

Parish Council News

Chairman: Margaret Vinton – The Old House, East End
Councillors: Martin Kelly (Vice Chair) – Old Oak Barn, School Lane. Pam Long - Orchard House, West End.
 Robert Thorne, Grooms Lodge, High Street. Jane Monk – 1 Poplars Court, West End.
 Sue Dodds-Smith – The Old Barn, High Street. Joan Randell – Newstone House, High Street.
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The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on the 3rd May when two members of the public attended. Margaret Vinton was elected as Chair and Jane Monk as vice chair. Reports were received from various village groups and charities.

A Parish Council meeting followed the AGM when a planning application for tree maintenance in the conservation area was considered and no objections raised. David Deacon has agreed to carry out a tree inspection on trees which are the responsibility of the Parish Council.

In an attempt to beat the weather, the day of the village Coronation celebration was changed and meant that the weather was kind to us and villagers were able to enjoy a memorable event. Thanks to all who worked so hard and made it such a success.

With the work that has been undertaken on the area surrounding the village well and a new pump fitted, and the grass resewn, the Green looked at its very best. Thanks to Bill Marsden, Geoff Gardener and John Kimbell for their amazing efforts in uncovering the beautiful paving area at the back of the well and for repairing the brickwork. Also, thanks to Andy Payne for his work in keeping the Green so neat and tidy.

With traffic still an ongoing problem in the High Street can we please ask people to park considerately as there is a problem with visibility of oncoming traffic and the problem of lack of space for cars to pull into should the need arise. Can we also ask villagers not to speed through the village, particularly along East End.



FRIENDS OF SCALDWELL PLAYING FIELD

It is happening ; at last !

As you can see, work has been on going at the entrance. The willows have been removed, the gates improved, new matting under the work out machines, new chippings under the climbing frame and a general tidy up in all corners of the field. Hopefully a new fence has been promised at the bottom of the park.

The Council decided to lock the lower gate, as it will protect children on foot, bikes and in buggies from any unseen moving vehicles.

Please watch your speed and continue to **enjoy our lovely park.**



SCALDWELL MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP



SOUTH AFRICAN MENS BREAKFAST

**9 AM, SAT. 5TH AUGUST
ALL WELCOME!**

Called to Serve

By David Bent, Rector.

Like 20 million other people across the UK, I tuned in to the television on May 6th to watch the Coronation of King Charles III. As I watched I was struck by the contrast between the pomp and pageantry of the whole event, which we do so well in Britain, and the simplicity of the opening words of the service. In response to his welcome from a child, King Charles, quoting from the words of Jesus, said, '*I have come, not to be served but to serve.*'

Two days earlier many men and women were elected to serve on local councils around the country, though not this time in Northamptonshire. People elected to positions of leadership, power and influence. People elected to serve the needs of their local communities.

I once heard someone talking about leadership, discussing the difference between a 'good leader' and a 'leader for good'. There are men and women throughout history who could be seen as *good leaders*, but who have not been *leaders for good*. There are also those who have clearly led for the good of others.

Whilst the power of a British monarch is not the same today as it was in the Middle Ages, their influence in this country and around the world is enormous. Let us pray that King Charles will be both a good leader and a leader for good.

On a different scale, it is unlikely that any of us is destined for royalty, and few of us will be elected to any form of office. Each one of us though, has in some way or another a measure of power and influence, whether it is in our homes and families, our schools, our communities or our workplaces.

Wherever it is that we have power and influence today let us take a leaf from the Coronation service, and from the words of Jesus, and see it as an opportunity, not to be served but to serve.

Church Services June and July 2023

Sunday June 4th

10.00 Family Communion at Hannington
6.00 Contemporary Worship at Old

Sunday June 11th

10.00 Family Communion at Walgrave

Monday June 12th

10.00 'All Sorts' at Scaldwell
(Short service at 12:30)

Sunday June 18th

10.00 Family Communion at Old

Sunday June 25th

10.00 Family Communion at Scaldwell

Sunday July 2nd

10.00 Family Communion at Hannington
6.00 Contemporary Worship at Old

Sunday July 9th

10.00 Family Communion at Walgrave

Sunday July 16th

10.00 Family Communion at Old

Sunday July 23rd

10.00 Family Service at Hannington

Sunday July 30th

10.00 Family Communion at Scaldwell

Further information can be found on the church website

www.walgravebenefice.org

SCALDWELL CLUB NEWS

The Club very much enjoyed putting on the celebration for the coronation on Sunday 7th May on the Green. There was a great turn out from the village and we all appreciated the new cobbled area behind the village pump which proved to be the perfect size for the event. Thank you to everyone for coming!

