



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/>

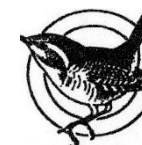
or the Facebook Group:

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!

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January 2023

Wreningham



This will be my last editorial as outgoing Chairman. 2022 has been a busy year for the Committee after the restrictions of Covid and I'm proud of achieving so much. However, I've decided to move on to other things although I'll continue to support the Hall in all it does.

At the AGM, Karen, Nicky, Sue and I stepped down from the Committee and didn't seek re-election.

John, Janet and David returned and were joined by Andrea Tancred, Ian Holloway and Jennie Schamp. I wish them success for the coming year and look forward to seeing the hall go from strength to strength. I would also like to thank Karen, Nicky, Sue and Jill (who stepped down last month) for all their support over the past year.

I must stress that more people are needed on the Committee to maximise everything the Hall can offer whilst caring for its fabric too. There are 3 places available to bring the total to the required 9 so please, if you feel you have something to offer, get in touch with a committee member to discuss it.

Alternatively, if you would like to join the team of volunteers supporting the Committee, again, speak to a member.

NOTE: The hall will be decorated on the morning of Tuesday 29th November. If you can help, please call John on 07961 705154

Wreningham

Village Hall

Charity No

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As happens every year, the weeks pass relatively slowly then, mid-November they seem to accelerate and, wham!, it's Christmas. With that in mind, there's lots happening at the Hall and within the village so please check this Mardle and noticeboards. Also check the calendar on the Wreningham website so you don't miss anything as this will be updated constantly. If you're wanting to make a booking, you can see availability; don't delay, the Village Hall calendar's filling up with parties and other events. If you haven't signed up for email alerts on events, contact David on wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com

Nothing happens without organisation and it's welcome and thanks to Mason & Cathy Paul for taking over as Booking Secretary and who are now building up relationships with hirers. Should you want to make or discuss a booking, give them a call on 07541 566514 or email wreninghamvillagehall@gmail.com.

A quick word to say thank you for all their hard work to everyone (in particular David and Pat) for organising the Barn Dance which was a great success. I hear the band has been booked already for next year so watch this space!

I would also like to pass on my thanks to Rachel Evans for bringing Zumba to the village and express my sadness that she has decided to cancel Monday evenings but wish her well with her new venture in Wymondham. Please note Wednesday evening classes will continue here at 6.30. Rachel also held her annual ball here which was, as usual, well attended, highly successful and raised an amazing £2,400 for local breast cancer charity Little Lifts. Well done to everyone involved!

Winter is coming and with it, cold weather. With this in mind, Wreningham All Saints will be hosting 'warm space' events following each Wednesday Coffee Morning (not 28th Dec) where you can get hot food and drink and watch a movie. See later for details.

The Witch & Wren continues to offer fun evenings on Thursdays and Fridays with Games Nights, Cocktail Nights, Family Nights and Fish & Chips as regular events. During the **World Cup**, there will be additional evenings where you can cheer on the teams and be as loud as you like without being arrested, annoying the neighbours or waking the children! Check the website or Facebook for updates as paper copy is out of date as soon as it's printed.

- Contact our manager **Laura on 07789055211** or email **bbsupervisor01@gmail.com** if you have a child between 2 and 5 years old and wish to find out more about the playgroup.
- Bramble Bears is run by volunteers. If you are interested in being part of our committee or fundraising team, please contact our committee chair **James on 07788918819**.
- We are continuing to take donations to support the running and resourcing of the playgroup. Donations can be made via paypal <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/3150566>, go fund me <http://gofund.me/9ecb8d10> or by BACS; Bramble Bears Playgroup, Sort Code; 20-99-08 Account; 30308498.
- Please like and share our **Bramble Bears Facebook page** and spread the word about our wonderful playgroup!

Best wishes from the Bramble Bears Community



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News from Bramble Bears Playgroup

Many Mardle readers will be familiar with our lovely playgroup based in the original village hall in Ashwellthorpe.

