

# Mardle

# Wreningham



No 250

April – May 2023



**Welcome to the 250th edition  
of the Mardle!!**

In this historic **250<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Mardle, we look forward to the Coronation of King Charles III in May and changes to village hall activities & the Mardle over the last 40 years or so.

The first Mardle was produced for October/November 1981, as the newly built village hall was about to open. There are an extra 4 pages in the centre on the celebrations for the Coronation & the 250<sup>th</sup> edition!



*From John Knight (Acting VH Chair)...*

Welcome to the latest edition of the village Mardle.

As I write, we are in mid-March and just on the back of another very cold spell of wintery weather. As you read this, I'm hopeful that we have not only turned the corner with the weather, but we are looking forward to turning the clocks forward and that "Spring" feeling is in the air again? This actually gave me, personally, a feeling that the seasons seem to move through quicker than ever, or is that just me getting older I wonder?

**Wreningham**

**Village Hall**

Charity No

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In the last few weeks, your Committee has met to discuss not only our immediate plans (which include the Coronation weekend) but also a full year's events programme. This is noted elsewhere in the copy but it has been encouraging to see, not only a full diary, but equally a nice varied range of events which should give everyone an opportunity to enjoy the hall and its facilities to the full.

As always, best laid plans can always change, some events are via outside bookings, so please continue to keep informed through any of our usual information channels, such as the notice boards and Facebook pages and not forgetting David Tinsley's weekly events update e-mail. If you do not receive this, please let us know and we will happily include you (see details below).

As is the way of the world today, we are very mindful of ever-increasing costs to run the hall. We have recently had to take on large (in fact the highest ever) energy price increases, as well as increases from other suppliers. In an effort to keep everything under control, we have had to increase some prices, but we still feel we are very favourable with our overall charges.

One such saving could be the actual costs of producing your Mardle. For that reason, we are also now asking for anyone who would prefer to receive a digital copy to please let us know. We do, of course totally appreciate anyone who would still prefer a paper copy and we will always continue to provide this. It's simply a way of cutting down on printing costs if we can reduce that number.

David Tinsley is planning to attach the next Mardle for June/July 2023 to his weekly email. He will write to everyone on his weekly email list to ask if you would like a digital copy of the Mardle instead of a paper copy. Numbers will need to be known before 15th May to work out how many we need to print. That gives us 3 scenarios:

1. Do nothing & you will continue to receive a paper copy.
2. When David contacts you, choose to have just a digital copy.
3. When David contacts you, choose to have both.

If you would like David's weekly e-mail please email him on [Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com](mailto:Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com)

Our Coronation weekend plans are very close to being complete. Many thanks to those who have attended planning meetings and given their input to ideas. We already feel we have put into place a very full and varied weekend of events with something for everyone to enjoy. This includes not only food and drink but also a quiz night and live entertainment and finishing off with a village tidy up and help for the School. All we ask is that once again, you can, whenever possible visit us and join in the celebrations!

Finally, the Committee is looking for a Minutes Secretary to attend each monthly meeting, simply take the minutes and then distribute out to the Committee before the next meeting. If this is something you feel you can help with, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at the hall.

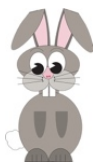
John Knight (Acting Chairman)

Some of the ***potential future*** events & dates might be:

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June – Possible Wine Tasting Evening?    Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July – Tapas Food Night  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug – Village Safari Supper                      Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Wine & Cheese Evening  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Barn Dance    *Details will be confirmed nearer the time*

### **Mardle Editors**

If anyone needs to contact us about the Mardle or send any contributions for the June/July edition there is a new email address [mardlewren@gmail.com](mailto:mardlewren@gmail.com)



Happy Easter!! Sue & Mick Ryder

Anyone who would like to advertise in the Mardle, please contact David Tinsley for costs and further information 01508 486628 or [Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com](mailto:Wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com)

# Wreningham Parish Council

## Elections

There are local elections in May. Don't forget that you **will need a form of photo ID** to show to the Electoral Office at the Poll. See a recent posting in our website for more information.

