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Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:

Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month:

Teme Valley Farmers Market for local produce 11am The Talbot, Knightwick
Martley Ramblers meet Church car park

3rd Sunday in the month:

Path-or-Nones meet 9.30am Martley Memorial Hall car park to help maintain the local footpaths

Mondays

Rhythm Time: 9.30-11.30am Martley Memorial Hall Enq. Rachel 01886 812565

Martley Parish Council: 1st Monday in the month 8pm Memorial Hall

Tuesdays

Short Mat Bowling: 2.00pm Martley

Memorial Hall

Wichenford Ladies' Fellowship: 2.30pm
2nd Tuesday in the month (usually)

Martley Toddler Group: 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays (term time) 10.30am Martley Memorial Hall

Wednesdays

Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing:
7pm Martley Memorial Hall Enq. Jeff & Thelma 01886 821772

Martley Folk Club: 1st Wednesday in the month at The Talbot, Knightwick and 3rd Wednesday at The Admiral Rodney

Martley WI: 2nd Wednesday in the month 7.30pm Heaton House

Thursdays

Wichenford Wine Club: 3rd Thursday in the month

Martley & District Horticultural Society: last Thursday in the month 7.30pm Martley Memorial Hall

See Church Words p. 27 for details of services

See articles for details of special events AND changes of time/date/venue of regular events

See the Diary page on www.martley.org.uk for a complete listing of all forthcoming events (that the Diary page editor knows about)

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

Articles to go in The Villager must be submitted by the 1st of the previous month

Records of the Parish Council meetings in the two parishes are not intended to be full and complete minutes. Minutes of meetings can be seen by contacting the respective Clerks to the Councils.

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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Martley Ramblers

Sunday 14 August at 2pm, Church Car Park



There has been a change of venue for our August Walk. This will be around the Hawford Canals area, led by the two lovely Paulines and we will leave the church car park at 2 pm. It was a shame the walk for the 12 June had to be cancelled due to the weather, but we would have had some very wet Ramblers indeed! The evening of the Midsummer walk on 23 June was a perfect summer evening, sandwiched between two very wet days. 11 Ramblers and 2 dogs enjoyed the lovely walk and the views from the Worcestershire Way across to the Malvern Hills. The views to the Cotswolds on the return down from Rodge Hill and around the Penny Hill Quarry were lovely too. The evening finished with some lovely food and plenty of chatting.

Kate King

Martley WI

There is no set meeting arranged for this month but at the time of going to

press, a date for your diaries for the summer outing, may be the 10 August.



We are all looking forward to the Summer Tea Party in the garden of Brook Court on Saturday 6 August; this is by the kind invitation of Jean and James Hyslop. We are thrilled that Julia Roberts has been elected to the National Board of Trustees, what an honour for her and for Martley WI, we do hope she enjoys her term of office. Some members have been very busy helping to organise the Federation Day at Croome Court and some have been strutting the catwalk at the Fashion Shows. It is all hard work but good fun. Life is far from boring when you are a WI member and willing to try new experiences! Don't forget everyone is welcome to join us at anytime!

Kate King

Pudford Lane Tweets



The prolonged dry weather has meant the banks along the lane are

very crumbly and sandy soil cascades onto the road, which is bringing down some very interesting fossil rocks. One wonders what the conditions are like inside the numerous badger sets along the lane. Do they have roof falls onto their bedding and the mother badger yelling a warning? The lane has no running water running down and the birds stand unhappily squawking looking for it. The flowers are all finishing early this year, but lots of meadow sweet is appearing along many of the major roads, as there were also banks of dandelions earlier in the year. Is this the result of fewer cuts and no spraying? Congratulations to a certain young person who played his guitar so beautifully at Evening Worship in Church, hopefully we shall be hearing more from him before too long

Martley & District Horticultural Society



The weather was set fair for the eagerly anticipated visit to the home of our President, Mrs Pat Finch, and her husband Brian, on 30 June. Theirs is a large garden containing much of interest to 'plants people'. There are many trees, shrubs, climbers, perennial plants etc of all kinds and everything is beautifully set out with mown areas and a most stunning wildflower meadow patch. There are young and mature fruit trees and a thriving vegetable area helped no doubt by the by-product from the poultry; it was so nice to see these

well-cared for birds. Several greenhouses complete the picture. Pat and Brian are tremendous hard workers and always produce excellent plants for the May sale and the Annual Show. After exploring the garden we were treated to a really wonderful barbecue with all the trimmings and some fabulous strawberry and cream puddings, so this goes down as one of the best ever evening meetings, a big thank-you Pat and Brian, it was really super! The Society has given a kneeler to St Peter's Church, it was beautifully worked by Caroline Dunn and features lilies. Good news on the membership front, we have three more people intending to join the Society!

