

SCARNING NEWS

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Welcome to the new look Village Newsletter. This full colour newsletter will be produced quarterly and is designed to keep you in touch with all that's happening in the village.

It looks set to be a busy year in Scarning. In May, we have the Flower Festival in the church, and the following month, as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, there will be a Tea Party and other entertainment at the school (full details to be announced). There will also be a fete on the Playing Field in the older part of the village later in the year, which will be run in conjunction with a new Horticultural Show. In addition, the Parish Council is hoping to introduce a Christmas Tree Fair in December which will be run in conjunction with the Christmas Fair in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council constantly strives to improve life in the village. In 2009, we introduced new Outdoor Fitness equipment on the Water Meadows Play Area, an innovative scheme that made Scarning the first village in Norfolk to have such equipment. The

Council has just installed a new 25 metre Zip Wire on the playing field in the older part of the village, and has taken on a more prominent role in the management of Scarning Water Meadows. It has also planted a mass of daffodil bulbs around the Village Sign which should look beautiful in the spring.

If you have any ideas for further improvements in the village, please submit these online on the village website, at www.scarning.info or send to the parish clerk at scarningclerk@btinternet.com. Alternatively, comments can be sent to Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB.

As the newsletter is a new departure, we would also welcome your comments and ideas.

In the meantime, I hope you have a fabulous year and look forward to seeing you at some of the forthcoming events.

Wendy Brown.
Chairman of Scarning Parish Council

With thanks to Reg Anderson of Scarning for permission to reproduce his painting on the front cover.

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Looking for Funding?

At its meeting in September, the Parish Council will be considering grants to community groups in the village. If your group would like to apply for funding, please see full details of eligibility on the parish website www.scarning.info.

Alternatively, if you would like to talk to someone prior to making an application, then please contact the parish clerk for an informal chat on 687492 between 9am and 6pm. Please note that all applications must be received by 31 August 2011.

It's Party Time

Are you looking for a venue for a children's party? Then why not try Scarning Village Hall? The hall has been refurbished throughout, has modern kitchen facilities and a large garden suitable for a Bouncy Castle. The hall is suitable for all manner of other functions, from christening parties to wedding receptions. For more information, or to make a booking, please call 687492.

Make a Difference

Can you spare an hour or two to help local residents? If so, there are a number of ways you could give a real boost to other people's lives.

Voluntary Norfolk operates a local volunteering scheme and is looking to involve people in a wide range of activities. These include people who are socially isolated, to helping local health teams support patients.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with practical tasks, such as decorating and gardening. There are currently over 1,000 different volunteering opportunities which you could get involved in.

If you are interested in registering as a volunteer, please e mail john.lee@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk

Timely Recognition

The Parish Council has installed a new bench on the Village Playing Field in recognition of the many years of loyal service to the village by former councillors Alan Glister and Norman Eagle.

Events and Activities

If you have a story about local activities or a forthcoming event relating to Scarning that you would like to advertise in this newsletter, please send full details to Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR192LB.

Please note that details of : any events generally need to be submitted at least six " weeks in advance.

Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity

Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity is a small charity run for the benefit of any residents in the village who are facing hardship, need or distress. Each year the charity has a fund from which it can make grants. If you know a worthy recipient, please write to the clerk to the charity at Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB. All information is treated in the strictest confidence.

Your Parish Church Needs You!

The village website calls Scarning "the village at the centre of Norfolk", and at the heart of Scarning stands our parish church dedicated to St Peter and St Paul.

The church has stood proudly at the top of the hill since the 12th century and there is evidence that parts of an earlier building were recycled into the current one. It is a Grade 1 listed building.

The overall design of the church is quite simple, but there are some very special features including a 13th century font and a splendid east window which was installed in Victorian times. The six bells are unusual in that they are believed to have been cast on site by an itinerant bell founder. One bell is inscribed "Charles Newman made mee 1703."

Augustus Jessopp, a distinguished author and rector of Scarning from 1879 to 1911, recorded that the village then comprised a few significant properties and about fifty hovels. How times have changed !

The church is here for everyone and plays a major part in many people's lives at special times, such as baptisms and weddings, as well as funerals. There is a weekly service at 11.15 each Sunday and lots of people come to the special

services at Christmas and Easter.

Scarning Parochial Church Council runs the church and is doing its utmost to keep it in reasonable condition.

Events held at the church are well supported and the PCC is grateful to the Parish Council for taking care of cutting the grass in the churchyard.

So far, so good, but there is a big BUT!

The regular congregation is relatively small and running costs are substantial. As well as contributing to the diocese to help pay for the ministry, there are all the day to day costs, such as insurance, maintenance, lighting and heating.

Urgent repairs are needed to the tower roof and to the windows in the south side of the nave, and we hope this work will be done this year. There is enough in our fabric fund to cover these projects, but we need to replenish the fund in order to keep the church in reasonable order. Rainwater disposal might be the next challenge, with new gutters, downpipes and soakaways.

You may be wondering why we don't get a major grant from English Heritage towards the repairs. The reason is simple - our church is not in such a dire

condition as others and we don't want to let it reach that state.

We believe that most people in Scarning would like the church to be there for generations to come. It is a unique part of our heritage.

In order to secure the future of St Peter and St Paul, we need more income and we are asking for your help, please. A simple donation would be excellent - but it would be even better if lots of people in the village

pledged to give a regular amount (however small) to help maintain the church and its ministry. If you are a taxpayer we could also claim Gift Aid worth 25 pence for every £ 1 donated.

