

# Scorton & District Times

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## Wind Vane Success

On a beautiful September evening, some 200 residents of Scorton and some from much further afield, gathered at the end of Banks Lane overlooking the lakes to witness the unveiling of a plaque by RAF Leeming Station Commander Group Captain Steve Reeves, to mark the site of the former RAF Scorton Airfield and the part it played in defending Britain during the Second World War.

Parish Reader Mrs Anne Whyman dedicated the memorial and members of the Military Vehicles Trust brought along a fine display of British and American World War 2 vehicles to add authenticity to the occasion.

Councillor Ian Threlfall spoke, and among others, made mention of ex-servicemen and thanked the Barker family for allowing the site to be used with its panoramic views across the location of the old runways, and also thanked local businesses who donated their time and materials to restoring the wind vane.

Donations had been received, including some from ex-servicemen who had been stationed at RAF Scorton, and Lafarge Tarmac to enable this memorial to be erected to preserve this important part of Scorton's history.

Following the unveiling and dedication, a buffet tea (served by kind volunteers) was held in the Scorton War Memorial Institute where items of World War 2 memorabilia were on display and where several of those attending who do not live in the village, were heard to comment on how the strong community spirit in the village could make such a special event happen.

### Carol Singing

Tuesday 17th December 6.30pm meet outside the Post Office.

Bring a torch and wear warm clothes as most of the evening will be outside; the last carols will be performed at the Domino Drive in the Institute. Youngsters are to be accompanied by adults. All are welcome.

## **Police report**

Over the Summer, we've had a spate of vehicles that were either broken into or left insecure in the Richmond Town area and suspects have been removing items from vehicles such as tools, satellite navigation devices, wallets and valuables. Please can I remind residents to be extra vigilant and keep your vehicle locked at all times and remove all valuables. If you witness any suspect activity, please telephone the Police on 101. Thankfully, Scorton village has no reported incidents of this type so lets keep on top of it and remain a low crime village.

We are now fast approaching the season for poaching and we encourage local residents to report suspicious vehicles and persons trespassing on private land. PC John Wilbor recently had a conviction regarding persons hunting with dogs on private land and this is fantastic news. Again, call 101 to report an incident. If you would like to speak to PC 391 John Wilbor or PCSO 5360 Gavin Dobson please call 101.

PCSO Gavin Dobson

## **Feast Report 2013**

What a Feast! Four days of brilliant sunshine and a good time was had by all. Scorton is a fabulous place to live, and the people all support the functions and events held in the village.

To hold a great event such as the Feast you need people to give up their time and holidays and the Committee do this every year. For this to continue we need more people to do the same.

This year was brilliant from Sunday through to Wednesday night - well done guys and a big thank you to our President Mr Clarrie Ivin who did a fantastic job.

The Sports Committee also did a fantastic job of keeping the cycle race going this year, as due to the bridge works, the finish line had to be moved. Hopefully the work will be finished by next year!

A big thank you to all the sponsors for all their support and help which is needed for the Feast to continue. It is the best in the area and long may it continue. A great time was had by young and old alike.

Scorton Feast is four special days in our lives every summer.

Lol Campbell (Chairman Scorton Feast)

Please send in your articles for the Scorton & District Times in early January for publication in the next issue. Email [vraven@scorton.com](mailto:vraven@scorton.com) or post to Ash House, Southside, Scorton DL10 6DN

**It's your newsletter - Don't be shy!**



# **Knit and Natter** -

Alternate Tuesdays from 1.30 - 3.00pm. at the Methodist hall.

**5th November  
19th November  
3rd December**

For dates after Christmas please see Methodist Chapel notice board.  
Everyone welcome with a craft or without. Some are at present knitting blankets for the premature baby unit at the Friarage.

## **2012 Jubilee Village Photograph**

You may have noticed this photograph in the ante room of the War Memorial Institute. If you would like to have a copy, please complete the tear off slip below. The price will be £9 for an 8" x 20" copy however the price is dependant on the level on interest, and could be as little as £7 each.

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Name .....

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Amount required.....

Please return to Vicki Raven, Ash House, Southside, Scorton DL10 6DN

## **Eco School News from Bolton-on-Swale** **St Mary's CE Primary School**

We were awarded our 3<sup>rd</sup> Eco Green Flag in February 2013 and were the first North Yorkshire Primary School to achieve this. This is an international award which recognises all our hard work around school helping to protect our environment.

