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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

**Martley Parish Council:** 1st Monday in the month 7.30pm in The Library

### 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 Community Games 2012***

We will be officially opening the Martley Play Area on 8 July 2012.



LOTTERY FUNDED

There will be lots of fun and games for all the family. Full details will be published in the July edition of The Villager.

*Pat Owen*

## ***Hello Campers***

I have been given, from a generous, anonymous donor two five man tents together with cooking equipment. If you would like to borrow either of them for a family holiday, then please give me a ring on 01886 888406.

*Pat Owen*

## ***NICU Fundraising***

I am a local lady in Hillside, Martley and have organised a fund raising event on Saturday 14 July 2012 between 10am and 4pm at the Cob House Fisheries in Wichenford. It is to raise money for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Worcestershire Royal Hospital. There will be a raffle, car

boot sale (£4 per car), bouncy slide, children's free craft area, craft tables (£10 per table), face painting, children's quad bikes and much more on the day. In 2009 my son Josh was born not breathing and very poorly. NICU saved his life and this is my way of thanking them for the amazing job they all do on the unit. I have some amazing raffle prizes, to name a few of them, a spa day for two people at the Malvern Spa, a cricket bat signed by the Worcestershire County Cricket Team, tickets to Worcester Rugby Club, tickets to Worcester Racecourse, West Midlands Safari Park, Legoland and a paintballing day for five people which will include all the equipment and 50 paint balls each to get you going! There are many more prizes as well as these.. Worcester News will be publishing a story in June and also a follow up will appear in the paper after the event with the total amount raised. Please contact me for more details, if you can support me with this event, and I will

be including a more detailed article in the July edition of this magazine. Many thanks

*Rachel Stringer*  
07729436505

### ***Martley & District Horticultural Society***

On the 26 April, Jill and Alun Whitehead gave their talk "Hidden Gardens of Herefordshire". Beginning with pictures of Hergest Croft, the talk progressed to a number of gardens – Ivy Croft Cider House, Leominster (here is one of the largest collections of snowdrops), then to Weir Gardens (an old corn-mill nearing the Welsh border). Next came Brynsgroud, a romantic 8 acre garden and favourite of Lloyd-George, Bredwardine's Brobury House (9 acres set on the banks of the River Wye). After that Court of Noke; Glanarrow, Eardiston; West Hall; Upper Tan House (Rylan sheep here – special wool!); Rhodds Farm; then further on to Bacheffeld House, Stockton Bury, Long Barn, Lyndalls, and the Laskett (home of Sir Roy Strong). We then saw three houses designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, who designed gardens at Wisley and these were, firstly, Trippletan House, Bredwardine; secondly Brockhampton Cottage, Ross on Wye (near a church with a thatched roof), and thirdly Grendon Court, also near Ross. The pictures showed all the gardens were lovely and well worth a visit. The Whitehead's own garden, Aulden Farm, is 3 acres, planted with wildlife

in mind. They also have the National collection of Siberian Irises, some of which can be purchased in their nursery. A very enjoyable talk indeed. On 28 April over 30 members and friends went by coach to Lord Heseltine's Arboretum and garden at Thenford, Banbury. The weather was a little damp but 'brollies' were, thankfully, not needed. It covers a large area and there are some most beautiful statues, sculptures, a walled garden, lakes and an aviary of tropical parrots, not to mention the many trees, shrubs and plants on view. A very inspirational place! On the 16 June we go (in cars) to Conderton Manor, leaving Martley Village Hall at 2pm, and on 28 June to Jill and Stuart Smith's at Upper Sapey, 6.30pm meet at the Village Hall (cars). The 14 July is the coach trip to Trentham Gardens, 8am start at the Village Hall. Tickets from are available from Margaret Rushgrove or Carol Dunnett.

