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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH**GWEN ENGLAND****Services in the Benefice
December and January**

7 Dec	BREAD SERVICE Holy Communion Scaldwell	10.30
14 Dec	CHRISTINGLE Walgrave Holy Communion: Old Hannington	 10.30 8.00 10.30
21 Dec	Nine Lessons and Carols Walgrave Hannington	 10.30 6.00p.m.
24 Dec	CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Celebration 4.30pm Scaldwell Midnight Mass Walgrave	 4.30pm 11.30pm
25 Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion Old	 10.30
28 Dec	United Benefice Holy Communion Hannington	 10.30
4 Jan	Holy Communion Scaldwell	 10.30
11 Jan	Service of Praise Scaldwell	 10.30
18 Jan	Holy Communion Old	10.30
25 Jan	Family Service Scaldwell	 10.30

There may be additional services. Please keep an eye on the Church notice board or phone Gwen England on 882334

Jonathan, aged seven, was writing his version of the Christmas story an angel appeared in front of mary and told her that she would have a baby boy, and that she should name him Jesus. So Mary rushed home to tell Joseph the bad news'

PARISH COUNCIL**KATH FRANKLAND****TRAFFIC PROBLEMS****PUBLIC MEETING held on Wed. 19th November**

We thought that residents unable to attend the meeting might like a summary of the points raised and discussed. Scaldwell against Speeding introduced the topic of HGVs and indicated that more consultation with the authorities was probable. Contact on the issue had been made with neighbouring boroughs eg. Keffering, Wellingborough, Daventry and Northampton. The NCC were doing their best within constraints to address the problem. A meeting will be held in Holcot with five neighbouring Parish Councils including Scaldwell to discuss HGVS. On the subject of traffic-calming, the SAS emphasized that this was a complex matter. Meetings with Atkins regarding a design scheme had been held and this would eventually be shared with the village. Recent information had been obtained to involve Scaldwell as a participant in Community Speed Watch.

Jim Nelson, Freight Strategy Manager for Highways, spoke about HGVS, producing a draft map showing routes with weight restrictions. He pointed out the difficulties of imposing weight restrictions on individual villages ie. diverting the problem to other communities, enforcing the order etc. However, Highways are working towards getting HGVs off minor roads, and, in particular, they were looking to see what effect any new planning developments would have on the routing of HGVS. They will work with communities to sort out local problems. Finally, he described a possible plan in the pipeline whereby a zone weight limit could be created. This had been done in Leicestershire with some success. The plan depends on funding but he seemed hopeful. He emphasized that a certain number of HGVs such as those servicing agriculture had to have access to work places. He also said that Scaldwell had a very small problem with HGVs compared to many villages eg. Holcot.

The Parish Council then read out a recent letter from Sarah Lister, Highways Officer, outlining possible traffic-calming

options with approximate costs. The letter also pointed out the pros and cons of various schemes and included a recent survey done on one particular scheme (rippleprint surfacing) in Chipping Warden which had had a mixed reception from local inhabitants.

The Parish Council pointed out that private funding by parishes had been in operation for 12-18 months. SAS had indicated to the PC that they would fund measures, but there was some concern amongst councillors that, if things were to go wrong, the PC might be in a position where they had to pay for the -scheme. The NCC will not provide funding as we are towards the bottom of the list with regard to priorities. Another resident said that, because of this, the options were 1. increasing the parish precept significantly, 2. private donations, 3. fund raising or 4. a combination of these three. He felt that the Parish Council must have the money in hand before they are able to go ahead with any scheme.

The issue of bollards in the High street was raised. The PC explained that the bollards had been suggested by Highways as a Health and Safety factor when the problem of traffic mounting the pavement had been described at a meeting held in July. Unfortunately, the work had started in the wrong place and the PC managed to stop it. A site meeting was held where Highways agreed that the bollards had been located in the wrong position. However they did point out that they were allowed to do minor works on the Highway without consultation. As there were ongoing discussions about traffic-calming, it was suggested that the bollards (which would be paid for by Highways) could be put on hold until the overall scheme had been decided upon. Various views were put forward such as concrete planters instead of bollards, fund-raising and applying to village charities.

Other views were expressed eg. parking further up the High Street to create better visibility and speed limits painted on road surfaces. Some felt that cars from Scaldwell were also contributing to the speeding problem but the traffic counts eg. the one organized by the PC in May 2000 and the more recent one arranged by SAS do show a considerable volume of traffic in the morning and evening which certainly does not all come from the village. Another view expressed was that traffic-calming would not reduce the volume of traffic and might even present a challenge to a minority of drivers to try to speed.

Thanks were given to all who had participated at the meeting which closed at 9.20pm.

WEB SITE

Residents might be interested to know that Scaldwell has a village website. This is free to use. Any individual can post information directly onto the site, under the categories of items for sale, local trades and services, village societies, local notices or diary dates. All this information is then visible on the websites of all the communities within a 4-mile radius of the village. Anybody wishing to try it can visit UKVillages.co.uk

THE GREEN

There has been recent evidence of cars parking on the grass on the Green. Can residents please make sure that visitors **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS on The Green**, as, now that we are having some wet weather, The Green will soon show signs of wear.

