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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH

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December

2nd	BREAD SERVICE	8.30am
	Holy Communion	
9th	Advent Carols	6.00pm
16th	Family Service	9.45am
23rd	Holy Communion	8.30am
24th	Christmas Celebration	4.00pm
25th	Hannington – Holy Communion	9.30am
30th	Walgrave – Family Communion	9.45am

January

6th	Holy Communion	8.30 am
13th	Evening Prayer	4.00 pm
20th	Walgrave – Holy Communion	8.30am
	Hannington – Family Service	9.45am
	Old – Family Communion	11.00am
27th	Family Communion	11.00am

All the above services are at Scaldwell unless otherwise stated.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. A very enjoyable Harvest Festival took place on the 14th October and £359 was raised. Many thanks to all who helped with the cooking and donated produce, it is much appreciated.

HISTORY OF THE BREAD SERVICE

At the Bread Service, held each year on the Sunday closest to 5th December, a loaf of bread is given to each family attending the Service and this has taken place every year since 1666. It is no longer restricted to the poor but given to each family. The Rector still receives 50p!! It is interesting to read the Will and to realise that this tradition has been going on for 340 years.

Extract from T. Roe's Will

"My body I commite to ye ground to be buried in Scaldwell Church or Chancell.".....

Item – "I give and beqneath to William Sprigg of Scaldwell in ye County of North-ton, yeoman, and John Sibly of Little Houghton in ye County

aforesaid, yeoman, and to theire heires and assigns for ever, one annuity or yearely rent charge of thirty shillings a yeare for ever to be issuing out of and charged upon my cottage or tenemt. in Scaldwell aforesaid, which I purchased of John Day and Solomon Day, to and for ye uses, hereafter expressed, that is to say twenty shillings pte. Thereof to be yearely bestowed in bread and given to ye poore of Scaldwell aforesaid on ye fift day of December yearely and the other ten shillings to be given to a minister to preach a thanksgiving sermon upon ye said fift day of December in ye said church of Scaldwell in a thankfull remembrance to Almighty God for my deliverance on that day ; my will and desire is likewise that ye bread be brought into ye Church and sett upon my gravestone that ye poore may see they have noe wrong therein. Provided that if ye said sermon shall be neglected then this whole annuity and gift to be voide."

Item – "I give and allow for my funeral expences and erecting my monumt. Ye sume of forty pounds of lawfull money of England, whereof every poore family in Scaldwell shall have five shillings out of itt at my day of burial." Thomas Roe

Dated 1st September 1665

Proved, 29th September 1666 at Northampton.

LADIES PAMPER EVENING. Many thanks to Diana O'Neill for organising the Pamper Evening which was much enjoyed and certainly left those who took advantage of the various treatments feeling very relaxed and revitalised. £170 was raised for the Church Roof Fund. Once again, many thanks to Diana

ACCOUNTANT REQUIRED. The Church needs someone to inspect the year end accounts. If anyone is able to help please contact Sue Dodds-Smith ☎ 881950

SCALDWELL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

This will take place in the Church at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve with Senior Choir and Junior Choir, play and readings.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to read or take part in any way, please contact Margaret Vinton on 880359 or at the Old House, East End.

Rehearsals for the children will begin on **Friday, 7th December** from 5.00 – 5.30 p.m. and each subsequent Friday in December.

Church Cleaning and Flower Rota

If anyone would like to volunteer (Cleaning - approximately four times a year. Flowers - a couple of times a year) please contact Sue Dodds-Smith (881950). The more people that help the less we have to do!!

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman

Pam Long ☎881940

Vice Chairman

Jane Jones ☎880092

Clerk

Jonathan Harris ☎881182

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our meeting has been rescheduled for December 5th, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. As always parishioners are welcome to attend, and there is always an opportunity to ask questions, or make comments.

We have recently been in negotiation with Daventry District Council over the transfer of ownership of the playing field to the village for a nominal sum, in keeping with a new directive from central government. We are very hopeful that this will go ahead before our current lease expires in March, and will keep you informed of the progress.

One of the issues that we will be discussing at our next meeting will be the placement of wooden posts around the mound on the High Street, as we have now received permission to do so from the Highways dept.. We are hoping that this will prevent any further damage to the green, in an attempt to prevent vehicles from constantly driving over the edges and causing unsightly ruts, which have been re-turfed several times recently.

The subject of traffic calming will also be discussed, as we can now report back on our recent meeting with Nick Gore from Highways Dept. at N.C.C..

