



The Scarning Beacon

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The Scarning Beacon is a free, and hopefully, informative and fun newsletter for the whole of Scarning.

It will be largely distributed electronically, but for the first three months we will also deliver a paper copy to every home. From December onwards, it will not be delivered to your door, so you will need to get it electronically.

Due to costs, the paper copies will be mostly in B&W, so to see the full, glorious technicolour version you need to visit the village website! - www.Scarning.Info

Alternatively, if you would prefer to receive it direct to your inbox, please send an email to ScarningBeacon@Gmail.Com

We will also be posting links to The Scarning Beacon each month on [Facebook](#) and [Nextdoor Scarning](#).

In medieval times, beacons were a method of “spreading the news”, which is why we chose the name for this newsletter.



The beacon itself was donated in memory of Sydney J. Nurse, possibly in the early 1980s.

Does anyone know the full story, as we'd be fascinated to hear it. Please let us know.



There are currently 244 Scarning residents using [Nextdoor Scarning](#) but very little activity, which is a shame as it's an excellent way of keeping in touch with your neighbours.

The more we use it, the better it will become, so please consider using it.

If you have anything you'd like us to include in next month's Scarning Beacon, please send it to us by the 15th of September.

Remember, November will be the last copy to be delivered, so prepare to get it online, or send us your email address!

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Dale Diary



DRESSING YOUR HOME TO SELL

5 TOP TIPS

Well they say some good comes out of bad. With enforced lockdown it has allowed more time in the garden so the vegetable plot has been productive.

It had also given time to enjoy the increase in butterflies this year and I was lucky enough to see a Hummingbird Hawk moth drinking on the Tobacco plant. Although there were less Swallows this year, (though those that did make it have been busy with their young), a small flock of Swifts were spotted in July. We have had more deer visiting, both Roe and Muntjac, and a family of three Roe deer came and enjoyed a snack on the Hibiscus!

Fortunately the holidaymakers are now returning to enjoy the country life at Scarning Dale with the chance of a swim, seeing the animals and enjoying all the delights that Norfolk has to offer.

Jean McGrath

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1) Define your rooms

Rooms are more appealing to buyers if they have a specific purpose. Make sure each room is set for its designated purpose – if it's a three-bedroom house make sure it is just that, as bedrooms add more value to properties than studies or store rooms.

2) De-clutter and clean

Clutter can make your home seem small and disorganised, so de-cluttering will help buyers to visualise how the house will look when they've moved in. Minimise lotions and potions in the bathroom, put excess clothes away, thin out books on the bookcase and clear surfaces in the kitchen. Then it's time to give everything a thorough clean and light some scented candles to make your home even more inviting.

More Top Tips next month...

PARSONS

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Your Village Hall

Due to the obvious pandemic restrictions, no activities have been taking place in the Hall.

We're all hopeful that gradually normal service will be resumed before too long.

In the meantime, the Hall is having an interior facelift so that it will be pristine for forthcoming activities.

Bookings: Nick Hartley 01362 687492
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Caretakers: Pam & Richard Cole 01362 687420
[Scarning Village Hall](#)



The next Litter Pick is October 3rd at 9am, and we really need your help to keep our village tidy. This is a sociable and very satisfying morning, so please get involved, by contacting Nick on 01362 687492 or ScarningClerk@BTInternet.Com.

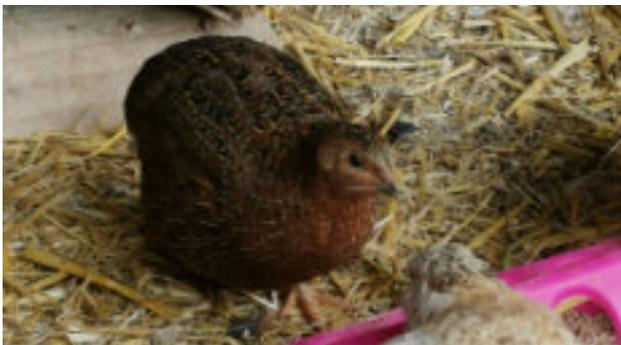
All the necessary equipment is supplied. Hopefully the monthly Coffee Mornings will be running again by October so we can finish at the village hall for a free cup of tea and a slice of cake or a bacon butty!

