



October – November 2020

Wreningham

Village Hall

Welcome to this edition of the Mardle as we head into Autumn. As we are all aware, life generally remains challenging with Covid concerns still impacting on day to day life. However, we're maintaining our opening hours at the Village Hall and at the end of Summer it is still nice to sit out on the patio in a socially distanced fashion, socialise and put the world to rights.

Our opening hours are set out at the back of this Mardle; it would be great if you could join us. If we do need to change opening hours, we'll post this on wreningham.org, so I would encourage you to use the website to keep up to date with events and other village information. Please note, we have installed the NHS Covid-19 app at the hall for track and trace; please download and use.

Having considered all options carefully we do not think it will be possible to hold our usual firework display this year given covid rules. We will however look to be back with a great display next year.

The village litter pick in September was successful with some twenty bags of rubbish being collected from all over the village. My thanks to all the volunteer pickers; I'm glad so many of you were able to join us afterwards in The Hall.

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Charity No

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A number of our Village Hall Committee members are due to retire shortly, having provided great service. My thanks to them for all that they have done. I would love to hear from you if you're interested in getting involved either by volunteering with us, or by joining the Committee proper.

Best wishes
Ian

Book your hall

Wreningham Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce the hall has reopened with fresh decoration throughout and several things updated to make your event all the better. Prices for bookings are:

RESIDENTS

Main Hall per hour £8.50
All day £135 Evening from 5PM £100

NON-RESIDENTS

Main Hall per hour £10.00
All day £180 Evening from 5PM £125

Children's party (Main hall) 4 hours £50

WITCH & WREN ROOM

£7.50 per hour
Bar all day £40
Bar evening £20

To make a booking or find out more information, contact Booking Secretary Jill Hustler 01508 481823, jillh600@yahoo.co.uk



Parish Council

During the last few weeks there has been a rash of planning applications – all are posted to the village website for inspection and comment. You may advise one of the Councillors of your views which can then be taken into account when we formulate our response to SN Council following debate and agreement.

Goff's Norwich Innovation Centre public consultation will have closed by the time this edition of the Mardle reaches you. Once the formal planning application is made, you'll have a further opportunity to make your views known.

Bonfires – Before you light them, think about your neighbours downwind or laundry during daytime.

Being mobile – as a pedestrian, a runner, a cyclist, a motorist, etc. – in a rural village has its rewards, but an unmanaged / untrimmed hedge can spoil a trip out. Please ensure that your hedges, brambles, branches do not invade someone's space or injure them as they move about the village.

Covid – there is currently no proven vaccine available for this pernicious and debilitating disease. The best practice is that we should maintain social distancing, wash hands regularly and wear face masks. Please be careful out there, this “invisible enemy” is tenacious and can have long-term impact, or worse. We have colder weather coming which will add 'flu to the mix. So, remember to book a 'flu jab.

The PC has purchased a replacement basketball hoop and net (installed by Hughie Glaves) for the playing field and Keith Morris is sourcing new nets for the football goals. Hughie and I used the best part of 1500Kgs of topsoil to fill in numerous rabbit holes and to repair and level the site for the bench nearest the main field entrance. This was then rolled by Noel Course before Hughie applied grass seed.

If you have news to share with other villagers, the Parish Council noticeboards (Penny's Green, The Reading Room, and Top Row) are there

primarily for parishioner use and information. Please get in touch if you would like to place a notice on one or more of these noticeboards.

Do you have a whole village perspective? Is Wreningham as it should be? Become a Parish Councillor and help maintain the village, look for improvements and implement them. We have two Councillor vacancies and would welcome interested and vigorous individuals to help care for the village. Training is available.

Michael Hill, Chair, Wreningham Parish Council

All Saints, Wreningham

We're proud to say All Saints, Wreningham has been the only church in this Benefice able to be open every day this Summer. I know this has been appreciated and I thank those who have taken a turn in anti-bac spraying each evening before it is locked. Unfortunately, we are going to have to close it for a few weeks starting on 28th September.

However, the good news is that the builders should be starting work on the east wall that week. Weather permitting, the job will take about 4 weeks. As soon as the job is completed, we will open up again on a daily basis.

During the time that the building work is going on, we'll not be able to make the church porch a collection point for the "Foodbank" so you will find the green crate in my porch and you're welcome to leave your donations there. The porch is unlocked and accessible during the day.

Pews – I have for a long time thought that the pews in Wreningham church ought to be removed. They are full of woodworm, the aisle is too narrow for 2 people to walk side by side and coffin bearers particularly have a problem. The seats themselves are longer than 3 people need, but not long enough for 4 to sit comfortably. If we had chairs, the area would be much more versatile and usable. The past 6 months have been further evidence that taking the pews out should be considered. Social distancing

has meant that we have not been able to hold any kind of service in the church. A family decided to have a graveside funeral rather than use an alternative church and 2 weddings planned for Wreningham had to go to Ashwellthorpe church.

I would like to know if anybody in the village feels strongly, either way, about taking some of the pews out as and when we have the funds or manpower to do this. As the floor needs attention under the choir stalls, I think this would be the first area to concentrate on. So, if we have anybody with basic carpentry skills who could either advise or assist with this project, I would be pleased to hear from you, as well.

