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Scaldwell Newsletter

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WISHING YOU ALL A JOYOUS AND HAPPY
CHRISTMAS

St Peter and St. Paul Church
Rev. Karen Jongman ☎ 781974
Churchwarden

Jackie Anstice ☎880572 Bruce Ruddle ☎882695

December

1st	Bread Service	9.45am
8th	Holy Communion	8.30am
15th	Family Service	11.00am
22nd	Family Communion	9.45am
24th	CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE	4.00pm
25th	FAMILY SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION - WALGRAVE	10.00am

FOR JANUARY SERVICES PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARD

If you would like to be included don't forget to let Sue Dodds-Smith have your name.

Contact details above.

Names will be circulated to all households before Christmas.

Harvest Lunch

At the Harvest Festival Service Bibles were presented and Ollie May and later given to Evie Johnson and Eadie Simons.

48 friends and neighbours enjoyed the Harvest Lunch and £210.60 was raised. Many thanks to all who helped with cooking and serving. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA

If anyone would like to volunteer (cleaning usually done with one other person) and flowers - a couple of times a year. Please contact Sue Dodds-Smith (881950)

2nd December - Bread Service
Scaldwell Relief in Need Charity

The Charity was established in the Will of Thomas Roe in 1666. For the charity to continue the Will stipulated that an Annual Bread Service take place on the 5th December each year. It now takes place on the Sunday closest to the 5th. The other condition is that the Priest preaches a thanksgiving sermon, for which a payment of ten shillings should be made by the charity.

The Service will be on the 1st December and an invitation is extended to all villagers. Come and take part in a tradition that has continued for 347 years.

Refreshments will be served after the Service and all are welcome.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE CAROL SERVICE

The popular Carol Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm. If any children would like to take part in the Service could you please contact Michelle Wharton (881826) or Sue Dodds-Smith (881950) who are arranging rehearsal times. There is not long to go now so please get in touch as soon as possible.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Chairman: Mrs Pam Long, Orchard House, West End. Tel: 881940

Vice Chairman: Mr Eugene O'Leary, 5, Back Lane. Tel: 881084

Councillors:-

Mr Michael Alcock, The Poplars Farm, High St. Tel: 881948

Mrs Annie Curtis, Chytil Cottage, High St. Tel: 882954

Mrs Jenny Lewis, Peters Green, Back Lane Tel: 882718

Mrs Joan Randall, Newstone House, High St. Tel: 881595

Mrs Margaret Vinton, The Old House, East End Tel: 880359

Clerk: Miss Alicia Schofield, 2 Paddocks Close, Walgrave Tel: 780192

Website: www.parish-council.com/scaldwell

As part of the Woodland Trust Community Planting scheme, we recently applied for a large pack of mixed 'all-year-round colour' hedging. We now have 420 saplings, which are ready for planting on the playing field! If anyone would like to volunteer to help us we should be most grateful. Please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk for more details!

Daventry District Council has asked all parishes to consider holding some form of event to commemorate the centenary of WW1 next year. We would be very grateful for any suggestions or thoughts on this. Again, please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk if you have some ideas.

This year DDC will not be collecting Xmas Trees from the Village Green as in previous years. Instead, they will be collected alongside your bin after Jan 6th. All households should be receiving a leaflet through the door giving all the details of the Xmas refuse collections as well as the collection calendar for next year. If you do not receive the leaflet and would like more information please call Daventry at 01327 871100 or you can view all the details on our website (see address above).

Any newcomers to the Village may be interested to read our Welcome Pack of Information which may be found on our website under the Newsletter heading which is part of the Minutes/Agendas section.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday Jan 22nd at 7.30 pm. We welcome all parishioners to attend.

SCALDWELL RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

A reminder that this charity exists to offer help to residents in the parish by making grants of money or by paying for items or services. In the past grants have been made to individuals when they have financial problems so do remember that this help is there should you need it.

As in previous year the charity will be giving a gift 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. If you have recently qualified for a Christmas gift, e.g. by achieving retirement age or are suffering from a disability, and would like to be put on the list please mention this to Sue Dodds-Smith (881950) Clerk to the Charity or to any of the Trustees who are Jack Deacon, Sally Thorne, Margaret Vinton, Pam Long, Mike Monk and Roger Morgan

News from Scaldwell Club

As we mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Committee have over the past couple of months organised events. The Snail Race in October was very successful and enjoyed enormously by both young and old. The annual Bonfire event too was very well supported and we hope everyone attending enjoyed the evening, despite the wind!

