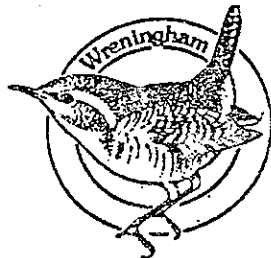


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From: Your Chairman

In my notes in the last edition of this publication I said that Mr. Bert New had given notice that he wished to give up as cleaner and that we were taking applications for the vacancy. I can now advise you that after 13 years of caring for our hall Mr. New has now finished working for us but not exactly retired, as I know he still has other commitments especially as a hospital driver.

The Management Committee, and I am sure all those people in the village who use the hall will want to join in saying a very big "thank you" to Bert for all that he has done for the hall in the past. Not only was he our cleaner and did some caretaking duties, but he, along with his wife Peggy, was bar steward for the Social Club, and he started the bingo and was for a long time the regular caller. He has done a great deal for the village hall - much of it unpaid, and we are grateful. Bert said that he did not want a public presentation but the Management Committee could not let him go without giving him a token of appreciation and this was passed to him without ceremony but with thanks.

I am now able to welcome our new cleaner who is Mark Collings, and lives at River View, which for those new to the village is at the far end of Top Row. I hope we will have a long and happy association. You have a lot to live up to Mark - 13 years is a long time!

Over the last few weeks the hall has been decorated both inside and out and small repair jobs done. Next month the carpets are to be cleaned and the wooden floor stripped and repolished so we will be looking smart.

Since the last edition there has been many activities taking place in the hall. The 60's dance in February saw the return of a band who had not been to Wrenningham since the 1960's. They were probably one of the best 60's bands we have had at the hall for a long time. Our next 60's dance is this week and I am hoping this will be well supported as we have back one of our regular bands "Pegasus", and on 25th May the ever popular "East Coast" are back complete with a take off of Gary Glitter.

The ceilidh held last Saturday really went with a swing but unfortunately the Attic Sale was not as successful. I would however like to thank those who did supply items for sale and those who came to support either as a helper or customer.

We have, this week, had a visit from the Fire Officer and South Norfolk Council relating to the renewal of our Public Entertainment Licence. Thanks to the new legislation which is coming out concerning public venues we are in for a very expensive time this summer.

If you can help by supporting the Jumble Sale on 20th April and the event (yet to have a title - a fete or fun day) on Sunday 23rd June we would love to see you. Details on page 4.

Christine Minns

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 20th April - 1.30 p.m.

If you are able to help on the day please just turn up - do not wait to be asked or feel that you are pushing in, we welcome all the help our friends and soon to be friends can give. We shall meet to set up at 10 a.m. and we shall return at 1.15 p.m. ready for the doors to open at 1.30 p.m. Help either a.m. or p.m. or both is always appreciated.

If you have jumble for us there will be a door to door collection.

Please bag up your items and clearly mark them as Jumble - if the weather is fine leave them just inside the gate or on the doorstep of the first door a caller would come too. (If wet leave by the door in the hope that the house will afford some shelter) - but PLEASE mark clearly as jumble - we would hate to sell your valuable possessions.

If they are out by 5.30 p.m. on Friday 19th we will collect from:

Hethel Road, Church Road, Wymondham Road, Ashwellthorpe Road, Mill Lane, Top Row including River View. If you are prepared to deliver yourself, especially if the items are bulky, these can be taken to the village hall on that evening or the next morning.

THANKS IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR SUPPORT.

We are now putting together a programme for that day. It is hoped that we will have 2 bands, games, stalls and competitions including a tug-of-war. If your firm could enter a team for the tug-of-war please let us know. If you could provide a prize for the Grand Draw we would be grateful. We would like your ideas of what entertainment you could provide or where we could find something out of the ordinary and we would love to involve you in the organisation if you would like to help.

It is sad to hear that the keep-fit and aerobic class which had recently been running on a Wednesday and then Tuesday evening has folded.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Thursday evening is when the club meets in the village hall 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start. We are always glad to have new members so come along and "have a go". Flat shoes, no heels-are a must. Look forward to seeing you

WRENINGHAM SCHOOL

The Friends of Wreningham School is holding an auction of promises on Friday 3rd May at the village hall. Watch out for posters giving details.

WASTE PAPER RECYCLING

The Friends of Wreningham School would like to say a big thank you to all those who have been helping us with our newspaper recycling. The scheme is proving very worthwhile, so please keep up the good work and leave your bundles out on the first Saturday of each month.

