

Mardle



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Wreningham

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Village Hall

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Life is returning to normal after the Queen's Jubilee and there's a range of events for you to enjoy at the hall. **Check out the centre pages for further details on any of the following.**

As I write, it's starting to feel a bit cooler so you might fancy some exercise. How about Zumba on Monday & Wednesday evenings?

You may have been enjoying Swing lessons with Swingymabob or wondering what it's all about. These sessions have stopped for the Summer but keep an eye out for when they resume.

Don't forget the very popular 60s dances with dancing to live music – all are welcome. The next events will be Hi Definition on 13th August and Class Act on 10th September.

If a more sedate dance is your style, there are our regular Tea Dances. The next one is Sunday 14th August.

For those who have booked, our next dining experience will be Thai Night on Saturday 30th July. If you're interested in joining us, there **may** be spaces so please contact me to check. We hope it'll be as successful as the Italian Night and we are planning other events throughout the year. Watch this space! Whilst talking about dining, I must express our thanks to Anglia Elite who loaned us the crockery to make our Italian Night that little bit more special.

Janet, often with the help of Emma, continues to deliver successful **Cocktail Nights** and **Games Night** is providing hours of competitive fun whilst enjoying what the bar can offer. We also have **First Friday Family Night** and **Second Friday Fish & Chip**

Night starting in September. Food must be pre-ordered so check BACK PAGE for details. Dates of these monthly events are in the middle section; come on down and join friends and neighbours, make new friends and have fun!

Don't forget the monthly coffee morning with September's being the annual event in aid of MacMillan.

Advance notice!! We will be holding a Barn dance on 12th November.

All these events will be on our Facebook group **Witch & Wren Community Bar** and more details on our events pages in this and future issues. Keep an eye on village noticeboards too.

The committee continues to work towards providing a safe, inviting environment for your social activities. We're looking towards expanding the patio area so we can all enjoy sitting out in the evening sunshine. We're examining and updating all governing documents to ensure we're compliant and the website is being revamped to make it easier to tell you what's going on.

There's lots to do and only 8 of us so if you feel able to either join the committee or offer your voluntary services as and when needed, please contact any committee member. Spreading the workload makes it easier for everyone.

As usual, feedback on events you've attended or would like to see is much appreciated. If you want to book the hall, call Jill on 01508 481823. Check the village website for availability.

Val - val@valkeel.co.uk 01508 488231

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.

Platinum Jubilee

The Jubilee seems a long time ago now but the memories of a fantastic weekend live on. We had four days where residents, their families and friends came together in celebration from the church service and bell ringing to the Jubilee picnic held indoors when the weather didn't play ball.

The hall was decorated with yards of bunting, including some from the actual coronation which had been stored in original newspaper and loaned to us by the Long family. It provided a fascinating insight into life years ago. Around the walls were the children's Jubilee paintings showing so much talent it made the job of choosing winners extremely difficult for the judges. Thank you to Rachael Long and Pat Tinsley for being our experts and for providing an insight into their decisions.



After a Jubilee Cocktail Night to kick-start the festivities, the next event at the hall was the Jubilee Tea and Jean, with her wonderful team and co-opted family members, provided a fantastic spread to approaching 100 people. Hours had been spent making delicate sandwiches (without crusts), scones and cakes by numerous talented bakers, all beautifully presented for us to help ourselves.

Fish & Chips were brought in from Mulbarton in the evening and it proved so popular that Fish & Chip Night will be returning to the hall. See elsewhere in this issue for more information.

Saturday was the barbeque and streaming of the Queen's concert. Many thanks must go to Stephen (along with Janet and Karen) for manning the barbeque so efficiently and, it appeared, effortlessly. Again, volunteers provided salads and desserts (including a Jubilee trifle) demonstrating that when a community comes together, we can do anything.

The weather on Sunday may have cancelled events around the county but we merely moved it indoors. Sadly, there were no swing boats or races, but we had splat the rat, plenty of toys and crafts for the younger children and picnic baskets filled with wine and goodies.

The whole weekend went off so well and there was something for everyone. We even had HM the Queen here for the whole time and many of you had your photograph taken with her. It was particularly lovely to see residents bringing other family members, many who may have lived here in the past.