The 35th Martley Annual and Horticultural Show is on Saturday 20 August at 2pm at the Village Hall and Playing Field, and help is requested as usual (marquee erection on the Friday afternoon and on Show Day itself) and may all your entries be winning ones!

Tina Steele

The Martley Annual Horticultural Society Show and Fete

Saturday 20 August at 2pm at the Village Hall and Playing Fields

This years annual Show and Fete which is to be held on Saturday 20 August is hoping to be the biggest and best yet. We are blessed with a fantastic team of volunteers who religiously meet throughout the year, pour over ideas and work round the clock to bring you this lovely village fete. Amongst this years attractions

will be the Official Opening by Tony Fisher of BBC Hereford and Worcester, The Horticultural Show, Train Rides, Tombola, (Professional) Dog Display (and bring your own dog too), Tenbury Band, Scout Band, Owls, Tractor Pull, Children's' Corner, Bouncy Castle and Slide, Children's Races, Stalls, Plants and Produce, Beekeeping, BBQ, Ice Creams, Teas, Cakes, Belly Dancing, Sumo Wrestling, Pony Rides, Hand Bell Ringing, Grand Draw (100 pounds first prize and 9 other prizes) and a Car Boot Sale (6 pounds entry on the day). Please could you show your support for this lovely village community event. Lets hope the sun shines and everyone can enjoy a lovely day out.

The Chantry school Year 10 Youth award group

We are 14 Year old Year 10 students and we hope you feel we have made a difference in Martley. We have been taking part in Heart of England in Bloom-It's your neighbourhood' award for the last 2 years. We have painted the background and reindeer for the Christmas grotto at The Cob House. In the cold months at the beginning of the year we cleared the orchard at the Crown pub and this has given the young trees a chance to establish themselves and the grass has been allowed to grow long for the biodiversity. We have also straightened the hedge and are looking forward to strimming the area in the autumn. Our thanks to the Crown for providing the drink of hot chocolate

on one freezing morning after our work, it was very welcome! We have also constructed a pond for the pre-school and continued our grounds input with them for a second year. We hope you are enjoying our Martley entry sign planters and these were made with wood from Hillside wood yard, built by our amazing Chantry Handyman, paid for by Parish Council and filled by an anonymous donor. We are pleased that Betts Ecology and Pat Milner have taken over responsibility for two of them and the remaining two will need volunteers who are passing to water and dead head the flowers. In the autumn we hope to plant bulbs which will grow into a spring display. We hadn't originally planned to, but we also did the roadside barrel at Heaton House as a follow up from our input here last year. We also enjoyed working on the village hall car park and removed a number of large bags of rubbish. The Horticultural Society hopes to put shrubs in the patch in the future. Our students have made the hanging baskets too and please bring a bottle of water when passing to water and keep them looking healthy. The assessor came to school on the 29 June and was so very pleased as we had been involved in a number of village communities and hopefully these project will be ongoing.

Update-Martley Recreation Association and 'Desperate to play' committee

Thanks to our previous article in The Villager we have now had a slide

generously donated for the play area. We will be ordering a birds nest swing and getting two new baby swing seats very soon. We also have some exciting extra news! I was rung up by Community Spaces, who had turned us down at our first grant application, and they have reconsidered our project and we have now passed the first stage. We also now have a facilitator Jo Webb, who is experienced in completing the second stage of the application. This application is for a community multi-sport area, to be situated at the side of the football pitch. Hopefully this will be of value to all ages and I know that the young football/ cricketers are very excited. I as a grandma am too! Our deadline for completion/application is December and we have lots of hurdles to jump first, so its fingers crossed for more progress!



Pat Owen

Longside Radio

Would you like to be involved in Longside Radio and make it a station Martley can be proud of? If so please email Mark David on studio@longsideradio.co.uk Don't forget you can tune in via our website where you can find lots more information on the website, including details of all our 'on air' shows. We are continuing to grow and expand with guest DJ's and request shows..tune in for yourself and listen ! www.longsideradio.co.uk.

Martley Amateur Dramatics

By the time you read this we will have performed our musical "Sour puss", hopefully to packed houses, we will update you on how it went in September. Please remember our summer school Mad Kidz. It's still not too late to enroll, the club will run Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August 9am to 5pm. For registration or further information please e-mail martleydramatics@hotmail.co.uk.

