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Withernwick goalposts fund.

Just a quick paragraph to say thanks to the Village Ladies Group for their donation towards the new goalposts. And a huge THANK YOU to the Hornsea Lions who have made them a reality. Not that they have left it there, they ordered them and are also going to put them up for us. Once again, THANK YOU everyone

Julianne Ashton & Jayne Rider

CRIME CRIME CRIME CRIME CRIME CRIME CRIME CRIME CRIME

Van Gough strikes again! This time he has used double the amount of paint on the drive gates (reported in issue no 14) and continued into the garden with plastic bags containing anti-freeze / paint stripper. Lucky it was only the dog that became seriously ill and not the children. Again the police are involved.

A large van parked on a drive along Paddock View was broken into and all of the young tradesman tools except a power washer was stolen, they even took the first aid kit. All of the tools were bought with a grant that was awarded to the young tradesman from the Princes Trust. The Police issued from the National Register, a dark coloured car with the registration number L781 0UA.

Someone has been 'tipping' in the dyke, which runs along the new burial ground. This has caused flooding down there and has incurred extra expense to the Parish coffers, as the Parish Council now has to drain the burial ground.

For sale. Blessin's Clarinet, good condition, hardly used!! £50.00. Phone Linda on 529087 after 7pm.

St Alban's Church Withernwick.

March 2003

Dear friends,

At the public meeting in February, the St Alban's Church Restoration Appeal was launched, and we are now writing to ask for your help and support in this.

Window repairs, heating, draught proofing, water, toilet, electric's, carpet, decorating, and outside notice board and lights were some of the improvements and renovations requested at the meeting. For a long time the winters have been cold and hard for those of you who have visited St Alban's, and despite the valiant efforts of the Churchwardens and PCC, we have not been able to provide adequate heating and other facilities required.

As these improvements are not major structural repairs, funding needs to be done locally. At the public meeting, ideas and offers of fund-raising were given, and we are delighted that plans are already going ahead for an OPEN GARDENS DAY IN WITHERNWICK on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>, concluding with a songs of praise at 6pm. If you would like to open your garden for the day, please contact Norah Spencer, address below. Also planned is a gift day, and possibly a Flower Festival and a Village Hall 'do'. If you have any ideas of your own, or would like more details, we would be pleased to help you. We will also apply to Trusts.

Stewardship envelopes and a gift day. The 22<sup>nd</sup> June is St Alban's Day and our Church will be open from 10am – 4pm to receive gifts towards this appeal. There will be an All-Age Worship at 10.30am to which everyone is invited, and St Alban's will be the theme. Stewardship envelopes are also available for you to give regularly to St Alban's – please contact Bev Spencer about this. All gifts may be gift aided so that we can claim tax back from the Chancellor, if you pay tax!

HOW MUCH CAN WE ACHIEVE? Of course, we need to cut our coat according to our cloth. Gifts given to the Appeal will be spent on improving St Alban's church. None of this money will be spent on anything other than these improvements, and the more money we get, the more we can do! The sooner we can pay the bills, the sooner the work can be done. We are confident, that under god and with your help, we can make St Alban's Church a warmer and brighter place for all who enter, whether the occasion be a wedding, a funeral, a baptism or Sunday worship.

May god bless you,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sylvia Rice-Oxley,  
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Capt. D Smith, Churchwarden,  
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Flora London Marathon .

by David Truby

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, David Truby of Katys Paddock, Withernwick, will be running the Flora London Marathon to raise money for the WWF-UK (World Wildlife Fund UK). WWF-UK is the largest and most experienced independent conservation organisation, and their vision is to have a world in which human's, live in harmony with nature, where wildlife thrives.

My aim is to raise a minimum of £1,000 sponsorship, I would be grateful if you would sponsor me for this extremely demanding event. If you can support me, please make your donation online at <http://www.justgiving.com/troobs> as this form of donation enables the WWF-UK to claim 28% of the value back from the taxman. OR if you prefer to sign a sponsor form, it's at Katy's Paddock.

Busses

The bus timetable can be found in the Parish box, which is located on Main Street on the Wall of the house directly opposite Church Lane, next to the red gates. Also you can find details of the Parish Council meetings. The date and the Agenda for the next meeting are usually posted there about a week before the meeting and the police crime notices are usually to be found their aswell.





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What's On

Monday's	7.30 – 9.00pm	Keep Fit. Village Hall. Hornsea Adult Education, Tel 533942.
Tuesday's	2.00pm	Darby & Joan, Sunday School Room, Alternate weeks.
Tuesday's	7.30 – 9.00pm	Youth Club, over 13's, 50p.
Wednesday's	7.45 for 8.00pm	Ladies Group, Village Hall. 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed in the month. £2.
Thursday's		Wet fish van around the village.
Friday's	3.00 – 3.30pm	Mobile Library bus, opposite the butchers, alternate weeks.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	1.45pm	Pram Service, St Albans Church.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	6.00pm	Praise and Prayer, St Albans Church.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	8.00pm	Village Hall Committee meet in the Falcon. (Not December)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7.30pm	Parish Council meet in the Village Hall. (See Parish box first)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	10.30am	Holy Communion, St Albans Church.
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	10.30am	All Age Worship, St Albans Church.

March

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Lent lunch, Mill Lane. Hostess, Joan Gibson.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Lent lunch, Mill Lane. Hostess, Valerie Smith.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Mothering Sunday, All-Age Worship, St Alban's Church.

