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Wedding Anniversary

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DEATHS

SON – On June 22nd, peacefully in hospital **FRED (Winn)**, aged 84, Wells-next-the-Sea, widow Jack, dearest mum of hen, mother-in-law of , aunt of Lynne, Roger Peggy. Funeral service at Faith's Crematorium, wich, on Tuesday, July , at 2 p.m. Flowers, or tations for Heritage House, be made at the service or to John Lincoln Funeral ctor, 40 Greevegata, stanton. yone is invited to Wells ball Clubhouse between 0 p.m.

– **MARY**, of Yaxham. June 22nd peacefully at folk & Norwich iversity Hospital, with her ly beside her, aged 78 s. Dearly-loved wife of a loving mother, mother- w, nanny and great- ny.

be sadly missed by all. uem Mass at Dereham nolic Church on nesday, July 8th at 11.45 followed by private ation. No flowers at her

Paddy, 84, loves being webmaster

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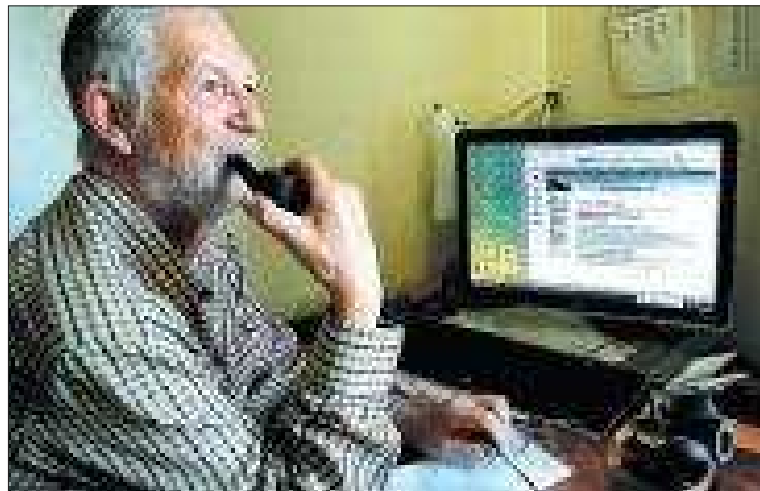
IS this the oldest village webmaster in mid-Norfolk?

Forget computer whizz-kids — great-grandfather Paddy Apling has got four-score years and more of life's experiences behind him and still loves keeping up with the latest technological advancements.

So, when the chance arose to put together and manage the website for the parish council serving the communities of Cranworth, Letton, Southburgh and Woodrising, the 84-year-old former army officer and retired food scientist leapt at the chance — and got busy with the mouse.

Paddy, a widower, served with the 4th Royal Tank Regiment at the end of the second world war, when Morse code — which he can still remember — was a vital means of communication. He learned to drive Cromwell, Sherman and Comet tanks and served in occupied Italy but says he never fired a shot in anger.

Later, during a career that included lecturing at Reading University and consultancy work in the food and water industries, he watched computer technology progress from punch cards and lumbering great machines to the compact, high-speed gizmos of today.



ONLINE ACE: Paddy Apling, parish webmaster for Cranworth, Letton, Southburgh and Woodrising, updates the site.

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DENISE BRADLEY

“The internet is just huge as a communication tool and information exchange,” he said. “The advances have been fantastic.”

Apart from looking after the parish council site, which is now up-and-running, Paddy has his own pages — to be found at <http://apling.freeservers.com/> — which among other things contain “something for every village in Norfolk”, including items on social history and complete indexes of surnames from the 1891 census.

While Paddy enjoys logging on each day to read edp24, updating his sites and keeping in touch with the family — son Alan, daughter Susan in France, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren — he is not tied to the computer screen. For he also loves

tending the garden of his Woodrising home, stamp collecting and travelling the country and overseas in his motorhome.

Paddy's advice to eightysomethings wary of taking the first steps towards surfing the internet? “Just grasp the nettle, because it is a marvellous way to communicate across the world. You can keep in contact with family and friends, learn new things, even discover relatives overseas you never knew you had,” he says.

● You can visit the parish council website at <http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/cranworth-parish-council/>

● Do you know of a webmaster older than Paddy? Then do let the Times know! Email tim.warner@archant.co.uk