

WRENINGHAM MARDLE

A Bi-monthly Newsletter for the Local Community

(Produced by the Wreningham Village Hall Committee)

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Village Hall

Happy New Year to you all and best wishes for a healthy and peaceful 2018.

The committee has been reflecting on the successes of various events in the Hall over the last year and hope that with your support and attendance we can build on these for an even better 2018. To help do that, we need to increase the team working in the bar. The work is on a rota basis and pays £7.50 per hour, full training will be given. Work in the community can look good on a CV and so we encourage you to become involved and learn some new skills.

We received an SNC grant last year to install a Community Hub based in the Hall. David Kirk and I obtained and installed the broadband system which has been up and running since before Christmas. It has been a successful project and we would like your feedback regarding your use of it. We will summarise this and forward to SNC as they consider rolling out this approach to other villages.

The Hall is for all and we try to be as family friendly and accessible as possible. Sometimes though, children can become very excited and in so doing spoil other people's enjoyment of the Hall and events, and impact on their own safety. Occasionally, the Hall requires clean-up or repair action afterwards. Parents, please pay more attention to your children and ensure they respect both others and the Hall itself.

Michael Hill, Chairman



Wreningham Parish Council

Clerk: Anne Rayner

01508 570700 / clerk.wpc@gmail.com

The Community Infrastructure (CIL) money is being targetted on specific projects within the Village. We are funding a replacement noticeboard for the Church. The new Mother and Toddler group is receiving start-up funding, which will be used to buy mats and toys. The speed monitoring unit (SAM2) which is deployed at different sites around the village has met with your support and approval. Currently we share it on a rotational basis with 5 other villages. So we will buy one for our sole use.

We are working out details for the £1 each-way to Wymondham taxi ride. The taxi will pick up in the village on a weekday at a certain place and time; returning a few hours later from the Wymondham drop off point. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested and your preferred pick up day and time.

Some may view Parish Council work as boring and without influence. Whilst not claiming we can shift mountains we do occasionally move molehills! Recently parishioners have said that they did not realise so much went on "under the bonnet".

Our task is to support the village community and village infrastructure. This can take many forms from raising awareness of matters which affect not just the District but our village too (such as the Greater Norwich Development Plan consultation) through to maintaining the playing field and other spaces, supporting projects as decribed above. Six meetings a year and other occasional tasks to perform will not take up a lot of your time. We are looking for two new councillors and would welcome your engagement with the village at this level of (non-partisan) government.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 13th March in the Village Hall.

Michael Hill, Chair

Mary Fairman

Mary Fairman's sudden death just before Christmas, following a fall, will cause those in the village, and especially at the school, who knew her to reflect on her valuable and long term contribution to the community.

David and Mary Fairman moved to Top Row about 55 years ago when they were first married. They built up their nursery and market garden business, only retiring when the heavy work became too much for aching backs.

In the early days Mary continued with her teaching as a supply teacher and private coach but the business and family eventually took over and she left teaching. However, Mary remained in contact with the profession through her role as Governor to Wreningham Primary School for many years, where she was much loved. Her dedication as a governor contributed significantly to the school's many successes in that time. Mary was always committed to the highest standards, very loyal to the school, and quick to offer her experience and advice as a caring, supportive friend. She will be greatly missed by all the staff and children.

Although the market garden, family and involvement with the school took up most of her time, Mary still found time to help in the community: with fund-raising when the current village hall was being built; and, in recent times, she was part of the team running the "Last Wednesday" coffee mornings.

Ex-telephone box project

The box has now been levelled and is soon to be repainted, new glass is on order and a mosaic floor mural to be designed by the 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

Wreningham All Saints Church

We were pleased that so many of you were able to join us for carols at the Bird-in-Hand, the Carols by Candlelight or at Christmas Morning service. Our only regret is that we do not have an organist or anybody who can accompany us on any other musical instrument and this was particularly noticeable on Christmas Day, but at least the bell ringers made up for this by turning out to ring before the service.

Our Benefice has now been without a clergy since July and we had hoped that the recent advert had secured us a new Priest-in-charge but we have just heard that the clergy to whom the post was offered has, on reflection, decided not to join us after All. We are extremely disappointed as plans were already under way for her to be licensed in April and we were looking forward to welcoming her into our Benefice. As we only received this news as we go to print I am unable to give you any further information.

All Saints, Wreningham has found it necessary to change architects and we have now appointed a new approved architect to oversee the care and report on the condition of the building. A structural engineer has been asked to carry out an examination of the East Wall which is definitely not secure and based on his report we will be obtaining quotes ahead of fund raising. It is also intended to replace the very tatty notice board by the church gate.

For those of you who enjoy a quiz – the next church quiz in aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham churches will be on Friday 27th April at Wreningham village hall. Put the date in your diary and watch out for details nearer the time.

Christine Minns, Churchwarden, 01508 488123

Test-pitting, looking for artifacts

8 p.m. on 16th February in the Village Hall

The Village's Archaeology Citizen Science Project introduced in the last Mardle will start with a talk by John Newman about the archaeological dig and finds at the Bird in Hand in 2013/14 and his experiences with test-pitting in villages - as planned for Wreningham during the Summer 2018.

During John's talk you will hear what the villages' 1 metre square archaeological test-pits might reveal about our past. Training will be available and finds will be assessed by an expert, properly recorded, and written up in a report for the village, and, perhaps exhibited in the Hall.

Steve Hickling is organising this for us and will be pleased to see you on the 16th February at the Village Hall.

