



Wreningham

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Village Hall

Charity No

284991

From the Village Hall Committee

You may/may not have heard that the Committee has lost 4 members recently through varying reasons – family, other commitments or personal differences. We thank all outgoing members for their dedication, contributions and time and wish them well. Hopefully, they might consider returning to the Committee in the future.

The Village Hall is a much loved, well used and admired asset to the village and we assure you that the remaining members of the Committee are committed to continuing to provide a village hall service for the village and other hirers.

Any current bookings will be honoured and any hirer who wants to use the hall/kitchen will be able to make a booking. However, a bar service is a bigger problem and, for the present, we are taking no new bookings for events that require a bar whilst working to ensure existing booked events receive what they have requested. Call Jill to discuss your needs.

We'll try to continue to provide a bar service for Thursday & Friday evenings and Sunday lunchtimes but what is on offer might change as draught beer in particular needs specific handling as does the equipment. Ordering, pipe cleaning, setting up etc – it all takes time and, at present, we have no-one with that knowledge or availability.

This situation, together with Covid-related restrictions and changes has meant we have had to revisit our hoped-for list of

events as we started to socialise. As you know, the village bbq on June 26th was cancelled, as was the Wine Tasting event on 10th July. Our booking for a 60s dance on July 25th has also been cancelled, the village bbq in August is looking doubtful and we are rethinking the beer festival in September.

However, we are determined to ride this storm and looking to rebook events or choose different ones that require less from the hall as well as regular events such as Coffee Morning, Pizza and Fish & Chip nights. As the Mardle is only every other month, we can't be up to date all the time so please, please check with all other sources for up to date information – Witch & Wren and Love Wreningham Facebook pages, Wreningham website and village noticeboards.

As we have a wide variety of ages who attend the hall, we respectfully ask you to be sensitive to those in our community who may still feel anxious about the virus and to continue to wear masks when moving around but feel free to remove them when seated.

There is a wedding reception booked for August and we will ensure it is the special occasion they deserve. With that in mind, we're asking for volunteers to help tidy up the carpark, hedges and patio for this special occasion. However

PLEASE HELP!

The hall can't operate with only 5 trustees indefinitely, so we are appealing for new members. With a full complement of 9 trustees (or more), the tasks can be shared and it's therefore easier for all. We don't require any specific skills, just a willingness to help the people of Wreningham with your time and effort. However, if you do have skills you think would be useful, in particular bar experience whether that be serving, cellar work, staff management or buying (or you're willing to learn), we really want to hear from you.

Please, give this serious consideration and if you can, step forward. For more information or a chat, call Val on 488231 or Jill 481823

Without wanting to be negative, if we can't get a full Committee, we may find the hall (or just the bar) has to close or change which none of us want.

Aaron, Graham, Jill, Sarah, Val

Wreningham Parish Council

Parish Clerk – Nicky Allen clerk.wpc@gmail.com

The recent WPC meeting was a bit of a novelty as it was held in the hall (social distancing, etc. in operation) with over a dozen parishioners in attendance. It was good to see everyone and welcome those who have recently moved into the village.

Proposed building development

The main draw was the consultation concerning Village Clusters and the proposal for a 20+ house development on the South side of Wymondham Road. This development is one of 5 addressed in the consultation and the only one not to be rejected. There was quite a lively debate over the issues which this potential development raises. We, the Council, will put forward our comments to South Norfolk Council (SNC) based on this discussion. Those present asked us to draft a comments letter which could be used as a basis for parishioner comment. To remind you, the closure date for any comments to SNC is 2nd August; the contact details have been posted in the village website, www.wreningham.org. If you have comments/objections, please make them.

Playing Field

The playing field is a well-used facility for school children, villagers and visitors. Whilst we make efforts to keep it tidy and safe, we appreciate support and action by the users to clear up during/after a visit (use the litter bins provided), not walk dogs on the field (dog mess and children do not mix at all well) and to let us know where there may be problems. To that end I'd like to hear from anyone willing to volunteer to join a working group to tackle some of these problems, such as cleaning play equipment, filling rabbit holes, maintaining fences/equipment/hedges/etc. We'll let you know when we plan to arrange the working group.

