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ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH**GWEN ENGLAND****Services for St.Peter & St Paul
Scaldwell****December**

5th	BREAD SERVICE	11.00am
12th	Prayer and Worship	6.00pm
19th	Holy Communion	8.30am
24th	Christmas Celebration	4.30pm
	Holy Communion – Walgrave	11.15pm
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	Holy Communion – Hannington	9.30am
26th	Holy Communion	9.30am

January

2nd	Holy Communion	11.00am
9th	Prayer & Worship	6.00pm
16th	United Benefice- Scaldwell (Holy Communion)	10.00am
23rd	Family Service	9.45am
30th	United Benefice service – Walgrave (Special Speaker : Tony Armitage)	6.00pm

There may be additional services. Please keep an eye on the Church notice board or phone Gwen England on 882334

Songs of Praise

We hope to hold a Songs of Praise Service in February (date to be arranged). All suggestions of hymns welcome.

It is with sadness that we record the death of Betty Jelley. Betty had lived in the village for over 30 years and she had been an active member of our Church. She was one of the founding members of the Scaldwell Club and it was Betty who went to Court to help obtain the Club's first licence. Betty also contributed to the hard work undertaken to turn the old School into our village hall. She will be sadly missed.

**Christmas Eve "Village Offering" 4.30 pm
Scaldwell Church**

If anyone is interested in reading, playing or singing at this annual event please contact Margaret Vinton on 880359

Children No age limit (upper or lower!) Rehearsals will be held as usual in The Old House Barn, East End, Scaldwell on the following four Fridays at 5.00 – 5.30 pm. Friday, 26th November and 3rd, 10th and 17th December. Then Christmas Eve Morning in Church at 11.00am

The Christmas Eve Tradition of Carol Singing

It is a tradition to Carol sing around the village on Christmas Eve, and at the same time make a collection for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). It takes three hours to cover the whole village, which means that if we start at 7.00pm, we finish at 10.00pm. For many people the start time is too early, and the end time too late, so we begin and finish with very few people. For those who complete the whole cycle, it is exhausting after an already busy day, especially if it is very cold or wet, and if the whole village is not covered, then the money for the NSPCC is reduced.

To keep the tradition going this year we intend to sing around the village for one hour only between 8.00pm and 9.00pm, starting on the South side of Scaldwell and covering as much of the village as we can in that time. If this is successful, it will be the North's turn next year. No collection will be taken. However, to raise much needed money for the NSPCC the village will be "enveloped" and we sincerely ask you to be as generous as you have been in past carol singing collections.

Please join us at 8.00pm on Christmas Eve at the bus shelter. All voices very welcome - the quiet and loud; the good, the bad and the ugly! You may stay for the full hour, or go after a few carols, it is entirely up to you - your gift to the village.

Wrap up well - a torch would be useful. The words to the carols will be supplied.

Thank you - Brian Hensman

PARISH COUNCIL

PAM LONG

Due to a recent resignation, we now have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, and would welcome applications from any villagers who would be interested in joining the Council. We meet approximately once a month in the Village Hall, and deal with a variety of Village issues, as well as other local developments. Please feel free to contact me on Tel: 881940 if you would like any further information, or apply directly to our Clerk Mrs Tracy Stacey Tel: 880695. Applications must be received by Friday Jan 21st, 2005

Unfortunately, our Clerk has also resigned due to her increased workload, although she has kindly agreed to remain with us until a replacement is found. If anyone would like to apply for this position, we are looking for someone with previous clerical/secretarial experience who also has some knowledge of bookkeeping, and is capable of taking minutes. The position requires approximately 12 hours a month, as well as attendance at all meetings. This is a salaried position, and the hourly wage is set by the National Association of Local Councils. Please contact me on Tel: 881940 for more information.

SCALDWELL CLUB

PETE BARFOOT Secretary, Scaldwell Club

Traditionally December is the busiest month for the Club Committee and this year is no exception with several organised events and, of course, the Christmas holiday period itself.

On **Saturday December 4th** there is a **Race Night** being held. In the past these events have proved extremely popular and have always been well supported so why not come along and have a flutter (you have a one in eight chance of picking a winner) and of course accompanied children will be most welcome. Admission for the evening is £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. This includes a ploughman's supper. Tickets are available from June Keir (880934)

Tuesday 14th December is the date for this years annual **Pensioners Christmas Party** and invitations will be sent out the last week in November. If you are a pensioner new to the village or have recently become a pensioner and would like to attend the party please contact Clare

Worth (880591) or June Keir (880934). Entertainment will be provided by the Village Choir and, of course, Father Christmas himself will be in attendance.

Sunday, 19th December sees the Club's traditional Christmas curtain-raiser – **Christmas Starters**. For newcomers to the village this is an ideal opportunity to visit the Club and meet people. The Club opens at noon and there will, as always, be the highly popular tombola, a raffle and an auction, and refreshments are provided by villagers bringing along a plate of buffet style food. Early in December Committee Members will be out and about call at your homes collecting prizes for the tombola and raffle. Please give generously.

Christmas Opening Time

Christmas Eve	8.30 – 11.00p.m
Christmas Day	Noon – 2.00pm
Boxing Day	Noon – 3.00pm/8.00 – 11.00 pm
Monday 27 th	Noon – 2.00pm
Thursday 30 th	8.00pm – 10.30pm
New Years Eve	8.30pm – 12.30 pm
New Years Day	Noon – 2.00pm
Sunday 2 nd Jan	Noon – 2.00pm

New Years Eve. The Club will be open for those of you not attending private parties or for those of you who do not want to sit in front of the television all evening. Accompanied children most welcome. We will endeavour to provide music and as always there will be a warm welcome for anyone wanting to use the Club to see the New Year in.