We shall also be considering the formation of an 'Emergency Plan', as suggested by the County Council, in the event that the village was ever cut off for any length of time. We are proposing that a separate group of volunteers should be responsible for devising the plan and would ask anyone who is interested in becoming involved to come along to the next meeting, or contact the Clerk for more information.

The Council was presented with its Quality Status award in October at NALC's AGM by NALC's National Chairman, Cllr Ken Clearly. Messages of congratulation have been received from many people including Philip Hollobone MP who praised "Scaldwell's tremendous success. I am delighted for you and the village and would like to send you many congratulations". Part of attaining the Quality Status included setting up the Council website (www.parish-council.com/Scaldwell) which has received over 2000 'hits' since being set up in May and now receives nearly 100 'hits' each week.

SCALDWELL CLUB

Dates for your diary

Thursday 6 December – Pensioners' Christmas Dinner

The Committee would like it to be known that the Club is now the sole sponsor as the original sponsorship has been withdrawn. We hope the event will be its usual success despite this action.

Sunday 16 December – Christmas Starters

Committee members will be calling round to collect your generous (hopefully) donations for the Tombola and Raffle for you to buy back in order to raise funds for next year's Pensioners' Christmas Dinner.

Saturday 19 January – Burns Night

This was a popular event last year so tickets will go quickly and places are limited. Flyer to follow in the New Year giving details.

ART GROUP

SARAH KENDRICK

The Art Group meet on Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. We are an informal group with no tutor and you are more than welcome to join us. ☎ 881592

STEP/TONE

SARAH KENDRICK

This class is held every Monday evening in the Village Hall (apart from Bank Holidays) from 6.45 until 7.45.

This is not an aerobics class. We do a step routine and then using hand weights tone each muscle group individually.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

100 CLUB. You should all have now received an invitation to participate in the 100 Club and a big thank you to all those who have returned their entry forms. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE** to send in an entry. If you have lost the form we can always let you have another one! Why not join in this fund raising event and support your Village Hall. First draw will take place at Christmas Starters.

Bookings. Please remember that the Hall is available for bookings for private functions. Please contact Diana O'Neill on 882143

SPORTS CLUB

JOHN SHARMAN

If you require any information about the Sports Club, please contact John Sharman on 881181

Indoor Bowls

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.

COFFEE CLUB

The Coffee Club is held the first Friday of every month in the Village Hall from 9.30am onwards. Please come along and join us. You will be made very welcome. Sincere thanks are extended to the Scaldwell Parish Trust for their very generous donation to the Coffee Club. This means that we can now run without the worry of raising sufficient funds to cover hire costs. However, for the time being, there will still be a small charge of 50 pence for adults (children free) to cover unlimited coffee AND CAKES! I look forward to seeing you all on Friday 7th December. Annie Curtis 882954

MISCELLANEOUS

SCALDWELL PARISH TRUST and SCALDWELL RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

At their recent meeting, the Trustees of the Relief in Need Charity agreed to make their usual Christmas grants to pensioners and those with disabilities living in the village.

These gifts will be made automatically in December 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 of someone else who has) e.g. by achieving retirement age or you now wish to be put on the Trustees' list, please mention this to me, Sue Dodds-Smith at The Old Barn, High Street, 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

Allotments.

During December the annual rents for the allotments and the other pieces of land owned by the charities will be collected.

Sue Dodds-Smith – Clerk to the Charities.

ACTION AGAINST METAL THEFTS – OPERATION PILFER

Northants Police is calling on the public to be their eyes and ears as they step up their operation to prevent metal thefts across the country. Homes, Churches, schools and public buildings are all being targeted by people cashing in on a crime trend brought about in recent months by scrap metals increasing in value several times over. The Police are asking members of the public to keep special lookout for suspicious activity and report it immediately. For example note and report suspicious vehicles which might be used as thieves survey potential targets or in the course of crime. People are urged to ring Northants Police on **08453 700700**, quoting the name **Operation Pilfer**, or dial 999 if they spot a crime in progress. Special priority is being given to responding to

calls about metal thefts. Arrests are made on a frequent basis and an officer from the Force's Homicide and Major Crime Team, DCI John Jones, has been designated to manage the policing operation. The Police are also focusing actively on scrapyards where metal can be disposed of, and working with local authorities, churches, English Heritage and Local MPs to raise awareness of the problems.

For further advice and information log on to www.northants.police.uk

VANESSA'S GREAT NORTH RUN

Vanessa completed her run for Cancer Research in 2 ¾ hours (she ran all the way!). In Scaldwell alone we raised £560 and, in total, £1,700 and rising. Your generosity and support have been both healing and heartwarming. Thankyou.

