

### Parish Council News

**Chairman:** Eugene O'Leary, 5 Back Lane.

**Vice Chair:** Dudley Cross, Ash Tree House, Old Road

**Councillors:** -

Pam Long, Orchard House, West End

Dara Masterson-Jones, Home Farmhouse, The Green.,

Margaret Vinton, The Old House, East End

Richard Wilson, The Old Thatch, West End

Emre Amirak, Scaldwell House, High Street

**Clerk:** Katrina Jones, 77 High Street, Naseby, Northants NN6 6DD

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Since the last newsletter, the Parish Council has met on 2 occasions, both via 'Zoom'. At the July meeting, Emre Amirak was co-opted onto the Council.

At that meeting it was resolved that Eugene, as Chair, would speak at the DDC Planning Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> August on behalf of Scaldwell Parish Council to affirm opposition against the Mercedes Avenue planning application in Brixworth. The application was rejected by the Committee and the Parish Council would like to thank all residents who took the time to consider the application and make a representation to DDC.

At the September meeting, Council welcomed our new clerk, Katrina Jones. Katrina has set up a new website dedicated to Parish Council matters, (address is above.) We also agreed to having a Parish Council Facebook Page, which will be administered by the clerk.

Council agreed to the purchase of a Christmas Tree for the Village Green, (further details will appear in due course) as well as to repair work on some of the playing field equipment.

Council also resolved to install bollards on two sides of Cross Hill on the Village Green to protect it from any further damage. Council is also seeking to arrange the cutting of growth to the base of lime trees on the Green which some residents have mentioned in respect of reduced visibility.

The Defibrillator has been installed in the old phone kiosk and registered with the Ambulance Service. We are now preparing to have the kiosk cleaned and painted and new signs installed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place, via Zoom, on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Information on how to access the meeting will be found on the agenda.

In the meantime, please keep safe!



### SCALDWELL PLAYING FIELD

#### Playing Field Tidy Up Day.

The next Tidy Up Day for the playing field is scheduled for Sunday 18th October and normally we would ask for volunteers to come along and help. However, due to the recent government ruling of '6 in a group', The Playing Field Working Party has decided that it will be a limited tidy up involving just the members of the working party. A big 'Thank You' to those who usually come along and help on these occasions. Hopefully, we will be back to normal for the next Tidy Up Day.

### SCALDWELL CHRISTMAS CARD

Again, with apologies for making you think about Christmas so early, but it is because the names of the people who wish to participate have to be included in the next newsletter which will be the December/January edition.

For several years a number of people have chosen to donate to charity instead of sending individual Christmas cards to their friends and neighbours in the village. A list of people participating will be sent to each household.

#### **The charities that have benefitted have been:**

£277 - Ovarian Cancer Action	£413 - The Gary Barton Memorial Trust
£490 - Cynthia Spencer Hospice	£443 - The Marie Curie Trust
£300 - NSPCC	£426 - RNLI
£345 - Cynthia Spencer Hospice	£369 - Gastroenterology Dept, NG
£455 - Shelter	

#### **A total of £3518 raised in nine years**

As we have done previously, a name will be drawn from the list of participants and the money raised will go to a charity of their choice. Those who have chosen a charity in previous years will be omitted from the draw so that eventually everyone will have a chance to choose a charity

**If you would like to take part this year please let Sue Dodds-Smith know by 20th November. Contact Details at top of Newsletter**

**Church Services: St Peter & St Paul, Scaldwell  
(part of The Walgrave Benefice)**

There is a weekly online service from the Walgrave Benefice which can be found via the Church web site [www.walgravebenefice.org](http://www.walgravebenefice.org)

Church Services have now resumed across the benefice. These are subject to Covid regulations, including social distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

**Services in October**

4<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am at Scaldwell  
11<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am at Walgrave (Harvest Service)  
18<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am at Old  
25<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am at Scaldwell

**Services in November**

8<sup>th</sup> 11.00 Act of Remembrance at the memorial on the green and in Church

Other services to be confirmed (see notice board and web site for details)

**By Revd David Bent (Rector)**

**Tel: 01604 781667. Email: davidbent99@btinternet.com**

We British do like to talk about the weather! It's often either too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry or too windy. I know it's difficult if the weather disrupts the planting or harvesting of crops, or if it rains throughout a holiday (we've been there) or if it washes out a picnic or barbeque (and there). But we live in Britain! That is what it does.

I am learning, slowly, to be content with the weather. There are, after all, plenty of things to be grateful for, even when it rains, and when it doesn't, and there are, after all, more important things to be concerned about. We have all struggled with the restrictions of lockdown and its impact on seeing loved ones, meeting up with friends, going out for the evening or going away on holiday, and some have struggled with illness and sadly with bereavement. I think, though, within all of the disruption, there is a lesson to learn. A lesson about being content with what we have, while we have it.

I am reminded of some of St Paul's words to the church he established in Philippi, *'I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want'*, (Philippians 4:12) and of another biblical writer who said, *'Be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* (Hebrews 13:5)

St Paul had discovered the gift of being content whatever the circumstances. Content with what he had, whether he was well fed or hungry, whether he was in need or in plenty. And the source of his contentment? His faith: the knowledge that God would never leave him or forsake him.

