

Mardle



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Wreningham

Village Hall

Welcome to the first Mardle of the new Committee. The last 8 months have been a rollercoaster for us but we're happy to say, following the AGM in February, we now approach our full complement of trustees to run and care for your village hall. We've been meeting regularly and are very excited to tell you about the first of the events we have planned.

Last month saw the return of Family Night on the 1st Friday of the month from 6pm. Following its increasing success, Cocktail Night has now been extended to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7pm and we're starting a Games Night on the last Friday from April.

There will be an Italian Night on Saturday 30th April with fantastic food so check your diaries. **Please note you will have to book your seat as numbers are limited.** Further details on the flyer in this issue. This will be the first of 'Menus from around the World' with the next on 28th May which will be a Thai Night. We can't guarantee monthly dining, but we'll fit them in around other bookings.

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Other future events include the Annual Litter pick, an Exhibition of Food Stories in conjunction with the Heritage Group and 2 charity fund raisers – The Dreamers on Saturday 27th March in aid of EAAA and Starfighter Rock & Roll Club in aid of Ukraine on Saturday 9th April.

See posters and other announcements for full details later in this issue.

I'm sure there are many more events you'd like to see at the hall and we're giving you the opportunity to tell us. To this end, a questionnaire has been designed; you can complete it online at www.avalonresearch.co.uk/wreningham or on paper - it's in this Mardle. Once completed, pop it in the Village Hall postbox outside the kitchen door. The Hall is there for you to use, whether that be a party, exercise, club, meeting, social event, entertainment.....whatever.

The Committee is also working closely on improving the hall both inside and outside. However, this can't be done by the Committee alone and we're looking for a team of volunteers who can help from time to time. We're not asking for a commitment, just a willingness to help. If you can spare a bit of time to maybe weed, bake or generally help, that would be fantastic. Please let us know (in the questionnaire if you like) and we'll add you to the list of volunteers.

All that remains now is for me to tell you about the Committee:

Chair – Val Keel, Mardle editor

Secretary – Nicky Morris

Treasurer – Sue Knight

Other members:

Jill Hustler – Booking Secretary, Bar

John Knight – Vice Chairman, Bar and Maintenance

Karen Nunn – Asst to Treasurer, Maintenance

Janet Richardson – Cocktails, Dining and Events

David Tinsley – Maintenance, Bar, village liaison

We are keen to be visible and some or all of us will be at most events so please feel free to have a chat whether that's to air a grievance or tell us what a fantastic job we're doing!

Thank you to all outgoing Committee members, your involvement was invaluable and much appreciated.

See you at the Hall, Val

Wreningham Parish Council

Our meetings are slowly returning to the normal of two years ago: doors and windows closed, some masks and social distancing but it was business as usual (note: minutes available on the village website). However, whilst Government regulations / rules have been relaxed, it does appear that infections (and hospitalisations) are rising again in the East Anglia region – so please remain vigilant and I suggest using the ZOE Covid-19 app (see <https://covid.joinzoe.com/> or your favourite app download site) – 4,800,000 users can't be wrong!

We are still discussing the events the village may hold with respect to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022). There are funds available from various bodies and ourselves to help with any costs – please speak to the Clerk.

I have a correction to make from the last Mardle. I mistakenly ascribed the Oak Tree event to the Queen's Jubilee, in fact, the Oak Tree was planted to commemorate the two years since the first lockdown in March 2020. Last Sunday, a commemoration and dedication service was held at All Saints' Church. The dedication was for all those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, from the impact of Covid-19. The PC was present to represent the village. See Keith Morris' posting on the website and read the moving address from the vicar, Lydia Avery. Unfortunately, Lydia was unable to attend as both she and her husband are suffering from the virus.

The Kett's Long Distance Walk will be officially opened on 25th March. It is well signposted, but we are considering placing an information/map sign on the Reading Room to augment the official signs.

Thank you to Hughie Graves for rescuing the playground fence which was in danger of collapse due to the recent high winds.

If you are feeling shy about volunteering to be a councillor, don't be, please contact me and have a chat about what we do.

Michael Hill
Chair, WPC

News from Wreningham All Saints Church



We continue to open the church each day for private prayer and there is a “foodbank” collection point in the church and in the porch at “High Gables”. The people of Wreningham have been very generous in their support of the

foodbank for which we thank you.

We have recently had a small amount of work carried out to make the electrics in the church completely safe.

By the time you read this we will have had our service of remembrance and dedicated the Oak Tree in the churchyard – to mark 2 years since the first covid-19 lockdown and the effect the past 2 years has had on everybody the world over.

