

Scarning Newsletter December 2009

Village Website

The village website has been up and running for over a year. Its aims are to provide information about local events, clubs, meetings, church activities, charities, history, walks and nature, hire of the village hall, recreational amenities, parish council decisions and local services.

The site, at www.scarning.info is being visited by both local and international internet users and is considered an authoritative site for the village of Seaming.

However, we need YOU to provide information and suggestions for further development. There are currently nearly 30 pages for you to explore.

Have a look, if you have anything you would like to see included or know someone who could provide information please contact Richard Allan at mail@scarning.info

Come and join the celebration!

Christmas Services at Seaming Church

Christingle - 13 December at 11.15am

Carol Service - 20 December at 4pm

Midnight Communion - 24 December at 11.30pm

Communion - 27 December at 11.15am

Parish Council

The Parish Council is to fight plans to close the red telephone box outside the Village Hall. British Telecom has approached the Parish Council with a view to removing all the working parts from the box, but leaving the box itself as a 'Heritage icon.' The Parish Council believes the box forms a vital link for many members of the community and is important to retain in the event of an emergency in either the Village Hall or the Church.

Scarning Water Meadows

Seaming Water Meadows is an area of outstanding natural beauty. The area, of late, has not been properly maintained, but Wensum Valley Trust, in association with Pride in Breckland, is seeking to establish a group of volunteers to manage and maintain the site.

As a first step, members of the Trust will be coppicing willows near Tad Ellis Walk on 23 January between 10am and 3.30pm.

If you would like to become part of the group, or would like _ more information, please call Steve Dailiston of Wensum Valley Trust on 861183.

Community Speed Watch

A number of Seaming residents along the Dereham Road have recently got together in order to set up a Community Speed Watch Scheme. The Community Speed Watch Scheme is an initiative sponsored by Norfolk Police under which residents monitor traffic speeds in and around their neighbourhood.

Persistent speeders will be reported to Norfolk Police by the volunteers, who in turn write to the drivers warning them about their speed and the consequences it could have for them.

Norfolk Police will provide all the necessary training and equipment to run the scheme. The only thing that volunteers have to supply is an hour or so every two weeks. In order for the scheme to be effective, a total of six volunteers is required to either carry out road side speed monitoring or to undertake a small amount of general administration.

If you wish to volunteer and help make Seaming a safer place, or for more information, contact David Westgate on 699353 or at dwestgate@aol.com

Handyperson Service

Older and vulnerable people often find it difficult to carry out small jobs around the home and may find it hard to find someone to do the work for them. Care and Repair's trusted Handyperson Service aims to meet this need.

The type of jobs carried out by the service include Home Safety (smoke detectors, grab rails, removing trip hazards etc) Home Security, Minor Electrical Work, Minor Plumbing Works, Home Energy Efficiency, General Repairs and other minor jobs, such as shifting furniture, small carpentry jobs, fixing curtain rails, clearing gutters, minor repairs to gates and fences.

Unfortunately the Handyperson Service cannot undertake work involving the gas service, major electrical works, cleaning, decorating, gardening or external works above ground floor level.

Whilst there is normally a small charge for the service and clients pay for any materials used, many people may be eligible for an Enhance grant from Breckland District Council, depending on the works they require and on personal circumstances.

For more information, or to make a request, please call 01553 616371 or e mail careandrepair@west-norfolk.gov.uk

Are you in need of transport ?

Transport Plus is a unique public transport service provided jointly by Norfolk County Council, Voluntary Norfolk, East of England Ambulance Service and NHS Norfolk, who together complete some 800,000 trips per year using a variety of vehicles.

As part of this partnership, a specific voluntary car service has been set up to assist people in the community who have difficulty in accessing transport to get to essential services.

The service is available for most health related trips, such as trips to the doctor, hospital, health clinic and social day centre. It can also be used for other medical related appointments such as the dentist, optician and physiotherapist, as well as visits to day care or respite care and essential shopping.

For more information, or to make a booking, please call 01603 422807 between nine and four, Monday to Friday.