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Welcome to the Platinum Jubilee edition of the Mardle which contains details of everything that's happening over the holiday weekend. Make sure you don't miss anything!

It's been a busy couple of months since the last Mardle. The committee has been working hard behind and in front of the scenes to deliver events, plan future events and improve administration. We've had loads of meetings and are very excited to tell you what's coming up.

Our concentration has been on the Jubilee and you'll find details of events later in this issue together with an invitation to the festivities with times on the reverse – keep it safe. There's something for everyone!

The school children have been creating amazing portraits of Her Majesty which will be on display in the hall for the whole period along with photographs of previous jubilees. (If you have any we can borrow, we'll take good care of them.) The pictures will be judged by Pat Tinsley & Rachael Long with prizes for the winners. We're thrilled that Her Majesty will be visiting throughout the festivities; maybe you'd like to have your photo taken with her.

The Church is bringing its plants too - donations gratefully received. So, we have everything from a church service, bell ringing, food (lots of it), art, cocktails, our first live tv streaming feed and, along with the rest of the country there is the Jubilee Picnic. Bring your gazebos (can be set up in advance), blankets, chairs, family and friends, food, drinks and outdoor games.

PLEASE NOTE: NO BARBEQUES ARE ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD

HOWEVER.....None of this just happens and we'd be really grateful for any help you can give us. If you're able to provide scones or cakes for the afternoon tea, please contact Jean on 481947 or me on 488231. Maybe you can bring a salad or dessert to the barbeque. If so, please contact Sue Knight on 07962054778.

Are you able to help organise children's activities on the Sunday? How about helping with games, face painting, accompanying Her Majesty as she moves around the site. We also need stewards, trash monitors, ices distributors, and willing hands before, during and after the event. If you can give some time or have any ideas, please contact David Tinsley on 01508 486628.

This Jubilee is the last one we'll see for some time so it would be lovely to walk down roads with Union Jack-decorated hedges and houses draped in bunting. Let's go to town and make it a weekend to remember. Also, how about dressing for the Jubilee and adopting a red, white & blue dress code?

Since the last Mardle we've had a highly successful rock & roll event in aid of Ukraine and sadly an unsuccessful event for EAAA where the event was cancelled through lack of support. A dozen volunteers turned out to litter pick and it was good to see they didn't find the bag loads as in previous years. The Heritage Group hosted a travelling museum exhibition (see later) and we had our first dining event which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone (see review).

We will be holding a Thai dining experience on Saturday 28th May so if there are still spaces when you receive this Mardle, it promises to be another good evening with lovely food and good company. It's vital you book in advance, we can't accommodate walk ins as food is pre-ordered. Contact me if you're interested.

Our first Games Night was an evening of raucous behaviour, competitive spirit and shared experiences of new games. We are planning on holding one every month – check the online booking calendar for future events.

Cocktail nights are now once a month and Family Nights will continue. Please feel free to tell us of anything you want to see at the hall. I'm conscious that we are in competition with other local halls and we want to be your preferred venue for your social activities. We can only provide what you want if you tell us what that is.

A quick mention of other plans which include extending and replacing the patio so a bigger area for the Summer. We have also started improving the sound system in the hall with new speakers and amp in the bar with the main hall following. This will facilitate music streaming etc. Thank you to Bil Billham and David Kirk for your IT support.

We are keen to be seen and approachable so please feel free to discuss anything with any committee member; we will listen! Val

Diner's review of Italian Night

This was a most enjoyable evening. Good company, easy listening background music plus the welcome drink on arrival (included in the price) ensured a relaxed, convivial atmosphere.

I love Italian food, there was a choice of pasta dish either vegetarian or with meatballs accompanied by focaccia and far more parmesan cheese than we needed! For those who had room after this hearty portion there was a choice of chocolate brownies served with cream or liqueurs.

This was the first of the meals planned for us. It offers very good value for money and the next evening on May 28th will be Thai. To be recommended!

Lynda Craig

Wreningham Parish Council

We had an excellent Annual Parish Meeting in which various village groups spoke of their work in the past year and outlined what the coming year may hold in store. The APM minutes will be posted on the Wreningham website. The WPC meeting followed and confirmed Michael Hill as chair for the 2022/3 session. We also welcomed Andrea Tancred to our ranks as a new councillor and wish her well in her new role.

