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THIS EDITION MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE SCALDWELL NEWSLETTER AND TO MARK THE OCCASION A COPY OF THE FIRST EDITION IS ENCLOSED.

ST. PETER AND ST PAUL

February

4 th	Holy Communion	8.30 am
11 th	Holy Communion	8.30 am
18 th	Benefice Service at Hannington	10.00 am
25 th	Prayer and Worship	6.00pm

March

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25 th	Holy Communion	8.30 am

Thank you to all who donated Children's Christmas Boxes. 30 were received and I am sure will be much enjoyed. Thank you

The Church was full for the Christmas Celebration on Christmas Eve and was much enjoyed by all that attended. Many thanks to Margaret Vinton and Maggie Angeloglou for their hard work in organising the event and to all the singers, musicians and particularly the children.

Six new families have recently moved into the village and a warm welcome is extended to you all. We wish you much happiness in your new homes.

PARISH COUNCIL

PAM LONG

Annual Precept and Budget 2007-08

We hope you've had an enjoyable holiday and wish you a happy and prosperous year. On the back page you will find a copy of the Parish Council's budget for the year to 31st March 2008 which shows the annual precept being raised to £10000. For the average household (Band 'D') this will mean approximately £71 of the annual Council Tax going towards the Parish Council expenditure; an increase of around £2.36 per month. Hopefully the figures in the budget make it clear how your money will be spent by the Council. The principle areas of

expenditure, as for the vast majority of Parish Councils, include street lighting, grass cutting, insurance and playing field maintenance.

Budget Areas

To avoid confusion when you look at the budget:

1) Section 137 - this budget area refers to the Local Government Act 1972 allowing Parish Councils to spend money for the benefit of villagers in a way not covered by other acts.

2) General Reserves - due to increased expenditure over recent years the Council's reserves have dwindled to an unacceptable level. We have therefore had to budget to increase them to the recommended level gradually over the next few years.

3) Election costs - the next Parish Council elections for Scaldwell are currently scheduled for May 2008. These are of great expense to Councils; the fee is set at District Council level. To avoid a large figure in the 2008/09 budget we are budgeting for part of the election costs in this budget.

Quality Status

As you may be aware, Central Government is giving out the message that it wishes to give local government more power; they increasingly emphasise the importance of Local Councils having so-called 'Quality Status' before allowing them more power. One of the seven main criteria for achieving Quality Status is to have a qualified Clerk; because of this the Parish Council has invested in training the present Clerk to achieve the required Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Playing Field

The Council hopes to improve the equipment on the playing field. Equipment is very expensive but several funding bodies offer grants for such equipment. We are hoping to display ideas for possible play area designs at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. If anyone has suggestions before then please let us know. Around 50% of the cost of the new goalposts was covered by a Football Foundation grant; a similar proportion of the bus shelter costs were covered by donations.

Parish Council Meetings

Statutory meetings take place bi-monthly commencing in January each year, usually on Wednesdays in the village hall. Other meetings

are held when required. All Council meetings are open to the public; you are welcome to attend any meeting. Notification of meetings together with the agenda is placed on the bus shelter notice board approximately one week before the meeting. At the start of meetings there is an opportunity for villagers to ask questions or make comments. Alternatively, if you have comments or items you wish the Parish Council to be aware of, please let the Clerk know. The minutes of Parish Council meetings are held in Brixworth library. The next statutory meeting will take place in March, the date to be announced later.
(Clerk: Mr. J. Harris, Plumb Cottage, High Street, 881182 - Chairman: Mrs. P. Long 881940)

West End Magic - 31 March

This is again organised with Northants Touring Arts. This is an evening of songs from West End shows presented by a pianist and two singers. Tickets are already going for this event.

STEP N TONE

SARAH KENDRICK

Our keep fit sessions are held every Monday evening in the village hall at **6.45p.m until 7.45p.m**

Everybody welcome. Come along you will enjoy it!!! This is not an aerobics class

SCALDWELL VILLAGE HALL

Winners of the 100 Club

	1st	2nd	3rd
17.12	J. Williamms	C.Worth	W. Domhof
23.12	P. Leonard	A. Haynes	B. Marsden
31.12	W.Domhof	J. Adams	M. Bates
04.01	H. Darby	D. & H. Johnson	R. Frankland
11.01	S.Griggs	B. Dickenson	J. Jones
18.01	S. Smith	M. Worth	J. Keir

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Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

30 people enjoyed the party. It was lovely to have Father Christmas back. Thanks to the choir for their seasonal renditions and Jane Monk for playing the flute so beautifully during the meal. Of course thanks to all who helped prepare and serve.

