

Mardle

Wreningham



No 252

**August – September
2023**

Hello and welcome to your latest edition of village news.

The previous Mardle edition was somewhat of a challenge to produce due to printer problems and I know the whole Committee would like to express our thanks to David Kirk and Christine Minns for their help & support.

The last issue highlighted the large amount of time and effort it takes to produce. I would like to take this opportunity to say many thanks to both past and present Mardle editors.

The Mardle's overall production takes several days obtaining & editing the content & then printing, stapling & folding nearly 300 copies before it can be delivered through your door. Previous people who have sat in the chair will no doubt agree that it is a lot of work.

However, our aim as always, is to continue providing you with this excellent service.

Wreningham

Village Hall

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In the last edition, we said we would announce the winner of a bottle of wine for those who have signed up. This has taken place and has been won by Stephen & Janet Richardson.

Speaking of taking on tasks, your Committee is still very keen to ask for additional members who feel they can come forward to help. We are currently a small group and whilst we have a very willing band of volunteers to help with events. We need more help at Committee level, specifically with the role of either Secretary or Minutes Secretary. We meet once a month on a Tuesday evening and would be appreciative of anyone who feels they can fill these roles to get in touch.

Unfortunately, our planned Safari Supper was postponed as we do need sufficient numbers to make this particular event work well, so we will be looking at an alternative date later in the year.

The events diary for the remaining months of summer through to Christmas is looking full with both a "Bring & Share Tapas" on Saturday 26th August & a Wine & Cheese evening on Saturday 9th September, just around the corner. Please note, September's Fish & Chips Night will be a week later than usual and take place on Friday 15th September.

An additional event is now scheduled for Saturday 21st October, when we have a Gin Tasting event planned. More details on these on the next page.

As always, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the hall enjoying things. John Knight (Acting Chair)

Forthcoming Events

Please note - the Safari Supper has been postponed.

Tapas - Bring & Share – Saturday 26th August – 7:00pm

The August foodie evening welcomes you to bring your favourite tapas dishes to share with others and enjoy an evening of flavours, laughter, and connection over the bank holiday weekend. Friends and family are also welcome to join our village hall festivities

Cheese & Wine - Bring & Share – Saturday 9th September – 7:00pm

Our September foodie evening welcomes you to bring and share your favourite cheeses, breads and sharing foods to complement with a guest selection of wines 'at reduced prices' available at the bar for a fun relaxed evening.

For more information on the above events please contact Sue Knight
witchandwren@gmail.com

Gin Tasting Saturday 21st October – More details to follow nearer the date

Barn Dance Saturday - 11th November - Details will be confirmed later

Wreningham Open Gardens Event - Sunday 16th June 2024

This is a heads up to all the keen gardeners in our beautiful village of Wreningham!

We (Janet Richardson, Karen Nunn, Helen Withey & Nicky Morris) have formed an Open Gardens Community Group and will be organising this event.

If anybody is interested in opening their garden, then please email Janet on janetlr599@gmail.com



Watch this space for further details!

Wreningham Parish Council

(Clerk email address - clerk.wpc@gmail.com)

Wreningham Parish Council now has its full complement of 7 councillors. We welcome Ben Jarvis to the Council. He was co-opted at the last meeting and has expressed his interest in looking after the concerns of the Top Row area.

The Farthings – A Background Summary

The Farthings is a plan to make use of about 5 acres of fallow field in Hethel Road, which is owned by FW Properties, to create a community area (e.g. trees, meadows, pond, wetland, footpaths, etc.) for Wreningham. The larger part, around 4 acres, is proposed to be gifted to Wreningham Parish Council specifically for the purpose and FW Properties would fund all the costs for 10-15 years.

The remaining 1½ acres of the field would be sold by FW Properties with outline planning consent to create 3 plots for self-build housing. All of this would require upfront approval from the District Council planning department; hence, the two aspects would either stand or fall together - it is an all or nothing scheme.

The Farthings Meeting on 27th June

The meeting on the 27th June was attended by some 70 parishioners. They heard about the field's history, the proposal by FW Properties Ltd, practical environmental development issues and the availability of local district support.

A further 20 emailed to say that although they could not attend, they'd appreciate further information. An update is included in this Mardle on page 12.

A summary and relevant documentation will be placed on the Wreningham Website – keep an eye out for the information being posted.