*Margaret Jackson*

### ***Martley Ramblers***

**Tuesday 5 June 2pm Row End,  
Berrow Green Road, Sunday 10  
June 2pm Church Car Park  
And Wednesday 20 June 6.30pm  
Church Car Park**

The recent walk led by Pam Bowers was on a cold but bright afternoon, ideal really for walking. Eleven keen walkers enjoyed the five and half miles around an area of Kidderminster and there were only seven stiles to negotiate! The walk was quite mixed, over fields, through a wooded valley, (the Dingle) past Stone Kitchen

Gardens and Nursery and through the Finney Nature Reserve. All very interesting and many thanks must go to Pam for planning and leading this lovely walk. This month is also going to be very interesting with three walks planned. The first on Jubilee Tuesday, 5 June will be up Berrow Hill, with kind permission of Helen and Robert Taylor. Tickets are available from Pauline and Richard. The walk starts at 2pm from Row End, home of Pauline and Richard, and there will be afternoon tea at their house after the walk. There will be a small charge of £1 to help with costs and a donation of any surplus monies will go to charity. The second walk will be mainly around Monkwood, led by the Two Paulines; please meet at the Church Car Park at 2pm on Sunday 10 June. The third planned walk is our annual evening walk. This will be around Martley and led by Pauline and Richard. Again, please meet at Church Car Park at 6.30pm, and we intend to finish for refreshments at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane at the end of what will be a lovely walk.

*Kate King*

### ***Pudford Lane***

Now the BRANDRETH is erected, let us put the THRIPPLE on the cart and take a FOTHER to put in the HECK. The MATH is a good amount this year and the AFTERMATH should be good as well. As MEADMONTH is upon us, let us do a HAYMAKER'S JIG before we HIT THE HAY. Your correspondent has not been going to

foreign language classes, although it may appear so! As it is haymaking time, some of these old terms and phrases seemed interesting to use. No prizes for correct interpretation but perhaps a ROLL IN THE HAY may be available, but no promises!

*Kate King*

### ***Martley WI***

#### **Garden Meeting, Stoneybridge House at 7pm on 13 June**

Once again, so much is going on in and around the village and County. We continue to enjoy informal coffee morning get-togethers and are looking forward to a visit to Alfrick WI Jubilee Garden Party, a visit to The Swan Theatre to see 'Me and My Girl' in August and a possible outing to see the Calendar Girls at Cheltenham at the end of September. Our outing this year will be to the newly renovated Water Mill at Shelsley. These events are just a few of the things planned in the pipeline. It is planned to have our usual cake and produce stall at Martley Village Fete and incorporate a craft demo and promotion event at the same time, so watch this space for more news on that! Lyn Raby, a former member, sadly lost her son to bowel cancer and Andrew Darby has done a 300 mile cycle ride to raise funds for Bowel Cancer Research. Andrew and he were great friends and any donations would be very welcome. (Please see the lovely article

submitted by Andrew about his fundraising cycle ride). This month is our garden meeting and Reg Snow has again kindly invited us to his lovely home and garden. The competition will be for the best rose and we shall be having our usual fun auction, always a great help to boost our funds. Our friendly, tame auctioneers will not force anyone to buy something they do not want or to buy back the objects they want to get rid of. Sorry, precious objects they want to sell! Bring a garden chair, plates of refreshments and friends, partners and relatives to help us all enjoy the evening.

*Kate King*

### ***This Week in 1982***

(This article is taken from the Journal Jottings column of the Worcester News)

“One in six of the population of Worcestershire is an old age pensioner. It is an extraordinary state of affairs which is likely to become even more evident as the medical treatment of old people becomes more efficient. One cannot die as easily as one could 50 years ago! Certain killer diseases have been curbed and even conquered in some cases. There is the constant demand for accommodation for pensioners, such as sheltered housing, though I sometimes think it is a pity to herd the elderly into communities where they think old thoughts and indulge in nostalgia and sleep, while deploring the activities of

the young. I believe the elderly should associate with the young people as far as it is practicable. I have even known old folk to indulge in disco dancing as far as their physique will allow, but they shouldn't make fools of themselves, and should retire from the fray to an early bed.”

This was in a recent Worcester News nostalgia column. Doesn't apply to present day Martley!!

