



# Wreningham

## Welc Village Hall

Chair's Comments May 20

Welcome to the June-July edition of the Mardle. At the time of writing, we are approaching the next stage of lockdown easing. We are looking forward to welcoming many familiar faces back inside the Village Hall as we resume near normal operating. Within the now expected Covid safety requirements. Please see the calendar within the Mardle for opening hours and our planned events.

It has been fun over the last few weeks being able to open our patio area and overall, I think the weather has been kind. Although it has for the most part been quite cold. Speaking personally, it has been a strange experience to find my beer getting cooler as I got closer to the bottom of the glass.

Finally, we are always on the lookout for more volunteer bar staff for our Thursday evenings. These evenings are quite laid back, and running these bars is quite a fun and sociable thing to do. If you have ever fancied pulling pints, or shorts then this is an idea opportunity to try. We are also looking for staff with bar experience for some of our busier nights and events. Please give me a call if you are interested on 01508 481700.

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284991

## Parish Council

Parish Clerk - Nicky Allen [clerk.wpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.wpc@gmail.com)

The Covid-19 related legislation permitting on-line Council meetings has expired and the Government has not yet made moves to reinstate it. Therefore, the May meeting was our last on-line meeting for now, and we will return to the Village Hall for our meetings from July. It will be a pleasure to see you there - socially distanced!

### Speed monitors

Following a request from a parishioner, NCC Highways advised that the law now permits such devices to be placed within a 40mph limit. So now the SAM2 speed monitor is active on the B1113 outside the old Chapel. Data has been collected over a ten-day period showing 19,607 vehicles (85% of which travelled at or below 48.2mph) with an average of 1,969 vehicles/day - one way, remember! One vehicle passed at 95 mph at 7.10pm on a Thursday evening. More data and analysis will appear in the website once sufficient has been collected.

### Litter

Parishioners have been cleaning up as they take their constitutionals. These short but regular litter picking forays have a continuing visible impact on our roads and verges. Thanks to all. A suggestion that appropriate equipment might make these efforts safer and more productive was welcomed by the Council. So, we will buy a number of kits (pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets, sacks, sack hoops) and make them available around the village for people to borrow. Cllr. Keith Morris is managing this for us. Keep an eye on the Website for more information.

### Village sign

The village sign is showing its age and is in need of some TLC to protect it from the elements: Hughie Glaves has applied a general coat of wood preserve and used wood filler for some surfaces; Mick Hunt has fashioned copper plates to protect two badly damaged surfaces.

### Flooding

In Ashwellthorpe Road NCC Highways responded to our request to deal with a long-term flooding issue. They cleared a ditch, gully and under-road pipe enabling the excess water to flow away instead of collecting across the road.

### Defibrillator

A reminder, just in case, that the defibrillator is on the East wall of the Village Hall. A call to the emergency operator for an ambulance will elicit the access code so that the device can be applied when required.

We are a small Parish but we are quite busy and active in identifying and responding to problems reported to us as best we can within our limited resources. Another pair of hands on the council to help would be gratefully welcomed. Please contact me or the Clerk for more information on what a Parish Council and its councillors do for the village.

Michael Hill, Chair WPC

## All Saints Church

In the last Mardle, I told you that work had started on the repairs to the East wall of the church. Well, that did not last long as they found more problems and we had to wait for the structural engineer to come out again. More scaffolding had to be brought in but, at last, I think work is progressing!

I do not have a date for completion but it should be sometime in July. I will endeavour to get the church open for visitors as soon as possible. Whether you worship at the church or not, I will be looking for help with cleaning it ready to open up. I will also be looking for people to join our team of regular church cleaners and people to go onto the rota for arranging church flowers. If you would like to help, please get in touch.

Please continue to support the Norwich foodbank – the collection box which is emptied at least once a week is still in my porch at High Gables, Church Road and will move back into the church porch when the church is open.

Christine Minns – Churchwarden (Tel: 01508 488123)

### **Plant Sale, 8<sup>th</sup> May** **In aid of Upper Tas Valley Benefice**

By 9.30 a.m. on the 8th our team of helpers, all complete with waterproofs, were out on Wreningham church car park. This year we had far more plants than normal but would anybody turn out to buy them on this, the wettest day for several weeks?

