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Thursdays - 8-11pm (**Cocktail Nights** 7-10pm)

Fridays - **1st Friday Family Night** 6-11pm

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

4th Friday Games Night 7-11pm, otherwise 8-11pm

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 the:

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

Facebook Page: Witch & Wren Community Bar

Notice Boards around the Village

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

We hope to have our new, exciting website up and running soon so watch this space!

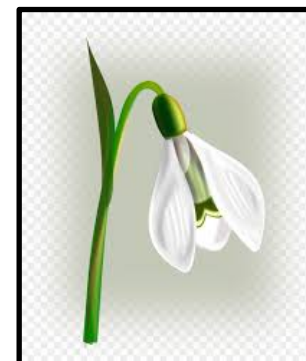
Mardle

Wreningham



No 249

February – March 2023



Welcome to the first edition of the Mardle for 2023.

The Committee hope that you have all had a good festive season and wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

December at the village Hall was, to say the least, a highly active month and it was an excellent “showcase” of the varied events that your village as a whole and the hall itself have to offer.

Early December saw the now traditional and established lighting of the Christmas tree, swiftly followed by our monthly Cocktail Night, a Pie Night, Fish & Chips and was rounded off with a Christmas Gin night. All of which were extremely well supported, so a big thank you to everyone who came along and helped make each occasion both fun and a success!

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Alongside this, we entertained a few very keen but ultimately once again, sadly disappointed England football fans watching the games and enjoying a drink throughout the World Cup.... Oh well! perhaps next time?

It was also great to host Wreningham School for both their preparations and excellent Christmas nativity plays. Some budding stars for the future on show for sure! We then watched the school children let their hair down with their end of term Christmas Party - Santa and snow included!

Just prior to December, saw the first Warm Space event at the village hall with lunchtime hot food and an afternoon film show proving very enjoyable for those who attended.

It is very much our intention, now and in future, to work more closely with both our village school and church to help them reach out to the community with their excellent ideas and events.

Thanks to the splendid work from our new Booking Secretaries, Mason & Cathy Paul, we had a full month of outside hirers including both a 60s night and Rock & Roll with live bands performing. If you haven't been to any of these events, please do look out for them this year as it is open to anyone. Details can be found online, in the Mardle or simply by contacting anyone on the Committee who can help you.

Also in December, we hosted the Anglia Region Theatre School Awards Ceremony for the first time. Throughout the day, over four hundred people passed through the hall, either performing or simply receiving well-deserved recognition. Again, amazing local performers were there to be seen.

Zumba, Table Tennis, Baby & Toddler Group, Last Wednesday Coffee mornings and Tea Dances were just some of the other regular activities taking place, proving the all-round facilities available are being put to good use.

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Wednesday 1st February	Black		
Wednesday 8th February	Green	Friday 10th February	Brown
Wednesday 15th February	Black		
Wednesday 22nd February	Green	Friday 24th February	Brown
Wednesday 1st March	Black		
Wednesday 8th March	Green	Friday 10th March	Brown
Wednesday 15th March	Black		
Wednesday 22nd March	Green	Friday 24th March	Brown
Wednesday 29th March	Black		

Mobile Library Visits – January to June 2023

31 Jan	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
28 Feb	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
28 March	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
25 April	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
23 May	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
20 June	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.

All these events and any others are always shown in David Tinsley's weekly e-mail which is going out to some villagers but not all. This is a great way to have the information you need at the right time to plan your diary, so if you would like to be included, please let David know on Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com

Also, our Witch & Wren Facebook page, the village notice boards and hopefully soon our newly designed website all give details of what is going on in your village.

As you read this, your new Village Hall Committee will have met for our first meeting of the year. Many things are on the agenda and our overall intention is simply to continue to provide you with as many interesting and varied events as possible.

We have already organised a Curry Night on January 27th - all are welcome.

A high priority for this year is planning for the upcoming King's Coronation in May. Following last year's hugely rewarding Jubilee weekend celebrations will, of course, be a hard act to follow!

As a group, we are fully motivated to do just that and are all looking forward to another exciting year.

All we ask is that you continue to support the events where possible, grow with us and enjoy it all.

The Committee

New Mardle Editors

We just want to say a big "thank you" to Val who has put in a huge amount of time and effort to produce the Mardle over many years.

