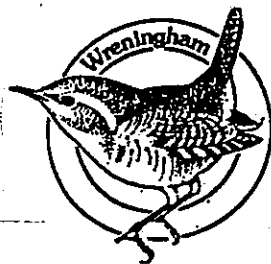


# WRENINGHAM

# MARDLE



A bi-monthly Newsletter Produced by  
The Village Hall Management Committee  
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From The Chairman,

A shortened version of the Annual Report as presented to the Annual Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December has been included in this Mardle at the request of those present at the AGM. If anybody would like to join the management committee, we do have spaces available and would be pleased to consider co-opting any interested people.

As well as being a great social success, the Safari Supper on 12<sup>th</sup> December raised £710.00 for hall funds and the committee are indebted to Nicki and Harvey Day for organising this event.

We have recently heard that we have not been awarded the full grant necessary to complete our renewable energy project; however, there is still a chance that we will be able to go ahead with part of the scheme. This still has to be clarified.

Christine Minns (01508 488123)

## Beer Festival and Garden Event

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> & Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010

We plan to make this a major village event with your help.  
We are looking for offers to open gardens.

We would like a few more people to join the organising committee which is planning to:

- contact commercial firms to take stand space and advertising
- run fun events and displays on the playing field
- organise a scarecrow display or trail
- offer visits to gardens, a walk round "Long's Wood" and a chance to try some "real ales"

Can you help with the ideas and planning or will you offer to open your garden – contact Gary Mutton on 01953 600445 or Christine Minns to register your interest.

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Do you - have a little time on your hands?

- want to help at the village hall in a practical way?

We are looking for somebody who could give us about 2 hours a week – most weeks – to do a few handyman jobs and keep the car park and grassed area tidy. Anybody interested should contact Christine Minns for more information.

## WRENINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB

Subscriptions – Membership was due for renewal at 1<sup>st</sup> January. Membership is £2.00 per adult and 50p for juniors (8 – 16's) per calendar year. This can be paid by leaving your old card and the fee with the bar staff on a Social Club evening. Your new card will be left behind the bar for you to collect when next in the club.

Membership is open to everybody, anybody wishing to join can pick up an application form from behind the bar on a club night.

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### All Saints Church

Mothering Sunday – 14<sup>th</sup> March - A special service for families at 10.30 am, when flowers will be available for the children to give to “mum”. Everybody is welcome at this service and babies and very young children are especially welcome.

Car Park – The present situation is that it is almost certain that an area of land to the west of the churchyard will be available for purchase late spring/early summer. This will be a bonus to anybody using the church or graveyard for large group visits. Donations towards the purchase would be welcome as all the money will need to be found because there is no funds readily available. Donations (gift aided or otherwise) can be handed to Christine Minns. Cheques made out to Wreningham PCC. Look out for posters advertising fund raising events in aid of this project.

Wreningham Parish Council

Chairman – Sheldon Durant 01508 489544  
Clerk – Chrissie Baldwin 01508 489228

Address: Woodlace Cottage, Mill Lane  
Wreningham, Norwich, NR16 1AN

Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Margaret Preston room.

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**Further Reminder to anybody who would like to get involved - Parish Plan** – The Action Plan is beginning to take shape and some of you will be organising various Actions. If you would like to know more, or wish to volunteer your time, then visit the Wreningham web site – [www.wreningham.org.uk](http://www.wreningham.org.uk). Alternatively, contact me, Michael Hill, on 01508 488379 or email [Michael@hill.org.uk](mailto:Michael@hill.org.uk)

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**Mains Sewer Scheme** – the unofficial news is that the vacuum pump should be commissioned during February and most of the work completed by the end of the month when people will be informed that they can start to make arrangements to link into the system.

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## WHAT'S ON

### Short Mat Bowls

Every Thursday at 7.30 pm. New players are welcome.  
Call in any Thursday for details or a chance to have a go.

