

Wreningham

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Village Hall

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Mardle



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February & March 2024

Hello and welcome to the first Mardle edition of the New Year.

Your Committee wish you all a healthy and happy 2024!

Once again, the Christmas period proved a very busy and active time for the village hall, with several well attended and successful festive events held.

It was so nice to kick Christmas off in early December with our traditional tree lighting event held on the Reading Room, followed by mulled wine & mince pies back in the hall. Many thanks go to Andrea Tancred, Hughie Glaves, Santa, David, Nick Mason & Keith for collecting the tree, Andrew Moore & his “elves” for helping to erect the tree and others who made this, not only possible, but a great overall success.

I personally thought the tree looked better than ever before, but.....

As much as I really do not want to start the new year with negativity, it must be said that it was quite disheartening that those who made this whole thing possible, received negative comments such as “the baubles are in the wrong place” or “the lights aren’t evenly spread” etc. Remarks, such as these, can destroy that enthusiasm very quickly.

As a group, the Committee would always accept well-meant and constructive criticism. You are, of course always welcome to join us or simply attend the monthly meetings with any ideas. I think it must be said, that organising these events takes not only time and effort, but also a huge amount of enthusiasm. Please, can I ask that we all remain supportive and positive to help those whose efforts benefit everyone in the village?

Moan and groan over, that aside, I must thank everyone for both organising and attending all the various events this year. I have had several comments from people outside of the village congratulating us on how active Wreningham is as a community.

So, what does the new year bring?...

As well as the regular Coffee Mornings, church Warm Space days, Crafters’ and Heritage Group meetings and the weekly bar openings, we will have already had the Quiz night and Curry Evening in January.

During the year, we will be arranging other bring & share themed food nights such as Pie Night, Tapas and a “Nostalgia Night” - that one could be interesting? (Does anyone know where I can get Mateus Rose or Blue Nun wine from these days?). And then on the food front.....Cheese & pineapple “hedgehogs” on a foil covered half of grapefruit, vol-au-vents, scampi & chips in a basket, prawn cocktails & cheese fondues.....!! Black Forest gateau & arctic roll..... those were the days.....!!

VHMC Chair Cont'd

In the summer, we have the School Fete (15th June) & Open gardens (16th June) weekend already firmly in the diary. (See page 13 for more information on the Open Gardens. Then we are still happy to say our external bookings are continuing to increase with Zumba, Table Tennis, dances and other events open to all.

Look out for all of these either on our new website Wreninghamvh.social Witch & Wren Facebook page, David Tinsley's weekly email update or the various notice boards around the village.

We hope we can count on your continued support and once again move forward as we have done in 2023.

Next VHMC dates are Tuesday 20th February & Tuesday 19th March at 7:00pm

John Knight (Chair WVHMC)

Village Hall Website

Wreninghamvh.social

Just a reminder about the new village website which includes:

- News pages
- Events Calendar - with details, prices & contact details (regularly updated)
- Regular Activities with details, dates, times, contact point etc
- Email Contact facility for finance, bookings, events & Mardle
- Links to other websites (WHG & Parish) & W&W Facebook page
- A copy of the current & previous Mardles
- A link to the Hallmaster Bookings Calendar *
- Facilities available & hire costs

* If you are unable to use the Hallmaster Booking system, you can contact Mason & Cathy Paul on 07541 566514, John Knight on 07961 705154 or David Tinsley on 07802 671194.

Sue & Mick Ryder (Wreningham Village Hall website)

Wreningham Parish Council

Happy New Year.

The Parish Councillors and the Clerk extend our 2024 greetings and best wishes to all Wreningham residents, their family and friends.

Road Safety in the Village

As you may know, we have a speed monitor which is posted at various sites around the village. Parish Councillor Ben Jarvis has recently received a data download from the machine and will present his findings on the website in the near future. Whilst most motorists stay within the speed limit, there are those who cause concern by speeding. This is evidenced by the calls we receive for a reduced speed limit within the village. We have known for a long time that NCC is not keen to revise the limits to 20mph. Despite that we wish to investigate the strength and depth of feeling in the village and ask you to send your comments about speeding and the solutions you think are worth considering.