Here is Sue Allen Spratt and her mum Maisie who was born in the same year as Her Majesty, her husband passed away in the same year as the Duke of Edinburgh and her other daughter was born in the same year as Prince Charles So, a much-felt connection to the Royal Family.

To thank everyone who helped would fill pages so can I please give a heartfelt thankyou to each and every one who baked, decorated, entertained, sorted out technical issues, manned the bar, cooked, cleaned, sewed, shopped, publicised

and washed up.

Thank you to the whole committee who pulled out all stops to bring this event to the village especially David whose concept it was and who drove back from the Queen's Party late into the night to be with us for Sunday's festivities.

It truly felt like an event for the whole village. We had babies to grandparents and the feedback we've received has been very positive. It certainly shows what the hall can provide and we look forward to offering more events in the coming months. Please let us know what you'd like to see and support; we want to make the Village Hall the focal point of the village, somewhere that is available for all ages and for everyone whether resident or from outside the village.

We can't promise another Jubilee celebration, but we'll do our best, with your help and support, to deliver fun-filled events that pull the village together.

Wreningham Parish Council

In the last Mardle we announced the departure of our Clerk of three years, Nicky Allen, and posted an advertisement for a new Clerk. I am pleased to say that Mrs Tina Higlett is to be the new Clerk. The handover process is in full swing, and we will be seeing Tina at the next Parish Council meeting in September. If you need to contact the clerk, then the e-mail is still valid; we will update the other contact details for you in the near future.

In July's meeting we welcomed Ian Spratt as a new South Norfolk Councillor for our Ward. With Nigel and Gerry he updated the meeting on the business of SNC. The planned move by SNC to St Andrew's Business Park on the outskirts of Norwich is progressing as they expect to be sharing the old Aviva building with Broadland DC.

It was highlighted that South Norfolk Council is disturbed at the proposals for the National Grid setting 50m pylons every 300m across the countryside. SNC is urging residents to make their views known in an attempt to obtain alternatives to this proposal. A recent EDP article highlighted that local MPS were similarly concerned and calling for a re-think.

On the subject of electricity, SNC is investigating a scheme to install Electric Vehicle chargers in parishes. We have indicated that we'd like to join in and are considering, with the Village Hall committee, that they may be installed at the Hall.

Repeating my request from earlier in the year – please ensure that your hedges, trees, brambles and nettles do not present a threat to road users, especially cyclists. However, be careful when you dispose of the cuttings as everything is so dry this year that a random spark could have serious consequences.

Our minutes are available on the village website. If you have matters to raise for the council to consider, please let us know in good time for them to be included on the agenda. You can speak to any of the councillors: Jean Lambourne, Keith Morris, Hugh Graves, Andrea Tancred or me. We will welcome you to our next meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of September.

Michael Hill
Chair, WPC

All Saints, Wreningham

At the time of preparing this report the churchyard is looking very tidy but also very brown! I wish to thank all those who have helped with cutting and strimming this summer. Unfortunately, there are also several holes created by rabbits digging. We can do nothing about this at the moment so please take care as you walk through the graveyard.

We will shortly be looking at the architects' report with a view to what major works need to be flagged up but until we have sufficient funds, no work can take place. If you feel inclined to help raise some money, please look at the details of the Norfolk Churches Trust annual sponsored cycle and walk, either online or see the poster in the church notice board.

We have arranged another quiz jointly with Ashwellthorpe church on Friday 14 October. Posters will be out soon and as usual you need to book in advance.

For details of church services, see the church notice board or there may be a spare magazine in the back of the church where they are listed on the centre page. If anybody new to the village would like to take the church magazine, please contact Christine Minns 01508 488123.

Do not forget that we collect for the "Food Bank" at all our churches and this support is needed more than ever at the moment. Feel free to drop items off at the church or in my porch at High Gables, Church Road, (CM).

Christine Minns & Christine Bilham (churchwardens)

Fund-raising events

B.B.Q. for a Summer's Afternoon

Plans are afoot to arrange a garden party/BBQ at the home of Bob and Gill Smith, Abel Cottage, New Road, Ashwellthorpe on Saturday 20th August, in aid of church expenses. At time of going to print we still need to sort out the details but likely price is £12.50 to include food (including dessert) and a drink.

