

WRENINGHAM MARDLE

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

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*The browns, the olives, and the yellows died,
And were swept up to heaven; where they glowed
Each dawn and set of sun till Christmastide,
And when the land lay pale for them, pale-snowed,
Fell back, and down the snow-drifts flamed and flowed.*

*From off your face, into the winds of winter,
The sun-brown and the summer-gold are blowing;
But they shall gleam with spiritual glinter,
When paler beauty on your brows falls snowing,
And through those snows my looks shall be soft-going.*

Wilfred Owen

*We wish all our readers and residents of Wreningham,
every peace and happiness for Christmas and our wish
for joy and health for everyone in the New Year 2018.*



The Mardle production and distribution team



Village Hall

The carvery's success means they are now scheduled for the 1st Sunday every month until June 2018. One comment received: "Never seen a group eat so many vegetables"! The vegetables, the carvery meat, the bar and company all combine to create a convivial atmosphere enjoyed by families, friends and children. We look forward to dining with you, and, thanks for your continuing support - Bon Appetit!

Other successes include: **The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning** which joined in with the "Biggest Coffee Morning in the World" in aid of MacMillan and raised £170.00; the **Sixties Dances** held in 2017, a total of 6, were held at the Hall during this year and the proceeds totalling £750 has been sent to "St Martins Housing Trust", a charity that supports the homeless; and, the **Fireworks** display held on 4th November which was superb - a continuous display of bangs, flashes, whistles and colour. Thanks to the fireworkers for setting it all up and running the show. Thanks too, to all the volunteers who supported a lively evening and helping the considerable crowd to enjoy the event and remain safe. The Fish & Chip van, burger bar, mulled wine and bar were all very busy.

Last Mardle's news that the Short Mat Bowls will be finishing in March is sad. If there are any wishing to play this sport, and would like to help run the club please contact Sue Sayers (details in this copy).

The recent AGM saw the volunteer committee elected for the next year. The Hall finances are in good shape and we hope to address two or three projects in the next year to improve Hall facilities. Thank you to everyone who helped in so many different ways to keep the Hall a fitting venue to be enjoyed by all.

Michael Hill, Chairman

Wreningham Parish Council

Clerk: Anne Rayner

01508 570700 / clerk.wpc@gmail.com

Openreach has recently finished work to upgrade the infrastructure for parts of the village which have reported no/poor performance. For those in Hethel Road, The Glebe and Penny's Green you should be able to access improved broadband services. A link has been provided on the village web site to check this.

This Parish Council comprises 7 Councillors. We work for the good of the village and its residents and have financial resources (the annual precept) to spend to improve / maintain the general environment. The Council meets 6 times a year and engages with other agencies (County & District Councils, Police, etc.). If you are interested in volunteering for your community then do contact me.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts are being allocated to help fund a number of projects and activities: start-up of a new Mother & Toddler Group; purchase of a SAM2 for the village; an Archaeology project; new noticeboard for the Church; replacement surfaces around some play equipment. If you have suggestions for this CIL funding contact the Clerk.

Only outline details at the moment, but is there any interest in a £1 each way taxi service to Wymondham?

Finally, Geraint Harris manages a bulk oil purchase scheme for the village. Contact him on geraint.harris@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is on 9th January 2018 7.30 pm in the Margaret Preston Room in the Hall.

Michael Hill, Chair

Wreningham All Saints Church

Unfortunately items including the door key have recently been taken from the church resulting in us having to change the lock. We would like to thank the pupils at Wreningham School who organised a cake stall and raised £103.00 towards the cost of replacing the lock and the other stolen items. The quiz organised in conjunction with Ashwellthorpe church was the best supported so far with 12 tables resulting in £400 to share between the 2 churches.

Candles and Carols – once again the church will be flood lit for the Christmas period and on Tuesday 19th December the church will be decorated and lit by as many candles as we can find safe places to put them. You are ALL cordially invited to join us for the carol service that evening at 7.00pm when there will be a chance to sing some of your favourite carols and Christmas songs, followed by mince pies.

