

Scarning Newsletter

June 2011

Parish Council Vacancy

Would you like to have a greater say in what goes on in your community? If so, why not consider becoming a parish councillor? There is currently a vacancy on Scarning Parish Council. If you are aged over 21, are a British citizen, and have lived in Scarning more than 12 months, please write to the Parish Clerk, Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB, briefly setting out the reasons you would like to join the council, and enclosing a short CV. Or for more information, please phone the clerk on 01362 687492.

Applications to be received by June 30, 2011.

New Path

The Parish Council has paid for a new path to be laid around the fitness equipment on the Water Meadows. It is hoped that the path will make it easier for residents to reach and use the equipment in bad weather.

A Brighter Village

As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations next year, the Parish Council is considering planting daffodil bulbs the length of Dereham Road as it runs through the village. The bulbs would be planted at different points in the verge. The Council would like to hear your views on this idea, and any comments should be sent to scarningclerk@btinternet.com, or to the Parish Clerk, Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB.

Managing the Meadows

The Parish Council has set up a committee to consider the management of Scarning Water Meadows. If you would like to be part of this group, please write to the parish clerk, Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB, briefly setting out the reasons you would like to join the group. Or for more information, please phone the clerk on 01362687492.

New Chairman for Parish Council

Wendy Brown has been appointed Chairman of the Parish Council. She succeeds Alan Glister, who retired from the post in May. Mr Glister gave more than 25 years devoted service to the village as a councillor. In his closing speech to the council he noted that it had been 'a real pleasure to serve the village.'

At the same time, another long serving member of the Parish Council also retired. Norman Eagle represented the village for more than 30 years. In her opening address to the Council, Mrs Brown noted that she wanted Scarning to be a tidier village that was free of litter and dog mess. She wanted villagers to take pride in the village. She said she was also keen to find a means through which the Water Meadows could be managed, and expressed her wish that there should be an Annual fete, supported by the Parish Council and village bodies.

Make 2011 the Year you Save the World

A campaign designed to help people lower their CO2 emissions is encouraging people to make 2011 the year they really make a difference. The campaign, Greener Together, focuses on the small actions we can each take in our daily lives towards achieving bigger changes in the wider world.

The campaign makes use of a website www.greenertogether.coop that allows people to register for free and instantly become a part of an active community of likeminded people, all sharing their tips, ideas, knowledge and experience for greener living. The interactive site also allows you to track by exactly how much you are reducing your CO2 emissions.

Calling all Community Minded Residents

Are you interested in looking after your village? Then why not consider becoming a Community Ranger? The Community Ranger scheme is run by Breckland Council. All rangers are provided with litter picking sticks to help keep the village clean and tidy. For more information, please contact Richard Wills at Breckland Council on 656870.

A Messy Problem

According to the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign, 95% of the British public are worried about the amount of dog fouling in public places. Not only is dog fouling unpleasant, it's dangerous, and in some instances - can lead to blindness. Children are particularly at risk. People who do not clean up after their dog can be given a £50 on the

spot fine. If they refuse to pay the fine they can be prosecuted and may face a court appearance with a maximum penalty of £1,000. If your dog fouls in a public place, you must clean up the mess under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. Advice to dog owners. Always carry a poop scoop, and a bag to carry the mess to a dog bin. If there is not a dog bin nearby, please take the mess home. There are numerous dog bins throughout Scarning. Please use them. For more information contact Breckland Council on 01362 656870 or email katehaselton@breckland.gov.uk

All Change

Two new members have joined the Parish Council. At its meeting in May, the Council welcomed Mrs Janet Hamling and Mr Stephen Faulkner.

Biodiversity Day

Breckland Council is hosting its first biodiversity event this summer at the beautiful and enchanting Narborough Hall Gardens. The event will be attended by a number of wildlife exhibitors, and a whole array of adult and children's activities to enjoy. So come along and share in the delights. A fun filled day packed with nature based activities including Hands on activities, Guided walks and talks, crafts and food stands. Featuring The Fairyland Trust's crown making workshop and the Nutmeg Puppet Theatre. Saturday 9 July 10-5pm at Narborough Hall Gardens, Narborough. £2 entry per person, or £5 per car. Children under 7 free.

Mobile Library

The times that the Mobile Library will be in the village have been changed. The library will be at Soames Place from 15.55 to 16.10 and Mayfair from 16.15 to 16.30 every Tuesday.