Content, though, doesn't mean complacent. St Paul was far from complacent, he sought to change for good what he could in his world. He spoke out for freedom, for peace and for justice, he had a vision of a world where there was no discrimination due to class, race or gender, a vision that is still not fully worked out in our world even today, let alone his own day. But he was content with what he had, and he did what he could. And I think God was OK with that.

As we continue through these uncertain times, we don't know how this autumn and winter will pan out for all of us and we don't know if or when a suitable vaccine will become available. I don't know when I will next see my grandchildren now they are back at nursery and their parents are back at work, and I don't know what the 'new normal' for church will look like. But maybe we can learn to be content with what we have, to continue to do what we can to support our family, our friends and our community, and to remember that God will never leave us or forsake us.

As the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr prayed, *'God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.'*



**SCALDWELL SPORTS CLUB**

The resurfacing work has now commenced on one of the courts. Unfortunately, the work has suffered delays that have been outside the control of the Sports Club, **but play is able to take place on the second court.**

We do apologise to all members of the Club for any inconvenience caused but hope that you will agree with us that the disruption will have been well worth it when the new season starts next year.

## **SCALDWELL MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The government restrictions in response to the COVID Pandemic have meant that all Men's Breakfasts to date since the March lockdown have been cancelled, and with the recent announcement I have had to postpone the November date as well.

I do hope to recommence the breakfasts when it is safe to do so! Thanks. Tom Joyner

## **SCALDWELL TRANSPORT SCHEME**

At the start of the year, we started to organise a short-term solution to help people who have currently no real way of leaving the village since the subsidy was withdrawn across Northamptonshire by the County Council and our 62 bus service ended in Summer 2018.

I would like to thank the many people who got in touch. As plans were being pulled together, COVID struck and everything was paused, but with another autumn and winter approaching, it would be very positive to see if we can look if there is a COVID secure and risk assessed way of running the scheme.

I already have the details of all the volunteers who were kind enough to express a possible interest before, but if there is anyone else who missed the first notice then please feel free to get in touch.

The requirement would likely be something like providing a lift once every six to eight weeks, and the scheme would not commence until COVID restrictions would allow us to run safely.

Thanks, Tom Joyner  
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## **SCALDWELL CLUB NEWS**

### **Yáy, The Club is Open (on Fridays)!**

We are pleased to inform you that the Club is now open every Friday for all villagers to get some valuable social exposure; of course, subject to maintaining social distancing and adherence to the club specific guidelines. The club committee, with the support of the village hall committee and local and national government guidelines, continue to monitor the situation and will respond to ensure all club activities remain compliant with the law and best practice. Feedback from the first two Friday openings have been resoundingly positive and we take this opportunity thank the volunteer bar staff whose dedication and support has been fantastic!

### **Woo, Treasure Hunt!**

Over the coming six months it is almost certain that the club will be unable to provide its usual programme of events; however, the committee will continue to monitor the situation and where possible provide COVID safe events. To that the end, Dean and Tim have organised one of their infamous and very popular car treasure hunts. The event will take place on Saturday 3 Oct 20, meeting at the Green for 16:30 with staggered departures thereafter. The treasure hunt will involve participants traveling the breadth of the local area to complete various challenges or activities. The entry fee will be £5 per vehicle and occupants will be responsible for ensuring that their teams comply with the current COVID guidance. We look forward to seeing you there for a bit of fun and friendly competition; there will be prizes! For further information, please contact Dean (07971 185143) or Tim (07939 023003).

### **Boo, Help Needed!**

Finally, the club committee is in a period of transition, we have a new Chairman and are seeking a permanent Treasurer and Secretary; we are also looking for a small number of additional committee members. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact our Chairman, Mark (07835 754603) or another member of the committee.

**The Scaldwell Club Committee**



**Scaldwell Parish Trust and Relief in Need Charity**

There will be a meeting of the Trustees on 12<sup>th</sup> November to consider grant applications.

The income of the Parish Trust Charity may be awarded as the Trustees think fit for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the village.

The income from the Relief in Need Charity is to be applied to the relief in need of persons resident in the parish by making grants of money or by paying for items of services. In the past grants have been made to individuals when they have had financial problems and any surplus has been used by making Christmas gifts to pensioners and other deserving cases. The Christmas gifts to pensioners will be made automatically in December to those who have received them in past years. If, however, you have now qualified for a Christmas gift, eg. by achieving retirement age or are disabled, then please advise the Clerk.

Applications should be made to the Clerk of the Charity, Sue Dodds-Smith,  
The Old Barn, High Street, Scaldwell or email to [d.dodds@me.com](mailto:d.dodds@me.com)

**Thomas Roe Charity**

Remember that grants are available from the above charity for persons up to 25 years of age for educational purposes.

Application forms and information can be obtained from Ursula Morris on 505554 or from Pam Long or Margaret Vinton

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**OCTOBER**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Treasure Hunt
- 8<sup>th</sup> Remembrance at Memorial and in Church at 11.00am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Parish Council Meeting

**November**

- 12th Scaldwell Charity Meeting

**Please submit items for the December/January edition by 23<sup>rd</sup> November**