SCALDWELL CLUB

CLAIRE WORTH

Pensioners Christmas Party

This years Pensioners Christmas Party will be held on **Tuesday 16th December** in the Village Hall

Christmas Starters

Sunday December 21st from 12 noon

The years most popular event is approaching once again with the format being the same as previous years. We will be calling for donations to the raffle during week commencing 15th December. Allproceeds from the raffle are put towards village events including the Pensioners Christmas Party, so please give generously. As always, a plate of nibbles etc is gratefully received to share on the day.

Christmas/ New Year Bar Opening Times

24 th December	8.00p.m. – 12.00p.m.
25 th December	12.00Noon – 2.00p.m.
26 th December	12.00 –2.00p.m. 8.00p.m. – 12.00p.m.
27 th December	8.30p.m.- 11.00p.m.
28 th December	12.00p.m. – 2.00p.m.
31 st December	8.30p.m. – 12.30p.m.
1 st January	12.00 noon – 2.00p.m.

Future Events

Kettering Operatic Society will be performing for us once again on **Saturday 7th February**. Tickets are available from Dave Farmer at a cost of £5.00 each.

KEEP FIT/BODY CONDITIONING

CHRISTINE HURST

Keep Fit is held every Monday evening in the Village Hall (apart from Bank Holidays) from 6.45pm until 7.45pm.

There will be no Keep Fit on December 1st and 22nd however, there will be a class on the 29th December, so come along and join us, and you can then have 2 portions of pudding!!

Remember Girls: The taller we stand, the slimmer we look.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BRIAN HURST

Polite reminder regarding this year's **100 CLUB**; individual letters were delivered to all households in Scaldwell in early November. The closing date is now fast approaching, so if you haven't entered yet, you still just have time.

I will be happy to provide additional information/background to the **100 CLUB** if anyone requires it, particularly to recent newcomers to the village for example, as we do need everyone's support this year if you feel able. My telephone number is 881771.

MISCELLANEOUS

Scaldwell Parish Trust and Relief In Need Charities

The Bread Service will be held on Sunday 7th December. This service is held every year under the will of Thomas Roe who died in 1665 and loaves of bread are distributed to those who attend. This service is still funded by the charity he founded so please come along and maintain this ancient village tradition.

Allotments

During December I shall be collecting rents for the allotments for the last year. Please speak to me, Alison Goodenough, if you would like to take an allotment for the coming

year or if you wish to give up one you currently hold.

Christmas Gifts

At their recent meeting, the Trustees of the Relief in Need Charity agreed to make their usual Christmas grants to pensioners who wish to receive them and to those with disabilities living in the village. These grants will be made automatically to those who have received them in past years unless you notify us that you no longer wish to receive them.

If, however, you have recently qualified for a Christmas gift (or if you know someone else who has) e.g. by achieving retirement age or if you now wish to be put on the Trustees' list, please mention this to me, Alison Goodenough at Scaldwell House or to any of the Trustees. We rely on word of mouth to make sure that all those who would qualify for and appreciate such a gift are included.

Alison Goodenough – Clerk to the Charities

Art Group

The informal art group is now meeting again after the summer break. Anyone is welcome to join. We meet on Wednesdays in the Village Hall 7.0pm to 9.0pm.

If you require any more details ring Sarah Kendrick on 881502 or just turn up any Wednesday.

Christmas Eve "Village Offering" 4.30p.m. Scaldwell Church

If anyone is interested in reading, playing or singing at this annual event please contact Margaret Vinton on 880359.

CHILDREN: No age limit (upper or lower!) Rehearsals will be held as usual in The Old House Barn, East End, Scaldwell on the following 4 Fridays at 5.00 - 5.30p.m. Friday 28th November, 5th December, 12th December, and 19th December. Then Christmas Eve Morning in Church at 11.00a.m.

Christine Hurst.

Indoor Bowls – Bill Draper

Indoor Bowls are played every Thursday evening in the Village Hall. Come along and join in; whether you are a novice or a champion you will be very welcome.

Market Harborough

I have recently obtained from the Tourist Information office in Market Harborough details of Markets and shopping events that might interest you.

Late Night Christmas Shopping Evening;
Friday December 12th
Farmers Market: The Square on the 1st
Thursday of every month 9.00 – 2.00

RNIB 4x4 Driving Challenge

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me so generously on my RNIB Charity Challenge on the 5th October at Rockingham Castle. The challenge consisted of 2 parts. First an off-road course, which I was later told was a “baby”, compared to the “real” course in the forest (I am not convinced of this!). Second I was blindfolded and guided by voice only, around an obstacle course. It was a strange feeling to be totally dependent upon someone else for your safety. With your help I raised £491 and the event raised a total of £19,000.

If anyone would like any further information on what trials of torture I endured or would like to contribute to future events please give me a call on 882451/883764.
Many Thanks Andy Hunkin.

Contributions

If you would like to provide contributions to the newsletter please do so, either by putting them through Christine’s door or give her a ring on the telephone number at the top of the first page.

Christmas Trivia

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all and I look forward to receiving your future contributions for the newsletter

Dates For Your Diary

December

16th	Pensioners Christmas Party
21st	Christmas Starters

January

1st	Make New Year Resolution!
2nd ⁿ	Break New Year Resolution!!

**LAST DATE FOR
FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER
23RD JANUARY**