On **Thursday 7th April** we will be holding one of our “Lent Lunches”, at Wreningham Village Hall. Lunch consisting of soup and bread followed by cheese and biscuits. You can arrive any time between 12 noon and 2 pm and leave at your convenience. We ask for a donation for “St Martin’s Trust”.

Sat 14th May, between 10 am – 12 noon will be the annual plant sale at Wreningham church car park. We would be grateful for any of your surplus plants, these can be dropped off the day before or early on 14th. We invite you to come along to buy fresh plants for your garden. We will be serving refreshments in the church and there will be a cake stall.

Late News: The Quiz Night raised an amazing £500 which will be split between Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham church fabric funds
Wishing you a healthy and peaceful Easter. Christine Minns

Wreningham Heritage Group

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on **Friday, 8th April** (2pm-4pm) when we shall have an illustrated talk on the Wreningham Telegraph Station, part of a short-lived Admiralty signalling system in the Napoleonic period for transmitting messages from the Admiralty in London to the Fleet at Great Yarmouth. All are welcome, you don’t have to be a member.

We shall also be giving those present an update on arrangements for the Food Exhibition on the **7th May** – see further details elsewhere in this Mardle. There will be an opportunity on that same day to revisit part of last year’s WHG exhibition and to view some new information, so make a note for your diary and tell friends and family – it should be another good day for reminiscence with family and old friends as well as to learn more about your village and about traditional East Anglian foods.

The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning



every month at the Village Hall

The proceeds from Last Wednesday Coffee Mornings from March onwards, for the foreseeable future, will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee, for the support of Ukraine. We will be serving home made cakes in addition to bacon rolls and it would be good to see as many of you as are free to join us. In order to maximise our contribution in the simplest way possible, I will send it each month as an individual, and Gift Aid it – until such time as that extra amount totals more than my tax liability – well it could happen!

Jean Lambourne

Big Litter Pick to tidy up Wreningham



Join us for our litter pick

Help to keep your local community clean and tidy.

Where: Wreningham, Top Row, Penny's Green

Date: Sunday, May 15th - bring gloves

Time: Start at 2pm. Drinks and cakes in Social Club from 3.30pm

Meeting Point: Wreningham Village Hall – Social Club

If you are interested contact:

Email: keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk

Phone: 01508 488318

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Complete a litter pick and you could win **£200***

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 May 15, at 2pm.

Volunteers are required to help us keep our lovely village tidy by taking part in South Norfolk's Big Litter Pick 2022.

We will provide litter pickers, bags and holders and high-vis jackets (you can bring your own). You just need to bring yourself and, ideally, some

gardening gloves or similar.

We will start at 2pm in the Village Hall Witch & Wren and finish off there with a free drink and cake from 3.30pm onwards.

We therefore need some cakes and possibly volunteers to help with refreshments. Can you help?

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

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Events at the Village Hall



Thursday and Friday bar nights are active so come on down!

Bar open Thursday 8-11pm (cocktail nights 7pm), Friday 8-11pm (6-11pm if food is on sale & Family Nights)

If you want to bring your own food on a Friday, that's fine but make sure you take your rubbish away.

Specific events:

FAMILY NIGHT, opening 6pm - Friday 1st April, 6th May. Remember, please no wheels as they damage the floor and no children on the stage.

COCKTAILS AT THE WITCH & WREN 7pm - Thursday 7th April, 21st April, 5th May, 19th May

GAMES NIGHT - Friday 29th April, 20th May. Small, tabletop games, bring your own or use ours. We'd like to develop this so suggestions and feedback are very valuable.

ITALIAN NIGHT - Saturday 30th, April 7pm Ticket only

THAI NIGHT - Saturday 28th, May 7pm Ticket only
email witchandwren@gmail.com or phone 01508 488231 to book

Please Note:

It's a fact of life that things change as soon as we go to print so please check the village website (<https://www.wreningham.org.uk/>), Facebook Groups & noticeboards for any updates.

Other events, open to all:

ZUMBA – Mondays and Wednesdays 6.30pm

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP – Fridays 9am

YOGA THERAPY – Tuesdays 9.30am. Contact Nicki on: 07434 902796 nickijs@hotmail.com for details

HERITAGE GROUP MEETING – 8th April 2pm

60s DANCES - 23rd April, 21st May

THE LAST COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday 27th April, 25th May
10.00-12.00

TEA DANCE – 8th May 2.30

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th May 7pm

Charity/Dance – THE DREAMERS - 27th March – 2pm. For tickets contact Helen Norman 01953 600563

STARFIGHTERS CHARITY DANCE in aid of UKRAINE - Saturday 9th April 8pm

If you want to book the hall, call Jill on 01508 481823. Check the village website for availability.



The Food Museum (formerly Museum of East Anglian Life) is touring their exhibition 'Food Stories' to communities across East Anglia.