Parish Council (continued)

Footpath Help



The recent weather has been very conducive to rampant growth – especially for grass. This has meant that our footpaths are outpacing any attempts to keep them clear and accessible. This is a pity as so many parishioners enjoy the footpaths and a number take their dogs too. We wondered if we could gather a group of volunteers to actively manage the footpaths. If we are offered access to suitable grass cutting machines then the occasional task would be quickly addressed. One other thought: taking a pair of secateurs with you can tackle the overgrowth by brambles and wayward branches.

Litter

Thanks to those who pick up items of litter strewn around the village. It is apparent that the amount of litter is reducing as folk help out with a little bit every time they go for a walk.

Wreningham Photograph

We had a lovely day for the village photograph. Many went to the hall for the shared lunch, others arrived just in time, before gathering in the playing field.

It was unusual to have a drone flying around the group filming us and gave me a slight crick in the neck. Some stills were also taken. Keith Morris has posted details on the website regarding how you can download the video and the images & there is more information, including one of the photos on page 10 of this Mardle.

It was 11 years since the last village photograph and it's interesting to contrast the two groups. Perhaps we will have a photo every decade – so make a diary entry for Spring/Summer 2033!

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC

Wreningham All Saints

Since the last Mardle, I can now confirm that Revd Dawn Davidson has been licensed as "Priest in Charge" for the Upper Tas Valley Benefice. However, we are still waiting for more news on the eventual joining with the Tas Valley Team Ministry. We still have no indication of the time scale for this.

At long last we have received the Faculty allowing us to remove the choir stall pews and repair the floor. We shall be needing help to remove these and level the floor before we can lay new pampments. If anybody is willing to give a few hours to help I would be very grateful to hear from you. Work should start any time now providing we can find enough volunteers.

Benefice Garden Party - Some of you came to this and we hope you enjoyed it. We made almost £600.00 towards benefice expense.

On Saturday 8th July the coffee morning at Wreningham village hall made £260.00. This was in aid of the fabric of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham churches.

On Thurs 13 July we were joined in church by class one from Wreningham School for a family worship service followed by refreshments. It was lovely to see these little ones.

This year there are 58 children leaving the 4 Church Schools across the benefice and moving to senior school. We have presented each one with a bible and we wish them well in their new schools and the future.

The timing of church services has had to be changed starting from August. On the 4th Sunday there will be a BCP Holy Communion service at 9.30 a.m. at Wreningham and all other services will start at 11 a.m. for details of which church they are in, please see the notice board in the church porch.

Wreningham All Saints (cont'd)

Future Events

Sunday 10th September at 11 am the Harvest service will be on at St Margaret's Hapton.

Saturday 16th September, a Coffee Morning at Wreningham village hall 10 – 11:30. To raise funds for "All Saints Wreningham Mission, Zimbabwe". This mission was founded in the 1890s by Reverend James Hay, the son of Arthur Wilson Upcher, the Wreningham Rector for 43 years.

We are pleased to be able to maintain the link. Do join us for a coffee.

Friday 6th October - a Harvest Supper at Wreningham village hall. A 2-course supper and entertainment. Tickets - £15 – (in advance and limited).

Saturday 21st October an Autumn Plant Sale.

Watch out for posters giving details. Christine Minns – (01508 488123)

Last Wednesday Coffee Morning

It always seems that the Macmillan Coffee Morning is a long time away when I put out our annual appeal, but this is probably the last Mardle you will see before this year's event, which will be on Wednesday, 27th September.

We always aim to make this a rather special event, with lots of cake – to eat and to buy – a raffle and maybe a daft game or two. In order to do this, we rely on the generosity of the village cake makers and donors of the sort of raffle prizes that make everyone buy more tickets than they meant to ! So, please make a note of the date and join us for another successful fund raiser in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. If you are able to contribute cake or raffle prizes, please let us know at the August coffee morning (Weds 30th), speak to or phone Jean on 481 947 or tell Lis Whalley, Mary Loader, Jean Levis or Pat Tinsley.

Let's set another new record !

