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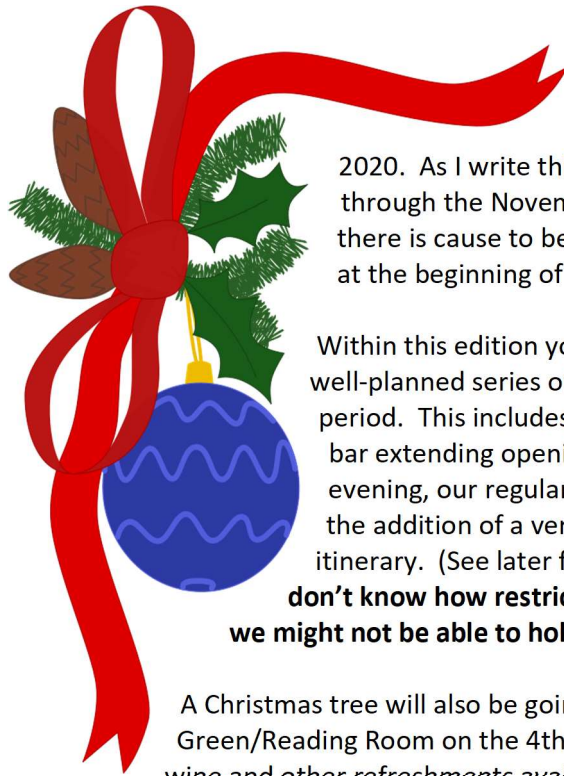
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Chair's Comments

Welcome to the last edition of The Mardle in 2020. As I write this update, we are half-way through the November lockdown. However, there is cause to be optimistic that we are now at the beginning of the end of the virus crisis.

Within this edition you will see that we have a well-planned series of events over the Christmas period. This includes a quiz, the Witch and Wren bar extending opening hours to Saturday evening, our regular fish and chip evenings and the addition of a very good pizza truck to our itinerary. (See later for details) **However, we don't know how restrictions are going to change – we might not be able to hold any indoor activities.**

A Christmas tree will also be going up on the Village Green/Reading Room on the 4th of December with mulled wine and other refreshments available in the Village Hall.

Our November annual general meeting at the Village Hall said goodbye to Maxine Wadlow and Hughie Glaves who have given great service to the hall and the village generally. I would like to place on record my thanks for their service and the service of Jon Moon who retired earlier in the year.

I would also like to welcome our new Committee members Ian and Kim Priestley and Aaron Kelly.

I wish you all the very best for Christmas, and I hope you will find the time to join us over the festive period.

Best Wishes
Ian

Events at the Village Hall and in the village

Christmas is fast approaching and, after what has been (and still is) a pretty awful and worrying year, we need some fun! At time of going to print, we still don't know if lockdown is going to be lifted but let's be positive. With that in mind, and on the proviso we are allowed, in addition to the Witch & Wren bar being open 7-10 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday plus Sundays from 12-2.30, and visits from the chip or pizza van on Friday evenings, a number of additional, festive, events have been arranged throughout the village.

FRIDAY 4th – SUNDAY 20th Dec

CHRISTMAS TRAIL around Wreningham and Top Row (see details)
Take part by making a Christmas creation and display it outside your house or drive. Alternatively, follow the trail to see the wonderful creations and raise funds for Wreningham VC Primary School

FRIDAY 4th Dec 6pm

LIGHT UP WRENINGHAM (see details)
Take part in lighting up our village and spreading joy

FRIDAY 4th Dec 7pm

TREE LIGHTING ON THE GREEN (see details)
with music, carols, prayers
Mince pies, mulled wine, hot drinks will be available from the hall
Any more information needed contact Jean tel 481947

WEDNESDAY 16th Dec 10-11.45am

LAST COFFEE MORNING
Bacon rolls back on the menu!!



