

# The Scarlian

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## Carol Service



The collection from the Carol Service was £260 which is split equally between Beaumont House and Emmaus Trust both of Newark. Florence

## Village Lunch/Christmas Dinner

In  
of

December, in place of the usual village lunch, we decided to add to the festivities by having a Christmas Dinner. We were fully booked and, although quite ambitious, it turned out to be both successful and enjoyable. Everyone was offered a glass sherry on arrival and many brought their own wine for the table. This was followed by the usual festive meal, complete with all the trimmings, pudding and trifle. Our thanks go to all those who helped to make the occasion a success and to those who supported the event. We hope you all had an enjoyable time. **Jean**



## Trusted Tradesmen

We recently needed a plumber, quickly. Florence passed us the number of a guy in Besthorpe who had helped her mother. Despite having a full diary this wonderful gentleman did a full day's work and came to look at the problem afterwards. The following evening, after having done another full day's work he came and fixed the problem at a very reasonable cost.

If you need a plumber call **Stuart Hanson on 01636 892896 or 07904 643511**  
Dave



## **New Year's Eve Party**

The New Year's Eve party held in the Community Centre opened with an angelic guitar solo of Dire Straits' "Going Home" performed from the balcony of the stunning new ringing chamber. Steve Clements then rocked the night away with one dance number after another, with a full dance floor and some audience participation on stage - notably from Roy Turner, Mel Scotney, Maureen MacDonald, Roger Clay and David Tingle. After Auld Lang Syne and confetti cannons to welcome in the New Year, the dancing continued until we all made our way home around 1am. Many thanks to Roger and Ann Clay and Florence for organising another memorable New Year's Eve party night. Thanks also to everyone attending and all who

helped set up and clear away, and especially to Steve Clements for great live music! Happy New Year to everyone in and around South Scarle!

## **South Scarle Post Office**

South Scarle Post Office is located at Church Farm, Main Street, South Scarle, down the drive next to the church. The opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 12 noon. Post Office Ltd have designated it as a Community Post Office, and they dictate the opening hours and the services it can offer.

Following the much-publicised High Street bank closures, South Scarle Post Office offers most of the transactions for YOUR bank, including paying in cash and cheques, drawing out cash using your debit card, and checking your balance. Business banking services are also available including business cash deposits.

All post and mail services are available, for Royal Mail and Parcelforce, including extra-large parcels, home shopping returns, internet postings and returns, international mail, as well as receiving services for letters and parcels if you are not at home to sign for them.

Redirection services for mail if you are moving to a new house.

Foreign Exchange - Euros are available over the counter, and all currencies can be ordered either online or in the Post Office to collect the next day.

You can pay many bills here, (if you don't like the internet or direct debits!) including Council Tax, electricity, etc.

These are the most popular services used in South Scarle, there are other services such as holiday insurance and savings - see the Post Office website.

Unfortunately Post Office Ltd will not let a Community Post Office do Car Tax or Passports, but I keep asking them and maybe one day it will happen!

**Anita Clements, Sub postmaster.**

## **. 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Club Draw - Winners**

£100 – Sally Macleod, £50 – Ian Taylor, £25 – Stephen Baldwin, £25 – Colin Muirhead.

## **. St Helena's Church, South Scarle - Phase 3 works - It's finished!**

We completed on time in mid-December and the new facilities have already been put to good use! (Book Club Christmas Party, Carol Service, Village Christmas Dinner, New Year's Eve party). All villagers should have received your invitation to the **Grand Opening on 2nd February 2019 but please shout if yours hasn't landed, and please RSVP to Judy. 01636 892409**

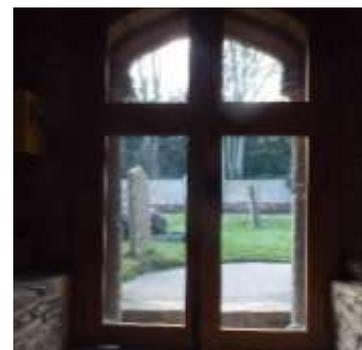
Once more we have been supported by grants from WREN £7000, Garfield Weston Foundation £3000 and the Bell-Ringers Guild £1100 ( more details on these will come later) as well as village support and some private donations , all of which made up 65% of the total needed. St Helena's Church provided the balance.



We now have a dedicated ringing-floor which will be used by our own St Helena's Bell-Ringers but now we can more easily host other bell-ringing teams, hold 'open days' and classroom events, and in so doing support the District Bell Ringers Guild just as they have supported us. Beneath it we now have a store room for chairs, tables and all the cleaning equipment, hostess trolleys etc. This has released the old storecupboard for conversion into a much-needed second loo.

