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From The Chairman,

This edition carries reports of the very successful fete held at the school in aid of their funds and the official opening of the skate park and other amenities on the playing field. Both very successful achievements which required a great deal of effort and commitment from those involved.

As usual there are very few events planned for August but September looks busy with the first event being the Art Exhibition on 3rd to 5th September which I hope many of you will support and enjoy as this is the village hall's major fund raising event for this year. Details of this and many other events are enclosed.

NOTE: I currently have the booking diary.

Christine Minns (01508 488123)

ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 4th Sept. 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday 5th Sept. 10 am - 5 pm

Admission £1.00



There will be a wine preview evening with a chance to meet many of the artists on Friday 3rd Sept. 8 pm - 10 pm
Tickets £3.00 - from any committee member. This is always an enjoyable and social evening.

Anybody who would like to exhibit can get an entry form from Jan Nudd 489680.

Safari Supper - Sat. 9th October

The last 2 years this has been very successful. We are looking for people to join the sub-committee to organise one for 9th October. If you would like to get involved please contact Valerie Harvey on 488361. She would also be pleased to hear from anybody wanting tickets and offers to provide one of the courses.

Saturday 11th Sept.

Dance to the 60's band "The Sabres"

8 pm to mid-night. Admission £4.50

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief

Yoga Classes

New term starts Monday 20th Sept. 7.30 pm -

This class is run by Adult Education for details of enrolment Tel: 01953 455634

SOCIAL CLUB

We have only planned one event for August. As it's Friday 13th we have organised a "Superstitious" themed BBQ with mini-table quiz with "superstitious" prizes, 7.30pm for 8 pm start. Hope to see you there.

Reminder Club nights are Thursday & Friday from 8 pm.
Membership Adults £1.00/Juniors 50p.
Membership renewal - 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 pick up a form and get a couple of members to sponsor you.

Kevin Feek - Chairman

Flower Club - Thursday 26th August
Doors open 1.30 p.m. for 1.45 p.m. start.

Visitors £3.00. Everyone Welcome.

Short Mat Bowls

The winter season starts on Thursday 9th Sept at 7.30 pm and new members of all standards welcome.

BLOOD DONATING - Wymondham Central Hall:

Mon 23rd Aug. 13.00- 15.30; 16.30- 19.00

Wed 1st Sept. 13.00- 15.30; 16.30- 19.00

Tues 14th Sept. 13.00- 15.30; 16.30- 19.00

Wreningham Parish Council

Councillor Portfolios

At the last council meeting a resolution was passed to introduce councillor portfolios. This is not intended to take away the responsibility from the council meetings; indeed it has been created to help residents have a first point of contact with a person rather than the council as a whole. Their responsibility will be to investigate any issues and bring them to council meetings.

Playing Field - Donald Whiterod	01508 489511
Environmental Issues - Patsy Bradley	01508 489683
Village Hall Rep. - Trevor Wadlow	01508 489253
Highways - Anne Riches	01508 489547
Planning - Julie Miles	01508 489558
School Governor Rep. - Les Pegg	01508 489251

Mr. Ian Dobson has agreed to continue as the Village Tree Warden. Ian is not a councillor but works on behalf of the council.

Chairman - Sheldon Durant	01508 489544
Clerk - Mrs Chrissie Baldwin	01508 489228

The next meeting is on Tuesday 21st September at 7.30 pm in the Margaret Preston room.

WRENINGHAM YOUTH CLUB

There is a desperate need for volunteer helpers on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings if this club is going to continue. Offers of help to Julie Miles on 489558.

Playing Field Project Opens

Wreningham's £21,000 playing field project officially opened on Tuesday 13th July at the youth club's end-of-term barbeque event. Around 100 villagers, children and representatives from supporting organisations turned up to give their backing once again.

The playing field project includes a small skate park, basketball net and area and a teenage shelter. There are many people who have supported the project over the last 18 months, so "thank you" to the village youth club, village hall committee, school, parish council and the many local residents who gave donations. Special thanks go to committee members, Julie Miles, Graham Roberts, David Reeves and Jill Maidment plus others who gave particular help including Jayne McDaid, Sheldon Durant, Ian Withey, Christine Moss, Chrissie Baldwin, Nicky Morris and dozens of youth club children.

Major donations were also received from Waste Recycling Group Ltd (WREN) through the Landfill Tax Credit system (£10,000), South Norfolk Council £6,000, Town Close Charity £1,500, Archant, Broadland Santa Appeal, John Jarrold Trust, Wychwood Trust, Bernard Matthews and Virgin Money among others.

Everybody who has supported this project believes that our village children deserve such a facility and we will be working hard to make sure that they continue to use it responsibly, including wearing helmets.

The playing field was originally provided for people in the village to use and enjoy and this project has helped to achieve that aim. Remember that the alternative is children skateboarding on the cross-roads and roads around the village and hanging about with not much to do and nowhere to go, surely they deserve better than that. So thank you to everyone who has supported the project.

Keith Morris - Project Chairman.

WRENINGHAM "ALL SAINTS" CHURCH

Wreningham church will be open to sign in visitors taking part in the Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride on Sat. 11th Sept. and we would also like people to cycle in our name. Sponsorship is shared equally between the Norfolk Churches Trust and the church. For details and a sponsorship form contact Irene on 489635.

Harvest Supper - Friday 17th Sept. 7 pm for 7.30 pm
Tickets will go on sale soon at £5.00 Adults (£3.00 for children under 12 years old) - Watch out for posters giving more details.

Harvest Service - Sunday 26th Sept. at 10.30 am - this will be a joint Anglican/Methodist Family Service and children are invited to bring along produce. Everybody is invited to come and see the church decorated and join in the harvest hymns.

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What is the future for Wreningham All Saint's Church?

On 22nd August the Church Council is to discuss how best to use their resources. The day to day cost of keeping "All Saints" open is about £2,000/annum, and this does not allow for any maintenance work. The income from collections and donations is about £2,500/annum.

There are 7 churches in the benefice all showing similar figures, and on top of this, between them they need to raise a further £30,000 to cover their share of the Diocese bill for rectors salaries, accommodation and pension schemes. With only about 80 - 100 people worshipping regularly across the benefice, do we need 7 churches? Should all the resources be put into one church?

Over the past 2 years Wreningham church has been used for marriage blessings, baptisms and funerals. Does this mean that deep down the village wants and needs the church, or was it that it just happened to be the most convenient at the time?

What is your view on the future for "All Saints", Wreningham?

If you would like to see it stay open, would you be prepared to donate regularly towards its running costs and maintenance?

Please let Dennis Long or Christine Minns know your views before 22nd August so that the meeting can discuss the future from an informed base.

Wreningham School Grand Summer Fete
Saturday 3rd July 2004

We Would like to say an enormous "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way towards the School Fete. We had a fantastic day, the sun shone and we raised a staggering £3,000 for school funds. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many people there both from the village and beyond.

We still have unclaimed winning raffle tickets: Blue 381, Blue 29 and Blue 196. Please check your tickets (they could be in the fete programmes) any claims call Julie on 488275

Ashwren Players

Friday 10th September - Talent Competition

We are still looking for individuals and groups to take part. The entry fee is £2.50 which includes supper and the disco afterwards. To enter contact Ann on 488337.

Tickets are now available for the evening which starts at 7pm with the competition followed by supper and a disco for those who wish to stay on - all included in the ticket price which is £4.00 for adults and £2.50 juniors. To assist with catering tickets should be bought in advance from Ann 488337 or Christine 488123.