

WRAMBLER

The newsletter for Wreltonians everywhere

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It seems like a lifetime away since I sat down to produce the March edition of the Wrambler. So much has happened in the last few weeks, the like of which none of us could have hardly imagined at the start of the month.

Many people from the village have contacted me to say how the actions of the various volunteers offering a helping hand, a chat or other support has been, in one villager's opinion, "marvellous"! I have included the latest details of this support and other advice on page 2 of this edition.

With the Village Hall closed for the foreseeable future there are no events to publicise, so ex-Wrambler editor Peter Anderson kindly stepped in to write a short history of the Village Hall in place of the events listing.

Thank you to Peter and also to Reverend Sue Bond of South View who contributed the words below. *Tony Miller*



In times of uncertainty and unprecedented change which Covid-19 has brought, what we need more than anything is **hope**. That comes to us in many ways through the kindness and generosity of neighbours. Such have come our way in spadefuls over the last few days from members of Wrelton Village Hall committee and volunteers offering us help whilst self-isolating.

Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. These days speak like no others of hope arising out of hopelessness and suffering. They are the most important days of the year for many for whom not being in church will be the strangest aspect of this crisis time. But we have opportunities to worship using online resources available on the Church of England website and elsewhere, or if that is not available a person can read the stories of Holy Week and Easter in the Bible and then reflect on them. Fortunately, praying is more about listening than speaking and in these quiet days at home perhaps we will use some time simply to meditate in the silence.

Rev'd Sue Bond

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by 23rd of month (for publication following month)



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CORONAVIRUS AND WRELTON

OVER the past two weeks various community related assistance has been set up to provide help and advice during the Coronavirus outbreak. A letter of support has been distributed to all residences in the village and here is a brief summary of help and advice available.

If you need support of any kind, help is available to collect shopping, prescriptions, or just have a chat: Please email wrelton.village.hall@gmail.com or phone:

Kathy Waddington - 07939 739 164/ 01751 476423

Gayle Williams - 07847 236 118/ 01751 470160

Tony Miller - 01751 476931

Sue Halstead - 01751 477918

Jeanette Miller - 07715256727

Bathsheba Hartrey - 01751 473395

Arthur Strickson - 01751 472169

ONLINE:-

-CLARE-LOUISE has set up a Facebook group - search for 'Wrelton Village'

-UPDATES are posted, usually daily, on the village website www.wreltonvillage.uk

SHOPPING:-

- KIRSTY AND GRAHAM have opened their Honesty Shop at Beech Farm Cottages for the villagers. The shop has a stock of washing liquid, beans, sweets, sanitary products, pastries and lollies. Please pay in the honesty box. The items are in the guest laundry room on the right as you walk down the yard. Kirsty also has a stock of toilet rolls and cleaning products.

They are also inviting villagers to use their outdoor spaces and playground.

Contact Kirsty on 01751 476612 for further info.

- A list of companies delivering locally is updated regularly and posted online at the village website. If you require a printed copy please let me know.

WAYSIDE PARK:-

WAYSIDE PARK is closed to all caravan owners and visitors other than essential suppliers. No visitors, walkers, dog walkers etc will be allowed on to the park until further notice.

SCAMS:-

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE has had a number of reports of fraud related to Coronavirus over the last few weeks. Some examples of the type of scams:-

HMRC Tax Refund, Center for Disease Control or World Health Organisation,

Online sales of face masks and hand sanitiser, Insurance or medical plans claiming to have a Coronavirus cure, Microsoft / BT notifications of a computer virus, Free school meals, Unsolicited visitors offering free Coronavirus testing, Visitors offering help with groceries and errands.

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Wrelton Village Show - 9th August 2020 - 2-4pm

At this moment in time it is uncertain whether the Show will be able to go ahead but we will keep you updated on that.

However, now that we have all been given extra “free” time, perhaps this is the opportunity to pick up that artist’s brush, sharpen the chisels, get out the knitting needles or plant some seeds!

Many of us have promised ourselves that “when we had the time” we would resurrect a long neglected hobby or have a go at something we have never attempted.

Any of these activities will help us to get through the coming weeks, give us a sense of satisfaction and hopefully provide an entry for the show!! Don’t forget: you can find all the classes on the Village Hall website.

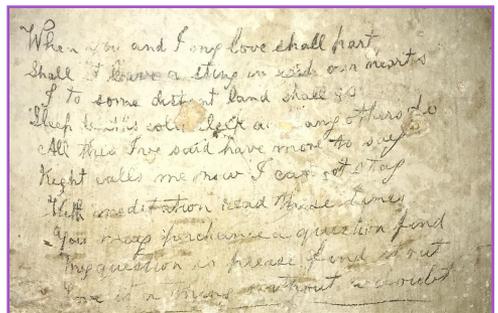
Perhaps as you drop your stitches, burn your cakes and grow some wonky carrots, you could share your new found knowledge on the Village Facebook page. (See Village Hall website for how to join).

A LITTLE LIGHT RELIEF!

(Caution: Not to be attempted by the faint hearted - you have been warned!)

Two years ago Suzanne Thorneycroft, living at High Coppice Farm at the time, contacted us with some images of writings on the granary wall there. One of them was a beautiful poem which appeared to profess undying love for its recipient! Suzanne wondered if anyone had any information about the poem and the other writings. Tony Brownbridge, whose parents live in Wrelton Court, contacted us the other day offering the solution to the hidden message contained within the poem. See if you can find it! Answer next month!

“When you and I my love shall part
Shall it leave a sting inside our hearts
I to some distant land shall go
Sleep [missing words] any others do
All this I’ve said, have more to say
Night calls me now I cannot stay
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My question is please find out
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The Village Hall is an important part of local life but arguably was even more important 150 years or so ago.

Built in 1843 it was enlarged in 1893 to become a school for around 30 children aged 5 to 14 years. The current car park had a high wall running along Cawthorne Lane and was divided by a central wall into two yards, one for boys and one for girls. There were two entrances to the school, one for boys and one for girls, yet once inside the room divided down the middle by a curtain with the older children being taught at one side and younger ones at the other. Those were the days when each child was lucky if they had a slate and chalk to do their work. Discipline was kept by use of the cane and it was permanently on view on the wall near the Head's desk.

With 30 children and only one room you may wonder what happened when the children needed the toilet..... there were two small areas within the room (probably only curtained off) with a bucket in each!

As time went by the country was drawn into World War II and many children were evacuated from the larger cities. Hull suffered a great deal from Hitler's bombing raids but fortunately many of their children had evacuated to rural areas where they had to attend school. This meant that the school for 30 was now educating up to 80 children, all packed into the one room!

Some time after the war when numbers reduced significantly the school closed and local children went to other larger schools in the area. Exactly when or how the building changed use to become the Village Hall we are unsure, but think it may have been gifted by the landowner who first built the school (before the days of Education Authorities).

22 June 1966 is recorded as the date on which Governors were appointed and it became a registered charity on 29 May 1968.

The Hall as we now know it, was a result of negotiations to transfer ownership followed by continuous fundraising efforts since those early days and it continues to be run by many dedicated volunteers to whom we say "thank you"!

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