We have an outer porch door which, along with the tower floor helps with draught-proofing and heat retention! (unless folk still leave the doors wide open!! ) The Porch Floor has also been levelled, and motion-sensor lighting installed which lights up the entire outside path and the porch interior.

Removal of the old door screen's frame revealed some medieval stone carvings which we hadn't known about so the historians have been in to analyse them. We await their findings!



So, we look forward to a busy events & community programme this year, all of which will be warmer and more secure - and hopefully with lower heating bills. Please come along to the 'Events Planning Meeting' on 21st January (details to follow) with ideas for 2019.  
**from the Church Wardens**

## **Air Ambulance Coffee Mornings**

Final figure for 2018 £557.23 and many thanks to all who have supported this worthy cause throughout the year.

## Amy's Boys

A brilliantly written and portrayal of the Beechey Family who served in the Great War and their mother Amy. Of the 8 boys who fought in the Great War only three returned the other 5 paying the ultimate sacrifice. Of the three who returned one was badly injured. The Boys ranged in age from 26 years to 38 years. The performance in the Community Centre was simple but moving in its portrayal and was set to words and music. The family came from Avondale Street in Lincoln, so the story is of significant local interest. The performance was well attended and well received and many thanks to all concerned. For those who are interested letters written to Mrs Beechey by her sons are held at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life and were alluded to in the performance.

John Broughton

## "Brilliance"

A magical light shone in our church/community centre on Hallowe'en, the night that Farnham Maltings touring theatre company brought their play "Brilliance" to South Scarle. The show was a sell-out, and we all discovered why when we were entertained by this talented and professional cast. The story charted the arrival of electricity to rural England and the illumination of all corners and crevices of village life and the people living there. A very moving and at times surprising show, enjoyed by everyone.

Live Theatre on Your Doorstep -

If you enjoy live theatre, our village is very lucky to be part of the Village Ventures Live & Local, Rural & Community Touring Theatre scheme. The shows can range from theatrical plays, to music and dance. They can be funny, moving, thought-provoking, hilarious, entertaining, and each one is a surprise and different. The shows usually sell out in advance!

**Village Ventures** - Our next show is:

"The Importance of Being Earnest" by Two Gents Productions on **Friday 8 February** (tickets are already selling for this show!)

Up-coming shows for the rest of this season are:

"It is now" on **Friday 29 March**

"The beginnings of Fairport Convention" (music) on **Friday 31 May**

Tickets are £10, and you can book on 01636 892003 anytime, or call in to see Anita Clements at the Post Office, Church Farm, Main Street, South Scarle - opening hours Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 12 noon.

## Dog Pooh

I would also like to ask that when the next Scarlian goes out could an item be included about the 'management of dog poo' please.

1. can folk please dispose of poo on the main village dog walking areas, this seems to be getting a real problem particularly on the narrow footpaths.
2. if they collect it in 'poo bags' can they take them home rather than just throwing the bags into the side/dyke or into the hedges - this has become a real issue at our end of the village. Tim counted 22 bags thrown into the hedgerow by the side of the North Scarle/folly farm footpath last weekend.

This is not something I would normally do but feel that our village is so lovely and lots of us with dogs enjoy it every day that we need to take some responsibility for ensuring it remains a great place to be. Thank you.

Tim, Carol and Hilary.

## **Colin and Judy's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - a special date for your diary,**

Colin and Judy would like to invite **everyone** in the village to short service of celebration in St. Helena's church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 9.30 am. This is in place of the normal service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. The service will be followed by drinks then coffee and cake. It would be helpful if you could let Judy know if you hope to attend. 01636 892409

## **Happy New Year from the Collingham Medical Centre's (CMC) Patient Participation Group (PPG)**

We celebrated our first year in October and we did raise a glass or two! It was a good year: We celebrated the NHS's 70th birthday in July with a tea-party at the Collingham Medical Centre (CMC). The event was free but generous donations on the day raised £280 which has been split between Newark Hospital's Cancer Screening Fund and Lincoln Hospital's Oncology Unit. We hosted a public event for Newark Hospital in September at the Collingham Memorial Hall which was very informative and included a Q&A session at the end. We have summarised those Q&As and they are displayed on our PPG notice-boards outside the Memorial Hall and in the CMC waiting-room.

In the Medical Centre itself we have been working in the waiting-room once a month to explain how the 'Friends and Family' feedback process works and to encourage you to give the Collingham Medical Centre your feedback in this way. We have succeeded in obtaining 236 feedback forms, the feedback from which has all been reviewed. It has all been acted upon where possible, or an explanation given where not. One tangible development came from a suggestion to have photos of team members in reception and this concept was developed by the CMC team and the storyboard you see on the digital screen in the waiting room was born. There are too many other items covered to include it here, but a summary of this feedback and its outcomes will be appearing on the PPG pages of the CMC website shortly, or you can ask us for a copy of it at any time. We have been out to meet several community groups to talk about the work that we do, and we have really enjoyed doing this. If you would like us to come to a group that you belong to, please do let us know.

