

# WRENINGHAM MARDLE

A Bi-monthly Newsletter for the Local Community  
(Produced by the Wreningham Village Hall Management Committee)

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## Happy 2017

So here we are at the beginning of a brand New Year and I hope it will be a healthy and happy 2017 for us all.

Many of you will know, there are significant changes ahead for the running of Wreningham Village Hall, as the Social Club Committee and the Village Hall Management Committee merge to form a single managing group.

I feel that this will be an important and necessary step forward and will ensure that, in the future, all decision making is open, inclusive and democratic.

It is proposed that the new Committee will comprise a maximum of 9 members. Should more parishioners wish to join, then a vote will be taken at the AGM.

The AGM will be held on Sunday 5th February at 4pm in the Hall. There will be an end of year report from the outgoing Committee's Chair and Treasurer. The new Committee will then be formed from the villagers present at the AGM.

This is a significant change and we would appreciate the support of as many of you as possible. You will all be made very welcome.

# Village Hall

A quick look at the on-line calendar for Hall bookings shows how busy the Hall can be with Zumba, Line Dancing, Rock & Roll, private hirings, theatricals, the school, the monthly coffee morning and other events. On Thursday and Friday evenings from 8pm, the Social Club provides a bright and lively reception for all-comers.

The recent survey regarding the Hall underlined that it could offer accommodation for additional uses and cater for new and different groups and interests. The AGM will provide the stepping stone for a newly formed committee to consider how new Hall users could be encouraged to exploit the gaps in the diary.

On-going maintenance has seen Maurice Green arrange for the removal of the dead tree at the Eastern end of the car park; in the February half-term the tree surgeons will undertake work on the other trees around the grounds; the fire extinguishers have all been checked out; the bottle banks emptied.

The heaters in the Margaret Preston Room and the air conditioning in the main Hall have been operating for a while now. We would appreciate your feedback on their effectiveness.

Michael Hill, Chairman

# Wreningham Parish Council

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"Wreningham Ware" from 8th/9th century has been uncovered on Church Road and is described and pictured in the archaeological report posted on the village website. The report confirms just what a long history this village has, with possible evidence of (continuous) occupation stretching across Saxon, Medieval and Roman eras right to the present day.

The defibrillator is to be fixed to the Village Hall wall soon. We will be posting notices about training in the use of the defibrillator in the next few weeks. We'd be pleased to see as many as possible trained in its use.

The Telephone box on Ashwellthorpe Road is soon to be adopted by the Parish and Cllr. Morris has received a number of suggestions on its future use. A recent one, given the finds on Church Road, is for a mini-museum!

Will landowners with hedges alongside roads and pathways please ensure that they are properly cut? Parishioners have commented that some hedges are overgrown and impeding the safe passage of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

David Kirk and I delivered a short survey about Broadband use and experience to the village "outliers" on the Broadband supply. We hope this data will help when we discuss with our councillors from South Norfolk and Norfolk Councils a potential solution to the problem of parishioners being unable to access higher Broadband speeds. See more later in this Mardle.

Our next meeting is on 14th March at 7.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room at the Village Hall.

Michael Hill, Chair

## **Wreningham All Saints Church**

Thanks to peoples generosity of both their time and money we were once again able to floodlight Wreningham Church for the Christmas period and decorate the interior. The carol service was totally conducted in candlelight thanks to the use of overhead projection of the words of the carols, using torches to read some of the lessons. I think the 70 people present thought the atmosphere was excellent as were the mince pies and sausage rolls served at the end.

The school came to the Church for their end of term Christingle Service and the Benefice Christmas Morning service was held at our Church.

The Annual Carol Crawl, which travels to the local pubs using tractors and trailers started at the Bird in Hand which was already full of customers all keen to join in and sing for about 30 minutes, in some cases happy to let their meal grow cold!

We continue to hold a 9.30 am service in the Church on the first Sunday of each month and welcome anybody who wishes to join us.

