

# SCORTON & DISTRICT TIMES

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Scorton Commemorative  
**80<sup>th</sup> VE EVENING**  
Thursday, 8th May



A fabulous evening was enjoyed by so many. The mood was set by Glen Miller's band, lots of happy participants and an excessive amount of bunting — can you ever have enough bunting!? The menu was a bacon buttie or a jam sandwich and a cup of Yorkshire Tea or juice cooked & served by the amazing volunteers.

The kitchen volunteers were brilliantly efficient at keeping everywhere tidy and kept the dishwasher busy. Outside the wonderful vintage vehicles looked fantastic on the green and fitted the theme perfectly, and, of course, the Scorton beacon was lit at dusk. A glass was raised followed by a 2 minute silence to remember those who gave so much, thank you.



## Scorton Community Speed Watch

DO YOU VALUE YOUR CHILDRENS' LIVES??

If the answer is yes, then question two is:

Are you prepared to give two hours/week of your time to assist our village to again operate a Community Speed Watch Scheme?

Whilst the sceptical may believe that the Community Speed Watch; **“Does not capture the perpetrators”**, I believe that when drivers see the speed guns in operation on a regular basis, it does encourage them to drive more carefully as they pass through Scorton.

So, if you are prepared to give some of your time towards this very worthwhile cause, please contact John Peters on 01748 812535.

## Update on the “Save Our Swale” project

Originally sparked by concerns about raw sewage in the river, the Save Our Swale (SOS) Project has been sampling the water quality of the Swale since 2023. SOS volunteers have sampled at eight sites from Grinton downstream to check for chemical (nitrate and phosphate) and bacterial pollution. The nearest site to Scorton is at Brompton which regularly has the highest pollution levels of any of our sampling locations. In addition to carrying out our own analysis, we're also taking part in a national sampling programme focused on bacterial pollution, including the potentially most harmful kind (E.coli). Nearly 90% of the samples we've taken have exceeded the safe bathing limit for E.coli.

The main sources of bacterial pollution in the Swale below Richmond are almost certainly the two Sewage Treatment Works (STWs) at Easby and Colburn. As a result of our findings, SOS is actively pressurising Yorkshire Water to upgrade these facilities. The main cause of the excessive amounts of algae we now regularly see in the river is nitrate and phosphate pollution, arising from a combination of STW discharges and runoff from farmland.

To gain a wider understanding of the impact of pollution, SOS has also begun sampling aquatic life in the river, not in this case fish, but the tiny creatures such as caddis and mayfly larva and freshwater shrimps. These are the main food source for many species of fish and some birds such as dippers. It was no surprise to find that the early results of our Brompton survey show very low levels of these aquatic creatures. This could be a reason why what up to 4-5 years ago was a thriving population of dippers, has disappeared from the river at Brompton.

Having collected all this evidence and following an SOS visit to the Richmond Works in March, we've contacted Yorkshire Water's head office in Leeds to complain about the outdated and poorly maintained equipment on the site which clearly cannot cope with current quantities of sewage. As a result, we continue to see discharges of raw sewage into our beautiful river, in clear breach of Environment Agency regulations. The local and regional press have picked up on SOS complaints and we intend to keep up as much pressure as we can on Yorkshire Water until we see some real increases in capital investment and improvements in their performance. We will also keep on recording both pollution levels and aquatic life and we're grateful to both Brompton and Scorton Parish Councils for the help they gave us in buying the equipment needed to carry out our work.

# GOTG 19

12TH JULY 25 FROM 3PM

LOCATION:  
**Scorton**  
The Green

SO we have a full List of  
performers confirmed  
for this year.

We see a Fab mix of 5  
new artists which sees a  
Female Duo & 4 bands.  
And the return of 3  
favourites.

**Festival Of The Year**

FEATURING  
**Local Musicians**  
**Playing for FREE**



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## **Scorton Feast 15th August - 18th August**

To whet your appetite, please see a selection of classes from the Flower Show for both children and adults.

### **Friday 15th August**

Come and enjoy the cricket match on the green in the evening.



