

WRENINGHAM

MARDLE



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From The Editor

It looks as if 2011 is going to be a busy year for the various organisations and "Parish Plan" instigated working groups.

The village hall management committee's main aim will be phase 2 of our energy efficiently project. Prices are being obtained for double glazing on the north of the building, additional insulation in the roof and mechanical ventilators – all to try to reduce the condensation problem and make the building easier to heat.

We are concerned at the muddy state of the car park and as soon as we get a dry spell we shall fill in the holes and ruts and repair the damage.

The Safari Supper on Sat 4th December was a great social event as well as raising £794.00 for hall funds. Our thanks to Julie & Chris Peachment for organising this, and for offering to organise the 2011 event.

As usual the AGM was poorly attended. John Blyth and myself were elected joint chairman, with a view to me taking a back seat when John's work commitments come to an end in the summer, and not standing for re-election next AGM. Val Keel did not wish to stand again as minute secretary. Our thanks to Val for her work in this post over many years. We are very grateful to Sue Sayers for taking over this post. If anybody would be interested in joining the committee I would be pleased to hear from them.

There is also a vacancy for hall cleaner/cleaners and details are in this edition. We would like to thank Faye Weston and her family for their services over the past 4 years.

Christine Minns 01508 488123

Statement from the Village Hall Management Committee:

An article in the last Mardle purported to tell a story about past childhood but was, in fact, an attack on the scheme being developed by the Play Project. The Mardle is a medium of information for Wreningham villagers & not a forum for the expression of such views. The views expressed in that article were those of the writer alone & do not represent those of the Editor or anyone associated with this publication. Its inclusion was due to a misunderstanding following its discussion at a Parish Council meeting & any upset it has caused is very much regretted. The offence caused was quickly recognised & the item was removed from the on-line version of the Mardle. At the December Village Hall Management Committee meeting, this issue was discussed at length & it was agreed that this statement would be published to make it clear that the Mardle will not be used for such purposes. To that end, it was also agreed that those representing the Play Project would be invited to prepare a factual article setting out details of the project. That piece also appears in this edition.

Christine Minns, John Bligh, Joint Chair Wreningham VHMCC

We have identified a preferred supplier for the play equipment following site meetings with four companies and the receipt of three formal quotations. We will be working closely with this supplier to obtain the maximum benefit of value for money and quality equipment and materials. This supplier has vast experience in this market and we will use this to benefit this project.

The whole ethos of our committee is to encourage imaginative and active play, an appreciation of nature and the creation of a vibrant community space. Our plans therefore also include picnic tables and seating, and a nature area with bird / insect boxes and wild flower planting (we are hoping that some Wreningham's expert gardeners and nature lovers will help us with this!)

External funding for this project is restricted due to local and national government cuts, however we have started fundraising and will be applying to charities and funding bodies such as the National Lottery. We have already secured 'matched funding' from Archant for the money raised by the Youth Club at this year's village event, and we hope to gain the support of other local businesses and individuals in our 'adopt a piece of equipment' scheme which could include anything from a picnic table to a climbing frame.

As the cost of high quality equipment which conforms to strict Health & Safety regulations is greater than for the domestic market, the equipment will be installed in stages as funds become available. We will also continue fund-raising events in the village. Each stage has been costed separately and these will be displayed in the future when we set up a display of the plans for business and public viewings.

A lot of hard work has gone into this project and we need your help. If anyone can help with admin, fund raising or landscaping to enable us to make these plans a reality we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Claire on 01508 481748 or Jill on 01508 481823 for further information or offers of help!

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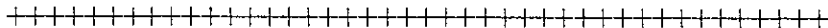
Part-Time Vacancy

CLEANER or cleaners, possibly with some caretaking duties, required for the village hall. Would suit males or females who are able to be flexible and work without supervision. Does include some week-end work but normally evening work is not necessary unless this suits the applicant. Would need to be available for a small part of most days. Time needed is between 6 and 9 hours a week depending on bookings.

This could be a "job share" position and may suit anybody at home most of the time, local student or students, or a retired person who wants to contribute time and energy to the community.

Payment is at an hourly rate.

Details can be obtained from Christine on 01508 488123.