FRIDAY 18th Dec 7pm

XMAS QUIZ

Tables of up to 6 pre booked only

Bring your own food or order for table service from the pizza van

OPEN 6pm £1 per person, quiz starts at 7pm

Drinks – table service only

If you would like to book a table phone/text John 07961 705154 or email

witchandwren@gmail.com

SATURDAY 19th Dec 5.30 pm

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

On the Village Hall car park

Mince pies mulled wine hot drinks available from the hall

WEDNESDAY 30th Dec

AFTERNOON TEA at the hall 3-5 pm

Homemade Christmas cake, mince pies and sausage rolls

CHRISTMAS TABLES

We have available through December on Friday/Saturday evenings the opportunity for you to reserve a Christmas table at the hall for up to six people. Please bring your own nibbles and table games, the bar will be open and table service for drinks will be available. Open from 7 till 10pm. All children will need to remain sitting or can have a separate table in their bubble or family. If you would like to reserve a table or two, ask at the bar or phone/text Jill on 07564 364425 or email witchandwren@gmail.com. All tables need to be pre booked.



ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES &

COVID RULES. If we are able to hold them, please maintain social distancing. Any event in the hall requires us to provide table service (do not order drinks at the bar), remain sitting in groups of no more than 6, check in with Track & Trace on entry, one person at a time to visit the toilets, children to be accompanied and always be careful for your safety and everyone else's.

Parish Council

Whilst lockdown is back, we have returned to holding our Council meetings on-line, which means you can watch from the comfort of your own screen at home.

The Parish Council has considered the potential for Covid-19 cross-infection in the playing field; particularly the play equipment. We don't have the resources to monitor playing field use or supply hand-sanitiser so we're asking everyone to be a little bit more careful and thoughtful about how they use our communal space, especially surfaces which will be touched by many people. You may have seen a notice at each of the two entrances and on the play equipment. In a very short time though, someone has removed two of the notices. This is both selfish and irresponsible.

The support group is still in place if you need it, or if you know someone who does. Do not be afraid to ask for help – the worst that can happen is that the group says “no”. They cannot help in every circumstance but might know someone who can. May I thank everyone for the continuing acts of generosity and kindness; they do make such a difference.

We have discussed the equipment on the playing field and there are issues: the swings, the rocker and the roundabout need attention or replacing; the skate-park is at the end of its life; a general clean-up is required. It is suggested that adult gym equipment is needed. What do you think? Please give the Clerk your views.

The Christmas Tree for the Reading Room is receiving our support and the lights bought will be available for future village use. Further details will be included in this Mardle, the noticeboards and the village website.

Noel Course has volunteered to be the Parish Council's Tree Warden. This post has been vacant for too long, so I am pleased to see it filled at last. Together we will design the role so that it fits within our aspirations as a tree-friendly village – parishioners often say how much they cherish the

important part in helping to establish a sustainable plan for the middle to long term – trees do take a while to grow!

We have two vacancies for Councillors to join our team and support the village. I will be happy to discuss what being a Parish Councillor entails. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

I am sure we are all looking forward to the New Year and, hopefully, a return to normal life visiting our families and socialising with our friends. In the meantime, please look after yourselves and those around you. Stay safe and well.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC

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

Christmas Tree Lighting

We shall have a lighted Christmas Tree on the Reading Room green (adjacent to the school) this year. The lights will be switched on for the first time at 7pm on Friday, December 4th and villagers are very welcome to join a short ceremony in celebration of this - there will be a small group of singers to give us some seasonal cheer but in view of Covid restrictions there will be no carol singing on this occasion.

Please remember to observe two metre social distancing between your family groups whilst you make use of the open space around the crossroads to stand and watch. There will be volunteers on each of the roads leading to the junction, to warn any traffic to pass slowly but the roads will not be closed, so please take care that children do not leave your side. We are hoping to repeat this event annually so donations to help fund it would be most welcome.

For those of you who are keen to sing carols, we hope to be able to stage an outdoor event on the evening of Saturday 19th December on the village hall car park, starting at 5.30 pm, for which the village hall will be open.

