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From: Your Chairman

As I sit down to edit this edition the sun is shining. The village hall management committee are hoping this is the start of fine weather this summer on 2 accounts, both in one way linked.

Firstly, as many of you know the hall roof has been leaking for some time and is getting progressively worse. The tenders have been received and subject to checking, it looks as if the final bill for reroofing the hall, replacing the ceiling tiles in the main hall and providing some form of extraction for the condensation will be in the region of £20,000.

Our landlords, the Parish Council, have agreed to the work being carried out in their name (but all the funding to be provided by the village hall), and an application for grant aid has been submitted to South Norfolk Council. Subject to obtaining grant and a loan from the brewery through the Social Club it will be possible to carry out this work during the summer. Obviously, it will cost us interest on any loan so the more we can raise ourselves the better.

This brings me to the second reason for hoping for fine weather:

The main fund raising event of the summer is the Village Gardens Open Day on 25th June. There is more detail about these in the centre of this newsletter, however, in conjunction we shall be holding a Grand Draw. Prizes are needed if anybody can provide one but more important we need to sell the tickets. If you can sell some at work or amongst your friends or family, please ask for a supply of books. The first prize is £100.00. Valarie Harvey, Hethel Road (488361) or myself (01953 602754) can supply draw tickets.

During the day of 25th June as well as serving food at the village hall there will also be a stall selling new items (including clothes, cards, fancy goods and toiletry, etc). I would love to hear from anybody who would like to contribute items for sale or would be prepared to take a turn manning the stall or selling raffle tickets.

Please all turn out on the day and bring your friends and family, so far there has always been a lovely community atmosphere throughout the village at this type of event.

Finally a "thank you", and that is to the person who has been cutting the grass round the hall this season, any help in this way is always needed and appreciated.

Christine Minns

LOAN BONDS

Congratulations to the winners on 1st April who were:

- 19 Mr. A. W. Thomas
- 73 Mr. C. Brighton
- 266 Mr & Mrs I. Dobson

Final touches are being put to the plans for the Open Gardens Day and around the village there are 11 gardens which are receiving extra attention in readiness for the big day. The gardens involved are listed overleaf. The previous Open Gardens were enormously successful and we hope to do the same this year particularly as we have two Radio Norfolk Gardening experts attending.

As a gesture of support for the event and in particular for the people who are opening their gardens, and to brighten up the whole village, it would be a nice idea if everyone decorated their gateway in some form, either garlands of flowers attached to the gate, tubs or pots of flowers, or flags or bunting. The gardens which are open to the public will be clearly identified with signs.

Please help if you can and fingers crossed for nice weather as we had in past years!

Roger Kingwell

Holly Cottage, Wymondham Road
Lawns with shrub and herbaceous borders.
Back garden newly planted after expanding the garden 18 months ago.

Teas served 2-5pm

Conifers, Wymondham Road
A garden in three parts with trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and lawns. Sunken pond, rockery and rose pergola. Vegetable garden, soft fruit trees, large fish pond.

Plants for sale.

Applewood, Wymondham Road
A small, neat, formal garden consisting of an interesting mix of fruit trees, herbaceous perennials and summer bedding.

... the train now standing at Applewood ...?

The Old Rectory, Church Road
Two and a half acres of woodland and lawns
featuring a pond and spectacular wild flower display.
There will be a bee-keeping demonstration and
honey will be sold in aid of the event.
Swing boat rides will be available for children.

Laburnums, Church Road
A large garden with fish pond – herons
permitting, dove cot with friendly doves – cats
permitting, herbaceous border, pergola, new rose and
rhododendron beds and orchard. A wine making
demonstration using garden produce will take place
during the afternoon.

Tea and ice cream available 2-5pm

6 About half an acre – the gardens are divided into two areas – the front comprises mainly lawns with a new shrub border and the rear a larger lawned area, herbaceous border, pond with Bullrushes and resident Water Hens.

7 Fir Grove Cottage, Hethel Road 200 year old thatched cottage. Paved area with conservatory leading to lawns, shrubs and in particular trees both large and small. Display of Bonsai trees kindly lent by other villagers.

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An interesting garden with mature trees, shrubs
and herbaceous beds, lawns and vegetable garden –
all the garden has been developed in the last year.
Display of metal detecting finds from the
surrounding villages.

