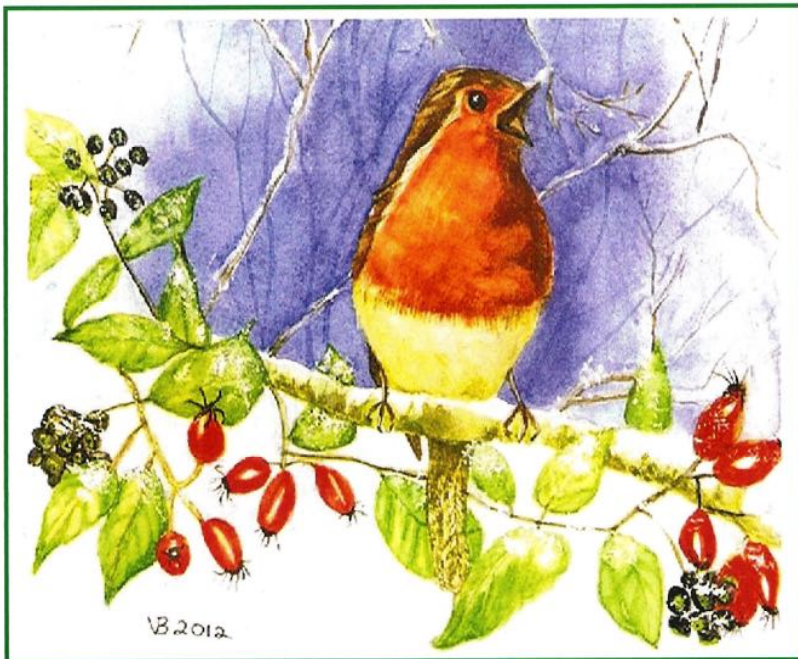


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The newsletter is published by Scarning Parish Council. Every effort is made to ensure that information is accurate at the time of going to print, but no liability will be accepted for losses caused by inaccurate information.

Scarning is putting on its first ever Christmas Tree Fair this year to raise money for local charities and groups. If you are a local business, or individual, and would like to help with the cost of this event, your contribution would be warmly welcomed. Details of all sponsors will be prominently displayed at the event, in the accompanying programme, in the parish newsletter, on the village website, and in the Dereham Times. For more details, or to make a contribution, please contact Nick Hartley on 687492, or at scarningclerk@btinternet.com

We would also welcome raffle/tombola prizes, cakes and mince pies, as well as a few hours of your time if you are able to help man a stall. Please contact the above, or Wendy Brown on 695062.

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 to the charity at Oakleigh House, Shipdham Lane, Scarning, NR19 2LB. All information is treated in the strictest confidence.

Christmas services at Scarning Church will be as follows:-

Sunday 16 December	Christingle at 4 pm
Wednesday 19 December	Carol Service at 7.30 pm
Monday 24 December	Midnight Holy Communion at 11.30 pm
Sunday 30 December	Songs of Praise with Carols at 11.15 am.

*With thanks to Vanessa Bowron of Scarning
for permission to reproduce her painting on the front cover.*

Allotments. If you are interested in having an allotment, various size plots are currently available. For more information, please call Ken Steward on 820122.

The request for information about Scarning for a history of the village, published in 2009, produced over 200 photographs. It was not possible to use all these in the book, but as these provide an interesting picture of Scarning's past it would be good to reproduce them as a slideshow on the village website. If you lent any photographs to the project, which

you would NOT want to be included in the slideshow, can you please write to:

scarningclerk@btinternet.com.

Equally, if you have any old photographs which could be included in the slideshow, please get it touch.

The Parish Council has installed a new grit bin on Ted Ellis Walk and a new dog bin on Chestnut Road. Dog walkers are urged to please use the dog bins provided throughout the village, a full list of which is available on the village website. A list of grit bins is also provided on the website.

Newsletter Submission Date

*Please send submissions for the next newsletter to
scarningclerk@btinternet.com
by 1st Feb 2013*

A Busy Year

Parish Council Chairman, Wendy Brown, reflects on a busy year

What a busy year it has been for the Parish Council. We started off the year by enjoying the fabulous display of daffodils that were planted last autumn under the village sign. We then liaised with the Milestone Society and paid for the refurbishment of the village milestones, with the help of children from Scarning School.

In January, we installed a Zip Wire on the playing field behind the Village Hall.

On 2 June, over 100 adults and 70 children attended the Tea Party and Family Disco held at the school to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Two days later, almost 200 people gathered to watch the Beacon Lighting Ceremony, which was followed by a wonderful fireworks display.

In August we tried our hand at running a Horticultural Show, which proved to be a great success with over 100 entries. There have been many requests for a repeat show next year.

The Parish Council has been in liaison with Breckland Council all year in an attempt to get a suitable lease drawn up which will allow a volunteer group to manage the Water Meadows between the Drayton Hall Lane housing estate and Dereham. The plan is to manage the area for the benefit of wildlife (it is a designated County Wildlife Site) and make it a pleasant area for local residents to enjoy. This is proving difficult to achieve, but we will not be beaten. We have a group of volunteers all ready to go as soon as we get permission.

We have also been in talks with the Highways Authority and soon hope to have 'Scarning' back on the signs on the A47.

To round off the year we are organising a Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair that will be held in the Church and Village Hall on 30th November and 1st & 2nd December. There will be decorated trees, craft stalls, refreshments and games.

A storyteller is coming on Saturday 1st December to entertain the children with Christmas stories at 4pm and later the adults at 7pm with stories from

Christmas past. This will be followed with light refreshments.

If this is well supported the Parish Council would like to provide more entertainments for the village.

We would love to hear if you have any comments good or bad on our activities. Please contact the Parish Clerk at scarningclerk@btinternet.com