There will be posters up giving details very soon – keep the date free and book in early. It will be worth it just to see Bob and Gill's garden.

Plant Sale

After all the dry weather I'm sure many people will be looking to replace plants. Others will be happy to get outside and split up some of theirs. If you are the latter, please pot up any you don't need. If you are the former – we are hoping to hold an autumn plant sale at the village hall – possibly Sat. 15th October. This will include refreshments, a cake stall and possible some bric-a-brac tables. Watch out for posters and details in the next edition of the Mardle or give me a phone call.

Christine Minns 488123

Coffee Morning

May we say a big "thank you" to everybody who supported the coffee morning at the village hall on Sat. 16th July. It was a lovely atmosphere, and we think everybody enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all who helped, gave or bought – your efforts raised £335.00 for the All Saints Wreningham Mission in Zimbabwe.

Christine and Carolyn

South Norfolk Queens Treasure Trail

To celebrate the jubilee, South Norfolk and Broadland Councils have a free treasure trail available to all. This unique and exciting trail will take you on a quest throughout South Norfolk, helping you discover new areas of the district you may not have explored. Along the way there will be discounts available at local shops and cafes, as well as amazing prizes to win. Find out more and download your free map today at: www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/snctrail

St Martins Trust

Support is needed for St Martins Trust as it works with the homeless and struggling in Norwich and the surrounding area. Marc Avis of Lakeside, Low Road, Fornsett St Mary, NR16 1JG has set up a collection point for donations of clothes, shoes, toiletry, bric-a-brac etc. which will be given to those in need or sold to raise funds towards this charities work. (Lakeside is next door to Fornsett village hall). Marc is happy for you to drop off items at any time and they can be left by the front door.

FOR SALE – Battery operated mobility scooter, collapsible and comes complete with carrying case and battery. Make: Travelux Explor. User manual available. For further information or to make an offer (over £75.00) as a donation to the Ukraine disaster fund, contact Christine Minns (Wreningham) on 01508 488123.

Events at the Village Hall



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

Thurs 8-11pm (**Cocktail Nights** 7-10pm)

Fri **1st Friday Family Night** 6-11pm, **2nd Friday Fish & Chip Night** 5-11pm, **4th Friday Games Night** 7-11pm, otherwise 8-11pm

Specific events open to all:

Events underlined are organised by the VH committee, all others by hirers

July:

- 27th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-12.00
Zumba 6.30-7.30 (check with Rachel for availability – see below)
- 30th Thai Night (booking required)

August:

- 1st Zumba 6.30-7.30pm
- 3rd Zumba 6.30-7.30pm
- 4th Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7-10pm
- 5th Family Night 6-11pm
- 8th Zumba 6.30-7.30pm
- 13th 60s Dance to Hi Definition 8.30-11.45pm (see below for contact and poster for further details)
- 14th Tea Dance 2-6pm
- 24th Zumba 6.30-7.30pm
- 26th Games Night 7-11pm
- 29th Zumba 6.30-7.30pm
- 31st Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-12.00
Zumba 6.30-7.30pm

Zumba - Rachel: email at firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07789748457 for further information.

60s Dances - Shirley Aldous to reserve tickets on 01508 489606 or 07951864295

September:

- 1st Gin Night at the Witch & Wren 7-10pm
- 2nd Family Night 6-11pm
- 5th Zumba 6.30-7.30pm
- 7th Zumba 6.30-7.30pm
- 9th Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.30am
Fish & Chip Night (pre-ordered only, see back page for details) 5-11pm
- 10th 60s Dance to Class Act 8.30-11.45pm
- 13th Parish Council meeting 7pm
- 16th Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.30am
- 17th Provisional date for food night. Could be 'Build your own burger' – see Facebook and posters for more information
- 19th Zumba 6.30-7.30
- 21st Zumba 6.30-7.30
- 23rd Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.30am
Games Night 7-11pm
- 25th Charity Rock & Roll Dance 2pm (see poster for details)
- 26th Zumba 6.30-7.30
- 28th MacMillan Coffee Morning 10-12.00
Zumba 6.30-7.30pm
- 30th Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.30am

Thinking ahead, more events to be added. October:

- 6th Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7-10pm
- 7th Family Night 6-11pm
- 14th Fish & Chip Night (pre-ordered only, see back page for details) 5-11pm
Church Quiz (contact Christine to book team)
- 15th Church Sale
60s Dance to Shane and The Korrados 8.30-11.45pm
- 26th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-12.00
- 28th Games Night 7-11pm

November:

- 12th Barn Dance

Swing - swingymabob@gmail.com or phone 07768891954 for future dates.

