

# Mardle

# Wreningham



No.230

**December 2019 - January 2020**

## **Village Hall**

Welcome to the final Mardle edition of the year. Our best wishes to you all for a great festive season.

We hope you enjoyed the fireworks evening. I am sure you will agree that this was a great night much enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who give up their time to prepare the fireworks and set them off. It requires a lot of work and coordination.

Our Tapas evening also went well, with many villagers cooking creative small morsels for us all to taste.

In December we have a full agenda with the Christmas party and our Draw taking place. The Witch and Wren bar will be open on Christmas eve (though closing at 9.00 so you can all get ready for Santa..) and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

**Wreningham  
Village Hall**

Charity No.  
284991

Ian Holloway, Chairman

## **Wreningham Parish Council**

Clerk: Nicky Allen 01508 481986 / clerk.wpc@gmail.com

We welcomed Nicky Allen to her first meeting as our Parish Council Clerk in November. The Agenda was quite full, addressing issues such as Planning Applications, considering grant proposals, maintenance in and around the village, the setting of the precept for 2020/21, and so on. We are a busy parish and always welcome those with an interest in this village of ours and have a vacancy for one more Councillor. Of particular concern at the moment is the vacancy for a Tree Warden – have you an interest in the tree-scape around the village and beyond? Could you volunteer for this important role which feeds into a much larger County network? Training is available.

One would think that now Autumn has come and Winter is not far away, that the hedgerows and verges will look after themselves. Not so, please consider your hedge if it borders the road and trim it if needed – it should not overhang the road surface. Also, litter becomes more visible at this time of year – if you see some, pick it up and put it in your wheelie bin. Small actions like this accumulate and improve appearance and appreciation of the village for all.

The Parish supported the Village Hall's ceiling replacement project with a large grant – we welcome the opportunity to assist and encourage projects to improve the facilities and amenities for the benefit of parishioners. Other projects we are supporting, would benefit from your thought and input:

- new benches – where should they be placed? Are you a landowner who will grant access for placing one?
- planting of new trees – our mature trees are under threat from disease, bugs and climate change. A small team is to consider this for the village; what are your thoughts?

Our next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at the Village Hall from 7.30pm. The agenda will be posted on the noticeboards and the website a few days beforehand. See you then.

Best wishes for Christmas and every hope for a prosperous New Year.

Michael Hill, Chair

## Wreningham School at Wreningham Church



On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, All Saints Day was marked by a visit from Years 3 and 4 from the school. The Revd Lydia Avery looks forward to a similar visit next term. Photo by kind permission of Mr Rob Jones.

***Many thanks to Wreningham Parish council for agreeing the allocation of a £3,000 CIL grant contribution for the new ceiling and lighting within the main Village Hall.***

**Ian Holloway, Chairman**

## **There were Fireworks at the village hall - again!**

Once again, the annual Wreningham fireworks night was a resounding success.

Although preceded by heavy showers, by 7pm we were blessed with dry weather, enabling an uninterrupted display. Chris, Les, Mark, Paul and I were loading and lighting the fireworks in an attempt to keep the show going. Thanks to Sue, Jilly and Noel for collecting donations and safely guiding drivers to their parking places. Jon and Graham performed wonders supplying burgers, sausages etc to eager customers. Chilli was supplied by Malar, Sam, Tressy and Jill and not forgetting Jack, Rachel and John who were busy all evening keeping the drinks flowing.

Finally, sincere thanks to all of you for making such a superb effort to make the night a success. Lots of smiling faces confirmed that.

Hughie Glaves

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# **Flower Club**

**Village Hall** - Indoor meetings,  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - AGM**  
**followed by a demonstration**

Doors open 1.15 for 1.45pm start  
Visitors & new members welcome  
**£5.00 includes tea and biscuits**  
All details from Sue Sayers  
01508 489654 [sue.sayers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sue.sayers@yahoo.co.uk)

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***This next Flower Club meeting will be the last. We thank the members for all the hard work they have put into running the club over many years.***



# Last Coffee Morning



*... last Wednesday of every month*  
**29<sup>th</sup> January (no meeting in December)**

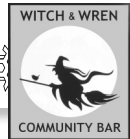
**10am to 11.45am in the main part of the Village Hall**

Come and meet your neighbours, old and new  
Have a chat over a coffee and biscuit

**- ALL WELCOME -**

## Christmas Wreath Making etc in the Village Hall

Millie Rose Floral Design are offering Christmas Wreath, Festive Table and Festive Topiary Tree Workshops at Wreningham Village Hall on various dates during December. For full details go to [www.millieroseflowers.co.uk/floral-workshops](http://www.millieroseflowers.co.uk/floral-workshops) or phone 01953 542342.



