

# SCARNING NEWS

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## A New Year in Scarning

As another year begins, we can perhaps hope that spring will not be so long in coming as it was in 2013. Nevertheless, there is still much to look forward to in the village. This year will see the publication of a booklet about Scarning in the First World War to commemorate the start of the conflict. There will also be a book about Scarning's famous school, which has been the scene of riot and revolution, conflict and dispute, for much of its four hundred year history.

The Conservation Volunteers will once again be out on the Water Meadows cutting, clearing and burning. The signing of a lease with Breckland Council has now given the group a greater say in the management of this important area and new volunteers are always welcome.

There are also numerous groups and activities in the Village Hall. These include Tai Chi, Tai Kwon Do, Table Tennis, art classes, a twice monthly Dance Club and meetings of the Women's Institute. The church will once again be hosting its coffee mornings in the hall, as well as other events, details of which follow.

For more information and regular updates on what is happening in the village, please go to the village website at [www.scarning.info](http://www.scarning.info)

## Allotments available

There are one or two allotments

available in Scarning. Please call Ken Steward on 820122.

## Scarning WI

The first meetings of the New Year are as follows:-

February 26 - An amusing talk about the local library by Brigitte Morton.

March 26 - Fish and Chip Supper with Games and Call my Bluff.

April 30 - Trish Harlow on Guide Dogs for the Blind.

All meetings are in Scarning Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members always welcome.

## New Book of Songs

Village resident Frank Foreman suffers from Parkinsons Disease, a progressive neurological condition. Recent research has established that music therapy can help to improve the quality of life for people with this condition. Since moving to Scarning in 2008, Frank has written a number of songs about life in the village, and the lyrics are now available in a book. A separate CD will be produced shortly. The book is on sale for £5 at the Village Hall Coffee Mornings and other functions, at the church on Sundays or direct from Frank. All profits will go to

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DATE

Please send submissions for the next  
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by 15th April 2014

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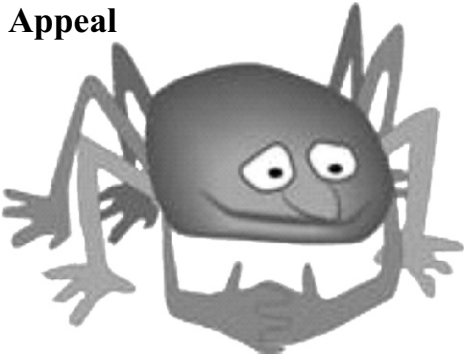
*Winter sunset over Scarning by Nick Hartley*

the Church Restoration Fund, with a donation to Parkinsons UK. For more information please contact Frank on 687082, or fforeman4@sky.com

## Gardeners and Allotment Holders

Have you heard of Dereham and District Allotment and Gardeners Society ? You can join and get big discounts on seeds, etc. There is a Summer Show (August 30 at Trinity Methodist Hall on Theatre Street) and each year there is a talk, a garden visit and other social events. For more information please call Robin Stratford on 693285.

## Scarning Church Restoration Appeal



The PCC and Incy Wincy Spider would like to thank everyone for their generous support in 2013.

**The good news** - We are delighted with the response to the appeal and have raised the £25,000 required in match funding for the initial grant offered by English Heritage. This has been achieved through many fund raising events, donations and offers of grants from other charities.

**The not so good news** - When the works went to tender the lowest bid was a daunting £52,000 more than the original estimate of £109,000 for the building work. Our architect is now in discussion with English Heritage to see if they will increase their grant. Incy might have to wait longer for his new down pipes!

In the meantime we will continue fund raising to ensure that we can do as much of the urgent work as possible. Events in the pipeline are:

**Regular coffee mornings** - these are now a fixture in the calendar on every second Saturday from 1000 to 1200 in the Village Hall. Come along for a coffee, cake and a mardle!

**Jackets and pancakes super supper** - Friday 28 February for details please see back page.

**Flower festival** - 15 to 18 May. Once again Corinne Steward is planning a splendid display for everyone to enjoy. Please contact Corinne on 693286 if you would like to help in any way with the Festival.

Other fund raising initiatives include:

**Waste paper collection** - Charles Hewson has kindly offered to run a waste paper collection to raise money for the church please see page 7 for details.

**Frank Foreman's book of songs** - please see page 2 for details.

*If you have any ideas for fund raising please contact Sue Rockley on 694886.*



***Please notify the charity if you***

*want to cancel this declaration*

*change your name or home address*

*no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.*

*If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and customs to adjust your tax code.*

***Please make cheques payable to Scarning PCC and send with the form to: Mike Quinnell, 32 Allwood Avenue, Scarning, Dereham NR19 2TF***

*Thank you*

**Dog Fouling - let's keep Breckland beautiful!**

Most dog walkers are very responsible, but some individuals are not clearing up after their dogs and Breckland has experienced an increase in reports of fouling in recent weeks. Dog mess is unpleasant and can carry diseases like toxocariasis through contaminated soil, resulting in symptoms such as eye disorders, aches, dizziness, nausea and, in extremely rare cases, seizures/fits

Our Dog Warden, Mike Gardiner will be stepping up his patrols, especially in hot spot areas. He is also asking for residents' help if you are aware of someone who is not cleaning up after their dog, please call Mike on 07771 617417 with a note of times, dates and a description of the owner. Some dog owners may simply not be aware of their responsibilities and, in the first instance Mike will usually just have a quiet chat.