Music and other events at the hall

Dances at Wreningham Village Hall.



Hi Definition

Saturday 13th August 2022
8:30pm-11:45pm
Entrance Fee £8.00
Bar and Raffle

For further details contact Shirley Aldous
01508 489606 or MB 07951864295

The Wymondham Helicopter Group
Presents
Charity Rock & Roll Dance



**GLENN DARREN
and THE
KREW KATZ**

Charity Details
In Aid of
East Anglian
Air Ambulance
Charity (1033279)

Wreningham Village Hall
Mill Lane, Wreningham, NR16 1AN

Sun 25th Sept '22
2pm Dance 2:30pm
Tickets £15/Cons £12.50



**ALAN WILCOX
AS BILLY FURY**

Norman/Helen 01953 600563
George Reeve Market St Wymondham

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Quiz Evening

Friday 14th October 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
WRENINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Entry £6.00 per person

Come as a team of up to 6 people, or individually and we'll team you up. Please book in advance as this event has proved popular in the past and we would not want to turn anybody away at the door.

Bring your own food (but not drink)

To book call Christine on 01508 488123

Raffle

Licensed Bar

In aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham church expenses

Village Groups

Heritage Group

The Heritage Group held its AGM in July and welcomed Nigel Rudd to the committee as Treasurer. David Kirk takes special responsibility for building our new WHF website, Jean Lambourne remains as chair and Lis Whalley has taken over as Secretary.

The formal bit done, we settled down for a fascinating talk from our local archaeology expert, Steve Hickling. Steve took us back to the earliest neolithic evidence of settlement in the area now encompassed by the parish of Wreningham. We then travelled through time to the founding of the present-day church and the establishment of our oldest farms and cottages, many of which are still standing today. Steve even brought along some ancient artifacts dug from our local soil.

Our next meeting will be in September (date to be advised) and will centre on the unveiling of the new website. For those interested in the village's last two hundred or so years, the website should be an excellent primer. Underpinning all this is the much more detailed information (with stories) which the Heritage Group is constantly uncovering. The website will grow as we discover more – and you are very welcome to join in and become a part of this journey. The Heritage Group welcomes visitors to all its meeting. You don't have to commit to regular attendance, and we are always keen to hear suggestions from anyone regarding future projects. If you have ideas, come along; you can tell us over tea and cake at the end of any meeting.

Wreningham Baby and Toddler group

Since we opened in 2018 the Baby and Toddler group has gone from strength to strength. We felt strongly we wanted somewhere for families to meet up and connect and for children to socialise with others in their community. Everyone is welcome, and we have lots of mums, dads, grandparents and childminders both from the village and further afield who enjoy a good chat and hot drink while the children play, or babies relax in a bouncer. No child is too young as it is as much for the grown-ups as the children. Over the years many friendships have been formed for both adults and children!

It was devastating to close for nearly a year due to the covid pandemic, but once we re-opened, we were busier than ever with children and their grown-ups desperate for some socialising! We have a great range of toys and equipment mainly through grants and donations. We try and vary what we have out each week, but a typical session can include trikes, soft bricks, inflatable crawl through, dress up, puzzles, books, playdough, playhouse, dress up and most sessions try to have some messy play like sand and something crafty! For babies we have bouncers, walkers, play mats and lots of toys.

Now that our children are all at school Claire Rennie and I run the group voluntarily on our day off, and whilst we enjoy it, we are always grateful of any help! Maybe your children are older now and you could spare time making drinks? or helping set up? Even if its once a month or occasionally any help is welcome!

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming, laid-back group so do come along and see us. It's £3 a child or £3.50 a family. We are open every Friday in term time, 9.30am – 11.30am, starting back after summer on 9th September.