## Witch & Wren Bar Opening Times for Christmas & New Year

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>7 till 12</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>8 till 12</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>6 till 9</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>closed !!!!!!!!!</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>8 till 11</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>8 till late</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>8 till 11</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>6 till 11</b>



**In Business, in Wreningham**  
*an occasional series on Wreningham people*

I have lived in Wreningham for nearly 35 years now with Jan, my wife and our 2 children Lisa and Nicky. Originally we move into White Gables (now High Gables) on Church Road but in 1999 did a house swap with Christine Minns and now live at Greendrift on Ashwellthorpe Road. It was once a prefab but I renovated the bungalow around 2001 to make it into a cavity walled construction and have subsequently added a few extensions. I have been involved in the roofing business since the age of 19 in one form or another - originally selling materials to the trade but now very much 'on the tools'. I have been involved in working on quite a few houses within the village from complete re-roofs to Velux window fitting, porch construction and general repairs and refurbs. I provide competitive pricing and give a very profession service.

I have been blessed with 3 grandchildren in the last few years and although I'm still working full time I don't need much of an excuse to spend quality time with Poppy (aged 6) and Sonny & Ruby (both aged 1).

Neil Rafis

Skyline Roofing Services 01508 489298

# Wreningham Heritage Group

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
**7.30pm Margaret Preston Room in the**  
**Village Hall. A busy year awaits!**

**We'll see you there**

The Mobile Library is running a poetry competition ending on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec inviting everyone to write a poem about the Mobile Library, in any capacity – a fantasy journey, a memory of the library. Poems can be given to drivers or emailed to: [central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk)

**The Mobile Library**  
**in Wreningham:**  
**Tuesdays - 10<sup>th</sup> Dec & 7<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
**at Stevens Lane (4.15pm)**  
**and the Village Hall (4.45pm)**



## **Wreningham School report**

The school had a very successful Harvest Festival. The Salvation Army came to collect the donations of food and Major Mark thanked the children and spoke about the homeless work the Salvation Army do in Norwich. Class 4 go to the Horstead Centre for their residential this week. The children complete a range of activities including 'Jacob's Ladder,' a climbing wall and zip wire, archery, a crate stack and a night walk!

We held a families Week and gave parents and grandparents the chance to share a dinner with their children (or grandchildren)! It was the first school dinner many parents had experienced for a number of years!

December is fast approaching and the children are starting to rehearse for the nativity plays. Everyone is welcome to watch the older children's nativity in the village hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (9.30am and 6pm). The younger children will perform their nativity on Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. Tickets for this have to be pre-ordered in school.

Carol Singing around the village will take place on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm. Everyone in the community is welcome! We lead out from the school. Finally, at 1.30pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we invite grandparents and their friends to come into the school and sing carols with the children!

# The Witch & Wren Community Bar

(Wreningham Village Hall)

# Christmas Party Night

Saturday 14th December

7.00pm to late - £35 per person

Meal - 7.30pm

Steve`s  
Starsound  
DISCO



KINGS & QUEENS  
FUNCASINOS

3 course Christmas carvery (by Matlines)

Tickets behind bar

Email: [witchandwren@gmail.com](mailto:witchandwren@gmail.com)

Could anyone wanting or reserving tickets please pick them up as  
soon as possible



# DANCE TO LIVE BANDS

at the  
village  
hall

PUT YOUR DANCING SHOES ON  
AND COME AND JOIN US

at the  
village  
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## Rock & Roll

Roland is back at Wreningham for the

### Christmas Dance

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Further details: 01603 812637