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

I thought I would just idly open a record of a few weeks activity in the village as recorded in April and May 1876. April 6, Rev J P Hastings and Mrs Hastings and also Mrs Lloyd (Arely) visited the school in the afternoon and heard the boys sing. April 7, H Grubham suffering with toothache and was sent home early. April 10, Rev J P and Miss Hastings visited the school in the morning. April 13, several boys were absent on account of the bad weather. April 17, report of the Rev E Houghton, Divisional Inspector “Mr Coleman's efforts are completely successful and proves that the Diocesan Scheme may be thoroughly prepared by an earnest and efficient teacher even if his school be placed in the midst of a rural district where the population is widely scattered. Merits 73, Passes 100 per cent.”. April 24, I went into the classroom in the afternoon with Mrs Coleman. April 26, three boys were absent today picking cowslips. May 2, Admitted a boy from Broadwas into the 1<sup>st</sup> class. May 5, the Misses E and

A Hastings visited the school, and were present during the whole of the singing lesson. May 9, H Adams admitted into the 1<sup>st</sup> class. May 11, Examined the upper standards in arithmetic and dictation.

*Alan Boon*

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

The Pensax Thrift Shop's fund raising charity for 2012 is the Midland Air Ambulance and a sale will be held on Wednesday morning 18 July. We will also be holding a raffle which will also be drawn then (tickets are now on sale). Donations of books, clothes, bric-a-brac etc are now being accepted on Wednesday mornings, so if you have anything at all that you would like to donate please contact me. Many thanks again for your continued support.

*Nerys*

### ***Barn Dance***

Please come along and join us at Martley Village Hall for a Barn Dance with Eve and John Evans on Saturday 9 June from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £8.50 and will include a fish and chip supper (or vegetarian options by prior arrangement). The bar will be open and tickets are available from Dave Cropp on 01886 888398 or by contacting any member of the Village Hall Committee. Thank you.

*Neil Stammers (Chairman)*

### ***Martley Spurs Football Club Update***

**April 2012**

The final three matches for the 2011-

12 season brought both anguish and jubilation to the team this month. The first match away against VBL Sports saw us outplayed and we lost for the first time this season with a result of 5-2. We had now dropped to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league and needed to win our last two games to ensure promotion into the Sunday Premier League. Our next match was on the 15<sup>th</sup> April when we played St Johns at home and had a fantastic result of 8-5. All to play for then, on our last match of the season which was at home against VBL Sports who were at the top of the league; the winners of this game would win the league trophy and promotion. The game was a hard fought match, well supported by locals and visitors and resulted in a 3-1 win for Martley Spurs. Tim Phillips from the Worcester and District Football League presented the medals and trophy to the victors and an afternoon of celebrations followed. We wish to give our very best wishes to both Luke Willets and Adam Stringer who are retiring from football, you will be missed. We would like to thank Simon Rawle (Manager), members of the Martley Cricket Club for their help in keeping the football pitch well mowed; Gordon Griffiths, Lil Morris and Mo Stratford for their hard work "behind the scenes" and The Bell at Broadheath for their continued support. Training sessions will commence in the summer and new players are more than welcome. Should you wish to join us for 2012-2013 season please contact Simon

Rawle on 07971 264101 for details.  
*M Gardner, Secretary*

0300 333 3000 ext 3581  
*Martley Patch LPT*

### ***Sports Camp***

MHDC's Sport Inspired Programme launched its first ever Easter holiday multi-sports camp at Sport Martley. The camps were a huge success which saw over 30 children aged between 6 and 12 years old involved over the 4 day period. Children took part in a wide variety of different sports including basketball, football, kwik cricket, dodge ball and much more. The programme will also be launching its first ever summer holiday multi-sports camps, which will be running between Monday 6 August until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August. If you would like further information please contact David Knapper (Sport Inspired Co-ordinator) via email [david.knapper@malvern hills.gov.uk](mailto:david.knapper@malvern hills.gov.uk) or contact the Worcestershire Hub on 01684 862151.

