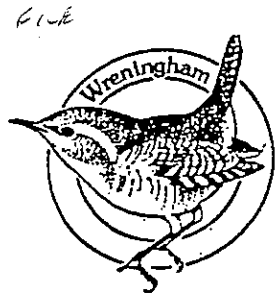


WRENINGHAM MARDLE



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From Your Chairman,

As I sit down to type this the sun is shining, Easter is on its way and we shall be putting the clocks forward at the week-end. What a difference those lighter evenings will make.

Just for once, things seem to be running smoothly at the village hall but these next 2 months is change over time from winter to summer activities, it is also the time when the weeds start to grow in the car park and the grass needs cutting. There is always something to do! If you want to offer help it would not be turned away.

The Management Committee is now looking towards the "Open Gardens" on 29th June, which will also be the day of the "Grand Draw". If you want to offer to open your garden do give Roger Kingwell a call on 489757.

If you have a prize suitable for the Grand Draw or would like a bundle of tickets to sell contact me on 01953 602754. Last time we had an Open Gardens day it was a real village event - lets make it one again.

Christine Minns



Social Club Report

The Annual Meeting was held on 6th March and was well attended. The newly elected committee has now set to work to organise events.

LINE DANCING is proving to be very successful with 70 people turning up for the first session. Future dates are Fridays:

April 4th & 18th, May 2nd & 30th.

Starting at 7.30 p.m. (lasting for about 2 hours) and only costs £2.

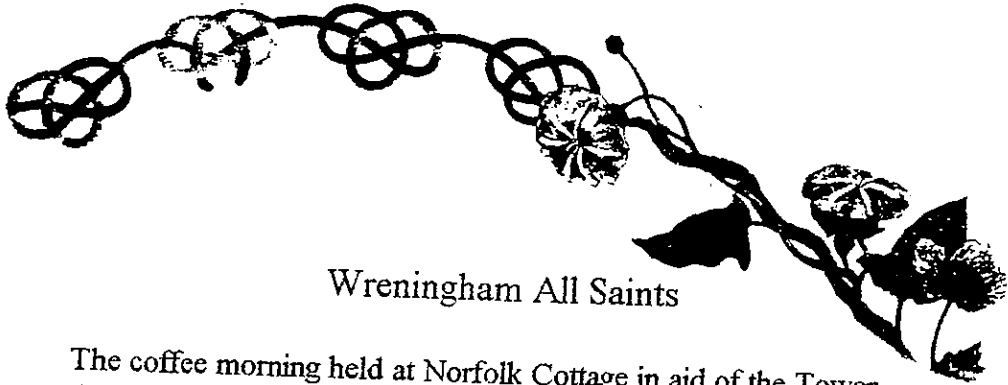
We are looking to repeat our successful "Irish Night" (complete with cheap drinks!!), as well as organising a Ceilidh and there will be the usual evening B-B-Q's when the lighter nights and warmer weather gets here. There are a few other ideas being considered so keep a look out for posters and information.

Membership renewals are now well overdue, if you haven't renewed please do so. New members are always welcome.

The Social Club bar is open on Thurs. Fri. Sat. & Sun. Evenings. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Gary Mutten - Social Club Chairman - 01508 489323





Wreningham All Saints

The coffee morning held at Norfolk Cottage in aid of the Tower Appeal Fund was well supported. Our thanks to all who gave so generously and those who helped in any way. The grand sum of £344.00 was raised, including donations. A really successful morning.

The building of the church of the Wreningham "All Saints" mission in Zimbabwe has been our lent project for several years. This building project has now been completed. With donations and fund raising money has been sent from here at "All Saints" Wreningham to help them with this task. The new church is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Harare on Sunday 13th April, and an invitation from the Bishop to our Churchwardens to attend the ceremony has been accepted. We are looking forward to meeting the people at the Mission, and bringing back news and photographs for everyone to see.

CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

This is an advanced notice but if you would like to cycle for your church now is the time to get training! The date of the ride is September 13th starting at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. (you do not have to cycle for all of that time) further details and sponsorship forms can be obtained from Margaret Wilkinson on 488212

The Promise

Of Spring

Regular events in the Village Hall

BINGO - cash bingo will be played on Mondays 7th and 28th April, 12th and 26th May

WHIST - takes place in the Margaret Preston Room at 8 p.m. on Mondays 21st April and 19th May.

BALLROOM - dancing to C.D's at 8 p.m. on Fridays 11th and 25th April, 9th and 23rd May

LINE DANCING - on 7.30 p.m. on Fridays 4th and 18th April, 2nd and 30th May.

COUNTRY - dancing to:
Saturday 12th April - Stealer
Saturday 10th May - Country Boys

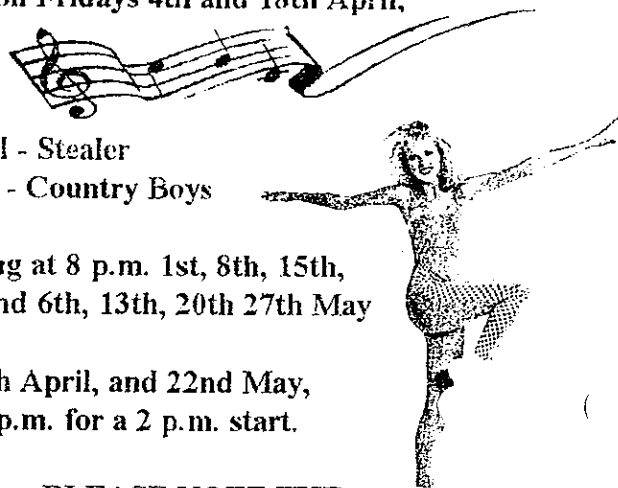
KEEP FIT - On a Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th April and 6th, 13th, 20th 27th May

FLOWER CLUB - Thursday 24th April, and 22nd May, doors open at 1.30 p.m. for a 2 p.m. start.