Carols at the Bird in Hand – Again we look forward to this annual event when we invite you to join us to hear or sing some of your favourite carols on Monday 18th December at 7 pm.

Christmas Morning – 9.30 am Wreningham will be hosting the Benefice service which is open to everybody. For details of other services within the Benefice over the Christmas period – see the church Christmas Card.

As we come to the end of another year I would like to thank all those who have helped with the care of All Saints church and the graveyard, throughout 2017 - church cleaners, flower arrangers, grass and hedge cutters and anybody else who has given time or donations towards the care of our parish church.

From everybody at Wreningham church we wish you all a peaceful and healthy Christmas season.

Christine Minns, Churchwarden, 01508 488123

Archaeological Citizen Science in Wreningham

Wreningham is an ancient village with continuous habitation since at least the Roman Times, as evidenced by finds near the Bird in Hand. It is also a fairly rare traditional nucleated village. Steve Hickling has proposed a project in the Summer of 2018 to undertake a village wide archaeology survey to explore for further historical evidence.

This is a “citizen-science” project in which a series of 1 metre square archaeological test-pits would be dug by volunteers in gardens throughout the parish. You could volunteer to help in the dig and offer a 1m square test pit on your land. Finds will be assessed by an expert, properly recorded, and written up in a report for the village, and, perhaps exhibited in the Hall! It may form the basis for additional research.

Steve will arrange for volunteer training, the services of experts, co-ordination of assessment and research. Interested in being a citizen-scientist? Leave your details at the Hall, on info@wreningham.org, or, contact Steve on steve.hickling@norfolk.gov.uk.

Upper Tas Valley Benefice invite you to join us at the

Winter Warmer Meal

Saturday January 27th at 6.30 pm for 7 pm

Tacolneston Village Hall

Licensed Bar, Raffle

Tickets: £12.50 (t.b.c.) (child and family discount available)

From:

Dawn Spratt 01508 489746

Margaret Styles 01508 489112

Christine Minns 01508 488123

WHAT'S ON?

DANCE TO LIVE BANDS
PUT YOUR DANCING SHOES ON AND COME AND JOIN US



DUMPLIN' COUNTRY
17th December – Julie Dawn
21st January – The Bar Hoppers
Doors open 1 pm; Music 1.30 pm – 4.45 pm
£6.00 on the door
Hot Drinks / Bar / Raffle
For details contact Jesse on 07880995199

New Year's Eve Dance

Sunday 31st December – 8 pm to 12.30 am
Wreningham Village Hall
Dancing to live music with "Hi-Definition"
and supported by "Armadillo Roadshow"

Tickets in advance £12.50

Contact: Shirley on 07951864295 or Jane on 07923521160

Wreningham Village Hall Sunday Carvery



Carvery

Roast beef, pork or gammon
Pork stuffing ball, Yorkshire pudding
Cauliflower cheese & a selection of vegetables
Roast & new potatoes

Dessert

Apple pie topped with flaked almonds,
with custard or cream

Chocolate cheesecake,
with cream or ice cream

Chocolate or strawberry ice cream sundae

LARGE CARVERY (5 SLICES OF MEAT) £8.95

STANDARD (3 SLICES) £7.95

CHILDREN UNDER 10 (2 SLICES) £4.50

DESSERTS £2

**First Sunday of the month
12.30 to 2.30pm:**

**5 Nov, 3 Dec, 7 Jan, 4 Feb, 4 March,
1 April, 6 May, 3 June**

Bar open 11.00am to 4.00pm

**Advance booking is advised, just leave
your details at The Witch & Wren Bar, or
email us : info@wreningham.org**

WHAT'S ON?

Last Wednesday Coffee Morning

No December meeting

See you in January on 31st

10am to 11.45am in the main Hall

Come and meet your neighbours, old and new

Have a chat over a coffee and biscuits

ALL WELCOME



ZUMBA

Monday evening 6.30 – 7.30

Wednesday evening 6.15 - 7.15

In the Village Hall

£5 (Pay As You Go)

Flower Club

Thurs 26th January – AGM followed by a speaker

Doors open 1.15pm for 1.45pm.

