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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH

Rev'd. Karen Jongman ☎ 781974

Churchwardens

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December

7th	BREAD SERVICE	6.00pm
	Bishop of Brixworth Rt. Rev'd Frank White	
14th	Holy Communion	8.30am
21st	Family Communion	9.45am
24th	Christmas Celebration	4.00pm
24th	First Communion – Walgrave	11.15pm
25th	Hannington – Holy Communion	9.45am
28th	Family Service – Walgrave	9.45am
	Family Communion – Old	11.00am

All the above services are at Scaldwell unless otherwise stated.

Commencing in January there will be a Family Service at 11.00am on the third Sunday of the month. It is hoped that this will become a regular Service and we hope to see lots of children bringing their parents!

Please see Notice Board for other Services.

Christmas Eve Celebration

There will be the usual Christmas Eve Offering in Scaldwell Church at 4.00pm. All proceeds to be given to the NSPCC in memory of Gay Hunt.

Church Cleaning and Flower Rota

If anyone would like to volunteer (Cleaning usually done with one other person – approximately three times a year and takes about half an hour). 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

Mrs. Pam Long, Orchard House, West End, Tel: 881940

Councillors

Mr. Michael Alcock, The Poplars Farm, Tel:881948

Mrs. Anne Coward, The Grange, High St. Tel:880255

Mr. Alisdair Tait, Stanmore House, School Lane, Tel:881462

Mrs. Margaret Vinton, The Old House, East End, Tel: 880359

Mr. Frank Wiig, 9 Pytchley Close, Brixworth, Tel:880165

Clerk

Mr Jonathan Harris Plumb Cottage High Street, Scaldwell Tel: 881182.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of David Watts, a Parish Councillor, and a Scaldwell resident of many years. David was a very popular and well-respected Councillor who genuinely cared about our Village and our Community. We shall all miss him.

This does, sadly, leave the Council with a Vacancy for a new Councillor, and we are duty bound to follow the Statutory rules regarding an appointment. We would encourage any Parishioner who is interested in becoming a Councillor to contact our clerk, who will be happy to provide you with the details. We are hoping to Co-opt the new Councillor at our meeting in January, so we would need to hear from all interested applicants by January 14th.

We are disappointed to advise you that despite many communications with Highways about the dangerous surface on our side streets, they have still done nothing to improve the situation. We believe that the surface is weathering down somewhat, and is therefore not quite as treacherous, but would still urge extreme caution as we have yet to experience really frosty conditions. Please could we ask you to notify us of any problems that arise with the road surfaces over the coming months?

We have arranged once again, for Christmas trees to be collected for recycling, early in January. As soon as we are given the dates, we will post a Notice on the bus shelter.

The application for two wind turbines at Mercedes Benz in Brixworth has been temporarily withdrawn. We believe that they have been asked to supply further information, and we expect the application to be delayed until the New Year. We shall keep you informed of the situation.

It has been suggested that on occasion, it would

helpful to contact parishioners by e-mail, in order to keep them informed if something urgent arises. This would be purely on a voluntary basis, and would be strictly monitored according to the Data Protection Act. We understand that many people do not use computers, and some would rather receive any communication in the conventional manner through their letter-box. However, please let us know if you would like us to have your e-mail address, or alternatively, please use the parish council website, which is regularly updated.

The next Statutory meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday January 28th at 7.30 p.m.. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

SCALDWELL CLUB

The highly entertaining 1940's Evening held at the Village Club on Saturday 25 October was a sell out. The Hall was completely transformed to wartime Britain by Ruzziitt Buzzitt in association with Northants Touring Arts. Everyone entered into the spirit of the evening and came dressed in 1940's style – there were glamorous evening dresses, spivs, armed forces, country gents, land girls and evacuees, to name but a few. We enjoyed the fun, games and dancing and listened to the sounds of Glen Miller. We ate delicious fish and chips from Brixworth Fish Shop (out of the paper wrapper) before learning how to do the Lambeth Walk and the Jitterbug.

The feedback from all who attended was positive and all expressed that they would like an evening from another era next year! Any excuse to dress up! Perhaps we could do a self styled 60's or 70's evening – please let Jenny or Dave know if you have any preferences!