## 60's Dance

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December:

New Year's Eve Party

dancing to "Kenny Lee & Hustler"

Supported by

"The Armadillo Roadshow"

**This is a ticket only event.**

**Contact:**

**Shirley 07951 864295**

## DUMPLIN' COUNTRY

Sunday 15<sup>h</sup> December : "Best of Friends"

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January: "Logic"

Doors open 1pm; Music 1.30pm - 5pm

**£6.00 on the door**

**Hot Drinks / Bar / Raffle**

**Further details from: Jesse on 07880 995199**



## **Wreningham All Saints Church**

We signed the contract and the builder was ready to start work on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Plans to remove everything from the church were in place and..... Following the delayed report from the Bat Conservation Trust, Natural England stepped in – work has had to be put on hold until last spring 2020. We are currently looking at the extra cost this is likely to incur.

In the meantime, plans for church services this winter have already been agreed so we will go ahead with “Twilight Carols” in the village hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. This is open to anybody who enjoys singing carols. Do feel free to come and join us.

You should be receiving a card giving the various services throughout the benefice over the Christmas period but there are also details of church services throughout the Benefice on the notice board in the church porch.

Winter Warmer - I know that many of you have in the past enjoyed this event held at Tacolneston village hall. In 2019 it was a sell-out so if you want to join us get your tickets soon.

Upper Tas Valley Benefice - Winter Warmer Meal

Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm for 7pm

Tacolneston Village Hall - Licensed Bar, Raffle

Tickets £13 (children £6) from me on 01508 488123

May I take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported the church in anyway in 2019 and wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy year ahead.

Christine Minns, Churchwarden

*Last day for copy for the February / March 2020 Mardle is Monday **20<sup>th</sup> January**. Send to: Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road, [c.j.minns@btinternet.com](mailto:c.j.minns@btinternet.com) or [WrenMardle@gmail.com](mailto:WrenMardle@gmail.com)*

## QUIZ AND CHIPS NIGHT

### Raising funds for 1<sup>st</sup> Wymondham Adventurer Scouts International Trip

At Wreningham Village Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Arrive at 7pm for a 7.15 start

Teams of 4 to 6 people max

£10 per person including: Fish & Chips

or £8 including: Jumbo Sausage / Vegetable Spring Roll & Chips

Raffle / Licensed Bar

To book a team please contact Helen or Ian Withey  
email: [adventurersquiz@gmail.com](mailto:adventurersquiz@gmail.com) giving team numbers and food  
orders.

Payment required by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

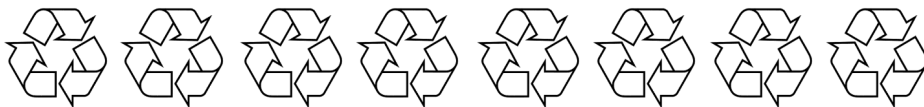
## Bramble Bears Playgroup

Bramble Bears is a sessional, term-time only pre-school for 2-5 year-olds running on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from Ashwellthorpe Village Hall. For more information or to book a visit: call **07847 225093** or email [bbsupervisor01@gmail.com](mailto:bbsupervisor01@gmail.com)

## Zumba

Monday evenings 6.30 - 7.30  
Wednesday evenings 6.15 - 7.15  
In the Village Hall - £5 *Pay As You Go*

## Recycling - Christmas Waste!



First: Great News! TerraCycle has announced that we in the UK have raised the first £1,000,000 towards charities, schools & non-profits through their various plastic recycling programmes. It's an amazing achievement and you have all contributed towards it. Please continue to give me your pet food pouches, biscuit/cake wrappers, baby food pouches & crisp/snack packets.

**Plastic is a problem at Christmas** but there are lots of opportunities to reduce its impact on the environment:

Buy Christmas cards in boxes not cellophane, they often are no more expensive. M&S have a great range as do many charity shops. Alternatively consider sending an e-card.

Buy wrapping paper without plastic (to test, scrunch it up, if it remains scrunched it's ok, if it doesn't, it contains plastic, can't be recycled and mustn't be burned as this releases toxic chemicals into the environment. It can only go to landfill.

