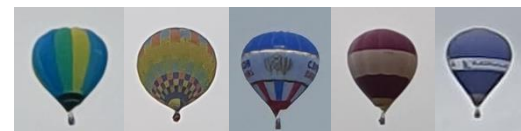
**Thank You** – to all involved in the D-Day (80) events and Scruton Fest; two good examples of Scruton at its best.

**Flooding** - It would appear (touch wood) that our flooding issues are being addressed. Ham Hall Lane has been dry since the blockage under the Cricket Field was cleared; Silver Street has been addressed and NYC have jetted the drains along Station Road from the A684. Hopefully, this should mean goodbye to all those large puddles.

**Morton Bridge** - SPC attended a meeting of the Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee, to hear the latest Highways Works Programme proposals about the Morton on Swale river flooding issues. It was reported that in the short term they will add some road signage; in the medium term they will consider some electronic signage, but this would be subject to availability of funds; and in the long term they will consider construction works to alleviate the problem, again this would be subject to availability of funds.

**Vacancies** - We are still advertising for another Parish Councillor and a Parish Clerk. If you are interested, please contact one of us for further details.

## STOP PRESS – Fleet of Hot Air Balloons Flew Over Scruton on Saturday Evening



## Parish Council Meetings 2024

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

**11 July 12 September 14 November**

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