Nobody knows what the Winter will bring, whether there will be further lockdown or fear of going out and about. If anybody does feel lonely or depressed, we as a church do have a group of people who try to support the sick or lonely at times of stress so if the present situation starts to affect your health do feel free to contact me or Margaret Styles (the care group leader) on 01508 489112 and we will try to support you.

Christine Minns, Churchwarden (01508 488123)

Obituary – Mike Butcher

It is with sadness that we write about Mike Butcher who passed away at the age of 91 having lived in the village for over 60 years. Mike spent his working life with Norwich Union and his leisure time and retirement in many creative pursuits.

His skills were evident when he restored and rebuilt an E-Type Jaguar and made many dove cotes (which goes a long way to explain why there were always white doves around his house – the house that he personally built with doves on the gate posts.)

Mike was an accomplished musician playing and teaching the flute. He leaves a son and daughter from his first marriage to Pat and follows his wife Sally who passed away earlier this year.

Recycling News



Great News! Thanks to all your hard work munching on crisps, biscuits and feeding your furry family, I've sent off 33kg of recycling to TerraCycle. Well done everyone, my garage is now empty and ready to receive a top up!

Can I also thank you for sorting your items into the 3 streams, flattening all packaging (especially snack packets) and washing/drying all pet food pouches. It has made my job so much easier, as has the help I've received from Hilary to sort, weigh and box up.

Apart from freeing space, the other good news is that this brings our total raised for PACT to just under £200 which is fantastic in such a short space of time, living through a pandemic and being a relatively small community. To put this in perspective, we have stopped over **30,000** pieces of plastic from landfill which is amazing.

Now that we are returning to work (maybe), can you collect packaging from your office, school or other workplace? Another good source could be care homes. Do you work in one or do you have family there? I know you probably aren't able to visit as you used to but maybe any suitable plastic can be saved for you to collect – my parents' care home certainly went through loads of biscuits and crisps.

TerraCycle has announced 4 new programmes – medicine blister packs, cheese wrappers, household gloves (both reuse and disposable) and makeup recycling. I must stress that I am not collecting for these but if you want to further save plastic from landfill, hang on to your items and I'll keep you informed of where you can take them as more drop off points come on line. At present, there's nothing close by although you can take your empty make up containers to Tesco Harford Bridge.

I recently managed to get Wreningham on the recycling map with an interview on Radio Norfolk. Next month I'm Zooming with Mulbarton Beavers. Don't forget to check out our Facebook Group **Eco living in and around Wreningham** for all up to date information and discussion. Thank you. Val (val@valkeel.co.uk) 488231

Wreningham Support Group

We are still here to help. In these uncertain times we wish to assure you that we continue to help residents who need support in all areas of the village. Please get in touch with your local contact or with me and we will do whatever we can to assist you. If you need help with shopping, getting prescriptions or any other matters including someone just to talk to, please reach out – these are all part of our Support Group's activities. The Village has come together over this period and this togetherness is a great demonstration of what makes Wreningham such a great place to live. Tony Wright 01508 489454 or wrenhaven191@gmail.com

Wreningham Fuel Trust

The Trust Deed sets out that "The income from Wreningham Fuel Trust has to be given to provide fuel for the poor persons of the parish of Wreningham". This means that the charity income is available to anybody living in the parish who is in need and the application may be made by the needy person or anybody who wishes to nominate a person to receive help towards their fuel bills. The Trust does have a regular income, mainly from interest on money on deposit and It is a requirement of the Trust Deed that all the money received in a year is paid out in the same year. Anybody wanting help can apply at any time of the year and the Trustees will consider each application, in confidence. At these times of uncertainty, if anybody in the village is in need, we would invite you to make an application.

Traditionally, when we have few applicants, the Trust invites our elder parishioners to apply to the fund for consideration for a distribution to take place in January. The list will be discussed at the next Trustees meeting so, in order to be considered, please apply by Wednesday 28th October with name and address of applicant or nominated person to the clerk: Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road, Wreningham ,NR16 1BH (Tel: 488123). If you need any further explanation or details do contact me by phone.

Wreningham Heritage Group

Every time I sit down to write for the Mardle I hope to be able to say it's "business as usual" for the WHG! Alas, no, we still do not feel it wise to hold a full members' meeting in the village hall. However, your committee has not been idle; we have had the first of a series of Zoom meetings with the newly appointed officers of the Norfolk Records Office who will, we hope, be providing us with help to move forward on our projects. We are working on understanding the best methods for recording the enormous amount of information we have already gathered about the village, a data resource which we hope to preserve for posterity and make available to people searching for historical information of all sorts.

