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A Joyous and Happy Christmas to you all

ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH

Rev. Karen Jongman ☎ 781974
 Churchwarden

David Keir ☎ 880934 Bruce Ruddle ☎ 882695

December

5th Bread Service – Scaldwell 9.45am
 12th Holy Communion - Scaldwell 8.30am
 17th Holy Communion – Hannington 8.30am
 Holy Communion – Walgrave 9.45am
 Holy Communion – Old 11.00am
 24th Christmas Music - Scaldwell 4.00pm

**25th Family Service with Communion
 at Walgrave 10.00am**

January

2nd Benefice Family Communion
 at Walgrave 9.45am
 9th Holy Communion Scaldwell 8.30am
 16th Family Service – Scaldwell 11.00am
 23rd Holy Communion – Scaldwell 8.30am
 30th Family Communion – Walgrave 9.45am

Harvest Supper

The Village Hall was full for the Harvest Lunch and the event enjoyed by everyone. Many, many thanks go to all who provided help and food – we really couldn't hold the event without this vital support. £100 was raised – again many thanks to everyone.

Bread Service

At the Bread Service, held each year on the Sunday closest to 5th December, a loaf of bread is given to each family attending the Service and this has taken place every year since 1666. This year the Service will be held on the 5th December a 9.45am and it would be lovely to see lots of families join us to experience part of Scaldwell's history. An extract from the Will of Thomas Roe, who founded the charity that provides the bread, follows.

"My body I committe to ye ground to be buried in Scaldwell Church or Chancell".....

Item:- "I give and bequeath the William Sprigg of Scaldwell in ye County of North-ton, yeoman, and John Sibly of Little Houghton in ye County aforesaid, yeoman, and to there heires and assigns for ever, one annuity or yearly rent charge of thirty shillings a yeare for ever to be issuing out of and charged upon my coattage or tenemt. in Scaldwell aforesaid, which I purchased of John Day and Solomon Day, to and for ye uses hereafter expressed, that is to say twenty shillings pte. Thereof to be yearly bestowed in bread and given to ye poore of Scaldwell aforesaid on ye fift day of December yearley and the other ten shilling to be given to a minister to preach a thanksgiving sermon upon ye said fift day of December in ye said Church of Scaldwell in a thankful remembrance to Almighty God for my deliverance on that day; my will and desire is likewise that ye bread be brought into ye Church and sett upon my gravestone that ye poore may see they have noe wrong therein. Provided that if ye said sermon shall be neglected then this whole annuity and gift to be voide."

Dated 1st September 1665

So, the Service and Sermon have taken place every December for 345 years but is not now restricted to the poor but given to each family who attends the Service.

Christmas Eve Celebration

This will take place in the Church at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. **Anyone** wishing to volunteer to read or take part in any way please contact Margaret Vinton on 880359 or at the Old House, East End.

Any children who wish to take part should contact Michelle Wharton (881826) or Haley May (880703) for details.

Church Cleaning and Flower Rota

If anyone would like to volunteer (Cleaning usually done with one other person – approximately three times a year and takes about half an hour). Flowers (a couple of times a year) please contact Sue Dodds-Smith (881950). The more people that help the less we have to do!!

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mrs P Long, Orchard House, West End. Tel:881940
Vice Chairman: Mrs Margaret Vinton, The Old House, East End.
Tel:881359

Councillors:

Mr Michael Alcock, The Poplars Farm, High Street. Tel: 881948
Mrs Anne Coward, The Grange, High Street. Tel: 880255
Mr Alisdair Tait, Sunnysdene, Bakers Lane, Walgrave, Tel:781799
Mrs Joan Randall, Newstone House, High Street. Tel:881595
Mr Frank Wiig, 9, Pytchley Close, Brixworth. Tel: 880165

Clerk: Mr Jonathan Harris, 11, Pytchley Way, Brixworth NN6 9EF
Tel:881182

We were delighted to welcome Sgt Mike O'Grady, our local Police officer, who gave us an update on the reorganisation within the County. We are assured that his team will remain at Brixworth and will continue to police our village regularly. He has asked us to report any suspicious activity as it occurs, by calling 03000 111 222

We have arranged for Christmas trees to be collected for re-cycling and these should be placed on the village green behind the bus shelter as in previous years. Please check the notice board or our website for the collection date which we will publish as soon as it is available.

DOG FOULING!!!!!!!

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the village – it is not only unpleasant, but is a very real health hazard. Please would all dog owners ensure that dogs are not allowed to roam freely in the village, and always dispose of your dog waste in a responsible manner, even if you are walking across the fields. Worms can easily be passed from dog waste and this can be fatal to livestock.

There is a 'dog waste' bin on the village green, and we have purchased a second bin which will be sited at the top of Holcot Lane – we urge all dog walkers to show consideration for others, by making good use of them

The next statutory meeting of the Parish Council will be held on January 5th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We welcome all parishioners to attend our meetings, and to put forward any questions or comments. Please see the Village Notice Board on the bus shelter for details, or alternatively, see our website:
www.parish-council.com/scaldwell

SCALDWELL CLUB

The Bonfire and Fireworks Event, Sat 6th November 2010, was a huge success for the second year running. Approximately 400 attended and we would like to express our thanks to all who gave so generously on the gate and to 'penny for the guy'.

This event is entirely self - funded and we managed to break even overall – including the sale of hot dogs, burgers and soup from the party tents.

Thanks must go to the team who spent a whole day training for the event – Dave Farmer, Martin May, Mark Denton and Pete Barfoot. Without their expertise – we would not have had such a stunning display.