Curious Creatures

Japanese quail are a species of old world quail and were only recognised as their own species in 1983, they originally came from East Asia.

Quail are very easy to look after, only needing to be cleaned out once a month depending on how many you keep and size of living space.

They require a high protein diet especially when young, their main diet can consist of layers pellets, mixed corn, extras can include dried and live meal worms, vegetables especially corn on the cob, lettuce, and for a protein boost chopped up boiled eggs, cooked pasta or left over cake can be given. Fine oyster grit should always be available. Apple cider vinegar can be added to their water for healthy feathers and to help aid in worm and parasite control.



Females tend to be heavier bodied than males and larger too. Males tend to be more relaxed than females but quails become tame very easily.

They fully mature at 6-7 weeks, males a little longer. Females will lay eggs when still very young and can lay up to 300 eggs annually.

We always have fertile or eating eggs available to buy from our small covey of quail, ring 07749026220 for more information or help on quail care.

Emma



“The morning after” - Tim Farnham



Since reopening our doors to our families on the 1st June due to the closure of all of our settings as a result of coronavirus, the children have had a fantastic time, adapting to the changes put in to place to keep our children and families safe extremely well.

The children have enjoyed coming into nursery, with an exciting theme of the week such as ‘Under the Sea’, where they go for a hunt to find different sea creatures, whilst popping bubbles and listening to songs from the Little Mermaid.

As a setting, we are also providing our children with a weekly sports day, where they are enjoying lots of fun physical activities, including races, obstacle courses and bean bag balancing too. The children have won stickers and certificates, to take home to show their families and friends their achievements!

Well done Little Owls children, you have all been fantastic!!

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Through The Garden Gate

Hello everyone. My name is Corinne Steward and my home is in Scarning. I have lived here for many years, as have a large part of my husband's family and now my own family.

Over time in our forthcoming newsletters I hope to be able to give you ideas, pictures and helpful tips on gardening for you.



I have always enjoyed gardening, being taught almost all I know from my Mum. Gardening and flowers seem to run in my family as far as I can remember; flower arranging again being taught by my Mum. I have gained so much knowledge on both these subjects and still learn something everyday.

Early in my Flower Arranging days I fell in love with spring flowers, plants and shrubs, such as Philadelphus, Viburnum, Peonies, Shrub Geraniums, Tulips, Hyacinth and many more. So consequently these were very prominent in the early days of creating my own garden.

I very quickly learnt that a garden needed more than just perfume, contrast, design in Spring, but throughout the year.

So, on to design, creating and loving collecting all kinds of flowers, plants and trees for my garden of 20 years which is open for [NGS](#) and private groups.



A garden is never finished. With ever changing seasons, unpredictable weather, mind changing moments, of which I have many, make my gardening such an exciting venture every day.

September in the garden is welcoming bright, fiery, bold hot colours - such as Crocosmia, late flowering Phlox, Anemone, Red Hot Poker, Fuchsia, Dahlia, Penstemon, Helenium and much more. Trees are

turning into golden yellows & warm reds before their leaves fall.

There is so much to keep that flow of colour going until the frost decides to rear its head and winter creeps in. The Autumn allows us to prepare for the coming winter by cutting our shrub roses down, tying in those unruly climbers and making sure we have cut out any dead from our shrubs. Autumn also calls for us to mulch the beds, giving protection to our plants.



I have a little treat for you of four photos of plants in my garden in bloom at the moment for you to identify. It is currently the beginning of August as I write. Answers next month!



Enjoy your gardens, watering, weeding and dead heading to prolong the flowering period.

If you have any questions on Gardening/Flowers please email me at

CorinneASteward@Gmail.Com

Enjoy your gardening.

