

# WRENINGHAM MARDLE

A Bi-monthly Newsletter for the Local Community  
(Produced by the Wreningham Village Hall Committee)

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## Village Hall

The committee is working on a programme of improvements for the Hall. The Margaret Preston Room will have new windows and doors in the southern wall. The Parish Council is supporting us with a 50% grant. Once this is done (towards the end of Spring) we will review the fixtures and fittings which are looking rather jaded. The Hall will receive a new coat of paint soon after that. There is a lot to do and we would welcome help from anyone - no matter how skilled they are at painting and decorating! Watch this space for news.

The March carvery was a huge success with nearly 90 covers. So much so that we were in danger of having to turn people away. To avoid disappointment, do get your booking in early!

You may have seen the EDP article about the postbox in memory of "Postman Pat" (aka Pat Maidment). A small memorial ceremony was held after the Carvery to celebrate and remember Pat and to unveil the postbox.

Some vandals have used the car park as a racetrack and carved up the surface scattering gravel everywhere. Please keep an eye out for such anti-social behaviour; let the police know on 101.

Michael Hill, Chairman



# Wreningham Parish Council

Clerk: Anne Rayner

01508 570700 / clerk.wpc@gmail.com

The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) consultation ends on 22 March at 5pm. This provides you with an opportunity to influence the shape of development within the district and around Wreningham. The GNLP team have said that they do not prioritise campaigns but are looking for individual feedback and ideas. So it is even more important that you make your feelings known. See the posting on the village website for more information.

The recent snow caused many problems, but local people went out of their way to help others in difficulties. NCC are having an official recognition of this, but, closer to home many parishioners have mentioned David Minns who used his tractor to rescue those stuck in the snow. The PC recognised his hard work and had a vote of thanks to David.

The Parish Plan set a number of Parish initiatives running. One was managed by Geraint Harris, who writes: "Dear Fuel Oil Syndicate users, My family and I are relocating to the North West after 10 happy years in the village. As a result I will be passing the reigns of the Oil Syndicate over to John Knight (johnknight11@btinternet.com). Please can you email him prior to each order point, the next one being May 1st." John is interested to hear from new and old customers.

I am pleased to announce that we have co-opted a parishioner, Sarah Lidington, onto the Council. I welcome her and hope that she will enjoy working with us to help and support our village. Our next meeting is on 8th May at 7.30 in MP Room.

Michael Hill, Chair

## Mobile Library

The Mobile library in Wreningham: Stevens Lane at 4.15 pm and the Village Hall at 4.25pm on these Mondays: 30 April, 25 June, 23 July

## **Wreningham All Saints Church**

Unfortunately I am unable to give you any more news about the appointment of a Priest-in-Charge for this Benefice but we are in the process of advertising the vacancy. In the meantime, we are working hard to maintain a regular pattern of services, which means that we hold a service at All Saints, Wreningham on the first Sunday of each month at 9.30 am.

As Easter Day falls on 1st April, there will be a service of celebration in Wreningham church and as always for a major festival the church will be decorated. The church is normally unlocked during the day so if you do not manage to attend the service you are welcome to drop in and look at the flowers any time.

The new noticeboard is on order having received a faculty from the Diocese to replace the old one.

By the time you read this I hope that the inspection of the East Wall will have been carried out and we will shortly be receiving quotes for this work.

A final reminder of the church quiz in aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham churches will be on Friday 27th April at Wreningham village hall.

Christine Minns,  
Churchwarden, 01508 488123

### **Quiz & Supper**

Friday 27th April – 7.15 for 7.30

Wreningham Village Hall

£6.00 to include a light supper

Come as a team of up to 6

or turn up and join a team on the night.

To book and confirm supper numbers

Contact: Christine on 01508 488123

In aid of Ashwellthorpe and Wreningham church expenses

## **Ex-telephone box**

The former Wreningham BT phonebox is being transformed into a community resource and information centre. Recently, Noel, Hughie and Kevin re-levelled the box (it was on the huh!). It will soon be repainted, with new glass and a mosaic floor mural to be designed by Wreningham Primary School children. When ready, it will offer community information and the opportunity to swap books and CDs. If you would like to lend a hand with the project please contact Cllr Keith Morris on 01508 488318 or at [keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk](mailto:keith.morris@networknorwich.co.uk)

## **Wreningham & District W.I.**

Congratulations on reaching your 75th anniversary. On Tuesday 13th March members shared a birthday cake at their monthly meeting.

Other celebrations will take place at a later date.

This WI is always looking for new members. They meet in Ashwellthorpe Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm and you will be made most welcome.

## **Wymondham Area Health Walks**

Short, graded walks, every Wednesday starting at 10.30am and meeting at different locations in the area. For more information contact Nancy & Rick Adams on 01508 489311 or [nra53@btinternet.com](mailto:nra53@btinternet.com)

## **Parent and Toddler Group - Update**

The first session of the Toddler group was a great success with 18 families attending. People were extremely positive and so grateful of the opportunity to meet other parents and have cup of coffee without having to amuse their children! Many of the families were from Wreningham. The second session was snow bound and we had to cancel. But, we will have other sessions - Fridays from 9 to 11am during term time; £2.50 per adult and child (50p per additional child) for costs such as snacks and insurance.

Katie Burrell ([Katie@loaders.net](mailto:Katie@loaders.net) or 01508 481953) and Natasha Smith.

## **Wreningham Community Archaeology Test-Pits**

I'm sure most of you have found out about this Summer's community archaeology project. This is centred around the digging of small 1m square 'test-pits' by volunteers in their own gardens or those of their neighbours (with their permission of course!).

We now have about 20 volunteers meaning about 20 test pits. More volunteers are always welcome.

A test pit is a small archaeological trench that is dug scientifically in a series of layers to find artefacts that tell us what was going on in the past. Digging a number of test-pits in a village enables archaeologists to build up a map of the village that shows where people were living hundreds or even thousands of years ago. By excavating a test-pit, you are contributing to our understanding of the past in Wreningham.

We will be holding a practise session on 16th June or 7th July in "The Reading Room" and/or the Mill Lane playing field in preparation for the actual test-pitting on the weekend of 11th-12th August. The process will be straightforward, we have an easy to follow guide which we will be distributing before the practise session.

If you are interested in the history of Wreningham and in being a citizen-scientist, let me, Steve Hickling, know which weekend(s) could be suitable for you by leaving a message at the Hall, on [info@wreningham.org](mailto:info@wreningham.org), or, [steve.hickling@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:steve.hickling@norfolk.gov.uk).

### **Plant Stall**

Saturday 12th May, 10am to noon

Wreningham All Saints Church

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 be a homemade cake stall.

In aid of Upper Tas Valley benefice

## WHAT'S ON?

DANCE TO LIVE BANDS  
PUT YOUR DANCING SHOES ON AND COME AND JOIN US



### **50's & 60's dances**

Saturday 21st April - "Beat Deluxe"  
Saturday 12th May - "Tobacco Road"  
8.30 onwards

Admission £7.50

For details contact Shirley on 01508 489606

### **ROCK & ROLL**

Saturday 28th April

### **DUMPLIN' COUNTRY**

Monday 2nd April - "Brian Mann"  
Sunday 22nd April - "Long Shot"  
Monday 7th May - "Best of Friends"  
Monday 28th May - "Black Steel"  
Doors open 1 pm; Music 1.30 pm – 5 pm  
£6.00 on the door  
Hot Drinks / Bar / Raffle

For details contact Jesse on 07880995199

## **BIRD IN HAND**

(food all day as usual)



### **Easter Holidays:**

Good Friday 30 March  
Saturday 31 March  
Easter Sunday 1 February  
Easter Monday 2 February



Quiz – Wednesday 25 April – Normal Questions (Buy In)  
May Day Holiday – Monday 7 May  
Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 28 May  
Quiz – Wednesday 30 May – Normal Questions (Buy In)  
Don't forget: Open for Breakfast every day  
Curry Night Every Friday (Eat In or Take Away)

## WHAT'S ON?

### **Last Wednesday Coffee Morning**

25th April & 30th May

10am to 11.45am in the main Hall

Come and meet your neighbours, old and new

Have a chat over a coffee and biscuits

ALL WELCOME



### **ZUMBA**

Monday evening 6.30 – 7.30

Wednesday evening 6.15 - 7.15

In the Village Hall

£5 (Pay As You Go)

### **Flower Club**

Thurs 26th April - "A Passion for Flowers" demonstrator David Wright

Thurs 24th May – "A Feminine Touch" demonstrator Mrs J Baker

Wed. 25th July – Coach to Sandringham Flower Show

Doors open 1.15pm for 1.45pm.

Visitors always welcome. £5.00 includes tea and biscuits

All details from Sue Sayers

Tel: 01508 489654 or email: [sue.sayers@yahoo.co](mailto:sue.sayers@yahoo.co).

### **Bramble Bears Playgroup**

Bramble Bears is a sessional, term time only pre-school for 2 - 5 year old running on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from Ashwellthorpe Village Hall. For more information or to book a visit please call 07847225093 or email [bbsupervisor01@gmail.com](mailto:bbsupervisor01@gmail.com)

## Mr Albert (Bert) New

Mr & Mrs New came to Wreningham over 40 years ago along with their 3 small children. They both joined the British Red Cross and provided first aid support at many charity events. As the children grew up Bert especially started to take an interest in Wreningham Village Hall. For a time he and Peggy were bar stewards, he served on the Social Club committee helping to run the darts and pool tournaments. He and Pip Wilkinson started and ran the regular bingo nights where he acted as caller.

For many years he was employed by the village hall management committee as caretaker / cleaner / handyman and he would spend hours polishing and buffing the main hall floor which in those days, before it was sealed, required high maintenance so that it was not too slippery.

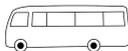
He was always willing to help whenever he could, and for many years acted as a volunteer driver, until his health deteriorated. Bert died at the beginning of this year after being ill for some time and it is right that we remember what he did in the past for this village hall. Our thoughts are with Peggy and the family at this time.

## SPRATTS COACHES

Tues 3rd April – Springfields Shopping Outlet and Market Day in Spalding. £20.00

Wed 25th April – Day in Gt Yarmouth to include visit to Time & Tide Museum and guided tour of town. £25.00

Tues 29th May – Barnsdale Gardens and Rutland Water cruise. £45.00



To book and for details - 01508 489262

## LAST DAY FOR COPY

For the June/July edition: 10th May. Copy to Christine Minns, High Gables, Church Road or [c.j.minns@btinternet.com](mailto:c.j.minns@btinternet.com)

## Bottle Bank

Support your local community by simply bringing your unwanted glass bottles and jars to the bottle bank on the Village Hall car park. It is our recycling project and provides a useful source of income for Village Hall funds. Thank you for your past and continued support.

p.s. If either bank is full, please call the number on the side to get it replaced with an empty one, thanks again.



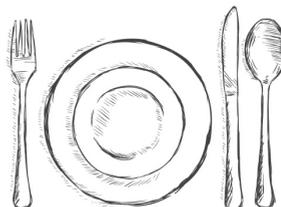
### Wreningham Village Hall Sunday Carvery

First Sunday of the Month 12.30 to 2.30pm  
4 February, 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July  
Bar open 11am to 4pm

Advanced booking is advised.  
Leave your details at The Witch & Wren bar, or  
email us at: [witchandwren@gmail.com](mailto:witchandwren@gmail.com)

#### Carvery

Roast beef, pork or gammon  
Pork stuffing ball, Yorkshire Pudding  
Cauliflower cheese, Roast & new potatoes and other vegetables  
£8.95 - Large Carvery (5 slices of meat)  
£7.95 - Standard Carvery (3 slices)  
£4.50 - Children (under 10) (2 slices)



#### Dessert

Apple pie topped with flaked almonds with custard or cream  
Chocolate cheesecake with ice cream or cream  
Chocolate or strawberry ice cream sundae  
£2 - Dessert

## **Last Wednesday Coffee Morning**

In January, we had 18 villagers gather for a good old mardle over hot (and cold) drinks and bacon rolls. Grateful thanks are due to Mulbarton Co-Op who kindly donated the day's biscuits when told of our non-profit making group. The coffee morning gives new and old residents an opportunity to meet and befriend one another.

February's Last Wednesday was a memorable day due to the amount of snow that fell on us all; the coffee morning went ahead anyway. We entertained a party of walkers who were planning a walk to start from the Hall and braved the elements to get their promised bacon rolls before setting off home again.

We are a small band of volunteers who would love to see new volunteers. So, come and join the mardle and, if you would like to help in the kitchen or in setting out tables etc., please let someone 'behind the counter' know.

Everyone is welcome, whether you want to help or to enjoy the company, and, if you have any 'out of village' friends or family who might like to join you, we would be pleased to see them too.

Put a note on your calendar for the Last Wednesday of every month!

## **Classifieds**

**Simply Massage** – Enjoy a private and relaxing massage in the peaceful Wreningham countryside. Full body, back, neck & shoulder massage. Hot/Cold Stone Therapy, Aromatherapy Massage. Treatments tailored to your personal requirements. Evening and weekend appointments available.  
Sandra Turner AHCP (reg.) 01508 488323 / 07393198447

**NEIL PRIOR Plumbing and Heating**  
For all your plumbing and heating requirements, full bathroom installations, established 20 years.  
01508 489359/07713352494

## Classifieds

### **Lost Control of your Plot?**

Contact Trevor, your local Green Gardener  
On 01508 489253 or tdw2106@gmail.com

### **Sarah's Creative Cakes of Fundenhall**

Celebration cakes with a homemade touch  
07967 931754  
www.sarahcakesoffundenhall.co.uk

### **THREE SIXTY PROPERTY SERVICES**

For all round home improvements and maintenance  
Contact Chris Peachment on 01508 488275 or 07786 886351  
email: peachment360@gmail.com

### **Little Wren's Cakes**

Bespoke cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and sweet treat gifts  
Based in Wreningham  
Contact Emma on 01508489058 or LIKE me on facebook  
www.facebook.com/littlewrenscakes.

### **DOMESTIC AL**

Electrical Appliance Repair  
(From washing machines to Dyson vacuums)  
01508 481919 or 07856 966566

### **LEAF GARDENING SERVICES**

General upkeep visits and seasonal tidying.  
From £10/hr.  
Call/Text Caroline on 07578452852 or 01953 602912

### **YOGA**

Ashwellthorpe Village Hall. Tuesdays 6 – 7.30pm (term time),  
£7.00 per class.  
Email: wildfish1@btinternet.com; Tel: 07902079862



## Witch & Wren Community Bar

Wreningham Village Hall

email: [witchandwrend@gmail.com](mailto:witchandwrend@gmail.com)

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/witch.wren/>

website: [witchandwren.weebly.com](http://witchandwren.weebly.com)

Open to all - no membership, just come by and say hello

**Every** Thursday & Friday, open from 8 pm to 11 pm

**First Friday**, every month - Family night open from 6.30 pm

**Second Friday**, every month - Fish & Chip Night, Van serving from 5.30 to 8 pm

**Additional** opening dates (Sat: 8 -11 pm; Sun: 1-5 pm) and events will be announced on the Witch & Wren Facebook page

### **Outline Event Schedule for 2018**

*(see website for confirmation and details)*

April, Easter Carvery

April, Village Tidy

May, Carvery

May, Race Night

June, Carvery

June/July, Beer Festival

July, Carvery or Hog Roast

September, Safari Supper

October, Curry Night

November, Fireworks

November, Annual General Meeting

December, Christmas Party

December, Christmas Draw