Choose cards and paper with no glitter as this generally is made of plastic and these microplastics are dangerous to animals and the environment.

Buy gifts from craft fairs or makers markets as you can often buy unpackaged.

Give experiences, tickets or vouchers, give a gift of your time – we all have too much stuff.

Don't buy lots of new decorations, buy to last rather than discard and replace

We eat loads at Christmas but it's easy to buy much of this without packaging – markets are great for fresh fruit & veg (especially Norwich) and buy your fruits & nuts for baking and nibbling loose

(The Green Grocer on Earlham Rd is fantastic for loads of loose items).

**I've just launched a Facebook group so please search for "Eco living in and around Wreningham" and join it.** I'm also adjusting the way your offerings are collected; can you please try and keep the items for the different programmes together, don't mix them if possible as it takes quite some time now to separate them. More information to come.

Have a wonderful Christmas and thank you for all your support.

Val x

## Food Bank Collections

**Don't forget others this Christmas & New Year.** There's a food bank collection point inside Wreningham Church for:

"In-date" non-perishable food donations. Items are collected and taken to the Trussell Trust Foodbank which supports a great many families in the area. Remember, there are **no** free school lunches in the school holidays.

**When you go to the supermarket, get something extra - and pop it into the box in the church.**

## Wreningham Village Hall Charge Rates

Do *you* wish to rent the Village Hall for an event?

Witch & Wren Room: £7.50/hour  
Bar: £20  
Child Party (Hall): £50  
Hall all day: £180 - after 5pm: £125  
Weekday: £10/hour  
Bar all day: £40 or Evening: £20

Special Village Residents' Rates:  
Hall all day: £135 - after 5pm:  
£100  
Weekday: £8.50/hour  
Bar all day: £40 or Evening: £20

## **Wreningham & District WI**



The Wreningham and District WI has enjoyed a good year. Members are increasing in number and meetings are well attended. Speakers have invariably been entertaining as well as informative on a wide variety of subjects. All WI speakers are required to audition before being 'let loose' on members and this ensures a high standard of knowledge and skills plus the ability to communicate effectively.

Our programme for 2020 is now taking shape and we have decided as a group to invite anyone interested to a special meeting in April 2020. Refreshments will be provided, and the meeting will be completely free of charge. The speaker for that night, judging by past experience, will be well worth the visit. She has been very popular with WI groups in our region and beyond.

Meantime, anybody who would like to join, rejoin or simply get a feel for what we are all about in the WI would be warmly welcomed to any of our 2020 meetings.

*January 14<sup>th</sup> EACH: the speaker will tell us about the work of the charity and its brand new building*

*February 11<sup>th</sup> Bring and Buy Sale (Open to WI members only)*

*March 10<sup>th</sup> Drawing with Pastels: practical demonstration and talk with a chance to try out pastels*

*April 14<sup>th</sup> Special Open Evening with Refreshments and Raffle. Speaker 'The Day I Was a Raindrop!')*

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at Ashwellthorpe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Contact Carole Bradford 01508 489211

or Shirley Moss 01508 489460 for further details.

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Ashwellthorpe Village Hall. Tuesdays 6 - 7.15pm (term time)  
£7.00 per class  
Email: wildfish1@btinternet.com; Tel: 07902 079862



# at Wreningham Village Hall

Open to all  
No membership  
.... just come by and say hello

**Every Thursday & Friday** - Open from 8pm to 11pm

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

**Second Friday**, each month - Fish & Chip Night: Van serving from 5.30 - 8pm

## - Upcoming Events -

**Christmas** - See full the listing of special opening times on  
**Opening** page 5

**14<sup>th</sup> December** - **Saturday - Christmas Party:** including 3 course meal, entertainment, a disco and casino tables. Tickets now on sale in bar at £35 each. *(See centre page)*

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - **Friday - Christmas Draw:** we draw the prizes from our Board - still a few spaces left if you fancy a go - **fun for all the family! We also sing a few carols!**

**New Year's** - **The Bar will be open on 31<sup>st</sup> for our usual informal**  
**Eve** night and letting the New Year in.

If you have any suggestions about future events you'd like, please let us know.

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