Jean Lambourne

Village Hall Activities

Thursday and Friday bar nights are active so come on down! Regular nights are 8-11pm unless otherwise stated. **Events are open to all**

Regular bookings

- Zumba every Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm £6 suitable for all levels
- Table tennis every Wednesday 8-9.30pm. £3.50 p/w.
- Baby & Toddler every Friday 9.30-11.30am
- Swing classes every Monday 8-10.30

Contact details:

- Baby & Toddler group - Katie Burrell: katie@loaders.net
- Zumba - Rachel: email at firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07789748457
- 60s Dances - Shirley Aldous to reserve tickets: 01508 489606/07951864295
- Tea Dances and Swing classes – Barry: swingymabob@gmail.com or phone 07768891954. Classes are suitable for all levels, from complete beginners to those already more accomplished.
- Table Tennis - All abilities welcome & equipment provided. Any questions please contact Scott/Julian/Henry at woodlands_atoms@outlook.com
- Country Music – Sandra 07799 596975 or 01508 813754
email: stetsonsandshamrockcmc@outlook.com

WRENINGHAM WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL

An increasing number of villagers are benefiting from receiving the weekly email updates. If you would like to join them & be clear on the latest situation with village events, then do sign up. To be added to the weekly news email, please send your details to David Tinsley at wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com

Information circulated includes all village functions, church services, school functions, village hall dances, pub nights, fish & chip nights etc - Any village event can be included so please let David know in advance. Your details will only be used for village information **and will not be seen by others.**

Please confirm email address, Post code or your road & if possible a contact number. Why not give it a try, you can always ask for your name to be removed

August

- 3rd Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-11pm
- 5th. All Seasons Makers Fayre 10am-2pm
- 6th Country Music with Henry Smith & Country Dreams 2pm-6pm. Sandra
- 11th Fish & Chips from 5pm
- 12th 60s Dance to Men from Uncle Barry 8:30-11:45pm. £8.25 Contact Shirley
- 16th Village Crafters Group 10 – Noon
- 19th Country Music 8:00 to midnight - Contact Sandra
- 25th Games Night 7-11pm
- 26th Tapas “Bring & Share” Foodie Night 7-11pm
- 30th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-Noon

September

- 2nd All Seasons Makers Fayre 10am-2pm
- 3rd Country Music 2-6pm - Contact Sandra
- 7th Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-11pm
- 8th Heritage Group 2:00 – 4:00pm
- 9th “Cheese & Wine” Bring & Share foodie evening 7:00pm
- 12th Parish Council Meeting 7pm
- 15th Fish & Chips from 5pm (A week later than usual)
- 16th Church Coffee Morning 10:00 11:30 am (plus Cake & Bring & Buy stalls)
- 16th Country Music 8:00 to midnight - Contact Sandra
- 20th Village Crafters Group 10 – Noon
- 23rd 60s Dance – The Riffits 8:30-11:45pm. £8.25 Contact Shirley
- 27th MacMillan Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-Noon
- 29th Games Night 7-11pm

Note, it's a fact of life that things change as soon as we go to print so please check the village website (<https://www.wreningham.org.uk/>), Facebook Groups, your email update (if you have signed up) & noticeboards for any updates.

Wreningham village photo 2023



More than 100 Wreningham residents gathered for a commemorative village photograph on a sunny Sunday afternoon on June 11.

The Parish Council collaborated with the Village Hall Committee, All Saints Church and the Wreningham Heritage Group to stage the group photograph on the village playing field in brilliant sunshine, following a shared lunch in the village hall. The photos have now been published online and are available to download for free.

Organiser Keith Morris said: “The last time a village photograph took place was back in 2012 for Queen Elizabeth’s Diamond Jubilee and we wanted to mark a decade since then, and King Charles’ Coronation, with an updated picture.

“This time we were able to get some aerial pictures from photographer and drone operator Graeme Taplin, and a video as well. I hope everyone likes them.”

You can download high quality pictures from Flickr at:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAJUTn>

And the video from YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/Sym6AyVbLVQ>

If you would like a higher resolution version of a single picture, please email keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk

Village Groups

Heritage Group

We recently held our Annual General Meeting, which was well attended – no doubt because it was followed by a rather intriguing sounding talk by David Kirk. We had the privilege of seeing and listening to extracts from the 1861 diary of John Bullimore, at that time a man of 34, who was already managing Hill Farm, Burton Farm (now The Poplars) and George's Farm (now Elm Tree Farm). The extracts showed us a young man capable of holding together three flourishing Farm businesses but prey at times to depressive thoughts. Photographs from our archive were used to illustrate David's talk and the whole was a fascinating glimpse into Wreningham history.

Our next meeting will be on September 8th at 2pm in the village hall and will be an open forum with historic village photographs on display. We hope these will act as an aide memoir for some members who have lived in Wreningham a long time and bring forth some interesting anecdotes. Do come and join us for a mardle, there's no membership fee, just a small charge for refreshments at the end of the meeting.

Wreningham Crafters Group



Meetings are on a Wednesday, so the next meetings of the group will be on
16th August 20th September 18th October

Please make a note, we'd love to see you there.