The next event is coming up soon - our annual Treasure Hunt will be on Saturday 10th June, starting from the Village Green at 6:30 pm. Explore the local countryside following a set of carefully thought-out clues. Only £10 per car, regardless of how many people you pack in.

And don't forget, coming up soon is the Party in the Park on July 15th. Mark the date in your diary for this annual celebration! All events can be found on the village website www.Scaldwellvillage.org

SCALDWELL LOVELY LADIES AFTERNOON TEA



Sinead kindly hosted the Lovely Ladies Afternoon Tea at Scaldwell House and it couldn't have been a better afternoon for the event. The sun shone, there were delicious nibbles and cakes available and good company was enjoyed. All finished off with a glass of prosecco. What more could you ask for!!

Our next Allsorts at Scaldwell!

A new group offering all sorts of activities for all sorts of people of all ages.

Monday 12th June

Drop in from 10.00am for tea, coffee and cake.

Join in with - Scrabble, Jigsaws, Cards, Chess, Jenga, Dominoes

"Knit and Knatter" - bring your own craft projects.

Children's corner - with toys, games, crafts and books

Quiet corner - space for quiet contemplation

12.00pm - Soup and roll

12.30pm - short, reflective service or worship

St. Peter & St. Paul's Church

Come and join us!



SCALDWELL SPORTS CLUB NEWS

A reminder that subscriptions are now due for the 2023/24 season.

Family Membership £40 - Pairs Membership £30 -

None-Village Membership - £50

Email Sue - d.doddsmith@me.com for payment details.

A WhatsApp group is being arranged so that members can contact each other.



VILLAGE HISTORY

ARTICLE FROM THE NORTHAMPTON MERCURY - SATURDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 1863

Re-opening Scaldwell Church. This church, after having undergone a complete restoration, was re-opened for Divine Service on Tuesday last. The Service commenced with the holy Sacrament which was administered at eight o'clock in the morning, and at eleven o'clock there was a full service, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. T.L. Claughton, M.A., vicar of Kidderminster. There was again a Divine service in the afternoon, when the sermon was preached by Rev. T.Yard, M.A., rector of Ashwell. The day happily was remarkably fine and this had the effect of bringing together a number of persons interested in the subject of Church restoration from the several villages in the neighbourhood. The day was set apart by the parishioners as one of almost general rejoicing. The poorest parishioners taking as much interest in the completion of the restoration as their richer brethren, one of the most important features of the restoration being that no distinction is observed between any of the worshippers, the whole of the seats being free. Perhaps no county in England has church restoration made such rapid strides as Northampton, a county which possesses some of the most beautiful and interesting edifices in the country. Here and there all over the county, churches are being rescued from the state of decay and ruin into which they were allowed to fall by the churchmen of the last and the beginning of the present century, and everything is now done to restore the beauty which had for ages been hidden and disfigured.

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The restoration of Scaldwell Church, under the able supervision of Mr. Slater, is perfect. Before the restoration, there was a west gallery which has now been removed, also a gallery in the west tower. The former entirely hid the tower arch, which is a fine specimen of early architecture, and which is certainly one of the oldest parts of the Church. There was also the old fashioned highbacked pews, which seems to remind one of lengthy sermons and sleepy congregations and the pulpit, we are informed, was a square ugly box, without any style to it all.

The high-backed pews have given way, not to pen seats, but to chairs, the whole of which are free.

There can be no doubt that an older church than the present existed on the same site, as the north, south and west walls of the tower are built against an older wall of rough stone, faced with plaster, which is supposed to be a very old Saxon Wall.

Date for items for next Newsletter – 23rd July 2023