Planning for the Summertime dig is starting with one of the following weekends being a candidate for it to happen:
16-17 June / 28-19 July / 18-19 August / 25-26 August / 1-2 September.

If you are interested in the history of Wreningham and in being a citizen-scientist, let Steve know which weekend(s) could be suitable for you by leaving a message at the Hall, on info@wreningham.org, or, steve.hickling@norfolk.gov.uk.

Mobile Library

The Mobile library calls twice
in Wreningham:

Stevens Lane at 4.15 pm

Village Hall at 4.25pm

on these Mondays:

5 February

5 March

30 April

25 June

25 July



WHAT'S ON?

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



DUMPLIN' COUNTRY

18th February – Country Mile

18th March – J. C. King

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

Bird in Hand



February

13th – Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes served Lunch and Evening

14th – Valentine's Day – Normal Menu + Valentine Specials

28th – Quiz – Normal Questions

March

11th – Mothering Sunday – Special Menu 2 course £19.5 & 3 course £24.95

28th – Quiz – Normal Questions

Easter Holidays - Food All Day as usual each day

Open for Breakfasts every day

“Curry Night” every Friday (eat in or take away)



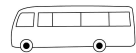
SPRATTS COACHES

Tues 13th Feb – Mystery Tour and lunch £33

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Sat 17th March – Bletchley Park: home of the code-breakers
£38 (including admission) (children under 12, £20)

Tues 3rd April – Springfields Shopping Outlet and Market
Day in Spalding £20



To book and for details - 01508 489262

WHAT'S ON?

Last Wednesday Coffee Morning

28th February and 28th March

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

22nd February – Demonstration by Bernard Collingworth

Thurs 22nd March – Demonstration by Linda Knights

Wednesday 25th June - Coach to Sandringham Flower Show

Doors open 1.15pm for 1.45pm.

Visitors always welcome. £4.00 includes tea and biscuits

All details from Sue Sayers

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

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

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.



Poison & Pets

A resident contacted us about their pet's painful death from poisoning. The vet thought the animal may have consumed some poison embedded in a bait, possibly targeting vermin.

Most people take care to use poisons properly. However, a small mistake may bring death or injury not just to someone's loved pet but to a wider and undifferentiated group of animals found in a rural community: cats, dogs, hedgehogs, birds, ducks, deer, etc. The hurt extends to the owner and their family, and can carry a significant cost when trying to save the animal.

Please take care when using poisons, information about its use is on <https://www.gov.uk/pest-control-on-your-property>.

LAST DAY FOR COPY

For the April/May edition: 15th March. Copy to Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road or c.j.minns@btinternet.com

Pie Night

Friday 23rd February - 7.30pm

Bring a pie or make a donation

Wreningham Village Hall
Mill Lane, Wreningham NR16 1AN

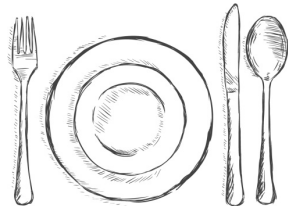
Wreningham Village Hall Sunday Carvery

First Sunday of the Month 12.30 to 2.30pm
4 February, 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July
Bar open 11am to 4pm

Advanced booking is advised.
Leave your details at The Witch & Wren bar, or
email us at: witchandwren@gmail.com

Carvery

Roast beef, pork or gammon
Pork stuffing ball, Yorkshire Pudding
Cauliflower cheese, Roast & new potatoes and other vegetables
£8.95 - Large Carvery (5 slices of meat)
£7.95 - Standard Carvery (3 slices)
£4.50 - Children (under 10) (2 slices)



Dessert

Apple pie topped with flaked almonds with custard or cream
Chocolate cheesecake with ice cream or cream
Chocolate or strawberry ice cream sundae
£2 - Dessert

Parent and Toddler Group Update

Plans are still ongoing for the relaunch of the Parent and toddler group in Wreningham Village Hall. We had a successful donations day at the end of November and have a good supply now of toys and some basic equipment. The next step is to use the funds supplied by the Parish Council to purchase some large mats and a few bits of larger equipment. We are also working with the Village Hall committee to arrange appropriate storage.

The plan is to open on Fridays from 9 to 11am during term time, we charge of £2.50 per adult and child (50p per additional child) to cover costs such as snacks and insurance. We hope at the moment to open around the end of February.

If you are interested or have any donations or ideas, do contact us Katie Burrell (Katie@loaders.net or 01508 481953) or 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.
Sandra Turner AHCP (reg.) 01508 488323 / 07393198447

NEIL PRIOR Plumbing and Heating
For all your plumbing and heating requirements, full bathroom installations, established 20 years.
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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

THREE SIXTY PROPERTY SERVICES

For all round home improvements and maintenance
Contact Chris Peachment on 01508 488275 or 07786 886351
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
www.facebook.com/littlewrenscakes.

DOMESTIC AL

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

LEAF GARDENING SERVICES

General upkeep visits and seasonal tidying.
From £10/hr.
Call/Text Caroline on 07578452852 or 01953 602912

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

email: witchandwrend@gmail.com

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/witch.wren/>

website: witchandwren.weebly.com

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) and events will be announced on the Witch & Wren Facebook page

Outline Event Schedule for 2018

(see website for confirmation and details)

February, Carvery

February, Pie Night

March, Carvery

April, Carvery

April, Village Tidy

May, Carvery

May, Race Night

June, Carvery

June/July, Beer Festival

July, Carvery or Hog Roast

September, Safari Supper

October, Curry Night

November, Fireworks

November, Annual General Meeting

December, Christmas Party

December, Christmas Draw