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**ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH**

**GWEN ENGLAND**

4June	Holy Communion	8.30am
11June	Benefice Communion Walgrave	10.00a.m.
18June	Holy Communion	8.30a.m.
25June	Family Service	11.00a.m.
2July	Holy Communion	8.30a.m.
9 July	Prayer and Worship	6.00pm
16 July	Holy Communion	8.30am
23July	Family Service	11.00am
30July	Benefice Communion Walgrave	10.00a.m.

There may be additional services, please phone Gwen England (882334) for up to date information.

Full Benefice services will be on the Church notice board.

**Stall On The Green**

Very many thanks to all those who donated so generously to the stall and to those who came and bought things. We had delicious home made cakes and jam, lots of lovely fresh eggs acres of books and the usual high quality plants. The stall raised £200 for Church Funds.

**DON'T FORGET** to plant your hanging baskets and enter the **HANGING BASKET COMPETITION**. Entries (Adults £2 per basket, children £1 per basket) should be in by 1<sup>st</sup> July – judging just before the middle of July. Entry forms available from Gwen England (882334)

**Summer Song** – with the Scaldwell Choir and instrumentalists. Enjoy a delightful evening on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** from 7 pm in

the garden of The Old Bakehouse, The Green.

Tickets, £8 including supper, are available from Gwen England and members of the choir.

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY – SCALDWELL FETE**

From 2pm – on the Green, the Recreation Ground and Tennis Courts. Demonstrations, stalls, games, children's activities, cream teas and many more enjoyable things to do.... Plus competitions – Tennis, Hanging Baskets (see notice) Flower arranging, guess the weight etc.

A fun day for all the family.

Donations to the plant, book or cake stalls and any offers of help most welcome.

Chris will also be doing her famous Bottle stall!

For more information call Sue Dodds-Smith or Gwen England.

Proceeds to Church Funds.

**Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August** at 3 pm, Paul Edwards, a local composer and organist, will be performing his new pieces in Scaldwell Church. Everyone welcome.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**PAM LONG**

Chairman – Pam Long 881940

V.Chairman Jane Jones 880092

Councillors:

Michael Alcock- 881948

Dave Farmer – 881567

Jackie Partridge – 881309

Margaret Vinton – 880359

Dave Watts - 882222

Clerk – Jonathan Harris

Our annual Parish Meeting was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman's report summarises the events of the past year and is enclosed separately for your information.

Our Parish Councillors are as listed above.

## SCALDWELL CLUB

### JUNE KEIR

Several villagers have commented recently upon the state of the Village Greens, and we agree that they are looking rather unkempt. However, the cost of grass-cutting is prohibitive, and we are unable to fund any additional cuts or maintenance out of the current percept. We would like to invite all parishioners to an Open Meeting to discuss various options to improve the situation, and this will take place immediately before our next Statutory Meeting on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

There will be no events over the summer.

Our next event will be in September and information will follow in the usual ways, i.e. Newsletter and flyers.

However the Club has now joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century and we have a web site which can be accessed via Paul Crotty's web site : [www.a-view-from.co.uk](http://www.a-view-from.co.uk), then click on the Scaldwell Club icon.

Please let us know your views on the web site as Paul requests.

## SCALDWELL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- SUE DODDS- SMITH

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee was held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006. Members of the Committee are Claire Churchill, Sue Dodds-Smith, John Haynes, David Keir, Pam Long, Mike Monk, Diana O'Neill, Russell Vann and Michelle Wharton. The Officers will be elected at the next Committee Meeting.

Please note. To book the Village Hall please contact Diana O'Neill (882143)

### 100 CLUB

And the final winners were:-

Draw	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1803	B Hurst	W Forsyth	W Webb
2503	A Tait	M Denton	J Randell
0104	J Adams	J Bates	P Barfoot
0804	A Farmer	O Wootton	S Kendrick

Thank you once again to everyone who took part and congratulations to all the winners.

## STEP N TONE

- CHRISTINE HURST

Our classes are held every Monday evening in the Village Hall (apart from Bank Holidays) from 6.45pm until 7.45pm

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand!

This class is for people of all abilities and is a fun class.

## SCALDWELL SPORTS CLUB

RICHARD KENDRICK

Once again it is time for the Sports Club Subs, due by the end of May. You have all had a form delivered. For the 17<sup>th</sup> successive year it is only £20 for family-membership. Thank you to those who have already paid. There will be a men's and mixed doubles teams entered in a league. If you are interested in playing, please contact John Sharman on 881181

## MISCELLANEOUS

### The Scaldwell Charity

The next meeting of the Trustees will take place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. The primary purpose of the Charity is to promote education in the village of Scaldwell.

Applications are invited to :-

Colin Telling  
"Helvellyn"  
Old Road  
Scaldwell  
NN6 9JZ

### Christian Aid

Thank you to all concerned for delivering and collecting the envelopes for Christian Aid. A total of £423 was collected. Thank you to all the villagers who contributed.

