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## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH

#### CHRIS NASH

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#### DEC/JAN SERVICES

3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Bread Service	9.15am
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Family Service	10.30am
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sung Eucharist	10.30am
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CHRISTMAS EVE Scaldwell Christmas Offering	4.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY Sung Eucharist	10.15am
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	United Benefice Walgrave	10.30am
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Family Service	9.15am
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	No Service	
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Family Service	9.15am
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Family Service	10.30am

#### BREAD SERVICE

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.15am

The annual Bread Service will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 9.15am. There will be the usual sermon for the occasion followed by the distribution of loaves to those attending.

This unique service has been held annually in Scaldwell for over 320 years. Thomas Roe's will stipulated a December annual thanksgiving service with a sermon at which a loaf would be given to the poor families who attended.

Nowadays the custom is for one of the specially baked loaves to be given to a member of each household attending with some taken to the house-bound.

All are welcome to this special service.

#### SCALDWELL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm

As usual we will be holding our Christmas offering in Scaldwell Church and I am inviting all children, no age limit (upper or lower) to take part. Rehearsals this year will be on Thursday evening at 6.00pm for half an hour in the Old Barn, East End, starting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – never too late to join in!

Please come and support this traditional village event.

Margaret Vinton Tel: 880359

## CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING

Please let Sue Dodds-Smith (Tel: 881950) know if you are interested in helping with flowers every so often and/or if you would be willing to help with cleaning the church. The new rotas for next year will be drawn up shortly.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### KATH FRANKLAND

#### Playing Field

The annual inspection of the playing field and its equipment was undertaken by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents during the month of June. As a result of this inspection and a follow-up to this by the Parish Council, various repairs will be carried out. At this moment, the netting and the rope ladder must not be used as they are very worn. These will be replaced shortly.

We would like to remind people that there is no way through the paddock from the tennis courts on Holcot Lane to the playing field. Some of the fencing has been damaged as a result of people using this as a short cut.

#### Roads

A recent survey by the Parish Council, followed by a visit from a representative of the County Council Highways Dept., revealed various potholes, eroded verges etc. This is the year for the five yearly inspection of the roads, paths and drains in the village. A programme of repairs will be carried out. The problem of water flooding across Old Road during the recent heavy rain will also be dealt with.

The section of Ash Track which has been made worse because of the recent wet weather, has been looked at by Daventry District Council. We hope to hear from them soon.

Pam Long would like villagers to be aware that she has several bags of salt for use in icy conditions, if needed.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, the Parish Council would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## SCALDWELL CLUB

### ROGER MORGAN

#### Village Hall

Good news - the Village Hall refurbishments are on schedule and the Club Committee intends to re-open the bar on Friday 1 December. Visitors to the bar will note that the decor is brighter than before!

#### Pensioners' Christmas Dinner

The Village Hall will be available for use from Friday 8 December and the Pensioners' Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday 12 December.

#### Christmas Starters

Christmas Starters on Sunday 17 December at midday is a MUST for all villager; it is the biggest social gathering of the year in Scaldwell and is a great opportunity for those new to the village to meet other residents. Committee members will be knocking on your doors during the preceding week and asking for donations to the raffle, the proceeds of which help to fund events such as the Pensioners' Christmas Dinner.

#### Other important dates are:

- Indoor bowls gets underway on Thursday 4 January 2001
- Kettering Operatic Society Concert on Saturday 17 February 2001

The Club Committee wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we hope you will make use of the bar over this festive season.

## SPORTS CLUB

### KATHY MORGAN

The weather may be wintry but you can still enjoy tennis! The courts remain operational all year round and players can enjoy their tennis at any time of the year.

The A.G.M will be held on Monday 22 January at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. I hope that all members will be able to attend. If you would like to serve on the committee please let me know. We would welcome your contribution.

## KEEP FIT/BODY CONDITIONING

### CHRISTINE HURST

Come and join us every Monday evening from 6.45 pm until 7.45 pm.

Classes will recommence in the village hall on December 11<sup>th</sup> and finish for this year on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our first class in the New Year will be Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us to get rid of the seasonal excesses!!

A Very Happy Exercise Free Christmas and a committed Flab Free New Year!!

If you would like more details please ring Christine on 881771.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### 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 to those who 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, Alison Goodenough at Scaldwell House or to any of the Trustees. We rely on word of mouth to make sure that all those who would qualify and appreciate a gift are included.

#### Allotments

During December I shall be collecting the annual rents for the allotments and the other pieces of land owned by the Trustees. If anyone is considering giving up their plots please will they let me know in due course.

Alison Goodenough – Clerk to the Charities  
Scaldwell House

## ART HISTORY

Maggie Angeloglou is continuing her art history courses in Scaldwell with 'French Art in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century' starting on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Each 8 week term costs £24. Courses run on Thursdays 2.30pm – 4.30pm, repeated from 7.0pm – 9.0pm, amply illustrated with slides; in The Old Barn, The Old House, East End.

Please contact Maggie on 880202.

### Scaldwell Newsletter

We would like to thank everybody who has provided contributions to the Scaldwell Newsletter in 2000, please keep them coming in through 2001. If anyone wishes to provide us with material for the newsletter then just get in touch with me or pop something through the letter box of Post Cottage.

Gilly, in view of all the little men in her life (her sons Struan and Ross), has decided to step down from the position of sub-editor of the Scaldwell newsletter.

I would like to make a personal thank you to Gilly for all your support and guidance when I took over the role of editor earlier this year and many thanks too, Gilly for all you have done towards the newsletter over the past few years.

Chris Hurst has kindly volunteered to help, thank you very much, looking forward to continuing the fun of the compilation.

Gilly and I would like to join the other contributors wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sarah Hampden Smith

<b>Dates For Your Diary</b>
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<b>December</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Village Hall bar re-opens
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bread Service, Scaldwell
8 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall available for use
12 <sup>th</sup>	Pensioners' Christmas Dinner
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Starters
24 <sup>th</sup>	Scaldwell Christmas Offering
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day

<b>January</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Bowls commences
8 <sup>th</sup>	Keep Fit recommences.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Club AGM

<p>LAST DATE FOR FEB/MAR NEWSLETTER JANUARY 21ST</p>
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