Litter picking kits

We're buying sets of litter picking kits (picker, bag hoop, bags, hi-viz jackets) and will place them around the village so you can borrow them whenever you take a walk around the Parish. Details will be posted on the website when they've arrived.

Village hall

The Village Hall is a valued and well-used facility. To remain available, it needs to be managed by villagers who are keen to help guide and develop it. I'd like to ask for volunteers to come forward to help and offer some time and energy to ensure it stays available for the long term and to develop existing and new services based in and around the hall.

Fibre broadband

Finally, County Broadband wishes to introduce a package of broadband infrastructure into the village. They need a certain percentage of households to sign up to make it a viable proposition. Whether or not you decide to sign up for this service is your decision. The PC is not making a recommendation one way or another. However, we've made background information gathered by a group of fact-finding villagers available on the website and on the flyer in this issue.

Meetings

We're pleased to see people attending our meetings which are, of course, open to the public. If you can't attend and want to know what we discuss, minutes will be published on the website. Also, you can contact the Clerk to suggest an item for inclusion on the next meeting's agenda. Agendas are published on the noticeboards and the website a few working days before the scheduled meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has been kind and supportive to your neighbours over this period of illness and worry. We are not yet out of the woods pandemic-wise, so keep it up. Stay safe and well.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Archie Ioan Harvey Cooper was born on 23rd June 2021 to Bethan and Neil.

Thank you to our neighbours for your well wishes and lovely cards and gifts.

All Saints Church



As I prepare this article, the scaffolding should at long last be coming off the church East wall. By the time you read this, I hope the church will once again be open for private prayer. What should have been a small job to secure the wall to the rest of the building has turned out to be a major repair hindered by lockdown and the wet weather. The cost has gone from £13,000 to about £35,000 which means that we have had to use some of the money put aside for repairs to the North side of the roof. If you would like to help re-build our funds, why not take part in the Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored cycle/walk etc. on Sat. 11th September. You plan your own route and do as much or as little as you can. See posters for details or contact me.

Throughout the building work, we have managed to keep the churchyard looking reasonably tidy and I wish to thank George Lawn, Julian Vincent-Bunn and all other volunteers who have helped.

Across the Benefice we are planning a few events and activities:

Sat 14th Aug – Coffee Morning, in aid of Norfolk Churches Trust, in appreciation of the grants they have awarded several of our churches recently. 10.30 am to 12 noon at Tacolneston All Saints church. There will be a bring and buy stall and raffle. Families welcome.

Sun 12th Sept – 4.30 pm on the car park at Wreningham All Saints – an “End of Summer Celebration” for all the family including a BBQ, music and activities.

Quiz – advance notice – **Fri 22nd October** at Wreningham village hall.

For further information about any of the above, see posters or contact Christine Bilham or me (Christine Minns Tel:01508 488123)

Wreningham Fuel Trust

If you are struggling to make ends meet due to the results of losing a job or business through the recent pandemic, or indeed for any other reason, and live within the parish, then we may be able to help.

Wreningham Fuel Trust has a small fund which they are able to use to give grants to people who are struggling to make end meet. If you or anybody you know falls into this category then do apply, **in confidence**, to the clerk: Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road. Or Tel 488123.

Walking For Health



Many people have discovered the benefits of walking throughout lockdown. It's an activity that's been possible throughout even the most restrictive period and for some it has been the only time they've been able to leave the house and has become part of their daily routine. The physical benefits are fairly obvious but include improving cardiovascular fitness, helping manage weight, strengthening muscles and bones, and improving mobility. There are also significant

benefits to our mental health: spending time in nature is uplifting (for those of us lucky enough to live in a village like Wreningham), socialising and chatting with another person/people, or just being mindful on your own. I have been listening to podcasts and audiobooks and learning about foraging! Others do virtual walks maybe climbing Everest or walking the Great Wall of China whilst actually walking locally.