SCARNING BELL RINGERS



Like so many other things, bell ringing in Scarning came to a sudden halt with the arrival of the pandemic. This was partly because there were no more church services, but mainly because the social distancing rules made it impossible to continue safely. Indeed, for a while no one was officially allowed even to enter the church.



The guidance we have been given, along with every other band of ringers, is ultimately based on government advice, of course, but comes more immediately from our Bishop Graham in Norwich and from the umbrella organisation which looks after UK bell ringing, the CCCBR.

As it happens some limited ringing is now allowed once more, but it is hedged around with restrictions to the extent that the Scarning band feels that it is best to wait for the time being.

Apart from anything else several of the band are classified as 'at risk' due to health status or age, and it has to be said that ringing bells, whilst a traditional part of village life, isn't the most important thing

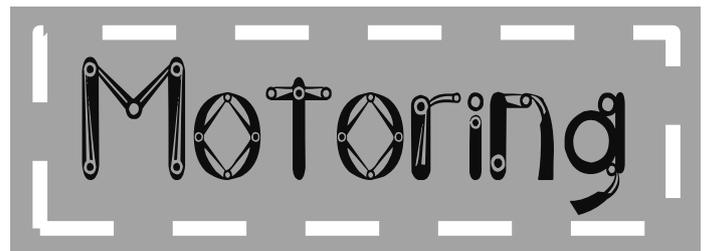
on most of our minds right now.

Those of you who live close to the church may well have heard the bells from time to time, and that is because we have a manually operated chiming system that can be used by one person, and now that we have some church services again we aim to ring for a short while for those.

The chiming system is an interesting and historic thing in its own right, and I might tell you more about that in a future issue of this magazine.

In the meantime the band, which currently numbers 11 people, has been keeping in touch as we are all good friends anyway. We have had one socially-distanced get-together on the playing field [bringing our own chairs and drinks] and hope to repeat it before the weather becomes too autumnal.

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MOT Extension

Due to the Covid-19 many MOT's on cars have been extended but it is still important to keep your cars safe to be on the road don't hesitate to give us a call if you have any queries.

Keep your Air-con gas topped up.

Air con is not only used during the hot weather but it is also good in the winter for demisting the screen quickly. Re-gas from £45 + VAT

Chapel Lane Garage

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Scarning Church



During the initial lock-down period there were no services at Ss. Peter & Paul, Scarning, but online services were held for all the churches in our group of parishes using Zoom, and these have proved very popular. They are ongoing, and in fact I believe there are ideas of continuing with something similar even after the current crisis is behind us.

Recently however, services have resumed at Scarning and for the moment are fortnightly, though we hope to go back to weekly in due course. The dates I have at the moment are:

6th September
20th September
4th October
18th October

All at 11.15am

The church is also open for private prayer and visits on Sunday afternoons and Monday to Wednesday from 09.30 to 16.00. It is currently closed from Thursday to Saturday to allow a 72 hour break prior to a Sunday service.

Our diocese is rightly taking a responsible and cautious approach to the process of returning to normal and we have a range of measures in place in the church including social distancing and hand sanitisers. Like many other public indoor spaces you will need to wear a mask if you come to a service.

The pandemic unfortunately coincided with a period when we have had no rector. Our previous rector, Sally Theakston, retired from the

post last summer, having been with us for ten years. However we have been lucky in being able to appoint the Reverend Canon Paul Cubitt in her place and he took up his post at the end of August. The group of parishes of which Scarning is part includes Dereham, Shipdham, Bradenham, Swanton Morley, Hoe, Beetley and Bilney, and for historic reasons Scarning is looked after directly by the rector rather than by another member of clergy within the team. We therefore look forward to a long and close relationship with Paul and I personally am sure that he has the experience, energy and personal qualities to make a very positive impact in the months and years to come.

Finally, I should perhaps introduce myself. My name is Tim Farnham and I am one of the churchwardens at Scarning, the other being

Sue Rockley.

If you wish to know more about what is going on at the church you can contact me at Tim@FarnhamFarms.Co.UK or 07831 106246 or Sue at SueRockley84@Gmail.Com or 01362 694886.