Christine Minns  
Churchwarden  
01508 488123

## **CHURCH MAGAZINE**

The Church magazine covers Ashwellthorpe, Hapton, The Forncetts, Fundenhall, Tacolneston and Wreningham. It is a bi-monthly publication and includes adverts from local tradespersons as well as Church and local news. Its cost is £3.00 per year. If anybody would like to take the magazine or is interested in further information about advertising contact me.

Christine Minns



In November, class 4 went to Brancaster Activity Centre on the North Norfolk coast for their residential. They took part in sailing, cycling, mud safari and completed water colour paintings. Much fun was had by all the pupils. The school took part in a tag rugby tournament with three teams (we are current Norfolk small school champions!). The youngest children went to the Norwich Playhouse to watch 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt!' which they loved!

In December the school children put on two separate Christmas performances over four evenings. The plays were performed in front of packed audiences of parents, grandparents and friends. The Garlic Theatre performed Jack & the Beanstalk, an amazing show comprising puppets, in school. The term culminated with Christmas carols around the village and a Christingle service, led by Year 6 pupils, in All Saints Church, Wreningham.

Rob Jones  
Head, Wreningham VC Primary

### **We need your glass bottles, jars, etc.!**

The bottle bank on the Village Hall car park is your re-cycling project. The money from the recycled glass is a very useful source of income for Village Hall funds. So, you have an immediate and local alternative for your redundant glass. Thank you for your past and continued support.

## 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 March - "Tobacco Road"

8.15pm Onwards

Admission £7

(Proceeds in aid of charity)

### STARFIGHTER ROCK 'N' ROLL CLUB

Saturday 25th February - Runnin Wild (from Belgium)

Saturday 25th March - The Wise Guyz (from Ukraine)

(For details of bands contact Roland on 01603 812637)

### DUMPLIN' COUNTRY

Sunday 19th February – "Country Mile"

Sunday 19th March - "Brian Mann"

Doors open 1 pm

Music 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm

£6.00 on the door

Hot Drinks / Bar / Raffle

For details contact Jesse on 01379 644136 or 07880995199

## WHAT'S ON?

### **Last Wednesday Coffee Morning**

22 February & 29 March

10am to 11.45am 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 6.30 – 7.30

Wednesday evening 6.15 - 7.15

In the Village Hall

£5 (Pay As You Go)

### Short Mat Bowls

Meeting most Thursdays, 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Please feel free to come and join this friendly group whether you are an experienced bowler or a complete beginner.

All ages welcome

For further details ring Sue on 01508 489654 or Glenda on 01508 570994

## OUT AND ABOUT

### **Bramble Bears Playgroup**

Bramble Bears is a sessional, term time only pre-school for 2 - 5 year old running on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from Ashwellthorpe Village Hall. For more information or to book a visit please call 07847225093 or email [bbsupervisor01@gmail.com](mailto:bbsupervisor01@gmail.com)

### **Spratts Coaches**

Tues 14 Feb - Mystery Tour and Lunch

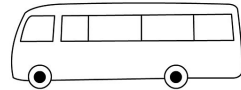
Tues 14 Mar - Mystery Tour and Lunch

Tues 28 Mar - Spalding & Springfields Shopping - £20

<http://www.sprattscoaches.co.uk>

01508 489262

[enquiries@sprattscoaches.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sprattscoaches.co.uk)



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### **Quiz & Supper**

Friday 21th April – 7.15 for 7.30

Wreningham Village Hall

£6.00 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 and confirm supper numbers contact Christine on 01508 488123

In aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham church expenses



## Broadband in Wreningham

We have known for a while that there are residents within the village who are unable to access the Superfast Broadband that the majority can access via their service providers. This issue has been raised in Parish Council meetings, with Better Broadband for Norfolk (BBfN), County & District Councillors and our MP. In mid-January, in preparation for a meeting to identify a practical approach to alleviate this situation, we decided to survey the "outliers". Some 40 households received a survey to record their experience. This has been processed and the outline results are presented below.

The outcome of this meeting (with SNC & NCC) will be reported at the next Parish Council meeting. More information and background is planned to appear on the village website.

