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From the Village Hall Committee



Well, another year is almost over and it's been an eventful one. We started with the hall locked down but, as regulations eased, we opened the bar for outside service and in May we were able to move indoors - with restrictions. From then on, rules have eased further and we are returning to a more normal life.

Thank you for bearing with us and abiding by lockdown rules; it was frustrating at times but we've come through it safely.

Our regular hirers continue to support the hall and we've seen a welcome increase in hires including a wedding reception, parties (children & adult), 60s nights, Zumba ball, tea dances and wine tasting. We continued to have pizza at the hall on the 1st Friday but other providers are no more – for the moment.

One big success has been the introduction of COCKTAILS AT THE WITCH & WREN on the 2nd Thursday of the month hosted by Janet Richardson. The next one will be Thursday 9th **December** so check the Facebook group or Wreningham website for what is on offer this time. Or just come down, there'll be something to tempt your palate.

We are hoping to hold our AGM in February. Watch this space and see centre pages for full upcoming events.

We had an amazing Wreningham Heritage Group weekend with many people coming to the hall to read about our village over time, watch videos of reminiscences and current children interviewing past children. An awful lot of work went into producing the wonderful weekend and we thank the Group members for the hours of hard work that made it such a success. It is hoped that parts of the exhibition will become permanent fixtures to allow more people to have access to the information.

A well-earned thanks to John Knight for organising the wine tasting which (finally) took place in October. It was a rousing success and there were probably quite a few people who wondered how they got home that night! We also thank John for helping Jill with the bar admin – ordering, cleaning lines, stock taking etc. Another success was the Macmillan Coffee Morning which was also very well attended with an amazing **£560** raised (see details of the certificate later in this issue). Thank you to Jean Lambourne and her team for making it such a success.

We were starting to feel we were coming out of the gloom. However, whilst all this was happening, as you know we lost some committee members, leaving 5 members to carry on. We still have a desperate need for new people so if you feel you could offer your services, please get in touch. The more people who sit on the committee, the easier it is for all. It's sad to consider but, without sufficient trustees, the hall won't be able to function. This is your village hall and we have risen like a phoenix from the ashes of lockdown however we can't continue like this so please, give it some thought.

Christmas is fast approaching and we look forward to the **LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE** on the Reading Room Green on **Friday 3rd December, 7pm** (see details later in this issue). This was very well received last year and it really makes you feel Christmas is on its way. There will be music, carols, mulled wine and mince pies at the village hall together with pizza and music from Peter Williams's steam organ.

The final opening of the Witch & Wren will be **Friday 17th December** after which the bar will close until the New Year although the hall itself is open for other events including Christmastide Afternoon Tea on **29th December** at 2pm. Keep an eye on the Facebook group and village website for any changes.

Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year; here's to a great 2022.
Thank you, Aaron, Graham, Jill & Val



Wreningham Parish Council

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

On behalf of the Councillors and the Clerk of the Parish Council, may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a much, much better New Year than in recent times.

Suggestions for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022) include benches to be placed by village footpaths and a (now traditional) commemorative booklet. The Parish Council has set aside money to support these activities. Let's have your ideas for this; you may like to be involved in the planning and implementation.

When preparing your garden for Winter, remember to give a thought to any hedges, trees and brambles which intrude into the roadside – is it time to trim these back? One or two parishioners have offered their services with a hedge trimmer to help – just ask the clerk and she will pass the message on.

The 10 sets of litter-picking kits are being held by Council members located about the village and are available for you to borrow when on your rambles around Wreningham. It does make such a difference, being litter-free. More details on the village website.

We have been discussing the placement of village gates on the B1113 as a means of regulating traffic. You will see similar on the Norwich side of Swardeston. Our NCC Councillor, Daniel Elmer, has offered to fund them for us. We hope to have a date for installation in the near future.

Walkers have improved access around Long's Wood as the Kett's Long Distance Walk team make improvements along its route – two repaired bridges and a new boardwalk for Wreningham. New signage should be appearing over the next few weeks.

All parishioners are welcome at our meetings; as ever I would welcome a volunteer or two for the Council itself.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC



All Saints, Wreningham



The good news is that at last the work on the East Wall has been completed and we are now able to hold services in the church and it is open to visitors. The bad news is that it cost about £46,000.00 of which only about £16,000.00 was grant aided.

We would like to thank all those people who supported our "All Saints Day" appeal for funds. After claiming Gift Aid tax, it looks as if we will have about £2,500. Thank you! It should go a long way towards paying for the servicing of the organ and fire extinguishers, 6 months insurance which has to be paid soon and we are due to have our electrics checked and certified as safe early in the new year.

As usual we are planning to flood light the church for the Christmas period and the "Carols by Candlelight" service to which everybody is welcome will be on Tuesday 14th December at 7 pm. There will also be a family communion service on Christmas Day at 10 am. You are invited to come as somebody from the Nativity Scene – we would love to have you join us!

Advance news. An Oak tree is to be planted in the new section of the graveyard to act as a reminder of the past 2 years and covid-19. The tree has been donated by a member of the village who wanted a memorial to those who died of covid-19 and also as a reminder to those who have come through what has been in effect a "world war" against an invisible enemy. It is hoped to dedicate the tree on about 20th March next year, which will mark 2 years exactly since the first lockdown.

I close by wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas on behalf of all the church community.

Churchwarden - Christine Minns



Christmas Tree lighting with music, carols, singing, and Family Night at the Hall including pizza, mince pies, mulled wine and, of course, the bar is open. Come along to the Reading Room green (adjacent to the school) on Friday December 3rd to see the tree lit at 7pm and start feeling festive.

