

SCARNING NEWS

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New Path

The Parish Council has installed a new path on Scarning Water Meadows. The aim is to make the site more accessible and to allow greater numbers of people the opportunity to enjoy the beauties of this unique area. The path is suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. It runs past the scrapes from the little play area all the way to the main playing field. There is also a link to the stream path part way along. It makes an enjoyable circular walk around the meadow. The path was part funded by a grant from Breckland Council and was installed by local firm, Aon Services, of Longham.

Scarning at War

2017 will see more commemorations in remembrance of those men and women who fought and died in the Great War.

Please send submissions for the next newsletter to:
scarningclerk@btinternet.com
by no later than 15th February 2017

Copies of the book produced to commemorate the men of Scarning who fought in the war are still available. The book is 30 pages in length and is illustrated throughout with images from the Imperial War Museum.

It only costs £5 and all proceeds are donated to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which is responsible for maintaining the graves of those men who died in the war, both at home and abroad.

If you would like to purchase a copy and help support this cause, please contact Nick Hartley at nicklouise.hartley@btinternet.com or call 687492.

Parish Council News

The Parish Council has cleared an area on Dereham Road opposite Chestnut Road. This is to make the adjacent path safer for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly after dark. It will also improve visibility for drivers. The Parish Council has similarly cleared back an area of scrub near Scarning church. In addition, the Council will be

installing flower boxes at both ends of the village and has planted bulbs along Dereham Road leading up to the village sign lay-by, which should prove a beautiful adornment come the Spring. You may also have seen the speed sign on Dereham Road which the council has installed in an effort to help reduce driver speeds. The sign is moveable and will be popping up at different locations in the village over the course of the year in order to improve speed awareness.

School Crossing

Norfolk County Council has confirmed that the crossing patrol in Scarning will remain. This is good news for the village, as many similar services are being cut.

Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity

Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity is a small charity run for the benefit of those who live in the village who are facing hardship, need or distress. Each year the charity has a small fund from which it can make grants. If you know a worthy recipient, please write to the clerk

of the charity, Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, NR19 2LB. Please note you cannot nominate yourself.

Scarning Village Website

Log on to www.scarning.info for news of forthcoming village events and activities. There you will find a lot of interesting and useful information such as local organisations, clubs, photographs, community news and the history of the village.

Would you like to advertise your business in this space?

The newsletter reaches over 1,200 homes in Scarning and is delivered free to all households. It is produced six times a year

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for more information please contact scarningclerk@btinternet.com or Tel: 687492

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County Councillor	William Richmond	860269
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Village Hall Bookings		687492
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Women's Institute	Jo Urquhart	690183

Scarning Primary School

We at Scarning VC Primary School wish you all a very happy 2017.

Our contribution this month comes from Year 6 who have compiled a list of facts that you may not know about our school...

Scarning Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings in 2016 have continued to be very popular and have now become an integral part of village life. It is very rewarding to see people enjoying a coffee and cake, maybe a bacon buttie, and perhaps purchasing local produce/cakes but, more importantly, enjoying a leisurely morning relaxing in the company of others.

The bacon butties continue to be a roaring success, and we have again exceeded expectation with raising funds for the Church. The total for the year, including the Christmas Craft Fair, was £4,031.38, making a grand total of £12,567.84 since inception in July 2013.

Once again, may I thank the volunteers who have worked tirelessly and also everyone who has supported this very

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worthwhile venture for the village – without you it would not happen. Well done for what has become a most enjoyable occasion.

Coffee Mornings in 2017 will continue to be the second Saturday of each month through to November with the Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 2nd December 2017.

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.

Scarning Bell Ringers

Well, here we are at the end of another year – where has that time gone? It has been a busy but exciting 2016 for the Band and I give below some of Scarning's achievements.

The ringers at Scarning now number twelve which includes

three learners, namely Sian Astley, Sarah Finlay and Andy Patterson who have all rung for their first Sunday Service and are happily ringing in rounds with call changes. We have come a long way since the original Scarning Four, Tricia, Frank, John and Trish, first started ringing the bells in 2011, recruiting during this time Tim, Tina, Dean and Fiona. We have, as ever, been ably supported by members of Dereham ringers.

By courtesy of generous donations from two benefactors, for which we are very grateful, a simulator was installed and this has meant extra training, albeit silently, has taken place which has enabled members of the Band to hone their skills.

Tim and Dean have achieved Quarter Peals – hopefully, with other members of the Band, we may achieve one at Scarning during 2017.

Scarning entered a team into the Western Branch Striking

Competition in August and, although no match for the experienced ringers, they can hold their heads high for a valiant effort, especially as there were two newcomers within the team.

Tim, Dean, Tina, Sian, together with a non-ringing friend and Lawrence Lion, took part in the 2016 Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk day and, even though it was an appalling day weatherwise they cycled 28 miles and returned bedraggled but smiling.

We have welcomed visitors from other Towers and on occasion our Practice Nights have numbered as many as 21.

The Tower has now been spruced up by replacing the carpet in the ringing chamber in keeping with the new curtains.

The Scarning Bellringers look forward to their ringing in 2017 and take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Tricia Foreman on 01362 687082.

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Scarning Conservation Volunteers

Work on the meadows this season is progressing well.

In December the Dereham Scouts turned out in force along with their leaders and some parents. The Scouts are working towards a community badge and their help with fire lighting, cutting up a felled tree and clearing the area

has earned them the first stage of the badge and given us much needed help. Everyone worked very hard and were rewarded with hot jacket potatoes and mince pies.

The working parties still have plenty to do so we are meeting on:-

Sunday 22nd January 1 – 4 pm

Saturday 11th February 10 am – 1 pm

We are experimenting with only one day on a weekend but working for a longer time in the hope that more volunteers may be able to join us for part if not all of a session.

If you would like to meet some new people and enjoy working outdoors then do come and help to maintain the water meadows.

For further information e-mail me on wendyvbrown@outlook.com



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