We are holding an Open Day on Friday 12 August from 10am to 3pm. Come along for a cuppa and a chat and see what is special about your village church. We would, of course, be delighted to receive any donations then, or to have a chat about regular giving.

If you would like more information, please contact Sue Rockley, secretary to Scarning Parochial Church Council, on 01362 694886.

We look forward to seeing you on 12 August, or on any' Sunday morning when you are guaranteed a warm welcome.

Scarning Parish Council has installed a new 25 metre Zip Wire. The new Zip Wire is on the playing field in the older part of the village near the church.

'I think the Zip Wire is a great addition to the village,' said Council Chairman,

Wendy Brown. 'It suits a wide age group of children and encourages them to take part in a healthy outdoor activity.'

The equipment has been installed by local firm Norfolk Games and Frames of Gressenhall.

Diary Dates

Saturday 24 March

Coffee Morning at the home of Roger and Yvonne Long.

Hillfield, Dereham Road, Scarning NR19 2PU - 10.30 am to 1 pm.
Come along for a chat and help raise funds for the flower festival.
For more information, please call 694886.

Saturday 21 April

Spring Serenade

a light-hearted concert in church with local artists and fish 'n' chip supper.
Tickets £8 from 694886.

Friday 18 May - Sunday 20 May

The World of Fantasy - flower festival with refreshments, plant sales etc

Thursday 17 May - Preview evening

Saturday 19 May - Downton Abbey comes to Scarning an evening with Caroline Aston, royal correspondent and broadcaster.

Scarning Village Hall is a thriving, well used building. It hosts a fitness class, Tai Chi classes, art classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Music and Movement, as well as meetings of the Women's Institute, the Poultry Club, the Mother's Union and the Parish Council.

The Hall can also be used as a venue for children's birthday parties, christening parties, wedding receptions and other private functions.

The cost of hiring the hall is £6.00 an hour on weekdays up to 7pm and £8.50 after 7pm. On weekends and Bank Holidays the cost is £8.50 an hour up to 7pm, and £11 an hour thereafter.

The Hall is equipped with the most modern facilities throughout and includes a fully modernised kitchen. At the back of the Hall is an enclosed garden.

For more information or to make a booking please call 687492.

Table Tennis

Table Tennis Players Wanted

Experienced Table Tennis players wanted to join a new Table Tennis Club in the village. Play is in the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons from 1-3pm.

For more information, please call Frank Foreman on 687082.

Women's Institute

The next meeting of the WI will be in the Village Hall on April 25, and will feature a talk on Being a Nun in the 21st Century by Mother Teresa.

Meetings start at 7.30pm and are open to everyone. For more information, please contact Rosemary Hutson on 687538.



Free Helpline: 0800 9178137

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service is committed to keeping you safe from fire. We recognise that only a small minority of people will experience a fire in their home during their lifetime. Unfortunately when fire does occur it can have a devastating effect on all those involved.

We also recognise that in Norfolk people who are more likely to suffer from the effects of fire are over the age of 60. For those of you who are most at risk we can offer a free home fire safety visit and where required our

technicians will fit as many smoke detectors as they deem necessary, free of charge. We also provide specialist Smoke Detectors for the hard of hearing, which again are free.

All you have to do is contact the free phone helpline above. Call us and find out if you are eligible for a home visit and if so make an appointment that is convenient for you. One of our trained staff will talk to you about fire safety in the home. The visit only takes between 30 and 60 minutes. If you are not eligible you will still be given advice over the phone.

Heating Oil Syndicates

Are you aware that groups of local people can obtain a discount on supplies of heating oil if they order together? Not only can individuals benefit by group prices, it also cuts down the number of delivery vehicle movements.

There are various schemes available on the internet, some run by large fuel distribution companies and some which say they are free of such ties. As these organisations are, or could be, commercial concerns we feel it is not proper for the Parish Council to publicise them directly. However you can do your own research (or contact one of our parishioners, Michael Eveling, who has done so, at oldhalllodge@googlemail.com)

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Following the closure of Wensum Valley Trust a new group has been set up called the Scarning Conservation Volunteers. Its primary function is to continue the conservation works on Scarning Watermeadows, but it may, if manpower and funding allow, be able to tackle other issues within the parish if they arise. The group will seek advice from other local conservation groups such as Norfolk

Wildlife Trust when necessary and will be working to a management plan provided by Wensum Valley Trust. The more volunteers we have, the more we can achieve. If you are interested in joining this group, or would like further information, please call either Reg Walton on 853032 reg.walton2@btinternet.com or Wendy Brown on 695062 wendy.b@dsl.pipex.com

Scarning Church

Services at Scarning are held every Sunday at 11.15am.

Team Rector	Sally Theakston.....	693680
Team Vicar	Adrian Aubrey-Jones.....	638376
Team Curate	Edward Thornley.....	692453
Churchwardens	Alan Glister.....	696674
	Ron Steward.....	694820
PCC Secretary	Sue Rockley.....	694886
Parish Office	693143

Useful Numbers

Allotments.....	820122
Breckland Council.....	695333
Citizens Advice Bureau.....	697776
Dereham Meeting Point.....	698866
Norfolk County Council.....	0344 800 8020
Parish Clerk.....	687492
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Newsletter Submission Date

Please send submissions for the next newsletter to scarningclerk@btinternet.com by 1st April 2012. The newsletter will come out in May.