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SCALDWELL SOCIETY

The Annual Country Market in June was a great success - it raised no less than £488 - a credit to all the hard work put in by so many villagers. Very well done everybody!!

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 28th September starting at 8 p.m. prompt. This is a must for everybody to attend, because, not only are we proposing to adopt a new constitution (which will be available for inspection in the Hall during the previous week-end), but also the disposal of funds will be decided, for which there is required a quorum of 20.

Claims in writing should be submitted to the Hon. Treasurer, Brian Hensman at Peter's Hoe, West End not later than Tuesday, 18th September.

PARISH COUNCIL

George Fendley wishes to thank everybody for the gift, reported in the last issue, which he greatly appreciates.

Having received a negative reply to our request for the County Council to carry out a number of improvements in the village, the Chairman arranged for the Divisional Highways Surveyor to visit and to consider the matters raised on site. As a result attention will be given to:-

1. The dangerous Holcot Lane corner - another chevron will be erected and more prominent road markings will be laid.
2. A length of kerb will be laid near the safety barrier on the village green to direct surface water on the road into the gully.
3. The County Surveyor will visit with a view to including as capital expenditure the kerbing and reinstating of the footpath from the top of Back Lane past The Grange to the village sign.

Mainly due to lack of funds the County Council will not consider other items, notably kerbs in High Street, surface water drainage in East End and SLOW signs on the road approaching the village green. This does not mean that we shall give up; it is only by continual pressure that we get anything done!

We wish to express our thanks to Mrs Iris Bates, one of our elected representatives on Daventry District Council for the considerable amount of work in getting several of our senior villagers re-housed in the most attractive flatlets in Saxon House, Brixworth. This included actually sending transport to carry out two removals.

CHARITIES

The Scaldwell Charity and Scaldwell Parish Trust are jointly sponsoring a coach trip to Sandringham and Hunstanton leaving the village green on Wednesday, 1st August promptly at 9 a.m. Indications are for a full bus.

Scaldwell Parish Trust has also agreed to pay for the mowing and tidying of the churchyard, which has never looked better. It will also sponsor another Christmas Shopping outing to Milton Keynes (see over for date).

WHIST DRIVES

With the removal of several stalwarts it has been decided not to continue the regular whist drives at the village hall. It is understood they will still take place at Old.

SCALDWELL CLUB

Villagers are reminded of the recent appeal circulated by the Chairman, Jack Dodds-Smith to give the Club your full support at week-ends and on bank holidays.

PARISH CHURCH

Services: Every Sunday - Holy Communion - Series 2 with hymns and organ at 9.30 a.m.

The quinquennial survey has been carried out by a professional firm of church architects. Although the detailed report has not yet arrived, we are aware that we shall have to spend a substantial sum on urgent work mainly to ensure that the whole building is waterproof. The most serious discovery is a patch of dryrot in the chancel ceiling, which hopefully has been spotted in time. Preventive spraying has been carried out prior to more detailed stripping and investigation from the roof. There is also slight evidence of wetrot which is not thought to be serious. The Parochial Church Council are hopeful that urgent works will not involve expenditure in excess of £5,000 and they are hoping to build up the Restoration Fund (now £1,800) to that sum.

As villagers will have seen, Ken and Mary Bates are hosting an AT HOME at The Bramleys on Saturday, 11th August at 8.30 p.m. Their kindness and generosity in providing food with the help of other parishioners will ensure a good start towards our target.

The churchwardens, David Little and Chris Nash, will be pleased to hear from any who would like to contribute to this essential project.

MOTHERS' UNION

No monthly meetings have been arranged for August and September, but our branch has been invited to Pitsford on the afternoon of Tuesday, 9th October to hear Mrs Baker of Earls Barton speak on her understanding and concern for 'Overflow' - the challenging topic for 1984.

MINIBUS

There was insufficient interest to warrant our pursuing the idea of arranging a regular minibus service from the village for shopping.

SCALDWELL WINE INVESTIGATION GROUP

We welcome this new group in the village (SWIG for short!!) which has developed from the adult evening classes run by Jim Ainsworth last winter. The members meet monthly at each other's houses to taste and discuss a group of wines and they still have the benefit of Jim's expert knowledge of the subject.

BOTTLE BANK

Have you forgotten that there is a receptacle for all your old glass bottles at Brixworth Tip in Scaldwell Road? It all helps to keep down our rates.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday, 7th October - Harvest Festival in Parish Church.
 - Tuesday, 9th October - Harvest Supper and Sale of Produce in Village Hall.
 - Tuesday, 4th December - Christmas Shopping Trip to Milton Keynes.
- Further details of the above will appear in the next or later issues.

COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE

Can be handed in to Margaret Alcock at the Post Office not later than 20th September, please.

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VILLAGE GREEN

If anyone is interested in taking over the very useful work of sweeping and tidying the village green area, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. E. Bragen at School House (Tel: 881006) for details.