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Scarning Newsletter

Parish Council

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Council Chairman, Alan Glister, noted that the highlight of the past year for him was to be invited to the official opening of the extended and refurbished Seaming Primary School. The opening, he said, was 'a very memorable occasion for the village' and he extended his congratulations to all those involved. The school, he said, 'is now a real asset to the village and surrounding district, and will serve them for many years to come.'

In his report, Mr Glister noted that the Parish Council had successfully lobbied Norfolk County Council for a speed restriction of 50mph between the two 40mph areas on Dereham Road. The Parish Council, he said, will continue to lobby for a 20mph outside the school.

Mr Glister said that after much deliberation the Parish Council had decided to grant aid many village groups, notably the Village Hall Trust & Estate, Seaming Church and the Playing Field Committee. He said that this financial support from the Council precept is essential to the long term future of these village assets if we are to remain a viable parish moving forward together in harmony.'

Mr Glister noted that he was disheartened by the lack of progress on the Water Meadows. The area, he said, was suffering from the lack of maintenance and he expressed his hope that something positive will soon be done regarding the site. He said that he would like to see a Committee established to run the site.

In conclusion, Mr Glister gave a vote of thanks to all the village organisations 'for what they give to make our village such a special place to live'.

All Work and No Play ...

Seaming is fortunate to have two large playing fields. The longest standing is behind the Village Hall and was given to the village in 1947 by Arthur Faulkner Wright, a long time resident of Scaming. Facilities on the field include two all weather tennis courts, available to hire throughout the year at just £2 an hour, a Bowls Club and a children's play area, with slide, swings and adventure play equipment. There is also ample room to kick a ball, fly a kite and so on.

The newer playing field is on the Water Meadows and features two football goals, an adventure play area and smaller children's play equipment, all of

which was installed by the Parish Council. An area for smaller children who want to kick a ball is just off Ted Ellis Walk, where two goal posts have been installed.

The Parish Council would like to establish a committee to manage the playing field on the Water Meadows, similar to that which runs the playing field behind the Village Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee, please contact the parish clerk on 687492.

#### Fuel Allotment Charity

The Scarning Fuel Allotment is a small charity run on behalf of residents of the parish. Each year the charity has a small amount of money available to support those in need, or for any charitable purpose which is for the general benefit of persons resident in Scarning.

If you know a worthy recipient, please contact the clerk to the charity on 687492. All information is treated in the strictest confidence.

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#### Women's of Institute

The next meeting of the Women's Institute will be a barbecue in the Village Hall garden on June 18. The following meeting will be held on July 30 at 7.30pm when a talk following will be given by Wendy Elizabeth Smith on The History & Art of Knotting.

For more details about forthcoming events, please contact Rosemary Hutson on 687538.

During the early summer the village has seen again the efforts of members of the Church in putting on the Flower Festival. This, together with the Art Exhibition, is well supported and raises funds to help meet some of the running costs of the Church. The Art Groups and other organisations are grateful for the facilities of the Village Hall and the Church.

This term, Art Group members have taken part in studies involving the effect of various climatic conditions in town and landscape, as well as Still Life. A short series of programmes is dealing with localities around the UK, from St Govan's Chapel in South Wales to Clovelly in Devon, as well as our own East Anglian gems.

As usual, time seems to pass too quickly. Again it is intended to arrange Field Days out, hoping the weather is better than last summer, when visits to the 'baths' might have been more appropriate ! Membership of both groups remains constant. New readers who would like more information should

contact Ted Geeson on 687943.

#### No Golf Please

In the interests of safety, please would people stop playing golf on the Water Meadows. Please use more appropriate facilities.

'0, to be in England, now that Aprils there' and May and June too. In Scarning, the frogs and toads have spawned tiny tadpoies have emerged. inside the gap in a concrete building block a great-tit is feeding eight young. A goldfinch sits on a nest in a privet hedge and a wagtail and a coai-tit have nested under the eaves - no rent or mortgage worries there !

The trees look beautiful, dressed in every shade 01f green. Barn Owls can be seen quartering the ground and ~f seen hunting in daytime is a sign they probably have young. Grass snakes are coming out of hibernation and may found sunning themselves on warmer evenings. Bats too have emerged from the long winter months and can be seen in the evenings feeding on insects. Butternies flit through the garden, while swallows and swifts have returned from the long haul from Africa - no worries about waiting in Termina! Five there !

#### Allotment Fever

Scarning United Charities has recently welcomed another three new allotment holders onto its site off Dereham Road. This brings the number of those who have taken up allotments this year to nine. For more information, please cal! 687492.

#### Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Norfolk Wildlife Trust is running a survey of garden wildlife and would like your help. If you have hedgehogs, song thrushes, slow worms, red tailed bumblebees or house sparrows visiting your garden, the Trust would like to know. The survey runs to the end of December 2008. For a free leaflet, please call 01603 598333 or go to [www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturalconnections](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturalconnections).

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