Contact me (Katie Burrell), katie@loaders.net if you want any further information and join our facebook page 'Wreningham Toddler group', for regular updates. Wreningham Baby and Toddler Group

Coffee Morning

It seems a little early to be writing about September's coffee morning, but you might not see another Mardle before 28th September, when we shall be enjoying our annual MacMillan coffee morning - make a note in your diary now!

As usual we look to our talented and generous village bakers to produce an assortment of cakes, traybakes, savouries etc. to entice the village to the Hall that morning. We always hold a really good raffle with lots of great prizes - which are also donated for this great cause.

So, if you are able to donate food or prizes, please let one of the coffee morning kitchen team know - or just bring along on the day. We will be very grateful for all contributions.

Jean

Recycling News

Our totals continue to rise! To date, we have saved over 811kg of income-generating plastic from landfill and sent it to TerraCycle which takes our total raised to over £735. Fantastic news, well done everyone. I'm hoping to reach £1,000 by the end of the year so keep munching, cleaning and drinking coffee. In addition, we continue to support other fund raisers with their programmes including bread bags, blister packs and Pringles tubes.

A quick reminder of our 8 programmes that raise funds for PACT (don't give them to supermarkets please):

1) KP snacks, nuts, popcorn, crisps and pretzels 2) Confectionery 3) Lavazza Eco Coffee Caps 4) Pladis biscuits & snacks 5) Toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes 6) Cheese packaging 7) Hygiene Home – dishwasher tablet pouches, dishwasher salt, packaging from cleaning wipes 8) Coffee bags (ground, instant or beans)

Can I also thank you for sorting your donations into the separate programmes, flattening anything you can (especially crisp packets) and making sure they are free from contents. It makes my job so much easier if I just have to give a cursory glance rather than unscrewing, flattening and shaking each and every crisp packet or biscuit wrapper to read what they are! It also makes it easier to reach the minimum weight requirement if I can pack things in the boxes flat and tight.

However, whilst I offered during lockdown, I think the time has come to say please DON'T drop off with me your flexible plastic, take them to a supermarket. Tesco Harford Bridge or Morrisons Wymondham have large cages outside the store for....

carrier bags, frozen food bags, fruit, vegetable and salad bags, delivery bags, cereal liners or plastic bags from muesli/granola, toilet roll wrapping, multi-pack wrapping, pasta, rice and other dry food bags including tea bag packaging, baby and pet food pouches, bubble wrap and cling film, plastic film lids, baby wipe packaging, sauce pouches, bags from dried fruit and nuts, greetings cards plastic film

Thank you for your understanding; by not having to deal with the items for which we get no money, I can spend more time spreading the word and processing more of the items that are advantageous to PACT.

Val – val@valkeel.co.uk, 488231

Norfolk Wildlife Trust

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Claylands Wilder Connections team is excited to announce that our training workshops are now live! Our workshop program runs from May until December 2022 and places are available for free! There is a workshop for everyone, whether you want to practice scything to discover a new way of caring for your grassland or wish to learn about habitat connectivity on a farm walk or learn more about managing habitats for wildlife in South Norfolk, from pollards to ponds. The aim of the training program is to empower communities and landowners to play a part in helping nature to recover.

We have so much more on offer, but booking is essential as places are limited, so visit our Clayland's Wilder Connections page to find the workshops you would like to attend. You can book through Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Eventbrite page or phone Sue Grime (NWT Engagement Officer) on 07393 807897 for more information and to book your place over the phone. We invite you to take action for wildlife and look forward to receiving your booking.



Bin Collections: Gr – Green, Br – Brown, Bl – Black

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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-September. 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

Bar opening:

Thursday - 8-11pm (**Cocktail Nights** 7-10pm)

Friday - **1st Friday Family Night** 6-11pm, **2nd Friday Fish & Chip Night** 5-11pm, **4th Friday Games Night** 7-11pm, otherwise 8-11pm

NOTE: There is NO fish & chip van visiting; all orders must be placed in advance by calling 01508 570251 (Tom's Fish Bar, Mulbarton) between 2-3pm the day before (Thursday) for collection BY US at either 5.15 or 7.30pm. This will start in September; look out for posters.

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!