

Bi-monthly newsletter published by the Village Hall
Committee

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Since the last issue of "The Mardle" our village hall has been well used, especially over the Christmas period.

The fashion show in November was most professionally presented by "Something Special" and was given an extra dimension by the arrival of the Swardeston Morris Dancers who, during the interval, gave a boisterous demonstration of their talents. They even encouraged some of the audience to take a risk and join in!

An enthusiastic audience attended the Christmas concert and buffet in a candlelit setting. We were appreciative of the standard of performance given by local musicians, the Norwich Barber Shop Singers and our host for the evening.

Over fifty local children were given a party on the Saturday afternoon before Christmas. They enjoyed games, face-painting, table-tennis, a lovely tea provided by their mums and, of course, a visit by Father Christmas who appeared to be flying past the high windows of the Hall!

On all these occasions our hall looked delightful. The Christmas tree, flower arrangements, collages (from the school) and attractively dressed tables all helped to give these functions "something special".

The hall has so far been usable this winter because of the generosity of one person who made it possible to instal some heating. The committee realise that further work will be needed to keep a more comfortable temperature for prolonged periods of sitting and this is being looked at in relation to available funds.

A second letter has been received from the Secretary to H.R.H. The Queen Mother. The matter of the official opening of Wreningham Village Hall is still under consideration by her and we await the outcome of her programme planning with crossed fingers!

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BOND DRAW RESULTS

The draw took place at the "Bird in Hand" on New Year's Day when the winners were as follows:-

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| 1st issue | (Mr. W. H. Jenner, Norwich | 129 |
| | (Mrs. H. Rogers, Wreningham | 177 |
| 2nd issue | (Mr. B. Cook, Wreningham | 254 |

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DISCO NEWS

Our monthly discos are still well supported and there is now a feeling that separate sessions might be organised for the under fourteens with soft drinks available. This is being looked at. Disco dates for February and March are 4th February and 4th March.

LATE NEWS!!! First tots-to-teens disco SUNDAY, 6TH MARCH 3 - 5 p.m.

For the children:

Entrance 50p

SUNDAY *

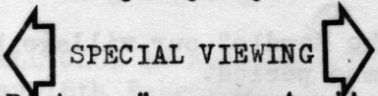
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* VALENTINE DANCE AT ASHWELLTHORPE HALL *

Don't forget the dance with the usual scrumptious buffet on SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY. Heart-shaped tickets available from committee members, price £4.50. The new extension to the Hall is completed and open so plenty of seats for all! Raffle and many Tombola Prizes.

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FILM



MUSIC

"Village of a Thousand Pictures" - a portrait of Ashwellthorpe. Come and enjoy the nostalgia of this sixty minute journey into the recent past.

During a period of two years, (at the time of the Jubilee) Richard Tilbrook took over a thousand photographs of the village which is his home. This absorbing and beautiful portrayal of a Norfolk village is narrated by Tony Cleary and set to music by Adrienne Cleary. Your opportunity to see this entrancing show is on Friday 25th February at 8.00 p.m. at Wreningham Village Hall. Tickets price £1 (50p for children) are available from

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| Pat Butcher | Mrs. R. Tilbrook | Mrs. A. Cleary | The Mace Shop |
| Laburnums | Red Squirrels | Church Farmhouse | and |
| Church Rd. | Ashwellthorpe | Ashwellthorpe | The Petrol Station |
| Wreningham | | | Ashwellthorpe |
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FRIDAY*

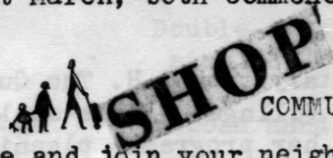
Free refreshments available.

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WHIST DRIVES

Our monthly whist drives are gradually becoming more widely supported and we are truly grateful for all the many gifts of prizes which keep arriving! The next drive is on Monday 21st February and the following on Monday 21st March, both commencing at 8.00 p.m.

MONDAY*



COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP - VILLAGE HALL



Come and join your neighbours for elevenses every Wednesday between 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. We are hoping that we might start a mini-market where people who make or grow something will use us as a shop to sell their products (profits to them and a small donation to us!).

WEDNESDAY*

Coffee or tea and biscuits 25p and 20p (second cup free).

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KEEP FIT

The weekly Wednesday night keep fit class is flourishing. It is possible that a daytime class could be organised if there is enough interest. A teacher is already available. Interested? Ring Val McGregor, Fund. 8120.

WEDNESDAY*

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BY GONES

Nowadays we never know whether to expect snow in winter or if the modern snow plough will cope with sudden falls. Fifty years ago winter automatically meant snow. As there were few motor vehicles and many horse-drawn there was no over-all silting and salting of the roads, just a little sand or gravel applied where necessary to the slippery slopes and a resident roadman to sort out particular problems.

The snow ploughs then were horse-drawn and permanently stationed in readiness at a series of major farms in the area. Horses could very easily slip down and break a leg or suffer serious injury so corkings were put in their shoes or sometimes their feet would be tied in sacking as a safeguard. Together with numerous cheerful individuals with shovels these managed to keep the roads passable at all times.

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CHAIRMAN'S BIT!

Though tardy I write to thank Mike McGregor, original editor of the "Mardle", for his marvellous work. His concept of the "Mardle" makes a fine contribution to the community, and I must also thank Janet Vessey who, as new editor, has enabled us to continue its production. Pat Butcher's continued tireless effort on the typewriter is a wonder in itself, thanks Pat.

To all those who help the Committee in its continued work - thank you.

Ian Dobson

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MAKE A DATE

FETE

SATURDAY*

We are proposing to hold a summer fete on Saturday 2nd July and feel that novelty and freshness could be given to the occasion if an independent committee (not the present Village Hall Committee) could organise the event. If you would be willing to help in this way please would you attend a fete planning meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th February at 8.00 p.m.

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JUMBLE SALES RESULTS

As we usually have such an excellent response to our cries for jumble we decided to experiment this time and have sales on two consecutive weeks, the first in Wrenningham and the second (to dispose of the leftovers) in Norwich. This proved quite successful. The first raised £130 and the second £75 - so, once again, thank you to everyone for your response.

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TO ALL BAND MUSIC LOVERS

SATURDAY*

On Saturday 26th March we are very fortunate to have an opportunity to hear and see the South Norfolk Youth Band in operation. They are coming to give a show in the Village Hall - 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. Tickets £1 including refreshments.

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KITCHEN CAPERS

Several people have commented to me on the lack of flavour in leeks this year (something to do with mild winters maybe), so I thought you might try cooking them as I always do, in butter. All you do is melt a small knob of butter (and it must be butter) in a heavy saucepan. Wash the leeks thoroughly and cut them into short pieces and then put them in the pan with a sprinkling of salt, put the lid on, and cook them gently for about 10 - 15 minutes. They stay a lovely colour and keep all their flavour.

I went to the Community Coffee Shop last week and sampled the most delicious apple scones. Here is the recipe for Diane's Apple Scones.

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| 8 oz. plain flour | 2 oz. margarine |
| pinch salt | 1 medium apple - grated |
| 2 tsp. baking powder | 4 tbsp. milk (or enough to make soft mix) |
| 2 oz. caster sugar | |

BON APPETIT