News Flash, News Flash

The LEADER fund is a European funding stream administered by the County Council. We have recently completed the (time consuming) application process for funding to inter alia develop Martley Pit, document all known geological features in the Parish, produce educational packs, and commence a geo tourism initiative and other items. After Dr Paul Olver and I went for the final interview yesterday at the Elgar Birthplace Museum, I am very pleased to say that we have been successful in our application and have been awarded £26309 towards total project estimated costs of £39000, the difference to be made up from 'in kind' donations (ie donated work) and volunteer hours. So, now the work starts but thanks to all for you interest, enthusiasm and in many cases direct help. More news and regular updates to follow.

John Nicklin

01886 888318

<http://www.worcesterbb.com>



Summer Holiday Fun With Teme Valley Children's Centre

Well the summer holidays are upon us once again, and mindful that so many services stop over the holidays, Teme Valley Children's Centre is ensuring that in August there are at least two opportunities a week for families to meet up with others in the area. All of our events are open to children aged 0-12 years old and their families and are being held across the Teme Valley area. A contribution of 50p per child will be requested at each event. We look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon!

Thursday 4 August 2011, 10am – 4pm:
Annual Play Day at Malvern Football Club

Wednesday 10 August 2011 10.30am – 12 noon: Family Fun at Hallow Village Hall

Thursday 11 August 2011 11am – 1pm:
Picnic and Walk at Shrawley Woods

Wednesday 17 August 2011 10.30am – 12 noon: Family Fun at Alfrick & Lulsley Village Hall

Thursday 18 August 2011 11am – 1pm:
Picnic and Walk at Worcester Countryside Centre

Wednesday 24 August 2011 10.30am – 12 noon: Family Fun at Great Witley Village Hall

Thursday 25 August 2011 11am – 1pm:
Picnic and Walk at Wyre Forest

Tuesday 30 August 2011 10.30am – 12

noon: Family Fun at The Pump Rooms, Tenbury

Thursday 1 September 2011 11am – 12

noon: Family Fun Walk at The Cobhouse Fisheries



Villager Articles for Martley Taken from the August 1992 edition

Martley Memorial Hall held a Summer Dance and Jazz festival with music from Neil Scott Band. An excellent supper was served by the Griffiths and all monies raised went to the hall.

Cricket

At the time of writing the Martley Cricket Club made an excellent start to their season and are currently top of the Philip, Laney and Jolly League.

Martley WI

On Wednesday 5 August, we are off to Cheltenham Racecourse for an evening racing. Also, preparations are well underway with the making and baking of cakes for the Horticultural Show on the 29 August. For several years the shield awarded for Class 7 was held by Martley WI members!

Martley and District Horticultural Society

On a sunny Saturday morning 64 members and friends boarded Rogers

double decker coach for a day trip to Garden Festival Wales at Ebbw Vale. The Sky Shuttle which takes you 300 feet above the festival site for a spectacular view of the valley below to the floral Hall with its superb flower displays generated lots of interest. On the way back there was a stop at Ledbury for refreshments. A thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone

Chantry Fun Run

The 4 July at 10.30am saw our first fun run and was heralded by Chariots of Fire played loudly over the PA system. A colourful stream of over 256 runners, many in fancy dress provided some lovely colour! Halfway drinks were provided too. The strolling contingent bringing up the rear not only stopped for a drink but sat for a while and had a chat! Approaching the home straight we were entertained by a grandstand style commentary on the closing stages. The overall winner was James Didlick aged 15 who completed the run in 19 minutes and 59 seconds. The Fun Run and additional attractions had increased PTA funds by approximately £1100. A wonderful, wonderful day and it didn't even rain!

Editors Note:

I have received some lovely feedback since I published the first archive news from 1992 in last months July edition of this magazine. I am so pleased that many of you are enjoying reading these articles from 'days gone by'. I am more than happy to provide you with a copy of the full articles

featured above. Please contact me for more details

Gail, Editor



Martley Parish Council

Edited draft unapproved Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Martley Parish Council Held on Monday 6 June 2011 at the Memorial Hall

Outstanding actions from previous minutes

The Martley Recreation Association representative is still to be discussed, the 'my parish' website is still to be set up and Martley Litter Blitz is ongoing. The Clerk asked District Councillor Williams to chase up Malvern Hills to enquire if they have a scheme similar to that offered by Wychavon.

Progress reports

The Clerk

All the issues regarding the signs and potholes have been raised and a visit to the sites will be undertaken to clarify the exact positions of the signs. Flowers have been sent to the Litter Warden to thank her for the work she has undertaken in the village. A letter has been sent to all companies who were observed contravening the weight restriction at Ankerdine recently.

