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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Please refer to the back page of the Parish Magazine for times. The church notice board has a guide.

ATTIC SALE

31ST August 1998.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

12TH September 1998, 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

This is organised by Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. The money collected from the sponsors is to be divided into two, half going to the above Trust and the other half to a charity of the sponsored's own choice. There are a good number of bikes in the village and it would be great to see many of these and their owners taking part in this event.

Cyclists are not expected to ride all day, but to visit as many churches as possible. Perhaps there is an adult in the village who would be prepared to escort and raise enthusiasm.

To learn more about the ride please contact Chris Nash, 880638, Cobblers Cottage, East End.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER

27TH September 1998.

PARISH COUNCIL**MAGGIE ANGELOGLOU**

On 23rd June a meeting was held in Brixworth on public transport in Northamptonshire. The public transport manager from NCC was asking what improvements could be made in our area regarding the possibility of subsidised public transport, as the county had received £690,000 from central government to help rural transport. Lynn Gunnnett attended the meeting with me, as we felt the young people in Scaldwell should be represented (Lynn runs the Youth Club).

We were asked what ideal improvements could be made for buses for Scaldwell, although we realised that economically they may be impossible. We suggested a bus that would be feasible for workers, i.e. leaving at about 8.00 am returning around 5.30 pm. Lynn made the extra comment that youngsters can't do 'work experience' jobs now unless parents have time and vehicles to take them in and out of town. A bus to and from town on Saturdays would give youngsters a chance to shop, meet friends and generally be less isolated. An evening bus on one evening a week – preferably Friday or Saturday – would allow them to visit Northampton for cinemas or clubs.

I also said that the price of the current bus fare is too high and the service allows too little time in town for hospital or leisure visits. The elderly and the young suffer from the present transport situation. Ideally the current bus service should still run alongside our suggested service so that users might go into town on the present 12.45 pm returning around 5.30 pm in addition to the present morning journey. Because Scaldwell has evolved into a car-owning population, it is unlikely that any profit would be made, although a bus could combine this service with an extension to other villages en route to Market Harborough.

All these points were also made in a letter to the Public Transport Officer. We'll wait and see!

KNIGHTS OF OLD

This problem hasn't gone away and is exacerbated by the East-West chain of lorries. Last autumn parish councils were told that no plans were made for future sessions of the working party on Knights of Old which is formed of parish and district councillors, highways officers and representatives of Knights of Old. In Scaldwell we assumed something may be happening behind the scenes. However nine months later we are still waiting for a miracle. Sue Verallo, our district councillor, has been asked if there is any progress, or if another meeting of the working party could be arranged.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On 24th June we had a parish council meeting. The chairman reported that she had complained about the 'cover-up' of the cob wall in Old Road; Ian Smith of DDC is investigating it. We discussed the poly-tunnel behind Oak Farm yard for which retrospective planning permission was being sought. The chairman had spoken to the relevant planning officer in Daventry, who was not wholly happy about the siting of the tunnel but had asked the agricultural officer to visit the site.

The chairman had called in Anglian Water about a complaint that drain water was being diverted down School Lane owing to a blocked culvert on the green where an elder bush and nettles have taken over a ditch. Anglian Water said it isn't their responsibility and that the ditch and culvert wouldn't affect School Lane as it is designed to take overflow water coming from the old wells on the green. It was agreed that the culvert should be cleared out and that the growth round the lime trees which obscure vision should be cut back at the same time.

On 16th June the playing field was inspected by an expert from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RSPOA). The report asks for closer grass cutting (hopefully this will have been done when you read this), and marginal chain tightening on some equipment. It also commented that the slide faces south – presumably because children may be blinded by the sun. There seems little that can be done about this last point; perhaps parents would like to comment?

SPORTS CLUB

SARAH JENKINSON

Thank you to all of you who supported our Murder Mystery fund raiser again this year. The evening was a great success and congratulations are due to the super sleuths, (also known as the Hursts, Farmers and Sheldons) who guessed the culprit early on in the evening and, this year, did not change their minds.

The tennis season is now fully underway, with a spectacular performance from Tim Henman encouraging and inspiring many to take up the racket! Our men's 'A' Team is enjoying similar success, proving the promotion to division two this year is fully deserved. The 'B' Team and the mixed not doing quite so well, but putting up a valiant fight!

The club obtained two pairs of tickets for Wimbledon via the LTA membership. Allocation was determined by 'names in hat' and Mr and Mrs Hampden-Smith drew the lucky winners for us. The tickets were offered strictly in order and the accepting members were the Sharmans and Paul Hampden-Smith. They were able to enjoy top class tennis on the Centre and No 1 courts on the Tuesday of the second week, watching familiar names like Sampras, Hingis, Novotna and McNamara and McNamee.

The club will be holding a tournament on 13th September starting at 2.00 pm. All members are invited to join in so please keep the date free.