PARISH COUNCIL - next meeting PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY DATE - Tuesday 6th May.

60's DANCE - dancing to Rollercoaster on Sat. 29th March. and to "Re-run" on Saturday 24th May

OPEN GARDENS - book the date as Sunday 29th June.



... has the birds trilling sweetly —

WRENINGHAM CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season will be starting in May, and it is hoped that the weather will be kind to the players and that some of the village might like to turn out and sit in the sun and watch a few overs.

Early Fixtures

May	Sun 4th	Hales	at home
	Mon 5th	Cockenhatch	away
	Sun 11th	Beccles	at home
	Sun 18th	Ashwellthorpe	away
	Sun 25th	Costessey	away
June	Sun 1st	Saxlingham	away
	Sun 8th	Sprowston	at home
	Sun 15th	Anglia T.V.	at home

FLOWER CLUB

The meeting on Thursday 24th April will be a demonstration by Mrs Anita Lambert from Carlton Colville on the theme of "Tantalising Transformations" and the demonstration of Thursday 22nd May is by Mr. Ian Nickerson from Dereham and entitled "Just Flowers". Doors open at 1.30 p.m. for a 2 p.m. start and visitors are most welcome. Admission is £1.50 to include refreshments.

National Blind Children's Society - the door to door collection carried out in Ashwellthorpe Road, Wreningham took £23.85p and thanks is extended to all who contributed.



The following has been included at the request of Mr. I. Dobson to see the reaction of the village. It has not been discussed by the Village Hall Management Committee and does not therefore indicate their views.

What does a community have?

What might a village community be able to achieve?

You may remember these questions and the related article which I wrote for the *Mardle* some two years ago now. Regrettably I got very little response but am still personally keen to get the village pulling together.

Two years ago I spoke about a resource scheme which would effectively create a co-operative for the exchange of skills and services - recently you may have read about "Wynner" a Wymondham venture along similar lines (Mercury March 14th). I also mentioned the Telecentre/Telecottage concept which aims to support and encourage rural employment and it is this aspect which I will now concentrate upon. Wreningham has a superb village hall and local people possess plenty of untapped expertise, so my idea remains one of setting up a Telecentre within part of the village hall and the good news is that Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) have grants available through Rural Community Councils. The 21st Century Halls for England Fund uses National Lottery money to support new village and community hall projects to celebrate the Millennium. This, I contend, is an opportunity to further develop the village hall and enable it to offer even more services than currently. The Telecentre option would offer computing and general office equipment: e.g. photocopier, fax, etc. computer training and perhaps an opportunity to "talk to the world" via the World-Wide Web are but two possibilities. The skill exchange scheme might be administered from the Telecentre. For those who may wish to re-train and those who want to bring their expertise up-to-date this will be an excellent opportunity, each individual renting time on the equipment, as required.





I personally believe this to be a great opportunity and know, first hand, how useful computing knowledge and expertise can be in business and how much information is available around the world via the World-Wide web - for the price of a local telephone call, and yes write (e mail) to relations in Australia, or wherever, for 12p!

In order to get hands on these Funds there are some criteria e.g.:

"Evidence will be required that the current and future needs of the community have been established ..." and "Evidence will be required of widespread community support" and "provide a range of facilities and meet the foreseeable needs of the community into the next century"

Simply by expressing an interest you will enable our village to access these funds for the benefit of this community. You may have different ideas, or additional services and uses to suggest, so please get in touch. Be a little futuristic and benevolent in your approach and view your simple expression of interest as an investment in the future of this community - as a whole - your way of encouraging the community to hang together.

It's very difficult for me to communicate my personal enthusiasm in print so, if I get plenty of good, positive responses to this appeal, I will organise a meeting in Wreningham village hall to expand upon the concept and how it may help YOU. So DO PLEASE drop me a line or telephone your interest today. Call on 01508 489725 or write my number in your diary to call me in a day or two else e-mail me: iandobo@paston.co.uk. There really are so many ways it "pays to talk". Thank you, in anticipation. Ian Dobson, White Cottage, Church Road, Wreningham.

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - If a public meeting is called this is likely to be before the next edition of the Mardle is due so if you have not contacted Ian but would like to attend any meeting please look out for notices.



CROSSROADS - Caring for Carers



Norfolk Back Care Training Project

Do you regularly have to assist a relative or friend out of bed, the bath or into a chair?

Does a member of your household need help with dressing or personal hygiene?

If so you are a carer. Don't take chances with your back get free training on the correct way to lift and learn about the equipment available to help you. Contact Norfolk Carers Freephone (24 hrs Helpline) 0500 179546.

DON'T FORGET

OPEN GARDENS - Sunday 29th June 1997

Dance to 60's music in aid of hall funds on Saturday 24th May dancing to RE-RUN.

Support the other local events - Social Club, Keep-Fit, Bingo, Line Dancing, Whist, Flower Club, Cricket, Country Dances, Ballroom,