The Clerk has written to David Hunter regarding the dropped curbs at St. Peters Drive, advised the Lengthsman

of the bin locations and has written to the race secretary and the Chief Constable regarding the recent cycle race through the village.

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman asked people to be watchful as several gully gratings and several signs have been stolen in Wichenford parish in recent weeks. A request was made to the Lengthsman that the grass from Ham Bridge to Clifton junction was trimmed as it is blocking visibility.

Councillors

Speed signs

Councillors have met with Gerry Brienza from Worcester Highways and five possible sites have been identified. These are Berrow Green Road, Maylite, this will however require a post, opposite the Village Hall towards the entrance to the village, opposite Barbers House, Barbers Lane but an extension is required to the existing 30mph sign, Hillside by the entrance to The Old Barn but the lowering of the existing sign will be required and Scar Bank with the possibility of moving the 30mph sign to Noak Farm. Another possible location was discussed on the approach to Berrow Green using the proposed repeater signs as a measure within the speed review.

Councillors, Items from Annual Parish Meeting

Gordon Griffiths raised the £10,000 lottery grant awarded to purchase equipment for the play area. He asked whether the Parish Council could

purchase the equipment on behalf of the Recreation Association, the Clerk agreed to look into this. The phone box in the village has a broken pane, the Clerk will look into the BT adopt a phone box scheme and will also refer the broken pane to BT.

Councillors, Items from Village Hall Annual Meeting

The air 2 air heating system is pending whilst other grant funding is investigated, but works will be undertaken this year to insulate the roof. Solutions to the lack of storage within the hall are also being looked at and a request was made to users of the hall were asked to put tables and chairs back after use.

Committee reports, recommendations and items requiring full approval:

The Internal Audit, Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Financial Regulations were discussed and proposed by the Finance Committee. They were then approved by Full Council. Authorisation was given to sign the Parish Council into the 3 year plan for the insurance provided by Came & Company. The initial payment for the first year will be £504.00.

The Clerk is to speak with the insurance company regarding the possible phone box and the speed sign. The Clerk will also add the sign onto the Asset Register.

Planning

New

11/00666/FUL Hawksnest Barn,

Easinghope Lane, Reconstruction of Earth Dam (Retrospective)

Pending

11/00582/FUL Adj Three Acres, Willow Road, Agricultural building and drive

Approved

11/00243/FUL Penny Hill Quarry, Pudford Lane, To erect a static wind charger

Finance

There were 3 cheques totalling £771.78 approved.

Urgent decisions since the last meeting

A meeting had been arranged for 9.30am on Wednesday 8 June 2011 with the local rates office to ascertain whether the pavilion is a rateable building.

Councillors reports and items for future agenda

Councillor Bromley will cover the area of Prickley Green with immediate effect and Councillor Baxter will cover Berrow Green. The Clerk is to refer the hanging tree at Newtown to Highways again and the drain by the sawmills still needs requires attention. The Clerk was informed of two road traffic collisions that both occurred on Saturday 14 May 2011, these will be added to the records now being kept.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th July 2011

Rockys Plaice

Summer Holidays are on us yet again! Are you looking for something interesting and fun to entertain the

children during the holidays.? From Monday 8 to Thursday 11 August, Rocky's Plaice Holiday Club will be commencing at Martley Memorial Hall. This is aimed at children aged between 5-11 years and will run from 10am until 12 Noon each day. Please book your place by contacting Rev David Sherwin on 01886 888664

Mobile Library 2011

Ockeridge

Silver Oaks 9.45–10.05

Wichenford

Malvern View 10.10–10.35

Church 10.45–11.05

Kings Green Farm 11.15–11.40

Rosses Green 11.45–12.05

Martley Hillside

Horn Lane Bungalows 12.10–12.25

Martley

Taylors of Martley 12.30–12.45

LUNCH

Heaton House 1.20–1.50

Church 1.55–2.15

Clifton

Village Hall 2.30–3.50

The Mobile Library will be visiting these stops on Wednesdays on the dates listed below in 2011:

12 January	21 February	2	3
February			
16 March	6 April	27 April	
18 May	8 June	29 June	
20 July	10 August	31 August	
21 September	12 October	2	
November			
23 November	14 December		

The Mobile Library will also be visiting Cob House Fisheries every 3rd Thursday 1.30-2.15pm



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Church Flowers

7 August Mrs Smith
16 August Mrs Smith
21 August Mrs Wetherall
28 August Mrs Wetherall

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has had a collection box for the Children's Society. We have raised £109 for this good cause.