There are just a couple of points we need to make:

1. The recycling company is not interested in cardboard.
2. It was previously mentioned that newspaper could be left at "Brookside" (next to the school) - this is not the case and we are sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Thank you for your continued support.

Friends of Wreningham School Committee.

Please contact a Management Committee member with your offer -DO IT NOW BEFORE YOU FORGET- My answerphone is 01953 602754. - it will not bite you just talk slowly and clearly and say who you are and give your telephone number for us to contact you to save us trying to find our way round those lovely new telephone directories!

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KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH THE SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club Annual General Meeting was well supported. The Officers yet to be approved by the Management Committee at their next meeting are: Chairman Mr. Gary Mutton, Secretary Mrs Mary Wells, Treasurer Mr. Chris Peachman.

Membership was due for renewal at 1st January and is still £1.00 for adults and 50p for juniors.

The informal Social Club evenings are becoming more and more popular - just call in for a drink one evening and I hope you manage to pick an evening when there are plenty of members to chat too.

WRENINGHAM ALL SAINTS

Easter is almost here according to the calender, but spring is slow in arriving. Hopefully we shall have some spring flowers ready to decorate the church on Saturday 6th April. Thanks to those who help at this time.

On Wednesday 3rd April a party of students are walking with the Cross to Walsingham and are stopping at "All Saints" for a rest and refreshments. They plan to arrive at about 4 p.m.. If anyone wishes to come to meet and greet them they will be very welcome.

FLOWER CLUB

Next meeting on Thursday 25th April at the village hall. Doors open 1.30 p.m. for 2 p.m. start. The demonstrator will be Mrs Pat Stamford from Reymerston, and her theme will be "Springtime". Tea and biscuits included. Visitors welcome. Entrance £1.50.

SAVE THE CHILDREN WEEK is 28th April to 4th May 1996. If anybody is willing to collect door-to-door please contact the organiser-Diane Lightowler, c/o Norwich Union on Tel: 01603 684247

WRENINGHAM AND TACOLNESTON SCHOOLS SOME FAR-REACHING CHANGES.

There are proposals to change these schools from First to Primary. The discussion is at a CONSULTATION STAGE and is NOT a 'fait accompli' - but so far there seems to have been very little discussion. LOCAL CHILDREN would seem to gain few advantages from the changes, which will be very, perhaps prohibitively, expensive and, as neither school is under threat, also unnecessary.

The ideal system is probably to have small village schools for little children then schools of 200-300 for the 8 to 12 age group which can offer a wider range of academic, cultural, sporting and social activities and allow children to flourish with confidence before moving on to the larger community of the secondary sector.

This is the system we have at present.

The proposed changes would turn the clocks back to a system we gave up years ago with single classes covering 2 or even 3 year groups and not enough children for either successful competitive activities like sports or co-operative ones like choirs and orchestras. Perhaps more important is the culture shock for children moving at 11 from small village schools to the huge community of a High School.

When moving at 12 from a Middle School, children are obviously better able to cope.

Why don't we concentrate instead on improving what we've got. Let's start by asking what is best for our children. Everything is NOT just as good as everything else.

For more information contact Barry Watkins (Minor Authorities Representative for the Governing Body of Mulbarton Middle School) The Old Post Office, Ashwellthorpe. 01508 489718

The Editor regrets that there was not room to reproduce the full article but trust that the cuts have not detracted from the sense of the article.

WHATS ON ,

APRIL:

- Thurs 4th Short Mat Bowls (details on page 5)
- Mon 8th Bingo 8 p.m.
- Fri.12th Ballroom, Latin & Sequence - 8 p.m.
- Sat 13th Country, dancing to Tennessee Whisky
- Mon 16th Whist Drive 7.45 pm (in Margaret Preston Room)
- Thurs 18th Short Mat Bowls
- Fri 19th Collection of Jumble house to house
- Sat. 20th JUMBLE SALE 1.30 P.M.
- Mon. 22nd Bingo
- Thurs 25th Flower Club 1.30 pm for 2 p.m.
Short Mat Bowls
- Fri. 26th Ballroom, Latin & Sequence Dancing
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- Fri. 3rd Auction of Promises (see page 5)
- Fri. 10th Ballroom, Latin & Sequence 8 p.m.
- Sat. 11th Country - with Tony Bryant
- Tues 21st Parish Council Meeting
- Thurs 23rd Flower Club 1.30 pm for 2 pm
- Fri. 24th Ballroom, Latin & Sequence 8 pm
- Sat. 25th 50's/60's dance to "East Coast"
- Mon. 27th Bingo

SUNDAY JUNE 23rd Our Fete/Fun Day or Whatever
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