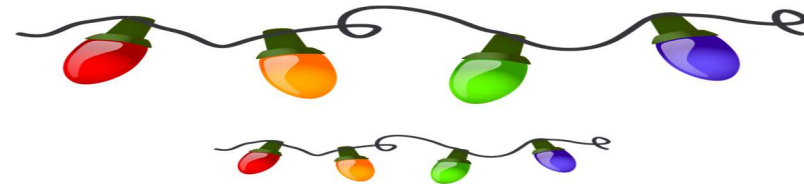


Light Up Wreningham

Add a sparkle of brightness to your house and/or garden to give joy and hope to the people of Wreningham and people visiting our beautiful village during the festive season.

Friday 4th December – Village Switch On 6pm

Please feel free to 'light up' before this date if you cannot wait this long!



Wreningham Fuel Trust

The Trustees, at their recent meeting looked at the funds available for 2020/21 and considered the possible effects that covid-19 may have on the circumstances of people living in the village. There could well be people struggling over the coming year due to redundancies, businesses collapsing etc. With this in mind, the Trustees agreed not to make their normal distribution of surplus funds in January but (for 2020/21 only) to carry them forward for no longer than 1 year unless they are needed before that time. This means that if you find yourself in need of help, you are invited to make a formal application explaining your circumstances and the Trustees will consider each individual application in confidence.
Clerk - Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road (Tel: 488123)

TREE LIGHTING
Friday 4th December

**JOIN US TO SWITCH ON THE
WRENINGHAM CHRISTMAS TREE
ON THE
READING ROOM/VILLAGE GREEN**

LIGHTS ON AT 7PM

**MUSIC - CAROLS - SINGING – PRAYERS
REFRESHMENTS
HOT DRINKS - MULLED WINE
MINCE PIES
BAR**

AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**PLEASE FOLLOW ALL COVID RULES AND KEEP
EVERYONE SAFE**

**Wreningham / Toprow Christmas Trail - Friday 4th - Sunday
20th December— Your village school is looking for your
creative skills to help raise funds.**



It has been a difficult year for most of us and as we enter into the winter months it feels even more important to bring villagers together and have some fun. The Friends of Wreningham School are currently putting together a Festive Christmas Trail around both Wreningham and Toprow. We are looking for as many villagers as possible of all ages to help create our Trail of hope.

Hope of bringing together the village, Hope of letting people be creative during lockdown, Hope of having some fun and most importantly Hope of lifting spirits of those feeling vulnerable in and outside our lovely village by seeing the fantastic displays outside people's houses.

All that is required is your willingness to make a Christmas creation to display outside your house or driveway for the duration of the trail for people to view without causing any disturbance to you. The display can be anything from painted plants pots or vegetables to knitted/crochets items as long as they are festive themed and most importantly waterproof!!! Trailers will vote for their favourite display and a prize will be given to the winner.

We would love to have as many households as possible to participate in this event and would ask that anyone that is happy to help contacts Andrea either by email missstancred@gmail.com or text 07828 52690 by the 30th November so that we have time to devise the map of creations ready for the start 4th December. We would be so grateful to any offers of help but it doesn't stop there as we would love you to invite friends and family to do the trail over the festive period. A minimum donation of £3 per family is required with all proceeds going to Wreningham VC Primary School.

Details of the trail will be displayed around the village and on the village facebook pages shortly.



All Saints Church

Work on the East Wall should have been completed by 13th November at the latest. Unfortunately, it was decided that the amount of movement in the wall is greater than at first thought and a structural engineer had to be called in to assess and recommend what work is necessary. In the meantime, work has had to be stopped pending his report which will result in further instructions from the architect and a revised quote from the builder. It is unlikely that work will begin again before early 2021 and will be subject to funds being available. We hope that as soon as the site can be made safe, we will be able to open part of the church for private prayer, a notice will be placed on the gate as before if the church is open.

Covid-19 is restricting the number of church services, numbers attending and the singing of hymns, songs and carols. For those who enjoy singing carols we invite you to "Sing for Christmas" each Sunday evening at 6 pm. The details and words of the carols are in the church Christmas card which you should have received together with the phone number to join us. Paul and a small choir will lead you as you and your family, in the comfort of your home or on your doorstep, sing these carols each week. If you would rather join us by "zoom" then contact Rev. Lydia whose details are in the Christmas card.