The third Green Flag was awarded in recognition of our school's outstanding work in key areas. For example, our work on waste involved the whole school community in recycling batteries, paper, ink cartridges and mobile phones. In our energy work, 'Energy Monitors' award 'angels' for the most energy efficient class and our global citizenship work has built on links with a school in Kenya to focus on water in our daily lives. Our vegetable box reached the final of the Great Yorkshire Show and was on display in Harrogate this year.

If you would like to help our Eco team, please bring **ink cartridges** and **batteries** to school for recycling.

We are also planning to build a greenhouse out of recycled plastic bottles so **2 litre plastic bottles** would be useful!

Thank you from Bolton-on-Swale Eco Team

## **Smithson Tennant (1761 - 1815)**

This famous Scientist studied at Scorton Grammar School in the early 1770s. Smithson Tennant was born in Selby and went on to achieve many things in the field of Chemistry, most notably the discovery of two platinum-like elements - Iridium and Osmium. He also did research that allowed Humphrey Davy to invent his safety lamp and to isolate Iodine.

His time at Scorton Grammar School was not all that happy - writing in his diary words to the effect that "those who declare that schooldays are the best days of their lives are hugely deluded".

He went on to study at Tadcaster and Beverley and became Professor of Chemistry at Cambridge University.

If anyone would like (or has) further information about this famous Scientist please contact David Lewis, 32 Church End, Cawood, Selby YO8 3SN or email [dglewis49@btinternet.com](mailto:dglewis49@btinternet.com). Additionally Mr Lewis is giving a talk about Smithson Tennant to the Wensleydale History Society on Wednesday 27th November at Harmby at 2pm.

## **Remembrance Service**

*The above service will take place on Sunday 10th November at the  
Scorton War Memorial Institute.*

*Those who wish to attend are asked to meet at the Post Office at 10.30am to  
walk round to the Institute in time for the Service to start promptly at  
10.45am.*

*All are welcome.*

## ***Thanks from St Mary's Church Bolton on Swale***

On behalf of St. Mary's Church Committee I would like to express our grateful thanks to the local community for their support in helping us raise £60,000. By raising this amount we were able to claim the £102,000 granted to us by the English Heritage Lottery Fund. St. Mary's Church is now watertight with a new roof, improved drainage and a new tarmac path. Internal redecoration followed extensive areas of new plasterwork to the walls, and the crowning glory is the superbly renovated wall painting around the east window.

The community now have a beautiful village church of which they can be proud.

Lilian Bowles  
Churchwarden

### **Footpath And Bridleway Walks around Scorton**

**Sat 2nd November  
Sat 14th December  
Sat 11th January**

Meet at the bus shelter at  
9.45am (bring some money for  
bus fares in case we decide to  
take the bus out and walk back.)  
For more information contact  
Jenny Harper on 818033.

### **Mobile Police Office**

Saturday 26th October  
Saturday 30th November  
Saturday 28th December

Between 1pm - 1.30pm

Venue: Village Green  
(either next to the Post  
Office or Institute)

## SCORTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SCHEME VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Scorton Parish Council is in the process of updating the Scorton Village Community Resilience Scheme. This scheme has been developed to enable an initial response to an emergency situation until the Emergency Services or Local Authority can provide the necessary support. Having plans in place will enable our community to take prompt independent action and experience has proven that having such plans can dramatically reduce the scale of the damage sustained in an emergency as well as facilitating a more rapid restoration to normality. The scheme is essentially a set of Emergency Plans covering the following areas:

