### **WRENINGHAM MARDLE**

#### A Bi-monthly Newsletter for the Local Community

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#### **GARDEN OPEN**

THE CONIFERS
Wymondham Road, Wreningham
SUNDAY 12th APRIL
1 – 4pm
In aid of Wreningham Village Hall

Refreshments

Adm: £3.00 Children Free





#### Message from the Chairman

Hopefully, the recent sunshine is early spring and not a false dawn, as we look forward to Sue Sayers opening her garden on Sunday, 12th April. Many thanks to Sue (and Barry!) for sharing their lovely displays and giving us ideas and inspiration too! Many thanks to all those stalwarts of the Social Club for their hard work in organising the excellent Safari Supper on 14th March too, which helps bring many villagers together to enjoy good food, fun and fellowship.

We are looking forward to the installation of the new patio doors in the Margaret Preston room in mid-May. They will further enhance the facilities and offer opportunities to make the most of those balmy summer evenings, whilst partaking of a little light refreshment and helping to increase the revenue of the Club/Hall! The main hall floor will be refurbished between the 5th and 17th May, so, unfortunately, it will be unavailable during that period, which means that the Polling Station will be in the Margaret Preston room for the General Election on Thursday, 7th May, with access through the side door.

Make the most of Spring & Summer coming, with a visit (or many) to the heart of the Village!

John Bligh, Chairman

**LAST DAY FOR COPY:** Wednesday 13th May for the June/July edition. Send copy to Christine Minns.

#### **Wreningham Parish Council**

(Clerk: Heidi Frary – 01603 759215 / clerk.wpc@gmail.com)

We are saying goodbye and thank you to two councillors:

- Donald Whiterod; now that his 80th is approaching he says that 40 years as a councillor is more than enough! Thank you Donald for a lifetime of service to your community.
- Sheldon Durrant; with nearly a decade as a councillor and several years as chair, Sheldon has moved away from Wreningham and is starting afresh in pastures new. Thank you Sheldon for your service and guidance to the current Chair.

In May there will be Parish Council elections. Every current Councillor automatically 'retires' and a new Council is elected. So now is a really good time for new people to come forward. If you are interested then contact either South Norfolk Council or our Clerk. Applications to be with South Norfolk by 9th April at 4pm.

If there are more applicants than places, then there will be a Wreningham Parish Council voting form on 7th May. Otherwise the applicants will become Councillors. The first meeting of the new Parish Council is on 12th May at 7 pm and is immediately followed by the Parish Annual Meeting. All are welcome and we will be pleased to see you.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC

Election Day
Thursday 7th May 7am to 10pm
Wreningham Village Hall
The Margaret Preston Room is being used by the Returning
Officers for public voting.
No Social Club - but do come and vote!

#### **Wreningham All Saints Church**

On Wednesday 1st April the Essex leg of the "Student Cross" will be calling at the Church at about 4.30 pm, on their walk to Walsingham carrying a cross. After a rest and drink they go on to Wymondham for the night. Having already been walking for 5 or 6 days they plan to reach Walsingham in time for Good Friday. If you would like to meet them, do come along to the Church.

Easter morning we have a Holy Communion service at 9.15 am and anybody is welcome.

Christine Minns, Churchwarden. 01508 488123

#### Wreningham Art Exhibition 10 - 11 October 2015

Advance notice to artists. Wreningham Art Exhibition is an annual fixture in the local area. Exhibitors and visitors alike compliment us on our facilities, organisation and variety of pieces on show.

If you are considering exhibiting we'd love to see you and your work. We welcome new artists and new types of artwork in a variety of media alongside the more traditional watercolours and oils with items priced from £5 - £500. Our exhibition covers metalwork, patchwork, textile art, photography, sculpture and hand-made cards. We have had a life-size horse and a beautiful 8 foot tree trunk on show! Whatever your style, we would love to include your work.

Call me and I'll add you to our exhibitor list. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Val Keel 01508 488231



#### **News from Wreningham School**

We were delighted to be awarded, for the fourth time, the Eco-Schools Green Flag, an international award and a kitemark in Eco excellence. This is a whole school effort engaging the children in fun and action-orientated learning. They learnt about sustainability and other environmental themes, ranging from litter and waste to healthy living and biodiversity. They also developed a nature trail behind the mobile classrooms.

In February we all went to Norwich Castle and explored the museum, with each class choosing and studying a painting and completing work around it. We have had a lot of sporting success – class 4 competed in the Winter School Games Tag Rugby Finals, having qualified through 2 previous tournaments. The children came second and each child received a silver medal. The children were runners-up in the Norfolk Indoors Athletics Finals, competing with other winning county schools.

This term is busy. We are excited about our Egg Drop Challenge and that Queen Elizabeth 1st will visit to help us learn about Elizabethan England!

Finally we say goodbye to a long serving member of staff – Sue Benson. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement now she is a proud grandmother.

Rob Jones, Headmaster

#### WHAT'S ON?

#### DANCE TO LIVE BANDS

#### PUT YOUR DANCING SHOES ON AND COME AND JOIN US

50'S & 60's CLASSICS

Have a jive, or simply come and listen to the bands!