Alternatively visit the team ministry website

DerehamAndDistrictTeam.Org.UK or keep an eye on the notice board by the road outside the church. At the moment things are still liable to change so please do check if you would like to come to a service.

Tim



Scarning Parish Council

During Covid-19, the Parish Council has been business mostly as usual, despite the dreaded Zoom meetings - "You're on mute!" being often said...

We meet on the third Monday of the month, and we hold a public forum before each meeting for members of the public to have their say.

Agendas and minutes are posted on the Council's website, and if there is a topic you wish us to discuss, please contact our Clerk, Nick Hartley.

We are constantly pushing for changes to the A47/Draytonhall Lane/Fen Road junction. Despite being one of the deadliest junctions in Norfolk, Highways England routinely reply that nothing needs to be done! Feel free to send your views to Info@HighwaysEngland.Co.UK

Special thanks to Sharon Goldsworthy for tending to the lovely flower troughs at the two main entrances to our village.

The Water Meadows are a wonderful area within Scarning, but need routine management by volunteers to preserve them. If you feel you can help in any way, please make contact. All tools and support will be provided - we just need some enthusiastic, caring individuals to spare some time.

Thanks

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FROM THE ARCHIVE

Scarning Village Hall and four (later six) adjacent cottages were built at the start of the 20th Century. It was funded by a mystery benefactress, who remained anonymous until after her demise. The following is an extract from the Scarning Parish Magazine, dated March 1903.

Our Village Hall

A copy of the Address expressing the heartfelt thanks of the inhabitants of Scarning, of all ages and of every station, was sent to our unknown Benefactress. The Foundress, in reply, desired her Friends in Scarning to accept her assurance of the great pleasure which the receipt of the address has afforded her, and of her heartfelt satisfaction that the Scarning Village Hall has proved such a source of delight to the parishioners. She hopes that the new Institution which it has been her privilege to found may continue to be a means of bringing all classes together in friendly union and concord. Finally, the Foundress desires to express her good will and warm interest in the welfare of Scarning and her friends there.

More details of the founding of the Village Hall & Estate can be found on the www.Scarning.Info website.

Your village needs you!



We need your ideas, contributions, adverts, suggestions and general help... So, if you'd like to help or be involved in future editions of The Scarning Beacon, in any way, shape or form, or simply to place an advert, please make contact -

ScarningBeacon@Gmail.Com

or 07836 675858.



Crab Apple Jelly

We have a large, old crab apple tree in our garden which produces a glut of fruit some years, so we make it into a delicious, pale golden jelly. We improvise a jelly bag with a double layer of old muslin, strung on a v-shaped clothes dryer using safety pins and leave it to drip into a saucepan over night.



Makes about 5 lbs (2.2 kg)

4lbs (1.8kg) crab apples
4 cloves
2 pints (generous 1 litre) water
Granulated or preserving sugar

Wash and pick over the fruit. Remove away any bad or bruised parts and cut any large ones into quarters. Smaller crab apples can remain whole. Put the fruit in a pan, add the water and cloves. Cover and simmer gently until soft and pulpy. Strain for several hours through a scalded jelly bag or strong linen cloth. Don't squeeze the

bag or the resulting jelly will be cloudy and unappetising.

Measure the juice back into a saucepan. For every pint (600 ml) of juice add 1lb (450g) sugar. Stir over low heat to dissolve the sugar, then bring up to a brisk boil. Boil steadily for a set (about 10-15 minutes)*. When ready draw off the heat and skim very thoroughly for a clear sparkling preserve.

Pour into clean, warm jars. Cover and seal while hot.

* wrinkle test for checking if it will set - use a saucer that has been cooled in the fridge and dribble a small amount of juice onto it, let it cool a bit then push the edge with a spoon and if it wrinkles, you're done! If not, boil a bit longer and try again.

Penny Allan

If you have any recipes you'd like to share with your neighbours, please send them to us - ScarningBeacon@Gmail.Com.



Hello, you may have seen adverts on the notice boards around the village or on Nextdoor Scarning, as I am trying to rejuvenate a tennis club in the village.