We meet 10 am – noon in the MP Room; sessions are £2 & include refreshments.

So come along, bring your current project, one you keep meaning to finish, one you want to start or try something new. See you there Val & Jean 01508 488231

Have you seen this?? Various members of the group were instrumental in creating the patchwork wall hanging of the witch that used to hang alongside the bar in the main hall. We think it was removed when the hall was painted. The ladies spent many hours making it. DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE IT MIGHT BE??



The Farthings (Hethel Road)



An Update

The 27th June meeting at the village hall concluded with the mood of the meeting in favour of progressing the “Farthings” project.

We now need volunteers to form a steering group for both pursuing a viable plan and, on the basis of sufficient agreement, guiding the way ahead. We need a high level of consensus within the community and with FW Properties so they can make a suitable submission to the District Council planners. Establishing this (or not!) will be the group’s first objective.

Two (alternative) potential schemes have been drafted indicating how the overall area of the land might be organised. This is very much a “listening” time: the second draft scheme arose as a direct consequence of feedback during the 27th June meeting and you can shortly view both outlines on the Wreningham village website. Nothing is agreed; everything remains work-in-progress.

Whilst the Parish Council and FW Properties have initiated these discussions, the volunteers will need to identify their individual skills and form themselves into a group reporting to the Parish Council (for insurance and authority purposes) to take the lead role.

Anyone who wishes to come forward – individually or as a group, please drop an email to wren.farthings@gmail.com or contact a parish councillor. Without such a team, and without suitable consensus, there is unlikely to be a “Farthings” project.

Michael Hill, WPC, Chair

Recycling News

There is good news and bad news this issue.

Good News – We've added another £60 to our total raised from recycling which now stands at £1,078; well done everyone. I aim to send a consignment to TerraCycle every month and, thanks to John & Jenny Bligh, we're managing it. If anyone has availability to flatten crisp packets and pack boxes, please get in touch.

Bad News – I reported last issue on Superdrug and blister packs. Sadly, since then, Superdrug in Norwich has stopped taking them. This is a unilateral decision by Norwich management; there are other Superdrug pharmacies across the country that are still taking them but none nearby and the situation changes often.

Until this is resolved, please don't drop any more blister packs with me. Further details & updates on the Facebook group and next issue.

Future event - I'm planning on holding a Freesale in the Village Hall before the end of the year (probably October or November). Precise details will be in the next Mardle but here is advance notice so you can start thinking about it and sorting things out. Past Freesales have been well attended and lots of fun. The principle is that you bring items you want to offer, lay them out on a table and event attendees come and take what they want. No money changes hands, everything is free. At the end of the event, you take away anything that is left. In past events we've rehoused half empty shampoo bottles to conservatory furniture, office stationery to pianos. Just because you don't want it doesn't mean someone else won't.

As always, please get in touch with queries, join the Facebook group and happy recycling! Val: val@valkeel.co.uk 01508 488231
Facebook Group: Eco living in and around Wreningham

Anyone who would like to advertise in the Mardle, please contact David Tinsley for costs and further information
01508 486628 or Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com

Bin Collections – August & September 2023

Wednesday 2nd August	Black		
Wednesday 9th August	Green	Friday 11 th August	Brown
Wednesday 16th August	Black		
Wednesday 23rd August	Green	Friday 25 th August	Brown
Wednesday 30th August	Black		
Wednesday 6 th September	Green	Friday 8 th September	Brown
Wednesday 13 th September	Black		
Wednesday 20 th September	Green	Friday 22 nd September	Brown
Wednesday 27 th September	Black		

Mobile Library Visits – August & September 2023

15 th August	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
12 th September	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham

This information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 222303.

Copy date for the next issue is mid September.
 If you have something for inclusion, please let us have it by then.
 Thanks - Sue & Mick Ryder
 Email: mardlewren@gmail.com

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Thursdays and Fridays 8-11pm- *except when these events are usually held:*

1st Thursday - Cocktail Nights - 7-10pm

2nd Friday - Fish & Chip Night - 5-11pm

4th Friday - Games Night - 7-11pm

NOTE: There is NO fish & chip van visiting; all orders must be placed in advance by calling 01508 570251 (Tom's Fish Bar, Mulbarton) between 2-3pm the day before (Thursday) for collection BY US at either 5.15 or 7.30pm.

For updates please see:

Village website: <https://www.wreningham.org.uk/>

Facebook Page: Witch & Wren Community Bar

Notice Boards around the Village

..... or subscribe to the weekly email!