

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was chaired by Alan Glister. In his Chairman's report, Mr Glister noted that it had been another busy year for the Parish Council. The Parish Council, he noted, has moved forward in facing new challenges and has engaged in these on behalf of the majority of the people who live in the village.

The Parish Council continues to support the local community with grants to the Village Hall, the church, the Bowls Club, the Pre School and the Playing Field Committee. It is also spending £10,000 on adult exercise equipment at the play area on the Water Meadows and has recently funded publication of a village history.

The Parish Precept, he noted, has been cut from £38,000 to £30,000 for the new financial year, but the Council continues to give financial support to the majority of village organisations for the benefit of the village's inhabitants.

The meeting also heard annual reports from County Councillor John Gretton, who noted that it had been a privilege and pleasure to serve the parish and Ken Steward, Chairman of the Playing Field Committee, who noted that the new pavilion was in the course of construction.

Mrs Yvonne Long noted that the Village Hall continues to be used for a wide range of purposes from yoga classes to meetings of the Women's Institute and the Parish Council, birthday parties and other functions. The Trustees of the Village Hall are to tarmac and lower the kerb outside the front of the building.

A report on behalf of the Church noted the church continues to provide a weekly service, as well as the Flower Festival and Christmas Fair. The church is to apply for a grant from English Heritage to cover part of the cost of maintaining the building, which is estimated at £120,000.

In his report, Mr Graham Chambers, the school's headmaster, noted that the school had won a local area cricket competition and played in the seven a side competition at Carrow Road. The school is developing links with the rural life museum at Gressenhall, reflecting the agricultural nature of the parish and with the Arts College in Norwich. Mr Chambers expressed his thanks to the School Trust for its continued support.

Parish Council Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor on Scarning Parish Council. Persons interested should apply in writing to the Parish Clerk at Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB.

If more than one person applies to fill the vacancy, a formal interview will take place.

Applicants must be aged 21 years or over. Must be a British subject or a citizen of the Irish Republic or other Euro-national. Must be a local government elector and have either during the whole of the twelve months before nomination/application occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish of Scarning, or has during the same period resided in that area or within three miles thereof, or has during the same period had his/her principal or only place of work in that area.

Applications to be received by 30 May 2009. For further information, please contact the parish clerk on 687492.

Scarning Women's Institute

Want to make friends ? The members of Scarning Women's Institute would love to see you at their next meeting. Meetings are held in Scarning Village Hall at 7.30pm on the last Wednesday of every month. For

more information, please contact Rosemary on 687538.

VILLAGE HOG ROAST

A Hog Roast is being held at Manor Farm in Scarning on 7 June from 3pm onwards. Live entertainment will be provided by Kenny and the Strollers. Tickets are £ 1 0 and are available from Corinne Steward (Tel 693286) or Yvonne Long (695633). Proceeds in aid of St Peter & St Paul, Scarning.

Stop the Drop

Are you fed up with the amount of litter on our roads and pavements ? 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

If you would like to advertise your business on the village s website, (www.scarning.info) the charge is £10 per annum. Any enquiries should be addressed to Nick Hartley, Oakleigh House Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB enclosing a cheque made payable to Scarning Parish Council and full contact details

URGENT NOTICE

The Exhibition of Drawings & Paintings by Scarning Art Groups on Saturday, Sunday & Monday the 23rd, 24th and 25th May will now be held in the Village Hall instead of the church.

Dereham and District ladies Circle

Have fun and meet new people. Ladies Circle offers you this and more. We have an enthusiastic membership, offering friendship through social events (for example, trips to the theatre, ten pin bowling, pitch and putt, and meals out) as well as fund-raising.

Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Monday each month. Our annual programme is varied and offers a diverse range of activities. Our unique organisation for women aged 18-45 has a 70 year history. We are proud of our heritage, but aim to be progressive and forward thinking.

Please contact Viv on 821194 to find out what Circle has to offer you, or for more information about the National Association please see www.ladies-circle.org.uk

OPENING OF THE PAVILION

Work on the new pavilion is progressing well and it is hoped to formally open the new building in conjunction with the School Sports Day on the afternoon of 16 June. More information will be available closer to the date on the parish notice-boards, or by contacting Ken Steward on 820122.