In these uncertain times, we wish every one of you a healthy and peaceful time this Christmas. This time last year, nobody could have guessed what 2020 would bring. All we can do is hope that 2021 will offer a better year as we face a new "normal" whatever that is going to look like.



Stay Safe.

Best wishes from Christine Minns, churchwarden and all of the local church community.

The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning



every month at the Village Hall

Last Coffee Morning

September coffee morning was, as usual, held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief and that was about the only part of the event that was "normal". However, thanks to the amazing generosity of those who were able to attend, and the thoughtfulness of others who gave me contributions immediately before or after the occasion, I was able to forward a total of £360 to Macmillan this year. My grateful thanks to everyone who made this possible especially Kat for donating her Crumpetorium crumpets.

No coffee morning in November of course but I hope we will come out of the current lockdown on time; if so, there will be a December coffee morning this year. It will be held on Wednesday, 16th (not the Last Wednesday!) and bacon rolls will be back on the menu.

The Last Wednesday of December, between Christmas and New Year, will be reserved instead for **Afternoon Tea at the hall** - with homemade Christmas cake, mince pies and sausage rolls - from 3pm to 5pm.



Resumption of Village Hall activities

It is hoped that Zumba, Yoga and Line Dancing will resume from the 7th December.

Wreningham School

The school has been busy and successful since re-opening this autumn term. Although we are all living through a very difficult time, we have found our school parents and families have supported the school, and the measures we have put in place, so well since September.

The children have adapted remarkably well to the changed rules and new measures. Arrangements include staggering parent drop off and pick-up times, wearing face masks, ensuring children in different class 'bubbles' remain apart throughout the day, encouraging good hand hygiene and other safety measures in place in school, all of which is helping to keep our children, families and staff safe. This requires considerable effort from my staff and it is good to thank them publicly.

Finally, the school held a Harvest service online, led by the Rev Lydia, and we received a very generous amount of food donations that were given to the charity 'Filling the Gap'. The food will be made up into parcels for distribution around Norfolk.

R Jones MA Headteacher Wreningham CE VC Primary School



Recycling News

Thankyou to everyone who has dropped off their crisp packets, pet food pouches and biscuit wrappers. Our total raised is now £230 reflecting 37,576 items not in landfill and I'll be arranging for the money to be transferred to charity shortly.



I've also been able to pass on to Hillside Sanctuary all your confectionery wrappers for their fundraising which is wonderful.

Christmas poses a challenge – how to be environmentally conscientious whilst surrounded by so much that can be bad for our planet? It's not easy and we can only do as much as we can. A few options are:

- If you're sending Christmas cards, choose those without glitter which is usually made of plastic and gets into landfill, the rivers, lakes, sea and wildlife.
- The same applies to wrapping paper
- Gifts. Buy local, there are wonderful independent businesses and crafters locally making items that are plastic-free, organic, ethical - check them out online as sadly the normal Christmas fairs aren't happening. Etsy.com is a great place to look! Or maybe you might consider not giving gifts but make a donation to a favourite charity instead. All charities are struggling this year – shops are closed, fundraisers cancelled and visitors banned so donations are particularly welcome.
- Food buying. Try and buy loose without packaging. Many supermarkets are moving towards no plastic and farm shops are already there.

Don't feel guilty if it's not possible, this year is a difficult one. Next year, hopefully it'll be easier.

Have a wonderful Christmas/New Year; I look forward to all your lovely crisp, chocolate and biscuit wrappers!

Val

Pizzas at the Village Hall

The Wedding Pizza Company will now be a regular part of our social calendar; serving up delicious Neapolitan style pizzas at the Village Hall. All pizzas are made with Organic Sourdough using Caputo flour imported from Naples. Gluten-Free bases and Vegan cheese are available. Menus and events are published on their Facebook page (weddingpizzacoast).

They operate a booking system to ensure safe social distancing is followed at all times, which also means more time for having a drink in the Witch & Wren bar and **less time queueing!**

Call them on 07394 462011 or message them via Facebook to book your pizzas in advance. Payment can be made when ordering or on collection (card or cash).



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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