

Scruton News

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November 2024



Thankful Village Fireworks (Burgers, Beer & Bangs!)

Saturday 9 November
Scruton Playing Field.

Gates Open: 6 pm
Bonfire lit at: 6:30 pm
Firework Display: 7 pm



Bucket collections by Scruton Playing Field Assoc. in aid of next year's Fireworks Fund.

Because Scruton is a Thankful Village (i.e. all our soldiers returned safely from WW1) our annual fireworks display is staged as close as possible to 11 November (Remembrance Day) - Ed.

Nature Notes

by Andy Johnston



A third of all European curlew breed in Britain, many in the Dales and Northern Pennines. To help stem their decline, a research project rings the young birds and has fitted GPS trackers to 17. So far, these tagged birds on nest dispersal headed west, some wintering in Ireland, Morecombe Bay and the Welsh coastline, and one south east to the Wash. It is too early to say how well the study is doing, but changes in land management practices are being monitored. The question is where do our wintering curlew breed? Over 100 are feeding locally, with numbers increasing, possibly including continental birds.

Blackbirds are returning to our gardens, but where do they go after breeding and moulting during Aug. Sept and Oct.? It was thought that they went into the surrounding countryside to feed up for the winter, but walking around, they seem not to be there either. Perhaps they do an internal migration.

Our village female sparrow hawk has notched up another first; apparently chasing a small bird that turned out to be a bat, which she finally gave up on!

Hunt Dogs out-of-control

Bedale Hunt dogs were dangerously out of control in Scruton on Sat 26 Oct. They were on the village green and were seen pursuing a fox and worrying sheep in a field near the church. The NY police attended; if you have any information, please call them on 101 quoting incident number NYP-26102024-0143. The Bedale Hunt Secretary was asked to comment but gave no response.

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



Farming News

by Malcolm Barker

I am approaching a time of decision, whether to grow potatoes in the future. My 39-year-old potato harvester is wearing out. I had to rebuild a gearbox earlier in the year and now another gearbox has failed because the output shaft has snapped in two, inside the casing. Yields have been poor for the last 2 years, and I must decide if it is worth all the effort and expense? I have always liked to grow potatoes because it is one crop, grown on the farm, which can be cooked and eaten without going through an industrial process. They have been grown here for at least 70 years but the economics of such an expensive and risky crop mean that I will need to consider whether to continue. I could pick by hand, but no one wants to pay any extra for handpicked potatoes.

November is the month for harvesting fodder beet. This is a job for a contractor, who can harvest in 2 hours what could take up to 2 months by hand.



Scruton Sky at Night

by Graham Dodds

With BST over we can now look forward to darker skies. Thinking of a telescope as a gift? Perhaps consider a good pair of binoculars instead. For more check out Reeth Astronomy Group online.

Comets/meteors - the Leonid meteor shower will peak on 18 November.

Constellations - the Pleiades, M45, or 7 sisters lies 440 light years away. Look S/SE this month with binoculars.

Planets: - Venus will be the brightest object in the sky from early November. It begins low on the horizon (between SW & SSW) rising to become the 'Evening Star' at the end of November. Jupiter is the brightest gas giant, close to Taurus (the Bull) constellation; look SE during mid-November.

The Moon - A new moon on 1st Nov; first quarter 🌒 on 9th; full 🌕 (a supermoon) on 15th; and last quarter 🌑 on 23rd.

Solar Farm News

Scruton Community Liaison Group has been contacted by **AMPYR Solar Europe** with the news that the company has acquired the Scruton Solar and Battery Storage project from Lightrock and Bluefield. AMPYR say they will construct and operate the solar farm in strict accordance with Lightrock's design and will honour all the commitments made by the Lightrock team. The full version of a community statement by Mark Wood (Managing Director, AMPYR UK) has been posted on the village website, go to: www.scruton.net

A channel of communication is open between Scruton Liaison Group and AMPYR, so if you have any initial reaction or questions for AMPYR, please let either Janet Crampton or Stephen Elmer know, and we will pass them on. For further information go to www.ampyrsolareurope.com



Gardeners' World

by Elizabeth Davies

As the year draws to a close, some plants still flowering, possibly because of the rain and mild weather. My marigolds are better now than they were in the summer, and some people have poppies and primula in flower. Split and move perennials now, while the ground is warm, so they can get established before the really cold weather. Prune climbing roses, tying them onto wires or a frame.

Hellebore leaves are untidy and may show signs of leaf spot. Cut them down to about 1" and when the flowers appear, they can be seen better. I have some buds starting to show already. Burn or bin affected leaves.

Clear leaves off lawns otherwise they get wet, and the grass may be damaged or even killed. Also take the thickest off flower borders as slugs live underneath and feed on any young shoots. Leaf mould is a wonderful soil conditioner. Bag up leaves and make a few holes in the bags; next year you can spread the contents on the garden. Or added to the compost heap it makes good mulch. Be careful, a pile of leaves by a wall or under a shrub could be a hedgehog nest.

