

### A website for Scarning

A new website has been launched for Scarning at [www.scarning.info](http://www.scarning.info). The website contains a wealth of information about the parish. There are entries on the school, the Village Hall, the Playing Field, the Church, the Seckar trust and much more. The site has provision for comment, so why not have a look and see what you think.

### Is Your Voice Heard in Your Community ?

Do you feel that important issues in your community are ignored? Do you feel that your community needs to strengthen cohesion? Are you fully aware of how your Parish Council is run and what responsibilities it has? Is speeding an issue? Could young people have a greater say in local activities?

If the answer is yes to any of the above points, or if you have other burning issues that you feel are important to community life, then maybe it is a good time for you to consider taking part in what is known as a Parish Plan.

A Parish Plan represents the voice of your community and is intended to identify local problems and opportunities. It also describes how residents want their community to develop in the future. A Parish Plan is prepared by the community for the community.

If you would like more information, please call Nick Hartley on 687492.

Grand Christmas Fair Scarning Village Hall Saturday 29 November 10 am to 4 pm.

Proceeds to Scarning Church

School Fair

The Christmas Fair at the school will be on Friday 12 December at 2pm.

Women's Institute

The next meeting of the Women's Institute will be its Annual Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on November 26 at 7.30pm. The following meeting will be on December 10 at which there will be a competition for the best wrapped gift. The meeting on January 28, 2009 will be a social evening with board games. For more details about forthcoming events, please contact Rosemary Hutson on 687538,

## Christmas at Scarning Church

Please come and join the celebrations.

Festival of lessons & Carols:

Wednesday 17 December at 7.30 pm.

Christingle Family Service

Sunday 21 December at 11.15 am.

Midnight Communion

Wednesday 24 December at 11.30 pm.

Communion with Carols

Sunday 28 December at 11.15 am.

## Art Groups

In the final term of the year members have so far completed exercises of pencil sketching. In our historic exercises of this autumn term the English pub is to be looked into. Other subjects include the buildings of lodges and gatehouses. There are currently some vacancies in the groups, Any readers interested in joining should please telephone Ted Geeson on 687943.

## A Final Plea

The authors of a forthcoming book on the

history of Scarning would like to make a final plea for information, If you live in a house that is over one hundred years old and have information about it that you think would be of interest, please contact either Sheila Eagle on 687283 or Nick Hartley on 687492. Similarly if you have any old photographs which could be copied and promptly returned, we would love to hear from you.

## Community Car Scheme

A new community car scheme has been proposed for Scarning. The parish is currently served by Transport Plus, which is part funded by Norfolk County Council. A proposal has been put to the Parish Council to use a more local scheme. The costs under the proposed new scheme would be divided between the customer, Breckland Council and Scarning Parish council. For a return journey totalling 40 miles, for instance, the customer would pay £8, All journeys under the proposed new scheme would be health related only and would not include shopping trips. Should a patient be accompanied by a friend, there is the same charge for them. An escort can accompany patients

who need such assistance without charge. Should an appointment take longer than two hours, an extra payment would be charged, For local calls, it is proposed that a set fee of between £2 and £3 would be levied.

Similar schemes currently operate in about twenty towns and villages in Breckland. The Parish Council would like to gauge the reaction of parishioners to the proposal. If you have any comments to make, please submit them in writing to the parish clerk, Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB.

Welcome

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council, John McSkimming was welcomed as the new Parish Councillor, He replaces Stephen Faulkner who resigned earlier this year.

If you have an article relating to the parish of Scarning or would like to advertise an event relating to the parish in this newsletter, please send to Nick Hartley at Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB, Please note any events need to be given at least two months in advance.

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