

# Mardle

# Wreningham



**No 254**

**December 2023 –  
January 2024**



Hello and welcome to the last Mardle for 2023.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November, we held the VHMC AGM. This year, all the Committee members have decided to continue on & we also have a new member - Jon Carpenter. Nick Pink has agreed to lead the maintenance activities & I have agreed to be the Chairperson.

It's been an eventful year with the village celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III in May and the village photo taken for historical record. The Mardle achieved its 250<sup>th</sup> edition & over 40 years!

Cocktails evenings & Coffee Mornings continued to be well supported & we held a variety of "foodie" events.

**Wreningham  
Village Hall**

The new Crafters Group was formed & table tennis came to the village!

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As Autumn moves into winter, our thoughts are now turning to Christmas and the coming New Year.

In October, Hallmaster, a new online bookings system was introduced to help reduce the time needed to carry out the administrative & financial processes involved in hiring the hall. Where possible, can anyone who wants to hire the hall please use the new system. However, if this option is not possible for you, then you can contact Mason & Cathy Paul on 07541 566514, John Knight on 07961 705154 or David Tinsley on 07802 671194.

The new village hall website [wreninghamvh.social](http://wreninghamvh.social) is now available and minutes from the monthly meetings will be provided on there. More details on page 3.

On Friday 1st December, we will be continuing the tradition of lighting the Christmas tree on the Reading Room green opposite the school. Details are on the poster on page 12 & the new website!

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a Cheese & Wine Sharing evening. Wine will be on sale at cost price from the bar. More details on page 12 and on the new website!

The Christmas Cocktails evening is moving to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> for December, but back to its normal slot on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

In the New Year, look out for a quiz on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> & a Curry Evening on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January (details on page 12).

The VHMC would like to say a sincere thank you to Andree Handford for her many decades of being “the keeper of the keys” for the village hall. Her support has been greatly appreciated over the many years they have been under her care.

On behalf of the whole Committee I’d like to wish you all a Happy Christmas & Healthy 2024.                      John Knight (VHMC Chair)

## New Village Hall Website



The VHMC has been wanting to launch a website to advertise the activities that take place in the main hall & the W&W Community Bar for some time. For the last few months, we have been developing the website in collaboration with the VHMC and the Bookings Managers.

The new village website is now available and is called [Wreninghamvh.social](http://Wreninghamvh.social)

It includes the following:

- News pages
- Events Calendar - with details, prices & contact details
- Regular Activities with details, dates, times, contact point etc
- Email Contact facility for finance, bookings, events & Mardle
- Links to other websites (WHG & Parish) & W&W Facebook page
- A copy of the current & previous Mardles
- A link to the Hallmaster Bookings Calendar
- Advice on making a booking, including a YouTube video
- Facilities available & hire costs
- Who's who" information, hall pictures & defibrillator use

We would like to thank Barry Jarvis for his help and support in developing the website & the Parish council for supporting the hosting.

Sue & Mick Ryder  
(Wreningham Village Hall website)



The Mardle is now also available in a digital format.

To sign up to receive a bi-monthly copy, please email

David Tinsley at [Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com](mailto:Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com)

# Wreningham Parish Council

**Surface Water Flooding** South Norfolk Council has a new role specifically dedicated to addressing surface water flooding, ditches and the like. I invited the new person to visit the village. With her boss, we spent the morning walking & looking over our set of problem areas, inspecting the ditches, thinking about where development has led to enclosed gullies and considering the risks for our residents and what might need to be done. Since then, the recent heavy rain has put a strain on the drainage systems around Wreningham. Fortunately, no-one has experienced a domestic flooding. Her advice? As a bare minimum, keep your ditches clear to allow water to flow freely.



## The Farthings (Hethel Road)



### An Update

I would like to thank Jean Agnew who identified that the path running from Church Road to Hethel Road has been known since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century as “Farthings Lane”. Ordnance Survey (OS) has accepted the suggestion to update their maps to reflect this important piece of history – especially as it supplied the name for the community land we anticipate coming into our possession. Then we can then ensure “The Farthings” is also duly registered with OS, the Post Office, South Norfolk, et al.