Christmas Starters.

Thank you to all who made donations and then bought them back again at the auction and tombola. A very creditable amount of £742 was raised, so we should have a rip-roaring party next year for the Senior Citizens.

Future Events

Burns' Night - 27 January

Nearly all the tickets have been sold so hurry up!

Caliente (Salsa Dance Party) 10 February

This is an event organised in conjunction with Northants Touring Arts and has been advertised countywide. There are a few tickets left for this fun evening where we will be taught (hopefully) by professional salsa dance teachers.

ART GROUP

SARAH KENDRICK

The informal art group is now meeting again after the Christmas break. Anyone is welcome to join. We meet on Wednesday in the Village Hall 7.00p.m. to 9.00 pm.

If you require any details please ring 881502

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW COFFEE CLUB

Do you enjoy meeting up with friends and neighbours, both old and new, over a cup of coffee? Well, I know that I do! So I came up with the idea of organising a regular monthly Coffee Club to which you are all invited.

The first one will be held on Friday, 2nd February from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. in the Village Hall. After that the regular date will be the first Friday of each month at the same venue and time. The exception will be 6th April which is Good Friday – so no Coffee Club on that day.

There will be a small charge of £1 to cover the cost of the Village Hall hire and all refreshments. Children under 5 will be especially welcome and will be free.

I hope to have a Bring and Borrow/Exchange/Buy stall for any unwanted books, CDs, videos, DVDs, jigsaws, magazines, toys or gifts that you may wish to bring along and others may wish to take home. All donations of items for this stall will be greatly appreciated, along with any ideas that you may have for other activities or offers of help with the refreshments please.

The Coffee Club will be organised as a social activity rather than a fund raising one. Therefore, any proceeds at the end of a six-month trial period will be shared equally between the Village Hall and the Church.

Look forward to welcoming you all to the first Coffee Club on Friday, 2nd February from 9.30
Annie Curtis (882954)

The Scaldwell Charity

The next meeting of the trustees will be on Wednesday 14th March. 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

Scaldwell Parish Trust and Scaldwell Relief in Need Charity.

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NSPCC

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously to the NSPCC Christmas Collections this year. A total of £387.22 was raised (£257.22 at the Christmas Service and £130 collected by the carol singers). It was not possible, however, for the carol singers to visit every household, and if anyone would still like to make a donation please let me know (881940) and I will be delighted to visit you with my collecting box!

The NSPCC provides two excellent facilities in Northamptonshire and donations, like ours, are essential for them to continue to fund these much needed services. Sincere thanks to all those involved; your tremendous efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Foundation of Thomas Roe

The Foundation of Thomas Roe is a Charity which provides financial assistance in connection with the education of children and young people under the age of 25 whom are resident in the parishes of Scaldwell and Brixworth. In recent years several families in Scaldwell have benefited from this Charity, and we would welcome requests for assistance. All applications are treated with strict confidence.

Applications are available from:

Pam Long (881940)

Margaret Vinton (880359)

Ursula Morris (505554) Clerk to the Charity.

Traffic

It is interesting to read the very first issue of Scaldwell News published 25 years ago, which is reproduced with this issue. At that time, Residents were concerned about HGV'S using the village as a shortcut and those concerns continued up until 2003, by which time commuter car traffic had also increased dramatically.

Spurred on by a number of residents, I formed CALA to tackle the HGV issue. With help from others, it was possible after 2.5 years of effort to get the 7.5T Zonal Weight Limit in force, which benefits not only Scaldwell, but 16 other neighbouring villages. These benefits have been considerable in reducing the amount of rat-running for convenience by the HGV's that had affected so many villages. If similar amount of effort could now be directed towards road resurfacing, incorporating an environmentally sympathetic, but effective, traffic calming scheme, it may well be possible to moderate the speed and volume of commuter cars. This would provide increased safety, improve our rural environment and would be tremendously beneficial to all Scaldwell residents. Surely the time is long overdue to form a Project Group to address these issues?

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 them through Sue's door, by 'phone or email (details at top of Newsletter)

*If it's green and wiggles, it's biology,
If it stinks, it's chemistry
If it doesn't work, it's technology*

Dates For Your Diary

February	
2 nd	First Coffee Club
10 th	Salsa Dance Party
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31 st	West End Magic

LAST DATE FOR
APRIL/MAY
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 23RD