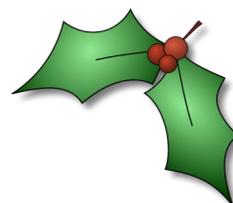


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Advent Window Trail



As the Christmas season approaches, 24 Scorton households will be busy decorating Advent Windows.

From the 1st December, you can walk around the village and begin to see the streets lighting up with various Christmas themed window displays. On their given date, windows will be revealed and lit each night continuously from 5pm - 9pm until and including Christmas Eve.

Below are the 24 locations where you will find a decorated window display - tick them off as you find them!

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| ★ | 1st - Clarence Road | ★ | 13th - Beaufighter Close |
| ★ | 2nd - Coates Garage | ★ | 14th - Bridge Green |
| ★ | 3rd - Howard Court | ★ | 15th - Clarence Road |
| ★ | 4th - Blenheim Close | ★ | 16th - Archers Green |
| ★ | 5th - Manor Court | ★ | 17th - Bolton Road |
| ★ | 6th - Blenheim Close | ★ | 18th - Beaufighter Close |
| ★ | 7th - Blenheim Close | ★ | 19th - Southside |
| ★ | 8th - Blenheim Close | ★ | 20th - Beaufighter Close |
| ★ | 9th - Southside | ★ | 21st - Northside |
| ★ | 10th - High Row | ★ | 22nd - Beaufighter Close |
| ★ | 11th - Stags Close | ★ | 23rd - High Row |
| ★ | 12th - High Row | ★ | 24th - Northside |



Remembrance Sunday

14th November

10:45

Please note the service will take place
on Scorton Village Green

Jubilee Green improvements

It gives all of us on the Parish Council great pleasure to see the newly installed play equipment on Jubilee Green getting so much use already; the children have taken to the new swing, see-saw and climbing-sliding thing brilliantly! And we've noticed the new bench is getting some attention from tired adults as well! It's great to see this initiative, which was jointly funded by the Richmondshire District Council and the National Lottery Communities Fund, come to fruition; it's given Jubilee Green a new lease of life! The new football posts were funded by the Parish Council.

May the children, and parents or carers, of Scorton have many years of fun with it.

David Rafelt Chair Scorton Parish Council

The Bus Shelter Buddies have kindly donated £2363.00 towards another item of play equipment on Jubilee Green. There will be a final payment at the end of the year, so we are unsure of the total amount as yet. Thank you to the Scorton Bus Shelter Buddies for this donation to improve our village. Any suggestions/ideas: vickiraven1@gmail.com/01748 811433 or talk to any of your Parish Councillors

Made in Scorton WI



Programme of meetings

November 3rd - Basic Life Support and (AED) Automated external defibrillator awareness for everyone. We are lucky to have one in our village, come along and find out more.

December 8th - Get your sparklies out of the back of the wardrobe for our Christmas party night - good food, great company and a Magician!

January 5th - 1st meeting of 'Made in Scorton WI' for new year 2022

February 9th - an Alternative Valentines night - all will be explained in due course.

March 2022 - Annual General Meeting.

All meetings, unless otherwise stated, will be held in the War Memorial Institute, Scorton.

Contact Secretary: Sandra McDougal 01748 811318 for further information.

Our new eco street furniture

The new solar powered streetlight in Bolton Road was erected by the Parish Council, this project was funded by RDC Central Area Partnership funding.

The new recycling/litter bin appeared outside the shop recently, this is a pilot project initiated by the District Council, hopefully this will improve our recycling rates.

Scorton Medical Centre

Despite recent press coverage alleging the contrary, we continue to offer face to face appointments where needed. Telephone first is here to stay for at least the medium term though, primarily to help us manage the waiting room capacity and protect those who are more vulnerable.

COVID Boosters have started and will be given AT LEAST 6 months after your second dose. You should be contacted by the National Booking Service and invited to book your booster. Booster Clinics have also started at Tennants in Leyburn and you should be invited by the Practice when you are due but if you've not heard from us and you think you should have done then get in touch (between 11.00 am – 2.00 pm please).

Anyone who hasn't completed or had their first two doses is **STRONGLY** encouraged to do so as we're seeing high rates of infection in our patients at the moment and it's the only way to protect yourself against severe disease. Call 119 to arrange these vaccinations. Doctors are happy to discuss any concerns about receiving a vaccine.

We are focusing on Cancer Screening across the Richmondshire Practices over the coming weeks. We strongly encourage all of our patients to take part in screening for Breast, Bowel and Cervical cancer when invited to do so. The Doctors are happy to discuss this with you if you wish. If you have missed your appointment and struggling to make another one then we can help you with this.

Stopping telephone prescription requests appears to be going smoothly but we're aware of some concerns in the community that this could make it difficult for some people to access their medication. If you are aware of any specific examples of people who are struggling, then please let us know so we can check we're meeting their needs.

Please make sure your contact details are correct. If you have changed your mobile number or you now have a mobile number, please let us know so we can update your details.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding

Drs James, Dickie and McIntyre

Vehicle activated signs

You may have noticed our new Vehicle activated sign on Hospital Road, it flashes with 30mph sign if vehicles go over the speed limit. Currently our other sites are on Station Road and Glebe Terrace.