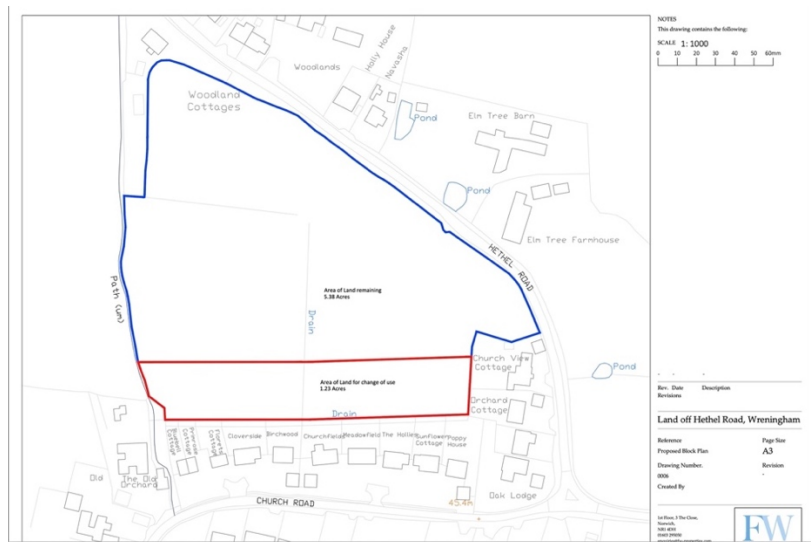
We have offered to produce & print the Mardle, initially for the next 3 editions. There is a new email address to contact us on Mardle matters. The new address is mardlewren@gmail.com Sue & Mick Ryder

Wreningham Parish Council

Luke McDaid was co-opted onto the Parish Council during the January meeting. We welcome him as our latest, and youngest councillor and wish him well in what we hope is to be a long career working with us for the benefit of the village.

As mentioned in the last Mardle, an exciting opportunity has arisen in the village to develop a parcel of land off Hethel Road for a community woodland or wildlife type project in conjunction with 2 or 3 houses.

Julian Wells' company, FW Properties, has been in contact with the Parish Council regarding the field behind the 10 house Church road development— see *map below*.



Essentially, they are asking if we, the Wreningham Community and the Parish Council, would support a development of 2 or 3 houses on Hethel Road in return for making the remaining land over to the village. The Company is offering to undertake site preparation and improvement prior to it changing hands. Also, we have discussed with them about providing financial support for the short to medium term in order to tackle land management, improvement and planting of trees and shrubs.

Recycling News

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all had a great Christmas.

Following on from previous postings, whilst we didn't quite reach our goal of £1000 by the end of 2022, our total raised is now a fantastic £920. Thank you everyone; as soon as my bins are empty, they magically fill up again! I aim to send a consignment every month and this is no different. January saw 23kg of crisp & snack packaging and 5kg of biscuit & cake wrappers on their way to TerraCycle.

Good news! We've been accepted on the Carex handwash programme so please let me have all your empty refill pouches from Carex and any other brands together with any brand of hand wash pump.

We now have 8 programmes raising funds for our charity – crisps, biscuits, coffee, confectionery, cheese, home cleaning, Eco coffee pods and hand wash. I'm also on the waiting list for the toothpaste tubes & toothbrush programme so keep them coming.

As you know, we also collect for others collecting for their charities – bread bags, Pringles tubes and Warburtons waxed paper bread wrapping for Hallswood – and other items that don't raise funds but are kept from landfill by our efforts – contact lens packaging and blister packs. Every little helps!

How is everyone getting on with the bin collection app? If you have a smart phone, Search Bin Collections South Norfolk on the App Store or Google Play to download or southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/sncbinapp. There have been a few teething problems but hopefully it's all sorted now.

Another useful app is Olio where you can pass on anything you don't want – including food and drink – or take anything that's being offered. Check it out.

Email if you have any queries about anything: val@valkeel.co.uk.



Villagers' Craft Group

(A more catchy title to come!)

If you're interested in crafts and crafting, be they needlework, art, textile, paperwork, wood or any other and want to work on your own craft, learn from others or troubleshoot, the Villagers' Craft Group is for you.

The inaugural meeting will be on **Wednesday 15th February from 10am – 12 noon in the Margaret Preston Room** and refreshments will be available whilst we get creative.

