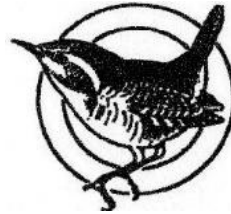


Mardle

Wreningham



No 253

**October – November
2023**

Hello and welcome to another edition of our village Mardle.

Whilst wandering around the village in recent weeks in the glorious late summer weather, I realised how lucky we all are to be living in the countryside. Gardens full of colour, farmland being harvested and the somewhat gratifying sounds of people going about their business of simply “Mardling”.

Both our village hall and the Bird in Hand are still very much enjoying the long warm evenings. This was perfectly highlighted with our recent Cheese & Wine evening at the village hall, held entirely “al-fresco” on our patio area.

We welcomed Heather Bond at the last VHC meeting as Minutes Secretary. If anyone would like more information on what is involved for the Committee’s Secretarial role, which is still vacant, please contact us.

Wreningham

Village Hall

Charity No

284991

Looking forward, I'm sure the weather will not be as kind as the Autumn season arrives, but we still have plenty to encourage you to enjoy things.

Next month, we have joined forces with an excellent local gin distillery business based in Lyng. Emma & Graham from the Walnut Tree Distillery will be holding a Gin Tasting Evening in October (full details on page 3).

In November, we are hopeful that we can hold another fireworks night, swiftly followed by the Barn Dance on Saturday 11th.

Then we are into December with Christmas and New Year events already being planned. Of course, as always, some things are dependent on outside help, so please check the latest information whenever possible.

Other than the social side, your Committee is moving forward with several other plans which include:

- the launch of our new website
- a new hall booking system for all hirers
- many new lines being stocked behind the bar

The new **Hallmaster** booking system is expected to be available in the next few weeks, hopefully early in October. It will automate a lot of the booking & invoicing elements.

We should also have the new Village Hall website up & running very soon & there will be a link to the Hallmaster booking system from it.

We have undertaken a healthy list of maintenance tasks, in particular you may have seen the work carried out to improve the parking layout.

I wish to thank everyone (you know who you are!) who have come forward and helped make the village hall a better place. In the meantime, enjoy the weather while it lasts. John Knight (Acting Chair)

Forthcoming Village Hall Events



GIN
Tasting
Something's coming to Wreningham
Saturday, 21 October 2023

Join us for a friendly Gin Tasting Evening
Sample seven speciality gins
with mixers and food pairing ideas

Saturday 21 October 2023
7pm for 7:30pm
Witch & Wren Bar, Wreningham Village Hall
£20 per person
entrance by ticket only
contact John Knight
07961 705154
Knightjohn1959@gmail.com



Wreningham Village Hall



BARN DANCE

with Shinanikins
Saturday 11th Nov
7.30 - 11.00pm
Tickets £9.00



Full Bar



Limited numbers so please
Pre book your tickets at
wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com

Would you like a weekly email keeping you informed about village functions?
If so, please send your details to David Tinsley at
wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com

Wreningham Parish Council



The Farthings (Hethel Road)



An Update

A meeting was held on 11th September to kick start building the community team which would design and develop the content of The Farthings. Those present considered that an environmental survey would provide an understanding of the flora and fauna currently within the field. The team would use this information to prepare for the developer's planning application. Together these set the parameters and scope for the team to plan the work to create The Farthings as an asset for the community.

Please let us know if you wish to help out in any way, so we can keep you informed about this project. Please email wren.farthings@gmail.com

Footpath Help



A number of volunteers have made themselves known to the Footpath Wardens. Hopefully a team approach will take control of the footpaths and arrange for clearance work to make them accessible for the many walkers from the village.

Playing Field and Reading Room

Our contractor had a technical problem with his machinery and the spare part took a while to arrive. This delayed the grass being cut. Apologies to any who have been inconvenienced by the longer than normal grass.

Parish Council (continued)

Litter

The problem of litter in and around our roads is a constant. However, a little effort by many individuals contributes to a quick response in tidying it away.

Our thanks to the informal cohort who put the appearance of the village high in their priorities.

- Keep your roadside hedges trimmed
- Maintain your water courses (drains / ditches / streams) to reduce flooding risk for all
- Pick up that litter
- Dispose of dog waste bags sensibly and carefully – suspending them in the hedge is neither right nor pleasant
- Considerate vehicle parking – a moment's thought will avoid a nuisance for others
- Less than 30mph throughout the village, please

Our Agenda is open to suggestions for council discussion. Please let the Clerk know at least 5 days before the next scheduled council meeting. You are always welcome to attend in person.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC

Clerk email address - clerk.wpc@gmail.com

Wreningham All Saints

We are still waiting for more news on the eventual joining up of the Upper Tas Valley Benefice and the Tas Valley Team Ministry. In the meantime Reverend Dawn Davidson is supporting our ministry team and PCCs.