### ***Village Hall Damage***

Between 6:30pm on Monday 16 April and late Tuesday 17 April, some damage to the Village Hall windows was made, potentially by air rifles. If anyone saw anything suspicious please ring 101 or email the local Martley Police team on [martley.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police](mailto:martley.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police). Many thanks for your support

*CSO Helen Wendy Cooper 40061,  
Tenbury Police Station*

### ***Longside Radio***

#### ***Where Variety Matters***

Over the last few months we have seen some exciting developments at Longside Radio. From just three DJs we have now grown to 10 with shows going out live every day. The station is here for each and every one of you to either listen or get involved if you want to. We are not tied to any genre and play music for every generation including Classical Music at 11am to 12noon. Each DJ brings their own personality to the station and there is something for everyone with music from the 60s to the most up to date chart music. We have the current top 40 updated every week. Here is a list of our current programmes:

#### **Monday**

7pm Joseph Shrubbs, New Release  
Alternative Music

#### **Tuesday**

7pm Jake Kipping, Mainstream

#### **Wednesday**

7pm Damian Lee, The Feel good Guy  
Anything Goes

#### **Thursday**

7pm Liam Cash, Non Stop 60s, 70s or  
80s

#### **Friday**

8pm Adam F, Dance / Club Remix  
Classics

#### **Saturday**

7pm Lucy-Lou, Movie Soundtrack  
Music

#### **Sunday**

4pm Mark David, All Request

6pm Sarah Harris. Retro Hour & Requests

9pm Alun Jones Longside's Jazz Man  
There are lots of ways to tune in and listen, for those of us who have Smart Phones, you can download the tunein Radio App, iTunes look in the eclectic radio folder or apple TV via the eclectic radio folder. Check out our web site [www.longsideradio.co.uk](http://www.longsideradio.co.uk) and click on the tunein Radio app to listen, Please contact us at the station on 01886 878190 or email us at [studio@longsideradio.co.uk](mailto:studio@longsideradio.co.uk). Please support your local community station and use us to promote your event, sponsor a show from as little as £5 a week or just simply tune in, sit back and enjoy the fantastic variety of music we offer!

Mark

### ***Marriages***

Richard Logan and Alison Lee were married on Saturday 5 May at St Peter's, Martley. Congratulations to you both.

### ***In Memoriam***

Michael Conrad Poole who passed away on 14 April 2012. A service was held at Worcester Crematorium and was followed by a service of Thanksgiving for Michael at St Peters', Martley on 26 April.

### ***Martley Amateur Dramatics***

Mad Kidz first ever performing arts week was a big success. Seven children attended and worked hard to learn lines, songs and dances for a

short performance on the Friday evening. It never ceases to amaze me how much they can achieve in such a short time! They delivered a brilliant show which included songs from Oliver and Sounds of Music, scenes from "The Lion, The Witch and the wardrobe" and "The Wizard of Oz". They also devised their own synopsis of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" Well done to all involved, it was excellent! The Mad Kidz summer school will be taking place from July 30 to August 3, commencing from 9am to 5pm at a cost of £75 for the week. To enrol or for further details please contact Louisa Wilde via email at [martleydramatics@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:martleydramatics@hotmail.co.uk)

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

#### **Abbreviated edited draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 30 April 2012**

All nine Councillors were present plus thirty five members of the public and the Parish Clerk. The Annual Report of the Council was presented by Cllr Goodyear.

**County Councillor Alwyn Davis** presented his report .

Chrys Titshall gave a most interesting talk and slide show on the subject of "Kingswood, origins, history and people". He gave some interesting facts and was much appreciated by the audience. The Chairman thanked him for a fascinating talk.

#### **Reports from Village Organisations Martley Youth Club**

Four young members of the Martley Youth Club gave a wonderful



presentation to the meeting which consisted of details of all the activities that they undertake at the club, including snooker, rounders, football, cooking plus many other things. The Youth Club currently has 36 members and a waiting list is now in place for new members.

#### **Path or Nones**

John Nicklin reported that the Path or Nones are still going strong. He reported that he had recently had a visit from some disabled ramblers and they had achieved the route to the weir at Kingswood.

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

Janet Dale read the report and was very pleased to inform the meeting that the centre continued to thrive thanks to the volunteers who work hard to raise funds and run the centre.

#### **Martley Church**

A report from Rev David Sherwin was read out. The Church activities continue to flourish however church funds are running at a deficit and they will be looking how to address this issue in the coming months.

#### **Martley Horticultural Society**

Mike Dunnett gave a verbal report on the Society. They continue to go on outings, have two shows per year plus the plant sale. The membership has increased from 30 to 62 over the past few years, so this is another thriving organisation in our village.