On Saturday 7th May, 10-4pm they are bringing it to Wreningham Village Hall!

The exhibition will explore how food and language bring communities together and will feature local recipes, historic techniques of food production and local dialect.

The centre piece of the exhibition will be a farm kitchen table with sound recordings, recipes, photos and items from the Museum's collection.

The Museum is keen for our community to be involved in the exhibition by donating recipes, sharing stories and local words related to food to add to the exhibition. There is more information on the Museum's website, www.foodmuseum.org.uk or you can scan this QR code with your smart phone, and it will take you directly to the right page.

So, if you can donate any traditional recipes or share any local words, please click the link or scan the QR code to pass them on to the Museum....



Jean
01508 481947 or pamela27@btinternet.com

The event is sponsored by Esmee Fairbairn Collections Fund, The Headley Trust and The National Lottery Heritage Fund

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE



On Wednesday 2nd March, Ian Macrae saw a programme on tv that would affect many local people and ultimately help people desperate for help many miles away. He saw an appeal to help the people devastated by the invasion of Ukraine. Within hours of deciding he wanted to do something about it, the publicity machine kicked into action, appeals went out on the various Wreningham Facebook groups and pages and other local social media. Ian never expected the response that he received.

The Village Hall agreed to be the receiving point on Sunday 6th with a 4 hour slot for drop off. Within an hour, the Council Room was full and Spratts kindly offered their office space so all clothing and bedding were taken there leaving the toiletries at the hall. 2 hours later, a halt had to be called as both spaces were full. Unfortunately, some people had to be turned away, the response had been so great.

All toiletries were taken by Coleman Removals of Diss for sorting and forwarding. The clothing and bedding were taken to Grady's barn at The Poplars by Hughie Glaves and Roddy Goldsmith and an army of residents spent days sorting and boxing items which were then taken to Norfolk Polonia for onward transport to Poland.

It was a true village exercise and thanks are given to everyone involved from donors, through storers and sorters to transportation.

However, the main thanks must go to Ian and Margaret Macrae without whom this would never have happened.

Everyone now deserves a well-earned rest.

Plant stall In aid of Upper Tas Valley Benefice expenses.

Saturday 14th May 2022



10 am to 12 noon

Wreningham All Saints Church, Wreningham, NR16 1BH

For those wanting to stock up the garden there is likely to be a good selection of annual and perennial plants together with bedding plants.

There will also be garden sundries and plant pots.

Refreshments and cake stall in the church.

A Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope, and the dedication on an oak tree in memory of all those who have died from Covid 19, was held at All Saints Church in Wreningham, on Sunday (March 20). A full report is on the Wreningham village website.



Recycling News

Great News! The total we have raised has now passed **£600** which is amazing and thank you to everyone. This apparently equates to 118,650 items not in landfill; an incredible figure. I'll make my next donation to PACT in June when I hope we'll have reached £700.

As you know, the pet food programme has now closed (as has the baby food programme) so it's even more important to save everything that can raise money from its recycling. I know the supermarkets will now take crisp packets, confectionery and biscuit wrappers but please, please don't take them there, bring them to our village dropoff in Wymondham Rd. Charities need the funding more than ever and recycling through supermarkets takes money away from organisations that need it.

You all know about crisps, confectionery and biscuit wrappers but can I please stress we take cheese wrappers, dishwasher and laundry pod bags, dishwasher salt bags and packaging from home cleaning wipes too. Every programme is sponsored by a company and they dictate what is acceptable, it's not me. TerraCycle tells me the minimum weight required to qualify for money & I need to achieve those minimum weights. So, the more I get, the closer to that weight I move.

Just a thought - my experience of care homes is that they use a lot of the items we collect – crisps, biscuits, cheese, blister packs so if anyone works in or visits care homes, please ask if you can have them or put me in touch with the manager. Similarly, if you're back at work, can you set up a collection point? Or speak to your local pub. There is loads of plastic just being thrown away and we want it!

If you have any questions please email me on val@valkeel.co.uk or join the Facebook Group **Eco living in and around Wreningham** where you'll find lots of ideas, questions, answers and support.

Val 01508 488231

Anyone who would like to advertise in the Mardle, please contact Christine Minns for costs and further information 01508 488123

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

Thanks, Val.

Email: val@valkeel.co.uk

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Thursday - Open from 8-11pm (cocktail nights 7-11pm)
Friday - Open from 8-11pm (or 6-11pm if food is on sale/Family
Nights)

For Updates:

Please see the Village website:

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

or the Facebook Page:

@WrenVillageHall

**Notice Boards around the Village
or the Witch & Wren Community Bar Facebook
Group**

We hope to have our new, exciting website up and
running soon so watch this space!