

SCORTON & DISTRICT TIMES

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The Cherry Tree

On Feast Sunday 2018, as we were setting out the chairs for the Brass Band, we noticed a large branch hanging down from the cherry tree. It was still attached but barely. It took three of us to detach it and carry it away from the entrance to the band shelter. The core of the branch was black. We were understandably alarmed at the possibility that this branch could have fallen and seriously injured someone.

The Parish Council asked the tree experts if they would come and check the tree out for safety and stability. The tree inspection report did indeed confirm that the tree was unsafe. The crown did contain a number of dead and dying branches that indicate that the tree was in decline. A number of large major branches also had areas of bark loss with underlying decay being evident. In addition, there was evidence of further cracking and signs of weakness at stem unions.

Due to the position of the cherry tree outside the pre-school, the Institute and the Community Café with constant parking and use by the public the recommendation was that the tree should be removed. This was a hard decision for the Parish Council to make as the tree has long been a feature of the village, especially when in full flower in the Spring. However, the safety of the villagers and especially the children had to come first. So it was with great sadness we agreed to have it removed.

Jenny Harper Chairman of Scorton Parish Council.

Eco news from Bolton on Swale School

Recycling tin foil for Guide Dogs

This half term we have been collecting tin foil for the Guide Dogs. If you would like to bring tin foil to us there will be a box in our school reception area. If you are wondering what the tin foil does to help the guide dogs, a member of Open the Book from the Parish has explained it to us. Open the Book is a group of people who come in on a Monday to help with our worship assembly and act out stories from the Old and New Testament of the Bible. The tin foil is taken by the Open the Book Team to a recycling centre in Ripon where it is weighed and money is given. We are sending the money to the charity Guide Dogs.

Feeding the birds in winter

Please could you feed the birds during the winter when it is hard for them to find food. The Eco Team have bought RSPB bird food and are putting it out to help the birds. We are also doing our own little bird watch.

I would recommend RSPB bird food.

Written by:

Josh member of the Bolton on Swale Eco Team

Other members: Josh, Harvey, Cameron, Alex, Benand, William.

Primary School saves hedgehogs

In the past the school has seen many hedgehogs wandering around during the day. We started to think that the hedgehogs were looking for food so we decided to help them by putting some food out. Weeks later, we found that the hedgehogs were getting stuck in rabbit holes so we decided to build a house for them.

The entrance pipe is a recycled plastic drain pipe that one of our parents kindly cut to size for us. The entrance tunnel is carefully sized to allow only hedgehogs to fit in.

Ellen, Alice, William

Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's Primary Eco School Committee Members

North Yorkshire Police

Come and speak with your local officers and wildlife crime officers at the Mobile Police Office at 1.45pm

16 March 2019

7 April 2019

31 May 2019

15 June 2019

Borderwatch

Can I draw your attention to Borderwatch. For those of you who don't know what it is, we have volunteers who give up their free time and come out in their own vehicles on a night for a few hours to observe and record any suspicious vehicles or people around the Richmond rural area. This month the Borderwatch volunteers have given up 20hrs of their time to help keep our communities safe by reporting suspicious vehicles and activity to myself whilst out in the Richmond rural area. If anyone wishes to be involved in Borderwatch please contact me (PC 1908 Mark Wood) on 07966973023

“Safe & Well in your own home” improved service



**NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service have expanded the Home Fire Safety Checks to provide a wider Safe & Well in your own home service. The visits still include the tailored fire safety information, including checking and testing existing smoke alarms and supplying and installing new ones if required; but can now also include information and referral opportunities for assistance with a range of health and wellbeing matters including:

**Slips, trips and falls Mobility Telecare
Personal Care Hearing or Sight impairment
Dementia Isolation Scams Home Security
Poor or Cold living conditions**

We aim to make every contact with members of our Community count towards improving and maintaining quality of life. You can request a visit for yourself, or on behalf of another person with their consent, by calling 01609 788545 or using the Book a Home Safety Visit form on our website

<http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/communitysafety/fire-safety-visit>

Gig On The Green 2019 & Fundraiser Update

Plans are well underway regarding the Fundraiser Evening as well as the main event which sees this year being GOTG number 14. Last year, the "Year Of The Hat" was well supported, there is no theme suggested this year. However what was visible last year was a couple of what I would describe as Festival Flags/banners, flying high above a few Gazebo's, so it would be great to see quite a few more of these flying this year.

We are, of course, always on the lookout for donations, be it individual, family or local businesses. We currently get great support from the community but we always welcome more.

The Fundraiser support is great, although we really would like to see more local support/representation in attendance as this event really helps us raise much needed funds to go towards our expenditure we encounter in paying for the main event set up. If you can't attend the fundraiser could you please donate a Raffle Prize?

Further updates will follow on the GOTG & Scorton Facebook pages as and when we have something to announce.

Regards,

Graham Hope

Fundraiser
15th June in the Institute

Gig On The Green
13th July



Made in Scorton WI

Programme 2019

March 6th	Members evening - AGM - Quiz and supper
April 3rd	History & background of Vale of Mowbray factory
May 1st	Craft demonstration - covered boxes
June 5th	Land Army stories by writer and raconteur
July 3rd	Garden tour in Richmond, followed by bar meal
August 7th	Burlesque
September 4th	Cake Decorating
October 2nd	Made by Mummies (crafts, markets, etc)
November 6th	Christmas floral swags
December 4th	Hand bell entertainment - Christmas party evening with supper

Meetings held in SWMI unless otherwise stated 7.45pm

All very welcome

Scorton Community Buddies

'Scorton Community Buddies' is our own village be-friending scheme, set up and run by local volunteers with the aim of helping to prevent loneliness and social isolation for our elderly, vulnerable and lonely residents. If you live in Scorton or the surrounding area, are elderly or would just like some company for a few hours then why not come along and try one of our social events? You are very welcome!