Allan Nash

## Scaldwell Parish Council Annual Report

### Planning

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council. We have held 13 meetings, during the course of the year at which Planning issues have taken the majority of our time. We have dealt with many Planning Applications. The applications in relation to The Coach House and Peters Green were opposed to very strongly by many villagers, as a result of which, we requested that the matters go to the Planning Committee at D.D.C. We attended those meetings, where we spoke forcibly against the applications, and I am pleased to say that representatives of the neighbouring properties also spoke. As a result, both of those applications were refused, although one has subsequently been appealed against by the Applicant. The result is awaited from the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.

Last year I reported that the application for the erection of polytunnels on the northern edge of the village had gone to appeal. We still await the result of that appeal.

### Village Design Statement

We are delighted that there was so much support from the village for the preparation of a Village Design Statement. Many thanks to Christopher Angeloglou for agreeing to chair the Committee, and for the other volunteers who are currently working on this exciting project.

### Consultations

As a Parish Council we are consulted by many other Local Authorities and Government Departments on their future plans which will affect this Region, for example planning, healthcare and transport. This year we have submitted our views on the following:

1. The East Midlands Regional Plan
2. The West Northampton Development Corporation Town Centre Plan
3. The Two Shires Ambulance Consultation Document
4. The Daventry and Northants NHS Primary Care Trusts consultation
5. DDC Archaeological Artifacts Questionnaire
6. The Northants C.C. Draft Medium Term Plan for 2006 – 2010 Consultation

### Highways – maintenance

We are fully aware of the concern felt by many residents regarding the appalling state of our roads. We do not believe that the infilling of the potholes is satisfactory, and have requested a complete re-surfacing to be carried out. In the short term we are assured that the potholes on the High Street and in Mill Lane will be dealt with shortly.

### Highways – traffic

We would like to thank Philip Purcell for organizing the speed camera scheme this year and believe that it has had a beneficial effect. However, we do appreciate that speeding through the village continues to be a problem, and will re-examine the various methods of traffic calming.

We are pleased to note that the volume of heavy goods vehicles through the village has been greatly reduced, and continue to monitor the situation and report any infringements.

### **Playing Field**

We are endeavouring to improve the condition of the playing field by regular strimming and mowing of the grass. In addition we carry out weekly inspections and removal of litter and other hazards, together with our annual safety inspection of the play equipment. Unfortunately, the climbing frame and the trail do require some maintenance this year and this will be carried out as soon as possible.

Our present 10-year lease expires in 2008, and we are currently in negotiations with DDC to renew it for a longer term of 99 years. We have been approached by villagers who wish to improve and add to the existing facilities, and the security of this longer lease is necessary to acquire funding.

### **Bus shelter**

Thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire earlier this year. The results proved overwhelmingly that the bus shelter should be retained and repaired. Accordingly, we are currently seeking quotations for its repair.

### **Other general responsibilities**

We continue to maintain the verges and village greens, mowing the grass regularly and repairing any damage. We are also responsible for the provision, maintenance and running costs of the street lighting. We have a statutory obligation to have public liability insurance for all the Parish Council's assets, which includes the seating on the Green, bus shelter and play equipment.

### **Precept**

As you are aware, it has been necessary to increase the Parish Precept this year, to cover the ever-increasing costs borne by the Council in meeting its statutory responsibilities and obligations.

### **Quality Council**

We have always endeavoured to act in the best interests of the residents of Scaldwell, and in order to continue doing so, in accordance with the Government's drive to recognize the work undertaken by Parish Councils we have decided to apply for Quality Council Status. In order to achieve this, our Clerk, Jonathan Harris, has agreed to undertake the necessary training. It is understood that the process will take a year or so, and we will report to you on our progress next year.

### **Thanks**

Without the help of several villagers it would not be possible for the Council to carry out all its duties. In particular, I would like to thank Olive Wootton our Tree Warden and Eddie Cockram our Footpath Warden

In addition, on behalf of the Council, I would like to thank Michael Alcock for his work in clearing the playing field and repairing damage to the village greens, as well as his continuing work as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Finally, I would like to thank Jonathan Harris for all his diligence and hard work throughout the year, and for his agreement to undergo the Quality Council training. I would also like to thank my Vice-Chairman, Jane Jones, and all the other Councillors for their support throughout the year.