Anything goes. Come along, bring your current project with you and share your interest, finally finish that project you've been meaning to complete or, if you would like to start something, find out more. Or just come along for a chat whilst watching.

We hope, if it proves popular, we can make it a regular event.

Val & Jean

Parish Council continued -An Opportunity

Adjacent to this land, there is a footpath crossing from Church Road to Hethel Road which was known as "Farthing Lane" and dates from the 1600s (thanks to David Kirk and the Wreningham Heritage Group for that fact). It is hoped that this will inspire a name for the parcel of land in a project which will involve the whole village. This is an exciting prospect and will provide us with the opportunity to build a new wildlife and natural asset to be enjoyed for many years ahead.

The first thing we need to do is to arrange a meeting to explore the support for this proposal and to consider what might be done with this land. We will announce this on the village website (wreningham.org.uk) in the near future. The FW Properties planning application will require evidenced and wide support from us. So, there are many things to think about: a new development, legal matters, finance, its name, use, design, our involvement, its management, areas for nature and for people, placement of paths and fences, etc., etc.

We wish this to be a community-wide project and an asset for us all. Please think about ways in which you may be able to help make it happen.

Other Matters - Benches around the village

We would like to install 3 or 4 benches around the village to offer a chance to sit and chat or just take in the view. We'd be pleased to receive your suggestions for suitable public sites. Naturally, we will need to discuss these with the landowners, but we hope to get this done before the end of Summer.

Just to remind you that some topics never go away and need your consideration:

- Trimming roadside hedges
- Maintaining water courses to reduce flooding risk
- Litter picking (when out on a walk?)
- Parking with consideration for others
- Slow you down, less than 30mph throughout the village, please

If you have matters to raise for the council to consider, let us know in good time for them to be included on the agenda. The clerk's contact details are on the web site. Do stop any of the councillors and let them know what is bothering you round and about the village.
Michael Hill, Chair, WPC

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Wreningham All Saints

Firstly, an update on the removal of the choir pews. The DAC are now awaiting the results of their consultation so we await the outcome in the hope that work can be carried out this spring.

The Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 20th December was well attended and made for a good start to Christmas for many people who love to sing the traditional carols.

Our thanks to Vic Long who again flood lit the church over the Christmas period and to all those who help with the care of the church and graveyard throughout the year.

Elsewhere in this Mardle are details of the fund-raising quiz on Friday 17th March. This is always well supported so do not delay in booking your table.

The lunch at the village hall on Wednesday March 29th will be a "Lent Lunch" raising money for St. Martin's Trust – do drop in and join us.

Christine Minns & Christine Bilham (churchwardens)

Annual Plant Sale in aid of Benefice Funds

Please pot up any surplus plants and seedlings as you start your spring gardening. This event (Sat 13th May this year) is always well supported and raises much needed funds.

C Minns

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

Village Groups

Heritage Group

Work has been continuing on the WHG website, wreninghamheritage.uk, which I hope you have all had at least one look at by now. Don't forget that it is an ever-expanding source of village history and you can access all newly added information directly from the Home page. We have also created links to other local historical websites and are experimenting with a family information service based on Parish records and run by one of our members. Access to this and external links can be found on the "Contacts" page of the Website.

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on February 15th and will feature a talk by Tony Wright, one of our members, on "Hethersett Races". None of us, apart from Tony, has any idea what we are going to learn on that day but I, for one, am intrigued....

Do come and join us at 2pm in the village hall, listen to Tony, ask questions, bring us any local historical information you think we may not have, enjoy a chat over tea and cake - all are welcome, you do not have to be a member.

Coffee Morning

Don't forget that January's Coffee Morning will seem a little earlier than usual, the last Wednesday of the month being the 25th. If you are reading this after that date and you missed it, I will just say that you missed a very unusual event - our regular bacon queen replaced for a one-off performance by that well-known local chef Maestro David Loader, plus an opportunity to sample a special locally baked cake....

So, if you haven't missed this exciting event, get down there and join in! If you have, well, we'll see if we can persuade the Maestro to repeat his performance for you one day.