Please contact our clerk at clerk.WPC@gmail.com, her postal details are on the website.

Surface Water Flooding

Mrs Spillman (South Norfolk council) has now written to the major land owners in Wreningham reminding them of their need to maintain the water courses, ditches, culverts, etc, according to their Riparian responsibility. She asked us to maintain close links, so that she is aware of our opinions regarding the impact of future planning applications. She will then be in a position to inject her comments into the planning process.

Wymondham Road planning application

A further planning application has been submitted by Devlin Developments Ltd for the removal and replacement of the farmhouse at High Common Farm. This is in addition to the planning application already received for the conversion of two agricultural sheds into five residential dwellings.

Parish Council (continued)



The Farthings (Hethel Road)



A meeting was held at the Bird in Hand with the site neighbours in which FWP Ltd (Julian Wells and Donny Brock) presented their latest design and invited questions from the attendees. The 18 or so parishioners heard how their comments, those from the Parish Council and the senior SNC Planning Officer influenced the current design. A note of the meeting's proceedings will be posted on The Farthings section of the village website.

FWP Ltd then stayed for a second meeting with Parish Councillors and Andrew Moore. This was a working meeting to brief the councillors on the latest design and to explore the implications for taking this forward as a formal planning application. FWP Ltd will formally commit to underwriting the costs of maintaining The Farthings for the next 10 years, once the site is legally transferred to Parish Council ownership. FWP Ltd has changed the design of the three properties, such that there is a reduced impact through repositioning the plots and reducing their profiles. The Parish will need to demonstrate to SNC an approach to the design of The Farthings that will, in time, deliver sufficient community benefit to support the overall planning application. Mr Andrew Moore has agreed to lead a team of parishioners to work on both the initial planning phase and the longer-term delivery phase. We hope to provide details of a public consultation about the application to be held in February at the Bird in Hand.

Wreningham Handbook 2024

An updated 2024 edition of the Wreningham Handbook is being prepared. The current copy is online at <https://www.wreningham.org.uk/> see the menu list on the left of the page. Commissioned by the Parish Council and written by Keith Morris, it is intended to distribute free copies to all residents later in the year. If you have any updates to entries, please email them to keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk.

Details of our meetings are available on the village website. They are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each odd numbered month and are held in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Next meeting is Tuesday 13th March. Michael Hill (Chair WPC)

Wreningham All Saints

The Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 19th December was well attended. You could say a “full house” and made for a good start to Christmas for many people who love to sing the traditional carols. Our thanks to the bell ringers who also added to the atmosphere. Our thanks to Vic Long who again floodlit the church over the Christmas period and to all those who help with the care of the church and graveyard throughout the year.

At time of going to print we do not know what services will be held at Wreningham over the Easter period, but details of services are displayed in the church porch for each month. In February, there will be a 11:00am Holy Communion on Sunday 18th and at 9:30am a BPC Holy communion on 25th.

On page 12 of this Mardle are details of the fund-raising Quiz on Friday 5th April. This was a sell out last time so do not delay in booking your table.

Work on the floor in the Chancel has not gone as hoped, but we are now making progress. This will be followed by updating the electrics, thanks to the generosity of those who responded to the “All Saints Gift Day Appeal”.

The next dates of the winter programme of “Warm Space” lunches & movie times are listed below. These are open to everybody and you can come to either event or both. No charge, but a donation towards costs would be welcome.

Lunch 12:15 for 12:30 - We would like some idea of numbers for lunch if possible. Movie doors open 1:15 for 1:30 start.

Warm Space Events for February & March

- Wednesday 14th February
- Wednesday 13th March

To book a **Warm Space** lunch or for any further information do feel free to phone me on 01508 488123.

