

Mardle



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Wreningham

Village Hall

Welcome to the May addition of The Mardle. This, as you might expect, is a somewhat shorter edition than usual with limited events ongoing, and village life somewhat constrained. However, we are making the best of it. As we note within the Mardle, villagers are supporting each other with shopping, prescription collections and other needs and the clearer roads means that some of us have taken to walking and cycling on local routes that we have not taken before.

Local businesses are also adapting, with a number of local pubs and restaurants offering deliveries and takeaways. I would specifically recommend The Bird in Hand's sumptuous menu alongside The Chip Inn's fish supper in Long Stratton and The Duke of Delhi's take away curries. I may just put on a little weight by the time the lockdown has finished.

I am still hopeful that we might see some village events taking place before the end of the summer, but this will be clearly dependent on government advice. For now, the most important thing is to stay safe. Take care.

Regards

Ian

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Wreningham Parish Council

So much has happened since the last Mardle. In response to a village-wide request a glorious 25% of our community put their names forward to help anyone who asks during the pandemic. There have been so many kindnesses demonstrated by the people of this parish. To provide a couple of examples:

- a meal roster, organised so that an elderly couple have at least one good hot meal a day
- two people, one young woman and a not so young (!) man who have each spent hours in supermarket queues shopping for at least 4 other families at the same time, week after week.

Thank you for your big and little acts of generosity and kindness. They do make such a difference.

We are slowly finding our way in this new environment and are making adjustments that were unthinkable just a few weeks ago. The nature of this virus is being investigated by scientists worldwide: it hits all age groups and delivers a nasty package of symptoms, not associated with “normal” seasonal flu. Do keep yourself informed about the latest local and central Government Covid-19 guidance and information. Our own website has links to their sites plus news about services available locally and within the district.

The playing field is currently open for use, but it is on the proviso that social distancing rules are followed. So far, we understand that this has been the case.

Long's Wood car park on Wymondham Road was considered for closure, given that people were driving in from beyond Wreningham. But guidance has been issued to remind people that travelling a short distance to a place for exercise is acceptable, and again, one is expected to follow social distancing.

The law has been changed to allow Councils to have on-line meetings. However, we all need the technological capability and I for one do not have a computer with a camera! Anyway, we'll work out what needs to be done and let you know in due course. In the meantime, the next Council meeting will not be until July, at the earliest. If you do have matters to raise with the Council, please contact the Clerk at the details given above.

Since the lockdown, SNC has halted its own face-to-face meetings and hence a number of planning applications are stuck in the system. People have asked about the application at Moon Acre, next to the Village Hall. It is true that work started before planning permission had been granted. SNC has requested that it stop.

On Council resource matters. First, we have two vacancies for Councillors. Second, it would be good if we could respond to the increased awareness of the environment. A vacancy exists for a Tree Warden to work to improve our environment by developing a strategy and action plan. Are you interested in working for your community? If so, please contact the Clerk.

Please look after yourselves and those around you. Stay safe and well.

Michael Hill

WPC, Chair

The Support Group

When Michael Hill asked me to help set up a Support Group for the village, I was concerned that there would be too few volunteers to manage the needs of the residents. I was soon reassured when many people offered to help. Michael and I identified around a dozen individuals across the village who were willing to act as contacts for their locality.

They have done, and are still doing, a remarkable job in helping residents who needed shopping to be done or medication collected and I am delighted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all volunteers' invaluable efforts which have on occasions entailed queuing for long periods at pharmacies. In addition to requests direct from villagers, we have been able to fulfil requests from South Norfolk Help Hub when it became apparent that there were already well-established support networks throughout Wreningham with assistance for those in need from family members, friends and neighbours.

The need for support may well continue for some time and if others wish to offer their help, or would like to ask for assistance, even if that just involves an occasional phone call to those who are living alone please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tony Wright

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Face masks

With increased freedom of movement comes greater potential for contact. You may feel safer wearing a face mask.

I've been making masks for family as have other sewers in the village and am happy to share with anyone my preferred style. If you're not a sewer, I can make masks for you using your own fabric – for adults or children. This could be an ideal opportunity to recycle an old shirt or dress or have one made to match existing clothing (it's important to look co-ordinated!). If you are a sewer and willing to help, please let me know.

Thank you, Val
01508 488231

Wreningham School

The school remains open and staff continue to come into school for the children of key workers.

The number of children coming into school varies each day.

We have had a new pathway and running track completed in the Easter holidays. The builder had the materials pre-delivered before lockdown and was able to work in isolation to complete the track. It is made from artificial grass and stretches from the far gate up towards the mobile classes. When the children return to school, we look forward to using it to complete a daily mile.

The class 1 canopy was also completed and will provide children and staff easy access to the outdoors all year long. It will provide class 1 with more teaching space, enabling children to go out in all weathers in a safe and dry environment.

The teachers all miss the children and hope that they remain safe and well

All Saints, Wreningham

Firstly, as churchwarden, I wish to say how sorry I am that the church building has had to be locked during the past few weeks. I know that some of you gain comfort from visiting and sitting quietly there in times of stress. It will certainly be some time before we are able to hold a Sunday service – some of us think it will be the end of this year. However, as soon as we are able to unlock the church, we will do all we can to clean and prepare it for individual visits. I suspect that we will have to rope off areas and restrict movement to designated areas as it will be necessary to clean that part of the church each day before we lock up.

Hopefully, we will be able to provide a facility for you to light a candle if that is something you wish to do.

We are looking at the possibility of holding a “drive-in” service on the church car park – possible towards the end of June. Watch out for notices if you are interested in attending.

