

# WRENINGHAM

# MARDLE



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From Your Chairman,

It seems to me that Christmas and New Year were a long time ago, lets hope the colds and flu will also soon be part of the past. January already seems to have been busy with meetings and plans for the future.

This edition carries news of the Millennium. Both the Millennium Project and the idea of plans for celebrations on the next 31stDec/1st Jan. It is hoped that there will be something for everybody, but the celebrations, apart from the usual Social Club run party which is already booked, will only go ahead if there is enough interest, support and offers to help.

The village hall ran a very successful 60's dance in January raising almost £400.00. Future fund raising events which we would like you to put in your diary are; Jumble Sale, Sat. 10th April at 2 p.m. and an afternoon event on the playing field on Sun. 27th June, more details later.

Christine Minns

## SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

I think we have all recovered from the new Years Eve party and are looking forward to 1999. (Phew! What a night!!)

A reminder that membership renewals are now due. Please renew promptly, as we are required to maintain formal membership records. New members are always welcome. (When renewing it is helpful if you leave your name and membership number - thanks).

Whilst still reporting in the mardle, the Social Club will once again be producing its own newsletter which should be dropping through the doors of Wreningham and Ashwellthorpe very soon.

We plan to promote various beers with 20p a pint off a selected beer each month.

Events planned for the club room are:

19th Feb	- Quiz and Pizza	8 p.m.
19th March	- Irish Evening	8 p.m.
1st April	- Grand Easter Draw	8.30 p.m.
29th May	- B.B.Q.	8 p.m.
12th June	- Cheese & Wine	8 p.m.

Dates to be confirmed;

July - Rounders on the Playing Field + B.B.Q.

August - Pub Olympics

September - Treasure Hunt.

**The best**

**Village life**

**FOR THE FAMILY**

Social Club will still be open to any member at no entrance fee on these nights.

We would be delighted to see any new or prospective member on any club night (Thursday to Sunday) and if you would like any more information give me a ring on 01508 489323

NOTE: The Social Club A.G.M. will be on Thurs. 18th March at 8.p.m. in the Margaret Preston Room - Your chance to have your say or even maybe to serve on the committee!! We would like to see all paid up members at this meeting.

Gary Mutton, Chairman.

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### Norfolk Carers Helpline

This is a reminder that the helpline provides a 24 hour, all year round service. The skilled and sensitive team of Helpline Workers can offer information, advice and a listening ear. If you are caring for someone and would like to talk or would like information or advice, please phone Norfolk Carers helpline. The service is confidential and it costs nothing to call the Freephone number. 0500 179546

WRENINGHAM & ASHWELLTHORPE  
PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Daniel & Harry are looking for new playmates on Friday mornings. At the moment the group meets in members homes from 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. The parents enjoy a coffee and chat and the children benefit from playing with each other. We are hoping for the group to expand again so that we can return to Ashwellthorpe village hall where there is more space and ride on toys. This is an ideal situation for children to make friends who will then continue into playgroup and school together. The small fee of £1.50 includes refreshments and hire of the hall. Please contact Penny on 01508 489323 for information

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Norfolk & Norwich Special Care Baby Unit

A massive thank you to all who braved the weather to take part in the Sponsored Ramble and/or Walking Treasure Hunt last November. You came, you walked, you conquered! Your efforts alone raised £1821.00! A huge thank you also to companies, friends and family who gave raffle prizes and donations. The total money raised that day was £2089.78.

On 9th Dec. we visited the Special Care Baby Unit and presented the total sum. Two breast pumps and two heart monitors will be bought with this money. Any remaining will go towards a ventilator in the near future. Thank you again for being part of such a good cause.

Julie, Chris and Ben Peachment

## Millennium News

Wreningham's millennium project is underway but it needs your help to be completed on time!

The committee has decided to concentrate on only one of the ideas put forward by the public meeting - that being a village clock. This was the idea which seemed to meet most public favour and already donations have been promised. For security reasons it is to be displayed on the Church tower. Research has been carried out and a suitable clock located. The cost including architects fees, hire of scaffolding etc. is likely to be in the region of £9,000, although it is hoped that some self-help will reduce the final amount. We shall soon be incurring costs so early donations would be welcome. These can be handed to Ivan Howlett (the committee chairman) or any of the following: Nick Harvey, Gary Mutton, Dennis Long, Donald Whiterod, Sheldon Durant, Jan Nudd or Christine Minns, and the account is in the name of "Wreningham Millennium Project Fund".

We would like to see the clock purchased and working by 1.1.2000 so we do not have many months in which to raise the money. If you have any ideas for the committee on fund raising events towards the project or would like to run a fund raising event, please let Ivan Howlett know (Tel: 01508 489388)

## Where will you be on 31.12.99 and 1.1.2000 ?

This idea has been floated and awaits suggestions, comments and further projection.

It is thought that the first Country to celebrate Mid-night, according to a recent TV documentary will be a small island off Fiji at 2 p.m. our time on 31st December. It is suggested that at 2 p.m. the church bells are rung and possible a service is held. At the same time a children's party could be taking place in the village hall.

Possible at 3.30 p.m. a tea party for older parishioners and those who would like to join in the celebration but will not be staying up to mid-night - in the Margaret Preston Room.

The main event will be the Social Club run party which will probably go on until 1 - 2 a.m. It is hoped that the new clock in the church tower will strike the mid-night hour and there will probably be a Mid-night Watch service.

