

APRIL/MAY EDITION

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Well, Spring is officially here and its lovely to see flowers brightening up our village once again. Everybody seems to be ready for some warmer weather!

Unfortunately there are two disappointments to begin the Mardle. A letter from the Secretary to H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother expresses a regret that she will be unable to open our Village Hall because of her crowded diary. It was worth a try and the efforts of the children who wrote to the Queen Mother at Sandringham are much appreciated.

The second regret is that the Village Hall Committee has accepted Ian Dobson's resignation as Chairman. All those who have worked with Ian know the commitment he brought to the job. His handling of the complicated business of bringing the Lease of the village hall to finalisation is only one example of the thoroughness with which he approached every task. We're pleased to say that Ian will stay on the committee and we shall be glad of his contribution.

On a happier note! The film show given by Richard Tilbrook in February was a true delight and the music and commentary added by Renn and Tony Cleary very professional and obviously enjoyed by everyone. What a pity the coffee machine let us down!

DISCO NEWS

The Village Hall Committee have introduced a system of admission by membership cards only to the monthly discos. Non-alcoholic drinks will be served for the time being, partly as an attempt to achieve the kind of friendly and trouble-free occasion we all want to see. Our discos are still very popular, the one in March having raised £270.

DATES for April and May are 1ST APRIL and 6TH MAY.

The first "Tots-to-Teens" disco on Sunday 6th March was well supported and great fun.

The next will be held on SUNDAY 15TH MAY - 3 - 5 P.M.

Admission 50p Soft drinks and crisps available

WHIST DRIVES

The monthly whist drives seem popular with those who support them although it would be nice to see a few more locals attend. They are publicised on Radio Norfolk each month and this has brought in a few from further afield. The next drives are on MONDAY 25TH APRIL and MONDAY 16TH MAY both commencing at 8.00 p.m.

10.30 - 11.30 every Wednesday in the Village Hall

Home-made cakes and scones always available with "real" coffee (or tea). Do come along and enjoy a chat with your neighbours. The coffee ladies are, however, having a break for two weeks during the school holidays.

KEEP FIT

If you have noticed the local ladies looking healthier and stronger recently it's all due to the Monday morning and Wednesday evening keep-fit classes in the village hall. New members are always welcome and the next term's sessions commence on Monday 11th April, 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. (for 6 weeks) and Wednesday 20th April, 8.00 - 9.00 p.m. (also for 6 weeks).

DARTS

The Committee have been offered a dartboard which will be placed in the Committee Room of the village hall. This would be available on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. If you are interested in playing darts ring Fundenhall 347 as soon as possible.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 13th April - Craft Fair and Exhibition - Doors open from 2.30 p.m. till evening. We have an interesting selection of crafts (some to look at and some to buy) and if you have a collection of items which you would like to display please ring Pat Butcher on Fundenhall 347 for further details of what's involved. Refreshments will be available.

Monday 18th April - Fashion Show by "Something Special" of Swardeston. Show begins at 8.00 p.m. and although we can't promise Morris Dancing this time there are sure to be lots of lovely Spring clothes to look at or maybe purchase. Entrance £1 (including refreshments).

Saturday 7th May - Coffee morning, bring-and-buy and auction in the Village Hall. A chance for the men to come and have a coffee and a mardle. We are going to try a "Services Auction" at this event. Several people in the village have offered a "service" for auction. On offer already are four hours baby-sitting as required, a birthday or special occasion cake made as requested, three half-trays of bedding plants as selected, home made jam, bread, etc. etc. Come along and make a bid for something you would find useful.

Saturday 28th May - Football Club/Village Hall Dance. Come and have a super time to the Roots Roadshow and enjoy a delicious buffet. Tickets £2 from Football Club members or Village Hall Committee Members. Bumper raffle.

Sunday 26th June - Cheese and wine evening at "The Poplars" by kind permission of Mr. Robert Bothway. Further details in next Mardle.

Saturday 2nd July - Village Fete on Rectory Meadow. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event. The Swardeston Morris Dancers are already booked to come and amaze us with their skills. Mr. Kenneth Hanton has kindly agreed to co-ordinate and co-opt helpers onto a special committee so could you please get in touch with him on Fundenhall 284 if you are prepared to help or have any ideas.

