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MERRY CHRISTMAS

ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH

CHRIS NASH

The Rector: Father Geoffrey Thomas
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BREAD SERVICE

7th Dec Sung Eucharist 9.15 am

This unique service has been held annually for over 320 years in Scaldwell. Thomas Roe's will stipulated a December annual thanksgiving service with a sermon at which a loaf would be given to the poor families who attended.

Nowadays the custom is for one of the specially baked loaves to be given to a member of each household attending (with some taken to the house-bound).

All are welcome to this special service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

24th Dec Carol Service 4.30 pm.

Children of any age are invited to sing in the choir. The first rehearsal will be on 28th November 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm at the Barn, East End, home of Margaret Vinton. Four further rehearsals will be held at the same address.

For any other services in the Benefice please refer to the Parish Magazine October/November and December/January.

Christmas Day Sung Eucharist 10.00 am
 28th Dec Family Service 10.30 am

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER

The Harvest Festival and Supper was well supported this year with over 50 people attending and it was nice to see the children.

Two hundred and forty pounds was raised towards church funds and a very pleasant evening was had by all.

Sue Dodds-Smith and I wish a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and thanks to everyone who cleans the church and provides flower arrangements in the sanctuary and the whole church on special occasions. If there is anyone in the village who would be willing to help with these two very useful tasks please contact Sue (881950) or Chris (880638). Cleaning is usually in pairs and, at the moment, six times during the year. There are 12 flower arrangers and more on the special occasions, and 14 cleaners. Neither task is too demanding.

SCALDWELL DIRECTORY UPDATE

1. **Scaldwell Village Hall Charity**
 Chairman - John Harris 880863
 Secretary - Nigel Goodenough 882136
2. **Scaldwell Bowls Club**
 Chairman - Mike Monk 882229
 Match Secretary - Allan Nash 880638
3. **Scaldwell Newsletter**
 Editor - Sarah Keeping 880838
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Please contact Chris Nash if you wish to have a copy of the Directory.

PARISH COUNCIL

MAGGIE ANGELOGLOU

Thankfully there have been no crises facing the Parish Council since the summer and meetings have been concerned with paying bills and general updating of information.

Nick Patchesa has made a new noticeboard which is now on the bus shelter and we're grateful for this and for Nick's continuing voluntary help for the village maintaining the village mower and cutting grass on the green and in the playing field; it keeps parish council expenses down by a great deal.

The renewal of lease for the playing field will be coming up soon; we have confirmed that we wish to continue renting the area from Daventry District Council when the current lease runs out in the spring. We don't know how much rent we will have to pay and we can only hope that our annual precept which we have to claim this month will give us ample money if the rent rises. It's juggling with eggs!

One of our new expenses must be a litter bin for the bus shelter. The present 'bucket' has a hole in it and putting cardboard boxes in the bottom is only a solution until the next shower. No doubt this is the reason why litter is left in the bus shelter from which it has to be swept by volunteers.

Thank you, footballers, for playing away from the village green in the past few weeks, not only because it's more peaceful but also because the shelter isn't being bashed about, and there haven't been any near misses by motorists.

Please let any parish councillor know if there is anything which needs attention which we might miss. Happy Christmas!

SPORTS CLUB

ROB THORNE

The village has entered a men's team in the Northants Winter Tennis League this season for the first time; with three matches played so far Scaldwell have drawn two and lost one. Home matches are played on Sundays at the tennis courts in Holcot Lane. Village support is always welcome!

Thanks to those of you that came to the Whist Drive in the Village Hall on 8th November which raised £153 for club funds. We also thank Sarah Jenkinson for organising the evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by the players that took part, and to Darren Munn for providing such an excellent range of raffle prizes - and for doing his fair share behind the bar!

If there is any member of the village that enjoys tennis essentially, and would like to become involved in the Sports Club and stand for election to the committee, could they please contact me before the AGM, which will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 26th January 1998 at 8.00 pm. All villagers are welcome at the AGM.

VILLAGE HALL

NIGEL GOODENOUGH

100 CLUB As many of you will know, the Village Hall Management has, for a number of years, run a "100 Club" each winter to raise funds for the Village Hall. The day-to-day running costs of the Village Hall are covered by income from lettings, and the income from the 100 Club is used to fund major items of non-routine expenditure.

This year we are raising money for new toilets and we plan to run the 100 Club again. The format will be the same as last year - there will be 15 draws at approximately weekly intervals from mid December until the end of March. We accordingly need as many villagers as possible to commit themselves to a membership of £1 per week over the 15 week period - i.e. a total of £15.

You should by now have received a form inviting you to join. If you have, please complete it as directed and return it to any VHMC member. If you have not had a form, please give me a call on 882136.

Help!! Four yellow check table cloths are missing from our stock. Could any hirers over the last 12 months who may have taken table cloths for washing, please check laundry cupboards to see if they are hibernating. Many thanks. John Harley.

SCALDWELL CLUB

GWENDA SHELDON

The Club will host a Quiz Night on 6th December at 7.30 pm Teams of four are welcome to compete on a wide ranging number of subjects.

The Old Age Pensioners' Dinner will be held on 8th December in the village hall at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

Christmas Starters will take place on Sunday 21st December at 12 noon and everybody is warmly welcomed. It will take on a slightly different format from other years. Instead of the huge raffle we will be holding a Tombola and Auction. Don't forget that money raised at this event will pay for the OAPs Christmas Dinner so come along and give generously.

The Club Committee will be collecting around the village during the week beginning Monday 15th December. If you would like to donate something and are likely to be out, your gift may be given to Sue Deery or any of the Committee. May I, as Chairperson of the Club, take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the year, to look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events and to wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Sue Deery

New Year's Eve While we do not wish to spoil anyone's fun we would appreciate it this year if the club rules are adhered to with regard to children. Unaccompanied children under the age of 15 are only allowed into the club until 9.00 pm. We would appreciate it if parents would make it clear to children that they will not be allowed into the New Year's Eve party after 9.00 pm unless their parents are with them.

YOUTH CLUB

LYN GUNNETT

I would like to thank the people of the village who contributed to "Penny for the Guy". £127 was raised and the club donated £50. Everyone seemed to enjoy the night, including the children who came down to the village hall for hot dogs and drinks after the fireworks.

Thank you also to everyone who helped out, especially those who donated the food and raffle prizes. We are particularly grateful to Wally Forsyth for organising the bonfire and fireworks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

November	
28 th	First Rehearsal for Children's Choir

December	
6 th	Quiz Night
7 th	Bread Service
8 th	Old Age Pensioners' Dinner
21 st	Christmas Starters 12 noon
24 th	Scaldwell Carol Service
25 th	Christmas Service, Sung Eucharist
31 st	New Year's Eve Juke Box Party 8.00 pm - 12.30 am

January	
26 th	Sports Club AGM

**LAST DATE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:
19TH JANUARY 1998**