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Defibrillator Purchase

Scarning is to have its own defibrillator. The equipment has been installed in the front porch of the school.

The purchase of the equipment has been funded by the Parish Council and local electrician Darren Gilkes fitted it for free. It is hoped the equipment will prove an asset to the village. 'In the case of a heart attack the earlier help is given to the victim the better their chance of making a good recovery. This can increase by as much as 70% if help is received within the first 10 minutes,' said Parish Council Chairman, Wendy Brown. 'Defibrillators are easy to use. They give audible instructions as you need them. You cannot use them on a patient that is not suitable, they just won't work, but they can make a real difference in saving lives.'

A second defibrillator, funded by the East of England Co-op, is to be placed outside its shop at Riverside. It is the intention of the Village Hall trustees to install a third machine at Scarning Village Hall.

Dog Fouling

Keep Britain Tidy has launched a

new campaign against Dog Fouling under the slogan 'We're Watching You.' According to the charity, research shows that dog walkers are more responsible and pick up after their dogs when they think they are being watched. It also suggests that fouling tends to occur at nighttime and during the winter months, as dog owners feel they will not be seen under cover of darkness. A range of measures have been put in place across Norfolk.

The charity's chief executive, Phil Barton, says that 'our most recent research tells us that people see dog fouling as by far the most unacceptable and dirtiest type of litter. The measures in place encourage the minority of dog owners who don't pick up after their pets to do the right thing.'

New Dog Bin

The Parish Council will be installing a new Dog Bin on Dereham Road near the junction with Coach Lane.

Front Cover Pic:

Courtesy of Liz Dack, Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Breckland District Councillors

The two recently elected Councillors for Shipdham with Scarning are:

Mrs Lynda Turner 01362 822553
lynda.turner@breckland.gov.uk

Mr Paul Hewett 01362 820354
paul.hewett@breckland.gov.uk

They are happy to help with any Breckland District Council related matters if you leave your name and contact details. One of them will attend Parish Council meetings in Scarning. There is also a range of information on the Breckland Council Website.

Gardens Open Day

The PCC would like to thank the garden hosts and everyone who took part in the open day and barbecue on 14 June. Although the weather was not particularly kind there were lots of visitors and the day raised the splendid sum of £1623 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the event.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

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Nature notes

The scrapes have had mixed fortunes over the last two months. The Island scrape that filled so well with water last autumn when it was dug out and overflowed during the winter months has now completely dried out, which has spelled disaster for the tadpoles and other creatures that tried to make their home there. The second scrape has fared better at water holding and has a good population of tadpoles, diving beetles and whirligig beetles. The conservation volunteers will be seeking advice on how best to make the scrapes work.

Several bird boxes have been purchased with the grant money received from Breckland Council. These include boxes for Tawny Owl,

Woodpecker, Nuthatch, Kestrel, Robin and Blue Tits. Hopefully by the time this goes to print they will all have been put up.

On 26th May 21 members of the Wensum Valley Bird Watching Society enjoyed a guided evening walk around the Water Meadows and Vicarage Meadow. Thirty eight different species of birds were seen or heard, including Coal Tit, Reed Bunting, Chiff Chaff, Grey Wagtail, Whitethroat and Black Cap along with the more common birds that are usually about.

Two water voles put in an appearance, one posing beautifully on the bank of the stream eating grass shoots, which enabled everyone to get a good view of a water vole in the wild.



Photograph courtesy of Alex McLennan of Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Discover more about Norfolk's wildlife at www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

Have you ever heard church bells ringing and wondered what it would be like to actually do it? The Scarning Bellringers are looking for people interested in learning to ring so why not come and find out more?

Bellringing is an enjoyable, challenging and sociable activity that people of all ages can take part in, and as well as taking up a rewarding activity you could help maintain a tradition that goes back centuries in our village. There is no upper age limit as long as you are in reasonable health. We do ask that young people

be accompanied by a parent or guardian. You do not need to be a regular attender at Scarning or any other church.

If you want to have a look and perhaps have a go, with no obligation, please either ring Tim on 07831 106246 or Tricia on 01362 687082, or just come along to a practice evening at Scarning church on Wednesdays between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. You can also visit our website at scarningbellringers.wordpress.com We look forward to seeing you!