Please remember to observe social distancing between your family groups whilst you make use of the open space around the crossroads to stand, watch and join in. **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.**

Peter Williams will be bringing his steam organ again to add to the mood and there may be one or two surprises!



We are hoping to repeat this event annually so donations to help fund it would be most welcome.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

As mentioned earlier, the coffee morning was extremely well attended and raised an amazing **£567.70**.



Thank you to everyone who attended, ate, baked and volunteered. An amazing team result.

Events at the Village Hall

Thursday and Friday bar nights are active so come on down! Thursday 7-11pm, Friday 7-11pm (5-11pm if food is on sale & if staff are available)

Friday 3rd December – **Tree lighting** at 7pm with bar open afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies

Friday 3rd December and 7th January – **Pizza Night and Family Night**

Remember no wheels as they damage the floor and please, no children on the stage.

Monday 6th December – **Swing** 8pm

Thursday 9th December and 13th January 7pm onwards - **COCKTAILS AT THE WITCH & WREN**

12th December – Tea Dance 2.30

The final opening of the Witch & Wren in 2021 will be Friday 17th December. Check the village website, Facebook Groups and noticeboards for updates.

Wednesday 29th December – The Last Coffee Morning will be replaced by **Christmastide Afternoon Tea** at 2pm – 4pm.

Wednesday 26th January – Last Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00



Other events:

Wymondham Helicopter Group
Presents A Charity/Dance Concert

In Aid of
East Anglian
Air Ambulance
The East Anglian Air
Ambulance Charity
(1083876)

Sunday 27th March 2022
2:30pm doors open 2pm

THE DREAMERS
Formerly – Freddie & The Dreamers

Wreningham Village Hall
Mill Lane, Wreningham, Norwich, NR16 1AN
Tickets: Adults £15 / Con-Over 60's £12.50
Contact - 01953 600563 - helen.norman.i@uwclub.net
www.ticketsource.co.uk/wymondham-helicopter-group

The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning



every month at the Village Hall

The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning on **29th December** will be a Christmastide Afternoon Tea. In the village hall as ever but from 2pm to 4pm - come and talk away the post-Christmas blues with a slice or two of home-made Christmas cake or some mince pies and who knows what else! Coffee will be available for the non-tea drinkers.



Wreningham Heritage Group

The first exhibition staged by Wreningham Heritage Group took place on Saturday 16th October. We had reduced expectations as to its success thanks to the restrictions COVID 19 had placed upon us during the planning, but we were delighted with the number of villagers, former villagers, neighbouring villagers, friends and family who came to see some of the results of our research into village history since we formed the group in 2018.

One hundred and fifty visitors came through the village hall doors and many stayed for much longer than we - or they - expected! Old friends who had not met for years took great delight in reminiscing with one another as they viewed the photos and accompanying texts, much was remembered, much was learned. The school films were a great hit, as was a feature presentation on the Upcher family and extracts from discussions with lifelong residents.

I want to say a sincere thank you from the Committee, to everyone involved in the planning and preparation of this exhibition and to those who helped with setting up, on the day, and afterwards. We couldn't have done it without a great deal of willing assistance.

We'd also like to express our thanks to the Lottery Heritage Fund who made it all possible.

There have been many calls for a repeat event next year, both from those who missed it and those who wanted to spend more time than they were able. Watch this space! Until then, here is a picture reminder of the event.



Our next Group meeting will be on **December 7th**, from 2-4 pm in the Witch and Wren bar. We shall be re-running one of the school films (year 4), the Upcher presentation and a new film, the 2012 School Olympics. There will be time for tea and cake too! Next year's programme will be discussed but I can tell you now that our first meeting of 2022 will be on **1st February**.

All are very welcome to join us for any meeting - you don't have to become a member if you don't choose to, we'll always be pleased to see you.



Recycling News

The Mars Petcare programme has now closed so please don't drop off any pouches, treat or snack packaging. However, you can take them to the supermarkets with your carrier bags – particularly Tesco Harford Bridge and Sainsbury Longwater or Attleborough. I sent off our final consignment and have just heard that it brings the total raised by you to **£500** which is amazing and represents **90,000** pieces of plastic saved from landfill. Incredible statistics!

Please continue to drop off packaging from *crisps & snacks, *biscuits & crackers, *cheese, *Taylors coffee, *confectionery, *dishwasher and laundry pouches, *contact lenses, *home cleaning wipes, *toothbrushes & toothpaste tubes, *medicine blister packs, *bread bags, *Carex refills.

Don't forget Wreningham School collect stationery for recycling and you can take baby food pouches and child's yoghurt pouches to Mulberry Bush Day Nursery in Mulbarton or Jo Bilham (or drop them off with me and I'll pass them on to her). Wreningham School also has a bin for broken plastic toys (nothing electronic) and Jo is also a drop off for Lavazza Eco coffee caps.

Check out www.terracycle.com/en-GB/ for all programmes.

As I mentioned in the last Mardle, 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.

I've recently been in discussion with the 8 churches in the Upper Tas Valley Benefice and recycling points are being introduced for most of the items we collect – please spread the word.

Bin Collections

Gr – Green, Br – Brown, Bl – Black

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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
- Inglebrook fire places
- Range cookers
- Stove installation
- Birds nest removal
- CCTV inspection
- Weddings

Trained by the Guild of Master Sweeps
Insurance Certificates Issued

Contact: Ian Lowe
07717 002213 - 01362 821181 - www.norfolksooty.co.uk



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

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

Thanks, Val
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