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SCALDWELL SOCIETY

As usual the Annual Christmas Starters lunchtime session was an enjoyable and successful event thanks to those who prepared the snacks, the bar volunteers and, of course, those who turned up!

19 Senior Citizens sat down to a superb meal at Home Farmhouse and meals were sent round to 6 others unable to attend. Grateful thanks are due not only to Maggie and Chris Angeloglou for acting as hosts, but also to the team of helpers numbering in all about as many as the diners! Those who moved to Brixworth during the year and attended have sent a special note of thanks for being invited.

Saturday, 23rd March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall - A Country and Western Evening with music and entertainment by Nashville Express. Dress for the occasion with prizes for the best costumes. Tickets £2.50 (O.A.Ps and schoolchildren £1.50) to include 'eats' to the usual Scaldwell high standard.

Saturday, 22nd June - A date for your diary - Scaldwell Midsummer Fair to be opened by Mike Nash, station manager of B B C Radio Northampton. Make a note of the date NOW - you'll have no excuse for missing it.

PARISH CHURCH

Services: Every Sunday - Holy Communion with hymns and organ at 9.30 a.m. The Carol Service in church and Carol Singing round the village on Christmas Eve resulted in a record £104 being donated to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Thanks to all who performed and contributed - a truly great effort.

MOTHERS' UNION

Monday, 25th February, 2.30 p.m. at Truffell House when the group will be studying Canon Alan Horsley's Lent book, 'Lent for the Ordinary Mum in St. Luke's Gospel'.

Monday, 25th March, 7 p.m. Lady Day Holy Communion in the Parish Church and talk by the Rector, the Rev. W. Burdon.

ALLOTMENTS

All plots have been allocated for 1985. We still have an enthusiastic digger without an allotment, so, if a plot-holder has second thoughts and wants to give up, please make a noise NOW.

DOG FOULING

Never have there been so many complaints about dogs fouling footpaths, grass verges, the village green and the playing field as recently. It is now impossible to walk up the High Street without having to take avoiding action. This is really a disgraceful state of affairs, so we appeal to all dog owners to exercise control over their pets. The best advice we can give is to keep your dog on a lead and, if it is not trained to perform in the gutter, to take a small trowel with you and remove the offence into the gutter. It is important not to let dogs roam about the village unsupervised for obvious reasons, not least that there are sheep in fields adjoining the village.

We trust this appeal will not go unheeded, because we would hope that nobody would have to resort to the law - there is a bye-law applicable throughout the Daventry District under which penalties can be imposed on offending dog owners.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Financial

At the 1984 District Audit we were criticised for having planned too tight a budget. We were advised that supplementary precepts were no longer permitted, so in future we should budget for a substantial surplus so that, if necessary, we could meet unexpected expenditure. We cannot be expected to achieve this in one year, so for 1985/86 we have asked for £1,000 (up about £300 on the current year), which is likely to add about 1p to the village rate.

Bus Shelter

An estimate of some £230 has been accepted to carry out essential repairs to the village bus shelter. It is used not only by the few passengers travelling on the green buses, but also by schoolchildren waiting for school buses and by mums waiting with or for their small children. We all know how it is misused, so, having regard to the expense incurred, perhaps parents will please insist that the bus shelter is a no-go play area.

Scaldwell Relief in Need Charity and Scaldwell Parish Trust

The Council appointed Mrs A L Coward as a nominative trustee on the above charities for a period of 4 years from the 3rd February 1985 in succession to Mr G M Jelley. Mr H S Chapman is the other parish council trustee on these charities.

Heavy Lorries

The Chairman reported that Independent Express articulated lorries had started coming through the village again during the recent bad weather. It transpired that the hill from Old to Lamport was not on the gritting route, so he had contacted the County Council and with the help of our village constable, P C Lambley, and the Cherry Hill transport depot manager had persuaded them (not without difficulty) to start gritting that section of road. We still say that ALL long articulated lorries should be banned from Scaldwell, but thankfully the position achieved last autumn has now been restored.

Planning

Details of an application to build 2 houses at the back of the Manor in School Lane were received on the day of the meeting. It was decided to call a special meeting to discuss the matter to see if the Village Hall Committee and other interested parties wished the Council to make any representations on their behalf.

Annual Parish Meeting

This public meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th April at 7.30 p.m. Please make a note of the date, because this is an opportunity for all villagers to hear reports of the year's activities relating to the Parish Council, the Charities and the various village organisations. You are able to express your views, which are helpful to parish councillors, parish charity trustees and committee members alike.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 28th March at 7.30 p.m. Agenda will appear on Notice Board.

BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH

The Rt Rev 'Bill' Westwood, the Radio Bishop, has been consecrated as our new Bishop. We hope to see him in Scaldwell before too long.

FORMER RECTOR

We have received a long letter from Dr Dicken giving news of his activities in retirement and thanking us for sending news of Scaldwell. Both he and Mrs Dicken send good wishes to their friends in the village.