

Issued free by Scaldwell Society

At the Society's A.G.M. in October it was decided to continue publishing the news sheet at two-monthly intervals, the first year's experiment having been well received by villagers.

Requests for funds from various sources resulted in the following allocation of £700 available this year:-

	£
Children's Parties	75
Village Hall Cleaning	100
Old Folks Evening	100
Youth Club Equipment	50
Mother and Baby Group	75
Post Office (setting up)	190
Church Kneelers	60
News Sheet	50
	£ 700

CHRISTMAS STARTERS on Sunday, 18th December from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

in the Village Hall - well-stocked bar - free eats - it's someone's birthday, so you might get candles on the mince pies!!

1984 EVENTS are likely to be held in March, June and October - further details in due course.

SCALDWELL CLUB - Christmas and New Year Bar Opening Times

Christmas Eve (Saturday, 24th December)	8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Christmas Day (Sunday, 25th December)	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Boxing Day (Monday, 26th December)	12 noon to 2 p.m.
New Year's Eve (Saturday 31st December)	8 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

#### CHARITIES

The trustees of the 3 village charities met together in October and expressed the hope that they could work closer together and perhaps integrate in the future. With this in view the Charity Commissioners have been approached and they will give their views after studying the matter.

The annual BREAD SERVICE will be held in the Parish Church on Monday, 5th December at 4 p.m. when loaves will be distributed to elderly villagers. No need to apply - just attend the service.

Christmas monetary gifts will again be distributed to retired pensioners including those in hospital or nursing home and any who have moved away during 1983. Last year's surviving pensioner recipients will be included automatically; others who are retired pensioners or on the sick list or unemployed should let Robbie King have their names and addresses on a postcard not later than Saturday, 10th December. Don't be shy - the money is available and cannot be used for any other purpose. The gifts are restricted to one per family.

Allotment holders are reminded that rents for 1983 are due on 21st December and should be paid to Robbie King. Rents will remain the same for 1984. Please advise if you wish to vacate your plot, so that it can be re-let from 1st January.

Church Allotments - as there is no longer a local administrator of these plots Margaret Alcock has kindly agreed to receive rents at the Post Office - they should be paid to her during opening hours by the 21st December.

Christmas Shopping at Milton Keynes Shopping Centre

Scaldwell Parish Trust is paying for a free bus to Milton Keynes on Tuesday, 13th December, leaving the Village Green at 9 a.m. and arriving back at 4 to 4.30 p.m. Priority will be given to pensioners, but there will be seats for others. Names please on the list in the Post Office.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

From the money allocated by Scaldwell Society senior citizens will sit down to a sumptuous meal in the Village Hall on Saturday, 17th December, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Please confirm with George Fendley by 10th December.

## WHIST DRIVES (all start at 7.30 p.m. in Village Hall)

Saturday, 10th December - Bumper Christmas Whist Drive and Draw.  
Mondays, 12th and 26th December.

Saturday, 14th January.  
Mondays, 9th and 23rd January.

## MOTHER AND BABY GROUP (Thursday afternoons in Village Hall)

Welcome to this new village organisation. All villagers can help by passing on surplus toys to Lyn Gunnett at 5 Old Road (Tel: 881703).

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

After a continuous run of 57 years Scaldwell W.I. sadly decided to suspend for the time being. Pauline Duff, president for nearly 25 years, was presented with an attractive Staffordshire Plate and a bouquet. In thanking the members for their gift and their help and friendship over the years she expressed the hope that the branch would re-start in the not too distant future. Ladies, it's in your hands!!

## FUND RAISING

Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen (Anne Little)	£29.08
Royal British Legion Poppy Fund (Sandie King)	£50.00
Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Coffee Morning at Spratton (Maggie Angeloglou)	£143.00

Thanks to all for supporting these worthy causes.

## PARISH CHURCH

The Rector, the Rev. Dr. E.W.T. Dicken, will be retiring on 18th January after nearly 4 years' ministry in the four parishes. Many are grateful to him for the hope and comfort he has brought to them in times of trouble. Regular members of the congregation will miss his thought-provoking and instructive sermons. We wish him and Mrs. Dicken Godspeed, good health and happiness in their retirement. The Parochial Church Council will be circularising particulars of a farewell gathering:

Services: Every Sunday - Family Eucharist at 9.30 a.m.

Christmas Eve - 4.30 p.m. Carol service  
12 midnight Midnight Mass

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on the following weekday festivals:

Wednesday, 21st December (St. Thomas)  
Friday, 6th January (Epiphany of our Lord)

The Prayer Group meets in church at 7.30 p.m. on Mondays, 12th December and 9th January.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The November meeting dealt with routine business. There were a number of favourable comments on the improvement to the church path following the work carried out by Jim Cosford to the specification approved by the Church authorities, the Parish Council and the Charity Trustees.

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME !

Young mulberry trees. Mature size 20 feet high, 20 feet span. Estimated life up to 300 years (otherwise money back). Contact Brian Hensman, Peter's Hoe, West End, tel: 880092.

MOTHERS' UNION has suspended operations until further notice.

## SEASONAL GREETINGS

The Committee of Scaldwell Society wishes all villagers a Happy Christmas and good health and happiness in 1984.