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# SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

SARAH PATTERSON - PLEASANT ROW

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of fellow councillors who decided to leave Scriven Parish Council (SPC) at the elections earlier this year. Thank you to Rod Adams, Ken Barnes, Stuart Bell and Jim Sykes for all their hard work and dedication over the last four years.

After a shaky start, four new people have now volunteered to be parish councillors and the council is thankfully fully operational once again, without the need for Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) to impose any of their own councillors to stand for our parish.

Having been a Scriven Parish Councillor for nearly eight years now, I have seen the council continually develop and evolve and it is very interesting and rewarding to have been involved in discussions and decisions for a number of important issues for the parish.

I was privileged to be elected as Chairman again for this year and look forward to continuing to contribute to the council's positive development. The new members of SPC bring a wealth of knowledge from a variety of backgrounds, all of which I am sure will be an asset to the council and the parish. For the benefit of those who don't know them, here is a brief introduction to each new councillor.

STEVE WALTON - ROUNDELLS MANOR

My wife Deirdre and I moved to Scriven in 2006. We had lived for the previous 20 years on Greengate Lane so had only moved about 200 yards. Deirdre and I have been married for

35 years and have three adult children, two of whom live in Yorkshire, and the third will soon be returning to the UK after living in Switzerland. We have one grandson with one more grandchild on the way.

I retired in July having spent the last 29 years as a GP at Stockwell Road Surgery in Knaresborough. I chose to stand as a parish councillor knowing that I would now have more time to devote to the community in different ways. I enjoy walking, gardening and spending time with friends and family. I now also have time to attempt to play golf and to improve my photography skills.

SARAH CANNON - THE OLD SMITHY

My husband Andy and I moved to Knaresborough in 1989 from Cheshire and Lancashire respectively. After 25 years living on the Aspin Estate we moved to Scriven in November 2014. Andy works for a large construction company near Leeds as an estimator. I "retired" from a local surgery in 2013 after eleven years as Practice Manager and am currently at college one day a week studying bookkeeping. I have a few bookkeeping clients and have recently started a small bed and breakfast business.

TIM O'FLAHERTY - PRIMROSE HILL

Graduating from Leeds in 1979, becoming a Registered Architect in 1982 and having worked in this area ever since, this Lancastrian moved to Abbey Road in Knaresborough in 1982. After 25 years there and a wish to have both our extended families to stay, we moved to a bigger property in Scriven in 2007.

With welcoming and friendly neighbours all

around us, and retirement now looming, it was good to be asked to consider becoming a Parish Councillor to keep Scriven PC in play and working for the community.

WENDY SANDERSON - BOND END

I feel very proud to be a new councillor for this lovely village. I am an art historian and have studied at The Royal College of Art, South Kensington, and at The University of Leeds, studying the history of Fine and Decorative Arts followed by a research MA. I have taught art history for the last 15 years. I have been very involved with local planning concerns. I am a widow with two children, my daughter works for the Financial Ombudsman in Canary Wharf and my son is currently studying for an MA at the Royal College of Art. My hobbies include music and gardening. I look forward to meeting you.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

Scriven Parish Council meet every two months at Park Grove Methodist Church Hall, usually at 7.30pm on the second Thursday.

Any parish related issues or concerns can be brought to the attention of the Parish Council via the Clerk, any Councillor or by using the contact form on the SPC website.

In order for the community to be informed of items to be discussed, agendas are posted on the village notice board and the website, a few days in advance of a meeting. The forthcoming meeting schedule is as follows:-

12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015      14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016  
10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016      12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

All are welcome to attend.

## WASTE & RECYCLING

Please note the changes to the waste and recycling collections over the winter, Christmas and 2016 Bank Holiday periods.

The green garden waste collection service will be suspended again over winter. The final collection date for the district will be 11th December and the service will resume the week commencing 14th March. Specific area collection dates will vary depending on the fortnightly cycle. For full details of the revised holiday collection dates please visit the SPC or HBC website. Should you have any queries regarding waste services please direct them to the Harrogate Borough Council Customer Services team on 01423 500600.

## JACOB SMITH PARK

A new committee for the Friends of Jacob Smith Park has also been formed this year and the members are very excited about working with the community to help to continue to conserve this wonderful park. The group meet three times a year and all are welcome to attend, to share views and offer support. Visit [www.jacobsmithpark.org.uk](http://www.jacobsmithpark.org.uk) or the Friends Facebook page for further details.

## McMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Ken and Linda Barnes would like to thank all who attended and donated to the McMillan coffee morning held at Greenbank on Friday 25th September. The event raised £263 for this very worthy cause.

# FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIES

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As a memorial to the terrible events of the First World War, the Parish Council is publishing personal stories of how the War affected ancestors of present day Scriven residents. The third piece in this series is from Mike Galley who wrote the poem below for his grandchildren, telling the story of his grandad Walter Galley.

## WALTER AND WW1

*(A true story - Colin, my father, was six)*

*Ratatatat the knock on the door  
'Call up laddie' said the uniform  
'I've three kids and no wife' said Walt  
'It's the war; it's nae ma fault'*

*Ratatatat on Aunt Ginnie's door  
'Take the kids Gin I'm sent to the war'  
Walter handed over a bag of things  
And Lydia and Stan and Colin.*

*Ratatatat on the gunnery ground  
Shaking, quaking and prone  
Walter's hand on the machine gun  
Practising to hit the Hun*

*Ratatatat somewhere in France  
In a machine gun nest chances  
Are you will need your God  
Not for nowt called the suicide squad*

*Ratatatat all in vain  
Artillery shells come in like rain  
'Wave the white flag: up with the hands  
We're alive. We still have a chance'*

*Ratatatat, the wheels of the train  
Taking us - GOD KNOWS WHERE -  
Hungry, wet, scared and cold  
But alive - still there's hope*

*Ratatatat gun firings once more  
After eight months a prisoner of war  
But HURRAH; Armistice; it's over  
We'll see again the white cliffs of Dover*

*Ratatatat on Aunt Ginnie's door  
Walt sees his children once more  
Two years older both glad yet sad  
To see their tired looking Dad*

*Ratatatat Walt hears in his dreams  
Then wakes at his wounded mates' screams  
Awake he hears the sweet noises  
From Lydia and his two little boys*

*Gently breathing in their sleep  
Walt sits up and has a peep  
At Lydia and her two brothers  
In the same room, at last together*

If you have family memories of the First World War please write them down and send them to a Councillor or the Clerk for publication. The events can be on any subject and do not have to be related to Scriven. To mark the centenary, it is hoped that sufficient stories will be forthcoming to publish one in each newsletter until November 2018.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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A short wreath laying ceremony will take place at the Scriven War Memorial on the green, on November 8th at 1pm. All are very welcome to attend.