Wreningham Parish Council has seven councillor places and all are open for nominations and election in May. If you want to be a local Parish Councillor, then information and the nomination form is available to download from our website.

## The Farthings (land in Hethel Road)

Discussions are progressing on the nature of the transfer of this land to the Parish Council for use as community land. So far, we have spoken to Norfolk CC, South Norfolk DC, The Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the developers. We have been to the community woodland in Hapton to see what is possible – well worth a visit. We need to understand the type and level of support available from the village and other organisations. Soon we will hold an open meeting for our parishioners to explain what we know and to explore your reactions and ideas and begin to create a plan of our own.

**Dog Walkers** As you walk yourself or your dogs around the village you must keep to the footpaths and clean up after your dog. Mixing toxic dog faeces with crops is a very bad idea, especially when later harvested. Please stay off farmland and marshes – see the Countryside Code (via an on-line search on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

**Drivers** Besides keeping well within the 30mph speed limit within the village, drivers need to be aware that new regulations govern passing distances for pedestrians, horses and cyclists. It is an expectation that all road users are considerate to each other – this is a matter of neighbourliness and safety. See the Highway Code Rule 163.

## Parish Council continued

Perennial matters for your attention:

- Keep your roadside hedges, trees, and vegetation trimmed
- Maintain your water courses (drains, culverts, streams, gulleys, etc.) to reduce flooding risk
- General litter picking (when out on a walk?) - better still no littering!
- Park with consideration for others

## Meetings

In May, we will hold our Annual Parish meeting just before the Parish Council meeting. In the APM we hear from various village groups about what they are doing and planning to do. Contact the clerk if you'd like to speak about your group's activities.

Details of our scheduled Parish Council meetings are on the website and all are welcome. Michael Hill, Chair, WPC

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**BIG HELP OUT**

**9am to 1pm**

**Come and lend a hand to support your community**

**Tasks will include maintenance and tidying up at the school and playing field and a village litter pick.**

**Be ready to get stuck in and help out.**

**Free first drink in the Witch & Wren Bar for all helpers' compliments of the village hall**

## **Wreningham All Saints**

Many of you will know that Rev. Lydia Avery will be retiring and moving away at the end of April. Details of her retirement/farewell party are given elsewhere in this Mardle. Her last service will be at Fundenhall church at 10.30 am on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

We have now heard from the Norwich Diocese that when the time comes we will be joining with most of the parishes in the Tas Valley Group of churches. Making us a 13 church Benefice with 2 fulltime clergy and currently also a curate. Again, we will inform you when we know more, but the changes will be gradual and probably most people will not notice a great deal of difference.

You should all receive an Easter card giving details of the services over that period.

Details of the service to mark the Coronation of King Charles III and the ringing of bells will be included in the village plans for the whole weekend celebrations.

The details of the plant sale on 13th May are included in this Mardle. If you are splitting up plants, please pot some on for us and deliver in time for the sale. They can be dropped off at mine if you cannot bring them to the church early on the day. Let's make this even bigger than last year!

Wishing you a healthy and peaceful Easter.

Christine Minns 01508 488123

# Wreningham All Saints

**An Invitation**  
**from the Upper Tas Valley Benefice**  
**to**  
**Lydia and Chris Avery's Farewell**  
**- and Lydia's Retirement Party**

**on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7pm - 10pm**

at **Wreningham Village Hall**, Mill Lane, NR16 1AN  
a **sit down meal and entertainment** together with  
an opportunity to say a final farewell to both Lydia and Chris.

**RSVP to John Hooper at:**

jch75seh@gmail.com or 07563 387281

**We need numbers by 12<sup>th</sup> April for catering purposes**

**Pay as you go licensed bar**

## **Retirement Gift**

To contribute towards a retirement present for Lydia, donations  
need to be with the treasurer by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Pay by:** Cash or cheque payable to: "Upper Tas Valley All Saints PCC"  
to Ms C Minns, High Gables, Church Road, Wreningham, NR16 1BH

**or pay by:** BACS to: sort code 20-99-08 (Barclays)

Account name: Upper Tas Valley All Saints, Account No: 13229513

## Village Hall Activities

**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. £3.50 p/w.
- Baby & Toddler every Friday 9.30-11.30am
- Swing classes every Monday 8-10.30

Contact details:

- Baby & Toddler group - Katie Burrell: [katie@loaders.net](mailto:katie@loaders.net)
- Zumba - Rachel: email at [firedragonevans@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:swingymabob@gmail.com) or phone 07768891954. Classes are suitable for all levels, from complete beginners to those already more accomplished.
- Table Tennis - All abilities welcome & equipment provided. Any questions please contact Scott/Julian/Henry at [woodlands\\_atoms@outlook.com](mailto:woodlands_atoms@outlook.com)
- Country Music – Sandra 07799 596975 or 01508 813754  
email: [stetsonsandshamrockcmc@outlook.com](mailto:stetsonsandshamrockcmc@outlook.com)

## **WRENINGHAM WEEKLY NEWS EMAIL**

An increasing number of villagers are benefiting from receiving the weekly email updates. If you would like to join them & be clear on the latest situation with village events, then do sign up. To be added to the weekly news email, please send your details to David Tinsley at [wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com](mailto: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 & if possible a contact number. Why not give it a try, you can always ask for your name to be removed.



## March

- 29<sup>th</sup> Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-Noon  
Followed by Lunch & Film 12-4pm. Call 01508 488123 to reserve food.  
31<sup>st</sup> Games Night 7-11pm

## April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Country Music with Travis Logan 2pm-6pm. Contact Sandra  
6<sup>th</sup> Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-10pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Fish & Chips from 5pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Heritage Group 2- 4pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Village Crafters Group 10 - Noon  
22<sup>nd</sup> 60s Dance to Pagan Gould 8.30-11.45pm. £8.25 Contact Shirley  
26<sup>th</sup> Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-Noon  
28<sup>th</sup> Games Night 7-11pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Decoration of Hall for Coronation 9:30 – Noon Volunteers welcome.

## May

- 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Village Coronation Events – see extra centre pages special for details  
7<sup>th</sup> Country Music 2-6pm with Longshot. Contact Sandra  
9<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7pm (Annual Parish Meeting at 6:00pm)  
12<sup>th</sup> Fish & Chips from 5pm  
13<sup>th</sup> 60s Dance 8:30-11.45pm (Contact Shirley)  
17<sup>th</sup> Village Crafters Group 10 - Noon  
26<sup>th</sup> Games Night 7-11pm  
31<sup>st</sup> Last Wednesday Coffee Morning 10-Noon

## June

- 4<sup>th</sup> Country Music 2pm-6pm with Travis Logan. Contact Sandra  
24<sup>th</sup> 60s Dance

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, your email update (if you have signed up) & noticeboards for any updates.

**Plant Stall**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
10 am to 12 noon  
Wreningham All Saints Church  
Church Road 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.  
Extra parking is being planned.  
Refreshments and cake stall in the church.  
**In aid of Upper Tas Valley churches expenses**



**Ring the bells at Wreningham Church**  
**.....come and join us**

Most people have the ability to become a ringer.



Physical strength is not required and people of all ages from 12 upwards are welcome. You'll be surprised just how quickly you can pick up.

Our next open days are:

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.

Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

Beginners welcome, please come along and watch or have a go.

For more information email David on: [wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com](mailto:wreninghamnorfolk@btinternet.com)

# Village Groups

## Heritage Group

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th April in the MP Room at 2pm.

We have a visiting speaker, Mike Merrick, from the Forncett History Group who will give us a talk on local windmills. There may not be many to be seen around the area now, but Wreningham once had one, as we may deduce from the existence of Mill Lane! Travis Perkins stands on the site today. There is information about it on our website ([www.https://wreninghamheritage.uk](http://www.https://wreninghamheritage.uk)). Will Mike be able to tell us more?

As ever, tea and cake will follow Mike's talk and give us a chance to catch up with all the news. A nominal charge of £1 will be made for refreshments.

Anybody with an interest in local history is very welcome to join our gatherings. If you are interested in being kept informed of future events or would like to become involved in our researches, just let our Secretary Lis Whalley know at the meeting.

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## Coffee Morning

As ever, keep your Last Wednesday of April & May free for Coffee Morning at the Hall - 10am-noon. Bacon rolls to cheer you up to celebrate a rare sunny spring day!

Ever since the monthly event was reinstated, we have been able to make periodic donations to deserving charities or other good causes. The obvious one is the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in September, a very special event always magnificently supported by the village. Last year, we also managed to send more than £500 to the Disasters Emergency Committee, for the relief of Ukraine. We also recently donated £75 to the local Bramble Bears playgroup, who are struggling for funds at the moment.

We are always open to suggestions of good causes deserving our support - but remember, it takes us a while to accumulate a surplus, particularly as our own costs have risen dramatically of late!

See you on 26th April & 31<sup>st</sup> May.            Jean 01508 481947



## Villagers' Craft Group

We had a very successful crafting get together in February with over a dozen people beavering away; we had knitting, tapestry, crochet, calligraphy and people just interested in finding out what was going on – all over coffee and biscuits.

There was a lovely atmosphere with people helping each other and bouncing ideas around so we will continue to meet monthly. This will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Margaret Preston Room 10.00-12.00 with the next one on the **19<sup>th</sup> April**. Sadly, I can't do this for free as we have to pay for the room so there will be a small charge of £2 per session which will include refreshments.

Please come along, bring anything you like with you whether that be something you're working on, mending or something you want to know how to do. My intention is to start redistributing bits and pieces – patterns, wool, material, kits.....anything so you could have a go without it costing you.

So, come along, have a go, have a chat, have a coffee.

Val: [val@valkeel.co.uk](mailto:val@valkeel.co.uk) 01508 48823

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Copy date for the next issue is mid-May.  
If you have something for inclusion, please let us have it by then.  
Thanks - Sue & Mick Ryder  
Email: [mardlewren@gmail.com](mailto:mardlewren@gmail.com)

## Recycling News

Our total raised continues to climb; to date we have raised £956 with another consignment due to go to TerraCycle as soon as the biscuit packaging reaches 5kg. We're almost there, just a few more digestives, custard creams or KitKats to go!

I've recently taken on the Carex recycling programme so please let me have all your hand wash refills (any brand) and the pump from any brand of hand wash bottles (but not the bottles – they go in our green bins). I also collect dishwasher tab pouches, bags from dishwasher salt and packaging from home cleaning wipes.

Good News! The writing instrument recycling scheme is in action again. Please take any pens, highlighters or felt tips & marker pens to Wreningham School and put them in the bin outside the front door. Remember, NO pencils or anything other than what's listed.

A reminder: please, please only give me things covered by the programmes we collect for. That means **No** to:

- Vegetable, fruit and salad bags
- Pet food packaging - pouches, dry food and treat bags etc
- Dry goods packaging – seeds, dried fruit, pasta, sugar etc
- Sauce pouches
- Dishwasher pod plastic – buy with dissolvable plastic and give me the outer bag

All the above can go to supermarkets. Morrisons and Tesco have large cages; just chuck them in. Please don't give them to me.

I'm being given many, many blister packs and, whilst I'm happy for that to continue, it is a bit of a burden. The only place they can be recycled is at the pharmacy in Superdrug in St Stephens so, if anyone is going into Norwich Monday-Saturday, could you please take some for me. Can I also ask you to ensure that all blister packs are empty of drugs. TerraCycle only recycles the actual plastics; I don't know what happens if the plastic is contaminated. If you still have drugs in your blister packs, they need to go back to your pharmacy for specialist processing. They mustn't go in your rubbish bin as they contaminate ground water.

