

Mardle



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Wreningham

February – March 2020

Village Hall

Welcome to the first edition of the Mardle in a new and exciting decade. Happy New Year to you all!

Christmas was a busy time for the Village Hall. Our annual village Christmas party was a great success again with great food and dancing and as always, the casino in the Witch and Wren bar was well used.

Many thanks to Chris Peachment for his mastery of handling the Christmas draw night and for the staff who manned the bar on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

In the early part of the New Year we are planning a number of events. Notably wine tasting which always proves popular and we are also planning to open the bar for the Six Nations Rugby.

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Later on in the year we are also preparing for our beer festival and the celebrations which will mark 75 years since the end of World War II. This year our Beer Festival will be aligned with the massively successful Wrenfest, which means there will be something on offer for everyone.

On our quieter Fridays (the last two in the month), we would like to encourage more of the village to attend and use the Hall. To support this, for the next three months on these last two Fridays if there is no event on, all drinks will be half price for the first hour (8-9 pm).

We really want you to be getting the best out of your village hall, so if you have any ideas on what we can do to cater better for the village please let any of the Committee members now or email me on ian@holloway.pm

Editor for the Mardle

We have a vacancy for the editor of the Mardle, our village magazine. Being editor is a really good way of meeting lots of friendly different groups around the village. You would also be providing a real service in organising a main village communication tool. If you are interested please give me a call in the first instance on 01508 481700. Many thanks to David Kirk for his work on the Mardle to date.

Ian Holloway

Chairman

Events Report

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO JOINED US FOR THE XMAS DRAW AND PARTY NIGHT, MAKING IT THE FANTASTIC SUCCESS IT WAS. LOVELY TO SEE SO MANY NEW RESIDENTS TO THE VILLAGE CELEBRATING WITH NEIGHBOURS AND NEW FRIENDS.

WE MUST SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO CHRIS, A MASTER AT THE RAFFLE & SO MUCH FUN, HOPE SANTA BROUGHT YOU A DRESSING GOWN.

WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2020. PLANS ARE IN THE PIPELINE FOR OUR NEXT WINE TASTING EVENING, ANOTHER EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED, HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Wreningham Parish Council

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

Keeping the Village tidy was a theme at the last meeting. If you spot any fly-tipping do report it to South Norfolk via their website; better many reports than none at all. We expect that the annual litter pick will be announced by South Norfolk for late Spring. Also, a reminder to those of you with hedges bordering the roadside, you have the opportunity whilst nature is quiet to trim them back to help road users.

The Wreningham Welcome Pack is undergoing a refresh to reflect changes since the first edition. The new version will replace the old one on the website in due course.

Steve Hickling presented his first draft report about the 2019 Archaeology test-pits exercise and explained how they added to the general archaeological understanding of Wreningham. Some sites produced more of interest than others but they all provided details about the past. Hence, he would like to re-run the test-pit dig in 2020. This time fewer sites will be targeted, but with more citizen archaeologists at each site. His report will be posted on our website in the near future.

We reviewed the council finances and realised that the last 3 years of unchanged precept income represented a 6% fall in real terms. So a 1.5% increase was set for 2020/2021.

Highways have confirmed that the reduction in the B1113 speed limit to 40 mph through the village will go ahead as proposed. There were several reports of poor driving practices (e.g. unnecessary speed, inconsiderate manoeuvring and parking) on the roads approaching the village centre. The Police have advised that a consistent record of such behaviour may warrant a visit from them. So take the number, record the date time and place, with a description of the incident and drop me a line – I'll collate them and forward them to the Police.

Michael Hill, Chair

Wreningham VC Primary School

Last November the school was once again inspected under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. The inspection, known as a SIAMS (the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) provides an evaluation of a school's distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church School. We were delighted with the outcome, receiving an 'Excellent' grading.

The inspector praised the school in a number of ways including: The school has an inclusive ethos and is centred in its local community and enables all its pupils to flourish because they know every pupil as an individual yet understand that they are stronger together.

The distinctive Christian nature of the school shines through in all that it does; it lives and breathes its core purpose of working together as a team. The final report is now available to read on the school website. Our lovely ethos is thanks to the energy, skills and commitment of our whole school community – staff, parents, children and governors.

We continue to have a busy term. Class 3 go on residential to Holt Hall in March and class 2 will be having a cathedral and mosque visit next half term. Class 3 are also practising for a big musical concert to be held at the Citadel in Norwich in March. Finally, the term ends with an egg drop challenge - a highlight of the school year!

Rob Jones MA – Headteacher

Wreningham All Saints Church

At the time of going to print we are still no near to knowing when the building work on the church will be carried out but we think it will not be started until May at the earlier.

Benefice Plant Sale on Wreningham church car park. Advance notice for your diary – Saturday 16th May. Save cuttings, plant seeds, pot up self-sets – we will need as many plants as we can get for this annual sale.

Wreningham Heritage Group

The January meeting of the Wreningham Heritage Group was largely occupied with discussions around the exhibition we will be staging in the village hall on Friday 8th (VE Day Bank Holiday) and Saturday 9th May.

We will be showcasing our film and audio recordings of villagers old and young discussing life in bygone Wreningham and some of the photographs and historic documents we have located since we began in 2018.

We hope to have a first public performance by the school choir too. Much more news about this exciting village event in your next Mardle but put the dates in your diary now!

The next WHG meeting takes place on March 17th at 7pm in the Margaret Preston Room. For more information call Jean on 481 947.

“Quiz & Supper”

Friday 20th March – 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

Raffle

Licensed Bar

In aid of Ashwellthorpe and
Wreningham church expenses.