Wendy & Ian Webb

CHRISTMAS TREE

If you would like a free 6ft artificial Christmas Tree in good condition please contact 881950.

Consultation on the Scaldwell Village Design Statement

Residents will be aware that the Scaldwell VDS group has been working on the Village Design Statement, which is now at the formal Consultation Draft stage. Subject to Daventry District Council's approval (at Strategy Group on 11th October), Public consultation is now taking place on the Scaldwell VDS for 6 weeks between Friday 2nd November and Friday 14th December 2007. A copy of the VDS Consultation Draft and consultation details will be made available on the District Council's website during the consultation period at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/atoz/planning1/consult.shtml Alternatively, you can receive a copy of the consultation documents from: Karen Britton, Senior Planning Officer, Daventry District Council. Tel: 01327 302581. Email: kbritton@daventrydc.gov.uk Residents who have moved to Scaldwell recently may not be aware of the VDS nor will they have seen it when it was circulated to all households earlier this year. It is widely recognised that the local character and distinctiveness of villages has come under increasing threat from standardised, poor building designs. To try and influence this, the local community can prepare a Town, Village or Parish Design Statement. The Village Design Statement (VDS) aims to highlight design characteristics and issues that local people feel are important within their area. These may be landscape design, building details, important public spaces, and views. The VDS analyses the existing area's character and specifies design guidelines for future development and enhancement. Daventry District Council (DDC) will adopt these as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD), which form part of the statutory planning system. They are then used to assess and guide planning applications in the local area.

YOUR COMMENTS ARE WELCOMED.

If you did not see the earlier draft of the VDS please let me know by telephone (880202) or email to christophera@btinternet.com. You will appreciate that the document is now in its final form, subject to feedback from the formal Consultation. Scaldwell VDS group.

Scaldwell Neighbourhood Watch

First, apologies for not putting information in the newsletter for some time. Would everyone please note the number for all non-emergency calls to Northamptonshire Poilce is now **08453 700 700**. Please keep this number next to the telephone.

The up to date list of street co-ordinators for the village is now as follows:

Name	Telephone	Area
Gwen Sharman	881181	Old Road East
Deputy Village Co-ordinator:		
Phil Purcell	882640	Old Road West
Gillian Tait	881462)	(School Lane
Sarah Andrews	883775)	(and
Jan Adams	882044)	(the Ash Track
Mike Monk	882229	Poplars Court / top West End
Jonathan Groome	881537	Peters Lane / the depot
Annie Curtis	882954	High Street West
John Harris	880863	Back Lane
Juliana & Patrick Leonard	880756	East End

Village Co-ordinator:

Michael Alcock 881948 / 0794 6568052 High Street West

First, with the dark evenings would you all please **keep your curtains closed**. With the internal lights on and open curtains this has the effect of you being in a goldfish bowl!! All you home and possessions are immediately on show to all and sundry. If you have any doubt about this just take a walk around after dark. Looking around the village many garages are left open. Easy pickings for the opportunist thief. If you value it, lock it away. With the approach to Christmas, nice though it is, please do not leave presents on show as they may disappear.

If you are going to be away on holiday or at Christmas please inform your neighbour or your street co-ordinator so that they can keep an eye out for unusual activity around your property.

A special warning, be on alert for distraction burglaries. If you are not expecting a visit from a utility company and/or you are not happy with the identification provided **DO NOT LET THEM IN**. Remember **you are not obliged to let anyone in**. If you are concerned for safety in any way, telephone for assistance. Any of the above members would be only too pleased to give assistance.

Please be very vigilant and, at the risk of repeating myself, **keep all valuables and keys out of sight**. If they can be seen it is an open invitation to take nand use against you. I found a very trusting gentleman in the village who leaves his keys in his

car!! Remember it is not just the loss of your valuables and vehicles that you suffer, it is the days and weeks of anguish as well as the inconvenience and cost of replacing the loss, changing locks, cancelling credit cards and cheque books and all the other associated problems too numerous to mention.

If you see any suspicious or unusual vehicles about please make a note of their number, type and colour, number of occupants etc. and report them on 08453 700 700. **The police are always pleased to receive any help or intelligence, however trivial you may think.**

Last but by no means least, my special thanks to all the village team for their help and support since the scheme started. You make all the difference and we all benefit from your efforts.

Michael Alcock

Contributions

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

Dates For Your Diary

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5 th	Parish Council meeting
6th	Pensioners' Christmas Party – Scaldwell Club
7 th	Coffee Club
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25 th	Holy Communion – Hannington

JANUARY	
19 th	Burns Night – Scaldwell Club

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the Newsletter over the last 12 months, and may I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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