A letter from Gwen Burnett

I was both surprised and moved by the large amount of new home cards and special messages that I received when I left Wichenford. My sincere thanks go to everyone for all your very kind thoughts.

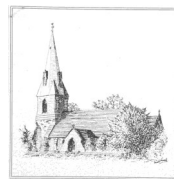
It was difficult leaving the village after 28 years, but with getting older, family bereavements and with my driving days over, life had become more complicated. Memories of the village and some special friends will always be remembered as an important period of my life. I hope that in time I will settle happily near

relatives in a Suffolk village.

Gwen Burnett

St Laurence's Church Flower Festival

Blessed by the fine weather, particularly Sunday's scorcher, St Laurence's Church Flower Festival on 25 and 26 June, commemorating the 400th Anniversary



of the King James Bible, was a great success. An enormous thank you is due to all those folk who arranged the flowers and prepared the church and churchyard, the sponsors who helped cover the costs, those who gave up their time to welcome visitors and the visitors themselves for generously supporting the event and bestowing such lovely compliments. All the floral arrangements were beautiful and the chosen texts very fitting to those remembered with such love and affection. Over £450.00 was collected and added to the total raised by Wichenford Open Gardens 2011.

Wow! What a weekend

Go Wichenford!

After early rain on Saturday the sun shone, the temperature began to soar and the visitors arrived in droves. Twenty two very different gardens and their proud (and sometimes nervous gardeners) welcomed them warmly, selling them everything from bargain plants to bags of horse manure! A couple of garden competitions also proved popular (the winners of the scarecrow competition in garden one were Christine Neville of Hallow on Saturday, scarecrow named Ben, and Marlene Roberts from Gloucestershire on Sunday, scarecrow named Oscar). Our 'Gourmet Lunches' proved more popular than ever and we were able to offer relaxing afternoon teas in three different gardens. An 'all day' licensed bar was, unsurprisingly, very successful (of course you can have a Pimms with chocolate cake if you want to!) and the market stalls did more business than ever. The results of all this activity? A staggering profit of £9,500.00! So, to the countless numbers of you who helped to achieve this in any way at all may we offer our humble, heartfelt and very grateful thanks, take a bow, give yourselves a pat on the back, you deserve it, and remember, it's only two years 'till we do it all again'! If you can't wait that long there will be



reminders of this year's event on our excellent website www.wichenfordopengardens.com
With sincere thanks

Alan Green

Wichenford History

16 Feb 1734

At a parish meeting this day in the Church of Wichenford, it was unanimously agreed that notice be given to all single labouring persons under 30 years of age and women upwards of 12 and under 40 years old, who were unmarried, to provide themselves services for the year ensuing as the law directs under the penalty of being liable to be sent by the warrants of 2 Justices to the House of Correction or bound over to the next Assizes or Sessions and to be of good behaviour in the meantime.

Note, Nothing done between this 16 Feb & 31 July 1736

Wichenford Bluebell Ride

2011



We had been anxiously waiting for rain for the last ten weeks but not a drop in Wichenford and the farm was as dry as the Sahara. How is it then that on the day of the Bluebell Ride on the 7 May, the heavens decided to open and we have a deluge, it could have waited! Wonderful for the ground and the crops, but not so happy for the riders! However, we must have had about 85

riders on the day, and a few more on Sunday when the weather was slightly better. It was definitely a good idea to keep the ride open for the following weekend, we had about another 50 riders and the weather was perfect. Sadly the bluebells are well over, but the linseed was beautiful when the sun shone. Everyone completed the course without incident and the ground was perfect. Although we didn't have a sponsor this year, we will be able to donate some £2,400 to the Church in Wichenford, the Memorial Hall, the Day Centre and of course St Richards Hospice. Very many thanks to Carma and Helen for doing the teas and delicious cakes, to the Randall family for doing the checking in and out, to Ken for doing the parking as usual, the road monitors, Gail, Andy, Nicky, Richard, Robert, Sarah and Adam, and to Pete and Brian for monitoring the course all day. Thanks also to Skinny and Richard for spending hours preparing the 12 mile course around the farm.