WHAT'S ON

Dumplin' Country

Sunday 6th February - "Rick Hallam"

Sunday 20th March – to be confirmed

Doors open 1 pm. - music 2 pm – 5pm

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

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. 8.15 pm onwards.

Saturday 12th February – "Lou & The Diamonds"

Saturday 12th March – "The Encores"

Flower Club - Thursday 17th February

Thursday 24th March

Visitors welcome - For details contact Sue Rudd - 489526

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

Short Mat Bowls – Every Thursday at 7.30 pm. Do turn up to have a try or contact Sue on 489654 and Glenda 570994. Who knows you may be a natural! - Why not give it a go.

WRENINGHAM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Car park – At last the land has been purchased although we will have to borrow some of the money to pay the final bills, so any further donations would be welcome.

Hedge planting – can you help with planting the boundary hedge, about 300 plants have been ordered for collection 15th Feb. (weather permitting). Ian Dobson would welcome offers to help plant these on Saturday 19th Feb. Phone 01508 489725

Sunday Services:

Sunday 30th January – 10.30 am United Benefice Holy Communion - Rev. Martin Smith

Sunday 13th February 8.30 am Holy Communion possibly to be taken by Rev. Jenny Cooper

Sunday 13th March – 8.30 am Holy Communion possibly Rev. Martin Smith

Church Flowers. Our thanks to all those who have arranged flowers in the church during the year and especially for the festivals. Your time and talents are appreciated. We will shortly be preparing the rota for the coming year and if there is anybody else who would like a chance to do church flowers, please let me know.

Friday 18th March – we are in the process of finalising details for a group who does “West African Drumming”, and possible a group who does African Dancing to entertain at the village hall. Watch out for posters giving further details as we bring something a little different to Wreningham.

Churchwardens: Christine Minns 01508 488123 & Mr D. Long

The First Freesale of 2011!!

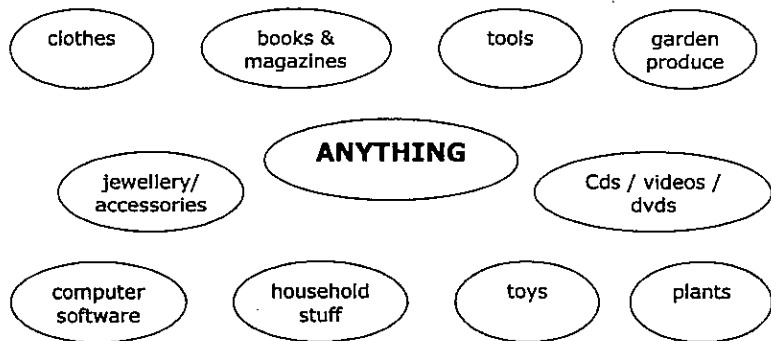
We will be holding our next **Freesale** in Wreningham on **Saturday 12th March at the Village Hall**. Timings as follows: **Set up 10.30-11.00, Freesale 11.00-12.30**. Refreshments too - what more could you ask for?

Many larger items exchanged hands at previous sales including a piano, double glazed window, dishwasher, dining chairs, computer and garden equipment and luggage in addition to smaller items - books, kitchen stuff, toys, games, jewellery, clothes and music/films. So pretty much anything goes.

Time to Spring clean, de-clutter and prepare for a spacious Summer. Bring the family, meet your friends or make new ones. It's particularly good for those on pocket money!!

As before, rules are simple:

You offer your items free to anyone who wants them. Anything not taken you take home with you. Anyone taking an item does so as seen and at their own risk. Tables available.



What about unwanted Christmas gifts - far better to give them a loving home than sticking them in the back of a cupboard or throwing them away

The idea of a Freesale is for no money to change hands - only items. However, because people say they feel awkward just taking things (it is a strange concept to get used to after all) we will accept a **voluntary** donation which will be passed on to one of the village fundraising schemes.

Refreshments will be available throughout the sale so come on down and meet up for a chat. It was wonderful to see people mixing and making new friends. The event is not being advertised outside the village as the idea is to strengthen the community so spread the word amongst family and friends and come along.

Help us, help yourself, help the village and help the environment.
Any questions? Call Val Keel 488231 or Christine Minns 488123

Wreningham Play Project

Wreningham Play Project Committee is an action group that was formed as a result of the Parish Plan 2009 in which every person in the village had a chance to contribute.