Wreningham All Saints (cont'd)

Lent Lunches - Wednesday 14th February to Friday 22nd March

In addition to the Wreningham Warm Space events, once again we plan to arrange a Lent Lunch each week throughout Lent across the group of churches. Donations going to the "St Martin's Trust. These lunches are meant to be a basic soup & roll, cheese & biscuits or jacket potato and tea or coffee. They are a rolling lunch so that you can arrive and leave at your convenience between 12.15 and 2 pm (except the Wreningham lunches).

The venues and dates for the other Lent Lunches will be available in due course.

Everybody is welcome, but it would be useful to know if you plan to come as this helps with numbers for catering.

The Wreningham Warm Space/Lent Lunches are as detailed on page 6.

Christine Minns – Churchwarden 01508 488123

Annual Plant Sale Please pot up any surplus plants and seedlings as you start your spring gardening. This event (Saturday 18th May this year) is always well supported and raises much needed funds. Christine Minns & Christine Bilham

Wreningham Fuel Trust

As our investments have provided us with a greater income than expected, the Trustees are able to make a second distribution before the end of our financial year in March. Anybody who is finding the cost of heating their home is giving them concern are invited to apply for assistance. There is no age limit or circumstances which prevent you from applying. The only restriction is that you must live in the parish of Wreningham. Each request will be looked at and judged on its merit. If you know of anybody who is reluctant to apply, then we will take nominations from a third party. All names and circumstances are supplied and dealt with in confidence. To apply contact the clerk:

Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road, NR16 1BH. Tel: 01508 488123

Village Hall Activities

Thursday and Friday bar nights are active so come on down! Regular nights are 8-11pm unless otherwise stated. **Events are open to all.**

Regular Events

- Zumba every Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm £6 suitable for all levels
- Table tennis every Wednesday 8-9:30pm. £3.50 per week
- Parent & Toddler every Friday 9:30-11:30am
- Swing classes every Monday 7:00-10:00pm

Contact details:

- Parent & Toddler group - Katie Burrell-Rennie: katie@loaders.net
- Zumba - Rachel: email at firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07789748457
- 60s Dances - Shirley Aldous to reserve tickets: 01508 489606/07951864295
- Tea Dances and Swing classes – Barry: swingymabob@gmail.com or phone 07768891954. Classes are suitable for all levels, from complete beginners to those already more accomplished.
- Table Tennis - All abilities welcome & equipment provided. Any questions please contact Scott/Julian/Henry at woodlands_atoms@outlook.com
- Country Music – Sandra 07799 596975 or 01508 813754
email: stetsonsandshamrockcmc@outlook.com

Wreningham Weekly Email & Digital Mardle copy

Weekly updates are available by email & include all village functions, church services, school functions, dances, bar nights, fish & chips nights etc. Any village event can be included, so please contact me in advance. Your details will only be used for village information **and will not be seen by others.**

If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly update then please send your details to David Tinsley at wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com

You can also sign up for a bi monthly digital copy of the Mardle by contacting David. Please confirm your email address, Post Code & road & if possible a contact number.

February 2024

- 1st Cocktails Evening 7:00 – 11:00pm
- 4th Country Music 2-6pm - Contact Sandra
- 9th Fish & Chips from 5:00pm
- 10th 60s Dance to Nigel King & Marty - 8:30-11:45pm £8.25 Contact Shirley
- 13th Qi Gong - 11:00am-Noon
- 14th Church “Warm Space”- Lunch 12:30 & Film 1:30 (see page 6)
- 15th Heritage Group meeting – 2:00-4:00pm
- 17th Country Music 8:00pm -midnight - Contact Sandra
- 18th Tea Dance 3:00- 6:00pm – contact Barry
- 20th Qi Gong - 11:00am-Noon
- 21st Village Crafters Group 10:00– Noon (£2 - Contact Val)
- 23rd Games Night – 7:00-11:00pm
- 27th Qi Gong - 11:00am-Noon
- 29th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10:00am – 2:00pm (On a Thursday & twice as long!)

