

THE BEACONNECT

October – November 2018

The village newsletter for **Scredington & Northbeck**

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



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About the game

We provide each team with a locked box and your first task is to discover the code to get into your box. Inside your box there will be various clues to help you to discover the code for a prize box. The first three teams to discover the code will win whatever is inside the box.

Saturday 20th October
7pm at Scredington Community Centre.
Will your team be the first to unlock a prize box?
Teams of up to four.
per person including Chilli supper. Licensed cash bar.

For further information or to book your tickets contact 07999543518 or see any committee member. Numbers will be limited.

Christmas Party Night

Saturday 8th December. Fish and Chip supper freshly cooked on site by Sunny's Plaice. Tickets will be available in November. Numbers will be limited so please get yours early!

First Friday evening social / pub night

First Friday night social evenings will take place on 5th October and 2nd November from 7.30pm onwards. Licensed cash bar. Everyone is very welcome to come along. Please bring your children with you too.

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Thanks go to the Collishaws and Mandy for once again providing a delicious breakfast on September 8th.

There was a terrific turn out of people and all of the rolls were sold. All profits from the sale of breakfast go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Community Centre. For further dates please check the village noticeboard.



Darts Night

Most Wednesdays at 7.30pm a small group meet for a friendly game of darts and a chat. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join them. If you are planning to come for the first time, please check with Alan on 414269 that it is on as there are occasional breaks for holiday

Hiring the Community Centre

If you would like to hold an event you can hire the hall for £15 per hour with a 20% discount for village residents, which takes the price down to £12 per hour. Call the booking line for further details on 07999 543518.

Scredington Parish Council **SCAM ALERT – BE AWARE!**

A resident in Northbeck received a phone call from a caller posing as a police officer informing her of problems with her bank account and advising her to move her money into a 'safe account'. Please hang up if you have a similar call. A PCSO visited her for reassurance.

A local 'Digital Hub' has been formed at Osbournby. This takes place in the village hall every Wednesday, 11-12.30pm. This is where you can learn and take advice on how to use smartphones, tablets, laptops, IT queries and accessing the internet. Advice is free and the group welcomes more volunteers to help out.

The damaged footbridge over the dyke along Station Road around to Northbeck has been reported to the council but as yet there have been no repairs. This has been chased by the parish council.

Open Reach have been seen doing further works towards our broadband upgrade. However, a resident has been in direct contact with BT and On Lincolnshire and the upgrade for Northbeck and Scredington has been pushed back yet again. Apparently, this is due to our upgrade being 'upgraded to fibre to our premises so this will take longer to finish'. The expected completion date is between April and June 2019.

Our District Councillor, Cllr Cook explained there had been little activity during the summer months. A Community Speed Watch session is being arranged for residents who are interested in training under the Lincs Road Safety Awareness Scheme. This is to be held in the Village Hut at Swaton on 2 October at 7.00pm. Councillor Cook pointed out there needed to be a minimum of 20 people attending. All residents are welcome to attend to learn more on how we can control speeding traffic through our village.

Since the production of the agenda an application had been received for an agricultural building to be erected on land at Northbeck. Several objections were raised and these are

to be passed to Planning. The application for a two -storey side extension at Poplar Farm, Helpringham Road has been approved.

The PC have received a letter from Mr John Porter, a former resident, who would like to finance the siting of a considerable number of nest boxes in the village. The Council resolved to reply to Mr Porter thanking him for his generous offer and to ascertain what sum would be involved. Cllr Sweeney to act as liaison officer to oversee the necessary publicity and siting of the boxes.

All documentation had been sent to Highways with regards to the request for additional 30mph signs for Station Road. However, the siting of the signs had not been approved due to them being on telegraph poles. Cllr Cook is to contact Highways to request a village walkabout to clarify acceptable sites. Residents should be assured the Council is treating the matter as urgent.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 8th January 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend to comment on any village matters. It would be appreciated if you could contact the Parish Clerk beforehand so that your items can be added to the agenda. Anyone wishing to contact the Parish Council can do so by contacting the Parish Clerk, Adrian Illingworth, at The Old School, Church Lane, Screddington or via email on screddingtonpcclerk@aol.co.uk

St Andrews, Screddington – Church News

Swift boxes. Following a generous offer of financial help, the church is planning to put swift boxes in the church tower to provide a suitable nesting site for this endangered species. As nesting sites have reduced the number of swifts visiting the UK and successfully nesting each year has dropped significantly.

Each box will sit behind a louvre in the church tower with a nesting platform sited inside. The swifts will not be able to get into the main body of the tower but will simply enter and exit through the louvre. We hope to be able to form a colony of swifts by doing this. Swifts pair for life, meeting up each spring at the same nesting site. We also hope to erect 2 or three barn owl or tawny owl boxes around the parish.

Harvest Festival and supper

Harvest festival will take place on Sunday 7th October at 4pm. There will be a finger buffet after the service plus an auction of local produce and raffle. All proceeds raised will go towards caring for our beautiful village church, so please come along and support if are able.



Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance service for those who died in Screddington during WW1 and WW2 will be held on Sunday 11th November during the 9.30am service.



Church services for October and November

Harvest service 7th October 4pm
Holy Communion 14th October 9.30am
Holy Communion and Remembrance service 11th November
9.30am

Community Champions Award

At the end of August, Alan and I were amazed when a letter dropped on the mat informing us that we had been nominated for a North Kesteven Community Champions Award in the category of "Longstanding Contribution to an Organisation or Group". More than just a nomination, we were informed that we had been chosen as one of the three finalists in that category! It was a huge surprise and a big shock, although we were both absolutely delighted that our commitment to both the Community Centre and Church had been appreciated enough for someone to put pen to paper and nominate us. Thank you to that kind person.

We have, therefore, been invited to the Awards ceremony which will be held at The International Bomber Command Centre on October 10th. Sadly, we are unable to attend due to a prior commitment and we are both very disappointed about that.

A short film has been made of us, which will be shown at the ceremony, and the winner will be announced on that evening.

Everything we do in the village is done because we love living here and want Scredington to be a great place with a real sense of community. There are lots of other deserving village residents who also work tirelessly to enrich our community. We would like to say a huge thank you to them too.

Alan and Chris Pywell



Barn Owl update

Our resident pair of Barn owls in Northbeck have successfully mated and hatched 3 chicks. Last month the local British Trust for Ornithology ringing officer visited and ringed all 3 chicks. He commented they all appeared very healthy and the parents had done well to raise 3 as this year has been a tough year for them due to the Beast from the East earlier in the year. The chicks are still visiting the box at night calling for food and practising their flying but soon they should be on their way.

And finally.....

Congratulations to John and Lucy Johnson on their wedding which took place at the church on September 15th. We wish them health and happiness for their future together.



If you or friends or family are celebrating and would like a mention, then please let the Beaconnect know.

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We hope that you are enjoying your new look village magazine. The editorial team are finding it a much easier job to produce it, but we want to make sure that it is providing you with the information you need.

Our fellow editor, Kay Dockree, is standing down and we would like to thank Kay for her help and input in the past.

If you feel that there is anything missing or you want to contact us, you can continue to leave us post in the Community Centre post box. We also have an email address, beaconnect2017@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

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