By the time you read this, I am hopeful that the first batch of pammments will have been delivered and we will have started on the removal of the choir pews. This may disrupt the service pattern, but until we have dates for delivery we have nothing to work to.

I can never thank people enough for the help they give with keeping the church and graveyard looking tidy and clean. The regular grass cutting and strimming round the headstones, the cutting of the hedges, cleaning of the church and providing fresh flowers, are all tasks done by volunteers. Thank you all.

As we go into the Autumn, we have a number of social and/or fundraising events arranged which are open to everybody.

Future Events

- Saturday 21st October – **Autumn Plant Sale, plus refreshments and Table Top sale**
Wreningham village hall 10 am - Noon.

If anybody has surplus plants we would be pleased to receive them. Drop them off at the hall between 8.30 am and 10 am. Last year this event was a success both socially and financially.

- Wednesday 15th November – The first of our series of monthly “**Warmspace**” lunches followed by a film at Wreningham village hall.

Lunch of soup & roll and jacket potatoes or similar at 12.30 pm. The film starts at 1.30 pm. Come to both or either. No fixed charge, but donations welcome. Watch out for posters advertising the film as soon as we know which one will be shown.

Wreningham All Saints (cont'd)

Future Events (continued)

➤ Friday 17th November – **Quiz Night** 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm
£6.00 per person. Teams of up to 6 people. Bring your own food.
Licenced bar & raffle. Must book in advance by contacting Christine Minns

➤ Saturday 18th November – **A Christmas Fayre**
Wreningham village hall 10 am – 12.30pm. Christmas decorations & cards, stocking fillers, homemade crafts, gifts, cakes and preserves. Refreshments.

➤ Tuesday 19th December. **“Carols by Candlelight”** 7 pm at All Saints Church

For details of other services, see the notice board in the church porch.

Christine Minns (and on behalf of Christine Bilham)- Churchwardens

Watch out for posters giving details.

Christine Minns – (01508 488123)

Last Wednesday Coffee Morning

By the time you read this, the Macmillan Coffee Morning will probably have taken place.

The dates for October and November's Coffee Mornings are:

➤ Wednesday 25th October 10:00am to 11:45

➤ Wednesday 29th November 10:00am to 11:45

Hope to see you there

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 Events

- Zumba every Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm £6 suitable for all levels
- Table tennis every Wednesday 8-9:30pm. £3.50 per week
- Baby & Toddler every Friday 9:30-11:30am
- Swing classes every Monday 7:00-10:00pm

Contact details:

- Baby & Toddler group - Katie Burrell-Rennie: 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 Email & Digital Mardle copy

You can now sign up for weekly updates by email. The updates include all village functions, church services, school functions, dances, bar nights, fish & chip nights etc. Any village event can be included so please contact me in advance. Your details will only be used for village information ***and will not be seen by others.***

If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly update then please send your details to David Tinsley at wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com

You can also sign up for a bi monthly digital copy of the Mardle by contacting David. Please confirm your email address, Post Code & road & if possible a contact number.

October

- 1st Country Music – with Kevin Barry 2pm-6pm. Sandra
- 5th Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-11pm
- 7th All Seasons Makers Fayre 10am-2pm
- 13th Fish & Chips from 5pm
- 14th 60s Dance to The V8 Rockets 8:30-11:45pm. £8.25 Contact Shirley
- 18th Village Crafters Group 10:00– Noon (£2 - Contact Val)
- 20th Heritage Group 2:00 – 4:00pm
- 21st Autumn Plant Sale, Refreshments & Table Top Sale 10:00 - Noon
- 21st Gin Tasting Evening (details on page 3)
- 22nd Tea Dance 3:00- 6:00pm – contact Barry
- 25th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-Noon
- 27th Games Night 7-11pm
- 28th Freesale 10-Noon - Contact Val
- 29th Rock & Roll Night 8:00-midnight – contact Roland

November

- 2nd Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-11pm
- 4th All Seasons Makers Fayre 10am-2pm
- 4th (Provisional date for Fireworks Evening)
- 5th Country Music 2-6pm - Contact Sandra
- 10th Fish & Chips from 5pm
- 11th Barn Dance 7:30-11:30pm (See poster for details)
- 14th Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 15th Village Crafters Group 10:00– Noon (£2 – contact Val)
- 15th Church “Warm Space”- Lunch 12:30 & Film 1:30 (see page 6)
- 17th Church Quiz Night 7:30pm (see page 7)
- 18th Christmas Fayre 10:00-12:30 (see page 7)
- 18th 60s Dance – Lowrider City Rockers 8:30-11:45pm. £8.25 Contact Shirley
- 19th Tea Dance 3:00- 6:00pm – contact Barry
- 24th Games Night 7-11pm
- 29th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-Noon

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 Fuel Trust

The Trust Deed sets out that “The income from Wreningham Fuel Trust has to be given to provide fuel for the poor persons of the parish of Wreningham”. This means that the charity income is available to anybody living in the parish who is in need and the application may be made by the needy person or anybody who wishes to nominate a person to receive help towards their fuel bills. All applications are treated as confidential and only the clerk and Trustees are aware of the people considered for help.