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### Dumplin' Country

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February – "Harrison Country" - Adm £4.00

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March – "Country Boys" Adm £4.00

Doors open 1 pm. - music 2 pm – 5pm

Hot & Cold Food/Hot Drinks/Licensed Bar/Good Raffle

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### Dances to 60's bands – in aid of hall funds

Dancing to live music mainly from the 50's, 60's, 70's and some good music to jive too, or come and just sit and listen to the bands – Admission £5.50.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March – "Lou & The Diamonds"**

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Flower Club - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Visitors welcome - For details contact Sue Rudd - 489526

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Yoga – every Thursday morning 10 am – 11.30 am. £6.00 a session – This is a small friendly group - for details contact Janine on 01603 507181.

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Mother and Baby/Toddler Group – each Friday morning during school term. 9.30 am in the main hall. For details contact Claire on 01508 481748

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Wrenningham Village Hall  
Charity No: 284991

Extracts from the report of the Chairman to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The village hall has been widely used by a number of organisations and individuals through the year, although as usual the summer period was a little quiet. Monday to Friday evenings are booked solid for the winter period, often 2 events going on at the same time. The regular hirers have included Yoga run by Adult Education and a morning independent Yoga group. Youth Club meets on a Wednesday during term time, Short mat bowls play on a Thursday and matches are held on Sunday afternoons. A Friday morning mother and toddler group has increased in popularity over the year. Ashwren Players use the hall on 2 or 3 evenings a week during the winter for rehearsal for a February pantomime, and the Social Club is open on 2 evenings a week. The Newton Flotman Flower Arrangement Club meet on one Thursday afternoon a month. We have 2 regular monthly Saturday bookings with the Starfighters Rock & Roll Club and the 60's dances. Dumplin Country meets on about 12 Sunday afternoons throughout the year and the school uses the hall on a reasonably regular ad-hoc basis.

The accounts show that the general fund ended with a deficit of £1618.61.

Some of this will be due to not holding an Art Exhibition in the autumn of 2008 plus the cost of electricity has increased and we spent more on maintenance work. It had been some years since we had the electrics checked and they needed a considerable amount of work to bring them up to standard at a cost of £4554.00 Most other income and expenses shown in the accounts are in line with previous years.

We are investigating the possibility of installing a "renewable energy" system whereby we will obtain electricity from solar panels and wind. Selling any surplus electricity to the grid and buying back when we need power. There are grants available for this and subject to obtaining the 2 grants which we have applied for and planning approval we would like to complete this project, at very little cost to the village hall, during the early summer of 2010. This would make a huge difference to our expenses as electricity is currently about 20% of our total general costs. I would like to record the thanks of the committee to Mrs Jill Maidment for the work she has carried out towards this project on our behalf.

During the year the Parish Council commissioned a parish survey and a working party has completed an analysis of the results and produced a Parish Plan. Where this affects the village hall the views of the parish will be considered and discussed over the coming months.

In November we had a very successful Art Exhibition week-end and the financial results of this will be reflected in the 2010 year end accounts.

As with all organisations we find that it is increasingly difficult to find people with the time to give to committee work and I would like to thank the retiring committee for their efforts on behalf of the village hall and for their loyalty and support during the year. I think we should also remember their partners who have to sometimes come second to a commitment made to the work of the hall and thank them for their understanding. I would also like to thank any other volunteers who have helped in any way, particularly in practical ways with maintenance jobs or volunteering time to help with fund raising events.

Christine Minns (Chairman)

**“Ashwren Players” regret that the pantomime planned for February half-term week has had to be postponed.**

**“Snow White”** will now be coming to Wreningham village hall on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>, Fri 16<sup>th</sup> & Sat 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

Tickets will go on sale in early March. Available from Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road.

Prices: Thurs and Fri evenings and Sat. Matinee: Adults £6.00,  
Concessions £5.00, Children £4.00.

: Sat. evening all tickets £6.00.

Remember that seats are numbered so you need to book early to get forward seats. We shall be opening a box office at the village hall on a few mornings at 9 am – dates to be publicised.

Can you sew? We do need a little help with making or altering costumes. Basic sewing skills and a bit of imagination is all that is needed.

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Blood Donation Services:

Wymondham Town Football Club, King's Head Meadow. ☺

Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	13.00-15.30	17.00-19.00
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	13.00-15.30	17.00-19.00
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