

# Mardle



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# Wreningham

## From the Village Hall Committee

It's good to write positive things about the hall. Our first external event was a wonderful wedding reception. We are so pleased to have been able to provide a venue for such an important happening and everyone seemed to have a lovely time. The hall looked fantastic both inside and outside; we look forward to more, similar events.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped remove weeds, cut grass and hedges and ensure the hall looked welcoming.

At last, life is starting to return to normal. We have a number of external events booked for the coming months including a private party, a ball and a 60s dance and, of course the Witch & Wren bar is open on Thursdays and Fridays as usual.

The **Wreningham Heritage Group** has been hard at work preparing for their event on the 16<sup>th</sup> October which should be a really fascinating insight into Wreningham life in times gone by with photographs, film and voice recordings. Please note the main hall will be closed on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October for setting up.

Don't forget the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September; come along, eat cake, buy cakes and, if you can, make cakes. It's an extremely worthwhile cause and we look forward to hosting a fantastic morning.

The **wine tasting** event is back on (hurrah). For those with tickets or those who'd like them it's on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Wreningham

Village Hall

Charity No

284991

**Food at the hall.** Fish & Chips on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday has been discontinued by the vendor. Pizza night will continue to be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and Radu's Keswick Café on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.

We are looking for other vendors so if you have any suggestions, please contact a committee member. We will try to ensure the bar is open from 5pm on those nights but please bear with us if staffing prevents the early start.

An inaugural **cocktail night** was VERY well received and organised by new staff member, Janet who is keen to expand her offering. This will be linked to the evenings she is working the bar so keep an eye on the Facebook page for dates and menus. Her next cocktail night is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be no Sunday bar opening.

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**HOWEVER**, whilst we're feeling more positive and thinking ahead now Covid restrictions have been eased, we are not out of the woods by any means.

To be able to run the bar, we need staff whether that is to serve or run the cellar. Pipes need cleaning, orders placing and customers serving so if you have some time and would like to offer your services, please contact Jill.

The Village Hall is not just a bar though, it's a community asset that needs running and organising.

We are also desperate for committee members to act as trustees for the hall. Our constitution asks for 9 members. We can tick over for a while but, if we don't reach our full number, the hall might have to close which none of us wants. There is too much for the current (reduced) committee to do but with 9 (or more), the tasks are shared and we can move forward. We don't ask for any special skills, just caring for the hall and what it can offer to the community. However, if you do have skills you think would be useful, please get in touch.

Hopefully the next Mardle will contain better news.

Contact Val 488231 or Jill 481823

Thank you Aaron, Graham, Jill, Val

## Wreningham Parish Council

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

### Bonfires

The bonfire season is with us again and we are already receiving bonfire complaints. For the best effect, complaints should be addressed to the Environmental Officer at South Norfolk; he/she will expect evidence of repeat and serious offending – so keep a log and perhaps pictures of the offending bonfire or smoke plume.

If you do opt for a bonfire, please remember your neighbours. Burning greenwood can create a significant amount of smoke and pollution; wait a week or two to allow it to dry out. Minimise the amount of irritation you may cause by being careful what you burn and when you burn it. Choose a suitable time and day and watch the wind direction.

Whilst you are tidying up your gardens, consider how much of your hedges, trees and brambles intrude into the roadside – is it time to trim these back? They can be very painful for cyclists and walkers.

### Jubilee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. At the last Jubilee in 2012, a Parish Event was organised along Mill Lane and in the playing field. If you think we should join in with the national planned events and have one of our own and you would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk with your proposals and offer as a volunteer. We can then assemble a planning team to plan the event.

### Village Litter Pick

Cllr. Keith Morris is organising the Parish Litter pick this year. The Village Hall will be the hub from which we venture forth to tidy up our roads, and eventually return for refreshments. More details will be posted on the village website and perhaps in this edition of the Mardle too.

## **Flooding**

The Parish Council recently commissioned a survey of the surface water drainage system at the Loke in Wymondham Road. This has confirmed that the drain is blocked for approximately 11m and may have collapsed. This problem is not going to go away and has in the past contributed to flooding in and along Wymondham Road. For a number of years Trevor Wadlow has been central in pushing for a solution – this may well require the concerted effort from residents on Wymondham Road. We will work with Trevor and other interested parties to explore solutions.

For walkers, please note that a boardwalk bridge on footpath three (top end of Long's Wood) is to be repaired by NCC. Details (with map) have been posted on the website in the events calendar.