GBL

Memorial Hall, Wichenford, New Kitchen and Bar facilities

On Saturday 3 September we are celebrating the opening of the brand new kitchen and bar facilities in the Memorial Hall. To inaugurate the new facilities we are holding a Country Market and Craft Fair between 11am and 3pm. There will be stalls selling different local products from honeys

and cheese to vegetables and cakes, to jams, plants and fruit. Not to mention crafts from the hidden talents of our local people. There will also be a village stall where you can donate any excess produce you have, which will be sold for the Memorial Hall funds. We will be serving lunches, coffees and teas and all sorts of goodies from our new kitchen. If you would like to have a stall to sell your produce or crafts, (for a minimal contribution of £10 to the Memorial Hall), please contact Georgina by email on gblwichenford@aol.com, or telephone 07767 788 273. Space is limited for stalls so its best to book in sooner rather than later!

GBL

Worcestershire Welcomes Best Visitor Attraction

Well Done To The Cob House

Cob House Fisheries in Wichenford has been awarded the Worcestershire



Welcomes Best Visitor Attraction 2011. This is a fantastic achievement for the team at Cob House who work so hard to provide a facility to the community and help promote local businesses and produce. Cob House had some very stiff competition and were finalists against the Severn

Valley Railway and the Worcestershire County Museum (Hartlebury Castle) both fantastic visitor attractions. Sharon Gilbert representing the Three Counties Showground was one of the independent judges on the Worcestershire Awards judging panel and said: "Cob House provides a pleasant, relaxing and fun-filled environment where the simple pleasure of family togetherness can flourish, so rare these days! I was impressed with the whole ethos of the place, the diversity of things to do and the obvious support for other local businesses and groups. If anyone knows how to foster community relations it's Cob House! I was also impressed with how much work Helen and Robert Taylor have achieved in such a short space of time, with excellent vision and hard work. They are thoroughly deserving of this prestigious award." The new building at Cob House is reaching its 1st Birthday and as part of its celebrations we have a series of events scheduled from the 1-7th August and all the details can be found on our website

Helen Taylor

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Open Air Service

On Sunday 30 August, Wichenford Church played host to four other parishes and invited people from all over the area to an open air service. This followed a very successful

service at Martley the previous year.

Wichenford WI

Mrs S Griffin held a talk on natural therapy and how natural and plant therapies can help with stress and physical illnesses. Also a visit in September was agreed to go to the County Museum in Hartlebury.

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Gail, Editor

Out and about in our neighbouring villages

Annual Cycle Ride

This is the annual rallying call to all cyclists in our 3 parishes! Please volunteer to participate in the sponsored cycle ride, which generates precious funds for the Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust. The Trust plays a vital role in the life of the church by awarding grants for the preservation, repair, maintenance and improvement of any Christian church in the Worcestershire Diocese. A few years ago, St Leonard's church, Cotheridge, received such a grant as a

contribution towards the repair and renovation of the west windows in the nave. Please could those, who will be willing to ride on Saturday 10 September, telephone me and I will arrange to issue them with the sponsorship papers. In addition, I would be most grateful if someone in each of Martley and Wichenford parishes could offer to take care of the pre and post event paperwork for their riders, including the collation and despatch of monies raised (I will take this on for Broadwas, Cotheridge and Knightwick). Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we have been able to send substantial cheques each year. Two years ago we raised £1338, which is the highest figure achieved so far. Please join in this year and help us to try to exceed this!

Chris Baker
01905 333225

Step out on Waterways Walk challenge

Seventy keen walkers have already signed up to take part in the second 21 miles circular Waterways Walk in Worcestershire this summer. The walk, on Sunday 14th August, is in aid of St Richard's Hospice and last year more than 300 walkers took part and raised over £35,000 for the hospice through sponsorship and donations. Event organizers hope the walk will prove just as popular this year. The flat route starts at Droitwich Rugby Club and takes walkers through the beautiful scenery and open countryside of Worcestershire, passing

41 locks. The walk meanders along the recently renovated Droitwich canal to the River Severn and back along the Worcester-Birmingham Canal. St Richard's Hospice Community Fundraiser Phillippa Jones has organized the event with support from British Waterways. She said, "This walk is a fantastic way to discover the wonderful river and canal landscapes on our doorsteps. It's also flat which makes it easier for walkers to complete the 21 miles." She added, "Last year was a huge success with many walkers vowing they would come back and do the challenge again this year." Walkers need to be relatively fit to complete the walk, which is estimated will take at least 6 hours of walking, excluding lunch and rest stops. Registration close on Friday 5 August, is free and walkers are encouraged to raise sponsorship. Dogs are also welcome on this walk. The event is supported by Droitwich Spa Marina, Worcestershire County Council, and British Waterways. For more information call the Fundraising Dept on 01905 763963 or go to www.strichards.org.uk/waterwayswalk

Teme Valley Area Treasure Hunt

This will start at 2pm on Saturday 13 August at Stanford Village Hall and will take in a number of Churches in the Teme Valley area. It will not be a race and we will be giving a prize



for the least distance travelled. There will also be a children's prize and a memory prize! We would expect most cars to be returned by 4pm. There will then be tea and refreshments and a prize giving. The charge will be £10 per car. We hope that you have an enjoyable afternoon exploring parts of the area that are unknown to you. All from the Teme area will be welcome to attend.