FW Properties Ltd has taken onboard a wide range of comments, adjusted their plans, held discussions with South Norfolk planners and are nearly ready to issue their formal planning application. Expect that before the next Mardle is out. Everyone will then have the opportunity to express their views on this application. We consider this community land to have great potential for social and environmental benefit to the community, but there are a few steps yet to take. For instance we need to obtain an agreement about the funding to help create, maintain and improve The Farthings. We also need to agree with FW Properties what they have to do to prepare this area for community ownership and management.

## Parish Council (continued)

**Decorative Dog Poo** There are those among us who delight us by leaving a trail of little black bags of dog poo by our footpaths and roadways. Thank you, but no thank you. Having done one part of the task, please finish it off by taking it home for disposal or use the bin provided by the playing field. To provide choice we will install a second bin.

**Playground** We recently walked the field and discussed the various observations and recommendations for action in the inspection report received earlier in the year. We have agreed a set of actions to address the few medium risk observations (there are no high risk). If you want to find out more – come to the next meeting for our report, or read the minutes on-line.

**Roadside hedges** Several people have contacted me to say that our village is looking unkempt as many of the hedgerows are overgrown and intruding into the road. Please think about maintaining your hedges so that road users are not inconvenienced. I know a few walkers take a pair of secateurs and snip off the wider bits – it's a start, but can you help them out?

**Wymondham Road planning application** We have received notice for comment for an intriguing planning application (see our website) to convert an agricultural shed into five residential dwellings. It was heralded by an announcement on the Devlin website that they had acquired Wreningham land (Donald Whiterod's farm buildings – 13 acres) for a few luxury homes.

**Parish Council meeting** Our next meeting is scheduled for 9th January 2024 in the Margaret Preston room starting at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC  
Clerk email address - [clerk.wpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.wpc@gmail.com)

# Wreningham All Saints

Firstly, we would like to thank all those who supported our “All Saints Gift Day” appeal. To date, it looks as if we have raised between £1600 and £2000 from your generous donations towards the fabric of the church.

Now for an update on the removal of the choir pews. The work is being carried out as I write this. We have also applied for a grant to upgrade the electrics, which means replacing the circuit board with a larger one in order to increase the number of power points.

By the time you read this, the quiz and Christmas Fayre will have taken place. These are run jointly with Ashwellthorpe church as neither of us has enough manpower to stage an event on our own. The benefice plant sale and table top event held on a very wet Saturday in October raised over £500.00 towards church funds, as did the Harvest Supper held earlier in the month.

The first of the winter programme of “Warm Space” lunches & movie time events have taken place. These are open to everybody and you can come to either event or both. No charge, but a donation towards costs would be welcome.

Lunch 12:15 for 12:30 - We would like some idea of numbers for lunch if possible. Movie doors open 1:15 for 1:30 start.

## **Warm Space** Events for December & January

- Wednesday 6th December. The movie will be about “A poignant and compelling mystery starring Glenda Jackson. Maud - a woman struggling with dementia must attempt to piece together what has happened to her best friend Elizabeth. After Elizabeth goes missing, Maud is convinced that something terrible has occurred”
- Wednesday 24th January “One of the best British comedies to be released in recent years: Alan is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael, who stormed out over a game of Scrabble. A superb central performance from Bill Nighy, also starring Jenny Agutter”).

# Wreningham All Saints (cont'd)

## Future Events (continued)



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

As usual, we hope to light the church with candles. It is also planned to flood light the exterior for about 2 weeks over the Christmas period as usual. Donations towards the cost of electricity would be welcome.

Hopefully you will receive a Church Christmas card with this Mardle, which will give details of the other Christmas season services. It will also give details of future news sheets to replace the church magazine.

At this stage, I would like to record our thanks to David Kirk who has been responsible for putting together and printing the magazine for a number of years, as well as taking many of the photos which have appeared in it.

To book a **Warm Space** lunch or for any further information do feel free to phone me on 01508 488123.

On behalf of the local church and the Upper Tas Valley Benefice. I wish you a peaceful and healthy Christmas and 2024.

Christine Minns - Churchwarden

## St Martins Trust

A charity caring for the homeless and underprivileged families in the Norwich area are in need of good quality warm clothing (adults and children), water proof footwear and blankets.

They have a drop off point at Lakeside, Low Road, Fornsett St Mary or I can take them if left in my porch at High Gables, Church Road, NR16 1BH - Christine Minns

# 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](mailto:katie@loaders.net)
- Zumba - Rachel: email at [firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:woodlands_atoms@outlook.com)
- Country Music – Sandra 07799 596975 or 01508 813754  
email: [stetsonsandshamrockcmc@outlook.com](mailto:stetsonsandshamrockcmc@outlook.com)

## **Wreningham Weekly Email & Digital Mardle copy**

Weekly updates are available by email & include all village functions, church services, school functions, dances, bar nights, fish & chips 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](mailto: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.