Saturday 18th April - "Mel Stevens & The Classics"

Saturday 23rd May – "Rollercoaster"

8.15pm Onwards

Admission £6.50

(IN AID OF HALL FUNDS)

#### STARFIGHTER ROCK 'N' ROLL CLUB

Saturday 25th April – "Del Rio Ramblers" Saturday 30th May – "Rusty Pinto" plus "CC Jerome & The Savoys"

#### **DUMPLIN' COUNTRY**

Monday 6th April - Jeff Gallant
Monday 4th May – Jonny & Lynette
Doors open 1 pm
Music 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Adm: £5.00 on the door
Hot Drinks / Bar / Raffle
For details contact Teresa on 01603 433918

#### WHAT'S ON?

#### FLOWER CLUB

23rd April – "Picture This" - demonstration by Jo Poulter 28th May – "Flower Club Committee" – demonstrator Adele Kent

Doors open 1.30 p.m. - Visitors welcome For details call Tricia Moore 01508 570189

#### **Last Wednesday Coffee Shop**

Wednesday 25th March; 29th April; 27th May
10 a.m. – 12 noon in the main hall
Come and meet your neighbours, old and new.
Have a chat over a coffee, a bacon roll and homemade cakes.
Homemade jams, chutneys and seasonal veg on sale too!
ALL WELCOME

#### **ZUMBA**

Monday evening from 6.30 – 7.30 Wednesday morning 9.30 – 10.30 In the Village Hall £5 (Pay As You Go)

#### **MOTHER & TODDLER**

Friday 17th & 1st May – 9.30 am For details call Sharon on 01953 602201

#### **OUT AND ABOUT**

#### **Spratts Coaches**

April Tuesday 14th Mystery Tour with lunch - £29

Tuesday 28th Day Trip, Spalding - £20

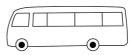
May Tuesday 12th Mystery Tour with lunch - £29

Tuesday 26th Day Trip, Thrigby Hall - £25

http://www.sprattscoaches.co.uk

01508 489262

enquiries@sprattscoaches.co.uk



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#### **Bird In Hand**

April 3-6th Easter Weekend - Food All Day

29th Quiz Start 7.30

May 1st **Jazzebo** Music in the bar from 8.30

4th Early May bank holiday - Food All Day

25th Spring bank holiday - Food All Day

27th Quiz Start 7.30

29th Avenue Acqustic Music in the bar from 8.30

Announcement! David & Gill are pleased to announce bedrooms are available from April look out for the special "Open Dav"

01508 489438

www: birdinhandwreningham.com

#### **OUT AND ABOUT**

#### **Dynamic Yoga**

Thursday evenings 5.45 – 7.15 p.m. Hethel Engineering Centre

Flowing, lively, creative postures and breath work. Suitable for everyone, no matter what your age, experience, flexibility or strength.

A great way to improve fitness and all-round health through building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, agility, and anaerobic fitness.

The class is designed to improve wellbeing by encouraging a full range of movement in the body and working with the body's own intelligence. Energising and releasing pent up energy by building and offerering a complete package of fitness. Connecting to the breath and to being and by not taking ourselves too seriously. The class is always themed, bringing a creative element to the practice, so that there is something new every week.

Allison Armstrong allison.armstrong20@hotmail.com 07747 017 300

Namaste!

## Circus is coming to the village!

Towards the end of April a big top and caravans may appear on the playing field. Details are being decided. Watch out for posters and the website for additional information.



#### Classifieds

#### Lost Control of your Plot?

Contact Trevor, your local Green Gardener On 01508 489253 or tdw2106@gmail.com

#### SARAH'S CAKES

Celebration cakes with a homemade touch 07967 931754 www.sarahcakesoffundenhall.co.uk

#### REEDER TIMBER

Supplier: Firewood, Tree Surgery, Fencing 01508 488452

#### Plant stall

Saturday 16th May - 10 am to 1 pm

Wreningham church car park

If you would like to donate shrubs, plants, bedding plants
please label what they are and let your churchwarden (Christine
Minns) have them on Thus 14th/Fri 15th

For those wanting to stock up your garden do drop in and

support this stall!

In aid of Upper Tas Valley Benefice expenses.

#### "Quiz & Supper"

Friday 17th April - 7.15 for 7.30 Wreningham Village Hall £5.00 to include a light supper

Come as a team of up to 6 people or turn up and join a team on the night

To book your team in and confirm supper numbers call Christine on 01508 488123

In aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham church expenses

#### **Thoughts from a Master Composter**

Many of you probably have a brown bin for garden waste which I find is full the day after being emptied. Do you have a compost bin/heap? You may already be an avid composter or be considering it. Spring is here and it's the perfect time to start. The weather is warming up which means your compost will rot down faster and be ready to use so much quicker.

Why compost? When organic waste rots down in landfill, air can't get to it so, as it breaks down, methane gas is released, damaging the atmosphere. When this same waste is composted at home, oxygen helps the waste to decompose aerobically meaning hardly any methane is produced, which is good news for the planet.

**It's a win-win.** After 9-12 months, you get free fertiliser for your garden and plant pots which will help improve your soil's condition and your plants and flowers will love it!

What can I compost? Basically anything that is plant material or was previously. The key thing to remember is to layer your materials, don't just fill a compost bin with lawn mowings, you'll just get a load of sludge. Layer drier items with wet ones to keep it moist without being soggy.

Want to know more? Norfolk County Council has a Master Composter scheme which is free to join. I enrolled and qualified some years ago and they are running a weekend course on April 18/19. If you're interested, get in touch with me for more details. Equally if you need to know exactly what to compost and what not to compost call me.

Val Keel 01508 488231



# WrenSocial be part of it!

## Have your say at our 2015 AGM!

Please come and tell us what else you would like from your Social Club.

THURSDAY 9 APRIL at 8PM FREE DRINK for all taking part.





FIRST FRIDAY - EVERY MONTH

APRIL 3 & MAY I
OPEN EARLY from 6:30PM



SECOND FRIDAY - EVERY MONTH APRIL 10 & MAY 8



EAT IN or TAKE HOME

NOW SERVING FROM 5:30PM - 8PM

#### **OTHER EVENTS:**

We're hoping to drop in some other events (BBQ's etc) as weather allows, so please keep your eyes on:



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