Firstly, we would like to say a **huge thank you** to the local community for your support with our recent fundraising efforts. With your support and the dedication of volunteers and staff we are determined to secure the future of the playgroup during the cost of living crisis. It is our goal to continue to provide high quality early years provision in a nurturing, child led environment for families in the surrounding villages.

Recent Events

The **new children** who joined playgroup in September have settled in really well and have been enjoying lots of Autumnal activities including creating **messy firework paintings** and learning all about **Remembrance Day**. The children also had a very special visitor recently... a **4 week old puppy called Bruce!** As you can imagine they loved this experience and learned lots about taking care of animals.



During half term we ran a busy **crafts and coffee morning**. Local families joined us at playgroup to enjoy some spooky halloween crafts including making spider hats and decorating monster biscuits! We also recently held a brilliant **table top sale**. Thank you for everyone who contributed items for sale and those who came along to grab a bargain. Finally, during November Bramble Bears staff and children welcomed an **OFSTED inspector** for a day!

Details of the inspection will be published in due course. We will add a link to the final report on our website. www.bramblebearsplaygroup.co.uk

How can you support our playgroup?

Keep an eye out for upcoming fundraising events including:

Friday 2nd December – Family Bingo Night @ Ashwellthorpe Village Hall, The Street.

Doors Open at 6:15pm eyes down at 7pm – ALL WELCOME



So, on to Christmas and future events ...

One of the highlights of our preparation for Christmas is the lighting of the **village tree** on the Reading Room. This year it will take place on **Friday 2nd December at 6.30pm**. In addition to the lighting ceremony, there'll be carol singing and the Hall will be open for **Family Night** afterwards with mulled wine and mince pies so come on down and get the Festive Season started. I believe we may have a surprise visitor coming too!! Thank you to Andrea and her team for taking on this valuable task.



Christmas Cocktail Night will be on the 1st December and the last **Last Wednesday Coffee Morning before Christmas is on 30th November followed by 'Warm Space'**.

Pie Night has been re-introduced on 3rd December in the Witch & Wren (see poster), we have **Starfighters Rock & Roll on 10th December** and **60's Dance Christmas Party on 17th December**.

Swing classes (on hold until 9 Jan) and Tea Dances continue as does table tennis.

As usual, once we approach Christmas, things slow down and there is little on in the hall. January has a number of private events but there is still availability if you would like to hire it.

Mardle

I've told the Committee that I'm willing to continue editing the Mardle until they find someone else however, I'd prefer that to be sooner rather than later. If this is something you might like to have a go at, please call or email me on 01508 488231, val@valkeel.co.uk.

Thank you for your support over the last year and the numerous years I've been on the Committee; I look forward to sharing a cocktail or chat with you in the forthcoming months.

Val Keel, Outgoing Chairman

Wreningham Parish Council

2022, a year for the history books: on-going Covid-19, the Winter Olympics, the Queen's Jubilee, the Queen's death and subsequent lying in state in Westminster Hall, the succession of King Charles III, a war in Europe, an England UEFA Cup win, a new WVHMC, COP27, 3 Prime Ministers with associated cabinets of "new" ministers, Vangelis dies, discovery of micronovae, the Large Hadron Collider restarts, the James Webb Telescope opens for business, an energy crisis, 8 billion people, NASA's moon rocket launched, etc., etc. A bit of a "curate's egg"!

In 2023, we hope to launch a project which will involve the whole community for years to come. When we have some solid information, we'll let you know more. For now though, and for the 3rd year, we are arranging for a Christmas Tree and lights to be installed at the Reading Room. The lighting ceremony is planned for **Friday 2nd December around 6.30pm**.