## December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Village Christmas Tree Lighting – Bar opens 6pm. Santa, tree lighting & carols from 6:30 on the Reading Room by the school
- 2<sup>nd</sup> All Seasons Makers Fayre 10am-2pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Country Music 2-6pm - Contact Sandra
- 6<sup>th</sup> Church “Warm Space”- Lunch 12:30 & Film 1:30 (see page 6)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Wine & Cheese Sharing Supper at the Witch & Wren 7pm-11pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Heritage Group Meeting 10:00 am– Noon
- 9<sup>th</sup> 60s Christmas Dance to Sounds Imperial & The Armadillo Road show - 8:30-11:45pm £8.25. SOLD OUT – wait list may be available. Contact Shirley
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tea Dance 3:00- 6:00pm – contact Barry
- 15<sup>th</sup> Fish & Chips from 5pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Rock & Roll Night 8:00pm to midnight. Contact Roland on 01603 812637
- 20<sup>th</sup> Village Crafters Group 10:00– Noon (£2 - Contact Val)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Cocktails Evening 7:00pm – 11:00pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Country Music 8:00pm -midnight - Contact Sandra
- 29<sup>th</sup> Games Night 7:00pm to 11:00 pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> NYE Party Dance with Hi-Definition £12 from 8:00-12:30 – contact Shirley

## January 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning 10:00am-Noon (instead of 27<sup>th</sup> Dec)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-11pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tea Dance 3-6pm Contact Barry
- 17<sup>th</sup> Village Crafters Group 10:00– Noon (£2 – contact Val)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night 7:30pm (See page 12)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Country Music 8:00pm -midnight - Contact Sandra
- 24<sup>th</sup> Church “Warm Space”- Lunch 12:30 & Film 1:30 (see page 6)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Games Night 7-11pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Curry Night 7:00pm start (see page 12)
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10:00-Noon

Things change after we go to print, so please check the new Village Hall website [wreninghamvh.social](http://wreninghamvh.social) Facebook Groups, your email update (if you have signed up) & noticeboards for any updates.

# Last Wednesday Coffee Morning

The opportunity to tell everyone the result of our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in September always seems such a long time coming! I'm very pleased to report to you now, that we sent £500 to the charity this year, with £470 of that being raised on the day. Donations by people unable to attend and a small 'top up' from our own funds made up the balance.

Thank you to everyone who took part, in any way, by making cakes, donating raffle prizes and spending money, your generosity to a great cause is impressive every year. A special thank you to the volunteers who made the morning run smoothly in the unexpected absence of yours truly!

November coffee morning is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>.

PLEASE NOTE: In December this year, as the Last Wednesday falls the day after Boxing Day, there will NOT be a coffee morning.

However, by popular request, we will have a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 3rd January 10:00am - Noon to replace the December one.

Normal service resumes on Wednesday 31st January

Jean Lambourne

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

# Village Groups

## Heritage Group

We are going from strength to strength in terms of numbers enjoying our bi-monthly meetings. It is very gratifying that new residents are taking an interest in village history. Residents who have lived here for years or their whole life have contributed their memories to our knowledge bank. We are still receiving and recording lots of documents and artefacts and the work of cataloguing is ongoing. David Kirk provided us with another fascinating insight into the life of the Bullimore family at our October meeting and there is yet more to learn from the extraordinary collection of information which has been found at Hill House.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am, we will be departing from our normal weekday meeting. We will be having a get together of several nearby village history groups who have accepted an invitation from us.

All our Wreningham members are encouraged to attend. We hope to learn from some short presentations by our visitors, the sort of activities they have been pursuing or are contemplating doing. It may be that we can co-operate with our neighbours in staging future events & have the opportunity to exchange researched information, etc. We hope it will be an interesting and sociable occasion.

As usual, all villagers are very welcome to come and to partake of a cuppa and a mince pie. Meetings are free to attend, with a small charge made for refreshments. We look forward to seeing you. Jean Lambourne

## Wreningham Crafters Group

The next meetings of the group will be on:

Wednesdays 20th December 17th January 21st February

We meet 10:00 am – 12 noon in the Margaret Preston Room

Sessions are £2 and include refreshments. Please make a note, we'd love to see you there.

