

# The Villager

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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](http://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***

Visit our website—[www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk)



## ***Martley Web Mesh News***

Martley Web Mesh is a small, local organisation run entirely by volunteers, which supplies Internet broadband at a competitive rate using wireless technology. We have set up our first solar/wind powered repeater station and it has two connections. This has not been without mishaps and it is fair to say we have learnt a lot both in construction and capacities required. We have applied for planning permission to put another repeater station on top of Penny Hill and are awaiting its outcome. If successful, we have a number of existing subscribers to switch to it, and in doing so increasing their speed and reducing mesh box usage, and we will be able to add new subscribers. In the wider world also our work has attracted interest. We have been asked to give presentations at Pershore Civic Centre and at County Hall. This has resulted in a number of useful contacts both civilian, for mentoring, and council personnel, for access to grants etc. We have been asked to quote for broadband installation in a local holiday complex and hopefully will be

installing it in the next few weeks. Please check out the Martley website or contact me, [richard@martley.org](mailto:richard@martley.org) for more information. If you have any experience of aerial rigging or on the software side of internet provision and feel you would like to give something back to your local community, please do get in touch, the more “manpower” we have, the more we can expand our service.



We are so sorry that we had to postpone our musical Sourpuss and we hope that it did not cause too much inconvenience. The good news is that the dates have been re-arranged and the show will now take place on Saturday 16 July with a matinee and evening performance. We hope you will try to come as everyone has worked very hard. We are aiming to run Mad Kidz, our summer school for performing arts, again in the summer holidays. It will run for one week from Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August culminating with a production for families and friends on the Friday evening. The school will run from

9am to 5pm and is open to all 7 to 14 year olds. For registration or further information please email [martleydramatics@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:martleydramatics@hotmail.co.uk)

### ***Martley Ramblers***



This months walk will take place on Sunday 10 July. Please meet at the Church car park at 2pm. There is a change to the programme for this month as Dot and Chris Fletcher will be leading around the Brockhampton area. The Hawford canal walk will now take place in August. Sincere apologies that the wrong date was published for the May walk. Those of us who turned up on the correct day 8 May, and joined Gill Gough at Chaddesley Corbett, enjoyed a lovely walk. Sorry for those who missed it. Perhaps we can ask Gill to repeat it.

*Kate King*



### ***Martley WI***

**13 July at 7.30pm, Heaton House**

We are now back indoors after our lovely garden meeting last month, many thanks to all those who contributed to the evening. The funds raised are always so useful and helps with the funds to pay for interesting speakers. Ideas are still needed for a venue for the summer outing in

August. The most popular at the moment is for a visit to see the Staffordshire Hoard Exhibition in Lichfield Cathedral. Lichfield is a fascinating city so we are hoping that this can be arranged. If we hire a coach, non-members are always welcome to join us. Date will be confirmed in a later edition of The Villager. This month our speaker is Catherine Clarke, the Hat Lady. This is a welcome return visit following her very popular previous talk and display. It could be an opportunity to try on some of her gorgeous hats and fascinators. The competition this month is for a favourite hat. Those of us with big heads may have to bring a favourite beret!, so do come and join us for the evening and see what we do. You might even want to become a member!

*Kate King*

### ***Pudford Lane Twitters***



Life has been quite noisy again with lambs calling for their mums who do not look right now like they have been shorn. Luckily, they soon connect up again with the correct milk-bars ! The SSSI is a mass of yellow buttercups and although the orchids are very visible above the yellow rattle, they cannot compete with the huge flower-heads of the hog weed. The swallows did return and have nested in last year's nests, and two babies already appear to have fledged. The majority of birds seem to have hatched plenty of babies and

families of eight or nine tits and pairs of woodpeckers are feeding well. The continuous calls of 'kedgeree, kedgeree' from the breakfast thrushes can get rather boring at times, so we have suggested they call 'ratatouille' for a change, but no luck so far !!

*Kate King*

### ***Martley's Past***

Mr Michael was a very successful headmaster of the boys' school for 30 years, January 1863 to 1893. Here are a few entries from his log-book for his first month in post. 13 January 1863, the Rector brought log-book at 9.50am. Commenced morning duty at 9am, dismissed at 12.15pm. Suspected two boys playing truant so sent a scholar to inform parents of their absence. Afternoon duty 1.30pm to 4.10pm. 14 January, punished five boys who drew upon their slates laughable figures during repetition of tables. 16 January, very dark morning only eight boys present at 9am. Examined first and second class together in simple addition, by dictation. Result 55 percent on fourteen boys, time 32 minutes. Afternoon examined same boys, same way in addition and subtraction. Result 64.3 percent, time 50 minutes. 20 January, A boy returned to school that had played truant for some days; punished him in presence of whole school. 19 January, duty from 1.30pm to 4.30pm as the first class were retained for twenty minutes after the others, to write out correctly, a verse which they had learnt and not written

correctly at the proper time.