As annuals die down, clear them and put on the compost heap. Tidy the borders ready for starting again next year.


Gardeners' World will take a break over the winter, hopefully returning next spring - Ed.



Services at St Radegund's

All services at St Radegund's Church are on Sunday at 9:30 am, except where stated. The Rev. Jenni Lane may be contacted on 01609 631122.

- 3 Nov** No Service in Scruton
- 10 Nov** Remembrance Service, John S. (10:45 am on the village green)
- 17 Nov** Morning Worship, Paul
- 24 Nov** Holy Communion, Stasi
- 1 Dec** Benefice Music Sunday & Holy Communion (Ainderby, 10:30 am)
- 5 Dec** St Nicholas (Thurs, 5 pm), Jenni

 **Remembrance Service on the village green** (see details above)



Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning on **16 November** will be in aid of the Charity Fund, which we use to make a Christmas donation to a charity suggested by our volunteers.

We will have a pre-Christmas Coffee Morning, on **7 December**, Further details next month and on Network Scruton.



Petrolheads

Our next meeting will be **Thursday 14 November**, 7:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Andy Dobson has kindly offered to give an overview of his DeTomaso Pantera restoration, and maybe an insight into the company. For more details, please message James on 07774 228 895.



Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club is on **Sunday 17 November**, 12:30 pm at the Coore Arms. Please call Alyson on 748 227 or email alysontonge@gmail.com

Scruton Ladies Evening Do

All ladies are welcome for drinks and supper at the next SLED on **Wednesday 27 November**, 7 pm at the Coore Arms. Please contact Allison on 07852 998 033 or email helen_allison@icloud.com



Kirkby Fleetham WI

Join us on **Thursday 14 November**, for our AGM and Show, 7:15 pm at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. For more details call Carol Barron on 01609 748 315, or email carolinesboxes@gmail.com



SJB Gig at Green Dragon

SJB's final public gig this year is **Thur 21 November**, from 7.30 pm at The Green Dragon, Exelby. No tickets required, but you may want to book a table to guarantee a seat, 01677 422233.



Coore Memorial Hall

Scruton Village Hall has a new page on the village website. The fully updated information now includes a calendar showing hall availability, information for hirers, floorplan, an online booking request, and details of all hire charges. Check it out at: www.scruton.net

All enquiries via the website please or by email to: villagehall@scruton.net



Copper Recycling

Jan Hobson – writes to say, research has found that recycling copper from cables, pipes & broken tech items etc. could provide 30% of the copper needed for the UK's planned transition to a decarbonised electricity grid by 2030. Copper is also a crucial element of solar and wind developments as well as for electric cars. There is a world-wide shortage of copper and mining is not environmentally friendly.

Do you have any scrap copper to recycle? Call or message Greg Clapham on 07957 730 282 - Ed.

Stamps for the RNIB

Alyson Tonge - writes to say that collecting stamps for RNIB can make a difference to blind & partially sighted people. There will be a collection box in the Church from November.

The Copy Deadline for the next Scruton News is 25 NOVEMBER



Thank-You Slot

Safari Supper – raised a grand total of **£430** for Saint Michael's Hospice in memory of Carol. A special thank you to John and Kirsty! Next year will be the *Silver Anniversary* so we are hoping to celebrate in glitzy style! If you want to be sure not to miss out put it in your diary now for **11 October 2025**.

From the Parish Council

By Cllr. Syd Nye

Parish Clerk - The good news is that Chris Barron has agreed to resume the position of Parish Clerk. The Clerk is fundamental to the efficient running of the Parish Council. Thanks for returning Chris. We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like any further information on the role or feel that you can contribute, please get in touch.

Emergency Plan - Further good news is that our NYC Councillor, Annabel Wilkinson, has secured funding to pay for the generator connector to the village hall. This will enable SPC to implement the Emergency Plan. Thank you once again Annabel for your support. If anyone else wishes to be included in the call out for the emergency plan and haven't registered with us, please let us know your phone number and we can add you to the list of responders.

The Cricket Club - have arranged for the drainpipe under the cricket field from Ham Hall Lane to be jetted and a new inspection hatch fitted. This should alleviate the flooding issues to the Playing Fields, Allotments and Tennis Court. It is envisaged that the work will be completed by the end of the month.

Village Green - Further to last month's item about the bald patches under trees on the village green, we would welcome suggestions or advice on how to remedy the problem. Is there an alternative that could be planted under the trees that would thrive, or a different type of grass? If anyone has any ideas or knowledge in this regard, please contact one of the Councillors or the Clerk.

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Parish Council Meetings 2024/25

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

2024: 14 November 2025: 9 January, 13 March

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