

Parish Council Budget

The Parish Council has set its precept for the new financial year at £30,000, a reduction of £8,000 on last year. The Council will be awarding a grant of £6,000 to the Playing Field Committee to help with rebuilding the pavilion. A grant of £3,000 will be awarded to Scarning Parochial Church Council to help with much needed works inside the church.

Outdoor Sports Equipment

The Parish Council will be one of the first councils in Norfolk to install outdoor sports equipment. The equipment will be installed near the play area on Scarning Water Meadows. It will comprise a self-weighted rower, an air walker, elliptical cross trainer, hip twister, air skier and shoulder wheels.

Scarning Pre School

The Parish Council has awarded a grant of £2,000 to Scarning Pre School to help with the purchase of a new climbing frame.

Scarning Bowls Club

The Parish Council has awarded a grant of £2,000 to Scarning Bowls Club for the purchase of a new greens mower and new chairs.

Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity

At a recent meeting, the trustees of the Fuel Allotment Charity awarded cheques for £100 each to two village residents. There were no other applications for funds.

A History of Scarning

A History of Scarning has now been completed and is available for purchase. The book charts the village's rich and varied history from its early days to more modern times.

Did you know, for instance, that Horatio Nelson's father attended the school in Scarning ? Have you heard about the late eighteenth century rector who was drummed out of the village for marrying his cook two months after his wife died ?

Did you know there was a house in the village that could be rotated on its axis ? Or that there were stocks and a pillory outside the church ? Or that bare knuckle boxing matches took place at the Black Horse Inn near the church?

All this and much more is included in the book.

The book will be available for sale in the Village Hall on Saturday April 25, between 2pm and 4pm when there will be an exhibition of photographs, old parish magazines and documents on display. There is no entry fee and refreshments will be available.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend and would like a copy of the book, please contact Nick Hartley on 687492.

The book is fully illustrated and costs £7.50, but please note that there is a limited print run – only 150 copies.

Norfolk RCC

What do you want your community to be like ? Our community is what we make it. Whether you want a better Village Hall, more affordable housing, a community shop, or simply more community activities, often it's down to local people to make these things happen.

However, developing and maintaining projects such as these can seem a daunting task, but it is possible and importantly it doesn't have to be done alone.

Norfolk Rural Community Council is currently working with a wide number of community groups, charitable organisations and community enterprises helping them to 'Overcome many these challenges and more.

Lucinda Leonard is the development officer for Seaming and her role is to support the community – from finding out what the issues are all the way through to bringing projects to reality.

Whether it's helping with funding, sorting out business plans, providing specialist expertise or just being a friendly ear, please get in touch.

For more information, contact Lucinda Leonard at Signpost House, Ambassador Way, Greens Road, Dereham, NR20 3TL. Tel 698216. lucinda@norfolkkrcc.org.uk

Stop the Drop

Your local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England needs your help to tackle the growing problem of litter and fly tipping. Make a real difference by setting up a group of volunteers prepared to keep the village and roadsides free of litter. For more information, contact Paul Wilney on 01603 761660.

Scarning's Website

Don't forget the village has its own website, available at www.scarning.info. The site contains information about all aspects of the village from the school to the Women's Institute, the Parish Council, the Village Hall and the Church.

An Exhibition of Drawings

An Exhibition of Drawings " Paintings by the Members of Scarning Art Groups will be held on Saturday, Sunday & Monday the 23rd, 24th and 25th May in the Church of St Peter & St Paul. Scarning_

Times of viewing 10am to 5pm. Admission is free but a donation can be given at the door. A percentage of all picture sales will be donated toward maintenance of the church.

Refreshments. plants and so on will be available in the Village Hall.

Scarning's Newsletter

This newsletter is delivered to all households in Scarning. If you have an article relating to the parish, or would like to advertise an event relating to the village in this newsletter, please send details to Nick Hartley, Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, NR19 2IB.

Please note that details of any events need to be given at least two month's in advance.