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FEBRUARY/MARCH SERVICES

Please refer to the back page of the Parish Magazine for times.

Welcome to the village Samuel Philip Coleman, son of Sharon and Philip Coleman, East End. Samuel was born on 15th December. Congratulations.

Welcome also to the Stewart family in Old Road. We look forward to meeting them at the next function in the Village Hall.

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve once again saw the Church packed with villagers, visiting family and friends gathered together for this well-loved annual event.

The music, whether sung or played; by young or not-so-young, was more inspiring than ever! In particular the violin solo, the flute quartet and Eric Tebbett's solo lead of the village choir under the direction of Margaret Vinton were all superb.

We must not forget the contributions of the readers and the congregation, enabling everyone to play their part. However, the highlight for me, and I know for many others, was the combined junior and senior choirs - what an uplifting effect they had! What a splendid start to each of our personal "Celebrations of Christmas". Jane Jones.

NSPCC COLLECTION

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously to the NSPCC collections over

Christmas. A record £191.13 was collected at the Carol Service and a further £120 was raised by our marvellous choir who, undaunted by the gales, toured the village providing great enjoyment with their superb carol singing.

The NSPCC depend heavily upon donations like these to continue funding vital services such as the national "Helpline" as well as local projects such as the "Child and Parent Centre" in Northampton and the "Child Protection Team" at Wellingborough.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you. Pam Long.

CANCER RESEARCH COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who donated to the recent Cancer Research collection. A total of £20.45 was collected and sent to the regional office. Happy New Year. Jacquie Partridge.

PARISH COUNCIL

MAGGIE ANGELOGLOU

A meeting of the Parish Council on 14th January discussed the following matters:

The removal of a beech tree in the garden of Rectory Farm. This is one of a group of beech trees which are an important part of the village skyline and we are reluctant to see one go. But after studying the tree surgeon's report and after discussing the problem with the owners of both houses which would be damaged if the tree falls, the parish council didn't object to the tree's removal.

The annual renewal of the entertainment license for the Old Barn was accepted.

Parish Councils are now financially responsible for the upkeep of footpaths (not pavements) within the village area, these include the paths crossing the green and the

"tunnel" between Peter's Green and Garden House in Back Lane.

Northamptonshire Rural Housing is a company seeking to build houses in the village. They are not providing council houses; but they are trying to identify a need in the village through council waiting lists. They say that they can often obtain planning permission if there is a need for housing for local people already living in the village or their families. I have already mentioned to them that in the past the district council has not encouraged low-cost housing owing to Scaldwell's lack of amenities which may not be redressed unless the village were to grow appreciably larger. Are there any members of Scaldwell families on council waiting lists who specifically wish to live in this village? If anybody would like to comment please telephone me on 880202.

We discussed an offer to provide cycle lanes in the village or nearby, but decided it would be unfeasible in such a rural area. The only possibility would be into Brixworth which would cost more than the £100,000 available for the whole Daventry area.

It was agreed to take advantage of a RSPoA offer to survey the safety of the playground equipment. Obviously more bark is needed to make a "soft fall" area under some swings. Bill Draper kindly surveyed the swings last spring and several repairs were made then, but if parents notice any faults please contact me.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

It is national "Village Spring Clean" from 1st April to 12th April. Please help to keep the village tidy and if you can spare any time on **Sunday 5th April** we would be grateful for your help. A new waste bin has been ordered for the bus shelter.

DOG FOULING

There has been a great improvement on the village footpaths and pavements but there have been recent complaints about the return of dog fouling especially in the High Street. It was agreed that more attention should be drawn to the system of fines and that we should all co-operate in identifying the careless owners and if they are persistent to report them to the Daventry Dog Warden.

THOMAS ROE CHARITY

This is an educational charity for the benefit of children and students in Brixworth and

Scaldwell who need a supplement to help them with their education, which could include equipment, fares, etc. I have a few entry forms and more can be obtained from:-

The Foundation of Thomas Roe
Clerk to the Trustees Mr. W. G. Gee
60 Gold Street,
Northampton NN1 1RS

Applications will be considered early in April and applicants will have to obtain supporting letters from referees (usually school principals).