#### **Short Mat Bowling**

Pam Minchin reported on the bowling club. They meet weekly and have 15/16 attendees on average. She also reported that they were in need of

some new mats, so donation will be welcome.

#### **Martley Fete Committee**

Tony Lewington spoke about the fete which this year will be held on 18 August. Volunteers are needed to assist on the day.

#### **The Villager**

Tony Lewington reported that The Villager magazine was financially stable. They have sufficient advertisers and have a waiting list for adverts.

#### **Martley Bellringers**

John Haydon reported that there is a team of 12 ringers and that they are in a position to help with ringing at other local churches where they do not have a full band and perhaps need some assistance.

#### **Martley Web Mesh**

Richard Jackman reported that they now have 60 subscribers and they are unable to grow at the speed needed for current demand, however they are making progress in expanding down Teme Valley.

#### **Geology Group**

John Nicklin reported that they had received an EU grant 18 months ago and they now have 70 paid up members.

#### **Public Time**

Ian Pennell asked what the status was regarding the Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Cumella said that the Parish Plan had been approved by full Council and that work was commencing on a Neighbourhood Plan. He reported that some of the Planning Group were

meeting with planners and Councillor Barbara Williams later that week. Mike Dunnett mentioned how successful the Village Open Day had been and was it planned to hold an Open Day this year. Council replied that they were happy for this to happen and that it would probably be around September.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Martley Village Hall on Monday 11 June 2012.

***Ferndale Singers***

A summer Concert with Raffle is to be presented by the Ferndale Singers on Saturday 21 July 2012 at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall. Tickets are priced at £5 (to include wine and light refreshments). Please contact 01886 821127 or 01905 333225 to purchase your ticket.

***Martley Church of England  
Primary School***

What an exciting and successful last couple of months we have had at Martley CE Primary school! We have had some amazing sporting successes. Our footballers have won the West Bromwich Albion Foundation cup in an all day competition (played on the day Roy Hodgson was appointed the new England manager-perhaps we inspired him!). They have also finished top in the cluster football league, are currently in the semi-finals of the cup and also won the outdoor

cluster football festival at The Chantry! Wow! In Tag Rugby, the team won the cluster event at Tenbury High school and won 'The Plate' at the Malvern Hills tournament. A new trophy cabinet might be needed soon! These achievements are superb, but especially so as the children have played to a high standard and with a high degree of sportsmanship. A BIG thank you to all of the staff and parents who have supported, transported and encouraged the children for these events. Our choir has also been achieving great things. They performed superbly a host of songs from 'Oliver!' A performance to parents and the school included two superb solos from Ollie Eggleton and Tom Judge. Over the Bank Holiday weekend they performed with other schools in Worcestershire on the stage at the Birmingham Symphony Hall! An amazing experience for everyone involved. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs Caroline Lee, our wonderful choir leader, who always inspires the children to give their best. In school this term, we are exploring the whole school topic of 'The Olympics'. Each class is studying a different aspect, including 'The Ancient Greek Olympics', the modern games and the structures and buildings of the 2012 Olympics. We have had Mel Clarke, local Paralympian Archer visit us and have a West End Theatre company coming soon to perform a play based around the Olympics. Lots of other exciting events and experiences are planned for the remainder of this term.

More of these in the next edition of 'The Villager'! Our curriculum experiences continue to go from strength to strength. Building on Year 3 and 4 's topic on Africa we now have a link with Mafisa 'A' Primary school in Tanzania. The children have been writing to them describing what life is like in Martley. A very different experience from life in Morogoro, Tanzania! Later this year we hope to have a visitor from Tanzania to join us in school for a week. A great cultural exchange and experience for everyone.