And don't miss February 22nd, another early Last Wednesday. March seems a bit more normal, on 30th Jean 01508 481947

Don't miss these events:

<p>Dances at Wreningham Village Hall.</p>  <p>Hi Definition</p> <p>Saturday 11th March 2023</p> <p>8:30pm-11:45pm</p> <p>Entrance Fee £8.25</p> <p>Bar and Raffle</p> <p><i>For further details contact Shirley Aldous</i> 01508 489606 or MB 07951864295</p>	<p>Quiz Evening</p> <p>Friday 17th March 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. WRENINGHAM VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>Entry £6.00 per person</p> <p>Come as a team of up to 6 people, or individually and we will team you up. Please book in advance as this event has proved popular in the past and we would not want to turn anybody away at the door.</p> <p>Bring your own food (but not drink) To book call Christine on 01508 488123</p> <p>Raffle & Licensed Bar In aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham church expenses</p>
<p>MOVIE TIME</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd February & 29th March Wreningham village hall Doors open 1.15pm for 1.30 pm Everybody welcome No charge but a donation towards refreshment would be appreciated</p> <p>Feb: A true story from the Second World War set in 1943. Billed as "Gripping and incredibly moving"</p> <p>March: Set in the Scottish Highlands, it tells of a gruelling climb to the top of Mount Suilven. "Wholly uplifting" "A film with a soul", "Touching and empowering"</p> <p>Organised by the Upper Tas Valley Benefice for the local community</p>	

Wreningham All Saints

Are you lonely or struggling to make ends meet this winter?

NCC and SNC have both produced literature about contacts for those struggling-particularly financially and at the back of each of our churches are copies of their publications. All our churches are unlocked during the middle of the day – call in and see what is available.

The government has also provided "Warm Space" grants and both Ashwellthorpe and Tacolneston are running a weekly drop in centre. Loneliness during the winter can lead to depression so do take advantage of what is on offer.

Thorpe Hall, the new village hall in Ashwellthorpe, is open each Tuesday 10 am – 2 pm offering warm drinks, soup, toys for children, a copy of the EDP and a chance to chat. All free and open to members of all our parishes.

Tacolneston village hall – also open each Tuesday 11 – 3 pm free drinks and a light lunch in a warm venue and a chance to chat. Stay as long as you wish. Again open to all our villages.

The church do not have enough manpower to put on our own event, but on the last Wednesday of the month (22nd Feb & 29th March) there is a coffee morning 10 – 12 run by Jean and the village community at Wreningham village hall. The church will follow that at 12.30 with a light lunch which is free to anybody who books it in advance. Call 01508 488123 to reserve food.

You can join Jean's coffee morning and then stay on for lunch and as you have probably realised this is followed at 1.30 by the movie. This means that you can spend from 10 am to 4 pm amongst friends and if cash is short it can all be done for the cost of a coffee!!!

Do take advantage of all these offers which is a chance to make new friends and get you through the coldest, dullest time of the year.

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: swingmabob@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.

January

27th Curry Night from 7pm

February

2nd Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-10pm

3rd. Family Night from 6pm

5th. Country Music with Julie Dawn 2pm-6pm. Contact Sandra

7th Heritage Group 2- 4pm

10th Fish & Chips from 5pm

15th Crafters Group 10-Noon. See poster for details – contact Val

18th 60s Dance to Pagan Gould 8.30-11.45pm. £8.25 Contact Shirley

22nd Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-12

Followed by Lunch & Film 12-4pm. Call 01508 488123 to reserve food

24th Games Night 7-11pm

March

2nd Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-10pm

3rd Family Night from 6pm

10th Fish & Chips from 5pm

11th 60s Dance 8:30-11.45pm. (Contact Shirley)

12th. Country Music 2-6pm with Bob Whiting. Contact Sandra

14th Parish Council Meeting 7pm

17th Church Quiz 7:30-10pm. (Main Hall) Teams of up to 6.

Call 01508 488123 to reserve a table

17th St Patrick's Day Celebration (W&W) from 6pm

18th Swing Dance Weekender. Event & bar from 7:30-11:30pm

19th Swing Dance Weekender. Event & bar from 3:00-6:00pm. Contact Barry

24th Games Night 7-11pm

29th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-Noon.

Followed by Lunch & Film 12-4pm. Call 01508 488123 to reserve food

April

2nd Country Music 2pm-6pm with Travis Logan. Contact Sandra

22nd 60s Dance

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.