Many thanks to Andy and Sue Griffiths who volunteered to be on the bar that evening – they were rushed off their feet serving drinks to the thirsty dancers.

Many thanks also to others who helped make the evening a success – collecting the fish and chips from Brixworth, setting out the Hall and putting it all back again at the end, helping during the course of the evening to distribute the food and collect the debris.

Above all else, a big thanks you to all who attended and helped to make the evening a huge success.

Trip to London

Many villagers and friends enjoyed a coach trip to London on Saturday 22 November. It was only £15 for door-to-door service from Scaldwell at 10am to the Haymarket in Central London. Some of us went to see the Byzantium exhibition at the Royal Academy or to the Tate Modern whilst others went shopping in Covent Garden or to the Portobello Market in Notting Hill. People chose their own activities and places to have a meal before getting

on the coach at 8pm to be driven home by 10.30pm.

Many thanks to Dave Farmer for organising this successful event.

Forthcoming events:

- **Thursday 18 December** – Senior Citizens Dinner. As a newcomer to the village last year, I can honestly say that I thoroughly enjoyed it – great company – lovely food and wine and excellent service! We had music and singing provided by local residents too.
- **Sunday 21 December** – Christmas starters
- **Quiz night in January 2009** – see flyer in Jan

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Opening Times

Thanks must go to all who continue to support Scaldwell Village Club during opening times and to all those who volunteer their services behind the bar. If you haven't ventured to the Club yet or haven't been for a while then please pay us a visit! Friday nights continue to be well supported from opening time when families bring their children to play in the Hall whilst enjoying a drink. We could do with a bit more support on Saturday nights if you should find yourself at a loose end!

Opening times:

Thursday 8.00 – 10.30pm
Friday 7.30 – 11.00pm
Saturday 8.30 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12.00 – 2.00pm

Opening times over the Christmas period:

The Club will be open on Christmas Eve in the evening – volunteers on a one-hour slot behind the bar

On Christmas Day the Club will open from 12-2pm

Times as usual for Boxing Day and 27+28 Dec.

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

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.

Christmas Card. Those of you who have purchased a copy of the Village Hall Design Statement will have seen the beautiful photograph of the village green in winter. This has been made into a card (blank for you to include your own message). £6 per pack of 10 or 80p per card. If you would like to purchase cards please contact Michael Lannie (882136) or Sue Dodds-Smith (881950). Proceeds to Village Hall.

SCALDWELL MUMS AND TOTS

A friendly and informal group of mums and carers meet from 1.00 – 2.30 pm every Monday in the Village Hall. All are welcome! Join us for coffee and biscuits. Contact: Sarah – 883775 or Kathryn – 882786

Improvements to the playing field.

Several meetings have been held to discuss possible improvements to the playing field and equipment. To ensure maximum benefit to all, we would like to include as many residents of all ages as possible in shaping the plans. If you have an interest or would like to help please contact Michelle (881826) or Hayley (880703)

COFFEE CLUB

The Coffee Club is held the first Friday of each month. Do come along and meet your neighbours – it is a very enjoyable couple of hours.

MISCELLANEOUS

Vivian, Amy and Suzie would like to thank everyone who attended David's funeral and supported them throughout his dreadful illness.

STOP BRIXWORTH WINDFARM

Website: www.stopbrixworthfarm.co.uk

News:

Mercedes Benz have temporarily withdrawn their application for TWO 127 meter high wind Turbines (same height as the express lift tower) They intend to re-apply in January, so we must keep up the pressure and keep on writing to the DDC as well as Mercedes

It will affect everyone in Scaldwell if it goes ahead. It can cause vibration, noise, shadow flicker and interference to your TV, as well as spoiling the rural landscape. It will also cause house prices to drop, and you will **NOT** get cheap electricity..

Any donations to the fighting fund (this pays for an expert to represent us) would be appreciated. Cheques to "Stop Brixworth Wind Farms".

You can drop them off with Vanessa Saunders (880358) or Lindsay Lamb (882095)

There are applications to put up 20 wind farms in a 30 square mile radius around us, this means ground level will be like driving through a concrete jungle of approximately 120 wind turbines if they all go ahead!

Lindsay Lamb

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.