As one joins us another one leaves. Nicky Allen, our Clerk, has obtained full-time employment and has resigned due to time constraints. We are sorry to see her go and must look to secure another Clerk for our next meeting in July.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in this important role for the Parish Council, do contact me or one of the Councillors. Please see the vacancy notice below for more details.

SNC District Councillor, Nigel Legg, reported to our meeting that some £3 (or 4?) million is reserved by the council for a new doctors' surgery in Hethersett. So, in two or three years, once built, this may provide new premises for the Humbleyard practice. Decisions have yet to be made around the continued use of the existing surgery premises, such as Mulbarton.

We were upset to discover that the bus stop near the Bird in Hand had been vandalised. The wooden bench had been ripped apart and left lying in pieces. Many thanks to Jon Moon who has undertaken to repair the damage for us.

The Village Litter pick, organised by Keith Morris, was completed on Sunday 15th May (see report elsewhere). The bar was open plus coffee and cakes. Our thanks to all – pickers, bakers, John on the bar, and those villagers who have picked up litter on their walks and/or taken it home!

We are largely back to normal (pre-Covid) attendance in our meetings. As ever, they are open for you to attend. We welcome expressions of interest in joining us.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC

Vacancy - Parish Council Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

A vacancy will exist from early June 2022 for a Parish Clerk which includes the role of RFO. This is an important position for the Council and for the Village. Although part-time (4.2 hours per week) this role enables the Parish Council to meet its legal and financial obligations (as RFO). It supports the Councillors in their work for, and on behalf of, the parishioners of Wreningham.

This is a home-based position. It is hourly paid based on a nationally agreed scale. The amount depends on the candidate's past experience, training and qualifications. The Council will support such training as is required.

The applicant will: * be self-motivated and organised, * have relevant experience in the use of Information Technology (supplied by the Council), * work closely with the Chair of the Council, * have, or will be expected to obtain, the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA).

For further details please contact the Chair, Michael Hill on 01508 488379, or, wrendriff@gmail.com

Wreningham All Saints Church

If you have not been into the churchyard recently, you won't have seen how healthy the Covid Memorial Oak Tree is looking in all its spring leafage.



We're delighted that the next major event in the church will be a celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. We were pleased that the Wreningham organising committee asked us to hold the opening service at All Saints – this is on Thursday 2nd June at 3 pm and a warm welcome is offered to everybody. The closing service in the Benefice will be at Tacolneston village hall at 5 pm on Sunday 5th.

We continue to open the church each day for private prayer and don't forget there is a "Foodbank" collection point in the church and in the porch at "High Gables". More and more people are in need of support from the Foodbank so if you are able to give, please do so.

Most of the churchyard is regularly cut using a ride on mower but there are areas where this machine cannot go. If you have a strimmer and are willing to volunteer, we would be grateful for some help from time to time to tidy these areas. Please get in touch if you are able and willing to help.

We are holding a coffee morning at the village hall on Sat. 16th July. See the advert for details.

Christine Minns – Churchwarden (Tel: 01508 488123)



Plant Sale 14th May In aid of Upper Tas Valley Benefice

First, I need to offer our apologies to anybody who had a problem getting into or out of the village due to the cars visiting the Plant Sale. We certainly did not expect so many people and have already put in place a solution (we hope!!) for 2023.

The weather was ideal and I think the team were much better organised and ready in good time. This is down to learning from the past 6 years and I thank them for their efficiency. I need to extend grateful thanks to all those people who supplied

plants not just for the day, but throughout the year and I plan to continue selling at my gate through the season. Also thank you to those who came and bought – I hope you are all pleased with your purchases. This was by far the most successful sale to date. We took £940.00 on plants plus £200.00 on cakes and refreshments. The money goes towards Benefice expenses.

Christine Minns – Administrator for Upper Tas Valley Benefice

Coffee Morning

Sat. 16th July 2022
10.30 am – 12 noon

Wreningham Village Hall

Cake and “Bring & Buy” stall - Raffle
Organised by Upper Tas Valley Benefice

In aid of **All Saints, Wreningham Mission in Zimbabwe**

Wreningham Heritage Group

We had another well attended meeting in April where we learned how a final (maybe!) conclusion has been reached as to the site of the Admiralty Telegraph Station in Wreningham - a short lived result of the Napoleonic Wars.

