Wreningham

Mardle

No. 269

June - July 2026

From the Village Hall .....

Hello all – and welcome to the new-look Mardle!

With a change in Editor, it is an opportunity to refresh our village newsletter. I hope you enjoy the new look. David Kirk is the new 'Editor-in-Chief', with a team of volunteers working alongside him. I know he would welcome comments/ideas/thoughts and articles of interest.

As you are aware, the village hall and social club are managed by a small committee. Recently we have put on some new events. Firstly, an Easter Disco which was enjoyed by dozens of children from Wreningham and much further afield. Thanks to the team who organised this, led by Natalie. And secondly, the new "Feet Up Friday". We aim to have a different food truck on the first Friday of each month, parked in the village hall car park, with the bar open in the hall and activities for the children as well. Please remember that these evenings are run by volunteers, so please clear up after yourselves and take your rubbish home with you (our wheelie bins are not big enough for everything!). The mention of rubbish leads me neatly onto recycling..... There are bottle banks in the car park – please use them as we are rewarded by South Norfolk District Council for the tonnage that we collect. Some of us support Val's

recycling: her bins will be moved to a new home, next to the bottle banks. [*See where to obtain more details on page 14*]

Looking ahead, we are planning a barbecue in July and an 80s / 90s disco in the autumn. These events are intended to raise funds for the solar panel project. We are aiming to install solar panels on the hall roof, which is worthwhile on many levels but does have a large initial cost. Please do support this project if you are able.

As always, please contact me with offers of help, ideas, suggestions etc. We have welcomed two new committee members recently, but have said thank you and goodbye to Janet and Jennie, so still have space for more volunteers.

And if you are new to the village, why not come down to the hall when there is something on and introduce yourself? We would love to meet you. ☺

Best wishes Sue Pink, Chair Village Hall Committee
sue.ts.pink@gmail.com

see the centre pages for all hall events and wreninghamvh.social for the latest news etc

Live Music

at Wreningham village hall

Sat 13th June
8.30 - 11.45pm

Sun Rayz
£9 pay at door

Bar & Raffle

Sat 4th July
8.30 - 11.45pm

GrooveParty
£9 pay at door

Contact Shirley Aldous
01508 489606
07951 864295
shirleyaldous357@gmail.com

Country Music

Sun 7th June
12.00 - 18.00

Sat 20th June
17.00 - 23.59

Sun 5th July
12.00-18.00

Sat 18th July
17.00 - 23.59

Bar times on back page

Contact: Sandra
07799 596975
01508 813754
stetsonsandshamrockcmc
@outlook.com

Anyone for *Table* Tennis?

Table tennis sessions take place every Wednesday 8.00 - 9.30 pm in the village hall. All abilities welcome and equipment is provided. £4 per person per week - and just turn up. Need more information? Contact Julian at: woodlands_atoms@outlook.com

Parish Council

The Farthings

The ownership of the site is being transferred from Julian Wells' company to a Mr Gray. This was expected to take three weeks. Alex Gray has built bungalows in both Church Road and Wymondham Road. Mr Gray said that he wished to start the project as soon as possible.

The planning permission and the S106 (specifying the preparation and delivery of the land for transfer into community ownership) will be transferred with the land.

In the Village

In Mill Lane a tree opposite the pumping station fell and blocked the road. A Highway's agent attended and cleared the tree by cutting it into smaller pieces and placing them on the verge at either side of the road. It has not yet been determined who will clear this away.

Dog walkers enjoy the footpaths around the village. However, some like to decorate the verges and hedges with dog-poo bags. This is both unsightly and unhealthy. Please deposit bags in one of the two bins in the village, or take it with you for home disposal.

An old green bowser has apparently been abandoned on the verge just past the bridge on Wymondham Road. If it is yours please arrange for its removal.

Defibrillator

The planned defibrillator training was delivered last week and is described in a post on the village website. Within a couple of days the ambulance service had issued the access code to a caller. I was informed in order that I could recommission the device. Interestingly nothing seemed to have been touched. If you, or anyone you know, tried to gain access please tell me of any difficulties in doing so.

New roundabout near Hethel Engineering

The EDP recently carried an item about this roundabout which means a 10 week closure of the Wymondham Road. The Project team have since made adjustments to their plans and we hope to arrange a public meeting with the Project team, NCC & SNC. This will allow you to explore with them the implications and the mitigation measures related to a probable extended rat-race through the village. We will post more information when we have it.