*Alan Boon*

### ***Roll up Roll up***

#### ***Come And Join The Circus***



The Summer Reading Challenge at Martley Library and Stourport Mobile Library is Circus Showtime!!!! It keeps children of all ages reading right the

way through the summer, this in itself improves life skills vital for their futures. Each child must read six books over the summer, this is done in 3 parts, practice, rehearsal and Showtime. Enrol and you get a free three dimensional stage, each time you read two books you get a wrist band or a chatterbox, to name but a few. In the finale children will receive a certificate and a presentation whereby the children are invited to the library to receive their medals. For the first time ever, the libraries will run an Adult version in which the same rules apply. Adults need to read six books and will then be entered into a local prize draw, and if successful could win a signed copy of a popular book. Children who complete will also get entered into a County Council draw and the whole family could win a ticket to the West Midland Safari Park. It doesn't stop there, the adults who complete can also win a free adult learning course of their choice. Come and join at Martley Library on Saturday 2 July or Stourport Mobile

Library on 29 June. To view timetables and dates of the mobile library visits to Martley visit please check out their website at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

### ***Martley Spurs FC***

#### **End of Season 2010-2011 Update**



The end of another successful season for Martley Spurs culminated in our first team winning the Nursing Junior Cup after a hard fought final battle away, against Ledbury Town in May.

The first team were finalists in both the Katherine Rayer and the County Cup and ended up a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> in the Sunday Premier League, only losing 6 of their 18 matches. The Reserves came 10th in the Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Division winning 9 and drawing 5 of their 24 matches for the season. We would like this opportunity to thank, once again, The Midland Auto Club for their generous sponsorship. Our presentation evening was held on Saturday 4 June at the Bell in Broadheath and we extend our thanks to the landlord, Ian, for the lovely buffet he provided. The chairman Gordon Griffiths thanked the two Managers, Nigel Halion and Simon Rawle, the treasurer Lil Morris and the new secretary Mandy Gardner for all of their hard work during the season. Nine awards were then presented by Gordon Griffiths. Martley Spurs First

Team Players Player went to Adam Harris, Managers Player went to Richard Taylor and Young Player of the Year went to Dave Perkins. Martley Spurs Reserves, Players Player went to Alex Dobbins, Managers Player went to Danny Mayfield, Jack Millward Cup, Young Player of the Year went to Alex Spencer. Three special awards were presented to Nigel Halion, Manager Martley Spurs, The Nora Holiday Trophy, Simon Rawle, Manager Martley Spurs Reserves, The Eastman Cup and Andy Bradley, The Darren Herbert Memorial Trophy. A lovely bouquet of flowers was presented to the secretary as a token of thanks. We are always looking for new players, please contact Simon Rawle on 07971 264107 for more details.

*M Gardner, Secretary*

### ***Martley and District Horticultural Society***

Our members had a very enjoyable day out on 10 May when, in shared cars, we visited The Laskett, Sir Roy Strong's garden at Much Birch, Herefordshire. This is a high maintenance but very beautiful and elegant garden with many 'rooms', lots of topiary work and many popular old-fashioned flowers, shrubs and trees. Armed with our splendid maps we wandered here at will, also taking in the many sculptures and cat memorials! We ate our picnics on the seats and then went onto a Garden Centre which was further down the A49, before heading on to Weston

House, Weston-under-Penyard, the home of the Aldwych-Blakes. Members were made most welcome and we were told lots of information about the lovely garden. It is a lovely 'olde worlde' place and well worth the trip. They had immaculate lawns, majestic trees, gorgeous herbaceous borders and many interesting features including a fountain and the lake is especially beautiful. Many thanks to Judith O'Leary for organising the day. The Plant Sale on 21 May had a record attendance and was probably our best yet. This is excellent, as the Society donates to Village causes, one of which has been a new outside light at the village hall, and any leftover plants are taken to be sold at Wichenford Open Gardens and our Schools also benefit in various ways. Initially as the doors opened for business it was manic, thank goodness for all our wonderful helpers! A big thank you to everybody concerned, especially those who donated plants. Our next trip is on the 9 July to Rosemoor Gardens, Devon. We will be leaving Martley at 8am, for tickets please telephone Margaret Rushgrove on 01886 888631. Then on 28 July we plan a Garden Visit to Feckenham, leaving at 6.20pm from Martley Village Hall

*Tina Steele*

### ***Allotments***



If you would like to see allotments becoming available in Martley, individuals

(no groups) should write to Sally Williams, the Parish Clerk at 8, The Beeches, Marnley, Worcestershire DY14 9PD. Sally will keep all applications on file and if a sufficient number is received, the Parish Council may consider the provision of allotments. If you are keen to rent an allotment, sooner rather than later, please contact Jill on 01886 884221. An example price would be £2 per week for 60ft x 20ft. Allotments are currently available at Knightwick and Suckley, but please be quick, as Jill tells me that people are coming from as far afield ('scuse the pun) as Malvern. There is water on the sites and free well rotted manure is available.