**A date for your diary: Wednesday, 20 March 2019 at the Memorial Hall from 7.30 pm. The CMC team will be holding a public event to share information about the NHS services at Collingham and present some of the answers to frequently asked questions.** *How to contact us:* via the [ppgcollingham@gmail.com](mailto:ppgcollingham@gmail.com) email or drop a letter to us into the surgery in a sealed envelope. We have our own collection point at the CMC.

## **"Over the Hill "**

What great name for a Jazz Band? All the musicians in this band are local, retired and only play in order to raise money for charity. For the last three years Lynne Broughton & I have raised monies for South Scarle church and Cancer Research UK by arranging for Toot Hill Big Band to play. However, this October, having been to one of their rehearsal mornings, I decided we should have a change and asked Over the Hill if they would play for us. David Collingwood the leader of the group was more than happy to oblige especially as South Scarle church was one of the few churches that they had not played in. Lynne also knew of a special needs' child called Alexander who required very expensive specialist equipment in order to live as full as life as possible. So, this year, as usual, half the proceeds went to the church, but the other half went to Alexander's parents. It really was a great night with some forty tickets sold and everyone thoroughly enjoying the band. Including the raffle proceeds a sum of £325 was raised. Subsequently I received a very heartfelt thank you from Alexander's mum.

Lynne & I would just like to thank those of you who supported this event and made it all worthwhile. Peter Rowlands

## Notes from Nature Project Meeting 7.10.18 (edited as some of the information is out of date)

We discussed:

### Database Progress

- 1) When recording your sighting please make sure that you always put a number seen, i.e. not 'several' or 'various'. Even if you have to make a very rough guess, it's OK.
- 2) Make sure you only enter one type of thing or species at a time. E.g.: 3 Fieldfares and not 3 Fieldfares, 2 Chaffinches, 2 Goldfinches all in one column.
- 3) Location: Please give a brief description of the place you saw the animal. Even though we also need the grid reference for sending data to organizations, it is good to be able to get a snapshot view and is user friendly. Roger has offered to 'invite' members of the group to 'Dropbox' if they are interested in putting their own data onto the site. We discussed this in the meeting and anyone who is interested please let Roger or Kate know. Otherwise, please, please, keep recording your stuff by hand or email to Roger or Kate.

### WE NEED YOUR SIGHTINGS!!

If anyone else who is not in the group would like to provide us with information, that's great too. When we are completely sorted with the database, we will send out an example for everyone to see how easy it is!

### Sightings and other news

At least one jay has been seen, possibly feasting on acorns. The Roe Deer have been spotted and it looks as though a separate splinter group of two has formed.

Good news that several hedgehogs have been spotted with a possible green corridor through Maureen's field at Coronation Farm.

We were all dismayed by the numbers of rabbits we have seen that have been affected by Myxi and the new Haemorrhaging virus. Apparently, numbers of healthy rabbits have been dramatically reduced in East Midlands area from previous years. On the other hand, moles seem to be back with a vengeance!

Anne has been watching out for the wild flowers that usually appear along Plot Lane. A decrease in harebells on Plot Lane but healthy clumps increased elsewhere. An increase in the spread of Tansy and later, very much poorer, flowering of Toadflax. We debated the possibility of influencing the grass verge cutting rota since we received official information from David Duffield.

### South Scarle Communicates! How we communicate:

**The Scarlian.** PLEASE contact the Scarlian so your voice can be heard, Email [motylar@live.co.uk](mailto:motylar@live.co.uk) or [scarlian@outlook.com](mailto:scarlian@outlook.com) Dave collates all your input so please head items "Scarlian" and please do not use his personal email. Dave also manages all the email updates

**Regular Email Updates.** At the Scarlian we have an extensive email contact list. All contacts made to you from us are "blind carbon copies" so your email address is not shown. If you sign up, you can submit any urgent information you want the village to receive and you will receive regular reminders of village events and other items pertaining to village life. Please sign up! Use the Scarlian contact information above.

**Parish Matters.** David Duffield our Clerk to the Parish meeting also has an extensive email contacts list. One or two of you may not be on both and if you wish to remedy this you can contact David on [drdparishclerk-sscarle@outlook.com](mailto:drdparishclerk-sscarle@outlook.com) David will keep you informed of Parish Meetings and all matters pertaining to local government – Planning Permissions etc. It is a good idea to be on both mailing lists.

Go to [www.southscarlecommunitycentre.com](http://www.southscarlecommunitycentre.com) . This is our village website and is well worth a regular look for updates etc.

**Next Scarlian Deadline – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

**The caption competition will be judged very soon sorry for the delay – life got in the way**

**Mo**