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From: Your Chairman

As I sit typing this the wind is blowing and the rain is beating against the window. That will mean that once again the users of the hall this evening will have a mopping up job to do.

As many of you will know, over the past few months we have had trouble with water coming in through the roof in a number of places. We are currently waiting for a Surveyors report, but what ever that contains the Mangement Committee are convinced that it will be an expensive job and we have already started planning a number of fund raising events.

You will see some of these listed in detail later in this edition. Your support would be gratefully appreciated when ever you can manage it.

If you can think of any other fund raising events that might be of interest please either offer to run them or pass on any ideas to a committee member.

Christine Minns



Many of you will remember the "Coffee Shop" which used to meet in the village hall one morning each week.

When this closed due to the organisers having other commitments, there was a sum of money which was invested pending the improvement of the village hall kitchen. Some of the people more recently involved with the coffee shop had expressed a wish to buy a new cooker or similar for the hall. However, the Management Committee felt this was not the time to buy a new domestic cooker when long term the need may be for something bigger and had agreed to accept the offer of a second hand cooker.

Over the past few months we have received many favourable comments about the improved kitchen, not least from the "Food and Hygiene Inspector" from South Norfolk Council.

We are grateful to the former Coffee Shop supporters for the gift of £511.79p which contributed towards the kitchen improvements.

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Thank You on behalf of the Management Committee to all who supported "Pip's" Bingo held at Christmas - this contributed £150.00 to funds

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SOCIAL CLUB

What a super evening everybody had at the New Years Eve Party!

We were so sorry that many of the regular attenders didn't get tickets but they went so quickly that we had sold out well before the event. This is the sort of community event which we like to see in our village hall.

Subscriptions became due on 1st January. Please could everybody complete a new registration form when they pay their sub. (£1.00 adults & 50p Juniors).

The new forms will provide more information for the records and assist mailing in some instances. Forms are available from the Social Club Bar.

BOOK THIS DATE - The Annual General Meeting will be on Thurs. 2nd March in the Margaret Preston Room at 8 p.m.

Please come and bring some ideas for club activities and events.

ACTIVITES!!

How about a "Ceilidh" - Yes! We have one booked. Sat. 18th March. Dancing to the ever popular "Pendragon Band".

7.30 p.m. onwards - tickets available from the Club Bar - £3.50 (children welcome at £1.50).
Open to non-members.

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LOAN BONDS

Congratulations to the January winners:

- 78 Mr. John Wright
- 159 Mrs. Sheila Ford
- 297 The Ashwren Drama Group

The Second Issue bonds are due to be redeemed on 31st of January 1995. It is planned, in view of the poor state of the hall roof to re-issue a "Reroofing Loan Bond" on the same basis as the old bonds, for a 5 year term. Bonds will be limited to 100 in this issue and are available at £20.00 each if anybody would like any. Contact me (Christine Minns, at Church Farm, Wreningham or by telephone on 01953 602754.

IS IT OF NO USE TO YOU BUT TOO GOOD FOR THE DUST CART?

IS IT TAKING UP SPACE IN THE GARAGE OR ATTIC?

THEN! - If it is saleable why not give it to the village hall for their "Bric-a-brac" and "white elephant" sale on Sunday 26th February.

We would be very pleased to receive any salable items (but not clothes). They can be given to a committee member or left at the Social Club on the 2 evenings before, or brought to the hall early on the Sunday morning. We would also like your help on the stalls. If you have an item which is too good to give but would be prepared to let us sell it on a 50/50 basis this can be arranged.

We would also be pleased to see you and your friends - looking for a bargain on the day from 10 a.m. onwards. Don't be late!

NOW THAT YOU ARE IN THE MODE TO TURN OUT YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS, AND SPRING CLEANING IS ON THE WAY - HOW ABOUT PROVIDING FOR OUR NEXT FUND RAISING EVENT!