*MSH*

### ***Pensax Thrift Shop***

Pensax Thrift Shop will be holding a Charity Sale in aid of Help for Heroes on Wednesday 20 July between 9am and 11 am. Please come along and give your support for a wonderful cause.

*Nerys Didlick*

### ***Teme Valley Geological Update***

Dr John Payne was our first guest speaker and spoke on "The geology and scenery of south-west Worcestershire", not only from the current day, but from 700 million years ago and a place in a very, very different environment and continent well to the south of the equator, via a circuitous drift northwards to our

current position. In that time we were submerged for hundreds of millions of years, bumped and jostled by continental drift and latterly scraped and shaped by the irresistible forces of glacial ice. Thank you Dr Payne for a wonderful and informative talk. Eve Miles from The Earth Heritage Trust based at University of Worcester, also spoke and enthused us with news about her 'Champions Project' and how Scar Cottage (home of Pam Spokes and Ian Pennell) has been chosen as one of the sites. Helpers are needed, training will be given, all in aid of maintaining and developing Scar Cottage and our other local geological sites. Eve distributed pamphlets and these are available in the Central Stores, so register your interest by contacting Eve direct on 01905 855184 or email eht@worcester.ac.uk. Thanks too must go to tireless Natalie Watkins who is familiar to many of us in Martley and the person responsible for surveying, signing and then writing the guide to the Geopark way that comes through Martley on its way from Bridgenorth to Gloucester. Natalie brought along sacks of rocks for those with a bit of confidence to try to identify during the tea break. David Cropp who is our acting chair explained that for our first year an interim committee has been set up with the AGM to be held in approximately 10 months time, when elections for committee positions will be held. We needed an immediate committee and a bank account set up so that we are eligible to apply for

grant funding to tackle a geological survey of the parish and the development of at least one of our sites, with associated documentation, educational packs, training and more courses. This 'expression of interest' as it is called, was submitted at the end of April and hopefully we will be asked to submit a full application, with an award possibly in June. Membership to join TVGS has been set at £5 per member for the first year. Please contact John Nicklin on 01886 888318 for more information.

### ***Local Geology Trails***

Natalie has been very hard at work, and has produced three local geology trails, with first class leaflets available at no charge. Each leaflet is not only a route guide but also contains superb pictures, graphics, maps and a complete explanation of why the scenes you observe look as they do. The Martley Trail is available in our village shops.

### ***Geo-Fest***

They never stop at The Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark Partnership, a really high octane group, in my opinion. This year's Geofest, runs from June 1 to August 31. There are events galore with plenty to interest everyone. Enjoy! For details please log on to [www.earthheritagetrust.org](http://www.earthheritagetrust.org)

*John Nicklin, Acting Secretary TVGS*  
01886 888318

### ***Martley Parish Council***

**Edited draft unapproved minutes of**



**the Parish Council meeting of  
Martley Parish Council held on  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the  
Memorial Hall**

**The Democratic Period/Public  
Question Time**

A recent meeting had taken place between Highways Officers and a parishioner regarding the 30mph at Berrow Green. It was agreed to place an additional sign to remind drivers of the speed limit. The sign stating Hope House Lane where Church Lane meets Worcester Road is incorrect, this will be re-sited at the junction of Church Lane with the main road to Hollins Lane. The 30mph sign at the bottom of the bank at Berrow Green is also in the wrong place, this will be re-sited to outside Firs Cottage, Berrow Green.

**Outstanding actions from previous  
minutes**

There are three outstanding actions which are the flowers for the Litter Warden, setting up of the parish council website via WCC homepage and to correspond/meet with last year's internal auditor.

