



A Bi-monthly newsletter produced by the Village Hall Committee

## **FEBRUARY • MARCH**

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As you know we in Wreningham like to be abreast of current happenings and below is printed what must have been one of the first letters received by Keith Skipper of Radio Norfolk on the subject of Village Halls. Our thanks to Pat Butcher for being "on the ball" and putting Wreningham in the spotlight

### **RADIO NORFOLK**

"Dear Keith,

I was very pleased to hear you say before Christmas that 1984 is the "year of the Village Hall" on your programme. Radio Norfolk does us proud here at Wreningham all the year round in the "What's on" spots with our regular whist drives and other fund raising activities.

Our village hall is very new and we still have several thousand pounds to raise and pay off by the end of the year! Also we still have lots of finishing touches to provide, and we want to build a bar and more storage space. Local folk have been very generous in the way of interest free loans, free labour and lots of gifts ranging from a floor polisher to cups and saucers, and we had two issues of building bonds which sold well and provide quarterly lump sum prizes for the lucky purchasers as well as much needed cash.

I've written though to tell you of our absolutely super village New Year party in our hall. It all started just before Christmas when a friend asked whether I thought a communal party, rather than lots of smaller ones, would be a good idea, and if so, was the village hall free (I am the booking secretary for my sins!). It was, so a disco was booked, loads of food was laid in, and wine, beer and soft drinks were ordered. One hundred and fourteen villagers and local friends bought tickets (we have to cover the costs but any profits will go towards buying some piece of equipment our hall still needs - a tea urn comes to mind!) and unanimous opinion was that it was the best New Year party anyone had been to for years. The disco (Boogie Night Disco) was a family affair, mum, dad, son and fiancée, and they provided absolutely all sorts of music, ideas for games, Big Ben at midnight and they even stayed on longer than booked for a nominal sum because everyone was having such a good time. We had balloons, hats, squeakers, streamers, and many other fun making devices - some rude and some just fun!

As a matter of interest, the same disco has been booked for this year as by popular request the event is to be repeated - I rather feel we may have to limit the number of tickets available at the next one!

Thank you for all you do for our village during the year and best wishes to all at Radio Norfolk for 1984.

Sincerely,  
Pat Butcher

P.S. Sorry this is so long - I always have a lot to say!"

BOND DRAW - Held on 1st January 1984

Winners were:

1st issue	* Vikki Wallis - number 108
	* Paul Noy - number 86
2nd issue	* Mrs. G. E. Barnard - number 231

SOME MORE "THANK YOU'S"

Annabel and Jonathan would like to thank all who helped to raise £180 in their "Blue Peter Weatherbeater Sale".

Gill and John Hanton would like to thank everyone who visited their home open day and raised £50 towards Village Hall funds. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs. Buck, Mr. C. Hill and Mr. & Mrs. Sissons.

A LAMENT (to the tune of "O, Where O, Where has my little dog gone?")

O where O, where have our trestles gone?  
O where O, where can they be?  
With their legs cut short  
And their planks cut long,  
O, where, O where can they be????????????????? !

Missing: Village Hall trestle tables (5) and coat rack. Please help us to find this valuable equipment. Ring any committee member.

Whilst we are on the subject: The Beat Officer for Wreningham is now based at Wymondham (!) and is P.C. 889 Cooper. We welcome him to the area and promise to 'go quietly' if necessary.

WRENINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB

The Wreningham Social Club will be applying for a provisional liquor licence on 7th February 1984. If this is granted the Village Hall Committee will have to arrange construction of a bar area and beer store in the Hall before a final application can be made.

The formation of the Social Club has no effect on the control of the Village Hall - all lets are still by agreement with the Village Hall Committee and can be arranged through our booking secretary, Pat Butcher.

DISCO NEWS

The next discos booked in the Village Hall will be

- Friday 3rd February
- Friday 2nd March
- Friday 30th March (instead of the following week)

**THE BEAT GOES ON!**

WHIST DRIVES

Please come along and pass a pleasant evening playing at our next whist drives which are on

- Monday 20th February
- and
- Monday 19th March

commencing at 8.00 p.m. entrance 35p

*a happening  
this February*

A LEAP YEAR CELEBRATION

We only get this chance once in every four years so don't miss it!

Come to a Beetle Drive and Barn Dance on Saturday 25th February starting at 7.30 p.m. The first part of the evening will consist of a Beetle Drive (bring a pencil or biro), all ages welcome. The second part from around 9.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. will consist of a Barn Dance. Come to one or both.

Pay at the door - £1 adults 50p children      Coffee and biscuits included



**MAY**

**OCTOBER**

A really splendid entertainment and buffet is planned by Janet McIntyre on Saturday, 5th May in aid of the funds for Muscular Dystrophy and the Village Hall. "Summer Reflections or A Time of Wooing" is the title and consists of "A largely lighthearted anthology of words and music in many moods evoking the atmosphere of a drawing room entertainment". The entertainment will be performed by Charles Roberts (Art and Theatre Critic of the E.D.P.) and friends. So get out your glad rags, polish your evening shoes, and do come! More details in the next "Mardle".

Later in the year - on Friday 19th October. A film show by Malcolm Freegard who will show films from the Norfolk Film Archives promising some interesting glimpses of old Norfolk from years ago.

SCHOOL NEWS

A Jumble Sale will be held at Wreningham Village School on Saturday 31st March in aid of school funds. Cake stall, refreshments, etc.

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The Jumble Sale at Wreningham Village Hall on 28th January raised £100. Many thanks to all those who helped and apologies to anyone whose jumble got missed because of the bad weather and sickness of those involved in collecting.

**HAVING HIS CAKE !**     KITCHEN CAPERS

My friend Stanley's reaction on being given a slice of the following cake was "It's good enough to go in the Mardle" - so here it is. A bit more trouble maybe than some fruit cakes but well worth the effort of getting the extra ingredients.

Wholefood Cake

Ingredients

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| 14 oz. wholewheat or farmhouse flour | 2 level tablespoons honey or black treacle |
| 1 level teaspoon mixed spice         | 8 fluid oz. natural yogurt or buttermilk   |
| ½ level teaspoon ground ginger       | 1½ level teaspoons bicarbonate of soda     |
| ¼ level teaspoon salt                | 1 medium egg                               |
| 6 oz. softened margarine             | A sprinkling of demerara sugar             |
| 6 oz. light brown soft sugar         | 8" round cake tin                          |
| 1 lb. 2oz. seedless raisins          |  |

Grease and line cake tin.

Put flour into bowl and sift in mixed spice, ground ginger and salt. Rub in the margarine; stir in sugar and raisins. Put the honey or black treacle in a saucepan with the yogurt or buttermilk and the bicarbonate of soda and stir over a gentle heat until warm and frothy. Mix thoroughly into dry ingredients with egg. Spoon mixture into prepared tin, level surface and sprinkle with demerara sugar. Bake just below centre oven 350F, 180C for 1 hour. Reduce heat to 325F, 160C for a further 45 to 60 minutes.

P.B.

Items for including in the next edition of the "Mardle" to the Editor, Mrs. Janet Vessey, Highfields, Church Road, by mid-March please.