Just before Easter Scarning Pre-School had a visit from OFSTED. This was not unexpected, as the last inspection was in 2009. The inspection was without warning; an inspector just turns up, which gives them a very accurate picture of how the daily routine takes place. The inspector was very pleased with all she saw and gave the Pre-School a Good rating, with only two very small points to improve upon. The hard work and dedication of all the staff was fully recognised. The whole report can be viewed by going onto the Pre-School website. Rosey and Donna and the whole team are now busy working on their goal of getting

to Outstanding. They and the Committee are very grateful for all the support from parents, Scarning School and the Seckar Trust.

A separate issue is that the mobile that houses Pre-School is in a very bad state of repair. There is a lot of rot underneath and it is not viable to have it repaired. The Committee are looking into ways that we could fund a new build. We have looked at various types of building and it is going to be very expensive. We are looking into Lottery funding and other channels. If anyone has any ideas please contact Rosey at the Pre-School on 699360.

A Favourite Recipe from Scarning

Chocolate Brandy Torte.

Serves 12 to 14

80g butter

150g digestive biscuits crushed

1 x 397g tin condensed milk

400g good plain chocolate broken into pieces

6 tablespoons brandy or alcohol of choice

300ml double cream

Melt the butter and stir into the biscuits. Press into an 8 spring form or loose bottomed tin. Chill for 5 minutes. Put the chocolate, brandy and condensed milk into a large bowl. Microwave on high for 3 minutes until the chocolate has melted. Beat until smooth. Leave to cool for a few minutes then stir in the cream. Pour into the tin and chill overnight.

If artist David Hockney were to appear on the popular BBC TV show *Who Do You Think You Are*, he would be tracing his ancestors back to Scarning.

Hockney's grandfather on his mother's side was Charles Thompson, who was born in Scarning in 1862. He was one of eight children. His father was an agricultural labourer. Thompson was also a labourer, but by the start of the twentieth century, he was living on Poor Relief. In 1901, when the census was taken, an unmarried daughter, Eliza, was living with him. She was also 'reliant on the parish,' another way of saying she could not support herself.

Charles Thompson left Scarning as soon as he was able. He moved north, finally settling in Bradford. He changed jobs frequently. At the time of his marriage to Mary Sugden, a weaver's daughter, he was working as a coal dealer. In 1901, when his daughter, Laura (David Hockney's mother) was born, he was a carter.

A similar pattern appears in Hockney's paternal lineage. His



father, Kenneth, was born in 1904 to James William Hockney, who worked for an insurance company. He too had broken away from the family profession of agricultural labourer. His father, Robert, moved around looking for work.

When David Hockney's parents, Kenneth Hockney and Laura Thompson, met and married in Bradford, Kenneth was working as a clerk for a local drysalter. Laura was an assistant for the London Rubber Company.

In 1977, their son painted them sitting together, and yet apart.

Have you ever wondered what your Parish Council does ? The Parish Council has many functions, but broadly speaking is responsible for the provision and maintenance of the children's play areas and fitness equipment on the Water Meadows; the maintenance of the roadside verges and hedges in some parts of the parish; the production and distribution of the village newsletter; the creation and maintenance of the village website; the maintenance of the church clock and funding grass-cutting in the churchyard; the upkeep of bus shelters in the parish.

The Parish Council also undertakes projects throughout the course of the year. It was the Parish Council which installed six items of Outdoor Fitness Equipment on the Water Meadows, an innovative scheme that made Scarning the first village in Norfolk to have such equipment. It also made a substantial contribution toward the rebuilding of the pavilion on the Village Playing Field, erected a new Youth Shelter on the Water Meadows play area.

The Parish Council consists of nine unpaid members who all live in Scarning and represent the village on various matters. All meetings are open to the public and all villagers are warmly invited to attend. Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on alternate months starting in January, with an additional meeting in April at which the Chairman delivers an annual report alongside reports from

representatives of various village bodies.

Agendas for the meetings can be found on the parish notice boards, on the village website (www.scarning.info) or by contacting the parish clerk on 687492.

At each meeting there is a Public Participation Period at which any member of the public can air their concerns about any issue affecting the parish. Alternatively, for those who cannot attend the meetings letters can be addressed to the parish clerk at Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB.

If you are interested in the village why not come along to one of our meetings. The next meeting will be on July 20 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the village website, the noticeboards, or by contacting the parish clerk at scarningclerk@btinternet.com

The Parish Council has kept its precept (the money available to it) at £30,000 for the forthcoming financial year and will be seeking to use those funds to serve the village in the best way possible. Let us know how you think we are doing and where you think we can improve.

Remember, the Parish Council is run on your behalf and your suggestions will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to comment, please write to the parish clerk at the above address.

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