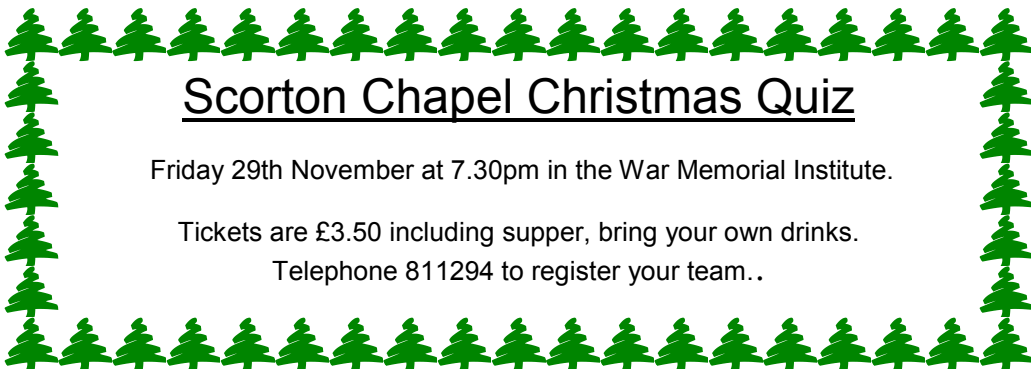
- Flood warnings / Flood protection
- Severe weather
- Any incident that leads to evacuation
- Befriending service for the elderly and vulnerable
- Requests from NYCC or the Emergency Services
- Serious Road / Air incident

The Scheme is set up and coordinated by the Parish Council but relies on a team of local volunteers with specialist knowledge, or practical skills who are willing to help out in an emergency as part of an 'Emergency Response Team'. Duties may include:

- Helping to set up and resource an emergency 'Rest Centre' in the Village Hall, providing short term accommodation for evacuees. Anything from making hot drinks to administration of the Centre or providing first aid.
- Activating the winter weather scheme and helping with flood protection.
- Checking / befriending the elderly and vulnerable.
- Helping with communications, transport and repairs to properties and equipment.
- Helping to coordinate and further develop this Scheme.

If you would like to become a Volunteer or to find out more information please contact Vicki Raven 01748 811433 or email [vraven@scorton.com](mailto:vraven@scorton.com)

Ian Robinson  
Scheme Coordinator



**Scorton Chapel Christmas Quiz**

Friday 29th November at 7.30pm in the War Memorial Institute.

Tickets are £3.50 including supper, bring your own drinks.  
Telephone 811294 to register your team..



## **Details of local Clubs, Societies and Church Services**

- ◆ **Archery** Practice on the Archery field next to Beck Green on Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm & Sunday 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
www.scortonarchers.co.uk
- ◆ **Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/ Young Leaders** Scorton War Memorial Institute/Brompton Sports Hall Contact: Lesley 01748 835934
- ◆ **Domino Drive** Every 3rd Tuesday in the month Scorton War Memorial Institute Contact: Ian Threlfall 01748 811323
- ◆ **2MCs'** Club for 5 - 8 & 8 to 11-Yr olds on Monday 3.45pm (term-time only) at Scorton Methodist Chapel .Contact: Mrs. A Heywood, 01748 810850, or Mrs B Robinson, 01748 811294
- ◆ **Farmers Arms Bookclub** Reading club on last Wednesday of the month 7.30 - 9pm in the Farmers Arms. Contact: Laura 01748 812533
- ◆ **Footpath And Bridleway Walks Round Scorton**—Monthly guided walks Contact: Jenny Harper 01748 818033
- ◆ **Goshin Ryu JuJitsu Kai** - For all ages on Friday evening 6.30 - 8.00pm Contact: Sensei Jimmy Nesbitt on 07747 456601 or 01748 810461 www.jujitsu-scorton.sports.officelive.com
- ◆ **Mums and Tots** Scorton Institute Thursday 9.30 –11.30am Contact: Scorton Village Pre-School 01748 812825
- ◆ **Short Mat Bowling Club** Every Thursday. Scorton Institute Contact: Rita Richardson 01748 811539
- ◆ **SABLE Rides** Monthly bike rides from Scorton Contact: John Yorke 07795 097985 or sablerides@btinternet.com
- ◆ **Scorton Methodist Chapel** Worship Service every Sunday 10.30.
- ◆ **St Mary's Parish Church** Service every Sunday 9.30am -First and third Sunday Holy Communion, second and fourth Morning Prayer, Family Service every fourth Sunday.
- ◆ **Young Farmers** Catterick Village Hall every Tuesday 7.30 12 –26yrs Contact: Richard Walton 07734 833878

**If you would like your local club or society to be added please contact Vicki on 01748 811433/vraven@scorton.com**

### **Local Youth Clubs**

**Catterick Village Youthy** Monday 6.30 - 8.30pm at Catterick Village Pavilion  
**Richmond Youth Club** 6.30 - 8.30pm Tuesday Age 12-13. Wednesday Ages 14-19 at Richmond Youth Centre