

Scarning Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Chairman's Report 19 th April 2010

I am pleased to report that this has been another successful year of achievements in our village;

Projects that have been financially supported by the Parish Council have been completed, and are now benefiting many of our inhabitants and people who live in the locality and beyond.

In my report last year I said that the Pavilions on the playing field were destroyed by fire and the Parish Council financially grant aided and worked with the Playing field committee to see the completion and rebuilding of the pavilion, This was re-opened on 18th of July, in a really great day of celebration on the playing field by Mr. John Wright (Son of Mr. Arthur Faulkner Wright). And Mrs. Ruby Wright (Widow of Mr. Eric Wright and Daughter in law of Arthur Faulkner Wright who donated the field to the people of Scarning on 24th June 1941 ;)

This was a great example of what can be achieved in Scarning when everyone pulls together to work in partnership and harmony for a mutual goal and is a great credit to all those involved in this project.

This has enabled Scarning United football club to be set up, and the Bowls Club to continue playing village bowls. And potential for many new activities and sports to take place in the future,

We have set up a new system for providing grant aid for future village projects, and I encourage representatives of organisations in the village to apply for this money to help with setting up and assisting the running of facilities and projects that would be beneficial to the inhabitants of Scarning,(contact Nick Hartley the Clerk on 01362 687492).or details are on the village website www.scarning.info/

I also raised in my 2009 report the question of the "Unitary Council "and it now looks as if Norwich may gain its single unitary status,

And that the rest of Norfolk, made up of all its rural parishes, and town councils, and Districts may be governed solely by Norfolk County Council, if this massive change to local service delivery does come about it will obviously have serious implications for all villages in Norfolk such as Scarning.

We have managed to keep our precept the same as last year at £30,000, whilst still grant aiding many local organisations. The Adult exercise equipment has been installed on the Water meadows playing field at the Dereham end of the village, and it is being used very well, and it will help the long term health and fitness of many of our local adult residents, and it was a very great pleasure to welcome village organisation representatives and Mr. Jeremy Goss Ambassador for Norwich

City Football Cub to open this equipment on the 17th September 2009, and we had a reception afterwards at Scarning School.

Another project that I and Councillor Heather Hudson attended on the villages behalf was opening of the new cycle track that joins Scarning School to Dereham town, and was designed and constructed by the Norfolk County Councils Planning and Transportations own design and build team, and it was a real pleasure to welcome Mrs Shelagh Gurney Chair person to Norfolk County Council, And Mr Adrian Gunson (Cabinet member for Planning and transportation, And the design and build team from Norfolk County Councils planning and transportation department)to the opening ceremony kindly facilitated by the staff and the pupils of Scarning School, the creation of the cycle track should help to keep pupils, and parents and carers safe when they come to and from school by cycle and when walking.

I am very pleased to be able to report that a new partnership has been set up to do conservation work on the Scarning Water Meadows site between local volunteer residents, the Breckland Council, and the Wensum Valley Trust, supported by Scarning Parish Council,

The group have recently undertaken some voluntary work on the Scarning Water meadows, The group was coordinated by Steve Dalliston of the Wensum Valley Trust, They have worked hard to clear some unwanted scrub, and coppiced willows on a large area of the meadows, it is hoped that the work will continue, and that this community project will grow in strength and more people can become involved in this important local conservation area. I would like to say a great big thank you to all the people who have been involved in setting this project up.

It was a great pleasure also to greet our new Rector the Reverend Sally Theakston and her husband Michael as Team Rector of the Dereham and District group of Parishes, I and our Clerk Mr Nick Hartley represented Scarning at Sally Theakstons Installation at Dereham Church at a ceremony on the 9th September 2009. And best wishes to Sally for her ministry and time here with us in Scarning.

I would like to extend my thanks, and thanks of the Parish council here in Scarning to Elizabeth Gould and Diana Irving our Breckland and Norfolk County Councillors for their continued support and very valued input to our meetings and for when they take issues forward on Scarnings behalf to their respective councils

It has been a pleasure to lead the Parish council through another year of business, and I would like to formally thank all councillors and the clerk for their support in these endeavours,

Also my grateful thanks to the many community spirited people who attend our meetings and show an interest in the wellbeing of the village, Especially those that

work hard through out the year in many different ways to support our inhabitants in paid and in voluntary capacity to keep all the facets of Scarning life moving along for the benefit of all the citizens that use the services that you all help to provide, and for keeping it such a pleasant , comfortable, and safer part of the country to live, your contribution is very much appreciated, and I thank you on behalf of all the Parishioners for your very valued input and continued support.

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