Parish Council meeting

Please read our minutes as our discussions have addressed a number of questions raised recently by parishioners. Note that the District Councillors provide useful information about recent South Norfolk Council decisions and activities – not least the impending issue of waste food caddies as part of the garbage collection service.

The public is welcome to attend the Parish Council's meetings. The agenda will be posted on the website and the village noticeboards.

Michael Hill, WPC Chair

Last Coffee Morning - last Wednesday each month

Come along and enjoy real coffee, tea (decaf available) with a slice of homemade cake. Come and meet your neighbours and find out what's going on!

The bird is back!

Wreningham's very own wren graphic has returned to the front cover of The Mardle. Designed, many years ago, by the much missed, Malcolm Craig. A talented graphic artist, Malcolm first designed it for the school. The Village hall adopted his work, shortly afterwards!

All Saints Church

Plant Sale: Once again this was a financial success for the church **raising over £1,500** towards general expenses. Apart from that, it is always such a good social event and with the weather very much in our favour and there were more people attending than usual.

Thank you to everybody who provided plants, helped on the day or came and supported in whatever way. I hope that those who bought plants are well pleased with them. We still have some left and no doubt they will be added to over the summer. They are available to buy from my front drive. Call in and see what there is. If you do not carry cash, our bank details are provided for a bank transfer.

There will be a monthly coffee morning at Forncett St Edmunds church on Thursday 4th June, 10 am to 11.45 am. However we are giving our bakers and helpers a rest in July and August but there is talk of an 'Afternoon Tea' in August instead so watch this space!

All the church services across our extended parish are advertised on the church notice board each month.

Services at Wreningham in June/July are:

Sunday 28th June - 9 am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 26th July – 9 am BCP Holy Communion

Christine Minns - Churchwarden

The Mobile Library

in Wreningham

Tuesdays: 16th June & 14th July

Stevens Lane 16.15 to 16.45

Village Hall 16.45 to 17.15

Norfolk Accident Rescue Service

Wreningham Parish Council would like to thank Steve Maddams from the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS) who kindly, in May, gave defibrillator and bleed kit training to residents of Wreningham.

NARS is an essential service run by volunteers. The Parish Council have made a donation to NARS for their highly informative and - if needed in the future - vital training which could help save someone's life.

Andrea Tancred

In Brief

The **Community Banking Hub** is now open in Wymondham within part of the old Barclays building - representing the main / departed banks. 9am to 5pm weekdays - different bank reps on different days - cash, payment, advice etc.

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Zumba Latin inspired, fun dance fitness class. Easy to follow steps. Classes are a great way to get fitter and make new friends. Every Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm. £6 per class. Pay as you go. No need to book.

June Hall Events

Wed 3rd 18.30 - 19.30	**Zumba** see page 7
Wed 3rd 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis** see page 3
Thur 4th 19.00 - 23.00	**Cocktail Night** see back page
Thur 4th 18.00 - 19.00	**Pilates** (pre-book only) see page 10
Fri 5th 9.15 - 11.15	**Little Wrens Playgroup**
Fri 5th 17.00 - 20.00	**Feet up Fridays** see page 11
Sun 7th 12.00 - 18.00	**Country Music** - see page 3
Sun 7th 13.00 - 18.00	**Bar Night** see back page for all
Tue 9th 14.00 - 16.00	**Wreningham & District WI**
Wed 10th 18.30 - 19.30	**Zumba**
Wed 10th 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis**
Thur 11th 18.00 - 19.00	**Pilates** (pre-book only)
Thur 11th 20.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Sat 13th 17.00 - 23.45	**Live Music Nights** see page 3
Sat 13th 19.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Wed 17th 10.00 - 12.00	**Wren Craftery** see page 10
Wed 17th 18.30 - 19.30	**Zumba**
Wed 17th 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis**
Thur 18th 18.00 - 19.00	**Pilates** (pre-book only)
Thur 18th 20.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Fri 19th 9.15 - 11.15	**Little Wrens Playgroup**
Fri 19th 14.00 - 16.00	**Wreningham Heritage Group** see page 13
Fri 19th 16.30 - 23.00	**Fish & Chip Night** see back page
Sat 20th 17.00 - 23.59	**Country Music** see page 3
Sat 20th 19.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Wed 24th 10.00 - 12.00	**Last Wednesday coffee morning** see page 5
Wed 24th 18.30 - 19.30	**Zumba**
Wed 24th 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis**
Thur 25th 18.00 - 19.00	**Pilates** (pre-book only)
Thur 25th 20.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**

The items listed on these two pages are all the publically accessible events being held in the village hall during June and July although a few of these events require pre-booking. The notes given in red (against each first entry in the 2 month period) will help you find supporting details in this Mardle.

