

SCORTON & DISTRICT TIMES

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Online Safety & Fraud Awareness presentation 10th July 6pm in Scorton War Memorial Institute

Fraudsters, Scammers & Criminals will continue to find ways to take information and money from us... But this message isn't all doom and gloom, there is something you can do to stop this from happening to you.

Come along to an Online Safety & Fraud presentation, which will cover many of the types of scams that are out there, artificial intelligence, romance scams and sextortion, what to look out for and how to reduce the risk of being scammed. The Volunteer Cyber Crime Ambassador is presenting the information and will also signpost people to where to get help if they've been scammed, and is happy to answer any questions people have related.

The presentation is planned to take around an hour, but can last longer as attendees are commonly curious and engaging.

Tea & coffee will be available.

Cyber Crime Ambassador North Yorkshire Police

Best Kept Village Competition

Scorton Parish Council has entered this competition again, and the judges will be about anytime from 27th June—12th 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 bannister rails outside the Post Office.

We have a beautiful village, let's win again in 2026.

GOTG 20

11TH JULY 26 FROM 3PM

LOCATION:
Scorton
The Green

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

We see a Fab mix of 3 new artists which sees a solo, 2 Duo's . As well as 3 bands + YP opening up the show

Festival Of The Year

ALL PLAYING FOR FREE



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Rare Bittern moves in at Scorton Lakes

Many visitors to Scorton Lakes have been thrilled to hear a rare Bittern bird making its distinctive booming sound in recent weeks, indicating that the site has become a home for this species.

Bitterns are members of the heron family and live in dense reed beds. During the spring breeding season males produce a low frequency booming sound that experts liken to someone blowing over the top of a milk bottle. The sound can travel up to 3 miles making the Bittern the loudest UK bird. Once declared extinct in the UK in the late 1800s Bittern numbers have recovered with a study finding around 280 booming males and around 600 wintering birds nationwide. The birds still have an amber conservation status however. The presence of such a rare bird at Scorton Lakes is great testament to what a wonderful nature sanctuary this site has become.



Library photograph of Bittern (not taken at Scorton Lakes)

RAF Scorton researcher needs your help

My name is Dave Stock and I have been a resident of the local area since the 1960's. I am currently researching the history of RAF Scorton, mainly the WWII period but also up to its closure in the 1950's. I have been able to gather plenty of information from the old RAF and squadron records but there do not appear to be many photographs or personnel accounts from that period and how the station impacted the local community .

This is where I am appealing to local residents, If you have any information, photographs or anecdotes relating to RAF Scorton, the people that served there, or the village history during the war I would love to hear about them.

You can contact me initially by
E-mail : rafscorton@btinternet.com



SCORTON FEAST



SCORTON FEAST & SPORTS

14th – 17th August 2026

Presidents:

Nina Adams and Lol Campbell

During the 14th August to 17th August 2026 all sorts of exciting events take place in and around Scorton.

There will be a cricket match, summer teas, obstacle races, brass band, church service, bowls, cycle race, football, rounders, pet show, classic vehicle show, adult sports, children's sports and tea party, Gymkhana, Flower and produce show to name but a few. Murphy's Fun Fair will be in attendance

Scorton Feast is very much a village event and everyone is invited to take part – please join in!

We hope that families in the parish enjoy this part of village life which has been running for over 750 years.

House to House collections have over the years remained very similar, despite running costs increasing. Representatives from the Feast Committee will be calling house to house to deliver "Feast Programmes" which will have full details of activities and entry forms. We request that a donation towards the programme and activities is made, please give generously, as your contribution will support the running of the Feast funding the following - prize monies for the children's sports, pet show and flower show plus help with the general running costs and providing toilets, marquees, etc.

Donations to Scorton Feast can be made via the following QR Code.



Thank you!