Many others worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was a success and thanks should go to the Club Committee and their family and friends, who were also roped in.

Forthcoming Events

Senior Citizens' Dinner Thursday 16 December 7pm for 7.30 pm

All ages 60+ and their partners are welcome.

There will be Carol singing plus Eddie providing musical entertainment – not forgetting Santa, of course!

Christmas Starters Sunday lunchtime 19 December

For any newcomers to the village, this event is a MUST! We request that everyone attending brings along a plate of food to share – e.g. sausage rolls, mince pies, sandwiches, cheese and biscuits, quiche, small cakes etc.

Most of the villagers come along to try their luck on the tombola or to bid for prizes in the auction. All of the prizes are donated by the village community and local businesses and the funds raised go towards the cost of the senior citizens dinner.

During the week prior to this event – members of the Club committee will be coming round to every house in the village to collect your donations for the tombola or auction – should you wish to donate something.

You have been most generous in the past and we end up with wine, chocs, biscuits, preserves, last year's unwanted gifts and all kinds of weird and wonderful items!

It is a wonderful community occasion for the whole family.

The Bar will be open from 12 noon.

Quiz Night will take place towards the end of January 2011 – date to be confirmed. Flyer to follow.

Valentine Day event Saturday 12th February 2011 – flyer to follow

Legendary Ladies of Jazz Saturday 19th March 2011 at 7.30pm £10 per ticket – contact Jenny 882718

This is a Northampton Touring Arts event and Susan Valliant Speer sings the songs of many of the greatest Jazz divas of the 20th Century from Bessie Smith to Ella Fitzgerald in her own dynamic and entertaining style. She tells the story of each woman's life and times through their music, monologue, props and costume. Other legends include Peggy Lee, Nina Simone, Sophie Tucker and Billie Holiday. The show is a real crowd pleaser! www.susanvalliantspeer.co.uk

Suitable For: All ages

Club opening times for Christmas and New Year: -

Thursday 23rd Dec	normal opening 7.30pm
Friday 24th Dec Christmas Eve	normal opening 7.30pm
Saturday 25th Dec Christmas Day	12 - 2pm Chairman on the bar
Sunday 26th Dec	12 - 2pm
Thursday 30th Dec	normal opening 7.30pm
Friday 31st Dec New Year's Eve	7.30pm onwards
Saturday 1st Jan	12 - 2pm
Sunday 2nd Jan	12 - 2pm

ART GROUP

SARAH KENDRICK

The Art Group meet on Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. We are an informal group with no tutor and you are more than welcome to join us. ☎ 881592

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

100 CLUB. You should all have now received an invitation to participate in the 100 Club and a big thank you to all those who have returned their entry forms. The first draw takes place at Christmas Starters so do make sure you get your entry form to one of the Committee Members. If you have lost the form we can always let you have another one! Why not join in this fund raising event and support your Village Hall. We have arranged for the Hall to be decorated either before or immediately after Christmas and to finalise the refurbishment we hope to replace the blinds with curtains so fund raising is much needed at the moment.

A reminder of hire charges :-

Hire to Villagers for classes and meetings	£10 per hr.
Hire to non-villagers for classes and meetings	£12 per hr
Hire for private party	£75
Charge for bar to be opened	£25

*Five users on 1/11/11
look out please*

MICELLANEOUS

SCALDWELL PLAYING FIELD

COMMUNITY GROUP

Fantastic News!!

As you will have been aware from previous updates, the 'Playbuilder' funding we were awarded earlier in the year had been frozen by central government, and was under review, along with many other areas of public spending. This review is now over, and the monies awarded to us originally have been confirmed by Northants County Council. We are now in contract with them and will shortly be placing an order for the play equipment so desperately needed on our playing field, and aim to complete the works by March 2011.

This is obviously wonderful news for the village, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the project through sponsorship, events and donations, and also with thoughts and ideas for the design.

We are still fundraising, with plans for future improvements and landscaping for everyone to enjoy. Keep reading the newsletter for updates on construction and opening events, and we look forward to seeing you all enjoying this exciting new space in spring 2011!

SCALDWELL PARISH TRUST and SCALDWELL RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

At their recent meeting, the Trustees of the Relief in Need Charity agreed to make their usual Christmas grants to pensioners and those with disabilities living in the village.

These gifts will be made automatically in December to those who have received them in past years unless you notify us that you no longer wish to receive them. If however you have recently qualified for a Christmas gift (or if you know of someone else who has) e.g. by achieving retirement age or you now wish to be put on the Trustees' list, please mention this to me, Sue Dodds-Smith at The Old Barn, High Street, (881950) or to any of the Trustees who are Sally Thorne, Margaret Vinton, Pam Long, Mike Monk, Roger Morgan and Jack Deacon.

Allotments.

During December the annual rents for the allotments and the other pieces of land owned by the charities will be collected.

Congratulations to the Playing Field Community Group and our thanks are extended to them for all their hard work in achieving their goal. It will be a wonderful asset for the village.

Some perks of being over 60

You can eat supper at 4.30pm

You get into heated arguments about pensions plans.

Your investment in health insurance is finally paying off.

Your joints are more accurate than the meteorologists on the national weather service.

Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge

Dates for your Diary

December

- 5th Church Bread Service
- 16th Senior Citizens' Dinner
- 24th Christmas Celebration in Church
- 19th Christmas Starters in Village Hall

January

- 5th Parish Council Meeting

23rd Last date for contributions To February/Marsh Newsletter

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Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the Newsletter over the last 12 months,