So come along, bring your current project, one you keep meaning to finish, one you want to start or try something new.

*\*We're also hoping to start a collaborative project so watch this space!\**

See you there. Val & Jean 01508 488231

## Forthcoming Village Hall Events



Wreningham Village

# Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

Friday 1st December  
6.30pm

Followed by Carols

The Special Man will be making an appearance too!

Join us after for Family Night at the Village Hall

Mulled Wine & Mincepies available

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# Wine & Cheese night



Wreningham Village Hall  
Thursday 7th December - 7pm

This is a bring & share event - you bring the cheese and the wine can be bought at cost prices to match!

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# Wreningham VH QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 19th January - 7:30pm

Please book at the bar in advance  
£3 person - teams of upto 6



# CURRY NIGHT

SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 2024

Wreningham Village Hall 7pm

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# Recycling News

Thank you to everyone who came to the Freesale and either had a table or a fuller bag when leaving. Whilst we raised £30 for charity in donations, it's true to say that the attendance was disappointing and I really don't know why. If anyone has any suggestions how we could get a really buzzing, busy event going, I'm all ears.

We're coming up to that festive period when lots is bought, wrapping goes wild and recycling takes second place. There are, however, many ways to celebrate Christmas and all that entails whilst still thinking of the planet. One way is in the gifts you give. Instead of more stuff, how about a gift of a memory or activity? When wrapping gifts, remember that paper that bears glitter can't be recycled so choose carefully. All that wrapping ribbon is not recyclable and can be dangerous to wildlife if it gets out. Decorative string can be composted, paper with double sided tape and no ribbon can be recycled or a gift bag re-used. Cards that bear glitter also can't be recycled although the industry seems to be improving. Re-use decorations, rent a living tree which goes back after Christmas or buy a live one that can go in the garden afterwards. All these initiatives support the environment.

**Update on blister packs** Your household can now register with TerraCycle and send your blister packs to them. Go to <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/aldi-uk>, set up an account for your household, request a label which you then download from the email you receive, print it out, attach it to an A4 envelope and send up to 30 blister packs (free) to TerraCycle. Your household can do this twice a month, so 60 blister packs per month. This should meet most needs. It probably exceeds most household's needs so please, if you don't need 2 labels a month, ask for them both and forward the label you don't want to me (email below) and I can reduce the mountain of blister packs in my garage. If you don't need to recycle ANY blister packs, can I ask that you request 2 labels anyway and send them both the me. Every month until the mountain has gone down!

Other news. The confectionery programme is stopping so please don't give me your chocolate wrappers etc, they can be recycled at supermarkets with other flexible plastic. All other programmes continue.

Have a wonderful Christmas and see you in 2024. Val x 01508 488231  
val@valkeel.co.uk Facebook: Eco living in and around Wreningham

## Bin Collections – December 2023 & January 2024

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Green	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Brown
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Black		
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Green	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Brown
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Black		
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Green	<b>Green one day late &amp; Brown No collection</b>	<del>Brown</del>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Black		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Green	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Brown
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Black		
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Green	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Brown
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Black		

## Mobile Library Visits – December 2023 & January 2024

5 <sup>th</sup> December	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham

Route number is CEN 215. 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 early January 2024.  
If you have something for inclusion, please let us have it by then.

Thanks - Sue & Mick Ryder  
Email: [mardlewren@gmail.com](mailto:mardlewren@gmail.com)

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at **Wreningham Village Hall**

Open to all

No membership

.....just come by & say hello

Bar opening times are Thursdays and Fridays 8-11pm- *except when these events are usually held & also over Christmas & New Year!*

**1st Thursday - Cocktail Nights - 7-10pm**

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

**4th Friday - Games Night - 7-11pm**

Over Christmas & New Year there are changes to dates:

Open - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (Cocktails)

Open - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> W&W Community Bar

Open Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve W&W 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Closed Christmas & Boxing Day & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December

Open Friday 29<sup>th</sup> (Games) & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00pm until late

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> NYE Dance in main village hall (see page 9)



For updates please see:

**Village Hall website:** [wreninghamvh.social](http://wreninghamvh.social)

**Facebook Page:** Witch & Wren Community Bar

**Notice Boards around the village**

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