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A Happy New Year to you all.

As this is the first newsletter since the Annual General Meeting I have to tell you that Mr. "Pip" Wilkinson gave notice that he would not be standing for Chairman of the 1993/94 committee.

On behalf of all the users of the village hall I would like to thank "Pip" for the time and energy he has put into the position of Chairman over the past 5 years. The main project during his time in office was the completion of the extension which I think most people are impressed with.

At the committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting the following were elected to office:

Chairman - Miss C. J. Minns (Tel: 0953 602854)
Secretary - Mrs V. Harvey (Tel: 0508 488361)
Treasurer - Mrs D. Goodrum
Booking Secretary - Mrs A. Handford (Tel: 0508 488182)

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank "Pip" who made over £200.00 with his Christmas prize bingo. I would also like to thank Mike Butcher and friends for the entertaining musical evening which raised £53.00.

The new committee are looking forward to a busy year, we hope to do a spring clean both inside and out and tidy up the car park. We are planning working parties for this and hope that there will be volunteers armed with buckets, brushes, brooms, rubber gloves, step ladders, dusters, spades, shears, coffee and laughter. If you will be available when the spring arrives let us know.

Ofcourse the next major project is to improve the kitchen and bring it up to good health and food hygiene standards - this will cost money so we shall be talking about fund raising events at our next meeting. If you have any suggestions do let us know!

We are looking for a "Wren" to use on all our stationery, one which will copy easily and be available for all the organisations in the village to use if they would like. If you think you can help, 'or know a man who can' do let us know.

The hall is let to a number of hirers, and many of the events are open to the public. I hope that during 1994 you will all support your village hall and enjoy the many events organised by the various bodies.

Christine Minns (Chairman/Editor)

The winners of the January Loan Bond Draw were:

- 88 Mr. D. Nudd
- 135 Mr .Harrold
- 209 Mr. W. Jenner

If anybody would like to buy a Loan Bond there are still 5 available at £20.00 each.

WRENINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB

The New Year Eve party was attended by over 160 people - we hope you all had a good time. We have already booked live music for next New Year.

If you are not a Social Club Member and would like to join, do call in to the Margaret Preston Room on a Social Club evening (Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday) have a drink and fill in a membership form.

The annual Subscription is £1.00 and under 18 yrs 50p.

Forthcoming Events include:

Friday 11th February

A Beetle Drive - this is for all ages.
8 p.m. and the last one was good fun.

Thursday 24th February

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8 p.m.

Friday 25th February

membership free draw - you have to be a paid up member to qualify.

Friday 11th March

Pool Tournament - entries in advance,
there is both an adult and junior section.

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Saturday 26th March - CEILIDH dancing to
"Pendragon". ticket £3.50 (children £1.50)
available from the bar. DON'T MISS IT.

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THE WREN ASH HAPPY CIRCLE enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Forncett "Jolly Farmers", then returned to Ashwellthorpe Village Hall for a drink and Christmas cake. Many thanks to Janet Browne and Sheila Ford for the lovely cake which they gave. The group meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month at 2 p.m. at Ashwellthorpe V.H. New members welcome.

WRENINGHAM SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

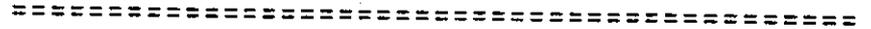
A coffee morning with Bring and Buy, Cake Stall, Raffle and "Nearly New" stall will take place in the village hall on Saturday 5th March. 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Proceeds to club funds. All contributions will be most gratefully received. If you wish for anything to be collected please telephone Margaret Wilkinson on 488212.

FLOWER CLUB

The Flower Club meets each month in the village hall and are always pleased to welcome new members. Come along as a visitor and make friends, have a cup of tea and enjoy the skills of the demonstrators. Next meeting Thursday 24th February. 1.30 p.m. for 2 p.m.