On 22nd December Christmas Starters will be held, from 12 Noon. Flyers will be delivered shortly and a member of the Committee will arrange to call to collect items for the usual Tombola and Auction. We hope to see as many Villagers at the event as possible. It is a nice way of catching up with everyone and indeed meeting new people to the Village.

We look forward to seeing you not just at Starters, but during the festive season.

The Club will be open on Christmas Eve, Christmas day lunch, and both lunchtime and evening on Boxing Day. On New Year's Eve, our resident DJ, Pete Barfoot will be hosting a Disco, so again we look forward to seeing you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sally Vann would like to thank all those who donated and supported the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" on 27th September.

We raised £183.25.

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Acknowledgement

The Family of the late Margaret Alcock warmly thank everyone in the village for their kind expressions of sympathy. We are deeply grateful for all your support through this difficult time.

James, Michael & Lynn and Linda & John

Baby-sitting service

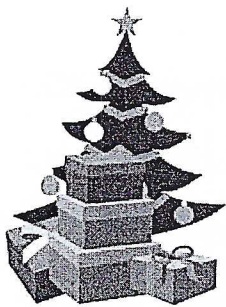
Sensible and mature 14 year old available for Babysitting at weekends and occasional nights during the week, references available.

I have lived in the village for 12 years, please contact Rosie O'Neil on 01604 882143 Thank you

Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."

	Dates for your diary	
	December	
	2nd Bread Service	
	24th Carol Service	
	January	
	LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTION	
	FOR FEB/MARCH NEWS LETTER	
	20TH JANUARY	



The Origin of the Christmas Tree

According to Christian Lore, the Christmas tree is associated with St. Boniface and the German town of Geismar. Sometime, in St. Boniface's lifetime, he cut down the tree of Thor in order to disprove the legitimacy of the Norse gods to the local German tribe. St. Boniface saw a fir tree growing in the roots of the old oak. Taking this as a sign of the Christian faith, he said "let Christ be at the centre of your households" using the fir tree as a symbol of Christianity. By early 18th century the custom had become common in towns of the upper Rhineland.

The tradition of the Christmas tree, as it is known today, is fairly young. It was established by Martin Luther as a Protestant counterpart to the Catholic Nativity Scene. Luther established the Christmas tree as a symbol of the Tree of Life.

The tradition was introduced to Canada in the winter of 1781 by Brunswick soldiers stationed in the Province of Quebec. In the early 19th century, the custom became popular among the nobility and spread to the royal courts as far as Russia.

Princess Henrietta of Nassau-Weilburg introduced the Christmas Tree to Vienna in 1816 and the custom spread across Austria in the following years. In France the first Christmas Tree was introduced in 1840 by the Duchesse d'Orleans.

Norway presents a tree to the people of London as a token of appreciation for the British support of Norwegian resistance during the Second World War.

The United States' National Christmas Tree is lit each year on the South Lawn of the White House. Today, the lighting of the National Christmas Tree is part of what has become a major holiday event at the White House.

In New Zealand, Pohutukawa trees are described as "native Christmas Trees", as they bloom at Christmas time and look like Christmas trees with their red flowers and green foliage.

In Russia, the Christmas tree was banned shortly after the October Revolution but then reinstated as a "New Year fir-Tree" in 1935.

Christmas Around the World

Bethlehem

In the little town where Jesus was born the Church is known as the Church of the Nativity which is ablaze with flags and decorations at Christmas. On Christmas Eve people crowd the church's doorways and stand on the roof to watch for the dramatic annual procession. Galloping horsemen and police mounted on Arabian horses lead the parade. They are followed by a solitary horseman carrying a cross and sitting astride a coal-black steed. Then come the Churchman and government officials and the procession solemnly enters the doors and places an ancient effigy of the Holy Child in the Church. Deep winding stairs lead to a grotto where visitors find a silver star marking the site of the birth of Jesus. Christian homes in Bethlehem are marked by a cross painted over the door and each home displays a homemade manger scene. A star is set up on a pole in the Village Square.

Romania

People from Transylvania serve stuffed cabbage on Christmas Eve, and next day for lunch. The most likely reason for this custom is that stuffed cabbage is best served on the second and third day after it is cooked. Moms prepare the food a day earlier, leaving more time for decorating their homes. On Christmas Day the whole family attend church and eat the stuffed cabbage for lunch.

Germany

German people love to decorate their houses at Christmas. Many houses will have little wooden frames holding electric candles in their windows and coloured pictures of paper, which look beautiful from the outside at night. Most homes will have little wooden cribs with Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. Father Christmas "Der Weihnachtsmann" brings presents in the late afternoon of Christmas Eve after people have been to church. One person in the family will ring a bell and call everyone to come to the room, where presents are found under the Christmas Tree. On Christmas Day fish or goose is eaten.