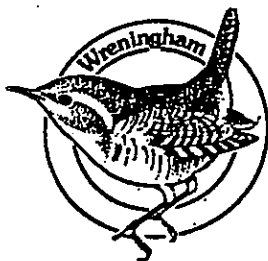


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From The Chairman,

Christmas and the New Year seems a long time ago and already the committee is looking to the summer and autumn. Dates for you to put on the calendar are - A Summer Ball on Saturday 26th June. A chance to dress up -more details later but if anybody knows of a suitable band and has a contact name and phone number I would be pleased to hear from you. The Art Exhibition will start with the preview evening on Friday 3rd and then run through the days of Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September.

More immediately on Friday 19th March there will be a "Quiz and Chips" evening starting at 8 p.m. Entrance is £2.00 (plus food - orders taken on the night). Come along and join up with others to make a team or bring your own team - we recommend 4 to 6 people to a team there are no individual questions. Join us for this fun evening.

Christine Minns (01508 488123)

SOCIAL CLUB

Our Christmas party and draw went very well. Thanks to everyone who helped out or attended these events.

Events for your diaries: on 13th February there will be a quiz and pizza night, food to be ordered on the night, on 5th March will be a "curry-oke". As the name suggests it's a curry and karaoke evening. Both start at 8 p.m. Look out for leaflets coming through your door soon.

The AGM will be on Sunday 28th March. As it was so successful, the format will be the same as last year, a walk starting at 10.30 a.m., back to the hall for a BBQ about 12.30 p.m. and the meeting at 1 - 1.30 p.m. We hope you can attend. We are looking for new committee members so if you are interested, please let me know.

The club will be closed on 19th and 20th February as Ashwren Players will be using the Margaret Preston room. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Reminder Club nights are Thursday & Friday from 8 pm. Membership Adults £1.00/Juniors 50p. Membership is now due, please pay at the bar on your next visit or pay any committee member. New members always welcome. Call in for a drink on a club night and at the same time pick up a form and get a couple of members to sponsor you.

Hope to see you soon.

Kevin Feek - Chairman

WRENINGHAM "ALL SAINTS" CHURCH

Lent Project - This year Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent is on 25th February. If you would like to support the charity chosen by Wreningham church which is the USPG a collection box can be obtained from Thelma Hanton or Christine Minns. There are leaflets available telling more about this international charity.

Mothering Sunday - 21st March. There will be a Family Service at 10.30 a.m. which will be lead by the Methodist minister and all denominations are invited. We would welcome the children and their parents to this service and flowers will be handed out to the children to give to "mum".

Anybody willing to help with cleaning the church, say a few hours 2 or 3 times a year, please contact Thelma Hanton (Tel 489284) who is drawing up a rota.

FUND RAISING - Saturday 27th March - Jumble Sale - 10 a.m. Please deliver any goods for sale to the village hall on Friday evening or after 9 a.m. on Saturday but NO Electrical or Large Items - help with the sale will as usual be needed.

Friday April 23rd - A Scottish Evening - details later.

Saturday May 22nd - A May Fayre - 2 p.m.

Housing Needs Survey

With rocketing house prices the odds are becoming increasingly stacked against members of our community securing affordable, appropriate housing in the areas that they want to live.

Many wish to remain living in the areas in which they grew up, in contact with networks of family and friends but are often forced to move to the nearest town or city. Few join housing waiting lists due to the limited stock of council or social housing in their village, and some are forced to remain in the family home longer and find it difficult to make the step to independent living.

Wreningham Parish Council in conjunction with the Norfolk Rural Community Council wishes to discover and potential housing requirements within the parish and is concerned that there may be a lack of appropriate housing for **local** people.

With the next edition of the Mardle you will find a Housing Needs Survey that aims to find out whether there is a requirement for a small housing project within the village. Whether you consider yourself to be in housing need or not, the information that you will provide by completing the survey is extremely important to us.

If need for affordable housing is identified, a small amount of affordable homes could be provided by a Housing Association, with properties offered for rent or shared ownership, to help to house **local** people. Please bear in mind that it may take some time for these homes to be completed.