In May we enjoyed hosting the Food Museum's touring exhibition and displaying our research into the history of Wreningham farms and the village general store, sited at what will surely be known forever as "Spratts Corner" on Wymondham Road. Visitors came from as far away as Norwich, others from our neighbouring villages, all contributing towards another successful day.

Our next meeting will, hopefully, be in July. Please watch out for details on the village website, Facebook and the village notice boards. Members will be notified by email as usual.

The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning



every month at the Village Hall

Coffee morning - 25th May

As with March and April's events, proceeds this month will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee. In March, thanks to our generous regulars and a bunch of walkers from Ashwellthorpe, we were able to send the DEC a gift aided total of £250 towards their work in Ukraine.

April's takings await those for May, to be forwarded together, and we hope to see as many friends as possible on 25th, for bacon rolls and cake with your drinks.

Jean Lambourne

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, 7-11pm Games Night)

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

Specific events:

FAMILY NIGHT, opening 6pm - Friday 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August. Come down for early drinks on the terrace. Remember, please no wheels as they damage the floor and no children on the stage.

COCKTAILS AT THE WITCH & WREN 7pm - Thursday 2nd June, 7th July

GAMES NIGHT 7pm - Friday 24th June, 22nd July. Small, tabletop games, bring your own or use ours. We'd like to develop this so suggestions and feedback are very valuable.

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.

THAI NIGHT - Saturday 28th, May 6pm Ticket only
email witchandwren@gmail.com or phone 01508 488231 to book

Other events, open to all:

ZUMBA – Mondays and Wednesdays 6.30pm

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP – Fridays 9am

60s DANCES - 18th June, 23rd July, 13th August, 10th September

THE LAST COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday 29th June, 27th July, 31st August 10.00-12.00

TEA DANCE – 26th June 2.30

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th July 7pm

All these events are not ticketed, they are open to all.

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



JAZZ PICNIC with DIXIEMIX

Saturday 2nd July 6pm - 9pm

On Becketswell Meadow, Wymondham, NR18 9PH

Free entry (voluntary collection)

Bring a picnic

Raffle

Coffee, Ice Cream and Hot Dog stalls

All costs generously sponsored. All proceeds to local charities



Rotary Club of Wymondham

Big Litter Pick helps tidy up Wreningham

A dozen or so enthusiastic volunteer litter pickers helped to tidy-up Wreningham, Top Row and Penny's Green as part of the Big South Norfolk Litter Pick on Sunday May 15. The volunteers spread out from the Village Hall to clean verges, paths, playing fields and other public locations across the Wreningham Parish area.



Items collected including windscreen wipers, clothes, lots of tin cans, plastic and glass bottles and sweet wrappers.

The effort was part of the annual Big South Norfolk Litter Pick, organised by South Norfolk Council, who loaned equipment for the event.

If you would like to litter pick in Wreningham, equipment can be borrowed at any time from members of Wreningham Parish Council. Please contact Cllr Keith Morris at keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk for details or ring 01508 488318.

Bin Collections: Please note collections are as usual with the exception of Brown bin collection day 3rd June moved to Monday 6th June.

Bottle Bank

People ask us about bottle recycling. Wreningham Village Hall has two recycling bins for glass bottles and jars on the car park. They are free for you to use and bring in income so please recycle your bottles and jars with us and support your hall. If you need help or any more information, contact witchandwren@gmail.com

Recycling News

Our total raised has gone up to over £650 so I've been able to send another £335 to PACT. I'm still trying to arrange a Green Day (maybe September) but until then I'll be at Eco @Wymondham Baptist Church on Saturday 11th June. Come and have a chat, ask questions. I believe there'll be lots to see with many ideas to help you in your eco journey.

Don't forget the Facebook Group **Eco living in and around Wreningham** where you'll find lots of ideas, questions, answers and support.
Val 01508 488231

Wreningham Community Support Group.

It is 2 years since I took on the role of Co-ordinator of the Support Group when it was established at the start of the Covid pandemic. Hopefully the worst is behind us but it is too early to be confident that an unpleasant variant won't appear or other problems arises.

Following discussion with Michael Hill, Parish Council Chairman, we agreed that the village would benefit from having a group to provide help in the event of any future emergency affecting the residents of Wreningham. As well as infections there may be adverse weather events to contend with. It would also be possible to assist individuals who required temporary support in a more personal crisis.