Please feel free to apply if you or somebody you know are struggling to cover the cost of heating as we go into the winter. The next Trustees meeting is on Tuesday 21st November, when we will consider any applications received. After that you do not have to wait for a given date when the Trustees meet. The clerk can deal with any applications when they come in and you should have an answer within weeks of applying. So do not hesitate to apply with the name and address of the applicant or nominated person to the clerk: Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road, Wreningham, NR16 1BH (Tel: 01508 488123). If you need any further explanation or details do contact me by phone.

Foodbank

More and more people are using the Foodbank - donations are desperately needed. There is a collection point in the church porch and also in the porch at High Gables. These are emptied at least once a week. Do not forget that toiletries, cleaning materials, nappies etc. are also needed.

Bingo

For those who enjoy a game of bingo, there is a monthly “cash bingo” event held at Thorpe Hall, Ashwellthorpe. Doors open at 7 pm for 8 pm eyes down. The next three are on Friday 20th October, 17th November and 15th December.

Village Groups

Heritage Group

Our 8th September meeting took the form of an interactive session with our visitors reacting to videos and stories about the village trotting track at The Poplars in the 1980s & 90s. Impressive colour video recordings from the time showed these trotting races to be very professionally operated: the jockeys wore silks, there were race stewards, a live commentary for each race - and betting, too! We also looked at (the once lost) texts from the BBC's mid 1980s Domesday project. Not only did the meeting prove enjoyable but it also produced a record turn-out - from Wreningham and two other villages. We learnt more than we expected from our "audience" who happily described their own memories from the period. We will be adding even more content - based on the meeting's information and discussions, to our website: www.wreninghamheritage.uk in the near future. Do take a look.

Next meeting on Friday 20th October at 2pm. David Kirk will give a further illustrated talk on the remarkable life of John Bullimore (1827-1906) who made a huge impact in Wreningham during his lifetime. You will probably be surprised! Our meetings are free to attend, there is no membership fee and only a small charge for refreshments.

Wreningham Crafters Group

The next meetings of the group will be on the following Wednesdays:

18th October

15th November

20th December

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

We meet **10 am – 12 noon** in the **Margaret Preston Room**; sessions are £2 and 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

School Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Rob Jones at Wreningham Primary has advised us that there is a vacancy for someone to help with the supervision of school dinners.

They are looking for someone to work from around midday until 1:15pm during term times.

Please contact Rob Jones or the school office for more information on 01508 489355.

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!

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

Recycling News

Total raised so far - **£1,140**. Well done everyone.

Can I politely remind you to only drop off the items that raise money as the sponsor of each program defines acceptable items. Please don't give me your soft plastic such as bags from fruit & veg, dried fruits and seeds, frozen items, toilet rolls, nappies, tea bags, mailings etc. These can all go to the supermarket with carrier bags.

Freesale

The Freesale has now been booked for **28th October 10.00-12.00**. Please see the flyer in the delivered Mardle for full details. The information will also be in the weekly event notice and on the website.

The key thing to remember is that you bring along anything you want to offer and take away anything that's left at the end of the event. Or you can just come along and take something you fancy.

I'm also going to take the opportunity of linking it with recycling and in particular the items that raise funds. I can also update you on any issues of interest. Listening to the Radio 4 You & Yours programme recently it's apparent that people are confused, especially as each county operates in its own way and things change constantly. If I can help clarify or investigate anything, please feel free to ask.

Superdrug – I reported last issue on Superdrug and blister packs. The latest is that Superdrug wants to roll out the collection of blister packs to all their branches, not just those with pharmacies but, to date, nothing has changed. We are faced with either storing our blister packs pending action, taking them to another branch that's still taking them (there isn't one in Norfolk) or dumping them in landfill. I'll keep you updated on anything I hear either via the Mardle or the Facebook group.

Thanks, Val

01508 488231 val@valkeel.co.uk.

Facebook: Eco living in and around Wreningham

Bin Collections – October & November 2023

Wednesday 4 th October	Green	Friday 6 th October	Brown
Wednesday 11 th October	Black		
Wednesday 18 th October	Green	Friday 20 th October	Brown
Wednesday 25 th October	Black		
Wednesday 1 st November	Green	Friday 3 rd November	Brown
Wednesday 8 th November	Black		
Wednesday 15 th November	Green	Friday 17 th November	Brown
Wednesday 22 nd November	Black		
Wednesday 29 th November	Green	Friday 1 st December	Brown

Mobile Library Visits – October & November 2023

10 th October	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
7 th November	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 (Christmas) issue is mid-November.
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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at Wreningham Village Hall

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Bar opening times are 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: 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 & delivered to W&W. For updates please see:

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

Facebook Page: Witch & Wren Community Bar

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