**Progress reports**

**The Clerk**

Progress has been made in relation to the weight limit on Ankerdine Hill and the companies who have breached this restriction are now being written to. Paul Lambon will be taking up his post as the Local Policing Officer for Martley is currently in discussions with Mike Digger the Traffic Management Officer regarding the weight restriction at Ankerdine. CSO Cooper had questioned whether more

signs would be of use at Ankerdine and concerns will be raised to the Highways department regarding the current position of these signs. British Gas are still investigating Clerk's response to their request for a further £300 for electricity supplied at the Weighbridge. The invoice has been returned for the church clock as the church will need to meet the costs of the additional work as the Parish Council met the costs of the annual service. A litter scheme has been run by Wychavon Council and enquiries will be made to Malvern Hills as to whether or not they run a similar scheme, this could be of benefit for Martley's litter blitz. Gerry Brienza is the new Senior Highways Liaison Officer covering Martley. Gerry confirmed his availability for the next few weeks and Councillors will be meeting with him next week to look at possible speed sign locations. Neighbourhood Watch bulletins will be circulated by the Clerk as required. An on-going police investigation is continuing regarding incidents in Nash Close. The costs of dropping the curbs at Hollins Lane are under dispute, commitments have been made previously to meet these costs, enquiries are continuing. A meeting has been organised in relation to Malvern Art Products arranging the Freedom of Martley lettering. The plate for the milestone is to be cast this Wednesday at The Foundry and will be installed soon. The Recreation Association has secured a £10,000 grant for play area equipment.



**Lengthsman**

In excess of 14 grips have been cleared along Hillside. The Lengthsman is to take on the duties of the Litter Warden and the Clerk will advise of bin locations in the Village.

**District and County Councillors' reports**

Both District Councillor Williams and County Councillor Alwyn Davies provided annual reports. Full copies of these can be obtained from the Malvern Hills website.

**Planning****New**

**11/00582/FUL** Adjacent Three Acres, Willow Road, An agricultural building and drive.

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

**Approved**

**11/00407/CLE** Callow Farm, Hillside, Siting of one residential mobile home.

**11/00389/HOU** Hollings End, Newtown, Single storey extension.

**11/00294/HOU** Primrose Bank, Newtown, Two storey and single storey extension.

**11/00204/HOU** Fairview, Pudford Lane, Proposed rear attic conversion with new velux roof lights.

Withdrawn by applicant

**11/00325/LBC** Tee Farm, Martley, Replacement of all windows to dwelling.

**Cycle Races**

Concerns had been raised regarding the recent cycle race that took place on 1 May 2011 in terms of blocking the road with the use of red flags, general

noise, taking up of spaces on the car park of The Admiral Rodney without prior permission, inconsiderate parking on the roadside and riding 5 abreast along narrow country lanes. The Clerk is to write to the Secretary of the cycle club and West Mercia Police.

**Finance**

There were 10 cheques totalling £1,749.53 approved.

**Urgent decisions since the last meeting**

No urgent decisions had been made.

**Councillor's reports and items for future agenda**

There has been a road traffic collision involving 2 cars near The Noak Farm recently, this has been noted. A further collision occurred about a week ago near Stoneybridge. This had not been noted but investigations are continuing to ascertain details about the collision. The hanging tree in Newtown is still not resolved, this will be reported again. The Clerk is to ask the Lengthsman to dig out ditches at Penny Hill Cottage, Pudford Lane (close to Quarry Road), and outside The Villa. Investigations will be made as to whether the no through road sign could be improved on Jury Lane. Highways have advised that the pot hole at Brook Court will be repaired in the next ten days and the pothole at New House Farm, Hope House Lane is to be reported again.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

### ***World Class Is Our Harry***

Local lad Harry Sarkar has been selected for the World Martial Kombat Federation English Team to fight in The World Championships in Italy, in November 2011. Harry who is 10 years old, lives in Martley and attends Martley Primary School and has been a dedicated student at The Lighthouse Kick Boxing School for several years. A member of the Kick Boxing tournament team, The Bomb Squad, Harry's determination and dedication has certainly paid off with this fantastic achievement representing his country. Harry would be grateful for any sponsorship/donations from individuals/companies towards the cost of the trip, if you are interested in helping Harry, please contact [sharonsarkar@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonsarkar@hotmail.co.uk). Any donations will be very gratefully received and can be left at the Post Office with Mary, who has kindly agreed to be a central collection point for all sponsorship – thanks Mary! Good Luck Harry from everyone.

*Sharon Sarkar*

### ***Announcements***

#### **Recent Marriages**

Gary **Varndell** and Alison **Mansell** on 23 April, St Peters, Martley.

Louis **Lallia** and Georgina **Banks** on 14 May, St Peters, Martley.

#### **In Memorium**

Percy Gegg who died on 4 May and was buried on 17 May in Martley.

Roger Mace who died on 14 May and

was buried at Martley on 19 May.

#### **Laid to rest**

Jonathon Beale who died on 9 November 2009, the burial of his ashes took place at Martley on 15 May.