## **Scorton Feast Flower Show**

### **BOOZY CAKE (COFFEE LIQUOR): RECIPE & INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

4 medium eggs (separated), 160g caster sugar, 150g butter (softened), 40ml strong espresso (cooled), 160g plain flour, 1 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 25g cocoa powder, 50ml of coffee liquor to soak

**TOPPING:** 150mg mascarpone, 2 tbsp coffee liquor, 50g icing

#### **METHOD:**

- 1) Preheat the oven to fan 170g. Beat the egg yolk, sugar, butter and espresso until they become smooth and pale. Mix the flour, bicarbonate of soda and cocoa powder until just combined.
- 2) Whisk the egg whites to stiff peaks, then mix a third into the batter. Gently fold in the remaining egg white until no more is visible. Transfer the mixture to the prepared loaf tin, smooth down the top and bake for 25 - 30 minutes, the cake is ready when it springs back when touched.
- 3) After removing from the oven, allow the cake to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before evenly spooning the coffee liquor over the top, then turn the cake out onto a wire rack to cool completely.
- 4) To make the icing, whisk together the mascarpone, coffee liquor and icing sugar and artfully pile on top of the cake once cooled. Decorate with chocolate, coffee beans or shavings.



## Arts & Crafts classes

### CRAFTS

Any Article of Sewing ( Hand or Machine)

Upcycling - new from old

A piece of jewellery

A homemade greeting card: any medium

Any type of craft - anything goes!!!

Free style origami

A piece of Woodwork

### ARTS

An Original painting: any medium

A Sculpture: any medium

## SPECIAL CLASS—LEGO

Lego - Max 2 foot square. (No kit form to be used).

Open to children from 1 to 100 years!!



## Photography classes

- ◆ The Weather
- ◆ Anything funny
- ◆ A celebration of Kiplin Hall
- ◆ Black & White photo
- ◆ A Digitally altered photo
- ◆ A photo from around Scorton Lakes
- ◆ Your memories of Scorton

**Please Note: all pieces of work above must be produced by the exhibitor**

## Women's Institute section

**Theme:**

**World War II VE 80th Anniversary**

**Table size:**

**6ft x 2ft accessories allowed**

Must include at least the following items:

**1 x drink, 2 x produce, 1 x handicraft, 1 x floral**

To be judged on a points system, 20 points on each of the above items (marking which item to be judged) with additional 20 points for the overall effect.  
Prize money: 1st Place £10; 2nd Place £5; 3rd Place £3

### COLLECTOR'S CORNER: SPECIAL PRIZE £10.00

Magazines or publications of yesteryear

## **Scorton Feast Flower Show** **A selection of children's classes**

### **5 YEARS AND UNDER:**

A Decorated Biscuit  
The biggest leaf you can find  
Sticky Collage: any medium  
Edible Jewelry  
4 Cornflake Crispy Cakes  
Finger Print Painting

### **6-9 YEARS:**

A seaside in a Shoebox  
Decorated Gingerbread  
A Vehicle made from fruit and vegetables  
Homemade celebration bunting—1 metre long  
Arrangement of Flowers in a piece of fruit  
Angel of the North: any medium

### **10 YEARS +**

A Traybake: any recipe  
A photo collage with friends—A4 size  
Design a poster for Gig on the Green  
Decorate a piece of footwear  
Design and create a vehicle with moving parts  
'You made it --- let us see it': anything goes

## **Bolton On Swale School Summer Fair**

**Friday 11th July**  
**1.30pm—3.30pm**  
**All welcome**

## **Brompton & Catterick** **St Anne's Scout Group**

The group goes from strength to strength and is currently open to Beavers (6-8years) and Cubs (8-10.5 years). Our Scout (10.5 — 14 years) section will re-start in September, spaces available for all groups.

If you are interested in a place for your child in any of the sections, or want more information about adult volunteering, please get in touch. Contact details on back page.

**Sunday 29th June 11am - 4pm at**  
Lime Tree House (Banks Lane) & End House (High Row)

Entry: Combined admission £6, children free  
Refreshments at Lime Tree House with the proceeds in aid of Herriot Hospice.