Melissa Adcock, Rural Housing Enabler will open the responses and analyse them, and will prepare independent feedback for the Parish council. **All information that you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

Friends and family who would like to live in the village can also complete the questionnaire. They must have strong connections with the village to be considered. Extra forms can be obtained from Norfolk Rural Community Council Tel No: 01362 698216.

Please make use of this opportunity to identify your need and/or express your views.

Refuse and Recycling Collection

A video—"Think Twice" refuse and recycling has been introduced by South Norfolk District Council to make South Norfolk residents more aware about the new arrangements for collecting waste. The new kerbside scheme has proved very successful in other parts of the district and they are aiming to cover the whole district by 2005/06. Some parts of Wreningham are already covered by the new scheme, however no set date has been given as to when they are covering the entire Wreningham area.

The video is approximately 10 minutes long. If anyone would like to borrow it please contact Chrissie Baldwin—Clerk Wreningham Parish Council 01508 489228.

Wreningham Playing Field Project

The project to establish new play facilities for youngsters on the village field is now well underway and our

fundraising target of £20,500 is within reach.

The project was initiated over parish council concerns about both the lack of facilities for youngsters in the village and an awareness of the dangers for youngsters in riding skateboards and scooters around the crossroads area of the village.

A project management team has drawn up plans for a small skateboard area, basketball net and youth shelter on the village playing field after a survey of village youngsters.

We see this project as important to the future of the community within Wreningham. It is intended to make the village more attractive to youngsters and their families and give them something to do within the village itself.

The project has already attracted support from the youth club, school, village hall committee, village children and residents who have all contributed towards the project through discos, a talent show and the open gardens event. The parish council has provided the site.

Major grants have been given by South Norfolk Council and Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN). Smaller amounts have been received from Archant, Virgin and also from many generous village residents.

We hope that construction of the project will commence in the spring. If you would still like to make a donation then send a cheque made out to "Wreningham Playing Field Project" to treasurer Graham Roberts, The Homestead, Church Road, Wreningham.

Anybody who would like more information about this project is welcome to contact chairman Keith Morris on 01508 488318 or keith.morris@archant.co.uk.

BMX track proposal

Once work begins on the Playing Field Project, a quantity of top soil will be removed from the site and it has been suggested that it could be used along one edge of the playing field to create a couple of small humps for use with BMX/Mountain bikes.

The parish council are seeking views of Wreningham residents as to whether this is a sensible use of the soil, which would otherwise just have to be disposed of. If you have any comments on this use of the soil or alternatively could help dispose of it, please contact parish council chairman Julie Miles 01508 489558 or Chrissie Baldwin, clerk, 01508 489228, or in writing to Chrissie Baldwin, Woodlace Cottage, Mill Lane, Wreningham NR16 1AN.

BLOOD DONATING - Wymondham Central Hall:

Tue 2nd March 13.00- 15.30; 16.30- 19.00
Tue 16th March 10.00- 13.00; 14.00- 16.30

Village Hall Booking Secretary:

Mrs Andree Handford, Hawthorn Cottage,
Wymondham Road, Tel: 01508 488182

Flower Club

Thursday 26th February

Thursday 25th March

Doors open 1.30 p.m. for 1.45 p.m. start.

Visitors £2.50. Everyone Welcome.

Dance - Saturday 27th March - Dancing to live music by
"Rollercoaster" - 8 p.m. - Admission £4.50 in aid of
MacMillan Cancer Relief.

The surplus from the New Year's Eve party of £106.00
was sent to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

At the time of going to print there are still good seats
available for the Ashwren Players production of:

"The Wonderful Story of Mother Goose"

(by Norman Robbins)

Thursday 19th, Friday 20th

Saturday 21st February at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets priced £4.00

(children £2.00 Thurs. & Fri.)

(senior citizens £3.00 Thurs. & Fri.)

available from:

Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road,
Wreningham, Tel: 01508 488123