We intend also to resume our verbal recordings as soon as it is possible. Meanwhile, don't forget that we will be delighted to borrow any old maps, documents, photos or written material which may still be lurking in the attic. If you have anything you think might be of interest, please contact me on 481 947 and I can arrange collection.
Jean Lambourne

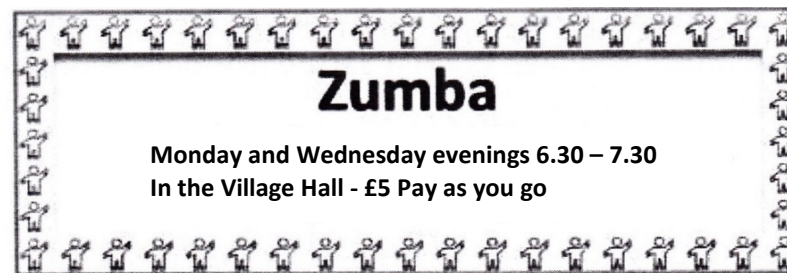
The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning



Macmillan Coffee Morning: We'll be holding the September coffee morning on Wednesday 30th September and proceeds will go to Macmillan Nurses. Whilst it won't be our usual effort, there will be a raffle and we will be enjoying some rather delicious artisan crumpets kindly donated by Katrina Ajomale (see ad later), whilst dutifully observing social distancing and hygiene rules. Tables for six will be spaced throughout the main hall and visitors will be asked to pay for their coffee etc. at the door and to remain seated whilst our volunteers serve them at table.

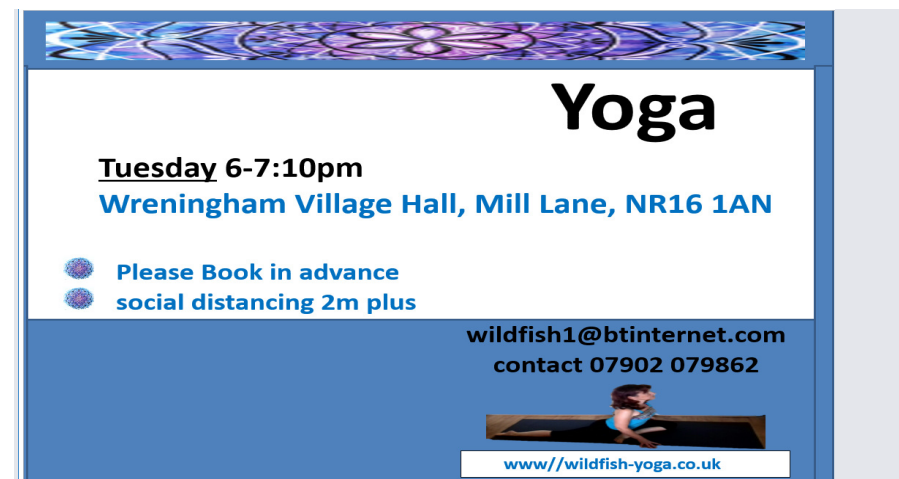
Don't forget, October & November coffee mornings will be the last Wednesday of each month as usual. If you would like further information about how we are managing things, do feel free to call me, Jean Lambourne, on 481947.

Classifieds



Zumba
Monday and Wednesday evenings 6.30 – 7.30
In the Village Hall - £5 Pay as you go

Zumba is Back!! With strict protocol Rachel returns to Wreningham twice a week from Monday 28th September. There will be a limited capacity and places must be booked in advance. To book, email firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07789748457
Payment can be via bank transfer/PayPal or cash on the night



Yoga
Tuesday 6-7:10pm
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Bramble Bears Playgroup - Ashwellthorpe

Bramble Bears Playgroup reopened its doors on 7th September for the first time since March. The playgroup has been offered the exciting opportunity of having sole use of the original village hall in Ashwellthorpe and this has enabled opening hours to be extended to five days a week throughout term time. The playgroup offers play sessions for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years from 9am-3pm. The playgroup staff have spent lots of time preparing the hall for reopening and ensuring that all the necessary measures are in place to keep everybody as safe as possible with regards to the Covid-19 outbreak.

This term Bramble Bears staff have welcomed families old and new to the playgroup and couldn't be more pleased with the way the children have settled in. This term the children will be learning about seasons, going on Autumn walks and exploring the weather and the world around them. They will also be constructing and creating using their natural findings. They will be celebrating Halloween, fireworks and bonfire night, winter and Christmas with lots of arts and crafts and fun activities.

Bramble Bears playgroup is a charity run by volunteers and staffed by a fantastic team of child care professionals. It is a child-led playgroup with a very relaxed, caring but stimulating atmosphere. If you are interested in securing a place for your child please contact Laura by emailing bbsupervisor01@gmail.com or call 07789055211. The playgroup would also love to welcome new committee members or fundraising volunteers to help run our playgroup and create new ways to fundraise for toys and resources. If you would like to be involved then please email James Milk, chair of the committee at j.milk@sky.com. An AGM will be held on 14th October, please look at the Bramble Bears website for more information www.bramblebearsplaygroup.co.uk.





at Wreningham Village Hall

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

Opening times:

Every Thursday 7 – 10 pm

Friday 6-10 pm

Saturday 3-5pm

Sunday 12-2.30pm

Don't forget, we can provide a **take-away service** if you'd rather not drink in the hall or want to socialise with your group of six at home. Reusable containers are available.

For more information contact witchandwren@gmail.com

Fish & Chip Night:

2nd and 4th Friday, each month. Van serving from 5.30 – 8pm.

Eat in or take away.