

Scruton News

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May 2024



Scruton Fest 2024

Saturday 22 June
On Scruton Playing Field

Afternoon – Free Entry from 2 pm

- BBQ, Licensed Bar and Picnic
- Stalls – Cakes, Plants, Tombola, Local Artists, Crafts and more!
- **Scruton Village Prize Raffle**

Evening – Ticket Only from 7pm

Live Music by:

- Citizen Smith, Carlton Gene
- Pete Harrison and Andy Wilson
- Bar, BBQ, Pizzas & Milk Shakes

Tickets on Sale Now!

Adults £10, under 16s £5, under 12s free

Email: scrutonfest@gmail.com



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

Drier weather has enabled me to sow some spring barley, apart from a corner of the field which is still under water. Fodder beet and potatoes will need to be planted soon, dry weather permitting. I left some of last year's potatoes in the ground and they are starting to grow. Most rotted in the wet soil and around 30 geese fed themselves by digging into the rows and helping themselves to the crop.

Once again, I am taking part in North Yorkshire Open Studios where I exhibit my paintings during the first 2 weekends of June. I don't yet know where I will be exhibiting, it depends upon the water level in Ham Hall Lake!



While checking my barley field recently, I found my first Stone Age flint spearhead and a possible arrowhead nearby. Although it has slight damage from modern farm machinery, the edges are still sharp. I feel so lucky to be the first person in thousands of years to hold this in my hand!



The largest Naval, Air & Land operation in history began at dawn on 6 June 1944. It changed the course of world history, and its impact cannot be underestimated or forgotten. The 80th anniversary will be commemorated in Scruton:

Wednesday 5 June

Screen Scruton - will show the classic film 'The Longest Day' at 7pm in the village hall (doors open 6:30 pm).

Thursday 6 June

St Radegund's Church – Bells will be rung at 12 noon.

Coffee Morning Team – will provide afternoon Coffee, Cake & Concert Party ('3Cs') in the village hall from 2 – 4pm.

SPC – will organise a Service at 8:45 pm followed by National Beacon Lighting at 9:15 pm on Scruton Playing Field.

Any money raised will be donated to Walking with the Wounded. More details to follow via Network Scruton.



Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston

At this time of year, you may be surprised to find a queen wasp in your house, especially if it appears on something you are about to handle. Recently a neighbour opened their log burner to discover a hornet wanting to escape! Roughly twice the size of a wasp, the European hornet has a reddish-brown thorax with a yellow and brown striped body. Hornets are becoming more common, but unlike wasps, hornets are rarely aggressive, building their nests in trees. Our biggest threat comes from the Asian hornet which is aggressive, insect feeding (esp. honeybees), and has already altered the bio-diversity in regions of France. It is feared that arrivals from the continent are inevitable, but so far only one active nest has been found and destroyed.

Wet, cold weather has resulted in few summer migrants. So far chiffchaffs and blackcaps are back singing, plus a handful of swallows.

WW2 Scruton Memories

If you have any photos from previous WW2 events in Scruton, please contact Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor (748 617).



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

More rain, fluctuating temperatures, frost and strong winds, but plants keep on growing. It is a case of the survival of the fittest. I have lost a rhododendron in full bud to wind burn, but another in a sheltered position has survived.

Daffodils are finishing flowering and will benefit from a feed of Fish Blood and Bone and dead heading, which saves the bulbs from putting energy into setting seed. Those that have not flowered may be overcrowded or planted too shallow. Re-plant them in smaller groups, three times the depth of the bulb.

Tulips dislike the wind and those in sheltered positions will do best. Plant some new bulbs each year because, apart from some of the little species and older varieties, tulips don't repeat flower for long and some won't flower at all the following year.



Lime green Euphorbia is my flower of the month, especially Robbiae which is medium height and flowers well. Do be careful not to get the white sap on your skin as you may be allergic to it.



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.



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 May** Holy Communion, Jenni
- 9 May** Evensong (Thur 7pm), Paul & Stasi
- 12 May** Morning Worship, Paul
- 19 May** No service in Scruton
- 26 May** Holy Communion, Jenni



Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning on **Saturday 18 May**, 10 - 12 in the village hall, will be in aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust, in memory of Grace Sanderson. Donations of Cakes and Raffle Prizes would be appreciated. Please attach a list of ingredients to cakes and preserves.



Petrolheads

Our next meeting is on **Thurs 9 May**. A Dales run (weather permitting) will start at 6 pm. Call Alan on 01609 748 712.



Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club is on **Sunday 19 May**, 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

Kirkby Fleetham WI

Visitors are welcome to join us *In The Footsteps of Pilgrims* by Tina Saxon, on **Thursday 9 May**, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham village hall. For details call Carol Barron, 01609 748 315, or carolinesboxes@gmail.com

Scruton Ladies Evening Do

The next SLED for drinks and supper is on **Wed 29 May**, 7 pm in the Coore Arms. Please let Helen know in good time, call/text 07852 998 033, or email helen_allison@icloud.com

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Fireworks Quiz Nights

Sunday evenings at the Coore Arms on **26 May** and **25 August**. In support of the Thankful Village Bonfire and Fireworks Display in Nov. on Scruton Playing Field.



Screen Scruton

Wednesday 8 May
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



Save the Date

SJB at Bedale Riverside Community Club, 7 pm on **Sat 11 May**. Free tickets from Susan, 07776 145 529 or email susan@susanrogers.me.uk

SJB at The Green Dragon, Exelby on **Thurs 20 June**, 7:30 pm. Free entry but call 01677 427 715 to book a table.

Jazz in the Garden – Bring your own drinks & picnic to the Old Rectory garden on **Sunday 7 July**. 1940s theme (D-Day plus one month), donations in aid of the Royal British Legion.



Letters to the Editor

Marion Largent – I like to walk along the fields by Common Lane but am very fearful of dogs not on leads. Last week two dogs ran towards me, and one jumped up with paws on my shoulders. Owners saying, 'Oh he won't hurt you', is no help when you are petrified of loose dogs! Please, dog owners – keep your dogs under control!

Thank You Slot

Scruton Station - thanks everyone who supported the April Coffee Morning, which raised £389.10 for the Station.

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye (Chairman)

Thank you - As I approach the end of my tenure as Chair of SPC I would like to thank all those who have helped me. There are too many to name all, and you know who you are, so please be assured of my sincere gratitude. I would however like to thank Chris Barron for all his help and for his sterling service as the Parish Clerk, and Mike Widmer, who has stepped down from SPC, for his hard work and support to me. I'd also like to thank Stephen for helping me with the Newsletter articles.

D-Day (80) - SPC are aware that there is a comprehensive programme of events planned in Kirkby Fleetham and we felt that commemorations in Scruton should be arranged so that people could attend both if they wish. Full details are on the front page, and I am most grateful to Jacqueline Mainwaring-Taylor for her help and advice in planning our activities.

SPC Vacancy - I'm pleased to announce that we have a new prospective Councillor currently going through due process. We still have one more vacancy for Councillor and Parish Clerk if you wish to join us to make our village better.

Dog Mess - There has been a noticeable increase in dog mess being left on the footpaths and tracks around the village. The farmers kindly allow us to use the tracks and paths around their fields but expect us to pick up after our dogs, so please clear up after your dogs and deposit the refuse bags in one of the dog refuse bins.

The Copy Deadline for the next Scruton News is 25 MAY

Coore Memorial Hall

For all enquiries, please email villagehall@scruton.net

Parish Council Meetings 2024

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

9 May (AGM)

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