Another date for everyone's diaries is 24th October. Last year we held a very successful Whist Drive evening and many of you have asked us to do it again this year. So, the village hall has been booked for play to start at 8.00 pm. We'll be selling tickets nearer the time. Hope to see many of you there!

KEEP FIT

CHRIS HURST

Please note that keep fit will continue throughout the summer, but the start time is now 8.00 pm.

Sarah Jenkinson has kindly arranged for a friend of hers to take the sessions. Please come along and give her your support.

The cost is still only £2.50.

SCALDWELL CLUB

The Annual General Meeting took place on 19th May.

Due to a number of committee members having completed three years' service they automatically stood down. In addition, Sue Deery and Jenny Eldred stood down as officers. Many thanks to Sue, Jenny and Kevin Eldred for all their hard work and dedication.

The new committee elected was as follows:-

- Chairman - Barry Sheldon
- Secretary - Dave Farmer
- Treasurer - John Harley

- Committee - Harry Darby
Paul Crotty
Patrick Deery
Gwenda Sheldon
Mark Denton
Mike Monk

The official open hours of the Club have been amended. The new hours are as follows:-

- Thursday 8.00 pm - 10.30 pm
- Friday 8.00 pm - 11.00 pm
- Saturday 8.00 pm - 11.00 pm
- Sunday 12 noon - 2.00 pm

It has also been decided that between 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm on the last Friday of every month there will be a HAPPY HOUR. Draught beer, lager and a large spirit will be priced at £1. We hope to see many of you there for a weekend starter.

The Club has organised a series of events for the Autumn and early winter season:-

- September 21st - Kettering Operatic Society

- Late October - Two groups, plus Disco

- November - Beaujolais Nouveau Evening

December - Pensioners' Dinner

December - Christmas Starters

These represent a wide variety of functions that will, hopefully, appeal to a broad range of tastes. We very much hope you will lend your support.

MISCELLANEOUS

WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE John and Yvonne Tutte and their sons William and James.

EDITORS' BABIES

Sarah's and Stuart's baby, Benjamin Matthew, was born (12 days late!) on 2nd June, a brother for Susannah and Jack.

Gilly's and Alisdair's baby, Struan Murdoch Tait, was born 19th June, a brother for Adam.

MISSING ROCKET!

Alisdair and Adam Tait have lost a rocket and parachute somewhere in the village. It was caught by a gust of wind about six weeks ago - if anybody has found it could they please telephone 881462.

MENTMORE CRAFTS FESTIVAL

At Mentmore Towers, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire on 29th, 30th 31st August from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm. Craftspeople from all over the country will be selling a variety of works of the highest quality. Relax and enjoy a day out - entertainment and refreshments. For enquiries and concessions, please contact 01235 521873.

FRUITS OF THE FOREST '98

Fruits of the Forest '98 is a unique event which celebrates the beauty and versatility of wood, and takes place on 18th, 19th and 20th September at Fineshade Wood, off the A43 between Stamford and Corby.

In an idyllic woodland setting, which is part of historic Rockingham Forest, artists and craftsmen ranging from calligraphers to cabinet makers will demonstrate their skills and share their enthusiasm with visitors. New this year is a Rockingham Forest skills area - 'The Working Forest' - which will show the positive impact of woodland crafts on the local countryside.

The event is organised by ArtReach, Forest Enterprise (the hosts) and Rockingham Forest Trust. Tickets are available from local Tourist Information Centres and the organisers. For further information, please contact the Rockingham Forest Trust on 01832 274278.

TIPS TO HELP YOU CHOOSE YOUR GAS SUPPLIER

The advice for all gas consumers is:-

Don't sign up with the first company to approach you, you may find a better deal.

When making a choice compare the price per unit, the standing charge, the ways you can pay and the frequency of meter readings.

If you sign an agreement and realise you have made a mistake act swiftly and cancel using the cancellation form attached to the contract. Most are offering at least 14 days. If you are outside this time limit, approach the company and explain the situation.

If you do decide to change suppliers make a note of your meter reading on the switch-over date.

If you are still concerned and want some advice, do call our advice line on 01604 766366 or contact the Gas Consumers Council on 0116 2556594

OFGAS produce a helpful booklet available free by telephoning 0800 435702

BEWARE OF COWBOYS

Trading Standards Officers are issuing a timely warning to householders to be on their guard if offered a cheap tarmac drive, roof and guttering repairs or a complete garden spring clean.

There has been a steady stream of consumers contacting Northamptonshire Trading Standards complaining about extortionate prices, poor quality work and high-pressure sales tactics.

Anybody wanting advice can contact the Trading Standards Advice Line on 01604 766366 where a team of advisors are on hand to answer queries.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

August

29th-31st Mentmore Towers Craft Fair
31st Attic Sale

September

12th Sponsored Cycle Ride
13th Tennis Tournament
18th-20th Fruits of the Forest '98
21st Kettering Operatic Society
27th Harvest Supper

October

24th Whist Drive

**LAST DATE FOR
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER:
20TH SEPTEMBER 1998**