

RECORD OF SCOTTON ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2015
AT 6PM

1. PRESENT: District Cllr Pat Mewis; Mary Smith; Stewart Smith; Jean Renton; Robert Littlewood; Bob Millward; Malcolm Clarke; Pat Mirkin; Chris Wood; Mel Langford; Lynne Wetherall;
Chairman: Bev Hill; Clerk: Di Millward
2. APLOGIES: District Cllr Chris Day; James McCague; PCSO Laura Fletcher;

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Assembly and read the Record of 2014. It was proposed by Stewart Smith and seconded by Malcolm Clarke that this was a correct record. Agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising from the 2014 record.

The Chairman explained that the Council carried out a yearly health check when they walked the village. It was also agreed to ask Mr Williams if it would be possible for him to clean all the village signs.

4. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman read the Annual Report and presented the Financial Statement.

5. OTHER REPORTS

Friendship Club: Mary Smith gave a report about the work of this club which provides a valuable afternoon where older people can get together, enjoy a cup of coffee and play bingo or other games. The club also enjoy occasional meals out and wine and cake on birthdays. There are presently nine members and everyone of any age are welcome to come to the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons.

Whist Club. Mary Smith gave a report regarding the whist club which continues to meet on Wednesday evenings from September to the end of April. This is still well supported and there are occasional Kidney Whist Drives to raise money for Kidney Research. The club also run a Christmas Drive and Raffle which continues to be well supported by both players and donations from the village.

Village Hall: Lynne Wetherall submitted a village hall report which shows the hall continues to be well used. There have been refurbishment of the doors, new tables and new outdoor equipment.

W.I.: Jean Renton gave a report and explained that the W.I. is 100 years old whilst Scotton branch is celebrating its 80th birthday this year. A centenary rose was planted and it is hoped a plaque will be able to be placed alongside this. The W.I. meet on the second Thursday of every month when new members or visitors are always welcome. The present membership is 33.

Bowls Club: Stewart Smith gave the report and said that although there were only a few members they continue to enjoy a game every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Hall. New members always welcome.

Motorcycle Club: Malcolm Clarke gave the report and said that the club meet at the hall on the 3rd Sunday afternoon of the month. Everyone is welcome to come along and talk about the bikes and look at them. Refreshments are served and a raffle for charity is held.

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Eau Valley Singers: Pat Mirkin gave the report and said that they had had an extremely busy year giving several performances with several more scheduled for the year to come. The choir meet in the hall every Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and everyone is welcome to join.

Art Group: Chris Wood gave the report and said that the group are going from strength to strength. They now have 19 members and have built up a collection of technique books. Everyone is welcome to join on a Wednesday afternoon in the hall.

District Councill Pat Mewis said that she was delighted to have been able to help out with funding for both the new bench on Kirton Road and the tables for the hall. She said that all the volunteers who run these groups are to be congratulated as this is what gives Scotton it's sense of community.

6. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Entry forms have not yet been received for this year. Last year, despite getting wonderful comments and marks, Scotton failed to achieve a place in the first three.

7. LUDDINGTON TRUST

The Chairman read a report submitted by Rev. Langford.

8. ELECTION OF ALLOTMENT WARDENS

Mr Kirman and Mr Laughton are existing wardens and were re-elected. There should be three wardens and it was agreed to put an item in the newsletter asking for a volunteer.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm. Refreshments were served by Bob Millward.

The next Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday 5th April 2016

NOTE: Reports attached. Cllr Chris Day; Luddington Trust: Village Hall.

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Report from District Cllr Chris Day

It's been a rapid year and a bit since my election onto West Lindsey District Council and there has been a great deal to cram into my limited grey cell capacity. I'm sure you all know there will be a new Council elected on May the seventh and if there is a change in the balance of power some policies may change. The big one is the money one. WLDC have to make a total of £2.5 million in savings between now and 2019. At the moment the policy is to hold the WLDC portion of the rates whilst making cost savings, trying to get a greater share of one off grants from government and to make money from assets and by selling services. Streetforce, the bins and cleaning department, have won national awards and are finding success in bringing money in from outside the Council. Land and housing are the assets which are hoped to be used to create growth and income. Where possible we are looking to gain other benefits whilst making money. An example of this is the loan given to a broadband provider to get super-fast into rural areas. The Council gets more interest on its money as well as making life and business in the District better. There's just been another deal this time in healthcare. WLDC is providing endoscopes to John Copeland and will get a return once Copeland are able to bring in money by carrying out procedures for neighbouring healthcare providers. Just how far we are going to go with the endoscopes I don't know! This may be my last report depending on May the seventh so see you if and when.

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LUDDINGTON TRUST

REPORT TO SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL AGM 2015

The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales set up the Luddington trust in 1897.

It is an amalgamation of three charities, namely the charities of Henry Luddington, the charity of an unknown donor and the charity known as Foxthorns.

The original Trustees were Revd. Thomas Harris, Thomas Oxley, James Arthur Musgrave and George Kirby.

The present day Trustees are Beverly Hill, Richard Coleman, Stuart Smith and Revd. David Langford.

The object of the Trust is for the trusts annual income to be applied for the benefit either of the poor of the Rural Parish of Scotton generally, or of such deserving and necessitous persons resident therein.

In today's modern world the term 'poor' is no longer relevant to its original meaning in 1897. Therefore consideration will be given to anyone, young or old who are not able or are having difficulty in raising funds for either personal development or improved living conditions.

Any parishioner who believes that they have knowledge of such a need or occurrence within the Parish may approach the Trustees, who will then proceed with further enquiries.

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SCOTTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 2015

It has been quite a busy year taking forward the planned developments and all the associated arrangements.

Happily, the committee has been able to complete all its objectives for the year.

We sourced these fabulous new tables which are so much easier to move around on castors.

The entrance and fire doors have been replaced and have lifted the internal and external appearance, but more importantly, are now secure to the elements and it is much warmer.

After the tennis court was reinstated a pair of ball hoops were added across the court and the goal area on the playing field was reconfigured so that there are now two proper five a side goals to play football.

The installation of the five pieces of outdoor gym equipment seems to have been a huge success, albeit the installation process itself was not without its hiccoughs. The equipment seems very popular with both adults and youths and it is being quite regularly used already, so probably much more so as the weather conditions improve.

The hall continues to enjoy a busy schedule of bookings. Attempts to bring wi-fi to the village hall have recently succeeded and will be rolled out shortly.

The village fête in June was again blessed with good weather and continues to swell the coffers sufficiently to meet running costs of the hall and those who make the effort to put up scarecrows around the village certainly add to the ambiance of the day.

ROSPA inspected the play park again in August and a further inspection and some replacement parts were fitted by the Playdale Company to keep their equipment safe for use; the broken bridge on the toddler area was fixed at the same time.

The Parish Council continues to contribute towards the outdoor facilities which allows the park and tennis court to be kept in good order, for which the committee is very grateful.

There was again only one performance from the Rural Touring Scheme during the year, which was a Christmas event in December (Celtic Christmas Strings), and this was well attended. The scheme is undergoing some further changes which may or may not affect availability of these performances. We shall have to wait and see.

Following some resignations, the committee is looking for some willing volunteers to be trustees and help to shape the hall for the future. The committee is very appreciative of all the help and support it receives.