WANTED

for a fete stall, broken, chipped and cracked crockery. Will collect - phone Fundenhall 485.

COMMENTS INVITED

If there are any matters you would like to raise concerning the Hall and its use the next Committee meeting is on 14th April at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall and we shall be pleased to have your comments by then.

BOWLS

The Bowls Season will soon be upon us again. The first matches are the first week in May so anybody wishing to have a 'roll-up' on the "Bird in Hand" green should come along on 23rd April in the evening, weather permitting. Let's see a few new faces, male or female.

ANOTHER GIFT!

Thanks for the fifty beautiful Wedgewood cups and saucers kindly donated to the Hall earlier this month. Until the kitchen is fitted out suitably to store them they will be kept by the Secretary (Fundenhall 347) but they are available for use on request!

KITCHEN CAPERS

We can't let Easter pass without making a Simnel Cake. Even the children enjoy this recipe although as a general rule they much prefer 'shop' swiss roll!

Ingredients

6 oz. butter or margarine

6 oz. soft brown sugar

3 eggs, lightly beaten

8 oz. sieved S.R. flour

½ tsp. ground cinnamon ½ tsp. ground nutmeg

4 oz. sultanas

12 oz. currants

2 oz. ground almonds (optional but nice)

2 8 oz. pkts. almond paste tiny Easter egg sweets

Oven temp. 350°F 180°C

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs a little at a time. Fold in dry ingredients and then stir in sultanas, currents and ground almonds. Put half the mixture into a greased and lined 7" cake tin.

Roll out both packets of almond paste thinly enough to cut circles round the cake tin; reserve the trimmings. Place one round on top of the mixture in the tin. Cover with the remainder of the cake mixture and bake in a moderate oven for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. Turn out and cool on a wire tray, removing the paper.

Place the second circle of almond paste on the cake (I use a little runny honey to make it stick). Out of the trimmings make about 11 small balls for the top and place around the edge of the cake. Easter sweets and/or fluffy chickens can be used as additional decorations. P.B.

MAY MARKET AT THE SCHOOL

Come and meet visitors from Starwars at Wreningham School's May Market on 14th May at 2.00 p.m.

Stalls

Games

Other attractions!

PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a public meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 11th April commencing at 8.00 p.m. for the purpose of forming a management committee and to discuss policies and use of the playing field (which, incidentally, has now been paid for fully).

BYEGONES AND NOW!

Fifty-four years ago the Parish Council appointed local people as "Parish Constables" for the last time. These local worthies were an official armband to show their positions of responsibility. In 1929 Messrs. Thomas Brighton, B. B. Long and C. Spratt promised to uphold Law and Order in Wreningham for the period of one year.

Nowadays the system isn't so simple! When our present 'Local' policeman called recently my immediate feeling was one of slight guilt! I needn't have worried. Our very own P. C. Brown, who is stationed at Long Stratton (Long Stratton 30222) was only calling to apologise for his delay (a year after re-organisation) in visiting us. He left a bunch of posters concerning security in our homes and said if he is unavailable at the above number try Diss 2394 and failing that Great Yarmouth 2222! My advice is in any emergency you should dial 999 and ask for 'police' it will be much simpler!

SMALL ADS.

Single bed with matress; 3 size mattress; small dressing table FOR SALE (dark wood); 2 blue-seated kitchen chairs; 2 rocking chairs with yellow/brown cushions Ring Christine Minns Fundenhall 8123 Hood hairdryer with adjustable stand and heat control £12 o.n.o.

Ring Fundenhall 485

Brown and gold multi-stripe 3 piece suite - 3 seater settee. Excellent condition £50 o.n.o.

Ring Fundenhall 725

Boy's 2 piece suit (worn twice and outgrown). Size approx. 32" chest. Colour stone/beige

l pair brown Hunter shoes (worn twice and outgrown). Leather uppers. Size 7

1 pair brown Norvic Baron shoes size 61 - good condition

1 cub scarf/jumper/cap

Norwich City football shorts, top and socks

Brown leatherette boy's jacket - fur lined. Approx. 30" chest Ring Fundenhall 284



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Letters, comments and information for the next "Mardle" to the Editor, Mrs. Janet Vessey, Highfields, Church Road, Wreningham, by the middle of May please.