We ask you to look around the village and consider what you can do to improve matters for you and your neighbours, for example:

- Trimming - Ensure your hedges, trees, brambles are not a threat to others. Be careful and considerate when disposing of the cuttings.
- Flooding - Winters are expected to become warmer and wetter, bringing a lot more rainfall and an increase in the risk of flooding – so if you have watercourse(s) (drains, stream, ditches, gulleys) running across your land, please ensure that they are cleared of debris & extraneous growth.
- Litter – there are a number of litter picking sets around the village (ask the clerk for details) for you to borrow when out for a walk. Picking up a few items of litter as you go can make a big difference – as one of our younger parishioners has demonstrated very ably during the year.
- Parking – most of us can park off-road. However, inconsiderate parking has been a theme during the year, especially at school-run times. Perhaps you can advise people that short term parking is available at the village hall car park?
- Speeding – despite our roads being narrow, we still receive complaints about those who exceed the 30mph speed limit and endanger other road users such as pedestrians, children, animals. Please slow down to 20mph.



Recycling News

Our total raised has now reached £835 and I've been able to send a further £222 to PACT which is fantastic. Thank you everyone. I'm trying to send a consignment every month and this is no different. Waiting to go will be £12kg of crisp packaging, 3kg of coffee bags, 5kg of cheeses wrappers and 10kg of eco coffee pods. A lot of this is down to the help of Jenny and John Bligh and I thank them for their box stuffing skills.

Crisp packaging continues to come in on a regular basis which is fantastic. Can I please stress they must be empty of contents, not folded, rolled, scrunched up, tied in a knot, stuffed with other things nor folded into tiny origami triangles. To help you better understand, not only do I need to see what it is, I also somehow have to squeeze many, many packets into a box that appears to hold only a fraction of what I'm, sending. Therefore, each and every small crisp packet, large snack packet and outside multipack wrappers has to be flattened to get them in the box. Many of you already do this and I'm massively grateful but hopefully, having more information will help you appreciate the best way to pass things on to me.

Christmas is a time for giving and for generating lots of waste. Remember cards and paper with glitter are not recyclable. They have to go in landfill.

I know we all have lots on our minds and, whilst we want to do as much as we can to reduce our waste, it's hard. We only have so much time. All we can do is try to reduce our waste, or change it to something that's recyclable. Opt for cans or glass rather than plastic, refill rather than buying packaged, re-use rather than buy again. Last year I experimented with furoshiki packaging. I bought a large square silk scarf and knotted it around a particularly difficult to wrap present. It was perfect; no sellotape or tearing either. Not only that but the recipient didn't want the scarf so gave it back to me and I've used it twice more and still have it!

I've been asked to share this with you:

'Download the free Bin Collections app today to keep up to date with your bin collection days, receive notifications for any changes and find out more about recycling. Search Bin Collections South Norfolk on the App Store or Google Play. southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/sncbinapp'

Merry Christmas to everyone oh, and, if you are given anything in a large box, can I have it please (the box, not the contents).

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-January. If you have something for inclusion, please let me have it by then.
Thanks, Val. Email: val@valkeel.co.uk



If you have matters to raise for the council to consider, 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 Glaves, Andrea Tancred or me. We will be pleased to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

As this year draws to a close, we wish you all a Happy Christmas and the very best for a peaceful and happy 2023. But, before I go, you'll be aware of local elections in May next year. Parish Councils struggle to find candidates for election to the Council resulting in the same people returning unopposed which isn't healthy or democratic. Is this something you might be interested in? Anyone can apply to stand, you just need an interest in local issues and dedication to the local community.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC



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Wreningham All Saints

Firstly, an update on the removal of the choir pews. We are now preparing reports required to make formal application for their removal but we anticipate that it will be some months before we know if we can carry out the work.