Once the main party is over, it is suggested that the CD player be used to continue the village hall entertainment for those who wish to stay on or wish to call in on their way from what ever celebration they have been too. It might be possible to include a bonfire, but the main idea of staying up is to have breakfast at the village hall, to which people who have actually slept the night through might want to come so that there is a gathering to see the sun rise on the 1st day of 2000.



The celebrations could go on into the morning of the New Year with a ramble, a cycle ride or games on the playing field to keep the event alive until all the churches in the Country ring their bells at 12 noon - to mark the new year in Alaska which is the last point to reach mid-night. Maybe this is the time at which a bonfire could be lit!

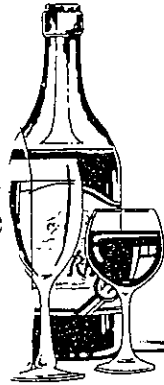
This is an idea which has been put forward.

What is your comment?

Are you likely to take part in anything within the village?

## Invitation

Please contact the Editor with your views, c/o Church Farm, Wreningham or Tel: 01953 602754



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### SOUTH NORFOLK PRIMARY CARE GROUP

Primary Care Groups bring together all the G.P.s in the area, together with the community teams that work with them. There are 16 GP practices serving a population of 107,211 in the area stretching from Trowse to Diss, from Attleborough to Loddon. The PCG is managed by an elected board including 7 GPs (with Dr. John Sampson of Poringland as the Chairman), together with a GP practise nurse, Health Visitor, etc. representing the interests of the local community.

The 3 main functions are:

To improve the health of local communities and reduce inequalities in care.

To develop primary care and community services

To commission a range of hospital services to meet needs

To hear more about South Norfolk Primary Care Group, please contact the Lay member - Mrs Jill Caldwell, Rampant House, The Heywood, Diss, IP22 3TB Tel: 01379 -651192

# IN THE COMMUNITY



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PARISH COUNCIL - The next meeting will be on 16th March at 7.30 p.m.. This is an open meeting and Parishioners are encouraged to attend to raise/discuss any issues they wish, prior to the meeting proper commencing.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION - The present Councillors come up for re-election on 6th May 1999. This is the most opportune time for anyone interested to apply to join the Parish Council. Forms are available from South Norfolk Council, and need to be submitted before the end of March.

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK - The clerk is Mrs B. Forrer, Flaxland House, Flaxlands, Carleton Rode, Norwich, NR16 1AD. Tel: 01953 788867.

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RODDY'S RAMBLES - Don't forget that we meet at the village hall on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at 9.30 a.m. Details from Roddy at the Social Club Bar.

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BOTTLE BANK - This has not been taken away, but is moved to the far end of the car park.

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LOAN BOND WINNER - 1st January. congratulations to Josie Nudd.

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## WRENINGHAM V.C. FIRST SCHOOL

Thank you to all who supported and shared the Christmas celebrations.

This year the school is working for the Healthy Norfolk 2000 award and there are several events planned as part of this. On Sunday 31st Jan. the Friends of the School are organising a family walk. The children will also be attending a production of the Ugly Duckling at the village hall as part of our healthy Norfolk project.

The governors, parents and staff are pressing the LEA to improve the school buildings and make a decision about the future status of the school as soon as possible. Please support us and ensure the future of the school. If you have, or know of, children under 5 who are not registered at the school we would like to hear from you. We need to convince the LEA that the school needs extending and knowledge of future numbers is essential.

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## HAPTON VCP SCHOOL

The Friends of the school present

"South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band"

Friday 26th February at 7. 30 p.m.

Wreningham Village Hall

Tickets Adults £3.00/Child £0.50

To book Tel: 01508 489395 or 488429

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The group of churches to which we belong consist of Ashwellthorpe, Forncett, Fundenhall, Hapton, Tacolneston and Wreningham and they have now agreed to call themselves "The Upper Tas Valley Group of Churches".

This group is looking forward to welcoming a new rector and the induction of Rev. Clive Styles will take place on Saturday 13th March.



#### NEW BURIAL GROUND AT WRENINGHAM:

The land recently purchased to extend the burial ground in the Churchyard will, all being well, be consecrated on

Friday 19th March. This is a short formal procedure.

However, it will be followed on Sunday 21st March by a dedication service. This service starts at 10.30 a.m. - it will be a family service with the theme of dedication.

Everybody in the village has contributed to the purchase of this land, and an open invitation is extended to you all to attend the dedication. The service will be followed by coffee and biscuits.

# LEISURE AND PLEASURE

## REGULAR WHAT'S ON'S AT THE VILLAGE HALL

### BOWLS CLUB

Thursday evenings 7.15 p.m.  
New Members would be welcome.

### BALLROOM, LATIN & SEQUENCE DANCING:

Friday evenings at 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
5th & 19th Feb, 5th & 19th March

### WHIST DRIVES - in the Margaret Preston Room

Monday 15th Feb. - 8 p.m.  
Monday 15th March - 8 pm.

### SIXTIES DANCES

Saturday 20th February - "Heartbeat"  
Saturday 20th March - "Rollercoaster"

### FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 25th Feb - 2 p.m.  
The demonstrator will be Mrs Sheila Bradbury  
Thursday 25th March - 2 p.m.  
The demonstrator will be Mrs Brenda Fuller  
Visitors are welcome at £2.00 to include tea and  
biscuits

# READY, STEADY, GO!