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Chairman's Column

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Despite the dubious nature of the weather on 9th July the village fete was very successful. Although held in the hall, how splendidly it was supported by everyone. Ken Horton (chairman) and his fete committee needed only this to reward them for their efforts.

To all those who provided 'bottles' and 'other goodies' for the draw and various stalls, and all those who worked so hard to 'serve' the customers, I would like to say a **SINCERE THANK YOU.** 

The Childrens Fancy Hat Competition was a great success and we were only too pleased that the Rector, Keith Crocker had the very difficult task of judging the event - the innovative skills of parents and children in producing such 'works of art' was outstanding.

This, to both your Management and Social Committees, is what village life is about. The hall is there for everyone's benefit and our objectives are to provide something for everybody – if you wish to take part. At least £670 net profit for the Hall Development Funds was the excellent result of the day, and as approval from the South Norfolk District Council for the plans for the hall extension has been received, this amount will go to swell the funds required for this project. There is, however, some way to go yet!

No resting on laurels, the next event is the combined Flower Festival in All Saints Church, the Craft Fayre in the Hall and Keith Skipper Radio Norfolk Cricket X1 visit over the week-end of 23rd and 24th September.

The very successful 'coffee do's' by Mrs Thelma Hanton and by "her indoors" have raised a considerable sum to provide flowers for the Church. Well done both these ladies.

Pip Wilkinson (Chairman Village Hall Management Committee)

P.S. I understand there is no truth in the rumour that a certain lady has been seen playing football on the green!



**ARTS AND CRAFTS** 



There will be no coffee shop during August.

We will re-open on 6th September, everybody welcome, for fresh homemade scones and coffee 10.30 - 11.30 every Wednesday in the Council Room at the Village Hall.

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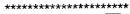


### ASHWELLTHORPE PLAYGROUP

We have vacancies for pre-school children aged from 2yrs 9 mnths. Playgroup is held Monday and Thursday mornings 9.30 - 12 noon in Ashwellthorpe Village Hall. Anyone interested should contact Valerie Keel (Fun. 8231) or Julie Mile (Fun. 558)

**CHILD'S PLAY** 

D.G.



## ASHWREN DRAMA

# ON STAGE

The newly elected chairman is Ken Horton and the secretary is now Mary Browne. The next production which will probably be 2 one-act plays will be on 17th and 18th November. The producer will again be Ann Carpenter who would be pleased to hear from anybody wishing to take part or help backstage.

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FAREWELL Brian and Ann Nixon.

As many will already know Brian and Ann are moving to Birmingham after several years in the village. To mark the excellent service they gave to the village hall as Chairman and Booking Secretary respectively, a presentation of a porcelain Wren and a picture of life in Wreningham in 1930 was made by Pip Wilkinson on behalf of the Management Committee at the Fete. We are most grateful for all their help and wish them both and their family success and happiness in the future.

Many of you will remember that Brian started the Youth Club which seems to be thriving, and certainly the Country Club which he started has proved both a popular social event in the hall and provided a regular income for the village hall. Thank you Brian and Ann for these and the many other things you have given to the village.

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#### BALLROOM DANCING

Classes have been discontinued for the summer - the hot weather was making it hot work! We shall be holding classes on a Wednesday evening from 18th October when Frank and Jean intend to take a beginners class from 7.30 - 8.30 then a mixed party dance group until 9 p.m. when they will take the intermediates until 10 p.m. Fees are likely to be about £1.00 per person per evening and all beginners or intermediates will be most welcome.

This is always good fun so don't be afraid to turn up. C.J.M.



#### BRANTUB VILLAGE OF THE WEEK

That was Wreningham the first week in June. Did you hear it on Radio Norfolk?

On the Monday lunchtime, people from all over the County 'phoned in to tell what they remembered of Wreningham in the past. Pip, told of things today. On Wednesday there were 8 letters read out from people either reminiscing or telling of the village as it is. On Friday Ken Hanton, Dennis Long and myself went into the studio to talk about our Village.

Certainly some people have discovered distant relations, that they didn't know anything about, through this and it really put our village on the map. There are copies of the interviews available if anybody is interested.

Also coming out of this was the reminder that in 1977 there was published a booklet about the village during the first 25 years of the Queens reign. It is surprising how much had happened in that time and the changes that took place. Even more it was certainly different in 1977 to what it is today. If you would like a copy of the Jubilee Booklet they are available at 50p. (proceeds in aid of the Church) from Dennis Long or me. If you want a look first, there is a copy behind the village hall bar.

C.J.M.

#### ANOTHER 'BLAST FROM THE PAST'

Janise Nudd had some interesting enquiries after we featured an early photo of the Wreningham Fa otball Team, so now we have a line up of Wreningham School. Do you know which year? and who are they all? Contact Janise, Fir Grove Cottage, Hethel Road. She would love to identify some of the faces.



SUMMER BARBEQUE

Saturday 12th August 8 p.m. onwards

Lamb Roast, Music, Bar, Raffle

Tickets £3 (children half price)

Have a good time

We would like as many people as possible to order tickets in advance so that we have some ideas of numbers for catering. It is always fun, even if it turns out to be a wet evening! (contact Andreé for tickets - Fun: 8182)

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LOAN BOND WINNERS 1.7.89 draw.

075 Christopher Brighton

COMENITHUS

286 Margaret Wilkinson

has been given back and will be put towards a bond when we issue the next edition which will probably be soon, seeing as the plans for the extension have been passed.

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Enclosed with this Mardle is details of the FLOWER FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAYRE. Take note and put it on your calendar, and in your diary - then - why not send the notice to a friend in another village and ask them to display it in the local shop, post office or similar.

Over the 2 days we shall be running a raffle and tombola, if you can provide any prizes can you let Pip Wilkinson, Christine Minns or the bar staff have them as soon as possible. Also we shall be needing help to man the door, sell raffle tickets and many other jobs, if you would like to get involved contact Pip Wilkinson - he can use all the help he can get - lets make this even more of a village effort that the fete was.

# DIARY DATES:

Aug. 12th(Sat) Barbeque and Dance 8 p.m. onwards

14th(Mon) Bingo at 8 p.m. with Pip and Bert

21st(Mon) Whist Drive

28th(Mon) Bank Holiday Bingo 8 p.m.

Sept. 7th(Thur) Short Mat Bowles commence again

9th(Sat) Country Club - Western Rodio

11th(Mon) Bingo at 8 p.m.

18th(Mon) Whist Drive

23/24th FLOWER FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAYRE

25th(Mon) Bingo 8 p.m.