The quiz at Wreningham in October in aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham fabric funds was supported by about 80 people many of whom are local but do not normally worship with us. They all seemed to enjoy the evening and we made £525.00 (Ash. £262.50/Wren. £262.50)

Saturday 10 October – it was a very early start for some of us, but the weather was kind and again there was such a good turnout and the atmosphere was really good. The refreshment tables were all occupied so people were not in a hurry to leave us. The total taken was £927.05 and the expenses were hall hire and 2 new “plant sale” banners - £90.50. The plants made £291.40. Jean and her team in the kitchen and made £124.90. The sale of cakes and apples made £178.30. Ashwellthorpe, Forncett St Mary, Forncett St Peter, Tacolneston and

Wreningham each had a table top in aid of their fabric fund and between them raised over £325.00. Thank you to all who helped or supported in any way.

Thank you to all those people who gave, helped or supported the “Christmas Bazaar”, especially thanks to Jean and her team for taking care of refreshments. The event raised about £380 to be shared between Wreningham and Ashwellthorpe church fabric funds.

Carols by Candlelight – Tuesday 20th December at 7 pm. Our traditional Carols and Readings service – lit by candles as usual. Hopefully you will receive a Church Christmas card with this Mardle, which will give details of the other Christmas season services

Movie afternoon - The church wasn't able to get a grant for a “warm space” activity but we have a licence which will allow us to show a limited selection of films providing we don't charge admission and don't advertise the name of the film – just a short summary. We'd like to offer what help we can to those struggling this winter, be it financially or from loneliness. Wreningham Village Hall has better facilities than our churches so we plan to use the hall following each last Wednesday Coffee Morning. It will be warm so we'll hire the hall from 12 noon on those days. We'll provide a soup and jacket potato style lunch for anybody wanting a hot meal at 1 pm, providing they pre-book. No charge but a donation is optional. To book lunch contact Christine on **01508 488123**. **The film is open to anybody and we would love to see a good turn-out.** It will start at 2 pm with doors open at 1.45 pm. Again, no charge but we will be providing tea and coffee afterwards - a donation would be acceptable.

Wed. 30th November – A comedy film – “true story about a crane operator who gained entry to the 1976 golf open, despite never having played any golf” – Reviews “An uproarious comedy” “Made me cry with laughter”

Wed 25th January – A true story about a 60 yr old taxi driver who stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery. It is billed as “a ridiculously charming British comedy” “It will steal your heart”

Wed 22nd February – details nearer the time.

On behalf of the local church and the Upper Tas Valley Benefice. I wish you a peaceful and healthy Christmas and 2023.

Christine Minns



Village Groups

Heritage Group

The next Heritage Group meeting will be in the village hall on Wednesday December 7th, 2pm to 4pm. We shall have a visiting speaker, Jill Wright from the Mulbarton Heritage Group, who will give us an insight into her group's activities and the historical research she has been involved in at Mulbarton. Do take a look at their website before Jill arrives!

There will be plenty of opportunity for a chat with Jill and amongst ourselves whilst we enjoy tea and cake after her talk. Anyone is welcome, as usual, so please come along and join in.

Since we launched the Group website at our last meeting, it has continued to evolve, with new information being added all the time. This is very easy to find, because it's all listed on a page prominently linked from the Home page. Anyone wanting to know more about how our village has become what it is today should get online and immerse themselves in our past at wreninghamheritage.uk. For example, did you know that the village didn't have any mains water supply until 1957-58 and even then, it only arrived because our wells had dried up, due to a long period of drier than normal weather, and the local council was having to bring in emergency supplies? You can read all about it on the website!

Coffee Morning

Don't forget to pop into Coffee Morning on Wednesday 30th November for your bacon roll and a cuppa!



In December we don't always manage a coffee morning between Christmas and New Year, but the last Wednesday falls conveniently on 28th December so, if you are going a bit stir crazy after the festivities at home, you could take a stroll that morning and combine it with a cup of coffee, a snack if you can face food by then, and a chance to see some different faces....