I am a volunteer with the South Norfolk Walking for Health group. Walks are organised most days of the week with many running in easy reach of here and vary from 1.5 to 4 miles often finishing with an optional coffee stop. There is a regular article in the Village People magazine which covers our walks in more detail, or for more information please get in touch with me at Sarahl@live.co.uk.

Best wishes,
Sarah

The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning



every month at the Village Hall

Next Coffee Mornings: July 28th, August 25th

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2021

Our lives have centered on living with Covid 19 for so long now that it can be difficult to remember there are other illnesses "out there" which can cause as much suffering and distress for individuals and their families as can the Coronavirus.

Macmillan nurses are working as hard as ever and they need our support. I feel a particular connection to the charity and its aims for two reasons; firstly that my father knew Douglas Macmillan, who was a native of Castle Cary, Somerset, and had been a pupil at Sexeys School in nearby Bruton, where my father taught before WW2. Secondly, that father was both cared for at home and then nursed at a Macmillan hospice until his death from cancer. I was away from home during his illness and my mother was given a huge amount of emotional and practical support by the charity.

We shall be having our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on **September 29th** this year. As ever, your coffee morning staff will be looking for volunteers to bake cakes, biscuits, whatever you like making, for sale over the counter, to sell whole or become raffle prizes. And, speaking of raffle prizes....yes please!

Anyone who would like to contribute in any way could phone me on 01508 481947 or speak to us at the August coffee morning on 25th. We shall need extra volunteers on the day as well. Let's make this year's fund raiser a record breaker!! Thankyou, Jean



Events at the Village Hall

At last, we can see life returning to normal. Freedom Day arrived and we can now socialise freely. However, please be careful and considerate of others especially indoors. As mentioned earlier, some events are on hold, some cancelled and some going ahead. Check the village website, Facebook Groups and noticeboards for updates however we anticipate providing the following service over the next few months:

Witch & Wren opening times:

Thursdays 7-11pm

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

Sundays 12-2.30 pm (closed during August)

Please note events in italics are outside hirers, speak to Jill for contact

Month	Date	Events
July	July 28 th	Last Coffee Morning
August	Aug 6 th	Pizza van
	Aug 9 th	<i>Swingmabob dance classes start</i>
	Aug 13 th	Fish & Chips
	Aug 25 th	Last Coffee Morning
September	Sept 3 rd	Pizza van
	Sept 10 th	Fish & chips
	Sept 17 th	Curry night (TBC)
	Sept 25 th	<i>60s dance</i>
	Sept 29 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning
October	Oct 1 st	Pizza van
	Oct 8 th	Fish & chips
	Oct 15-17 th	Heritage weekend
	Oct 22 nd	Church quiz
	Oct 27 th	Last Coffee Morning

Other events:

Wine tasting event to be rescheduled

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

Fireworks in November

It would be lovely to hold a village party in the coming months

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

Christmas and New Year (!! hopefully things will be returning to normal by then.

Any other thoughts?

Notes

We are looking for other pop-up food choices for the other 2 Fridays in the month but at present there will be no service on the 3rd and 4th Fridays. If you have any suggestions or know of options, please speak to Aaron.

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

Pizzas at the Village Hall

The Wedding Pizza Company is at the Village Hall on the 1st 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).

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

Wreningham Heritage Group



On Saturday, October 16th (finally!), Wreningham Heritage Group will be staging the exhibition at the Village Hall which we promised you more than a year ago. This will showcase, in pictures, print and film, some of the fascinating aspects of Wreningham history which have been discovered since our inception in 2018.

In order to do this, we will be asking for volunteers to assist in placing exhibition boards, film equipment, refreshment tables etc. and manning the exhibition whilst it is open - teas to make, etc. not to mention putting the Hall back to normal on the Sunday.

Hopefully the Group members will be able to deal with a fair amount of the work but if you would like to volunteer your services in any capacity, we will be pleased to hear from you. There will be no entrance fee to the exhibition but we will be selling tea and cakes to help with expenses. You know what this means.... bakers required again! Cupcakes, sausage rolls, homemade biscuits et al.

