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SCALDWELL SOCIETY

Midsummer Fair - Saturday, 22nd June - to be opened at 2 p.m. by Mike Marsh, station manager of B.B.C. Radio Northampton. This is THE event of the year - a 'must' for all ages. Full details of the many stalls and other attractions are being circularised separately.

An innovation this year will be a special Club evening in the hall with entertainment to give everyone an opportunity to unwind and relax in a sociable environment.

The enjoyable Country and Western evening in March produced a surplus of £40.13, a great credit to all who helped and attended.

PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Meeting in May the Chairman reported on the past year's activities, most of which have been publicised during the year in Scaldwell News.

Fears were expressed by several villagers that the barbed wire on the recently-erected stock-proof fence in the playing field might be a danger to children playing nearby, even though a wooden section had been provided for retrieving stray balls. In the circumstances it has been decided to fix stout smooth wire (parallel to the barbed wire) the whole length of the new fence at a cost of £55.

We have been informed that Daventry District Planning Committee has approved plans for the building of a non-commercial studio and garage in Back Lane.

The Department of the Environment has informed us that the appeal against the Planning Committee's refusal to approve plans for the development of land in Back Lane adjoining the late Mrs. Worby's cottage has been allowed subject to certain conditions regarding vehicular access.

In spite of an assurance from the District Cleansing Department that there would be a re-arrangement of refuse collections to cover bank holidays this year, we are still being subjected to waiting a fortnight every bank holiday. We shall pursue our complaint in the interests of Public Health, if necessary telling them how to achieve a workable solution!

BUS SERVICE ALTERATIONS

We are informed that as from Monday, 17th June the 1740 Northampton to Scaldwell service Mondays to Fridays will be withdrawn. Apparently only one passenger has travelled on the bus regularly beyond Moulton.

On Thursdays only the 1423 Northampton to Old service will continue to Scaldwell, but will not operate via Hannington.

If the foregoing creates any problems, Maggie Angeloglou may be able to help with offers of assistance from local car drivers. (Tel: 880202).

CHARITY COLLECTION AND JUMBLE SALE

British Red Cross Week Collection - £34.62 (Ruby Harris)

St. John Ambulance Brigade (Spencer Nursing Division) Jumble Sale in the village hall raised £142.19 (Sue Peasland).

The organisers wish to thank everyone who supported these good causes.

MULBERRY TREES

Brian Hensman (Tel: 880092) has some young trees looking for a good home!!

PARISH CHURCH

Services: Every Sunday - Holy Communion with hymns and organ at 9.30 am

The Easter Day cash collection, which by tradition is added to the Parochial Church Council's contribution towards the Rector's expenses of office, amounted this year to £56.10. The Rev. William Burdon has asked us to convey his grateful thanks to all concerned.

CHARITIES

Presenting his report at the Annual Parish Meeting, Stephen Coward, Chairman of The Scaldwell Charity, made a special plea for villagers, who could be assured of strict confidentiality; to put in claims for educational grants and for village organisations to claim for other charitable purposes that would be of general benefit to the village. Robbie King, Clerk to Scaldwell Relief in Need Charity and Scaldwell Parish Trust, repeated the plea with regard to those charities, saying that the Trustees wished to distribute the whole of a year's income and not carry forward ever-increasing balances. He also explained in detail the formula adopted by the Trustees in donating monetary gifts to retired pensioners, unemployed and sick persons at Christmastide.

VILLAGE HALL

At the Annual Meeting in May there were several complaints about the dirtiness of the floor. It was hoped that a thorough scrubbing operation and the purchase of a new polisher would remedy the situation. Unfortunately John Harris, the Chairman, was unable to whip up enough enthusiasm to fill a vacancy on the Management Committee. Are there any volunteers from villagers who didn't attend the meeting? After all it is YOUR HALL - the focal point in the village community.

SCALDWELL CLUB

Jack Dodds-Smith, Chairman, reported a very successful year at the Annual Meeting, explaining that bar sales had doubled - not entirely due to his own thirst! The introduction of a quarterly stock-take had resulted in a tighter control and faster turnround of stock - efficiency pays!!

A new constitution was adopted whereby Committee members and Officers resign automatically after 3 consecutive years' service with a facility to switch between Committee and Officer status subject to a limit of 9 consecutive years' service.

The first casualty of the new constitution is Jack Deacon, Hon. Secretary since the start of the Club. A vote of thanks was passed to Jack for his sterling work. Chris Hurst has kindly agreed to take over the duties of Hon. Secretary in addition to being Membership Secretary.

It is hoped to organise more events with entertainment (as for this year's Midsummer Fair).

VILLAGE HALL

You are NOT seeing double!! To rectify a glaring omission above it should be explained that a sincere vote of thanks was passed to Chris Britten for his years of service as Hon. Treasurer when he resigned at the Annual Meeting in May.

MOTHERS' UNION

Those who attended the Diocesan Festival at Peterborough Cathedral in May were rewarded with an inspiring address by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Tuesday, 11th June, 2.30 p.m. at Pitsford - Mrs. Baker from Earls Barton will talk on the Mothers' Union Topic for the Year.

Tuesday, 18th June, 2.15 p.m. at Church Brampton - Garden Meeting at the Rectory. Deaconess Mavis Bexon of Nottingham will talk on 'Women at Work in the Church'.