As always, please get in touch with queries, join the Facebook group and happy recycling! Email if you have any queries about anything: [val@valkeel.co.uk](mailto:val@valkeel.co.uk).

## Bin Collections - April & May 2023

Wednesday 5th April	Green	Saturday 8th April	Brown
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> * April	Black	*(Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> on SN website Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> in "Link" Magazine)	
Wednesday 19th April	Green	Friday 21st April	Brown
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Black		
Wednesday 3rd May	Green	Friday 5th May	Brown
Wednesday 10th May	Black		
Wednesday 17th May	Green	Friday 19th May	Brown
Wednesday 24th May	Black		
Wednesday 31st May	Green	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Brown

## Mobile Library Visits – April to June 2023

28 March	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
25 April	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
23 May	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham
20 June	16:15	Steven's Lane Toprow	16:45	Village Hall Mill Lane Wreningham

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## at Wreningham Village Hall

Open to all  
No membership  
.... just come by and say hello

Bar opening:

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

Fridays - **1st Friday Family Night** 6-11pm

**2nd Friday Fish & Chip Night** 5-11pm &

**4<sup>th</sup> 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.

For updates please see the:

**Village website:** <https://www.wreningham.org.uk/>

**Facebook Page:** Witch & Wren Community Bar

**Notice Boards around the Village**

**..... or subscribe to the weekly email!**

We hope to have our new, exciting website up and running soon so watch this space!





YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

# King Charles III Coronation Weekend Events

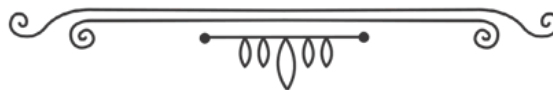
Thursday 4th to Monday 8th May 2023

*Thursday 4th Coronation Cocktails*

*Friday 5th School Artwork Display (afternoon)  
"A Right Royal" Quiz (evening)*

*Saturday 6th Big Lunch, BBQ and band*

*Monday 8th Village "Big Help Out"*





## *Coronation Events*



The Coronation Weekend celebrations kick off on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** with themed Coronation cocktails and mocktails in the bar from 7pm.



On **Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** from 2pm, you can visit the village hall where there will be Coronation inspired artwork from the village school children. Later on, in the evening, there will be “A Right Royal” Quiz in the bar from 7pm. This should finish about 9pm.

The quiz is free to enter and there will be prizes. So that we can organise the room, can you please book your table of upto 6 members. Tickets will be numbered, so can you please contact:

Sue & Mick Ryder on the [mardlewren@gmail.com](mailto:mardlewren@gmail.com) or John Knight on 07961 705154 or [johnknight11@btinternet.com](mailto:johnknight11@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**, the Coronation of King Charles III begins with the church bells being rung at 10:30 am. The hall & bar will be open from 11 until 11! This will be the village’s Big Lunch Celebration. Bring your own food to eat with friends & neighbours. The Coronation ceremony & processions will be screened on the TV in the bar. Games will be available for children in the main hall.

From 4 until 6:30pm there will be a BBQ. Burgers & sausages & salads will be available to buy. Puddings will also be available. At various times throughout the evening a band called Jacks Back will be playing in the main hall. Entry is free.

On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** there will be live music from 2-6pm in the hall run by Stetsons & Shamrocks to a band called Longshot. Tickets are £7.50. Contact Sandra on 07799 596975/01508 813754 or email [stetsonsandshamrockcmc@outlook.com](mailto:stetsonsandshamrockcmc@outlook.com)

On Bank Holiday **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** the Big Help Out will take place. General help will be needed at the school, playing field and a village litter pick. Meet in the village hall from 9:00am prepared for duty!! It will finish at around 1pm & volunteers will get their first drink for free!!