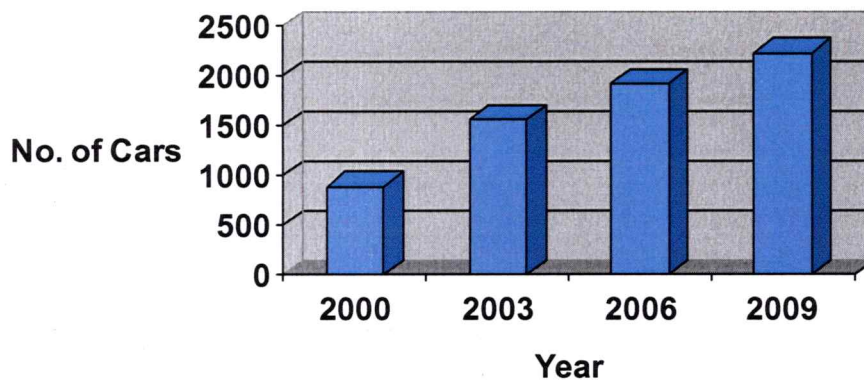
## Traffic Counts and Speeds

Data is per weekday Mon-Fri

Year	No. of Cars	% Increase
2000*	892	Baseline
2003**	1555	74%
2006***	1916	114%
2009*	2230	150%

(Highways National average 2.1% per annum)

### TRAFFIC INCREASE BY YEAR



In addition: Vehicles exceeding the speed limit = 52% in 2004  
 " " " " " = 79% in 2006

#### Sources:

- \* = Scaldwell Traffic Count - 2000
- \*\* = Scaldwell Traffic Count - 2003
- \*\*\* = Police Tube Count - 2006 - averaged and projected for 5 weekdays
- \* = Projected to 2009 on a 'pro-rata' basis

## Village Update

As many of you know, I have been campaigning for a number of years on subjects as diverse as the safety of the culvert (now re-built), the heavy lorry abuse, speeding/rat-running of traffic, improvements to the village green, the bus shelter, etc. Many of you have expressed support of my efforts on these issues, for which, many thanks.

Good to see that the PC is being more responsive to the concerns of residents on a number of issues which is, of course, a prerequisite of the mandatory communications section of the requirements for a Quality Parish and Town Council scheme as published by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

### Bus Shelter

Recent comments made by the Parish Council allude to 'overwhelming' support for repair of the current structure.

There are approximately 108 houses in the village and only 31 households returned the questionnaire. Of those who voted for retention, quite a number have 3 to 5 electoral votes to cast (young adults at Uni or not registered to vote elsewhere), whilst those in favour of a Northamptonshire Stone structure have only 1 or 2 votes available to them. (Note that a 'brick' structure included on the questionnaire has never been proposed as an option).

On this basis, 'overwhelming' support to repair the dilapidated shelter hardly seems an appropriate choice of words. It is also worth pointing out that, if the repairs are uneconomic, then the next highest vote, i.e. for a Northamptonshire Stone construction, should logically take preference, particularly as substantial funding is available for this option.

It will be interesting for residents to have details and costs of repair to the existing structure, particularly as it will need future constant maintenance, which the existing structure, in an obvious state of disrepair, has not had so far!

### Village Green

There is much support by Residents for improvements to the village green, including measures to stop the edges being damaged by large vehicle tyres.

There is a fully funded option available that has the endorsement of the Conservation Officers and Highways. It is hoped that the PC will agree to this proposal and thus prevent a winter muddy road hazard as well as improving the view of this important village feature. Note that there is an opportunity to express your views at a forthcoming meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m.

### Speeding/Traffic

The insert 'Traffic Counts and Speeds' shows that daily traffic has increased by over 100% from years 2000 to 2006. This means that on weekdays, nearly 2000 vehicles are passing through our village and that 79% exceed the speed limit!

We are long overdue for an appropriate traffic calming scheme which, incidentally, is a requirement for Parishes who wish to have a Quality Parish Council and we would be one of the last villages in our area to implement such a scheme.

Lawrie Gatehouse.

**Contributions**

Any news to share in your part of the village?

If you would like to provide contributions to the newsletter please do so, by putting any information through Christine's door or give her a ring on the telephone number at the top of the first page.

Dates For Your Diary	
<b>JUNE</b>	

JULY	
8th	Summer Song
15th	Scaldwell Fete
19th	Parish Council Meeting with Open Meeting to discuss the Village Green

<p><b>LAST DATE FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER JULY 23RD</b></p>
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I do not suffer from stress, but I am a carrier!!

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When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting older!!

**You just could not make this up:-**

These are real answers to questions on the many quiz shows on radio and TV.

**BBC Norfolk-**

Stewart White:

Who had a worldwide hit with What a Wonderful World?

Contestant: I don't know

White: I'll give you some clues: what do you call the part between your hand and your elbow?

Contestant: Arm

White: Correct. And if you're not weak, you're.....?

Contestant: Strong

White: Correct - and what was Lord Mountbatten's first name?

Contestant: Louis

White: Well, there we are then. So who had a worldwide hit with the song What a Wonderful World?

Contestant: Frank Sinatra?!!!!

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**GWR FM (Bristol)**

Presenter: What happened in Dallas on November 22 1963?

Contestant: I don't know, I wasn't watching it then.