They came in great numbers but careful Covid regulations were observed and by 11.15 a.m. the selection was getting very low.

Our grateful thanks to all who supplied plants, all who helped and all who came to buy plants. Prior to the event I had sold £105.00 worth at my gate and on the day we took £697.00, which is by far the most of any year to date.

I will continue to sell at the gate during the summer, so drop off any surplus plants you have potted up and call to see what is on sale.

Christine Minns (Benefice Administrator), Church Road,  
Wreningham.

## No Mow May

The response to the Plant Sale was incredible. We know we have an enthusiastic population of gardeners.

Who's following 'No Mow May'? How's it going? Starting to get anxious? The idea is no mowing of your verges & lawns for the month of May to allow wild flowers to grow & flower thus attracting bees, newly emerging butterflies & other pollinators. To maximise this, Plantlife recommends a 'Mowhican' style cut in gardens, with some areas of lawn cut once a month and others left long and uncut. This gives 'short-grass' plants like daisies and white clover the chance to flower in profusion, boosting nectar production tenfold. Areas of longer, unmown grass complement the short sward as they welcome a wider range of flowers, including nectar-rich plants like oxeye daisy, field scabious and knapweed.

It's not too late, a No Mow June could catch on. Val

**The Last Wednesday Coffee  
Morning   
every month at the Village Hall**

Our first get together since before "The Last Lockdown" took place on the village hall patio at the end of April. Seventeen intrepid souls had faith in the weather and were rewarded with a dry morning and a proper opportunity for a good old Mardle over coffee and biscuits.

Everyone was really pleased to be able to exchange village news/views and gossip and just to enjoy talking with people they might not have seen for months.

From Last Wednesday coffee morning on May 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be free at last to socialise indoors - we have decided to continue using the patio, with the added benefit of having indoor space available as well in the Witch and Wren bar, through the summer months. In September we shall revert to use of the main hall for the annual Macmillan coffee morning and stay with it for at least the autumn and winter months. I'm sure a few people will be glad that this will herald the return of The Bacon Roll !!

So, if you are a Last Wednesday habitu , we look forward to seeing you back this Summer - and please remember to encourage any new neighbours to come along and meet some new friends.

## Wreningham Heritage Group



We were recently loaned an auction document dated 1918. It covered half the properties in Top Row - plus a detailed map. Fantastic! As always, we scanned everything and gave it straight back. It's now part of our collection. Much will be on display in October's exhibition - funded by Lottery Heritage!

How did the village look in the 1950's? We have recently uncovered aerial photos. There are 1930's photos of the old Reading Room - yes, there really was a "room"! Also: post-war village sports team photos: darts, bowls, football and tennis; village amateur dramatics photos & cast lists. All human life will be on display!

We have details of 100-year-old court cases involving residents of the day. Old documents describe a huge multiple farm sale from 150 years ago - and how much was paid! There are detailed plans of the old railway, a wide range of auction sales from the 1800's, and an updated story of the Mill. Did you know there was once a private school in the village? Its head even met the president of the USA!

Do you have anything we can include? It may not be "grand" but will be just as important.

On the other hand, you might want to join in? Our meetings programme will soon be getting back underway - and the exhibition should be great fun, too!

Give Jean a call on 481947.



The old Village Hall around 1980!

## Key Dates at the Village Hall

17<sup>th</sup> May - WE CAN DRINK INSIDE!! Outside service remains but we can also provide an indoor service with tables of 6 people or 2 households.

21 June – It is hoped that this is the date when things **RETURN TO NORMAL!!** but it might have to change if the situation worsens.

Check the village website and Government rulings for updates however we anticipate providing the following service:

Thursdays 7-11pm

Fridays 7-11pm (5-11pm if food is on sale)

Sundays 12-2.30 pm

Month	Date	Events
May	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Zumba starts
	May 26 <sup>th</sup> 10-12pm	Last Wednesday Coffee Morning
June	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Village BBQ. Food will be available to buy, book and pay in advance.
	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 10-12pm	Last Wednesday Coffee Morning
July	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Swingymabob dance classes start (See advert)
	July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wine tasting evening
	July 25 <sup>th</sup> 1pm	60s Dance
August	August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend bbq
September	September 16-19	Beer festival with: Curry night on the 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept Village Party on the 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept
October	October 15-17 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage weekend
November	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fireworks
December	December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Village Party
	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Squares Night

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve – **OPEN**

We hope to hold a Safari Supper in the coming months, date to be confirmed. Does anyone want to organise or help organise it?