March 2024

- 7th Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-11pm
- 8th Fish & Chips from 5:00pm
- 9th 60s Dance to Mel Stevens & The Classics - 8:30-11:45pm £8.25 Contact Shirley
- 13th Church “Warm Space”- Lunch 12:30 & Film 1:30 (see page 6)
- 16th Country Music 8:00pm -midnight - Contact Sandra
- 20th Village Crafters’ Group 10:00– Noon (£2 – contact Val)
- 22nd Games Night – 7:00-11:00pm
- 27th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10:00-Noon

Things change after we go to print, so please check the new Village Hall website Wreninghamvh.social your weekly email update (if you have signed up), noticeboards & Witch & Wren Facebook page for any updates.

Abilitynet We have been contacted by a volunteer for the charity Abilitynet who lives nearby. They provide advice on using technology for the “silver haired” and disabled. The service is completely free of charge and all the volunteers are fully checked out. He has sent us the information below. Feel free to either contact Abilitynet directly or we can put you directly in touch with him.

Sue & Mick Ryder mardlewren@gmail.com

“Do you ever feel like technology isn’t always on your side? That your phone or computer is working against you rather than helping you?”

A lot of people do, especially people with disabilities that make using technology, reading a screen, or using a mouse even harder. Older people also feel like that. Abilitynet are a charity that are committed to providing advice and support with all sorts of things like phones, computers, tablets and even things like your TV.

Technology has the power to transform lives. Smartphones, iPads, digital TV, and other incredible technologies give us the power to stay connected with our friends and family, to access public services, shop online, sort out bills, manage your utility suppliers, and so much more.

Abilitynet believes this digital world should be accessible to all regardless of age or ability. For the last 20 years, they have helped disabled people and older people to get the most from their technology. They are a national charity with a network of vetted and friendly volunteers who have a local presence in Norfolk and Suffolk and can offer free advice and home visits.

All the volunteers are security checked and the service is entirely free. So if you need help setting up some new equipment, getting on the internet, help or advice about staying safe on line or anything else and you’d like to request a visit or find out some more information you can call 0300 180 0028 or www.abilitynet.org.uk/at-home”

A flyer for AbilityNet. At the top left is the AbilityNet logo. The main headline reads "Get free tech support and advice in the comfort of your own home." Below this, it states: "Our Tech Volunteers help disabled people and older people get the most out of their computers, phones, tablets and other digital devices." and "Book your volunteer visit today." A photograph of an elderly woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a red top, is on the right side of the flyer. At the bottom, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the text: "Call free on 0800 048 7642", "enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk", and "abilitynet.org.uk". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the flyer. At the very bottom, there is small text in Welsh and English: "Mae'r item hon ar gael yn Gymraeg hefyd / This item is also available in Welsh. AbilityNet is a registered Charity in England No. 1067673 and in Scotland No. SC039866".

Village Groups

Heritage Group. In December, we hosted an enjoyable and very well attended meeting, having invited the various local history groups to join us - some from as far away as Diss!

We shared all news of our activities, problems, plans and hopes for the future. In addition, the Wymondham Town archivist explained about the progress improving local history knowledge from the documents donated to it by local solicitors & others. We anticipate more such get-togethers.

On Thursday 15th February, we will be showing again the films we made in the village school - and first showed at our exhibition in 2021. Today's pupils talking to those of yesteryear about what school was like in their day. Jean Lambourne

Last Wednesday Coffee Morning – (January Coffee Morning 31st)

February's Coffee Morning is moving to Thursday 29th. A party from St Martin's Housing Trust charity will be coming to us for refreshments after a group walk. The hall will be open for twice as long as normal - from 10 am until 2:00pm!