These signs work best if moved around frequently, so to this end we have developed a syndicate with Bolton on Swale Parish Meeting, Brough St Giles Parish Council and Tunstall Parish Council. The signs will be moved on a monthly basis and we have two of these signs, one battery powered and one mains powered.

The Parish Council applied for funding for this project from North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, AJ1 Funding. We were fortunate to receive the whole amount, thank you.

Vicki Raven
Clerk to Scorton Parish Council

COULD YOU HELP TO MAKE SCORTON A SAFER VILLAGE TO LIVE IN??

AS WE ALL KNOW SCORTON VILLAGE IS PLAGUED BY VEHICLES SPEEDING THROUGH. ALTHOUGH WE CURRENTLY HAVE TWO ILLUMINATING SIGNS SHOWING A VEHICLE'S SPEED, THESE ARE ONLY HERE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AND CANNOT LEAD TO PROSECUTIONS FOR SPEEDING MOTORISTS.

Under the Community Speed Watch Scheme speeding motorists can be prosecuted. However, currently the Scorton Speed Watch Group is sadly lacking in volunteers.

Perhaps you could spare 30 minutes or 1 hour per week to become a member of our group. Hands on training only takes about twenty minutes.

Might there be one or two people with young children who could get together to share Child Minding Time so that one of the pair would be available to help out the Speed Watch Team?

If you have time to Volunteer, or any ideas and suggestions as to how the Village Speed Watch Group could operate better, please send them on to:

John Peters, 2 Glebe Terrace, Scorton, Richmond,
North Yorkshire, DL10 6DL.

Tel: 01748812535. Mobile: 07858083305.

Email: john.peters5947@gmail.com

A tale of two soldiers who somehow ended up in Scorton village jail

After joining the army as an apprentice mechanic at Chepstow South Wales in 1958, myself and a mate decided to go AWOL. There was a sort of competition within the platoon as to how far and how long we could manage before getting caught. At least ten others in our platoon had already 'done a bunk'. So - in June 1958, we set off hitch hiking from Chepstow to Basingstoke. After a couple of nights in Basingstoke, telling my family we were on a weekend pass, we headed north to Berwick, the home of my mate. After a couple of nights roughing it, we eventually got picked up by police in North Yorkshire. We were in a truck on the A1 and the copper had noticed that we had very short hair and decided that we must be from Catterick. We had to inform him as to where Chepstow was. I like to think he was impressed by our jaunt. The copper took us to a small village called Scorton a couple of miles off the A1 and handed us over to the station Sergeant.

The station sergeant was very relaxed and very interested to have two 16yr old soldiers from South Wales in his jail. His wife cooked us our meals and they provided us with reading materials. We were allowed to go out to buy a pint and watch cricket on the village green! We appeared in the local court attached to the police station to be remanded. Whilst sitting in the court a poacher appeared in the dock. The JP chided him over his habitual poaching, I think he got fined... possibly had to poach again the pay the fine.

We eventually got collected by a RP Sergeant (Regimental Police) from Chepstow. When the RP appeared at the entrance to the station, we couldn't help but chuckle as he was considered by all a bit of a twit. He shouted for us to take the smile off our faces. The police sergeant said 'now then Sir... they are still in my custody so please less of the shouting!' We were taken by truck to Doncaster then trained it back to Chepstow.

We got 10 days nick and 16 days loss of pay. We won the distance travelled, but not the duration of the jaunt!

For myself:

I spent 12 years full time in the army (REME) serving four years in Germany as a tank mechanic, then to Maralinga Australia in the outback at the atomic bomb test site, then active service in North Borneo with the Army Air Corps, becoming a Sergeant myself. That was followed by 11 years part time on the A reserves. If you add Oil and Gas worldwide, I have put the hitch-hiking travel experience to good use AND... Scorton beer showed me how good Yorkshire beer was. So much so, I married a Sheffield lass and moved to Sheffield on my demob to continue the quaffing of the amber liquid!

Thank you Scorton for this memory. If anyone in the village is familiar with the old Police station as it was in 1958, I can assure them we did our bit keeping it spick and span!

Roderic Kyle. Alford, Aberdeenshire.

Jenny's anagrams of local place names

Sell on to renewal	
Kidney Swab	
Tall nuts	
Tolerant Gang	
Mentality odds	
Flaky meek birth	
Desperately be in	
Bony arm	
Snowball on toe	
Rant not holler	
Not a prompt brick	
Thin not voluble	
A pope twinkles	
Merely ho	
One stratagem	
Till he enrol	
Slanted on toe	
Allotment site	
Bats unknot	
Adrien Gibb	
Re Scout tent	

Answers on the noticeboards, Parish
Council Facebook page and Scorton.com
on 1st December.

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**
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
 - ◆ **Domino Drive** Every 3rd Tuesday in the month
Scorton War Memorial Institute Contact: Ian Threlfall 01748 811323
 - ◆ **Monday 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
 - ◆ **Footpath And Bridleway Walks around 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: Sandra McDougal 01748 811318
 - ◆ **Yoga via Zoom**
Contact: Clare on 07595873221 or email clarewalker@hotmail.co.uk
 - ◆ **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**

Scorton War Memorial Institute

For available dates and rates phone 01748 812320