REPORTS SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS CLUBS & ACTIVITIES IN WEST WRATTING

**Village Hall Report to the West Wratting Annual Parish Meeting - May 2017**

Overall we have had another good year, and a less exciting one than the last!

Our village hall continues to be well used. Our regular activities, including Keep Fit, T’ai Chi, FitSteps, and the Saturday Café, are thriving. In addition, Friday Bridge and Over 60s have continued to support us in their use of the hall. Elections and Cycle Club events make welcome and important contributions to our income. Our finances remain healthy, helped by a private donation of £1000 from Mrs Barbara Moulton. We are very grateful to her for this very generous and totally unexpected leaving present!

Last year saw the completion of the major refurbishment of the toilet block. Next on our list is redecoration and refurbishment in the Committee Room and Kitchen. The lighting in the CR has been upgraded. Painting the walls, ceiling and woodwork, initially by committee members, was completed by a contractor. We are seeking quotes to replace the floor covering in both rooms, and also to replace the three remaining single glaze windows on the north facing aspect with double glazed units.

We are fortunate in having an active and diligent committee. It is because of their efforts that much of the general maintenance, external as well as internal, is being achieved at minimum cost. My thanks to all concerned.

**Mike Rowland, Chairman, West Wratting Village Hall Management Committee**

**Over Sixties Club**

The Club currently have 9 members of whom five reside outside the village.
Five meetings were held in the Village hall, there were two garden meetings and two lunches held at The Chestnuts one of which being Christmas lunch.
It was decided due to our reduced membership and increasing infirmity among members to safely negotiate access to the hall, future meetings of the club, apart from our garden meetings, would  be held at The Chestnuts  incorporating lunch.

Wendy Hall

**West Wratting d’Abo Tennis Club**

The Club continues to thrive with the court being used on a regular basis by a strong family membership. There is also a popular summer kids tennis coaching week in July/August. The Club’s finances are strong with a reserve being built up to pay for a new court in the future. The court surface is in good condition but will be cleaned again this year to ensure that it continues to play well. New members are always welcome.

Further information for prospective members is available on our website –   <http://www.westwrattingtennis.co.uk/>

**Saturday morning cafe West Wratting**

This takes place in the village hall on the first Saturday of every month, 10.30-12 noon.

The cafe is set up for the benefit of our local community and we are pleased to have received so much support throughout the past year.

The cafe works by different volunteers helping to serve / donate cake each month. There is usually a play corner, a charity bookstall and table tennis available. Sometimes we have additional crafts or stalls. Payment is by donation for coffee and cake.

We have used the funds raised in the community: sponsoring children's tennis week, the Street Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, Buttercups Pre- School in Balsham, the Granta school in Linton, the Brownies, Oliver de Ferrars Green's charity trip and Izzy Wilson's charity trip and a contribution to the village hall for re-flooring in the committee room.

On average the cafe has 40-50 people per session. Please join us on the First Saturday of any month!

Catherine and Sherry

**West Wratting Bridge Club**

First Friday Bridge in West Wratting continues to be held from 7.30pm until 10 or 11pm. Ours is a very informal Bridge club. We play Chicago and change partners throughout the evening. It s not necessary to come with a partner as we accommodate any number of players. We break for refreshments at 9pm. A small prize is awarded at the end of each evening. A very relaxed evening of play. We welcome new players. Many come from other villages. £1.50 covers our hall hire cost.

Non regular players should check that the session is running - we sometimes cancel during the summer months.

Phone or email Sherry (290070) sherry.odonovan@gmail.com

**West Wratting Football Club reports**

Seniors report - 1st Team has disappointing league results. Though in a semi-final which was postponed on 8th February and will be played on Saturday 18th March 2017.

Reserves Manager stood down after Christmas after not succeeding and the reserves may be relegated unless positive results are made.

Youth report – Under 12s are sitting 3rd in the league.

Under 10s are non-competitive with 50/50 results.

Under 9s are doing very well winning 90% of their games they were beaten by a team 2 divisions above them on penalties, a very good achievement.

Under 6s training at the moment and will start in the under 7s in September.

The bowls green has had a lot of work on it by Richard Cole and Mike Shinn and is now used for the juniors to train on this has been renamed the Junior Training Ground.

The ground just needs to be sprayed on for weeds and seeded so the Juniors will in that time use the main recreation ground.

 WWFC Season 2016-2017

The First team

The first team are now being managed by ex-Cambridge United player Michael Shinn, they have had a steady season ending with a top 6 finish. But the highlight is definitely winning the prestigious Cliff Bullen challenge cup, 3-2 against Fulbourn. Michael hopes with one or two new faces we can push on next season and contest the league.

The Reserves

It’s not been a great year for the reserve team, the previous seasons experienced management team decided to retire and the new managers that came in struggled to come to terms with the competitiveness of the division. Ex manager Gary Ward came in hoping to steady the ship, but unfortunately didn’t fair any better.

We strangely finished the season in a far stronger position after appointing James Shinn and Rob Butler as the new management team, although the reserves had already been relegated, the final few weeks performances were very good, and as we look to 2017/2018 we hope to put in a strong challenge to win the 1A division.

**Redundant Bowls Green**

We saw the waste ground as a potential training area, U6's 'little kickers' team who are too young to join the league but allows us to build a team for when they turn 6 years old.

Also we see the potential in including the area when hiring the pavilion as a safe area for kids parties or football parties.

So far we have only had funds to cut down the overgrown area, and by regular cutting and rolling, it is being used by an U6's team for training, an area for children to practice their football and play whilst the adult games are being played.  This keeps the children safe from being hit by stray balls coming off the pitch and their balls rolling onto the pitch hilst a game is being played.

We see great potential for this area for the whole community and are aiming to tidy and erect a safe fenced off area and provide a slabbed patio with tables and chairs for the parents and supporters.

**Team update**

Currently the youth have an U12's, U10's, U9's.

U9's ad U10's play non-competitive football where results are not recorded and a table is not kept.  The U9's had a successful cup run beating 3 teams in the A League; 5-0, 5-0 & 5-1, and only using in the 1/4 final by another A League side on a penalty shoot out.

The U12's finished 4th in their League which is the 2nd Division 2 points behind 3rd place and 2 behind 2 place.

We are aiming to have our presentation on the 3rd June which we are proposing will include a 'family fun day'.

We would like to have an event to encourage a new group of boys to start a new U6's team - date TBC.

**Parish Paths Partnership**

We had our usual two cuts of the paths during the year, and all paths were reasonably passable throughout (apart from the mud).

Many thanks to Lee Tubby for keeping the cross field paths navigable, and particular thanks to Simon Anderson for cutting the paths near the Grove and also the paths to the South of West Wratting including the brambles near Scarletts Farm - a fantastic job. Many thanks to Raymond Maskell for keeping the entrances to Scarletts Wood and beyond towards Balsham passable.

Hopefully we will get two cuts by the County Council again this year, and if there are any problems please contact me on 290036. Meanwhile I hope everyone has great walking within our Parish boundaries.

Colin McCall