## **Defibrillator (AED)**

You are probably aware there is a defibrillator located outside the kitchen door at the village hall (facing the car park). This is a life-saving piece of equipment which is available for anyone, resident or public, to use and, whilst some of you may be familiar with its operation, many of you won't be. For anyone interested in finding out more, please visit <https://www.wreningham.org.uk/defibrillator-aed-at-the-village-hall/>. This provides the minimum necessary information about its operation. Should you want to know more or receive training, get in touch with the Clerk.

As a regular reader of this section in the Mardle, you will know that the Parish Council can become quite "busy" on behalf of the village. Our responses are constrained by financial and human resources. So, I invite you to consider volunteering as a Councillor (training is provided) to help address village problems and establish improvements for the community as a whole. Please contact either me or the Clerk.

Michael Hill  
Chair

## **All Saints Church**

The church is open each day and you are always welcome to call in and spend time in the quiet and peace of this historic building.



As one of 8 churches in the Benefice, we will be holding services here during the winter as one of the warmer churches and the first service is at 10.30 am on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

On 31<sup>st</sup> of October we will celebrate All Saints with a 9 am Holy Communion (BCP) service, at 10.30 am our readers will take a Morning Worship service and at 3 pm we will hold an "All Souls Service" which is aimed at people who have lost loved ones, however long ago and an opportunity to remember them and light a candle in their memory. Do feel free to join us at that service – everybody is welcome!

We would like to thank everyone who has provided plants or bought plants either at the plant sale or from outside my gate during the year. We have collected over £1,000.00 – your support has been very much appreciated.

We will shortly be having a 5 year architects inspection on the church building and will then know what repairs they consider as urgent. As you can imagine, the funds are very low and we would ask you to help us preserve this historic building for the village by responding, if you are able, to the appeal letter included with this newsletter.  
Christine Minns & Christine Bilham (Churchwardens)

Don't forget the Church Quiz on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (see later).

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

## 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. Anybody wanting help can apply at any time of the year and the Trustees will consider each application, in confidence.

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### The Norwich Foodbank need our help!

All Saints Church, along with the other churches in the Benefice, are still collecting for The Norwich Foodbank. You can leave your contributions either in the box in the church porch or in my front porch. People in this community have been very generous and each week a car load of boxes and tins of food and toiletries etc are taken to the store for sorting and distributing. We do periodically get an update on how well we have supported them so keep up the good work – it is appreciated by many less fortunate than us. Christine Minns.

## “Quiz & Supper”

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 7.15 for 7.30

Wreningham Village Hall

£6.00 to include a light supper

Come as a team of up to 6 people or join a team on the night.

Advance booking essential as numbers will be limited to allow space between tables.

Contact: Christine on 01508 488123

Raffle, Licensed Bar

In aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham church expenses

## TABLETOP SALE

WRENINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

SAT. 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10 am – 12 noon

PLUS REFRESHMENTS

Organised by churches in the Upper Tas Valley All Saints Parish. There will be a few spaces available to rent out. To enquire contact Christine on 01508 488123.

## The Last Wednesday Coffee

Morning 

every month at the Village Hall

**Next Coffee Mornings:** October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup>

**Don't forget,** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September is **Macmillan Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall. If you can't be there, perhaps you could contribute a home made cake or a raffle prize? If you'd like to make a money donation you can do so by posting it through the door of Shelley Cottage, Wymondham Rd. It will be a few days before I send in our villagewide contribution to Macmillan so you have time! Thankyou.

Jean Lambourne

## Events at the Village Hall

Life is slowly returning to normal. Thursday and Friday bar nights are active so come on down! Please be careful and considerate of others especially indoors. 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 & if staff are available)

Month	Date	Events	
September	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning	
October	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pizza van, Family Night	
	Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cocktail night at the Witch & Wren	
	Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Radu's Keswick Café	
	Oct 15-16 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage weekend	
	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Church quiz	
	Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	60s Dance – open to all, ask Jill for details	
	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last Coffee Morning	
	Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Wine tasting evening	
	November	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza van, Family Night
		Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tea Dance – open to all, ask Jill for details
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>		Parish Council meeting	
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>		Tabletop sale	
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>		Radu's Keswick Café	
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>		Last Coffee Morning	
December	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	60s Dance – open to all, ask Jill for details	
	Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm Christmas Tree lighting Pizza van, Family Night	
	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tea Dance – open to all, ask Jill for details	
	Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Radu's Keswick Café	
	Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last Coffee Morning (TBC)	
	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	60s Dance – open to all, ask Jill for details *Christmas Party & Christmas Raffle (TBC)	

## Other events:

**Christmas Tree lighting** with music, carols, singing, and Family night including pizza, mince pies, mulled wine and, of course, the bar is open. Come along to the Reading Room to see the tree lit at 7pm and start feeling festive.