April

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12noon	Lent lunch, High Street. Hostess, Norah Spencer.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	Lent lunch, Mill Lane. Hostess Dorothy Bulson.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Withernwick School at St Alban's Church.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Palm Sunday, Praise and Prayer, St Alban's Church.
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>		David Truby running the Flora London Marathon.
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Easter Day. Holy Communion St Alban's Church.

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February	1 <sup>st</sup> V. Hall (27)	2 <sup>nd</sup> T. Arnold (54)	3 <sup>rd</sup> E. Saundby (46)
March	1 <sup>st</sup> Mr Brown. (41)	2 <sup>nd</sup> R. Davidson. (68)	3 <sup>rd</sup> L. Graham. (15)
April	1 <sup>st</sup> B. Lark (75)	2 <sup>nd</sup> L. Graham. (16)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Crawfield. (47)

A thought from the editor (again!).

Hello reader's,

I thought that I would take this opportunity to say a few things! (Subject to a veto by the rest of the committee!) Haven't you ever thought it funny how people have selective memories and only remember what they want to remember? Since I announced at the last committee meeting in February that I would be resigning after the March meeting, I have been doing a lot of thinking about the Village Hall and the things that have happened to it over the years. A lot of people have forgotten that I have lived here for nearly 20 years and that I have been involved with the Village Hall (one way or another!) for the past 16 years.

I used to take my son to the mother and toddler group, which was run by Cindy on a Friday morning and used to cost about £1.00 for each toddler that you took with you. This covered the rent that was paid to the W I. and to go towards new toys. At that point in time the hall belonged to the Women's Institute. I can remember having to wrap Andrew up well because it was always cold inside. It was around that time that the W I couldn't afford to carry out the major repairs that desperately needed doing to the building. Because their numbers had dropped and they still had to pay the rent to the Poor's Land Charity, the utility bills etc. Presumably, because more village women were going out into the workforce and didn't have the time to fund raise etc any more as they had in the past when they were at home most of the time. Most of the men have always gone out to work everyday, and helped out with the odd repair job on a weekend. Historically, it's the women mostly, who have been left to keep such places as the Village Hall up and running. That's one of the things that some of the people who have lived here longer than me seem to forget. Especially today, as most of the village women go out to work and at the same time they have to juggle their time between work, children, husbands/partners, housework, shopping etc and by the time they have finished it's bed time again – another day gone!

When The W I wanted to leave the Hall to the village they handed it over to the Parish Council but because of the cost of the major repairs that were needed a committee was set up to run the hall. That's where a lot of conflict comes in, some think that the hall belongs to the village and that it should be free of charge to everyone. The Village Hall Committee agrees whole heartedly – believe it or not – because they could forget about the place like everyone else does, until they want to use it for something. (The W.I. had raised the money themselves to build the hall on the Poor's Land). But the V.H.C's hands are tied by the C C, and beside that, who would take the bookings? Would it be first come first served? Where would the money come from to pay for the electricity, repairs, the water rates, the licences, the washing up liquid, the toilet rolls etc? Realistically, these costs would have to be added onto the Council tax, so what would all of you council taxpayers out there have to say about that?

This committee consisted of representatives from St Albans Church, W I, Parish Council, Youth Club, Darby & Joan Club and community representatives. At that time funding matched grants were available but to apply, you needed to be a registered charity (registered with the Charities Commission). The Charity Commission has rules, which allow Parish Councils to run some Charities but not others. A stipulation of the C C was that the Village Hall be run by committee (not the Parish Council) who would give a copy of its income and expenditure each year to the Parish Council. Over a long period of time efforts were made to merge the two charities (Village Hall and Poor's Land) but with each 'new' idea for a merger, the C C said no and they also said that the Village Hall was part and parcel of the Poor's Land. (Someone HAS found a way to merge both Charities but this would involve legal fees of around £15,000.00. The Poor's land spent most of it's money on the car park and it's only income is from the £500.00 per year from the Hall rent and another £30.00 from it's other parcel of land that Richard Fenton rents each year)

It's no good trying to live in the past; you have to live in the present and this will be the last Newsletter that the committee and I will be involved with. This is how things are now and these are the rules that we have to live by now, we have to move on, not holding grudges about things that have happened in the past which are causing problems now, we have to move forwards.

The whole village culture is changing, when I first came here we had a Post Office cum local shop, a butcher's shop, two Churches, two Halls, a thriving school, a craft shop not forgetting the pub. Today we have a pub, which is hardly ever full, a church that desperately needs upgrading, and a school with hardly any pupils and a hall that people don't want to use very much. That say's a lot about this community don't you think? Never mind though, with the lack of use of these last few meeting places it won't be long (in my view) before they close and we all end up living on a large housing estate in the middle of nowhere!



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#### A polite reminder from the committee

Could we politely remind the younger kids and their parents, that use the Village Hall garden, that it is PRIVATE PROPERTY and they are infact trespassing! So please don't forget that the neighbours are quite within their rights to call the police out if you are causing a nuisance to them. (The same also requested in issues no 5 & 13).

We spend a lot of our spare time dealing with complaints from the hall's neighbours about the kids playing football in the hall's garden. Also could we politely ask that parents who take their younger children and toddlers in, use the car park entrance and not the 'hole-in-the-hedge' that became a bit of a thoroughfare last summer! Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

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