July Hall Events

Wed 1st 18.30 - 19.30	**Zumba**
Wed 1st 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis**
Thur 2nd 18.00 - 19.00	**Pilates** (pre-book only)
Thur 2nd 19.00 - 23.00	**Cocktail Night**
Fri 3rd 9.15 - 11.15	**Little Wrens Playgroup**
Fri 3rd 17.00 - 20.00	**Feet up Fridays**
Sat 4th 17.00 - 23.45	**Live Music Nights** see page 3
Sat 4th 19.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Sun 5th 12.00 - 18.00	**Country Music** see page 3
Sun 5th 14.00 - 18.00	**Bar Night**
Wed 8th 18.30 - 19.30	**Zumba**
Wed 8th 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis**
Thur 9th 20.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Sat 11th 13.00 - 20.00	**Village Fundraising BBQ** see page 10
Tue 14th 14:00 - 16.00	**Wreningham & District WI**
Tue 14th 19.30 - 21.30	**Wreningham Parish Council mtg**
Wed 15th 10.00 - 12.00	**Wren Craftery**
Wed 15th 18.30 - 19.00	**Zumba**
Wed 15th 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis**
Thur 16th 20.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Fri 17th 16.30 - 23.00	**Fish & Chip Night** see back page
Sat 18th 17.00 -23.59	**Country Music** see page 3
Sat 18th 19.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Wed 22nd 18.30 - 19.30	**Zumba**
Wed 22nd 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis**
Thur 23rd 09.30 - 16.30	**Village Hall, Summer days**
Thur 23rd 18.00 - 19.00	**Pilates** (pre-book only)
Thur 23rd 20.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Mon 27th 09.30 - 16.30	**Village Hall, Summer Days**
Wed 29th 10.00 - 12.00	**Last Wednesday coffee morning**
Wed 29th 18.30 - 19.30	**Zumba**
Wed 29th 20.00 - 21.30	**Table Tennis**
Thur 30th 18.00 - 19.00	**Pilates** (pre-book only)
Thur 30th 20.00 - 23.00	**Bar Night**
Fri 31st 18.00 - 23.00	**Bring & Share - Food Night** see page 2

Village Hall Solar Panels?

Wreningham Village Hall Committee are looking to install solar panels and storage battery to reduce our carbon footprint and run more efficiently, at a cost of £22,000. We need to apply for grants to cover a significant proportion of this cost. As most grants have a match-funding clause, we are planning fundraising events and donation apps to help achieve the local funding element.

Our local near-term fundraising activities include:

Feet up Fridays – on the first Friday of each month (see the next of these events detailed in this Mardle)

A **Village Fundraising BBQ** - planned for the village hall on Saturday 11th July **– further details will become available on the village hall website**

A **Colour Run** - currently scheduled for 12th September

A **Children's Halloween Disco** – on 25th October

….. and an **80s / 90s Disco** – on 28th November

Andrea Tancred

Wren Craftery **10-noon 17th June & 15th July**

Craft group activities at the hall. £3 per session including refreshments. Bring your current project or start something new! Val & Jean 01508 448231

Pilates

The popularity of Lucy Harvey's Pilates sessions has resulted in ongoing classes in the hall. Classes limited to 15 so **pre-booking is essential** - phone 07703 731897 or email: lucyharv86@gmail.com Standard cost is £10 per session; discounts are available for block bookings with up front payment. Class dates and times are provided in the centre pages.

Friday 5th June 5 - 7pm
- food from Surfing Sombrero

Friday 3rd July 5 - 7pm
- food from Fully Loaded

At the Village Hall - with bar + entertainment for youngsters

Direct Fibre Broadband

A government-funded scheme (from about 6 years ago) which brought direct fibre to Wreningham School mandated properties in the immediate vicinity would get direct fibre, too. As a result, but at a snail's pace, OpenReach has been adding nearby homes to its fibre network. Typically, they turn up after each New Year and add another 6 or 7 properties. (Efficient it ain't!)

Properties at the western end of Mill Lane, the area around the school crossroads, and - progressively - more properties down Ashwellthorpe Road have now received direct fibre connections. By April of this year, OpenReach had reached just north of The Poplars on both sides of the road. Who knows, in early 2027 OpenReach might come back to do a few more.....

David Kirk

Bin Collections

June

Wed	3rd		
Wed	10th	Fri	12th
Wed	17th		
Wed	24th	Fri	26th

July

Wed	1st		
Wed	8th	Fri	10th
Wed	15th		
Wed	22nd	Fri	24th
Wed	29th		

Food Waste collections *might* start later this year. **We shall see!**

Focus on ....

Following on from a recent survey, it's clear that our village is home to a growing number of families, and many residents would love to see more family-friendly events taking place. Thank you to everyone who attended the **Easter disco**! We were truly blown away by the turnout and the level of support from the community. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying themselves and to make such great use of a fantastic local space. We're pleased to share that a **Halloween disco** is already planned for Sunday 25th October. Save the date!

We are working on some family-friendly Christmas events, so do keep an eye out for more details in the coming months.

Natalie

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Out		Return	
Penny's Green **50m south Hethel Eng**	**10.07**	**Wymondham** **Post Mill Close**	**12.48**
Wreningham **Corner opp village sign**	**10.10**	**Wymondham Cross**	**12.50**
Wymondham Cross	**10.50**	**Wreningham** **Corner opp village sign**	**13.28**
Wymondham **Post Mill Close**	**10.52**	**Penny's Green** **50m south Hethel Eng**	**13.31**

The Bird in Hand

Since taking over The Bird in Hand in November 2025, we have been incredibly proud of the warm welcome we have received from the local community. We recently enjoyed the Pedal de Pub fundraiser, when we raised more than £160 for the Dementia Support Group in Wymondham.

Our monthly live music evenings have also been proving popular and our monthly pub quiz nights continue to attract a brilliant turnout – lots of friendly competition and laughter along the way.

As we head into the summer months, we are brightening up our courtyard by planting tubs and seasonal flowers to create an enjoyable and colourful outdoor space. We are excited to keep building on our extremely positive start.

Many more events are planned throughout the year, including live music on Father's Day weekend, Saturday 21st June, with tables still available to book. We look forward to welcoming you all over the coming months and continuing to make the pub a hub for the village and surrounding area.

Kaylee, Kagiso and The Bird in Hand Team

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Wreningham Heritage Group

The next meeting - 19th June, 2pm is a talk entitled '**Secrets of a 150-year-old photo Album**' by David Kirk

Open Gardens 2027

Our Village Open Gardens event will return on SUNDAY 27th June 2027!

Thinking of opening your garden?
Now is the perfect time to start planning!
Every garden - large or small, formal or informal - adds something special to the day.

Get involved!
If you'd like to open your garden or help in any way, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

To register your interest or find out more, please contact Janet or Karen at wreningham.events@gmail.com

Paint Amnesty etc

Every year Norfolk County Council provide a free service to recover and dispose of old (liquid) paint, and other household hazardous materials - see the full list on their website. You will need to book a slot in advance either online or by phoning 0344 800 8020. This is their last household hazardous material event of 2026 and will be held at Norwich South Recycling Centre on 5th & 6th June.

A reminder to drop off some of your more difficult to recycle items to Val. See the latest details of the eligible items and where to take them at the following Facebook page:
'**Eco living in and around Wreningham**'
or contact Val at 01508 488231

The last day for copy for the August / September Mardle is Sunday 16th July. Send to WrenMardle@gmail.com

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at Wreningham Village Hall

Open to all
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... just drop by and say hello

Bar opening times

Thursdays (normal bar)	June 11th, 18th, 25th July 9th, 16th, 23rd 30th	8 - 11pm
Thursday Cocktails	June 4th & July 2nd	7 - 11pm
Friday Fish & Chips*	June 19th & July 17th	5 - 11pm
Friday bring & share	July 31st	7 - 11pm
Saturday (Live music or County Music etc)	June 13th & 20th and July 4th & 18th	8 - 11pm
Sunday Country Music	June 7th & July 5th	2 - 6pm

***Fish & Chips:** orders must be placed and paid for betwen 2 & 3pm on the previous day by phoning Tom's Fish Bar, Mulbarton on 01508 570251. Your order will be collected by a hall volunteer and brought to the Witch & Wren Bar at either 5.15pm or 7.30pm - as requested.

Further details of above events can be found elsewhere in this Mardle. Also see the village hall website for any updates at:

wreninghamvh.social or look on the 'Wreningham Village Hall and Witch & Wren Bar' Facebook page.