We have two hard courts on the playing field which are really well kept. Scarning Playing Field have kindly left these open and free of charge to everyone since the lockdown began to be lifted, and it's been great to see them so well used. So we've been meeting from 6-8pm on Thursday evenings for a sociable game.

If you'd like to come along you can play for free and it would be lovely to see you there.

Clare
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CHUCKLES



I went to the pet shop yesterday, and asked to buy a wasp. The young assistant said, "Sorry Sir, we don't sell wasps." I replied "Well, there's one in your window..."

Know Your Scarning

Road Names

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| 1 | Might you find a branch of Lloyds Bank here? | 5, 5, 5 |
| 2 | Make haste to the field | 10, 4 |
| 3 | Nothing synthetic in this furniture | 7, 6 |
| 4 | This will cost you £400 in the board game | 7 |
| 5 | Sounds as if you will get wet | 6, 4 |
| 6 | Not an old hostelry here | 3, 3, 4 |
| 7 | Anyone for conkers? | 8, 4 |
| 8 | Clean the dental work | 10 |
| 9 | Might Reynard be hiding here? | 3, 6 |
| 10 | Did this famous dancer also come to Scarning? | 4, 5 |

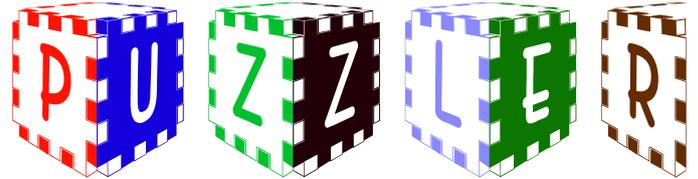
Answers on the last page

I've just discovered the quickest way to call a family meeting.

I turned off the WiFi router and simply waited in the room where it's located.

I had a pint of bitter and a Ploughman's lunch while i was in the pub today.

He wasn't too happy when he came back from the toilet and found it gone.



A thief was hiding out in one of the 45 hotel rooms listed in the chart below.

51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

The hotel's in-house detective received a sheet of 4 clues, signed "The Holiday Thief". Using the thief's clues below, the detective found the room number within 10 minutes - but by that time the thief had fled.

Could you have found the thief quicker?

- Of the 2 digits in the room number, one of them is an odd number and the other is even.
- The second digit of the room number is more than twice as large as the first digit.
- The room number cannot be evenly divided by 7.
- If the 2 digits in the room number changed positions, it would still be a room number in the motel as listed in the chart.

Answer on the last page

Useful Contacts

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Norfolk County Council	William Richmond	07717 868067	William.Richmond@Norfolk.Gov.UK
	Report Fly tipping	01362 695333	Breckland Council
	Report Potholes	01362 695333	Breckland Council
	Police	101 or 999	Norfolk Constabulary
Community Car Scheme	Janet Newell	07827 972163	Dereham Town Council
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Scarning's bin days are usually Tuesdays, but please check [here](#) for full details.

Dereham Recycling Centre details are [here](#).



Defibrillator Locations

Co-Op
Scarning School
Village Hall

Mobile Library

Sadly, due to Covid-19, the County Council have decided to suspend this valuable service for the foreseeable future. Hopefully this is only a temporary measure.

In the meantime, Dereham library has re-opened and the full details are [here](#).



We have an excellent bus service which travels between Peterborough and Norwich. It passes through Scarning every 60 minutes, stopping at Chestnut Road and the Church.

For up-to-date timetables, visit the [excel Bus Timetable](#)

- 1 Black Horse Close
- 2 Rushmeadow Road
- 3 Allwood Avenue
- 4 Mayfair
- 5 Watery Lane
- 6 New Inn Lane
- 7 Chestnut Road#
- 8 Washbridge
- 9 Fox Covert
- 10 Kemp Drive - Will Kemp morris-danced from London to Norwich in nine days spread over several weeks in the spring of 1600. He called the achievement his 'nine days wonder'.

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The thief was in Room 25.



That's all folks. See you next month!

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