Residents may find be able to find some practical or financial help from South Norfolk Help Hub - 01508 533933 or see website <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/help-hub-1/getting-help>. Anybody living in the village and needing help with paying for heating their home is entitled to apply to the Wreningham Fuel Trust for assistance in strictest confidence. The Clerk of the Trust is Christine Minns who can be contacted on 01508 488123.

I am aware that many residents who need support are helped by family, friends or neighbours but the Group will be there to give assistance to anyone who thinks we may be able to help.

If you think we can help, please get in touch with me or your local contact:

Ashwellthorpe Road: Tressy Glaves 07595231782. **Church Road:** Heather and Allan Bond 01508 489564. Masha Smith 07713638818. Lis and Mike Whalley: 01508 489575. **Hethel Road:** Katie Burrell 07952185323. Claire Rennie 07802640180. **Mill Lane:** Graham Crummett 01508 489510. **Top Row:** Kym Tufnell 01508 488451, Alison and Steve Turner 07960171227. **Wymondham Road:** Ian Holloway 01508 481700, Val Keel 01508 488231.

Tony Wright, 01508 489454

WRENINGHAM OIL SYNDICATE

Fuel costs are spiralling so anything that helps reduce them is beneficial. This is where the syndicate (currently with over 60 registered users) comes in.

To help understand, we place a quarterly order in January, April, July and October and my role is to collate all requirements each time and then go out to the different suppliers and try to achieve the best possible rates at that time. It goes without saying, the higher the volume, the better the price so if you do become part of the scheme, it will really help if you can work to the above periods and order through the syndicate rather than individually.

I then place the order and inform you who is supplying and the price achieved at that specific time. I play no part in either the payment or delivery side. This is picked up by the suppliers and they make direct contact with you regarding the actual delivery dates and the payment and will normally invoice you at the time of delivery.

If you would like to be included, please could you forward to me your full details including your name, full postal address, mobile contact number (one that the driver may need to call on the day of delivery) and any specific delivery instructions relating to your property etc and I will gladly add you to the list when I send out the invitation to order. If you have any other questions, please give me a call to discuss things anytime on 07961 705154.

Many thanks, John Knight

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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-July. If you have something for inclusion, please let me have it by then.

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



at Wreningham Village Hall

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

Thursday - Open from 8-11pm (cocktail nights 7-11pm)

Friday - Open from 8-11pm (First Friday early opening 6pm, 7-11pm Games Night)

For Updates:

Please see the Village website:

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

or the Facebook Group:

Witch & Wren Community Bar

Notice Boards around the Village

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

Wreningham Jubilee Weekend



Thursday 2 June

- 3pm Church service to recognise the start of the holiday weekend.
- 4-4.15pm The church bells will be rung.
- 7-11pm Jubilee cocktails in the Witch & Wren Bar.

Friday 3 June

- 2-4.30pm Afternoon tea in the Village Hall. **Celebrate with a FREE Jubilee spread. Scones and fairy cake donations gratefully received, please contact Jean on 01508 481947 or Val on 01508 488231.**
- 2-11pm The Witch & Wren Bar will be open for a full range of beers, spirits, soft drinks.
- 5.30 Fish & Chips from Tom's Fish Bar delivered to the hall.
- 7.30 Fish & Chips from Tom's Fish Bar delivered to the hall. **NOTE: Your order must be placed and paid for on Wednesday 1st June between 1-3pm 01508 570251. Orders cannot be placed at any other time.**

Saturday 4 June

- 4-11pm Witch & Wren Bar open.
- 5-7.30pm **Jubilee Barbeque. Burgers, sausages, vegetarian too. FREE BBQ with first drink bought. Bring and share salads or desserts. If you can donate, please contact Sue on 07962054778.**
- Live transmission from Buckingham Palace of the Platinum Party at the Palace. Dance and sing along to Queen, Diana Ross, Nile Rodgers, Duran Duran, Andrea Bocelli, Rod Stewart, Elton John, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and many more.

Sunday 5 June

- 12-4pm Jubilee Lunch on the Playing Field. Bring your own gazebo (you can set it up in advance), food, drink, outdoor games, friends and family. It would be lovely if you could decorate your gazebo and we'd love to see people adopting a red, white & blue dress code. The Hall will be open for toilets only And if it rains!
- 4-4.30pm Winners of the school portrait competition announced.