Margaret Roberts who died on 11 February 2011, the burial of her ashes took place at Martley on the 18 May.

### ***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**

Taylor's 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	23 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*

Any enquiries should be made to Stourport Library, Worcester Street, Stourport, Worcs DY13 8EH, tel: 01905 822722 [stourportmobile@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:stourportmobile@worcestershire.gov.uk)



## Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

**WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS**

**Janet Andrews**  
**01886 888303**  
**Sheila Richards**  
**01886 888378**



Children's Centre on (01886) 812982  
or email Sam Billingham at  
[sam.billingham@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:sam.billingham@barnardos.org.uk)

\*There may be a small charge for the crèche.

### ***Teme Valley Childrens Centre***

#### **Adult and Community Learning Courses, Planning For Fun**

Libraries and Learning will be working in association with the Teme Valley Children's Centre to offer a free\* 10 week course in Tenbury Wells. It will be designed to help you plan for a trip out with your children near to Christmas. Some of the topics that will be covered are, Brush up on IT Skills, to help in searching for ideas of what to do or where to go, Develop budgeting skills for saving towards special plans, Practice comparing costs to find the best value for money and learn some new quick recipes for packing up healthy picnics and lunch boxes. This is an accredited course where participants achieve a recognised certificate on completion. If you would like to book onto the course or would just like some more information, then please contact the

### ***Church Thanksgiving Service***

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Church on 3 July and a film will be shown. This service will replace the usual Holy Communion.

### ***Nora Parsons Day Centre***

May has been a very busy month. A coffee morning was held which was very well attended. Our patron, Cath Mackie, kindly joined us for the morning and we officially opened our new garden area, which has been built as a result of a grant from Worcester County Council. Our members have already been taking salad items home for their tea!! During the morning Cath kindly made a presentation on behalf of the Committee to Bill and Jo Root. They have been volunteer drivers for over 30 years and have finally decided that they needed to hang up their car keys! On behalf of everyone they have chauffeured

around over the years, a very big thank you to you both. We also had the first of our outings of the summer, unfortunately the weather on the day was not summery but that did not dampen our spirits. We took a coach to Stourport on Severn where we embarked on a steamer for a trip on the river, then once back onto the quay we had fish and chips on the boat followed by strawberries and cream and a lovely scenic drive back to the Centre. At the end of the month we held a prize bingo at Great Witley which raised £350 towards our running costs. Thanks to everyone who helped from the Centre and particularly to Mrs Di Owen and the ladies from the bingo who supplied prizes, set up the room, sold tickets and generally ensured the evening was such a success. We have already arranged another session around next Easter so watch for the date nearer the time.

#### **Amongst Friends**

Among Friends Wichenford organised by Friends of the Elderly started operating their specialist dementia centre on each Wednesday at the Centre. If anyone feels, or knows someone, who could use this specialist service please do not hesitate to contact Shirley Bradley on 07825 805 708.

#### **Volunteers Urgently Needed**

We are really in need for some additional volunteers to help at the Day Centre, either driving or helping out on Mondays or Thursdays. Gwen Burnett has now left us for pastures

new, so many thanks to her for her time and efforts. Ideally we would like some younger volunteers too, or if you are newly retired and are wondering what to do with your spare time then please contact me on (01886) 888472.

*Janet Dale, Secretary  
Nora Parsons Day Centre*

### ***Announcements***

#### **Baptisms**



Oliver Cleall on 10 April at St Laurence's, Wichenford

#### **In memoriam**



Beryl Sanders who sadly passed away on 27 April and was buried at Wichenford Church on 11 May

### ***Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council***

**Edited draft unapproved record of the Annual meeting of Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council Minutes held on Monday 9 May 2011 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.**

#### **Election of Chairman**

Nominations for Chairman were requested, as no nominations were received Georgina Britten-Long agreed to continue as Chairman. The motion was carried unanimously that Mrs Britten-Long continues in this role for another year. The new

councillor Mr A Cox was welcomed to the meeting.

**Election of Vice Chairman**

Mr K Randall was proposed and agreed to stand for another year.

**District and County Councillors Report**

Councillor Williams reported that she will remain our district Councillor for the 17<sup>th</sup> year.

**Progress Report**

**Damaged Railings**

Still outstanding, no progress. These were first reported in October 2010 to The Worcestershire Hub. We also have a similar situation at Laughern Corner. The Chairman spoke to the County Councillor regarding this and will follow up.

**Village Green Sign**

No correspondence has been received regarding this item. The signs have been ordered by and Councillor Barrow will chase them up and report back to the clerk.

