

Scarning Parish Council Chairman's Report 2015

This year seems to have been a quieter year on Scarning parish Council although there are several ongoing issues from last year that are yet to be resolved.

- 1 The first is getting the name of 'Scarning' put back on the signposts on the A47. We have been promised this will be done but a year on it is still yet to happen.
- 2 The installation of a directional sign to Fakenham at the end of Drayton Hall Lane is still awaited. We have been given a sign to Gressenhall museum and one to indicate Dereham Road but not the Fakenham sign, which was requested.
- 3 The takeover of the Blackthorn pond area by BDC is still in discussion and until that is resolved SPC can do nothing to improve the area.
- 4 Positioning of a Defibrillator in the village has been finalised and will be at the school.
- 5 The book 'A village's sacrifice' was written by our Clerk Nick Hartley with research from former councillor Reg Walton and was published in 2014 to commemorate the start of the First World War. It makes a very interesting and informative read and is well illustrated. I understand copies are still available should you wish to purchase one. All proceeds from the book will be donated to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Two new 5 a side Goals were purchased for the small play area on the water meadows and they are in regular use.

The Youth shelter on the large water meadows play area has been repaired following an attempt to burn it down.

SPC has supported the SCV with the purchase of a shed to enable the volunteers to store tools nearer to where they will be needed. SPC has also financed the cutting of most of the water meadows, the disposal of the arisings, the digging of two scrapes and clearing some of the ditches.

A grant was given to St Peter and St Paul Church, Scarning to cover the cost of grass cutting in the churchyard. A grant was also made to the village playing field committee towards the upkeep of the playing field.

Charitable donations were made to Dereham Cancer Care, Big C, East Anglian Children's Hospice, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Vitalise, Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, Dereham Meeting Point, The Royal British Legion for the purchase of a Poppy wreath, Dereham Blind Club and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

This year has seen the arrival of Derek Wood onto the parish Council and also sadly his departure due to health reasons.

Anthony Horwell has also decided to leave the Parish Council. I would like to thank them both for the time and effort they have put into Scarning Parish Council and wish them well in the future.

We were sorry also to hear of the death of former councillor Brian Newton- Cox earlier this year.

Thanks are also due to the remaining councillors for their support and dedication. To Richard Allan for managing the village web site and last but not least thank you to our clerk Nick Hartley for an of his hard work.

Wendy Brown

Chairman Scarning Parish Council

20th April 2015