Ashfield, The Marshes, Mill Lane
After 25 years of total dereliction the house and garden have been renovated over the last eight years.
The garden contains lawns, shrubs, rose bed, rockery, orchard, vegetable and fruit garden.
Teas 2-5pm

Glastonbury Cottage, Toprow
A rendered timber framed cottage built in
1694 – date in le end – I d Grade II standing in
a quarter acre garden, shrubs, roses, herbaceous
borders, well and pond.

The Grange, off Toprow
Old listed country house in several acres of
gardens and woodland with lake and mature
specimen trees. Wild orchids, shrubs and perennials.
Walk by the lake.

The proceeds from the event are for Wreningham Village Hall (Reg. Charity No. 284991)

Additional information

Car Parking is available at Hethel Road, Wreninghan Village Hall and Toprow – toilets are available at the Village Hall. The Bar at the Village Hall will be open at lunchtime and at the time of the Grand Draw; Ploughmans lunches available 12–2pm; Strawberries & cream available 12–5pm.

Annual Grand Draw will take place at the Village Hall at approx. 5.30pm – 1st prize £100. Tickets are available in all the gardens.

Plant tombola stall on the green by the village sign, adjacent to the school.

During the day Charles Henderson and Paul Thompson, Radio Norfolk gardening experts, will be visiting the gardens and choosing the two gardens they have enjoyed the most. The winners will receive prizes generously donated by Lodge Farm Nurseries Swainsthorpe and Fundenhall Nurseries, Ashwellthorpe. The prizes will be presented at the Village Hall at about 5.30pm.

The dance held at the village hall in March in aid of The Imperial Cancer Research Fund raised £563.00 and a similar dance on 27th April in aid of The Big C appeal raised £350.00.

SOCIAL CLUB

A Bar-B-Que has been arranged for Friday 14th July - watch out for posters giving details.

WRENINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

There are three vacancies on the Parish Council. These can be filled by co-option. Any person wishing to apply for one of these positions, please notify the Clerk in writing at the following address by Wednesday 28th June 1995 - Mr. N. H. Howes (Clerk), 7'B' Brambles Close, Spixworth, Norwich, NR10 3QP

WRENINGHAM ALL SAINTS

Very many thanks to those who supported the coffee morning in aid of our Zimbabwee Mission. The sum of £80 was raised and with donations it reached £94.00. During our Lent Project £86.00 was collected making a totla of £180.00. This will be sent to the mission when we hear what is needed for their new church. Your help is much appreciated.

Dennis Long Margaret Wilkinson (Churchwardens)

A SONGS OF PRAISE will be held in the church on Sunday 4th June at 6.30 p.m. Do come and sing some favourite hymns.

FLOWER CLUB .

The next meeting is on Thurs. 22nd June when the demonstrator will be Mr. Ian Buxton, and the theme "June Flowers". Doors open at 1.30 p.m. for a 2 p.m. start. Tea and biscuits are served and visitors welcome. £1.00 admission.

Margaret Wilkinson

WRENINGHAM CRICKET CLUB

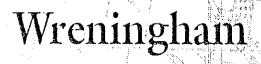
The season has got off to a good start with the team winning two out of three Burgess Shield matches to date. The first home match was very exciting with Kevin Maddams taking 3 wickets for 9 runs, then skipper Richard Rix hitting 55 not out and achieving victory off the last ball.

The following match the side lost to Norwich Union despite a defiant 51 not out from evergreen Barney Howes. Wreningham also made their debut in the Kimberley Cup losing narrowly to Division three side Cringleford, again off the last ball.

It's good to see a few youngsters break into the side, and certainly Alax Brighton is developing into a useful all-rounder. Those keen to play please contact Richard Rix (01953 606017). Practise nets are normally held on Thursday evenings.

Forthcoming fixtures at home:

Sun. 4th June v Saxlingham
Sun. 18th June v Horsford
Sat. 1st July v Sprowston
Sun. 9th July v Swardeston
Thurs.13th July v Cokenach (touring side)
Sat. 22nd July v Old Buckenham
Sun. 23rd July v Swardeston
Sun. 30th July v Mulbarton



VIJAGE GARDENS

Open Day

Sunday 25 June 1995 llam-5pm

meet Charles Henderson & Paul Thompson, Radio Norfolk garden experts

Lunches, teas, bar, stalls, Grand Draw

Admission (complete circuit) Adults £2 Children £1

available at any of the participating gardens

look for the Wren sign.

Proceeds to Wreningham Village Hall (Reg. Charity No. 284991)