**Reports from Clubs, Institutes etc. for the Parish Meeting, 14th May 2018**

**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 kid’s 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 and was cleaned last year so it continues to play well. New members are always welcome and existing and new members can now sign up and pay online via our website.

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

**West Wratting Football Club**

The West Wratting Football Club first team lost in a cup final to Linton 2-0 but are now top of the league. 3 wins in the last 5 games will secure the title. The club have never won this league since the football clubs inception in 1884.

The West Wratting Football Club reserve team are also in the running to win their respective league.

The football club are working closely with local residents on local issues with a joint mission to improve resident/football club relations and tackle any existing and future issues together.

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**Parish Paths Partnership**

The footpaths around West Wratting have been kept in good order throughout the year, and we had our usual cuts by the County Council. Our landowner's manager has maintained the cross-field paths (weather permitting) and has cut hedges overhanging other paths, for which many thanks.

A big thank you to everyone who has managed the paths, including the Horsfields and Raymond Maskell and the Johnstons, and again a huge thank you to Simon Anderson who did a wonderful job mowing the paths in the immediate vicinity of West Wratting. The is a big job and much appreciated by all walkers

Cambridge City Council and the County Council worked in unison to deposit road chippings along the length of Fox Road. The Council has a legal obligation (I am told) to keep the byways navigable to traffic.

This has radically altered the byway from being a country lane to a minor road. The walking (for humans) is indeed easier but not for dogs. The character of Fox Road has changed for ever and the smell of tarmac on hot days is pervasive.

The increase of vehicular traffic and motor bikes along the road has been noticeable and (needless to say) there has been a large increase in litter and fly-tipping. I found the remains of a MacDonald’s lunch on the lane - this was a first after 20 years of walking there. A gypsy family camped at the lowest point in late autumn, and, although they were nice people and cleared up the best they could, it took 4 man hours to clear up the residual litter after their departure.

There is now a danger that Fox Road will become a dumping ground, and this is acknowledged by both the Balsham Parish Council and the West Wratting Parish Council. Both councils are looking at erecting barriers to alleviate the problem. Guidance has been sought from the legal department at South Cambs Council but at the time of writing no reply has yet been received. Watch this space.

Otherwise, wishing all walkers happy trudging, What a relief the ground has firmed up after one of the muddiest winters ever.

If you have any paths issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Colin McCall 290036

**Village Hall Report to the West Wratting Annual Parish Meeting - May 2018**

This has been another good year in which our regular activities have been well sustained. Keep Fit, T’ai Chi, FitSteps, and the Saturday Café, have all seen modest increases in numbers, often drawing new members from neighbouring villages. In addition, Friday Bridge and Over 60s have continued to support us in their use of the hall. Elections and the now regular cycle club events make important contributions to our income. We have received generous donations from the proceeds of a fascinating Indian music and dance evening, and from the Saturday Café. As a result our finances are in a steady state.

Redecoration and refurbishment in the committee room and kitchen has continued. The newly painted benches and bar have helped brighten an intrinsically dark committee room. The new non-adhered floor covering in both rooms is light and bright, with the added benefit of a textured surface. No more slipping and sliding on wet areas in front of the bar or kitchen sink! We are again grateful to the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund for a grant of nearly £3000, which has covered the cost of this worthwhile upgrade.

Our next plan is to replace the three remaining single glaze windows at the back of the hall with double glazed units, which will help to conserve heat. At the same time we aim to replace the damaged external kitchen door and incorporate a locking mechanism more suitable for a fire exit. We will seek a grant from a different source for this work.

We are grateful for the voluntary efforts of those village residents who have helped maintain the grounds by gritting the steps and ramp in winter, and hedge and grass cutting through the year.

Finally, my thanks to the loyal, supportive village hall management committee who help make all this possible.

Mike Rowland, Chairman, West Wratting Village Hall Management Committee

**Over Sixties Club**

Apart from two members hosting summer garden meetings, the Club meet monthly at The Chestnut Tree for socialising and lunch.

Wendy Halls.

**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. Talking through the hands is encouraged. It’s not necessary to come with a partner as we accommodate any number of players. We break for refreshments at 9pm. 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.

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**West Wratting Lunch Club 2017**

It is 7 years since we started meeting at The Chestnuts on the Third Thursday of the month for lunch. Peter continues to provide us with scrumptious 2 course lunches for £7.50. We meet for 12.30 and finish lunch usually around 2pm or so – so there is plenty of afternoon left.

It is consistently well attended with a core of West Wratting attendees but also from other villages and we are glad to see friends and family. It brings a whole variety of people together in a warm social environment and the food is truly wonderful. All are welcome.

Suan Rowland