**Royal wedding mugs**

It was reported that 68 mugs were given out on the day. It has proved very difficult to find out the actual number of under 18's that reside in the parish.

**Planning**

**Applications considered since the last meeting.**

Nothing to consider.

**Applications approved, refused, withdrawn.**

None.

**Applications to be considered.**

None.

**BT Phone Box**

Ideas have been requested to suggest a use for the phone box. The lights are still on and it was questioned who pays this energy. Ideas for its use included a library exchange, fill it with flowers for the open gardens, an advertising box for the village, and paint it different colours every now and then. The Chairman will contact the high school to see if they want to undertake a project.

**Finance**

The balance from 1 March to 28 April 2011 stands at £17,314.84. The first half of the precept of £3,500 has been received. There was one cheque totalling £214.02 for agreement and signature. The sum of £750 has been received from other Parish Councils wishing to contribute towards the cost of the dish washer for the day centre.

**Memorial Hall Grant**

The grant has been approved and should be received by the 6 June. Work on the kitchen should commence shortly.

**Parish Council Insurance**

The insurance document was discussed and includes the Millennium Green.

**Rural Rate Relief**

An application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief has been received requesting a contribution of £50.97. It was agreed that it is not reasonable to grant the relief in view of the fact that this will be part funded by local taxpayers and they feel that the business is not considered to be of benefit to the local community. The acceptance of the financial statements

was approved.

#### **Risk Assessment**

The annual risk assessment is now complete.

#### **Councillors Report and Items for Future Agendas**

Ideas were discussed for the Golden Jubilee and Olympic Games next year. The Council would like to hold events on the Millennium Green and combine the two events together. The clerk will contact the Inspired Grant Scheme to see what it involves and if it would be of benefit to our community.

#### **Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

Meetings were arranged for 27 June; 5 August and 26 September, 2011, and will be held in the Memorial Hall at Wichenford at 7.30pm.

#### ***Wichenford History***

Extract from the Parish Registers 1735. Modern day house/farm in brackets, property listed in square brackets indicates that the house is no longer standing.

A list of the Freeholders, Copy and Leaseholders put up on the Church door that day by J.P.

Plukenett Woodroffe esq, (Wichenford Court), Henry Gyles gent, (Woodend), Jon Baxter gent, (Woodhouse), The Revd Henry Bunn Vernon, clerk, (Kings Green Farm), William Walker, gent, [Little Birchend], Widow Twitty, (Arundels), Swift Albert, (Witton Hill), George Francombe, gent, (Little Acre), William Munn, [High Elms, Elm Corner], Henry Herbert, gent, (Cob House), Thomas Snelson, (Boxleys),

John Moulding esq, (Cockshut), William Vaston, (Bury End Town Farm)

#### ***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



St. Richard's  
Hospice  
CARING FOR LIFE

Sunday 14 August, is in aid of St Richard's Hospice. 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 along the canal. 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 organised 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." Last year was a huge success with many walkers vowing they would come back and do

the challenge again this year.” Take a look at last year’s event with the short film on the hospice’s YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/hospicesrh](http://www.youtube.com/hospicesrh). Phillippa said walkers need to be relatively fit to complete the walk, which she estimates will take at least 6 hours of walking, excluding lunch and rest stops. Registration is free and walkers are encouraged to raise sponsorship. Registrations close on Friday, 5 August. Dogs are very 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 [www.strichards.org.uk/waterwayswalk](http://www.strichards.org.uk/waterwayswalk)

*Phillippa Jones*

### ***Blues at The Fold***

Don't forget that Saturday 2nd July 2011 is the date for your diaries. The annual local blues festival will be held at The Fold, Worcester WR6 5JB. Great music, combined with the The Fold's fabulous setting, great local beer, cider and perry and fabulous food, it'll be a bostin' day (and with camping available too you can really make the most of it). For more information and tickets please visit [www.bluesatthefold.co.uk](http://www.bluesatthefold.co.uk)

### ***The Villager 1992***

#### ***First Edition, Volume 1 Number 1***

When I took over the editorship for this magazine, I had no idea that I would be able to get my hands on the complete archive of The Villager editions, right back to Volume 1, Issue 1 in June 1992!. I thought it would be an idea to share with you and to publish articles ‘back in the day’ when it all began. Reading through them is delightful, and to see such familiar names who were involved then and still are today is great. It really shows what a committed and enthusiastic team we really are and that our two lovely villages are still thriving and contributions are still coming!

#### **Articles from Martley**

##### **Young Artists**

A competition was held to create the very first cover picture for The Villager. Pupils from Martley C E Primary School submitted some delightful drawings and the winner was Vanessa Coombs. Well done Vanessa and Vanessa's lovely picture featured on the very first edition.