Ballroom and Salsa Dancing Class in Village Hall

Call Leisa if you are interested in joining the Ballroom Dance Classes on a Monday evening . 8.00 -9.00pm - £6 per class, or Salsa dance classes on Monday evening. 7.00 – 8.00pm - £4 per class. (07736 418726)

Halloween Evening. Although most people had an enjoyable time, there was a malicious and unpleasant incident in East End when eggs were thrown all over the road facing windows and paintwork of one home. This happened between 11.30pm and the early hours of the morning and caused considerable inconvenience and upset. Also, pumpkins were smashed-up and thrown a considerable distance along the road outside the house. If anyone knows anything about the event would they please contact Patrick Leonard (880756)

In response to a complaint I would like to explain to those who live in Back Lane that on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays, usually between 5.30pm and 6.00pm I need access to my back door from an ambulance or other NHS transport. Any obstruction to the road will be very short lived. Bob Frankland

Scaldwell Village Playing Field Committee

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our two recent fundraising events, in total we have managed to raise almost £400.00 pounds which is a magnificent start to our 'pot'. It was lovely to see, meet and chat to people over mulled wine and mince pies! So much so we plan to do it all again next year☺. Once again Thank you to all who came and supported us we really appreciated it.

Village Design Statement

We still have some copies of the VDS. If you want to give one as a Christmas gift please contact Annie Curtis on 01604 882954

Tennis Court. Would people please note that the rubbish bin on the tennis courts is for court users only and **not** for dog walkers.

Cynthia Spencer Lunch. On October 23rd a lunch was held in Scaldwell Village Hall in aid of Cynthia Spencer Hospice. Sue and I would like to thank all who bought tickets, donated fabulous raffle prizes and gave generous donations, which made possible the total amount raised this year of £1,770. An Outstanding Result. Jackie Partridge.

Wanted. Second hand cot. Please contact Sarah Kendrick (881502)



Jubilee Drive, Walgrave, Northampton, NN6 9PH. (01604) 781838

Registered Charity no: 1052702

PLACES AVAILABLE NOW FOR THIS POPULAR PLAYGROUP

- Sessions Monday to Friday am and Wednesday and Thursday pm. Sessions hours: am 9.00 – 11.45; pm 12.30 – 3.00. Two sessions recommended.
- We take children from 2 years 9 months. If your child is younger please contact staff to discuss possible early start.
- Morning session fee is £6.60, afternoon session fee is £6.00.

- We are Ofsted registered.
- Funding available for 3-4 year olds.
- We offer a warm, friendly and stimulating environment for children.

For more information, a prospectus or a general visit please call Muddy Boots on 01604 781838, and ask for Lizzie, or speak to any member of staff

Brixworth & Scaldwell Scout Group

Would anyone interested in assisting the Scout Group please contact Colin Bell on 01604 889467, or e.mail: iamcolinbell@supanet.com

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.

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the Newsletter over the last 12 months,

A Joyous and Happy Christmas to you all

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

- 5th Coffee Morning
- 18th Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner
- 21st Christmas Starters
- 24th Christmas Eve Celebration in Church

January

- 2nd Coffee Morning
- 28th Parish Council Meeting

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

CHRISTMAS STARTERS

Join fellow villagers to celebrate
the beginning of Christmas
in our
Village Hall and Club

²⁰⁰⁸ Sunday 21st December
from 12.00 noon

Tombola! Raffle! Food! Fun and Festivities!

A Great way to Start Christmas
in the company of the families of our lovely village!

Bar Opening Times Over Christmas

Dec 18th, Dec 19th, Dec 20th	Evening
Dec 21st	Lunch
Dec 24th	Evening
Dec 25th	Lunch
Dec 26th	Lunch and Evening
Dec 27th	Evening
Dec 28th	Lunch

Lunch 12.00 - 2.00pm
Evening Thurs 8 pm, Fridays 7.30pm, Sat 8.30pm

Other dates for your Diary

Dec 31st New Years Eve Party

How You Can Help

To help feed the masses, if you can,
please bring a plate of food.

About one week before the event Committee
members will call to collect any donations that you may wish
to give towards the tombola and raffle.
You never know you may get lucky and win them back!

If you are new to the village, welcome! This a great way to
introduce yourselves and meet other villagers

The event is organised by the Scaldwell Club Committee and
money raised at the event goes towards funding the
Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner