



April – May 2021

Wreningham

Village Hall, Chair's comments

Hi everyone and welcome to this edition of The Mardle.

As spring starts to bloom across the village there is a real sense of hope in the air that life is returning to normal, which I am sure is welcomed by us all! As part of this return to normal life, we are planning to use the patio and outside areas of the Village Hall as soon as we are allowed which, according to current Government guidance is timetabled to be from 12 April. This of course will be subject to social distancing and the other, by now, normal Covid controls. Details are within this Mardle.

We are planning another village litter pick on 18 April (first drink on return free), and when the hall opens fully we have plans for a barbecue, wine tasting and later in the summer a village party to make up for the one we were not able to hold at Christmas.

I am conscious there are a number of people who have moved into the village during lockdown who may not have had the opportunity to say hello to other villagers. We would be delighted to see you see you at The Hall as soon as we can do so. This is a great village to live in and I am conscious it may have felt eerily quiet in recent months.

Please keep your eye on the village website for any event changes and the potential for date movements if Government advice changes. Ian

Wreningham

Village Hall

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Village sign

The village sign was erected in 1977 for the Queen's Silver Jubilee and is deteriorating. Some remedial action is needed soon, which hopefully will keep it going for another 5 years or so, but we cannot expect it to last another 40 years. So, in anticipation of a replacement village sign being necessary, we will be building up a replacement fund over the next few years and give you notice that we will be asking for your thoughts and suggestions.

Maintenance

When the weather improves, we expect to schedule some playing field equipment maintenance and repair work. There are a multitude of other small repair and maintenance tasks required for the equipment, the grounds, the hedges and fencing. When we can, we will organise a playing field working group to tackle these tasks. Please let the Clerk know if you would like to help.

Flooding

When speaking to the authorities (NCC Highways, Anglia Water, and SNC Water Management about flooding, one word is oft repeated, "Riparian". The authorities comment that flooding is exacerbated when riparian (ie water courses such as ditches, culverts, streams and rivers) responsibilities are not met and the resulting restrictions / blockages cause failures in drainage systems designed to channel water away. The authorities will not normally "fix" problems sourced in riparian systems. They want landowners with watercourses, drains, culverts etc. on and across their land to address their riparian responsibilities. This will ensure water flow is not restricted and excess water is channelled safely into larger watercourses (streams and rivers) thus reducing the risk of flooding on roads, gardens and inside properties. I have posted information relating to this subject on the village website.

Become a Parish Councillor

I invite you to volunteer as a Wreningham Parish Councillor. The role is about delivering improvement around the village. No experience is necessary as training is available and your fellow councillors will help guide you in the role.

Please look after yourselves and those around you. Stay safe and well. Happy Easter.

Michael Hill, Chair, WPC

All Saints Church

At last work has started on the repair to the East wall! Many of you will have seen the amazing scaffold structure. As the builder is fitting this job round other work which had been programmed for this Spring he has said it could take 2 months to complete.

As soon as the work is finished, the church will be open daily for private prayer and depending on Covid-19 restrictions, Sunday services will resume within the Benefice rota.

At the moment the "Foodbank" collection point is in my porch. Because more people are ordering on-line, the supermarket collection points are noticing a drop in donations so, when you order, how about adding extra items to your list and dropping them off at mine. They are collected at least once a week. As well as food there is a need for toiletries, toilet roll, kitchen roll, washing soaps etc.

The annual "Plant Sale" on the church car park is planned for Saturday 8th May – subject to Covid-19 restrictions. Watch out for posters for further details but in the meantime, pot up any surplus plants – we would love to have them to sell.

On the subject of selling, is there anybody who enjoys buying and selling on eBay, who would be willing to sell items, from time to time which are given to the church to sell for funds. If so, I would be pleased to hear from you. (01508 488123. High Gables, Church Rd)

Hopefully it will not be too long before we are back to whatever the “new normal” is going to be but in the meantime, keep safe and protect each other.

Christine Minns (Churchwarden – All Saints, Wreningham)

Wreningham School

We are all very excited about the children returning to school after the partial re-opening on Monday 8 March. There is no doubt the last few months have been a challenge for everyone, but we have been warmed by the huge amount of support from parents. Everyone has done their utmost to support children’s learning and well-being and we know how exhausting that can be.

I wish to thank all families who were not able to send their children to school for such a long time for their amazing work in supporting their children’s learning at home. I would also like to thank all our staff who worked incredibly hard keeping the school open, providing the teaching to children in school and simultaneously delivering high quality online education for our children at home. My appreciation also goes to our children for attending the school or learning from home and doing their best despite the challenging circumstances.

We have planned a science competition to be completed in school in the final week of term which we know the children will enjoy – plan and build a buggy to protect an egg! One thing which we have learned is the incredible resilience of our children; their humour, kindness and ability to adapt to a new situation will help ensure the re-opening of school will be successful.

R Jones MA

Elections

As you will know, elections are taking place on 6th May and, as usual, Wreningham Village Hall is a polling station.

In a change to normal procedures and reflecting Covid requirements for safety, **please make sure you bring your own pencil/pen to mark your ballot paper as they will not be provided.**

Bin Collections

Gr – Green, Br – Brown, Bl - Black

April							May						
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12	13	14 Bl	15	16	17	18	10	11	12 Bl	13	14	15	16
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Wreningham Heritage Group

Well, I'm sorry it's been quiet meetings-wise since we were struck by another lockdown but the steady work of collecting historical information has not stopped and we are now looking to hold that long awaited exhibition in the Village Hall on the weekend of **16th-17th October** when we sincerely hope that all restrictions on 'mass gatherings' will have been lifted. This should enable us to stage an even more interesting event than should have taken place last year, given that we now have more material to show you.

More details as the time draws nearer but, please, put us in your busy Autumn diary now – you wouldn't want to miss it!



At last we see light at the end of the tunnel! The Last Wednesday Coffee Morning will return – in modest form – on Wednesday April 28th, provided we don't get any more nasty shocks from Covid 19!

We will be able to attend gatherings of up to 30 out of doors. This means we will serve our usual selection of drinks and biscuits on the village hall patio from 10 am until noon. You will be asked to give your name and contact details and pay for your refreshments at the patio entrance gate and to remain seated once you are "in"; the team will bring your orders to you. Remember your mask which should be worn until seated – perhaps we should have a competition for the most amusing version!

If the entire non-working village population arrives at once, desperate for gossip, we will be obliged to restrict entry – socially distanced protest gatherings only, please!!!

Recycling News

Your wonderful recycling is coming in thick and fast. I'm working as hard as I can to keep the bin on my porch emptied but if you find it full, please leave your bags alongside. As the drop off is becoming more and more popular, I'm considering expanding. I intend to build a bin store nearer the road which will hold 2 wheelie bins. This should mean you can just pop your bags in the appropriate one without having to come to the door and there should always be space in them for you. With this in mind, if anyone has a wheelie bin (of any colour) that they no longer need, can I have it please?

I'm again on the scrounge for big boxes (as always). I'm constrained by specific requirements when I send the various plastics off; the total consignment has to reach a minimum weight to earn points but can't be in lots of smaller boxes. Ideally boxes should be around 60cm x 60cm x 50cm which is the size of the large boxes used in supermarkets for crisp multipacks. If anyone is ever in a supermarket whilst they're stocking the crisp shelves, please ask if you can have the boxes. Someone kindly dropped off a smaller crisp box which will definitely be used but the bigger ones are even better. I currently have a full garage with 6kg of biscuit and cracker wrappers, 10kg of crisp and snack wrappers and 20kg of pet food packaging waiting for boxes so they can be sent off!

Environment Day

For some time, I've been thinking of arranging an environment/ green/ recycling day at the Village Hall. Obviously at the moment, meeting inside and in numbers isn't possible so I'd like to leave it until I can be sure it's safe and will attract a good audience. I'd like to feature such things as what we can and can't recycle kerbside, what else we can recycle locally, what can be sent off for specific recycling and what else we can do to reduce putting plastics in landfill. If anyone has anything specific they'd like to better understand, please let me know. I'm currently liaising with NCC and hope to widen my knowledge too.

Thanks, Val. val@valkeel.co.uk 01508 488231

Key Dates at the Village Hall:

12th April THE BAR OPENS!! Outside service only with limits on numbers. Please keep abreast of Government rulings, everything could change but this is what we are working towards on a regular week starting:

Thursday 15th April – 7-11 pm

Friday 16th April – 5-11 pm

Sunday 18th April – 12-2.30pm

Month	Date	Events
April	April 12 th	Start of bar opening – see above
	April 18 th	Litter pick, 10am Hall
	April 28 th	Last Wed Coffee Morning 10-12
		Note: No Fish/chips or Pizza on 30 th April
May	May 6 th	Election day, bring your own pen/pencil
	May 26 th	Last Wed Coffee Morning 10-12
June		From 21 st June restrictions lifted
	June 26 th	Village BBQ. Food will be available to buy, book and pay in advance.
July	July 10 th	Wine tasting evening
August		
September		
October	15-16 th October	Heritage weekend
November	Nov 6 th	Fireworks

Take-away service also available during opening hours

Again, if rulings change, events might need to be changed or cancelled. Fish & Chips and Pizza nights continue as usual – 1st and 3rd Friday Pizza, 2nd & 4th Friday Fish & Chips. **Note: No Pizza night 7th May**
We are also planning a beer festival, village party, curry night, gin tasting evening – dates to be confirmed

Wine tasting

Fantastic news and an exciting evening planned. If you paid for a ticket to the original event, can you please confirm you will be attending on the 10th July.

If you can't make it, contact John Knight for a refund (07961 705154)



Pizzas at the Village Hall

The Wedding Pizza Company will now be a regular part of our social calendar; serving up delicious Neapolitan style pizzas at the Village Hall. All pizzas are made with Organic Sourdough using Caputo flour imported from Naples. Gluten-Free bases and Vegan cheese are available. Menus and events are published on their Facebook page (weddingpizzacoeast).

They operate a booking system to ensure safe social distancing is followed at all times, which also means more time for having a drink in the Witch & Wren bar and **less time queueing!**

Call them on 07394 462011 or message them via Facebook to book your pizzas in advance. Payment can be made when ordering or on collection (card or cash).

Zumba is back!!

Good news for everyone with withdrawal symptoms. Rachel will be back in the hall from 17th May (Mondays and Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm).

Classes are still £5 and, until June 21st you will need to book as numbers are limited under Covid regulations.



Email firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07789748457. You can pay via bank transfer/Paypal or cash on the night.

Community Thoughts

Like a lot of you, I've enjoyed walking around the local area and exploring footpaths and walks that are new to me. Aren't we lucky to have such lovely scenery on our doorstep? However, the weather has been very variable lately resulting in waterlogged fields and paths, often slippery surfaces and many exposed roots or cut stems sticking out of the ground. A number of our residents have suffered falls or trips and we have had a broken ankle, broken shoulder and other injuries. Please take care when you're walking, especially alone, and if possible take a phone with you.

We also have a number of our residents who are unwell and we send our love and best wishes for their recovery. Know that we are a community and support each other and if anyone is struggling, there are friends here to help.

We welcome all new residents to the village and look forward to meeting when we're allowed to and hope your first weeks have been inclusive, welcoming ones, if only via a chat over the garden fence!

Birth announcement

Our youngest new resident has arrived!! Florence Wren Baxter was born at home in Wreningham on 13th February weighing in at 6lb 4oz, a joy and first child to Mum & Dad, Katherine and Lloyd.

We wish her lots of love and look forward to watching her grow within our community.

Obituary

Terence Arthur Lawn 17th May 1924 – 2nd February 2021

Terry was born to Arthur & Violet Lawn at Woodbine Terrace, in Wymondham Road, today known as The Orchards, the second son in a family of five children. He lived in Wreningham all his life, except whilst serving in the Royal Navy in WW2. He started working whilst still at school, taking on the family fruit growing business with his brother Lenny after their father broke his back in an accident taking fruit to Norwich Market by horse and cart, leaving at 4am, with the dog for company and to guard the load. Later, Terry worked at the mill at the bottom of Mill Lane, carted sugar beet and, when WW2 came, materials for the aerodrome at Hethel.

Terry joined the Royal Navy when called up in 1942 and trained in landing craft. He joined the crew of LCT 268, launched in February '43 and took part in the D Day landings in '44, ferrying American troops and fuel trucks onto Omaha Beach no fewer than 32 times.

Terry married Barbara Wood, from Hapton, on Grand National Day, 29th March, 1958. Terry had placed a bet on the race winner, Mr What, and thus started married life with a bit of cash in his pocket! They settled in Church Road, where they had built a bungalow based on a prefab repatriated from the American air base at Hethel – but much improved from the original, thanks to Terry's skills as a builder, the trade he had taken up after leaving the Navy.

As a builder, Terry worked for the Norwich firm of Gills and was involved in the reconstruction of much of Norwich city centre, which had suffered from wartime bombing, including the department store Curls, (now Debenhams). He later became self-employed and worked locally with his friend Brian Mason until his retirement at over 70.

Terry was a member of both bowls and darts teams at the Bird in Hand, played and enjoyed watching football, accompanied his son John to innumerable motor race meetings over the years and kept a magnificent fruit and vegetable garden until very recently. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara, and his son John.

Plant stall

In aid of Upper Tas Valley Benefice
expenses

Saturday 8th May 2021

10 am to 12 noon

**Wreningham All Saints Church,
Wreningham, NR16 1BH**

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 also be garden sundries and plant
pots

**(Subject to Covid-19 restrictions permitting this event
going ahead. Masks and social distancing need to be
observed)**

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

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at Wreningham Village Hall

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No membership
.... just come by and say hello

Opening times (at time of going to print):

From 12th April 2021:

Every Thursday 7-11 pm

Friday 5-11 pm if food trucks are serving otherwise 7-11pm

Sunday 12-2.30pm

Don't forget, we can provide a **take-away service** if you'd rather not drink in the hall. Reusable containers are available.

For more information contact witchandwren@gmail.com

Check the Village website for updates:

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

or the Facebook Page:

@WrenVillageHall

or Notice Boards around the Village for latest news