##### **Dean Comes to Martley**

The Dean of Worcester was the Preacher at the Holy Communion service on June 21st 1992 at St Peters, Martley. The Dean and Chapter of Worcester Cathedral hold the Patronage of this United Benefice. A lovely service was followed by a glass of wine.

#### **Articles from Wichenford**

The Wichenford Festival of Flowers and Crafts was held on the 2 to 4 May 1992 in the Church. The Bishop of Worcester and the Bishop of Alaska also attended. The festival raised over



£2,000 for Church funds.

### **Cross Country Ride**

The cross county ride on Sunday 26 April 1992 was a great success with over 125 riders taking part. The total sum of £725 raised was divided between the Church of St Lawrence and the Memorial Hall.

*Editors Note: I am more than happy to provide you with a copy of the full article(s) featured above from the 1992 edition. Please contact me for more details.*

Gail

### **In the Garden**



July and August are usually the hottest months of the year. July can also be dry, and the odd sharp shower or thunderstorm won't do much to increase the moisture level of the soil, but we still all need to use water wisely. Don't waste water on established lawns, the grass will go slightly brown but it will soon recover. Keep dead heading annuals and perennials as the flowers fade. Disbud dahlias if you aim to produce large size blooms rather than lots of smaller ones. To prolong your display of roses, instead of just taking off the dead flower head, cut the flowering stem back to a lower bud and feed the plant with a rose or high potash fertiliser and you should get new shoots which will flower later in the year. Spray against rose black spot as soon as you notice it and keep repeating the treatment, because once

it is established spraying is useless. Infected plants can look unsightly but usually survive. Prune the early-summer flowering shrubs such as Philadelphus and Weigelas, also prune your conifer hedges. At the end of the month is the time to take off the long whips on Wisteria. Also whilst you have the secateurs in hand why not try taking cuttings of Clematis, Hydrangeas and Fuchsias, or pinks and carnations. Keep an eye open at the Garden Centres for autumn-flowering bulbs which usually come in at the end of the month. In the vegetable garden it is not too late to sow autumn and winter salad crops, peas and spring cabbage. Tomatoes need a lot of attention this month, watering every day if possible, remember to keep removing side shoots and also remove yellowing leaves from the bottom of the plants. As your strawberry plants finish their fruiting, cut off all the old leaves to prevent disease and if you water well the plants will soon produce healthy new growth.

### **Gardens Open**

In this area gardens that are open for charity include, Spetchley Park on July 3, Hanbury Hall on July 16, Wolferlow House near Upper Sapcey on July 2 and Moors Meadow Gardens and Nursery at Collington July 11. For more information on these gardens and others please see their website [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)





## *Seasonal recipes*

### **Baked Raspberry Cheesecake**

Serves 8, Preparation time, 20 minutes  
Cook time, 40 minutes, Ready in 1 hour

#### **Ingredients**

8 digestive biscuits  
50g butter, melted  
600g cream cheese  
2 tbsp plain flour  
175g caster sugar  
vanilla extract  
2 eggs, plus 1 yolk  
142ml pot soured cream  
300g raspberries  
icing sugar

#### **Method**

Heat the oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Crush the biscuits in a food processor (or put in a plastic bag and bash with a rolling pin). Mix with the butter. Press into a 20cm spring form tin and bake for 5 minutes, then cool.

Beat the cream cheese with the flour, sugar, a few drops of vanilla, eggs, the yolk and soured cream until light and fluffy. Stir in half the raspberries and pour into the tin. Bake for 40 minutes and then check, it should be set but slightly wobbly in the centre. Leave in the tin to cool.

Keep a few raspberries for the top and put the rest in a pan with 1 tbsp icing sugar. Heat until juicy and then squash with a fork. Push through a sieve. Serve the cheesecake with the raspberry sauce and raspberries.

### **Broad Bean, Lemon and Thyme Risotto**

Serves 2

Preparation time 10 minutes

Cooking time 30 minutes

#### **Ingredients**

1 onion, finely chopped  
good knob of butter  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
around 750ml (1½pts) vegetable stock  
150g (5oz) risotto rice  
125ml (4½fl oz) dry white wine  
250g (9oz) broad beans, blanched and podded  
grated zest of 2 lemons and juice of 1  
2tbsp thyme leaves  
2tbsp chopped flat leaf parsley  
75g (3oz) fresh Parmesan, grated