Visitors always welcome. £4.00 includes tea and biscuits

Details from Sue Sayers

Tel: 01508 489654 or email: sue.sayers@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas at the Bird-in-Hand

Pre-Christmas party menu (additional to the normal menu)

Available 1st to 31st December

Call in to pick one up or phone 01508 489438

Friday 1st December, 8.30 to 11pm, 60's & 70's night
with "Avenue Acoustic"

New Years Eve 8.30pm to 12.30am music in the bar
with "Avenue Acoustic"

Additional opening hours
for Christmas and New Year – see advertised list

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



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 7th December 6PM - 9PM

Christmas Crafts, Jewellery, Gifts for the Home
Cosmetics, Books, Toys & Games, Artisan
Produce, Beer, Gin Bar and more!

Teas, Coffees and Cakes

Bar open until 11PM

Wreningham Village Hall

Mill Lane, Wreningham NR16 1AN



LAST DAY FOR COPY

For the Feb/Mar edition - 11th January. Copy to Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road or c.j.minns@btinternet.com

Bottle Bank

Support your local community by simply bringing your unwanted glass bottles and jars to the bottle bank on the Village Hall car park. It is our recycling project and provides a useful source of income for Village Hall funds. Thank you for your past and continued support. p.s. If either bank is full, please call the number on the side to get it replaced with an empty one, thanks again.



Mobile Library

The Mobile library calls twice in Wreningham:
Stevens Lane at 4.15 pm
Village Hall at 4.25pm
on these Mondays:

11 December
2018

8 January

5 Februray

5 March

30 April

25 June

25 July

Ex-telephone box project

The former telephone box outside the school on Ashwellthorpe Road is now owned by the village through the parish council. A project group has met to begin the process of turning it into a community facility. The present plan is to create a community information and exchange centre/library where you can swap books and information.

The box, which is tilting, needs to be straightened and repainted, with new glass and possibly a floor mural designed by local schoolchildren.

If you would like to lend a hand with the project please contact Cllr Keith Morris on 01508 488318 or at keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk

Parent and Toddler Group

We want to restart the parent and toddler group in the village hall. We hope to provide parents and young children with support and socialisation and help families with young children get involved in village life. We are confident there is the demand for it with an increase in young families now in the village and thriving numbers at the playgroup in Ashwellthorpe. We would also hope to have families from surrounding villages.

The proposal is to have our session on Fridays from 9 to 11am during school term time at the Village Hall in Wreningham. The charge of £2.50 per adult and child, 50p per additional child, is set at the usual level for this type of group.

We are starting completely afresh and the Parish Council has agreed to support us with a £500 grant for some initial equipment, mats, toys, etc. However, we will need to build beyond this and will invite donations of toys and do some fundraising. We are holding a toy donation drop off morning on Saturday 25th November 10-11.30 at the village hall.

Interested? Do contact us, Katie Burrell (katie@loaders.net or 01508 481953) and Natasha Smith.

Classifieds

Simply Massage – Enjoy a private and relaxing massage in the peaceful Wreningham countryside. Full body, back, neck & shoulder massage. Hot/Cold Stone Therapy, Aromatherapy Massage. Treatments tailored to your personal requirements. Evening and weekend appointments available.
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email: peachment360@gmail.com

Little Wren's Cakes

Bespoke cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and sweet treat gifts
Based in Wreningham
Contact Emma on 01508489058 or LIKE me on facebook
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DOMESTIC AL

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YOGA

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



Witch & Wren community bar

Wreningham Village Hall

Open to all - no membership, just come by and say hello

First Friday, every month - Family night open from 6.30 pm

Second Friday, every month - Fish & Chip Night, Van serving from 5.30 to 8 pm

Every Thursday & Friday, from 8 pm to 11 pm

Additional opening dates (Sat: 8 -11 pm; Sun: 1-5 pm) will be announced on the Witch & Wren Facebook page

1st Sunday Carvery Lunch (12.30 to 2.30pm)
3 December, 7 January, 4 February,
4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June

Bar from 11am to 4pm

Details on-line, or at the Bar

Book at the Bar or on the day

