

Parish Council Notices

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 Cottage, 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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Two meetings of the Parish Council have been held since the last Newsletter.

Issues that have been discussed are as follows:-

Parked cars and the speed of traffic in the village, particularly on East End. A representative from WNC Highways met with councillors but advised that little could be done and as much signage as possible is already in place.

We have agreed to reposition the speed sign to try and keep traffic within the designated speed limit. Our thanks to Brian Hardy and his team.

We have agreed to award the mowing contract to Spendloves for April 2023 to December 2025 and asked that they should not cut the newly seeded village green until it is all established. They will cut before the Coronation Weekend and remove all the cuttings. So hopefully all will look well for our village celebrations.

The photocells have been fitted to the streetlights and they should now be off between midnight and 5.30am. If anyone has noticed that this is not the case, please let us know.

A planning application for a single storey extension to Stonegarth was discussed and WNC have recently approved this.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem and we have contact WNC to ask if CCTV cameras could be placed on Mill Lane.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 3rd May with the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm

Care of our Village.

We would like to thank all those who voluntarily help to keep our village such a wonderful place to live in. Maintenance work on the green, keeping the bus shelter swept and tidy, reporting fly tipping, safety checks on the defibrillator are some of the work that goes on automatically, often without many of us realising. We would like to thank those involved and also encourage villagers to help should they see something that requires attention.



SCALDWELL MENS' BREAKFAST

NEXT BREAKFAST
9.00 AM ON THE 6TH MAY IN VILLAGE HALL

High quality produce is always used for our breakfasts – vegetarian and healthy options are available. For full details please contact Tom Joyner on 07771831375. New villagers and all welcome.

Dog Etiquette

A reminder that dog walkers should collect and remove dog poo even when they are walking across fields. Not doing so can cause danger to livestock so if you don't already do so then please clear up after your dog.

Some villagers are also experiencing problems with dog barking so we would ask that dog owners bear this in mind and consider their neighbours.

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will take place on the 18th April at 7.00 pm in the Church.



SCALDWELL SPORTS CLUB

The new season is approaching and membership is becoming due for renewal. Both Courts have now been resurfaced and we have a qualified coach who has joined our membership. Phil Smith has been coaching for 13+ years now. He is an LTA Level 3 qualified coach, DBS checked, safeguarding qualified and first aid qualified. During his coaching career he has coached a range of ages and abilities going from complete beginners to county players. He has also competed in the East Northants and Northamptonshire tennis leagues for over 20 years.

Subscriptions will be due on the 1st May and for existing members a reminder has been emailed to them. If you would like to become a member please email d.doddsmith@me.com and Sue will send you an application form. On receipt of payment, you will be given the code number to allow you access to the courts and full information on the booking system.

Subscription fees are as follows:

Family Membership	£40
Couples Membership	£30
Non-village Resident Membership	£50
Village Junior Membership (whilst in full time education)	£20

Committee Member: Margaret Vinton (880359), Rob Thorne (880645), Sue Dodds-Smith (881950), Richard Gent (07528522638) and Dudley Cross (880 933)

SCALDWELL CLUB NEWS

With spring now seemingly fully sprung, the Village Club now turns its attentions to what looks to be a busy summer calendar. First up will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children of the village on April 8th, and in May and July we have some more adult entertainment planned! A celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III on the village green in May, and followed in July with the Party in the Park...which I'm sure no-one will want to miss out on this year. Planning and discussions are still ongoing around renovations to the Club bar and Hall, more will follow on this once we have some progress.

With the Rugby Six Nations now finished (no comment on the results please!), the Club Bar returns to opening on Thursdays and Fridays, 19:30-23:00. Please come and join us!

Diary Dates

- **April 8th 1pm** – Easter Egg Hunt. Grab your first clue from the Village Hall, then follow them round the village in order to collect a prize.
- **May 8th 7pm** – To celebrate the coronation, there will be a bar, hot food, music and some beacon lighting action on the Village green
- **July 15th 4pm** – Party in the Park is going LARGE this year, with multiple live bands, a bar, food, the inevitable hay bales and with any luck some reasonable weather for a change. There will also be a disco for those that like a dance.

Please check out the Village Events page for more details <https://www.scaldwellvillage.org/events-1>, and as always, you can reach out to any member of the Club committee with questions/suggestions.

Well Project Update

As everyone will have seen, work on the well is progressing with amazing results. When we started the project I don't think any of us realised what lay just beneath the turf and which had lay hidden for so many years.

Our thanks to Bill Marsden Geoff Gardner, Andy Payne, Phil Purcell and Ryan who have helped in restoring the well. So far it has been a really exciting project as the various features on the Well have been uncovered and who knows what else may be discovered in the future.

If there is anyone in the village who can remember how the system worked when it was operational, that would be really useful info.

**SCALDWELL
VILLAGE**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Scaldwell Village Hall and Club AGM
Join us to have your say

Tuesday 30th May 2023 From 7p.m

Scaldwell Village Hall

More information:

Kelly - kellytbooth@gmail.com

IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK.

SCALDWELL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NEED YOU!

Join our team today
and become a volunteer!

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Hall Treasurer and another to take over as the Hall Secretary.

The Secretary is responsible for organising meetings, taking minutes and general administration duties. The Treasurer maintains the financial records with aspects of contract management and being the lead regarding Trustee responsibilities.

The committee meet quarterly and discuss the running and operations of the village hall and how we can promote it as a community resource to benefit everyone.

For more details on the committee roles please email kellytbooth@gmail.com or pop to Plumb Cottage for a chat.

THE WELL ON THE GREEN

The natural water supply that the village green has is probably the reason why the village and its green was first settled here, but first use of it was possibly at the pond that existed until the second half of the 19th Century, between the present Old Post Office and the Town Well.

The earliest mention of the Town Well is on 13th March, 1568 (not 1563 as is often claimed) where serving Trustees hand over the Town Well Estate Charity to new Trustees. In the document it states that the rents and profits of the Town House should be used to mend the Town Well and Highways of Scaldwell.

The following are fragments of historical information which I hope will give a very brief history of the well, and show why this plain structure is held in affection by many Scaldwell people.

In May 1612 the Manor Court ordered that the Town Well should 'be repaired by such persons who ought to repair it before Michaelmas next or pay a £5 fine.'

There was a Smithy next to the well in the 19th Century. The Smith lived in a tiny cottage which is now part of the present Yew Tree Cottage.

The Town Well was rebuilt in 1874 using blue industrial brick, one of which has the manufacturer's name 'Broadbent & Stanley, Nuneaton' impressed on it. At the rear of the well were animal troughs for farm and other animals to drink from, which are still there but are now covered by soil and grass. It is probably when the well was re-built in 1874 that the village pond was also drained, as there was no more use for it.

Charlie Manning took over the bakery on The green in 1916. Two days later the thatch caught fire. A fire engine came from Northampton, pulled by horses, bells ringing, bright brass helmets and emptied the well on the Green, but it refilled in 20 minutes and they did put the fire out.

Per Jim Alcock

During WWII the well served as an Altar when a series of services and prayers were held on the Green for the protection of loved ones from the village who were in the Forces.

Mains water came to Scaldwell in 1946, but people liked the flavour of the Well water better and in November of that year the Parish Council recorded that a new pump was to be procured. This was prevented by the Water Authority who removed the handle of the pump and concreted over the well.

The two limestone date stones on the well read:



The flat-topped 8 is because the mason carved it too large to fit into the border surrounding the date.