## *May – Coronation Events Timetable*



- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** Coronation Cocktails at the Witch & Wren 7pm-10pm
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** Coronation exhibition of school artwork  
“A Right Royal Quiz” evening from 7pm
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** 10:30 am Church Bell Ringing  
Live screening of the Coronation & Processions  
The Big Lunch from 11am onwards  
BBQ from 4-6:30pm  
Live Music from Jacks Back starting at about 6pm
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** Country Music 2-6pm with Longshot. Contact Sandra  
6:15pm Church Bell Ringing followed by a service at 6:30pm
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** Village Big Help Out 9am-1pm



### **Mardles & the Village Hall in days gone by.....**

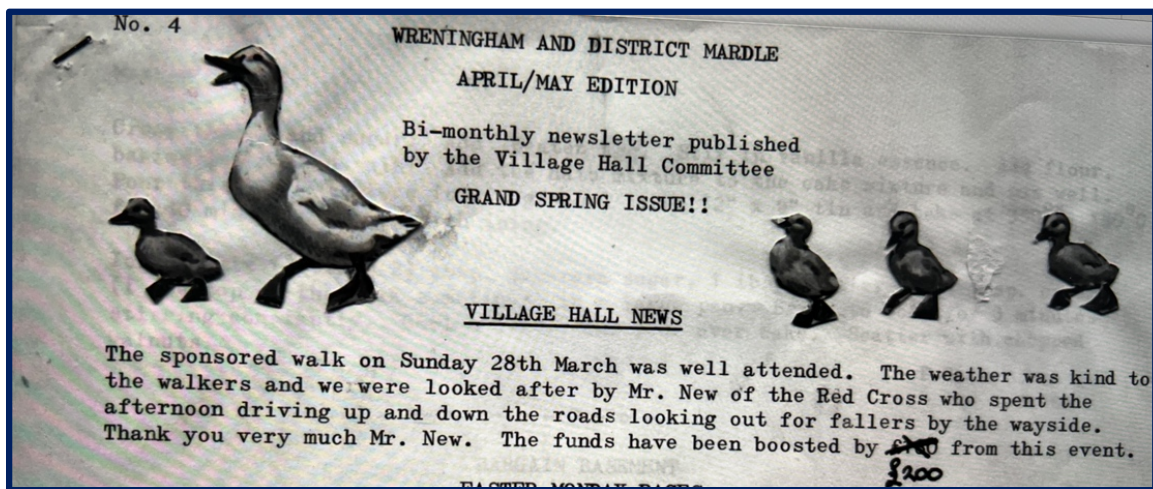
This Mardle is the 250<sup>th</sup> edition. The Village Hall newsletter was started back in October 1981 and for over 40 years it has been distributed to village residents. Copies are available to view on the village website.

When the Mardle was initially published, there was a heavy focus on fund raising to complete the newly built village hall. Many villagers financially supported both the building of the new village hall & the work & costs needed to kit it out. The primary fund raising was through the sale of building bonds and basic items were needed including table & chairs and heating!!

Whist Drives & Bingo were very popular in the 1980s. Some of the events that started then are still going today. Dances & music remain ever popular with Keep Fit exercise classes being replaced by Zumba! Coffee mornings, quizzes, various types of sales & games nights remain in slightly different formats.

Sadly, many of the village organisations are no longer around. The darts, football & cricket teams, the Bowls Club & short mat bowls, Flower Club, Ashwren drama group, have all passed into history. However, these have now been replaced by the Heritage Group, the Crafters, table tennis and others.

In the 1980s, digital graphics weren't available, so pictures were cut out & stuck on!! Household tips were also included – as shown below.



To locate a dead rat in a room catch half-a-dozen blue bottle flies and slip them into a glass jar. Let the flies out in the room where you suspect the rat is and sit down whilst they fly round. Within an hour they will have scented the rat and all be buzzing round one spot. That is where your rat is. You can then take up the board and remove the pest.

Anyone likely to find the rat tip useful??!!

40 plus years later the BBQ is still going strong!!

Food & drink evenings are proving to be popular and we may have a Safari Supper which has taken place for many decades...

**What will the 500<sup>th</sup> edition look like??.....**