In March we return to normal - March 27th 10am to noon Jean Lambourne

Friends of Wreningham School (FOWS)

We are busy arranging fundraising events in order to raise money to replace the windows in the main school building. Sadly most of these are now rotten and attempts to maintain them on parent and staff tidy up days is now not achievable. Our main event will be our Summer Fete and Colour Run on Saturday 15th June (posters on page 12). We would love to see village residents and their family and friends enjoying the fun with us - updated details will be put in the village notice boards and Facebook page.



In addition, we are also hoping to get help from local businesses, either in donations or by 'sponsoring a window'. If anyone owns or works for a company that could help in any way then please email Andrea - misstancred@gmail.com. Equally any contacts for double glazing firms would be much appreciated.

Thank you from all at the FOWS.

Forthcoming Village Events



Quiz Evening
Friday 5th April 7.15 for 7.30 pm
Wreningham Village Hall
£6.00 per person

Come as a team of up to 6 or individually and we will team you up. Please book in advance as this event has proved popular in the past and we would not want to turn anybody away.

Bring your own food (but not drink)

To book call Christine 01508 488123
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Wreningham Open Gardens Event - Sunday 16th June 2024

Planning for the event is well and truly underway and we would like to thank everyone who has so far kindly offered to be involved.

As we look forward to Spring, we would love to hear from anyone else who would be interested in opening their garden, as there are a few spaces still available. Please email Janet on janetlr599@gmail.com if you would like more information on being one of the garden hosts.

We are also in need of some additional volunteers to help us prepare or help on the day (to make and put out signs, car park marshals, ticket sales, helping with refreshments etc). If you are available and willing to spare a couple of hours of your time, we would be extremely grateful. Please email Karen on nunnks@gmail.com if you can offer some assistance.

Thank you Janet, Karen, Nicky, Helen & Jean (Open Gardens Community Group)

Wreningham Crafters Group



Our next meetings are on:

Wednesday 21st February Wednesday 20th March 17th April
10:00am to noon in the Margaret Preston room
Just £2 a time, which includes refreshments
See you there! Val & Jean 01508 488231

So come along, bring your current project, one you keep meaning to finish, one you want to start or try something new. Or you just want to chat!

We're also hoping to start a collaborative project so watch this space!

Recycling News Total raised so far: £1,260. Toothpaste and toothbrush programme will stop at the end of February, so please get your items to me by 24th Feb. Please note, crisp and snack programme has now stopped. Val 01508 488231 val@valkeel.co.uk Facebook Group: Eco living in and around Wreningham

Bin Collections – February & March 2024

Wednesday 7 th February	Green	Friday 9 th February	Brown
Wednesday 14 th February	Black		
Wednesday 21 st February	Green	Friday 23 rd February	Brown
Wednesday 28 th February	Black		
Wednesday 6 th March	Green	Friday 8 th March	Brown
Wednesday 13 th March	Black		
Wednesday 20 th March	Green	Friday 22 nd March	Brown
Wednesday 27 th March	Black		

Mobile Library Visits – February & March 2024

27 th February	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
26 th March	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham

Route number is CEN 215. This information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 222303.

Copy date for the next issue is early March 2024.

If you have something for inclusion, please let us have it by then.

Thanks - Sue & Mick Ryder

Email: mardlewren@gmail.com

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Bar opening times are Thursdays and Fridays 8-11pm- *except when these events are usually held.*

1st Thursday - Cocktail Nights - 7-10pm

2nd Friday - Fish & Chips Night - 5-11pm

4th Friday - Games Night - 7-11pm

For Fish & Chips nights, orders must be placed in advance between 2-3pm the day before (Thursday) by calling Tom's Fish Bar, Mulbarton on 01508 570251. Your order will be collected by a village hall volunteer & delivered to the Witch & Wren bar at either 5.15pm or 7.30pm

For updates please see:

Village Hall website: Wreninghamvh.social

Facebook Page: Witch & Wren Community Bar

Notice Boards around the village

Or subscribe to the weekly email update (see page 8 for details)

The Mardle is also available in a digital format via email.

To sign up to receive a bi-monthly copy, please email

David Tinsley at Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com