#### **Method**

Gently fry the onion in a little butter until soft but not browned. Add the garlic and cook for a minute. Bring the stock to the boil in a separate pan, then leave on a gentle simmer. Add the rice to the onion with a pinch of salt, stir well then add the white wine. Bring to the boil, simmer, then slowly add the hot stock, a ladleful at a time, adding more once the first batch has been absorbed. You must keep stirring with a wooden spoon, as the stirring action releases the starch from the rice and gives that wonderful creaminess to a good risotto. It will take around 20 minutes. You want the rice to retain a bit of bite to it. Now add the broad beans, lemon zest and juice, thyme and parsley. Stir well. Leave the rice to stand for 2 to 3 minutes with a knob of butter. Finally, add the Parmesan and serve



# Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

Last month we celebrated the renaming of The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew at Knightwick, but this month I would like to bring to your attention not a Chapel but an Abbey, Mucknell Abbey, a monastery under the rule of St Benedict. Why is this? Two reasons, the first is that the 11 July is the day we commemorate the life of St Benedict of Nursia who was born in about the year 480 and is responsible for establishing monasteries across Italy and most famously the monastery of Monte Cassino. He has left a lasting legacy as during the latter part of his life he wrote his 'Rule', the Rule of St Benedict is still being followed widely across the world. He never intended to found an 'Order' but the Benedictine Order has been an inspiration for many in finding a discipline and community within their Christian life. Mucknell Abbey, itself Benedictine, has nuns and monks living under this Rule as well as a Methodist Presbyterian as a novice in the community. The Abbey was a derelict farm and has been built according to ecological principles with many sustainable features. The monastery moved from Burford to the Diocese of Worcester in November 2010 and since the 1 April this year they have opened their doors to those wishing to share in

quiet and prayerful recollection and retreats. In this busy world in which we live retreats have become ever more important, as has been seen on recent television programmes about a convent and a monastery. The bible tells us that if we draw near to God he will draw near to us, James 4:8. As we do that, may we find strength for the lives we live, for the joys and difficulties we face and for the tasks we undertake. Benedict wrote his Rule to enable those who followed it to ultimately follow Jesus. May God enable us to do so whether we live in a monastic community, within our family units, or even alone.

## ***Prayer of St Benedict***

*Gracious and holy Father, grant us the intellect to understand you, reason to discern you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you. May our ears hear you, may our eyes behold you, and may our tongues proclaim you. Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to you, that we may have the patience to wait for you and the perseverance to look for you. Grant us a perfect end – your holy presence, a blessed resurrection and life everlasting. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*David*

**Sunday 3 JULY** 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary & St Andrew, Knightwick  
 10.30am Songs of Praise, St Laurence, Wichenford  
 10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley  
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge

Monday 4 July 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

Tuesday 5 July 10:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

**Sunday 10 JULY** 8:00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge  
 10:30am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford  
 10:30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley  
 10:30am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Monday 11 July 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at Jennifer's

Tuesday 12 July 10:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Wednesday 13 July 10:15 Holy Communion, Heaton House

**Sunday 17 JULY** 8:00am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley  
 9:00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge  
 10:30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 10:30am Morning Worship, St Peter Martley  
 3:00pm Evening Worship, St Mary & St Andrew, Knightwick  
 6:00pm Holy Communion, St Laurence Wichenford

Monday 18 July 9:00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley

Tuesday 19 July 10:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

**Sunday 24 JULY** 8:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley  
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford  
 10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 6:30pm Songs of Praise, St Peter Martley

Monday 25 July 9:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Tuesday 26 July 10am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Wednesday 27 July 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House

**Sunday 31 JULY** 10.30am Benefice Service, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

#### **Bible Study Group**

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

#### **Ladies Prayer Breakfast Club**

8.00am Ladies Prayer Breakfast at the Cob House. To book contact Trish Collett on 812204 or [patricia\\_collett@hotmail.com](mailto:patricia_collett@hotmail.com)



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## ***And finally ...***

### ***Sorry***

Apologies for the front cover wording error in the June edition of The Villager. The front cover incorrectly stated that British Summer Time begins on Tuesday 21 June 2011. The wording should have read British Solstice not British Summer Time. Thanks to those keen Villager readers for highlighting this.

*Gail, Editor*

### ***Great Witley Surgery News***

From 1 July 2011 the surgery will no longer be able to accept cheques in payment for prescriptions. Prescription charges are currently charged at £7.40 per item. Enquires relating to this article should be directed to the surgery on 01299 896370.

### ***School Holidays***

Friday 22 July our local schools will close for the Summer Holidays.

### ***Martley Library***

#### **Martley Library Opening Times**

Monday 2—7 pm

Wednesday 4—6 pm

Thursday 10am -1 pm

Friday 2 - 4 pm

Saturday 10am -12 noon

01886 888396 (opening hours only)