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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH**GWEN ENGLAND****Services in the Benefice
February/March 2004**

1 st February	Holy Communion Scaldwell	10.30
8 th February	Service of Praise Scaldwell	10.30
15 th February	Holy Communion Old and Walgrave	10.30
22 nd February	Family Service Scaldwell	10.30
29 th February	United Benefice Holy Communion Old	10.00
7 th March	Holy Communion Scaldwell	10.30
14 th March	Service of Praise Scaldwell	10.30
21 st March	Holy Communion Hannington and Old	10.30
28 th March	Holy Communion Scaldwell	10.30

There may be additional services, please phone Gwen England on 882334 for up to date information.

THE 4 CHURCHES FESTIVAL

The Four Churches Festival which took place over the first weekend of October was a great success. We had set out to provide an enjoyable and moving experience for all those fortunate to be present at one or more of the four services and believe as a result

of your help no one can have gone away disappointed.

£160.00 for our Church funds was raised from this event.

PARISH COUNCIL**KATH FRANKLAND****Traffic Questionnaire**

As a follow up to the public meeting held on Wednesday 19th November and summarized in the last Newsletter, the Parish Council will deliver a questionnaire to every house in the village to find out what people think about the subject of traffic-calming.

We wish to emphasise that this is a survey of opinion and that it is completely confidential. The Parish Council is entirely open-minded on this issue and wishes to give everybody an opportunity to express a view. This will help us to decide what further steps to take.

The questionnaire will be sent out shortly after the publication of this Newsletter.

The Police have asked us to spread a crime prevention message concerning **distraction burglary**. The advice they give is :-

- Fit a door chain if you do not have one.
- Check the identity of anyone who calls at your door - do not take on trust that they are who they say they are.

- If you are not expecting the caller, **do not let them in.** If they have a genuine reason for calling, they will understand and will not be concerned.

Neighbourhood Watch

We are pleased that we now have a new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. Michael Alcock has now taken over from Brian Hensman. We would like to thank Brian for continuing in the post until we had a replacement. As Michael is a Parish Councillor, you probably have his telephone number – 881948. Michael has put together a summary of the meetings held, and the various contacts representing different areas of the village.

Please see the enclosed insert .

The Scaldwell Charity

The next meeting of the trustees will be on Wednesday 17th March. The primary purpose of the charity is to promote education in the village of Scaldwell. Applications are invited:- K.M.Frankland, The Old Fox, High Street, Scaldwell.

SCALDWELL VILLAGE HALL

BRIAN HURST

"100" Club

On behalf of the Management Committee a big thank you to all villagers who so generously supported this years "100" Club. The response to our circular letter was tremendous and resulted in a record numbers of entries this year.

It is a fact that many Village Halls in Northamptonshire are desperately short of funds. Thanks to the support of villagers in Scaldwell to initiatives like the "100 Club" however, we are reasonably well placed financially to deal with what seem to be ever increasing costs to maintain the important Village Hall facility. Thank you once again.

Winners so far in the first 6 draws were:

Week	1st	2nd	3 rd
1	G Sheldon	P Barfoot	J.Harris
2	R.Thorne	A Hancock	R Morgan
3	Scaldwell Club	A Chytil	Scal Club
4	J Williams	J Alcock	B Long
5	J Riseley	M Darby	I Webb
6	A Watts	B Draper	M Monk

Congratulations to all the winners; if you haven't won yet – don't worry – (you are in good company!!) there are still 9 more weekly draws to go - so Good Luck.

SCALDWELL CLUB

CLAIRE WORTH

Kettering Amateur Operatic Society are making a welcome return to the village on Saturday 7th February. Tickets are £5.00 each and can be obtained from David Farmer on 881567

STEP N TONE

CHRISTINE HURST

Our keep fit sessions are held every Monday evening in the village hall at **7.00p.m until 8.00p.m**
Please note the new start time.

Everybody welcome. Come along you will enjoy it!!!

MISCELLANEOUS

DID YOU KNOW?

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY

Our Newsletter is 21 years old this year. (If my calculations are correct! Issue no 126, 6 issues per year) May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed over the years. Please keep your contributions coming.

A big thank you to Nigel Goodenough who very kindly has our Newsletter printed for us.

Here's to the next 21.

Brixworth District Lions

Brixworth and District Lions Club would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave generously to their collection with Santa during the Christmas period and wish everyone a happy New Year. Over the next few months, all the money collected over the Christmas period will be used to support causes, such as the youth, the elderly, the disabled, the disadvantaged and those in need within the local communities, as and when the causes are identified. The first donation to the youth has been allocated to the Brixworth and Scaldwell Scout Group in support of the formation of a Beaver Club.

Brixworth and District Lions Club are part of The International Association of Lions Clubs, the largest voluntary

service organisation in the world. Increasingly, communities are becoming more dependent locally, nationally and internationally on the support and involvement of service organisations such as Lions. The club is rurally based, centred on Brixworth, Old and but also providing service to the surrounding area, in villages such as Spratton, Scaldwell, Holcott, Walgrave and Maidwell. The Lions are looking for more members, both male and female particularly from the outlying villages, to help carry out their work. The Club meets at the George Inn, Brixworth the on the third Wednesday of each month at 8pm.