## **Best Kept Village Competition**

Scorton Parish Council has entered this competition again, and the judges will be about between 28th June and 13th July.

The judges look at many things from the condition of public spaces and the absence of litter, to the appearance of visible gardens in the village.

We last won this competition in 2008 and used the prize money to fund the banister rails outside the Post Office.

**We have a beautiful village, let's win again in 2025.**

## Scorton Lakes - a great success story but now under threat!



Since the end of quarrying, the incredible development around Scorton Lakes has led to the area becoming a tranquil place, valued for its nature and wildlife as well as for its overall community amenity value. The restoration and nature areas are enjoyed not only by bird watchers and naturalists, but others who come from a wide area for the sites leisure and well-being value. Each week hundreds of people of all ages visit the lakes to walk, run, horse ride, take their dogs for a walk, meet up with friends and family, connect with nature or simply to be in a beautiful, peaceful environment.

### Save Scorton Lakes

However, all of this is now under threat as proposals to build hundreds of holiday homes and apartments around the lakes are imminent. This would result in this important wildlife habitat, its nature, community amenity and leisure space being lost. No longer will there be a natural space for people to enjoy - instead roads will replace pathways and bridleways, large lodges will block the views and birds and animals will disappear. In addition, there will also be the associated construction activities and ongoing impact on local roads.

### What you can do to help

If you would like to help protect the future of Scorton Lakes then come and join Save Scorton Lakes (SSL), a group of local volunteers committed to the long-term preservation of this site for nature, wildlife and leisure access for all. Your support could make all the difference, but you can be as involved much or as little as you wish to be. Even your contact details would be great so that when a planning application is made we can ask you to write a letter of objection.

SSL would love to hear from you and so if you support our aims please contact us by sending an email to [info@scortonlakes.org](mailto:info@scortonlakes.org) and stay informed by visiting our website [www.scortonlakes.org](http://www.scortonlakes.org)

## Details of local Clubs, Societies and Church Services

♦ **Archery** Practice on the Archery field next to Bridge Green on Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm & Sunday 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
[www.scortonarchers.co.uk](http://www.scortonarchers.co.uk)

♦ **Beavers & Cubs** Catterick Village Scout Hut  
Contact: Tara (Group Scout Leader) email: [Tara.roulston@nys.org.uk](mailto:Tara.roulston@nys.org.uk)

♦ **Catterick Village Youth Project (Years 5 - 11)** Catterick Village Sport Pavilion  
Thursday 6.30 - 8.00pm Contact: Naomi Fletcher 07847 384835

♦ **Domino Drive** Every 3rd Tuesday in the month  
Scorton War Memorial Institute Contact: Ian Threlfall 01748 811323

♦ **Women walking for fitness & friendship** Fortnightly Saturday morning walks  
Contact: Catherine Marshall 07984808838

♦ **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](mailto:curlewcyclinggroup@gmail.com)

♦ **Scorton Methodist Chapel** Worship Service every Sunday 10.30am

Bible Study Group Monday 1.45pm - 3pm

Prayer Group 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 2.30pm

Light Lunches served from 12 - 1.30pm, 2nd Monday of each month. There is not charge (donations may be given if desired) everyone is welcome

Contact: Barbara Robinson 01748 811294

♦ **St Mary's Parish Church** Services are held at a church in the parish 1st & 2nd Sundays @10.30 am. Please visit our website [www.esbb.co.uk](http://www.esbb.co.uk) for more information or email [admin@esbb.co.uk](mailto:admin@esbb.co.uk) or Rev Simon 07786 282214

♦ **Women's Institute** 1st Wednesday in month 7.30pm  
Scorton Institute Contact: Sandra McDougal 01748 811318

♦ **Yoga**  
Contact: Clare on 07595873221 or email [claremwalker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claremwalker@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 07513 173762/[scortonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:scortonpc.clerk@gmail.com).

## Scorton War Memorial Institute

For available dates and rates phone 01748 818799