### Don't Forget:

Pizza Night on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

Fish & Chips on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month with Debbie's Dinky

Donuts and Popcorn

We are looking for other pop-up food choices for the other 2 Fridays but at present there will be no service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays.



### Wine Tasting

Fantastic news and an exciting evening planned. If you paid for a ticket to the original event, can you please confirm you will be attending on the 10th July.

If you can't make it, contact John Knight for a refund (07961 705154)

**Take away service** from the bar is also available during opening hours

**Mother & Toddler Group** meet on Friday mornings 9.00 am

We are hoping to reintroduce Family Nights but this depends on restrictions continuing to be relaxed.

Get your diaries out.....

## New Dance Classes coming:

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## Zumba is back!!

Good news for everyone with withdrawal symptoms. Rachel will be back in the hall from 17<sup>th</sup> May (Mondays and Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm).

Classes are still £5 and, until June 21<sup>st</sup> you will need to book as numbers are limited under Covid regulations.

Email



## Recycle News

After battling to get it into my car, I finally got our new recycling hub home and assembled.

There are 2 bins, one for the things WE raise money for and one for items passed on to other collectors. Each bin is labelled with the appropriate plastic stream. Can I ask 2 things:

- That you separate items into the different streams. It takes ages for me to do this en masse but easy if done at source
- Please feel free to use bread bags, crisp multi-pack outers, boxes, carriers etc to bag each stream separately

It also helps me and any helpers if crisp/snack packets and pet food pouches are flattened (and, of course clean, empty and dry).

I do my best to empty the bins frequently but, should they be full, I'm leaving the old bin on my porch as an overflow. You can also put your stretchy plastic in there. **Please note:** TerraCycle no longer take medicine blister packs. I'll try and find an alternative but please, no more for now.

As reported in the last Mardle, our latest consignment went to TerraCycle – 47kg in total which is amazing. Our total raised so far stands at £303.64 which represents 55,261 items not in landfill which is mind blowing though how they work that out is a mystery. I was therefore able to make our first donation to charity and £200 will duly be with PACT in June. The next payout date is December so we should be able to give them (or a different charity) a generous Christmas present.

Environment Day is uppermost in my mind and am currently getting my thoughts together. Anyone who would like to help, please

[firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 07789748457. You can pay via bank transfer/Paypal or cash on the night.

## Bin Collections

Gr – Green, Br – Brown, Bl – Black

**Note** there is another Bank Holiday in this period so Brown garden bins will be collected a day later than usual – on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. The rest of the month as usual.

June							July						
M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Gr	3	4	5 Br	6				1	2 Br	3	4
7	8	9 Bl	10	11	12	13	5	6	7 Bl	8	9	10	11
14	15	16 Gr	17	18 Br	19	20	12	13	14 Gr	15	16 Br	17	18
21	22	23 Bl	24	25	26	27	19	20	21 Bl	22	23	24	25
28	29	30 Gr					26	27	28 Gr	29	30 Br	31	

let me know. I think September might be a good time which will give us time to prepare and be sure all Covid issues are resolved (hopefully).

I'm very grateful for Hilary (Tinner) helping me sort and box up the recycling. If anyone else has a little time, I'd be most grateful for your help. Thankyou everyone. Val

**FOR SALE** – Genuine HP Deskjet printer ink cartridge – black No: 304.

Normal price £14.39 - any reasonable offer considered in aid of church funds. (Christine, High Gables, Church Rd. 01508 488123)



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## Pizzas at the Village Hall

The Wedding Pizza Company is at the Village Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month serving up delicious Neapolitan style pizzas. 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).



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01508 488123

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Copy date for the next issue is mid-July. If you have something for inclusion, please let me have it by then.

Thanks, Val  
Email: val@valkeel.co.uk

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Excellent recommendations on Facebook: justpaintanddec

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Thursday - Open from 7-11pm  
Friday - Open from 7pm-11pm (or 5-11pm if food is on sale)  
Sunday - 12-2.30pm

## **Upcoming events**

**We are hoping/planning on returning to normal in June. Please see the Village website:**

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

**or the Facebook Page:**