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# **NEW!**

## **FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR**



**Come and  
Join us.**

**Commencing February 21<sup>st</sup> all drinks at the Witch and Wren will be half price between 8 pm and 9 pm on Fridays when there is no event taking place\*.**

**\*Events include Family and Fish and Chip nights.**



# Wine Tasting

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Back by Popular Demand



WITCH & WREN BAR  
TICKETS IN ADVANCE £12  
INCLUDED ALL WINE & FOOD  
MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
JOHN KNIGHT 07961705154  
[johnknight11@btinternet.com](mailto:johnknight11@btinternet.com)

**Entrance by ticket only. Places limited**



## Last Coffee Morning



*... last Wednesday of every month*

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> February and Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March

**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 -**

## Event: Writing from Your Life Experience - An Introduction

If you've always wanted to write about your life, join this fun half-day workshop to get your memories flowing and find out how to get started.

When: Saturday 7th March, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Witch and Wren Bar, Wreningham Village Hall

Cost: £25

To enrol, people can go to: <http://bit.ly/2NA3061> or email Margaret Johnson at [margaretkjohnsonauthor@gmail.com](mailto:margaretkjohnsonauthor@gmail.com)

## DANCE TO LIVE BANDS

PUT YOUR DANCING SHOES ON  
AND COME AND JOIN US

at the  
village  
hall

at the  
village  
hall

### 60's Dance

Saturday 8th February

dancing to "Sirocco"

Saturday 14th March

dancing to "Shake Rattle and Roll"

**8.30pm - 11.45pm**

**£7.50 on the door**

**Further details from:**

**Shirley 07951 864295**



### DUMPLIN' COUNTRY

Sunday 9th February: "Country Mile"

Sunday 29th March: "Julie Dawn"

**Doors open 1pm; Music 1.30pm - 5pm**

**£6.00 on the door**

**Hot Drinks / Bar / Raffle**

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

## Zumba

**Monday evenings 6.30 - 7.30**

**Wednesday evenings 6.15 - 7.15**

**In the Village Hall - £5 Pay As You Go**

## Archaeological Test Pits

We are considering extending the campaign of archaeological test-pits this summer and need volunteers to help and gardens to dig!

The test-pits are 1m x 1m in size and we try (and mostly succeed) to excavate, record and backfill the same day.

If you are interested, please email me with your name and address and what part of your garden you would prefer the test-pit to be.

[steve.hickling@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:steve.hickling@norfolk.gov.uk)

We should be assisted, like in 2018, by my former colleagues David ('Mavis') and Sandrine Whitmore from Norwich.

Possible dates are: 17<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, or 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> September. These are all Sundays, but if a Saturday is better for you, please let me know.

Steve Hickling

## Recycling News

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope you've had a great Christmas and are looking forward to 2020 with a fresh, anti-plastic and low waste outlook.

For those who don't know, we have a Facebook group **Eco living in and around Wreningham**. If you're able, please visit it and like, love, join the group, share, comment or post your own thoughts, queries or suggestions. I will continue this update in the Mardle too so everyone is up to speed on eco happenings in Wreningham.

Items for TerraCycle continue to come in well thank you – I recently sent off 11Kg of pet food packaging and am waiting to see if we have reached the £100 mark yet. To remind you, the following raise money for PACT – 1) crisp, nuts & snack packets (not the outer bags of multi-packs unless silvered), 2) biscuit, cake & cracker packets (both individual & outer), 3) all plastic pet food packaging – all animals, all sizes of packet from pouch to large. You can also drop off confectionery pouches, chocolate plastic wrapping & sweet bags.

I'll also take stretchy plastic to the supermarket (see below) but please note the following:

**YES** - bread bags, bubble wrap (although charity shops can use it), rings & plastic holding bottles & cans together (cut open to avoid strangling animals), anything with the instruction “Recycle with bags at larger stores”, carrier bags, plastic with code 02 or 04, courier bags & dry cleaning covers (cut off any paper label), cereal packet inners, toilet roll & nappy pack outers.

**NO** - cling film, any plastic you can't stretch or that is 'crinkly' or noisy, anything with the label “Not yet recycled”, greeting card wrappers, fruit nets, supermarket bakery packaging, film from fruit punnets & ready meals, some flower packaging, compostable bags (please compost it), cheese bags, some fruit & veg bags (buy loose). It's also NO to anything you could put in your green bin.

Many thanks, see you online or next issue. Val

**A Huge Thank You** to Mrs Andree Handford who has been delivering the village hall Mardle along with the church Magazine, the Easter card and Christmas card in Wymondham Road for about 40 years. I regret to say that there is no “long service” medal but on behalf of past and present residents of Wymondham Road, the village hall management committee, the church council and me personally, I would like to thank her for her commitment to this bi-monthly duty over so many years.

Christine Minns (co-ordinator of these deliveries)

**Last Day for Copy – April/May Mardle by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**, to Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road or [c.j.minns@btinternet.com](mailto:c.j.minns@btinternet.com)

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Email : [wildfish1@btinternet.com](mailto:wildfish1@btinternet.com); Tel : 07 902 07 9852



## 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 -

#### **SIX NATION RUGBY DATES. COME AND WATCH THE MATCHES AT THE WITCH AND WREN BAR**

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB FRANCE v ENGLAND START 3.00

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEB SCOTLAND v ENGLAND START 16.45

SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEB ENGLAND v IRELAND START 3.00

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH ENGLAND v WALES START 16.45

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH ITALY v ENGLAND START 16.45

BAR WILL OPEN HALF HOUR BEFORE START OF MATCH.

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## **Another Wine Tasting**

## **See page 9 for details**