

WRENINGHAM MARDLE

A Bi-monthly Newsletter for the Local Community

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Village Hall Management Committee

So much going on, besides the Queen's 90th Birthday! The Hall has constant care and attention to look good for its users. Besides the ongoing and stalwart efforts by our cleaner, Christine, some odd jobs include: Paolo and I demonstrated our artistic talents through the medium of masonry paint and spruced up the parking markers and the white lining around the hall; Paul resurfaced the smaller car park with new stone; Trevor tackled the overgrown grass and vegetation around the patio area for the Social Club.

In April, the Hall was the base for the Village Litter pick with 20 or so volunteers of all ages collecting many bags of litter for SNDC to take away. They identified 3 lots of fly-tipping which have been reported. Butties and beverages were on hand, courtesy of the Social Club, to refresh and re-energise the pickers when they returned with their booty!

Our Condensation project has completed its final phase with the installation of the air-conditioning units in the main Hall. It is early days yet but we hope to see an improvement for hall users. A big test was a recent dance with nearly 100 jiving away and the floor kept dry! The regular Zumba classes will provide useful feedback too.

The Social Club maintains its calendar of events using the Hall as its venue. See their insert in this Mardle or their blog to see what they have up their sleeves for the next month or two.

Something to watch on 15th June is the Aviva Women's Tour, Stage One. The leaders and the peleton will pass through Wreningham on B1113 at about 13.35pm. preceded by the lead cars some 15 minutes earlier. Happy June and July!

Michael Hill, Chairman

Wreningham Parish Council

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The Annual Parish Meeting received a range of reports from village organisations and groups, supplemented by reports from our County and District councillors. PCSO Sore reported that we had had a 50% increase in our crime rate to 6 incidents for 2015/16. All the reports will be collated and posted on the website.

Parishioners raise issues and ask for our help to resolve them e.g.: random shotgun pellets falling out of the sky (Please do not shoot within 50 feet of the highway, or towards people!); investigating the highway boundary; establishing why flooding occurs and what can be done about it; ensuring the Highway Rangers are aware of problems/needs.

The CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) sum recently received will be used to buy a defibrillator to be sited on the outside of the Village Hall. Training will be organised regarding its use. Some £10,000 will become available for community projects by September 2017 - so plenty of time to think how that could be spent.

A volunteer Tree Warden is ever pressing, especially as the future of Ash trees is zero given both die-back and a beetle infestation which will kill them all. The Warden will help to create and implement a parish tree plan.

NCC is extending/revising its strategy for footpaths, bridleways, etc. They suggest that each parish has a Footpath Warden. So if you like walking and could monitor the state of our footpaths we'd like to hear from you.

Our next meeting is on 12th July at 7.30 pm in the Margaret Preston room.

Michael Hill, Chair

Wreningham All Saints Church

Quinquennial Report – the church architect's five yearly inspection report - has shown that areas of the roof are deteriorating faster than expected and the estimate for making these good is around £75,000, which is beyond the funds available. Long term a decision will have to be made about the future of this historic building and its importance to the village community. The immediate plan is to ringfence £15,000 of the fabric fund to use for patching if the roof starts to let in water. There are a number of cracks and missing stones and about £1,500 needs spending on repairs to prevent water penetration causing further damage. This work will be carried out as soon as possible.

Work is also needed on the east window which has the stained picture window over the altar. This is a beautiful window and we need to prevent it becoming damaged or destroyed since major repairs to it would be unaffordable.

We are appealing for donations, gift aided where possible, towards the estimated cost of repair of between £2,000 and £3,000. We shall also be seeking grants although they are becoming harder to obtain. If you would like to support our appeal, please contact me for more details.

In the meantime the church is still open most days and we do get a good number of people visiting and our first Sunday in the month service at 9.30 am is well attended.

The quiz run jointly with Ashwellthorpe church in aid of PCC funds was the best attended yet and made £344.50.

Christine Minns
Churchwarden
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Cream Teas

Wednesday 13th July

2.30 pm to 4 pm

The Parsonage, Ashwellthorpe Street,
Ashwellthorpe

Cost of cream tea £4.00

Cake Stall - Raffle

Organised by Ashwellthorpe and
Wreningham churches towards church
expenses.

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale and Cake Stall on the church car park,
14th May, made over £450 for church (Benefice)
general funds. Grateful thanks to all who helped, gave
or supported in any way.

Bottle Bank

Please continue to support the bottle bank on the
village hall car park as this re-cycling project attracts a
grant which goes towards village hall funds.

Royal National Institute for the Blind

We have recently emptied the "Sooty" collection box
which stands on the Social Club bar and the contents,
£22.40, were sent to RNIB. Thanks for your
contributions.

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 June - "Rollercoaster"

Saturday 9th July - "Mel Stevens & The Classics"

8.15pm Onwards

Admission £7

(Proceeds in aid of Hall funds)

STARFIGHTER ROCK 'N' ROLL CLUB

Saturday 25th June - "Junior Marvel & The Hi-Tombs"

Saturday 30th July - "R.J." + "The Swampshakers"

DUMPLIN' COUNTRY

Sunday 5th June - "Ronnie Del Rio"

Doors open 1 pm

Music 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

£5.00 on the door

Hot Drinks / Bar / Raffle

For details contact Teresa on 01603 433918

Spratts Coaches

June

Friday 3rd a day in great Yarmouth £15

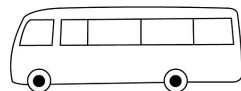
Wednesday 8th a day in Elevation Estate

Saturday 16th Woburn Abbey & Safari Park £54/44

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WHAT'S ON?

FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 2nd June – Crystal Dyball “Floral Passions”
Thursday 28th July – Dulcie Lofting “Summer Holidays”
Doors open 1.30 p.m. - Visitors welcome
For details call Tricia Moore 01508 570189



Last Wednesday Coffee Shop
29th June & 27th July
10am to 11.45 am in the main hall



Come and meet your neighbours, old and new.
Have a chat over a coffee & a bacon roll.
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)

Bird In Hand

June

Sunday 19th Fathers day

Wednesday 22nd Kemps men - dancing in the garden

Wednesday 29th Quiz - 7.30 start

July

Wednesday 27th Quiz - 7.30 start

Double room en- suite - breakfast

01508 489438

[www: birdinhandwreningham.com](http://www.birdinhandwreningham.com)



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On 01508 489253 or tdw2106@gmail.com

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