If you are interested and wish to find out more about Lions and Brixworth and District Lions Club, contact:

Chris Simpson 01604 889114

Cynthia Spencer Hospice Appeal

A Spring Lunch Party will be held, by kind permission of Margaret Vinton, at The Barn, East End, Scaldwell on Thursday March 18th, 12 noon until 2.00pm.

Tickets are £10.00 each, which includes a glass of wine, and can be obtained from Jackie Partridge on 881309.

NSPCC

The Christmas collections raised £377.60 this year, (£197.60 from the carol service and £180.00 by the carol singers) which is a wonderful contribution and will be greatly appreciated. It is becoming increasingly difficult for charities to raise funds, and donations, like ours,

are essential, for the NSPCC to continue their services.

Tremendous thanks to all of those involved.

Pam Long.

THE SENILITY PRAYER

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the **differefnce**. **Now** that I'm older (but refuse to grow up) here's what I've discovered

ONE - I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

TWO - My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.

THREE - I finally got my head together, now my body is failing apart.

FOUR - Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

FIVE - All reports are in, life is now officially unfair,

SIX - If all is not lost, where is it?

SEVEN - It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser

EIGHT - Some days you are the dog, some days you're the hydrant.

NINE - I wish the buck stopped here, I sure could use a few.

TEN - Kids in the back seat cause accidents.

ELEVEN - Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

TWELVE - It's hard to make a come back when you haven't been anywhere.

THIRTEEN - The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

FOURTEEN - If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

FIFTEEN - When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?

SIXTEEN - It's not hard to meet expenses ... they're everywhere.

SEVENTEEN - The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

EIGHTEEN - These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter ... I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

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 Christine's door or give her a ring on the telephone number at the top of the first page

Dates For Your Diary

February	
7	Kettering Operatic Society
24	Shrove Tuesday
March	
21st	Mothering Sunday
28th	British Summer Time Begins

LAST DATE FOR
APRIL/MAY
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 23RD

As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never face the wrong way.

SCALDWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A meeting was held in the village hall on 6th January to try to initiate a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Scaldwell. 13 village people plus our Police Community Support Officers, Gary Wright and Glyn Lewis, and the Walgrave village NW co-ordinator attended this meeting. There were 9 apologies from other interested parties. Michael Alcock volunteered to become the Scaldwell NW co-ordinator.

The purpose of NW is to try to encourage people to look out for themselves and their neighbours, to question anything out of the ordinary and, if they think it suspicious, report it to either their local NW co-ordinator or the village NW co-ordinator or the police on 01604 700700. Whatever it is, don't be afraid to ring, no one will think you are stupid!!!

A further meeting was held on 19th January, again attended by 13 residents and Glyn Lewis with one apology. This resulted in several volunteers coming forward to represent different areas of the village and these co-ordinators have been designated as follows:

Name	Telephone	Area
Gwen Sharman	881181	Old Road East
Phil Purcell	882640	Old Road West
Gillian Tait	881642)	(School Lane
Sarah Andrew	883775)	(and
Jan Adams	882044)	(The Ash Track
Mike Monk	882229	Poplars Court and top West End
Jonathan Groome	881537	Peters Lane and the Depot
Judith Wheelwright	881876	High Street West
Alison Goodenough	882136	High Street East
Lindsay Monk	880550	Back Lane
Juliana & Patrick Leonard	880756	East End

Phil Purcell has volunteered to be the Deputy Village Co-ordinator.

By the time you read this everyone in the village should have received a letter from the police, delivered by your local co-ordinator, indicating various ways to help make your home more secure. Please read it and give it some thought.

Thanks go to Laurie Gatehouse who has very kindly offered to sponsor two Neighbourhood Watch signs to be erected at either end of the village.

The police operate a Ringmaster service that is available to anyone who wants to receive it, either via their telephone or by E-mail. This service consists of a recorded message telling of any crimes in the area and asking people to be aware and look out for suspicious vehicles in the area. It is free and anyone who would like to receive it, or find out more about it, please contact Michael Alcock on 07946 568 052 or 881948.

The police are willing to arrange a visit to the call centre at Mereway where we can see our efforts in action. It is, apparently, quite a hi tech set up. The date for this will be either the 2nd or 9th of February (date to be confirmed) and all interested parties can meet at Mereway at 7.45pm. The tour should take about 40 minutes. Contact me on 07946 568 052 or 881948 for more information.

If all this talk of security and suspicious vehicles and persons loitering makes you feel nervous then don't be. Scaldwell has only had 8 incidents reported in the last year so the chances of anything happening are remote but let's not give anybody else a chance to commit a crime on our patch.

Finally thanks to all those who were interested enough to come to the meetings and many, many thanks to those who were brave enough to step forward and offer their services as local scheme co-ordinators and all without any arm twisting at all!

MICHAEL ALCOCK