A Jumble Sale is arranged for Saturday 18th March at 1.30 p.m. - again all proceeds to the hall funds and any help would be appreciated either to set up in the morning from 10 a.m. or on the stalls in the afternoon from 1.15 p.m.

Jumble can be left at the hall the evening before or on the morning of the sale.

These are 2 fund raising events, organised by the hall which you can support and it would cost you nothing!

Your help is needed.

Village Open Gardens
Sunday 25th June 1995

In response to public demand and because of the need to continue raising funds for the village hall it has been decided to arrange another Open Gardens Day this year on 25th June. This will be the third, and as each time the event is better than the last this should be a great day.

In order to make the event a success and different from last time the organisers are looking for some new additional gardens - already three villagers have offered their gardens.

If you are prepared to open your garden to the public for one day please contact Roger Kingwell on 0508 489757.

What does a village community have?

What might a village community be able to achieve?

A village community has a whole lot of expertise which, for the most part, is not used effectively by that community. We all have training and experiences different from those of our neighbours and it might be that those aspects are invisible. In any event advantage is not taken of the available expertise - worst of all perhaps the person who has skill is not using it themselves.

A village community has therefore an excellent opportunity within it's grasp, to the benefit of both that community and each individual within it. On the one hand it can compile a list of people and their expertise which might be of service to that community in general or it's members in particular. The likely wealth of expertise is enormous, the services of people and their expertise might be for sale or for free. In essence though just the knowledge of where to go for particular assistance is worth it's weight in gold! On the other hand some members of the community may have expertise/skills which they may wish to employ to their own benefit. Skills may have been dormant for some years. Others may have requirements for space and equipment as well as others expertise - e.g. they may have a skill on offer and they need an accountant?

Telecentre/Telecottage concept is one founded on rural community expertise and "missing" employment. The idea is based upon the provision of a community centre which acts as a true centre and is used for daily activity of a business nature.

The centre has the provision of computer equipment enabling word-processing, accounting, data base management, electronic and paper publications etc. You name it and there is probably a computer program which will help you do it. Sounds interesting - they're doing it at Hethersett.

What I'd like to evoke is a true co-operative on the one hand and a service centre on the other. How will I do this? Well initially by asking you three questions.

1. What are your skills/expertise?
2. Are you willing to identify them are you also willing to use them?
3. How many of you might be interested in setting up a TeleCentre?

Please give me a call, no tricks, no hidden agenda, just plain community care and an idea to get the community working for itself. I'll compile the database/index of expertise and perhaps be able to progress the idea of a telecentre. Please let me know your feelings.

Ian Dobson, White Cottage, Church Road, Wreningham. Tel: 0508 489725

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Newton Flotman Flower Club

The next meeting of the club will be on Thursday 23rd February at Wreningham village hall. Doors open at 1.30 p.m. for 2 p.m. start. The demonstrator will be Mrs Barbara Harrold from Stoke Holy Cross. Why not come along and enjoy a very pleasant afternoon. Entrance £1, including tea and biscuits.

Visitors are welcome

Wreningham "All Saints"

Rev. Keith Crocker has left the Wreningham Group of parishes to take up a new living at Catton. On Sunday 8th January, after a farewell service in Tacolneston Church, he, his wife and sons attended a "shared lunch" in Wreningham village hall, with members of the church. At this lunch he was presented with a painting of Ashwellthorpe Church by local artist Graham Lain, also a cheque. Mrs Crocker received a basket of flowering plants.

We wish him every happiness in his new post.

Wreningham churchwardens

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Wreningham Country Music Club

Over the past few months numbers supporting these dances have been rather low. If you are interested in Country, please support your local dance and if you know of anybody else who is interested do tell them about our dances:

Sat. 11th February - Tennessee Whisky

Sat. 11th March - Mean Business

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For the 60's fans - Advanced notice that East Coast" will be at Wreningham on Sat. 22nd April - tickets will be available later.

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don't forget the regular events:

Bingo every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
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