SIXTIES DANCE
to "East Coast"
Saturday 19th March
Admission by ticket £3.50
from: Christine 0953 602754
or the Social Club bar
in aid of Parkinson's Disease Society



For those of you who regularly support Sixties dances this is an advance notice that the Social Club will be running 3 dances in 1994:

- Sat. 21st May - dancing to "Smart Alex"
- Sat. 17th Sept. - "Pegasus"
- Sat. 26th Nov. - "East Coast"



CASH BINGO

I have taken over the Bingo evenings on Bert and Peggy's partial retirement. On behalf of everybody I would like to thank Bert and Peggy for the work they have put in over several years. They have promised to help out on those evenings when I am not available.

Future dates are 14th & 28th February
14th & 28th March
"Pip".

(NOTE from Editor/Chairman - I endorse Pip's thanks to Bert & Peggy for building up a very good regular event. As you can see Pip is still around, he has just changed his job)

WRENINGHAM "ALL SAINTS"

May we wish you all a very Happy New Year from "All Saints". Thanks to the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully for Christmas. It was good to see you all at the Carol Service. The church was again floodlit over the Christmas period - thanks to Mr. D. Long for organising this.

The collection of £96.00 at the Christmas Day service was in aid of "Torch Trust for the Blind"

The Lent Project this year will be in aid of "The Church of England Children's Society", if you usually give up something for lent and give the money to a good course you might like to consider our project. Please send or give any donations to Mr. D. Long, Miss C. Minns or Mrs M. Wilkinson.

A "Songs of Praise" evening will be held in the village hall on Sunday 6th March at 6.30 p.m.

The last one, just before Christmas was well attended.

Do come along and bring a friend to sing favourite hymns. Please let Mr D. Long or Mr. K. Hanton know of your choice so that a programme can be arranged.

The Mothering Sunday service on 13th March will be at the Methodist Chapel at 10.30 a.m. ALL families will be most welcome. Do come.

REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Highways & Drainage

As a result of this winter's high rainfall many of the village's roads have been badly flooded and some households have also been at risk. Some of these floods are well documented and renowned as perennial hazards whilst others have appeared this winter for the first time.

The view of the Norfolk County Highways is that all ditches adjacent to the highway is the responsibility of the adjoining landowner or householder.

The Parish Council and some landowners have already carried out some drainage work, notably along Mill Lane and parts of Church Road. The Council has also identified the sources of other problem areas and have requested that the relevant landowners or householders relieve the problem. Some of the problems have arisen from ditches being filled in without adequate piping, especially during the dry years.

We would like to point out that while the Council will still endeavour to persuade the County Highways to constantly improve the road network within the parish, there is still an onus on individuals to carry out their responsibilities as mentioned above. The bottom line is that continual ignorance to remedy drainage problems adjacent to the highway can result in the Highways authority taking legal action. However, the Parish Council would be prepared to discuss any specific problem with the relevant parties concerned in the meantime.

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- Fri. 4th - Ballroom Dancing to records 8 p.m.
- Mon. 7th - V.H. Management Committee meeting
- Fri. 11th - Beetle Drive 8 p.m.
- Sat. 12th - Coutry Club with "Stealer"
- Mon. 14th - Bingo
- Fri. 18th - Ballroom as above
- Mon. 21st - Whist Drive
- Thurs. 24th - Flower Club 1.30 for 2 p.m.
Social Club A.G.M.
- Fri. 25th - Social Club members draw
- Mon. 28th - Eyes down again for Bingo

MARCH

- Fri. 4th - Ballroom
- Sat. 5th - Coffee Morning 10 a.m.
- Sun. 6th - Songs of Praise 6.30 p.m.
- Fri. 11th - Pool Tournament
- Sat. 12th - Country Club "Sandy Scott Band"
- Mon. 14th - Bingo
- Fri. 18th - Ballroom
- Sat. 19th - Sixties Dance to "East Coast"
- Mon. 21st - Whist Drive
- Sat. 26th - Ceilidh
- Mon. 28th - Bingo.

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The Fuel Trustees would like to make everybody aware that the Parish Council has expressed concern at the state of the marsh hedge in Mill Lane. This hedge which belongs to the Fuel Trust runs from Mill corner to the access to the Marsh Cottages. Over the years garden rubbish has been left in this hedge and is now causing it to fall into the ditch. We ask your help to ensure that no further rubbish is tipped along this hedgerow.

Fuel Trustees.