**Any queries please contact Rob Coates (Chairperson) 07734015621 or
email scortonfeast@gmail.com**

Do you fancy practicing to enter one or both of the following cakes in the Scorton Feast Flower and Produce Show? Ingredients and recipes below -

HUGO SPRITZ LOAF CAKE

INGREDIENTS CAKE:

2 mint sprigs
250g golden caster sugar
250g unsalted butter, softened
4 medium eggs
250g self-raising flour
1tsp baking powder
100g Greek yoghurt
1/2 lemon, zested
60ml elderflower liqueur/cordial

TOPPING:

125g mascarpone
150ml whipping cream
3 tbsp elderflower liqueur/cordial
2 tbsp Prosecco (optional)
1/2 lemon, zested

DIRECTIONS

PREHEAT the oven to 180° C (160° C fan) mark 4 gas and line a 900g loaf tin.

Remove the mint leaves from their stalks and finely chop. Put in a pestle and mortar with around 2 tbsp of the golden caster sugar and pound until the mint leaves have completely broken up.

Mix the butter with both the mint sugar and remaining sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well between each addition.

Beat in the flour and baking powder, then beat through the yogurt, lemon zest and elderflower liqueur until well combined.

Transfer to the prepared tin and bake for 55 mins - 1 hour, or until a cake skewer comes out clean when inserted.

For the decoration, when the cake has cooled, whisk together the mascarpone and whipping cream to soft peaks, then whisk through the elderflower liqueur/cordial. You can whisk in 2 tbsp of Prosecco too, if you choose.

Swirl the cream over the top of the cake and decorate appropriately.

FAST & FURIOUS 10 Minute CHOCOLATE CAKE

INGREDIENTS One of Betty Crocker's standard chocolate cake mixes
(other makes are available)

PREPARATION Mix as packet instructions (packet front to be displayed alongside cake)

TO BAKE Place mixture in a MICROWAVE proof dish of at least 1.5 litres in size

MICROWAVE on high for 10 minutes.

Fill and decorate as you wish **JOB DONE !!!!!!!!!!!**

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
- ◆ **Beavers, Cubs & Scouts** Catterick Village Scout Hut
Contact: Tara (Group Scout Leader) email: Tara.roulston@nys.org.uk
- ◆ **Brownies** 1st Brompton on Swale, Friday during term time
Contact: BromptonOnSwaleBrownies@outlook.com
- ◆ **Catterick Village Youth Project (Years 5 - 11)** Catterick Village Sport Pavilion
Thursday 6.30 - 8.00pm Contact: Naomi Fletcher 07847 384835
- ◆ **Curlew Rides** Monthly bike rides from local villages
Contact: John Yorke 07795 097985 or curlewcyclinggroup@gmail.com
- ◆ **Domino Drive** Every 3rd Tuesday in the month (not August)
Scorton War Memorial Institute at 7.30pm Contact: Ian Threlfall 01748 811323
- ◆ **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 for more information
or email admin@esbb.co.uk or Rev Simon 07786 282214
- ◆ **Scorton Community Buddies** A village befriending scheme for our elderly,
vulnerable and lonely residents. Contact: Ian Robinson 07748 660721
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Short Mat Bowling Club** Every Thursday between late September and April.
Scorton Institute Contact: Martin Carter 07751 067998
- ◆ **Women walking for fitness & friendship** Fortnightly Saturday morning walks
Contact: Catherine Marshall 07984 808838
- ◆ **Women's Institute** 1st Wednesday in month 7.30pm
Scorton Institute Contact: Sandra McDougal 01748 811318
- ◆ **Yoga**
Contact: Clare on 07595 873221 or email claremwalker@hotmail.co.uk
- ◆ **Young Farmers** Hackforth Village Hall every Tuesday 7.30pm 12 –26yrs
Contact: Alex Chapman 07762 78411

If you would like your local club or society to be added to this list or on the village website, please contact Vicki on 07513 173762 or clerk@scorton-pc.gov.uk

Scorton War Memorial Institute

For available dates and rates phone 01748 818799