- Family Nights have returned on the first Friday of the month. Remember no wheels as they damage the floor and please, no children on the stage.
- It would be lovely to hold a village party in the coming months or maybe a Christmas Party, anyone want to plan one?
- Does anyone want to organise or help organise a Safari Supper?

Please Note: These are dependent on sufficient committee members and helpers/volunteers available.

### There will be no fireworks in November at the Village Hall

**Radu's Keswick Café** has received a favourable response; please keep supporting them. We are looking for other pop-up food choices for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays. If you have any suggestions or know of options, please speak to Aaron.

**Don't forget**, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. Menus and events are published on their Facebook page (weddingpizzacoeast). 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 Exhibition

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021

10am to 4pm

Wreningham Village Hall, Mill Lane

NR16 1AN

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See our village story through:  
films, voice recordings, old photographs,  
documents and maps

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**FREE ENTRY**

Refreshments for sale all day

'Spot the village location' competition

with a home-baked cake as a prize

Bring friends, former village residents & anyone  
else to this first exploration of our village Heritage



Made possible with

**Heritage  
Fund**

## Recycling News

Thanks to your donations, our total raised so far is over £400 which is absolutely fantastic and represents over 75,000 pieces of plastic saved from landfill. Well done everyone!

Today I was also able to pass on to Hallswood Animal Sanctuary bags of confectionery, bread bags, toothpaste tubes and brushes and a bag of laundry/dishwasher outer packaging. I also have bags of contact lenses to take to Cecil Amey in Wymondham and 4 large bags of tablet blister packs. If anyone is going into Norwich, is it possible you could take them to Superdrug in St Stephens for me?

Whilst we go onwards and upwards, I have some news that will be disappointing to you. Mars Petcare, who sponsor the pet food packaging with TerraCycle have withdrawn their sponsorship. This means that we will no longer be able to collect all those cat food pouches, doggy treat bags and wild bird food sacks. If you can get your packaging to me by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, I'll be able to get it into the last consignment but after that I can't process them. HOWEVER, all is not lost.

Tesco, Sainsburys and the Co-op have expanded the plastics they take for recycling and that includes pet food pouches. To date, I know that Tesco Harford Bridge and Sainsburys Longwater take them, I don't know about Mulbarton Co-op but will find out.

In addition to pet food pouches, many of the supermarkets will now take biscuit wrappers, crisp packets, confectionery packaging, cheese wrappers, coffee bags, baby food pouches, household laundry and dishwashing tablet pouches etc – all those are things we send off to raise vital funds for charity – so **please, please, please** continue to give them to me, DON'T take them to the supermarket. Not only do the charities lose revenue but we really don't know how they are processed.

It's so difficult to keep up to speed on things recycling. It seems as soon as I say something, it's changed but we can only do what we can do. At least most changes are for the good.

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)

## Big Litter Pick to tidy up Wreningham

Please help us to tidy up litter in Wreningham, Top Row and Penny's Green by joining the Big South Norfolk Litter Pick on Sunday October 10, at 2pm.

Volunteers are required to help us keep our lovely village tidy by taking part in South Norfolk's Big Litter Pick 2021.

We will provide litter pickers, bags and holders and high-vis jackets (or use your own). You just need to bring yourself and, ideally, some gardening gloves or similar.

We will start at 2pm in the Village Hall Social Club and finish off with a free drink and cake in the Social Club from 3.30pm onwards.

If you have any queries, or to confirm you are coming, please email [keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk](mailto:keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk), or ring 01508 488318 – but you can just turn up.



## Bin Collections

Gr – Green, Br – Brown, Bl – Black

Oct							Nov						
M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Su n	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Su n
				1	2	3	1	2	<b>3 Gr</b>	4	<b>5 Br</b>	6	7
4	5	<b>6 Gr</b>	7	<b>8 Br</b>	9	10	8	9	<b>10 Bl</b>	11	12	13	14
11	12	<b>13 Bl</b>	14	15	16	17	15	16	<b>17 Gr</b>	18	<b>19 Br</b>	20	21
18	19	<b>20 Gr</b>	21	<b>22 Br</b>	23	24	22	23	<b>24 Bl</b>	25	26	27	28
25	26	<b>27 Bl</b>	28	29	30	31	29	30					

## Fancy playing badminton?

The Village Hall court is available to hire - £15 for 2 hours with raquets and shuttlecocks provided.

Contact Jill to book – 481823





- Open fires
- Wood burners
- Multi-fuel stoves
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- Stove installation
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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-November. If you have  
something for inclusion, please let me have it by then.

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

### THREE SIXTY PROPERTY SERVICES

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Excellent recommendations on Facebook: justpaintanddec





## at Wreningham Village Hall

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

Thursday - Open from 7-11pm

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

Check website or Facebook for updates

### 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