With no Sunday services at the moment, we are missing out on regular collections but some of you will have seen the plants for sale at my gate in aid of church funds. If you wish to add any spare plants, please feel free, and thank you to those who have been buying them.

Obviously, with the church in “lockdown” the work on the East Wall has yet again had to be put off. It had been hoped that this work would have been done during May/June.

Those of you who live nearest to the church may have heard the bell ringing on a Thursday evening at 8 pm. We will continue to do this and mark any other suitable public occasions in the immediate future.

Christine Minns. Churchwarden.

Church Services and Activities during Covid-19 restrictions

Day	Time	Service/Event
Monday to Wednesday	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (20 minute service)
Monday to Thursday	5.30 pm	Evening Prayer (20 minute service)
Thursday	9.30 am	Simple spiritual Communion service and Bible Study (45minutes followed by coffee)
Sunday	10.30 am	Spiritual Communion or Morning Service (45 minutes, including music and followed by coffee)

And

On Tuesdays:

11am 'Grave Talk' a light touch informal café style opportunity to discuss thoughts and issues surrounding about death, dying and funerals using materials developed by the Church of England (Five sessions on a rolling programme – drop in when it suits or come each time, up to you)

2pm Prayer Group – requests for prayer are invited (email vicar.utvb@gmail.com or phone 01953-788227) or come in person – you will be very welcome!

Plus

An opportunity to explore the spirituality hidden in the classic film 'Casablanca' beginning on Tuesday 9th June and then every evening from Monday 15th to 18th June – from 7-8pm. The book our discussion will be based on is 'A beautiful friendship' written by Paul Kerensa (one of the writers of Miranda and Not Going out) and his wife Zoe Young. Your experience will be enhanced if you have the book but it's not essential. You will need to have seen the film recently. Drop in occasionally or come to each session – completely up to you! You'll be very welcome!

All of the above are available via **Zoom video Conferencing** – for the joining codes, please get in touch by emailing vicar.utvb@gmail.com or phoning 01953 788227.

If you don't have access to a computer, you might like to phone the new free Hope Line for hymns, prayers and reflections 0800-804 8044

The Covid-19 restrictions are affecting us all in different ways at different times – please don't hesitate to get in touch on the above number if you'd find it helpful to talk.

Information, news updates, Service sheets, Benefice Magazine, services and events can all be found on Upper Tas Valley Benefice pages on www.achurchnearyou.org

Wreningham Heritage Group

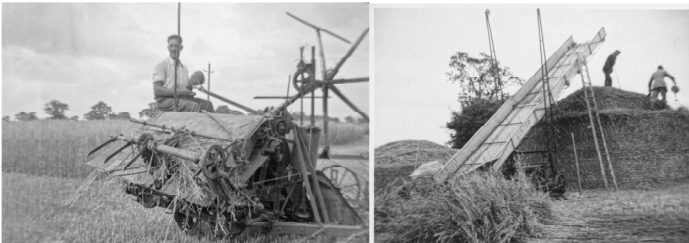
Wreningham Heritage Group held its first ever virtual meeting on Zoom on 19th May, which, in the manner of such meetings, was not an entirely unqualified success! In fact, we lost both secretary and treasurer half-way through the event.

However, before their internet went down, we managed to discuss the subject of the exhibition which should have been staged over the May bank holiday but fell victim to the current situation with Covid-19. It was agreed that we should look to May 2021 for the event. Surely by then....?

We were able to look at further evidence towards establishing the position of the Admiralty Telegraph station created in the village during the Napoleonic period, a number of old photographs of 1930's village life donated by a one time resident, and an extract from the parish register of the 1950's.

Those of us left standing at the end agreed that the exercise had been worthwhile and that we should have another virtual meeting at 2.30 on Tuesday 21st July. Members will be circulated with details before the day but for anyone wishing to participate, details of how to do so can be obtained by emailing info@wreninghamheritage.org.

Dress code informal....personally I'd recommend a stiff drink to get you into the swing but that's not actually Group policy!



Recycling News

Great News! Despite lockdown (or is it because of it?) I have been able to send off 8kg of snack & crisp packets to Terracycle. That's an awful lot of snacks! I've also sent off 9kg of pet food packaging so I'm reassured our furry family members are eating well. This consignment represents another £12.50 to our total which will be sent to PACT with the total standing at around £140. Thank you everyone for all your hard work. Please feel free to drop your items off as usual. Can I just remind you of what we are collecting:

Pet food pouches & packaging – that can be from food & treats for any animal, small or large but make sure it is plastic (not paper or plastic lined paper) and that all pouches are washed out, dry and flattened

Crisp & snack packaging – any crisp, snack, nut packets including the outer bags of multipacks. It would really help if the crisp packets could be empty & flattened and please, NO origami, it takes me ages to flatten and unfold hundreds of packets.

Cake & biscuit packaging – any biscuit, snack bar, cake or cracker packets

Can I please ask that you don't put items inside each other as they all need checking and sending off in the correct consignment. However, I'm happy for you to put flattened crisp packets in a larger one or pet food pouches in a larger bag.

In addition to our 3 revenue streams, feel free to drop off confectionery/chocolate wrappers, yoghurt pouches, toothbrushes/toothpaste tubes, baby food pouches & coffee bags. Don't forget to visit the **Eco living in and around Wreningham** Facebook group for all things environmental.

Thanks, Val
01508 488231

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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 -

ALL activities have been cancelled for the time being. Please see the Village website:

<https://www.wreningham.org.uk/>

or the Facebook Page:

@WrenVillageHall

or Notice Boards around the Village for news about possible reopening.

A chip night is being considered for July. Please check notice Boards and/or the village website nearer the date.