Please let Jean Lambourne know on 01508 481947 if you are able to help with food or your labour that weekend and let's make this an event to remember!

South Norfolk Community Awards 2021

Say thank you to local volunteers in the community and volunteer them for a South Norfolk Community Award today. These awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of residents from across the district who go above and beyond to support others or complete incredible achievements.

Nominations are open to the public in eight categories. The winner in each category will receive £250 to give to their chosen community group or voluntary organisation.

View the categories and nominate easily online at <http://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/communityawards> or call 01508 533816. Nominations close on 5th September.

Recycling News

Another great couple of months for recycling and supporting our charity. To date, we have raised over £350 and been able to make our first donation of £200 to PACT. Trying to put it in context, that figure means over **65,000** items of plastic saved from landfill which is an amazing figure but that's only part of the story. We officially only collect for 5 schemes (*below), the items for all the others go to other collectors so this figure of 65k is far, far bigger. Rather mind-blowing! Well done, and I have more boxes packed and ready for collection.

This is all thanks to you, your friends, work colleagues and families. Please spread the word, encourage others to save and recycle.

A quick reminder of what you can drop off – any brand unless otherwise stated:

- *Crisps, nuts, popcorn and snack packets
- *Biscuit, cake bars, cracker wrappers
- *Pet food sachets, bags, treat packaging
- *Cheese bags
- *Coffee bags (Taylors generate income but any brand)

Also:

Confectionery packaging, Toothbrushes/toothpaste tubes, Carex refills, Bags from laundry or dishwasher pods, Baby food pouches and yoghurt pouches, Lavazza Eco Caps, Tassimo flow wrap packaging or T-discs, Kenco coffee jar lids and refill packs, any L'Or capsules, Writing equipment, Medicine blister packs, Contact lenses and cases, Bread bags

Please try and keep each type in a separate bag/box as it takes far more time to sort them out if mixed. And please, please, please make sure all pet food pouches are clean and dry. It's a pretty nasty task dealing with wet, smelly pouches especially in this weather!

I'm working towards an open day where I can share information and chat with everyone but we need to be sure the event is safe and I'd rather wait than take chances. Watch this space.

Don't forget there is a Facebook group – Eco living in and around Wreningham – if you're on Facebook, please join. There's lots of useful information, support from other members and stuff from all over the World.

As the Mardle only comes out every 2 months, it's hard to share urgent information. However, I will try to make sure you don't miss out.

Thanks, Val (val@valkeel.co.uk)

From the local farmers to all residents

Summer is here and we can all enjoy the pleasures of living in our beautiful countryside. We'd like to thank all of you for following the Country Code and respecting our fields and crops by keeping to the margins or footpaths and ensuring your dogs are kept under control and on leads.

Many of our fields have now been harvested but, you might not realise it, we then prepare them for the next crop. This often involves spraying to remove weeds and boost soil condition with fertilizer so can we please ask you to continue to observe the same actions as if there was a crop there. Sprays and fertilizer can transfer to you, your children or your animals (especially dogs) and can be unpleasant. Equally, dog faeces are toxic and shouldn't be left on fields intended for crops so it's in all our best interests that we ask this.

So please:

Keep dogs on leads and under control on the footpaths and not let them run free on fields that are used for crops whether crops are there or not
Don't use the fields as a playground, picnic area or a car park

We appreciate it's hard for you to know which fields are ok to let your dogs run free but, if a crop has been in the field, that's an indication that it's not suitable.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Bin Collections

Gr – Green, Br – Brown, Bl – Black

Note: There don't appear to be any changes to collection days resulting from the August Bank Holiday.

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Anyone who would like to advertise in the Mardle, please contact
Christine Minns for costs

01508 488123

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

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

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at Wreningham Village Hall

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

Thursday - Open from 7-11pm

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Sunday - 12-2.30pm (Not during August)

Upcoming events

Please see the Village website:

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

or the Facebook Page:

@WrenVillageHall

or Notice Boards around the Village for news.

See centre pages for planned events