Post Code	Location	Properties	Response	Av Download (Mbps)	Satisfaction (1 bad – 5 satisfactory)
NR16 1BQ	Hethel Road	10	30%	0.27	2.5
NR16 1BE	Penny's Green	3	66%	0.27	2.5
NR16 1BD	Hethel Road	2	100%	3	3
NR16 1AY	Wyndham Road	5	40%	0.88	2
NR16 1BB	Hethel Road	21	57%	2.96	2.6
NR16 1DP	Glebe Close	5	40%	5.1	2
NR16 1AF	Norwich Road	4	100%	5.4	1.5

**Ashwren Players present**

**“A Spring Time Revue”**

At Wreningham Village Hall

Saturday 18th February - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Raffle – Refreshments – Licensed Bar

(In aid of local causes)

Tickets £6.00, junior £3.00 in advance.

On the door £6.50, junior £3.50

To book contact Christine on 488123  
or at High Gables, Church Road



### **Thank You to Spratt's Coaches**

I would like to say thank you to Christine of Spratts Coaches for taking the Wreningham School children to their Christmas Service at the Church at the end of last term. Andree Handford and I had offered to hire the coaches in view of the state of Church Road with puddles and mud everywhere.

Walking there did not seem to us a safe or practical option. We had visions of small people splattered with mud trudging up the road and back, dodging large, heavy and fast traffic and finding little refuge in the edges from the mess.

Christine, in a very neighbourly and generous way said that she would do the job without payment, so thankfully all the children arrived at the Church clean and dry. So very many thanks from Andree, myself and on behalf of the children and their parents and the whole village for ensuring the safety and well-being of the children that afternoon.

Ann Carpenter, The Croft, Church Road.

#### **LAST DAY FOR COPY**

For the April/May edition - 16th March. Copy to Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road or [c.j.minns@btinternet.com](mailto:c.j.minns@btinternet.com)

## Classifieds

### **Lost Control of your Plot?**

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

### **Sarah's Creative Cakes of Fundenhall**

Celebration cakes with a homemade touch  
07967 931754  
[www.sarahcakesoffundenhall.co.uk](http://www.sarahcakesoffundenhall.co.uk)

### **REEDER TIMBER**

Supplier: Firewood, Tree Surgery, Fencing  
01508 488452

### **Little Wren's Cakes**

Bespoke cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and sweet treat gifts  
Based in Wreningham  
Contact Emma on 01508489058  
or LIKE me on facebook  
[www.facebook.com/littlewrenscakes](http://www.facebook.com/littlewrenscakes).

### **DOMESTIC AL**

Electrical Appliance Repair  
(From washing machines to Dyson vacuums)  
01508 481919 or 07856 966566

### **NEIL PRIOR Plumbing and Heating**

For all your plumbing and heating requirements, full  
bathroom installations, established 20 years.  
01508 489359/07713352494

### **YOGA**

Ashwellthorpe Village Hall. Tuesdays 6 – 7.30pm (term time),  
£7.00 per class. Email: [wildfish1@btinternet.com](mailto:wildfish1@btinternet.com)  
Tel: 07902079862



CALENDAR  
DATES

FIRST FRIDAY

SECOND FRIDAY



family  
night

OPEN EARLY: from 6.30PM



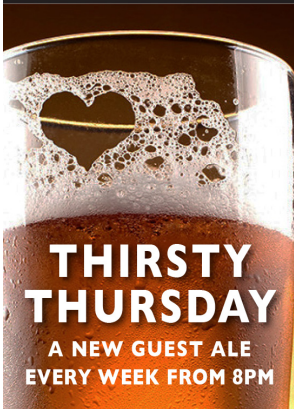
Fish & Chips  
Friday

SERVING FROM  
5.30PM - 8PM

EAT IN or TAKE HOME

EVERY THURSDAY

SPECIAL EVENTS



COME  
AND  
LOVE  
A BEER



Keep an eye on our blog  
& social media feeds for  
details of our special events:

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