CO-OP BUS

On the first Wednesday of each month, there is a bus sponsored by the Co-operative Society which leaves Scaldwell at 9.20 am for the Co-op at Kettering.

The bus leaves Kettering Co-op at 12 noon to return to Scaldwell. This bus is free.

SPORTS CLUB

ROB THORNE

Following the AGM of the Sports Club on 26th January, this is my final contribution to the newsletter as retiring Chairman. After seven years on the committee (three years as Chairman) I have decided that it is time for a break and am not seeking re-election. I would very much like to thank all the Sports Club.

Committee for their help and support during my time as Chairman. My best wishes to the new committee who were voted on at the AGM, and who will be reporting on their programme of events in the next newsletter.

The new committee for 1998 is:-

Kathy Morgan (Joint Chairperson)
Sarah Jenkinson (Joint Chairperson)
Paul Hampden-Smith (Treasurer)
Dominic Tantram (Secretary)
John Sharman
Don Wastell
John Harris
Martin Kelly
Richard Kendrick
Drew Allison

CLUB KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

Only the men's doubles was completed with Stuart Keeping and Richard Kendrick winning the final.

WINTER LEAGUE TENNIS

Many of the regulars from the unbeaten summer teams were unavailable to play in the Winter League, with injuries affecting some of them. This gave opportunities for others to play in the team. The results have so far been mixed. After a somewhat poor start, the last two matches saw a win and a draw. We are continuing to improve but promotion is unlikely this season!

SCALDWELL CLUB

SUE DEERY

An early reminder that the AGM will be held in May as usual (date to be arranged) but there will be at least four vacancies on the committee this time so if you are interested in standing, or know someone who would like to stand for the committee, please speak to any of the present committee members as soon as possible.

Every resident of the village over the age of 18 years is also an automatic member of the Scaldwell Club. Without your support and commitment there would be no club so please, even if you can't make all the meetings, you could still serve on the committee and keep the club going.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

The 100 Club has once again been started with 101 contributors.

The draw will run weekly for 15 weeks and the results of the first five weeks are as follows:-

Draw 1

1st E. Deacon
2nd T. Denton
3rd S. Griggs

Draw 2

1st C. Coward
2nd J. Harris
3rd S. Griggs

Draw 3

1st T. Smith
2nd E. Deacon
3rd J. Coleman

Draw 4

1st C. Hurst
2nd M. Monk
3rd A. Morris

Draw 5

1st J. Sadgrove
2nd B. Kelly
3rd J. Monk

PENSIONERS' DINNER

The pensioners' dinner took place on 8th December and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The village choir kindly helped give the event a very festive flavour.

Christmas Starters was again a very successful event and thanks to all those who donated so generously to the tombola and auction.

Future events at the club will include a visit from the Kettering Operatic Society in March. Actual dates will be advertised nearer the time.

B. Sheldon.

YOUTH CLUB

LYN GUNNETT

The Youth Club Christmas Disco will be held at the village hall on 30th January - 8.00 pm 'till late for 8 to 18 year olds. Friends are welcome. Entrance fee:- £1.00.

On 3rd February at 7.30 pm there is a Youth Club Meeting for parents and children at the village hall. Please try to attend.

The Youth Club will re-open at the village hall on 10th February for children eight years and over from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm. Youth Services visit once a month with interesting things to make and do.

For further information please ring Lyn on 881703.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

January

30 th	Youth Club Christmas Disco
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February

3 rd	Youth Club Meeting
10 th	Youth Club re-opens

**LAST DATE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER:
19TH MARCH 1998**

**"THE MANFREDS"
Saturday 25th April 1998
8.00 pm
Derrogate Theatre, Northampton
Tickets - £14 each
(Inc. Booking Fee)**

Following the success of their concert last year, there are still a few tickets left for the Manfreds' Concert at the Derrogate in April. If anyone would like to go to this concert, which will feature the original Manfred Mann band members Paul Jones and Mike D'Abo, please contact Rob Thorne on 880645 before 14th February. This concert was a sell-out last year and tickets are going fast!