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From The Chairman,

Unfortunately the AGM was not very well supported but I hope that over the coming year you will all support the committee in all that they do to maintain the hall as a facility for the village. We welcome Donald Whiterod to the committee as Parish Council representative and David Wells the recently appointed Premises Supervisor, together with Jill Hustler and John Bligh. Geoff Townshend has resigned as treasurer but for the time being he has been co-opted onto the committee to represent us on the School Travel Project working party. Anybody else who would like to join the committee should contact either Val Keel or myself. For the next few weeks I am acting as caretaker chairman, but I have now taken on the roll of Treasurer along with that of Booking Secretary.

We have recently had an offer from somebody to look at the light and sound system on the stage together with the whole revamping of the stage area. They have offered to come up with a suggested plan and likely costs.

These facilities are in need of up dating and many of our regular hirers would benefit from this improvement. It is also hoped that the Ashwren Players may be able to put on another pantomime next winter. We are therefore hoping that subject to costs and any grants we can obtain, that this work can be carried out soon.

Christine Minns (01508 488123)

SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

Well I hope you've all recovered from the festive activities and are looking forward to 2006.

Fun was had by all who attended our left-handed night and members enjoyed a drink when the club was open on Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve.

We shall be having a Junior Quiz on 17th February at 7 pm with lots of prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The AGM will be on Sunday 12th March. As usual we shall have a local walk from 10am meeting at the village hall, with a BBQ at 12.30 pm for the walkers and the AGM starting at 1.30 pm in the Margaret Preston room.

Just a reminder that membership renewals are now due for 2006. Adults £2.00. Juniors 50p.

Kevin Feek, Chairman

A Tribute to "Pip" Wilkinson

Many of you will have known Pip, and have your own memories of him.

A man who visited the elderly, ran errands for them, shopping, pensions, prescriptions, took them to the doctors, helped them to fill in forms etc.....

A past Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee. A bingo caller when we had regular bingo nights in the village hall. A member of the Short Mat Bowls Club. A helping hand in setting up the room for Flower Club. Father Christmas at the school and Bramble Bears play group. A sideman at the church always the first there for 8 a.m. services. He delivered church magazines. And so the list goes on.

Others will remember him as a keen follower of all sport and he took an interest in the sporting activities of the younger members of this village as well as those of his own family.

I may not have mentioned the thing which you remember most about him, but what ever it is I am sure that knowing him has enriched your life in some way. We shall all miss him and our thoughts are with his family at this time because they will miss him most of all.

Wreningham Parish Council

All Saints Church

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Carol Service and the Christmas morning service. Our thanks to all those who helped with the floral decorations for the occasion.

As from Sunday 11th February the early morning Holy Communion which is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month will be at 8.30 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.

Mothering Sunday is on 26th March. On that day there will be a 10.30 a.m. Family Service lead by Mrs Mary Cousins. A warm welcome is extended to you all for that service when we shall have flowers for the children to give to mother. We look forward to seeing you on that day.

The 5 year Architects report has recently been received. On the whole Wreningham church is in good repair but there are a number of jobs which need attention estimated at a total of about £40,000. Some of the smaller ones will be put in hand straight away so you may well see evidence of this from time to time. The major works will have to be costed and funds sourced at a later date.

Wreningham Churchwardens

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The next meeting will be on Tues 21st March at 7.30 p.m. in the Margaret Preston room of the village hall. If a resident wishes to raise any issue before the next meeting the clerk and chairman are available on the 1st Saturday in the month (Appointments must be made in advance, please telephone the clerk).

CHURCH FLOWERS

We would like to thank all the ladies for the beautiful flower arrangements they have done for the church over the past year. The church looked particularly beautiful when candle lit for the Carol Service at Christmas. We will be in touch with you with the rota for 2006 in due course.

Sue and Thelma

Flower Club – Thursday 23rd February.

Doors open at 1.30 p.m. – Visitors always welcome

There will be no meeting in March

Dumplin Country

The dances which used to be held at The Dumpling, on Norwich Cattle Market moved to Wreningham during last autumn. These are normally run on a Sunday afternoon and are well supported. In December, John and Teresa ran their Christmas dance especially for "Charity" and part of the profit they gave to the village hall to buy a payphone which other hirers had expressed a need for, and a small balance was given to the Youth Club.

These dances are open to the public and anybody who likes Country and Western music is welcome. Teresa does like to know in advance roughly how many people are coming so if you plan to come she would appreciate a phone call on 01603 433918, but if you just turn up you would not be turned away. The bar is open, tea and coffee are also served and there is always a good raffle with numerous prizes.

The programme for February and March is:

Feb 12th - Ollie Austin - Admission £3.50

Feb 19th - Country Company - Admission £4.00

Mar 12th - New West - Admission £4.00

Doors open at 1 p.m. and the music starts at 2 p.m.

Starfighter-Rocknroll

The Starfighter Club which was also displaced when The Dumpling was closed has now made its home at Wreningham. Run by Roland, the music is loud, bands playing authentic Rock and Roll, the supporters come from long distances as do many of the bands. Roland makes it his job to see which bands are doing a tour and thinks nothing of booking a band whose home is in the USA. Once again these dances are public events a anybody interested would be welcome, just turn up on the night.

Saturday 25th February – Jack Rabbit Slim

Saturday 25th March – the band still has to be confirmed

All bands are supported by Rockin Rolands disco.

Dances start at 8 p.m. and admission is normally £6.00

BLOOD DONATING – Wymondham Central Hall

Wed. 8th Feb 13.00 – 15.30; 17.00 – 19.00

V 1. 22nd March 10.00 – 13.00; 14.30 – 16.30

Wreningham Ramblers

Fancy a walk once a month with convivial company?

Well come along with the Wreningham Ramblers, the last Sunday of each month.

We depart from the village hall car park normally about 10 a.m. Walks are between 5-6 miles, with one or two longer ones for the keener walkers When the weather is better. Most walks are in Norfolk. Up-to-date details are by the bar in the Margaret Preston room. Call in on a Social Club evening and check the list.

Walks over the last 18 months or so have included: Ingham, Overstrand, Tacolneston, Barsham (Suffolk), Winterton, Box Hill (Surrey), Reepham, Thompson, Foxley Wood

The next walk is local and short (4ish miles), and has apub which provides good food:

Sunday 26th February, walk from Forncett St. Peter and stop at the Fox and Hounds at Great Moulton.

Come along and meet somebody new, enjoy some exercise and a drink (medicinal), and get to feel better – what more could you want!

Any queries give Trevor Wadlow a ring on 01508 489253.
Hope to see you!