Robin Dean



Clifton Show is being held on Saturday 27 August on Mr John Delahay's field again and is an open horse and dog show with many other attractions for all the family. Horse and pony showing and jumping start at 9am and a fun dog show at 12 noon. There will also be a gundog display and fancy dress competition from 2.00pm. Attractions include classic vehicles, barn owls, Droitwich Ferret Welfare, bat experts, alpacas and Young Farmers and local enterprises. Refreshments will be provided by Clifton WI, Dean's Ice Cream, Georgina's catering and The New Inn, who are kindly providing a licensed bar. The Showground opens at 8am and car parking is kindly provided by Mr. Bob Crump on his field opposite the showground. For those less sure-footed there will be a shuttle from the main gate kindly provided by Sapey

Golf Club and Yeoman's garage. Proceeds from the show will go to St. Kenelm's church roof fund, The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, The Air Ambulance Trust and The Gambia Horse & Donkey Trust. If you would like to exhibit or help to run the show please contact Pippa on 01886 812412 or 07734 883017, Liz on 01886 812634, Kelly on 01886 812322 or Beth and Jack on 01886 812464. Schedules can be obtained from the website or send a sae to Mrs Pippa Balch, Copperfields, Old Road, WR6 6DR.

Little Witley Film Society

Thanks to everyone who made last season such a success! We can now tell you about our exciting new programme of great films for next year, selected by you our audience. 17 September, Made in Dagenham, 15 October, Central Station, 19 November, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, 21 January, The Bridges of Madison County, 18 February, The Secret in their Eyes, 17 March, The Grocers Son, 27 April, The Visitor and then on the 19 May we'll have our end of season party. Season tickets are available for only £30, which supports us and gives you entry to all the films. You just come along on the night for only £5. Please contact Jean Latham on 01886 888 122 for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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Abseil for St Richards



Are you prepared to go over the edge for St Richard's? Join the St Richard's abseil on Sunday, 7th August down the 141ft Abberley Hall Clock Tower. £25 entry fee to cover costs and training and you must raise a £50 minimum sponsorship. For more information please contact via email tcavell@strichards.org.uk

Announcements

Marriages



Steven Magoffin and Rebecca Watts on 11th June at St Peter's, Martley

Benjamin Murphy and Rebecca Moore on 18th June at Great Witley

Daniel Walker and Jenny Turner on 25th June at the Chapel of St Mary And St Andrew, Knightwick.

Laid to rest were the ashes of Robyn Stenborg who died on 30 January 2011. Burial of ashes at Highfileds Farm, Knightwick on 26 June.

Dorothy Watkins. Burial of ashes at the Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick on 16 June.



In the Garden



If it is sunny, take time to sit out in your garden and just enjoy it. Many of you will be on holiday at some time this month, so look around for some new ideas, digital cameras are great for recording plants or arrangements that catch your eye. Feed your container bedding plants, they have been in place for a while now and need a boost. Summer prune the Wisteria and trim your conifer hedges as soon as possible, if you didn't get round to it in July. The lavender will need trimming back and rambler roses should be pruned as they finish flowering. Now is the time to order your spring bulbs and shrubs from specialist nurseries if you are looking for something special. Popular bulbs will be coming into garden centres at the end of the month and why not try a few new daffodils in a pot and enter them in the Martley Spring Show! If the weather is warm and wet keep an eye open for blight on tomatoes and potatoes. Remove infected plants and burn, don't put them in compost. Avoid planting these crops in the same infected soil next year, you can grow tomatoes in pots of new compost but for potatoes try growing some earlies, which will be lifted before the blight sets in, or try a blight resistant variety. Local gardens open for charity this month include ; Shuttifield Cottage,

Storrige on August 20, The Picton Garden, Colwall, August 7, 14, 19, 27, 29, and High View, Hipplecote, Martley, where Mike and Carole Dunnett will be welcoming visitors on August 7.



