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Help shape the new Breckland Local Plan

On 11 January 2016 Breckland began the next stage of public consultation in the development of its new Local Plan and will be asking local people for their views on the Preferred Options documents.

These documents set out strategic

issues such as housing and employment targets, put forward potential site options for meeting these targets and outline the planning development policies that will direct future growth.

Nothing has been decided yet and all the sites and policies put forward in the Preferred Options documents remain options. Once finalised late in 2016, the Local Plan will set out a vision for growth to deliver the Council's aspiration that the District

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develop and thrive. It will provide the framework for planning decisions for the next 20 years so it is important that residents, businesses and community groups take the opportunity to have their say and help shape the final Plan. The Local Plan process lets Breckland set its own housing targets, based on an objectively assessed local need, rather than on a national formula. Once adopted, it will identify a five-year housing land supply, giving Breckland greater control over where new developments are built and reducing the likelihood of ad-hoc developments.

The consultation will run until 22 February 2016 and there will be open public events, an online consultation and documents available to view. More details of the consultation, together with the dates and venues of

the open events will be published on the Council website nearer the time, or email planningpolicyteam@breckland.gov.uk

Scarning Flower Festival

In Scarning St. Peter and St. Paul church, May 20th 21st and 22nd. If anyone would like to help in any way, exhibiting, working with someone who is exhibiting, please contact Corinne Steward on 01362 693286

For more information about what's happening in the village, please visit the village website at www.scarning.info

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Message from Scarning VC Primary School

It is a real pleasure to write my first contribution to the Scarning News. We are hoping to make a '*piece from the school*' a regular feature; one that will give you all a flavour of what goes on during term time. Sometimes it will be a class giving you their own take on the evolving school year, sometimes it will be the School Council, and sometimes, as in this case, a member of staff will keep you

abreast of life at school.

I have now been the Headteacher of Scarning for a little over a term and have enjoyed it immensely. The whole school community has made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be the head of such a lovely school. For most of my life I have lived in north London, but the last twelve years have taken my family firstly to Australia and more recently to Norfolk. It has been a varied career



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so far, but I have seen enough to make me realise that I have struck gold with my latest post!

Already I have seen the excellent support the school receives from its community: the Seckar Trust is a long-standing support to the school and we value the difference they make for us. We also cannot thank the Church enough for making December's Christingle Service so memorable. Arriving to the Church bells and the

beautifully decorated Church added that little something extra for our children. We are looking to make a visit to Church a more regular part of our children's experience and are aiming to be back in the Church for an Easter Service in March.

One good way of getting a flavour of school life is to look out for our school Twitter feed: [SVCPS@Scarningprimary](https://twitter.com/SVCPS@Scarningprimary)
You can find this via the school

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website. You do not have to be a member of Twitter, just click on the Twitter part of the homepage. Hopefully you will be impressed with the great work going on at the school.

All that is remains is to wish you all a very Happy New Year
Nick King

Parish Council

The Parish Council has been working hard to improve facilities in the village. In 2015, the council installed six new items of Outdoor

Fitness equipment on the village playing field. It was also responsible for the installation of a defibrillator at the school and worked in conjunction with the Co-op regarding the installation of a second defibrillator at the Co-op's Riverside shop. It is hoped that a third defibrillator will be installed at Scarning Village Hall.

In 2016, the Parish Council hopes to install new play equipment on the playing fields at either end of the village. The Parish Council will continue to fund the work of the



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Conservation Group, which works so hard to maintain the Water Meadows and is planning to hold a nature day on the meadows in the summer that will be open to everyone.

If you have any suggestions for future projects, or comments on the work of the Parish Council, please email the parish clerk.

Alternatively, all Council meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at every meeting for

you to have your say. The next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on March 21.

The agenda for the meeting can be found on the village website, the noticeboards, or by contacting the parish clerk at scarningclerk@btinternet.com

A list of the dates of all the Council's meetings can be found on the village website at www.scarninginfo



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Scarning Conservation Volunteers Nature Notes

Hopefully you all had a lovely break over the festive period and are now raring to go and get fit for the New Year and burn off the Christmas calories. What better way than volunteering for a session on the water meadows. We still have lots of cutting and clearing to do and a patch of brambles to tackle.

We could also do with a volunteer or two to help with putting up two rather large nest boxes. We have a ladder but need some muscles.

We have been very pleased to welcome the Dereham Scouts to our working parties and we have been amazed at the amount of work we have been able to accomplish with their help.

Our next volunteering days are Sat 13th February at 10 am and Sun 14th Feb at 2 pm.

We meet on Ted Ellis Walk by the sign for Lucy's Meadow.

Wear wellington boots and bring gloves. We will provide everything else.

You don't have to say you are coming but if we know how many helpers to expect we can plan tasks and let you know if the session is cancelled due to the weather.

We would love to hear from you. E-mail me

wendyvbrown@outlook.com

Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings throughout 2015 have now become an integral part of village life. The hubbub experienced in the Village Hall on any one of these occasions is exceptional and it is so pleasing to see people come from far and wide to enjoy a coffee and cake, perhaps purchase local produce/cakes but, more importantly, experience a relaxing, leisurely morning with like-minded villagers.

With the instigation of bacon butties, which have become a roaring success, we have again

exceeded expectation with raising funds for the Church. The total for the year, including the Christmas Craft Fair, was £3,825.91 making a grand total of £8,536.46 since inception in July 2013.

Once again, may I thank everyone who has supported this very worthwhile venture for the village – without you it would not happen. Well done for what has become a most enjoyable occasion.

Coffee Mornings in 2016 will continue to be the second Saturday of each month through to November. A Happy New Year to one and all.

If you would like to help in any way please contact Tricia Foreman on 01362 687082. All funds raised are for Scarning Church.

Women's Institute

We finished our 64th year with a splendid Christmas Party, food and entertainment was provided by the committee and our advisor. This consisted of Christmas readings,

some serious and others amusing, interspersed by Carols. There was a crossword on the tables and a quiz. The competition was the best wrapped Christmas present and was won jointly by Wendy Brown and Tina Hobbs.

We had a good mix of speakers on subjects including Redwings Horse Sanctuary, the victims of Jack the Ripper, the Ambulance Service, the Murder Museum at Scotland Yard and a talk on the history of corn dollies, with a chance for all of us to make one. Members also told us of their trips, one to the Buckingham Palace garden party, another member on her travels in Asia and Australia.

Our birthday meeting was a traditional birthday party including a beautiful cake made by committee member Tina Hobbs and of course Jelly and Ice Cream. We played games, pass the parcel and heads and tails, we also had a quiz trying to name unusual vegetables.

The venue for our garden meeting was changed to the village hall due to bad weather, where we enjoyed an afternoon tea followed by games including pass the jelly bean.

In the summer some members visited Stody Lodge and a garden in Westfield. We also went to the Group meeting at the Dereham Football Ground, an afternoon tea and fashion Show. Many members

went on the Group outing to Wroxham, a trip on a boat, a carvery meal in the Ferry Boat Inn at Horning, finishing the day with a visit to Wroxham Barns shopping complex. We had a trip to Norwich Theatre Royal and saw Sister Act. Our Craft taster day in October was a real success, enjoyed by members from our own and neighbouring WI's. We still have our monthly craft and crib meetings.

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