Held during the afternoon in the village, we enjoy afternoon tea with a variety of entertainment including bingo and live music, also the opportunity to meet new people and enjoy good company! Usually held monthly between October and May, our events are advertised on the Village notice boards and 'Facebook' groups. Regular attendees receive individual invitations!

We are partly funded by grants but in order to sustain our activities a small contribution towards the cost of our events is always appreciated.

For more details contact: Ian Robinson on 07748660721
or visit our Facebook Page 'Scorton Community Buddies'

Speed Watch Scheme

A big thank you to all of those who attended the inaugural meeting of the speed watch programme and to the people who sent their apologies but would still like to be involved.

Those of us who attended had the opportunity of pointing the speed gun at oncoming vehicles to great effect - not one speeding!

We haven't had our first outing yet but will do so quite soon.

If you interested then please get in touch with Denise Jones.

Email: denise_jones_232@hotmail.com

**Election Date
2nd May 2019**

**Council elections are coming
up, so keep calm and join
Scorton Parish Council**

The Parish Council normally meet once a month, 10 months of the year. Each meeting is open for the public to attend to see what's going on and raise any issues they may have.

Our marvellous Parish Clerk does many things, including applying for grants, so that magic can be worked. Some recent projects have been the planters along both sides of Hospital Road, with plants being renewed in Spring and Autumn. The foot bridge on Beck Green was cleaned off and repainted, and nearby the Scouts and Cubs were involved in the creation of the wild flower meadow, a great success in its first year but last summer was just too hot for anything to flourish. Most famously (for the children) was the purchase and total refurbishment of the Mollie Cail Park (Clarence Road Park) it's been a great hit with the children.

Then there is the battle of keeping our village tidy and a lovely place to live.

Many items come to the Parish meetings, planning permission requests both LARGE and small, street lighting, damage to road and path surfaces, trees that need anything from a gentle prune, felling or a new tree planted, and of course the ongoing saga of the dog poo!!!

So if you feel you would like to join our merry band of councillors, pass your interest to our Clerk as soon as possible.

You can't please all of the people all of the time, but we can have a good try.

Linda Hull Scorton Parish Councillor


Footpath And Bridleway Walks
Around Scorton

Saturday 16th March
Saturday 6th April
Sunday 5th May (9am start)
Saturday 1st June
Saturday 6th July

Meet at the bus shelter at 9.30am
(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.

Funding success

**The Parish Council has applied for
“Tesco Bags of Help” funding and
we have been successful.**

However we really need your help to put your
little blue counters in

**“Memorial Bench to
Commemorate RAF Centenary”
during March & April in
Catterick Garrison Tesco.**

We are guaranteed £1000 but need £2000, so
2nd place at least
The bench will be placed near the wind vane.
Thank you

Recycling boxes

Just a gentle reminder that
the District Council have nets
which fit over the green
boxes, if your lids have been
lost/broken/blown away.

They are free and available
from the Council Offices and
often the recycling lorries
hold a small supply, if you
ask them nicely. Thank you

Community Tea Room

Reopens
Tuesday 9th April



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/Explorers**
Scorton War Memorial Institute/Brompton Sports Hall
Contact: Joe (Group Scout Leader) email: geko@talktalk.net phone: 07779 286620
- ◆ **Catterick Village Youth Project** Catterick Village Sport Pavilion
Thursday 6.30 - 8.30pm Contact Vicky Noble 07791567298
- ◆ **Crafty Ladies** 1st & 3rd Thursday in month 1.30pm - 4pm
Scorton Methodist Chapel Any craft welcome.
Contact Sheila 01748 818332 or Lisa 07771 524122
- ◆ **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
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
- ◆ **Mums and Tots** Scorton Institute Thursday 9.30 –11.30am
Contact: Scorton Village Pre-School 01748 812825
- ◆ **Short Mat Bowling Club** Every Thursday between late September and April.
Scorton Institute Contact: Martin Carter 01748 812091
- ◆ **Curlew Rides** Monthly bike rides from local villages
Contact: John Yorke 07795 097985 or curlewcyclinggroup@gmail.com
- ◆ **Scorton Methodist Chapel** Worship Service every Sunday 10.30.
Knit & Natter alternate Tuesdays 1.30 - 3pm
Bible Study Group alternate Tuesdays 1.30pm
Contact: Angela Heywood 01748 810850
- ◆ **St Mary's Parish Church** Services are held throughout the parish every Sunday at 9.00 am and 10.30 am.
Visit our website esbb.co.uk or the village noticeboard for service times at St Mary's. email admin@esbb.co.uk or ring the Parish Office 01748 810613
- ◆ **Women's Institute** 1st Wednesday in month 8pm
Scorton Institute Contact: Jackie Carey 01748 818328
- ◆ **Young Farmers** Hackforth Village Hall every Tuesday 7.30 12 –26yrs
Contact: Alex Chapman 0776278411

If you would like your local club or society to be added please contact Vicki on 01748 811433/vickiraven1@gmail.com