Seasonal Recipe

Peach and Almond Muffins

These delicious low fat treats are perfect for a summer treat and can be served warm or cold

Serves 6

Preparation and cooking times



Ready in 35-45 mins



Low fat

Ingredients

3 large eggs
100g golden caster sugar plus a little extra for sprinkling
A few drops of almond extract
25g butter, melted
100g self-raising flour
25g ground almonds
2 small peaches
2 teaspoons peach conserve or apricot jam
1 tablespoon flaked almonds

half-fat crème fraîche to serve

Method

Preheat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. In a large bowl, use a hand whisk to mix the eggs, sugar and almond extract together for a minute until foamy. Pour in the melted butter and continue to beat until combined. Gently fold in the flour, ground almonds and a pinch of salt.

Halve, stone and slice the peaches. Divide muffin mixture between 6 holes of a non-stick muffin tin. Top each with a blob of conserve or jam and arrange a few slices of peach on top. Scatter over the almonds and a little extra sugar, then bake for 20-25 minutes until puffed up and golden. Serve warm with a spoonful of half-fat crème fraîche, or leave to cool. They are best eaten the day they are made or frozen whilst still slightly warm for up to 1 month.

Summer Cocktails

Pimms Royale

Take a cold champagne flute, then add 25ml of PIMM'S* No.1, top up the glass with Cava or Champagne then add a strawberry and serve immediately!



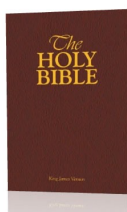


Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

August 2011

Do you have a Bible at home? Perhaps it was a gift from a Baptism or Confirmation or you



have had it for another reason. It is reckoned that most people in the country own a Bible but it is

little read, and in this year that we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible it is good to ponder the importance of this translation.

Although there were translations of the Bible into English before this version, with the great translators such as Coverdale and Tyndale who was martyred for translating the bible into English, it is the King James version of the Bible which became accepted across the denominations and was to be used in public worship, enabling the people of England to hear the Bible read in their common language.

For 300 years the translation stood almost alone until the late 19th/early 20th century new translations of the Bible into English appeared from the revised version, through to the street

bible of today. Some being pure translations, other paraphrases, but all have the desire to enable the reader to understand that which is written. As you would expect I have many different translations of which I use to compare different ways of seeing a passage of text so that it might be of help to me even today.

John, the writer of the Gospel of John said himself that 'these things were written that we might believe, for within these pages there is a revelation of God in Christ to the world' (John 20 verse 31). The Psalmist wrote that 'thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path' (psalm 119 verse 105).

We may not think it but the Bible has much wisdom to offer us, even in the 21st Century, which helps us with our daily lives. As wonderfully poetic as the King James Version of the bible is, it is good to read it in a modern translation to enable the words on the pages to speak into our lives today. Which ever is our favourite translation, and there are many, reading and living it are the most important things for the words written within it speak of the One who is the living word, Jesus.

David

Monday 1 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tuesday 2 August	10am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wednesday 3 August	12 Noon PATH (Prayer at the Heart) – The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick
Thursday 4 August	12-2pm Lunch in Company, For those who normally eat on their own, Broadwas Village Hall
Sunday 7 August	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley 6.30pm Evensong, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tuesday 9 August	10.00am Morn Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wednesday 10 August	10:15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thursday 11 August	2-3.30pm Pastoral Care Meeting at St Richard's Hospice
Sunday 14 August	8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge 10.30am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
Monday 15 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tuesday 16 August	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Sunday 21 August	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence Wichenford
Monday 22 August	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tuesday 23 August	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wednesday 24 August	10:15am Summer Songs of Praise, Heaton House
Sunday 28 August	10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter Martley
Tuesday 30 August	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Monday 8 – Thursday 11 August, Rocky's Plaice Holiday Club at Martley Memorial Hall. For children aged 5-11yrs. 10am-12Noon each day. Please book your place by contacting Rev David Sherwin – 01886 888664	

Bible Study Group

Every Tuesday evening during August at 7.30pm at the home of Chris Woodburn, Berrow View, Hollins Lane, Martley



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And finally ...

Martley Website Re-Vamp

We are currently undertaking a complete overhaul of the existing Martley Website. We are a hard working team and are fully committed to re-launching this before the end of October this year. Amongst many new features will be 'Online Forums' where members of the public can contribute or comment on articles. We are looking for new ideas and some help with constructing and maintaining the new site. If you would like to get involved then please contact Gail at editor@martley.org

Celebrating

Want to share some good news via The Villager? Recent marriage, birth, birthday or just a simple 'thanks'? Please send your messages to Gail at editor@martley.org

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