For further information regarding the Club do not hesitate to call me on 881129

Finally, on behalf of the Committee of Scaldwell Club may I wish all villagers a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

STEP/TONE

CHRISTINE HURST

This class is held every Monday evening in the Village Hall (apart from Bank Holidays) from 7.00 until 8.00pm.

This is not an aerobics class. We do a step routine and then using hand weights tone each muscle group individually,

**Remember Girls: The taller we stand,
the slimmer we look.**

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HARRY DARBY

Bookings. Please remember that the Hall is available for bookings for children's parties and has been used very effectively by a number of families this year. Contact Wendy Webb (880761)

100 Club. One of the ways we find the maintenance and upkeep of the Village Hall is through the very successful 100 Club. Please look out for letters asking you to join in again this year. They will be dropping through your letterboxes imminently. The first draw will take place at Christmas Starters. Please help us to keep the Hall going for the benefit of everyone

SPORTS CLUB

JOHN SHARMAN

Tel: 881181

The Tennis Club has a successful Winter League, gaining promotion to Division 4. We have a small number of villagers who play matches regularly, and I would welcome any new recruits! Please let me know if you are interested. There are **no** mixed teams in the winter league, but we shall again be entering a men's and a mixed team next summer. Last summer we were 3rd in the league.

Both courts have recently been renovated (cleaned and de-mossed) and are in good condition generally.

My thanks to Richard and Sarah Kendrick for continuing to collect the (very reasonably priced!) subscriptions. Tel: 881181

Indoor Bowls – Bill Draper

Indoor Bowls are played every Thursday evening in the Village Hall. Come along and join in; whether you are a novice or a champion you will be very welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS

Scaldwell Parish Trust and Relief In Need Charities – Alison Goodenough – Clerk to the Charities

At their recent meeting, The Trustees agreed to make their usual Christmas grants to pensioners and those with disabilities living in the village. Unfortunately the amount of each individual gift may have to be reduced this year because of the falling income of the charity and other calls on the charity's funds.

These gifts will be made automatically to those who have received them in the 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, Alison Goodenough at Scaldwell House 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.

The Annual Bread Service will be held on 5th December 2004 at 11.00 a.m. There will be the usual sermon for the occasion followed by the distribution of loaves to those attending. Please come and support this traditional village event.

Allotments

During December I shall be collecting the annual rents for the allotments and the other pieces of land owned by the Trustees. If anyone is considering giving up their plots please let me know in due course.

ART GROUP

The informal art group is now meeting again after the summer break. Anyone is welcome to join. We meet on Wednesdays in the Village Hall 7.0pm to 9.0pm.

If you require any more details ring Sarah Kendrick on 881502 or just turn up any Wednesday.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Michael Alcock

The last few months have seen no criminal activity in the village but this should not be taken for granted. At the moment the spare wheels from 4 wheel drive vehicles are being targeted.

There have also been a number of bogus callers in the local area. These people pose as members of the fire brigade offering a fire assessment risk survey and there have even been a number of bogus salesmen purporting to work for a security company and offering security products for sale.

Beware of **anyone** who comes to your home without a prior appointment. If you have the slightest doubt **DO NOT LET THEM IN**. You are not obliged to let anyone into your home that you do not want to, whoever they are.

Again all the usual warnings, keep valuables and keys right out of sight and keep your doors locked, especially after dark and curtains closed. With your help I hope that we can continue to keep Scaldwell crime free.

If you do see or hear anything suspicious please contact me on 881948 or 07946568052 or ring the police at 01604 700700. The police would rather your call was a false alarm rather than an actual act of burglary or theft against your friends, neighbours or other members of the public.

Wishing all villagers a happy and trouble free Christmas.

SCALDWELL AGAINST SPEEDERS – Laurie Gatehouse

SCALDWELL COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH has been recognised by local political parties at regional level which resulted in an editorial feature within the **BBC LOOK EAST POLITICAL SHOW** shown on 7th November. It was significant that the editorial was totally supported by Penny McCart of Northants County Council. This has been of considerable encouragement to those who took part, giving their time and effort in the Speed Watch Campaign, to continue their work over the coming months.

Fireworks – Olive Wootton

In the last edition of the Scaldwell Newsletter it was requested that people intending to hold a firework party give notice of the fact. (The notice could be put up alongside the party balloons). Again, fireworks have been let off without such notice. If notification were given it would allow those people who do not enjoy having their eardrums assaulted to remove themselves from the village - but more importantly it would mean that steps could be taken to avoid the very real distress suffered by many animals. If we find the noise levels far too high what must it be like for cats dogs or any other creature whose senses are so much more highly developed than ours, it must be terrifying.

There is nothing against people enjoying themselves but why should it be at a cost to many other members of the village community.

Contributions

If you would like to provide contributions to the newsletter please do so, either by putting them through Sue's door, give her a ring on the telephone number at the top of the first page or emailing to doddssmith@btconnect.com

Please remember to give all contributions for February/March Newsletter to Sue Dodds-Smith by the 23rd January please.

Dates For Your Diary

December	
4 th	Race Night - Scaldwell Club
5 th	Bread Service - Church
14 th	Pensioners' Christmas Party – Scaldwell Club
19 th	Christmas Starters - Scaldwell Club
24 th	Christmas Celebration – Church
24 th	Carol Singing
25 th	Holy Communion – Hannington
31 st	New Year's Eve - Scaldwell Club

January	
1st	Make New Year Resolution!
2nd	Break New Year Resolution!!

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