As a sub-committee of the parish council, the objective was to turn into reality the suggestions made by young people about improving the village playing field and facilities and appeal to a broader age group.

Children at Wreningham Primary School, the Youth Club, and families at the toddler and local playgroups were asked for their ideas.

The following were highlighted as key areas.

- Toddler play area and sensory garden
- Children's play area with some equipment for older children
- Natural play corner
- Den building facilities
- Football pitch to remain intact

Over the past year we have been discussing and planning the best way to achieve a recreational area for the whole village to enjoy and to make greater use of the playing field.

This overall project will be completed over a period of time and is likely to be managed in three phases. The well-used football pitch, skate ramp, basketball net and teen shelter will be kept, the perimeter nearest the road and existing play area will be used for the play equipment. This will include the current swing and springy with the addition of an aerial runway, toddler climbing tower, basket swing, adventure climbing frame, and a den building area. The plans were displayed for public consultation at the village fete in July and subsequently.

WRENINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP – Renewals due as from 1st January. Adults £2.00 and juniors 50p (8 – 16's). To rejoin, leave your old card and the money with the bar staff and your new membership card will be left for you behind the bar in due course. Anybody wishing to join for the first time must fill in an application form available from behind the bar.

The club is open each Thursday and Friday evening from 8 pm except on the first Friday of the month when opening time is 6.30 pm and families with small children are especially caterer for with toys and games available.

Summer Event 2011

The initial meeting was not able to form any kind of organising committee due to lack of people attending. We had hoped to hold some form of Open Garden and Garage Sale with garden and countryside stalls and activities., possible on either 12th June or 3rd July. If anybody is interested in taking part or helping in any way, please let me know as soon as possible.

Christine 01508 488123.

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Next meeting Tuesday 8th March at 7.30 pm in the Margaret Preston room at the village hall.

Home Watch – PCSO 8461 Daniel Shelley will be attending a meeting arrange for Wed. 2nd February in the Margaret Preston room at 8 pm to talk about the advantages of a “Home Watch” Scheme. If you want a scheme for Wreningham or to know more about what is involved, please attend this meeting.

Norfolk County Council has produced a series of booklets describing 150 walks in and about the county. The Parish Plan recorded that many of you appreciated the rural nature of Wreningham and its surrounding countryside. The Parish Council has obtained copies of the Wymondham area booklet for delivery to each house. We hope you will use this booklet to explore further afield but see walks 6 and 7 first.

Yoga Classes: Do you need to get fit after the excesses of Christmas or learn to relax in this fast moving environment? Then maybe Yoga is the answer. Janine runs a small friendly class every Thursday morning at the village hall. 10 am – 11.30 am at £6.00 a lesson, pay as you go. For those who cannot manage a day time class, she does have a class at Ashwellthorpe village hall on a Thursday evening 6 pm – 7.15 pm. Just turn up at either class or phone her on: 01603 507181

“Last Wednesday” – Coffee Morning

An opportunity to get together informally was another suggestion which came out of the Parish Plan which is being taken up by a group of people who are running these monthly coffee mornings. Although they are planned for the last Wednesday in each month the next one will be on Feb 16th (not last Wednesday due to pantomime) and 30th March, 8.50 am to 11.00 am in Wreningham Village Hall.

Come and share Fresh coffee, bacon butties and more, plus a chance to chat with other people from the village. Who knows what other ideas might come out of this informal gathering.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Wreningham Village hall

Ashwren Players will be performing their latest pantomime during half-term week. The cast includes a large number of young people who are working very hard to put on a high standard of performance. Once again Val Keel will bring her artistic flair to directing "Jack and the Beanstalk" which has been written by a local supporter especially for Ashwren Players.

Tickets now available:

Friday 25th February 7.30 pm

Saturday 26th February 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm

Adults £6.00, Children £4.00, Concessions £5.00- except for the 7.30 pm performance on Sat. 26th when all seats are £6.00

NOTE – Seats are numbered so it pays to book early by contacting Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road.

Tel: 01508 488123

Bramble Bears Playgroup

Pennycross photography is holding a free family photography session at the village hall on the morning of Sunday 13th March. If you would like to book a family/children's photography session please contact Claire Cormack on 01508 481748 (10% of all photo sales will go towards Bramble Bears Playgroup).