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SCALDWELL SOCIETY

The two-monthly village news-sheet is now in its third year and seems to serve a useful purpose. If it is to continue after this year, someone else will have to take on the task of news-gathering and publication. Any offers?

Saturday, 22nd June - Last month you forgot to make a note in your diary, so do it NOW - make a date for the Scaldwell Midsummer Fair.

PARISH CHURCH

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

Extra Services: Good Friday, 5th April - Devotional Hour 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Ascension Day, Thursday, 16th May - Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

Please note that the Church will be unlocked from 8 a.m. on Saturday, 6th April for Easter floral decorations.

Following tradition in Scaldwell the Easter collection will be given to the Rector towards the expenses of his office. Any who cannot be in church at Easter and would like to contribute are asked to place their contribution in an envelope marked RECTOR and put it in the box in church or hand it to one of the churchwardens (David Little or Chris Nash).

MOTHERS' UNION

Monday, 29th April at 2.30 p.m. at Elmtree Farm, Haselbech when the Rev. Brian Wilcox of Clipston and Naseby will talk on Healing.

Saturday, 25th May at 3 p.m. Diocesan Service at Peterborough Cathedral. Coach pick-up time to be advised later.

CAR LIFTS

Maggie Angeloglou is compiling a timetable of drivers who travel regularly into Northampton or other centres and who would be willing to take occasional passengers. If you are in a position to help those unable to drive themselves, please contact Maggie at Home Farmhouse (880202).

HOW ABOUT THIS!???

During their half-term holiday Lynn Davidson and Lucy King went round the village doing useful jobs. In all they earned £14.39 for their efforts and they promptly handed over the money to the Chronicle and Echo's Let Them Live appeal for Ethiopia. What a marvellous spirit! Well done Lynn and Lucy!

ALLOTMENTS

Our appeal for a spare plot eventually resulted in two being vacated. We now have one vacant and ready to be dug. Particulars are available in the Post Office. It will be first come, first served, so don't delay. You don't have to pay until December, by which time you will have made a handsome profit!

SCALDWELL CLUB

Membership is available to all villagers over 18 years of age. Subs for this year are overdue - 50p and half price for O A Ps. Please pay Chris Hurst, East End.

The Club is open for members on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 p.m. and on Sunday and Bank Holiday lunchtimes from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

CHANGE OF DATE

The Annual Parish Meeting has been postponed until Thursday, 9th May at 7.30 p.m. Please note the alteration and make every effort to come.

PLAYING FIELD

Thanks to a grant of £500 from Daventry District Council and further grants from the local charities - £250 from The Scaldwell Charity and £162 from Scaldwell Parish Trust - we have at last been able to erect a stockproof fence along the south and east boundaries. The section of wooden planks is solely to retrieve balls knocked over into the private field. There is NO RIGHT-OF-WAY and a notice to this effect will be displayed. This was done to avoid nasty accidents on the barbed wire. Parents are asked to warn their children against trying to climb over the barbed wire and damaging the fence and themselves.

VILLAGE HALL

The financial year ended on 31st March. It would be appreciated if any outstanding hire charges are paid to Chris Britten as soon as possible.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION

If as seems likely the Brixworth seat is contested, there will be voting in the Village Hall on Thursday, 2nd May from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL

There has been plenty of activity in the past two months with two extra meetings called to deal with planning applications.

Manor House Paddock, School Lane. Nobody can recall so much opposition being voiced against a planning application as this one to erect two executive type houses on this land within the Conservation Area. The Parish Council supported the objections including the danger to children and others using the Village Hall if more traffic used the narrow road (with no footpath) and emerged from an entrance right opposite the hall where cars are parked. All the points were noted by the Planning Officers and Committee who visited the site, but their subsequent meeting approved the application with a minor amendment arising from a private objection. We still hope that two houses will not be built on the site.

Studio and Garage, Back Lane. The Parish Council raised no objections to revised plans submitted to improve the existing garage building at the rear of Lavender Cottage.

Heavy Lorries

Roger Freeman M P has continued his interest on our behalf. He has been told that we are still experiencing problems with articulated lorries passing through the village, notably Knights of Old Ltd., C Butt Ltd. and Scottish Express, all of which it is believed are travelling to and from Cherry Hill Depot. He is attempting to get an agreement for these operators to adopt the routing stipulated by Independent Express to avoid Scaldwell. Because of the dangerous corners in the village, we have told him that what is wanted is a restriction on length (rather than weight) to prevent articulated vehicles passing through Scaldwell.

Evening Postal Collections

One week in March the post box was cleared each day up to 15 minutes early. Although this was taken up with the Head Post Office as early as the Tuesday and three times with the postman concerned, it took another letter on the Friday to stir them into action. Finally a letter was received two weeks later assuring us 'that the necessary steps have been taken...' You would hardly believe it, the letter was addressed with an incorrect postcode!!

Kerbing

At last we have it in writing from the County Council that they have issued instructions for the frontage of The Grange to be kerbed, so that the footpath, now a quagmire, can be restored. We are hoping that the building work at the yard opposite will soon be completed, so that cars and other vehicles and surplus materials can be accommodated inside the yard and the grass verges re-instated.