Dog owners have a legal obligation to clear up after their dogs and failure to do so can result in prosecution with a fixed

penalty notice of £80, or if the case goes to court, up to £1000.

Let's keep Breckland beautiful for everyone!

Dale Wilder, Breckland Council  
Environmental Services Officer

**Tennis Courts**

Scarning has two tennis courts situated on the playing field behind the Village Hall. Both courts have recently been pressure washed and the lines have been repainted. These facilities are open to all villagers and only cost £2.50 an hour. The key is available from Corner House, Park Lane (near the courts). For more information, please call 687454.

**Looking for Something Different ?**

Art classes are held in the Village Hall on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. For more information, please call Joy Sands (691486) re Wednesdays and Reg Anderson (691699) re Thursdays.

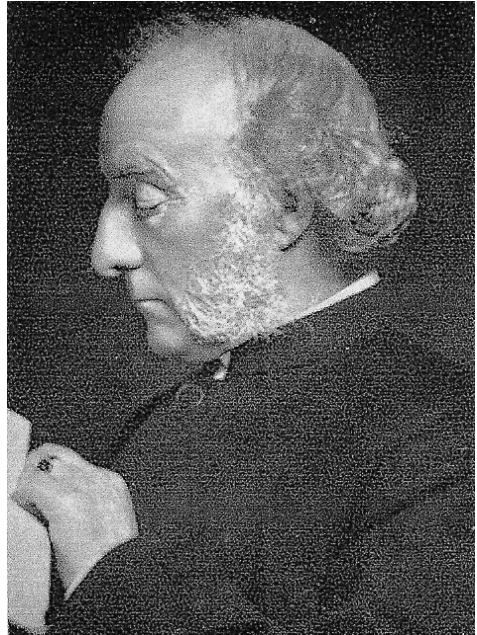
## The Spirit of Arcadia

Over the years Scarning has been home to a number of prominent figures. One of the most important was Augustus Jessopp. February marks the centenary of Jessopp's death. It therefore seems fitting to commemorate the life of a man who achieved much both on a local and national level.

Jessopp arrived in Scarning in 1879, aged fifty five. He had spent the previous twenty years as Headmaster of the Norwich School, which he transformed from a struggling school of 30 pupils to a modern, highly regarded public school.

His friends believed he would soon tire of rural life. Instead he became a champion of the poor. In 1902, with the financial backing of a London philanthropist, he presided over the construction of Scarning Village Hall. The hall became a venue for dances, theatrical productions, lectures, concerts and magic lantern shows a popular favourite of the Victorian era.

Jessopp was also a well known historian, whose work drew the attention of, amongst other, novelists, Rider Haggard and Rudyard Kipling, author of the Jungle Book. In 1905, after a visit to Scarning with his wife, Kipling



presented the Village Hall with forty books for its library.

Gussie, as he was affectionately known, called Scarning his Arcadia. He cherished the view from the ivy clad windows of the rectory and was frequently to be found walking the lanes and meadows. He founded a village Cricket Club and was a governor of the village school, which on his retirement he presented with a case of South American birds.

In 1902, Jessopp was made Chaplain in Ordinary to King Edward VII. Nine years later, plagued by growing ill health, he resigned the living at Scarning and went to live in Norwich with his niece. He died in February 1914 at a nursing home in Surrey, but his body was brought back to Scarning. He is buried in Scarning churchyard.



Useful Numbers

Allotments . . . . .	820122
Parish Clerk . . . . .	687492
Parish Council Chairman . . . . .	695062
Scarning PCC . . . . .	694886
Street Light Faults (Drayton Hall Lane Estate only) . . . .	0344 800 8008
Street Light Faults (Other) . . . . .	687492
Village Hall Booking . . . . .	687492

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The Newsletter reaches over 1,200 homes in Scarning

For more information, please contact:  
[scarningclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:scarningclerk@btinternet.com)  
or phone 687492



# Jackets and Pancakes Super Supper

Scarning Village Hall  
Friday 28 February at 7.30pm

£7.50 - for a supper of  
Jacket Potatoes & Pancakes  
with a selection of fillings

Tickets from  
Yvonne Long - 01362 693135  
or  
Tricia Foreman - 01362 687082



Proceeds to Scarning Church

**Please bring your own drinks**



## Waste Paper Collection for Scarning Church

Charles Hewson is running a waste paper collection service  
to raise money for the church.

He is collecting newspapers, magazines, fliers, mail order catalogues, junk mail, envelopes (inc windows), paperback and hardback books, directories etc but not cardboard.

Everything is recycled and the church receives the recycling credits

If you would like to help, Charles will be pleased to receive your waste paper  
at the coffee mornings held at the Village Hall  
on the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 12.

Alternatively, please call him on 01362 693041 to discuss collection.