Jean 01508 481947

Don't miss these events:



Wreningham VC Primary School

As usual, it has been a busy start to the academic year; we are already hearing singing for Christmas nativities that the children will be practicing till the first week in December, when they will be performing.

16 pupils started in the Reception year this September, they have settled in well and the school is buzzing with happy settled children.

Events:

In October we held our parent meetings.

We had a lovely Harvest Festival at the village hall where food was collected for the Norwich Food Bank.

The children enjoyed RE week, with lots of themed activities and lessons.

They have also had a European Languages Day.

They loved wearing odd socks to school for anti-bullying week.

The School Council is busy organising some fund-raising activity for the school to participate in, so watch this space. The school is fortunate to have many volunteers who give up their time to come and help, along with parents and governors, we have already had two 'tidy up' days where many odd jobs have been completed and sorted.

We cannot thank the community enough for their generosity and help.

Class 4 will be going on their residential to Norfolk Lakes the first week in December, hopefully the weather will not be too cold for them, I am sure whatever the weather they will have a fantastic time. It is such a lovely time of year to work in a school, we look forward to another busy term in January.



We have been trying to recruit a new dinner lady to supervise the children over lunchtimes with no success, so if anyone out there is interested, please contact the school.

Nuria Sharp - School Business Manger

Listing of Events at the Village Hall

Thursday and Friday bar nights are active so come on down! Regular nights are 8-11pm unless otherwise stated.

Events are open to all

Regular bookings:

- Zumba every Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm £6 suitable for all levels
- Table tennis every Wednesday 8-9.30pm
- Baby & Toddler every Friday 9.30-11.30am
- Swing classes every Monday 8-10.30 (on hold until 9th Jan)

November:

- 29th World Cup at the Witch & Wren 6pm
30th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-12
Warm Space 12-4pm. Call 01508 488123 to reserve food

December:

- 1st Cocktails at the Witch and Wren 7pm-10pm
2nd Christmas Tree lighting 6.30pm at the Reading Room
followed by Family Night at the Witch & Wren
3rd Pie Night at the Witch & Wren from 7pm
6th Wreningham School Nativity Play 9.00am and 5.30pm
7th Wreningham Heritage Group 2.00pm
9th Fish & Chips
10th Rock & Roll 8pm
16th Friends of Wreningham School Christmas Party 5.30pm
17th 60s Christmas Party Dance 8pm-11.45pm £8 Kenny Lee and Hustler
18th Christmas Tea Dance 3-6pm
23rd Games Night 7-11pm
28th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-12 (no Warm Space event)

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.

January :

- 6th Family Night
10th Parish Council 7pm
13th Fish & Chips
22nd Tea Dance 3-6pm TBC
25th Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-12
Warm Space 12-4pm. Call 01508 488123 to reserve food
27th Games Night 7-11pm

February:

- 18th 60s Dance to Pagan Gould 8.30-11.45pm. £8.25. Contact Shirley to reserve tickets.

Contact details:

- Baby & Toddler group - Katie Burrell: katie@loaders.net
- Zumba - Rachel: email at firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07789748457
- 60s Dances - Shirley Aldous to reserve tickets: 01508 489606/07951864295
- Tea Dances and Swing classes – Barry: swingymabob@gmail.com or phone 07768891954. Classes are suitable for all levels, from complete beginners to those already more accomplished.
- Table Tennis - £3.50 p/w, All abilities welcome, all equipment provided. Any questions please contact Scott/Julian/Henry on woodlands_atoms@outlook.com

WRENINGHAM WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL

We are still only reaching a small number of people in the village (just over seventy). If you would like to be added to the weekly news mail, please send your details to David Tinsley at wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com.

Information circulated includes all village functions, church services, school functions, village hall dances, pub nights, fish & chip nights etc - Any village event can be included so please let David know in advance.

Your details will only be used for village information and will not be seen by others. Please confirm email address – Post code or your road – and if you don't mind a contact number. Why not give it a try, you can always ask for your name to be removed.