We also will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, enjoying sport's day, preparing for a leisure show and a drama production! Life at Martley is never dull! We are proud of the place we have in the local community and always are pleased to be part of events and host activities. The PTFA regularly organise fun activities for the children, including a recent Easter Trail around the school grounds. They also hold fundraisers for school, including regular quizzes at 'The Crown', who we are extremely grateful to as amenable hosts. Why not come and join us in the future at one of these events? If you would like more details about school or any of these events then please do contact us at school on 01886 888201 or on our website [www.martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk)

*Andrew Massey*

### ***Chantry Library***

The Chantry Library Learning Centre

is a bright and welcoming social place where children can come and relax and enjoy playing card and board games and use computers. A new addition to the Library calendar is the Warhammer club on Tuesdays after school (3.30pm-5pm). It is great fun and is open to new members. Wednesday lunchtimes is Craft club and currently we are being taught how to cross stitch with the help of Mrs Waugh and Miss White. Friday is, as always, very popular with a film shown at lunchtimes, very welcome as the weather has been so poor. Later this month we welcome Helen Cooper, Community Support Officer to talk to the children about her role. I will be able to tell you more in the next issue of The Villager.

*Vicky Warr, Librarian*

### ***Thanks***

Two huge thanks must be given, from the whole of the Martley Community, to Councillor Mike Nott and Allan Jeffries for providing and erecting the excellent new fencing at the Village playing fields. It really does look superb and gives the Village a real feel of respect and pride in itself.

Pat Owen

### ***Marriages***

Thomas Horton and Fiona Davidson on 19<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas. Congratulations to both of you.



The Central Weekend to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee takes place from Saturday 2 June to Tuesday 5 June 2012, with celebratory activities throughout the UK and across the Commonwealth. The Jubilee Weekend features an extra Bank Holiday for the Diamond Jubilee, with the late May Bank Holiday moved one week later, thereby making a 4-day long weekend. The main programme of events are as follows:

**Saturday 2 June, 2012**

The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby.

**Sunday 3 June, 2012**

Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people will be encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This may take the form of a traditional street party or a picnic lunch in small or larger groups.

**The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant:** This event will take place on the Thames and consist of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh will travel in the Royal Barge which will form the centrepiece of the flotilla.

**Monday 4 June, 2012**

**BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace:** There will be a televised Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace. The musical programme for the concert is expected to feature British and Commonwealth musicians.

**The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons:** A network of 2,012 Beacons will be lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen will light the National Beacon.

**Tuesday 5 June, 2012**

The Diamond Jubilee weekend will culminate with a day of celebrations in central London, including a service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by two receptions, a lunch at Westminster Hall, a Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace and finally a Balcony appearance and an RAF Flypast.



### ***Martley and Wichenford Celebrations***

#### **Hats Off To Her Majesty**

Please don't forget to put **Sunday 3rd June in your diary** so that you will be free to take part in the "big lunch" bring your own picnic style party. Celebrate her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee with your friends and neighbours; let's all go mad and wear silly hats! The fun will start at 12.30 pm on the playing fields and there will be games for everyone throughout the afternoon. A bar will be available but you are more than welcome to bring your own drinks too. Music will be provided by Longside Radio and there will be a live screening of the barge procession on the River Thames. There will also be a **BBQ** with hot dogs, burgers and vegetarian burgers for sale on the evening of **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** starting at 8.00pm with fun and games before the lighting of the beacon at 10.15pm followed by fireworks

*Councillor Mandy Gardner 02.05.12*

### ***Berrow Hill and Martley Rock***

In support of the fantastic celebrations that Martley Parish Council are putting on for the Jubilee, Helen and Robert Taylor will be opening the Berrow Hill and Martley Rock on Tuesday 5th June 2012 for anyone that may wish to take in the view from this historic Monument and find out the great work that has been going on by the Teme Valley Geological Society. Access will be allowed by ticket only and these will need to be collected from Cob House Fisheries during normal opening times. (8am to 5pm Mon to Fri and 7.30am to 5pm Sat and Sun), they are completely free of charge too, so pop along and collect yours!

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

A reminder of the Jubilee Coffee Morning on Saturday June 2nd at 10.30am till Noon. Please come along and join us for a coffee and a piece of home-made cake and see how the Centre operates.

*Janet Dale, Secretary*



## Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews  
01886 888303  
Sheila Richards  
01886 888378



### ***Church Flowers***

3 June	Mrs Wetherall
10 June	Mrs Wetherall
17 June	Mrs Whyatt
24 June	Mrs Garrett

### **Kenswick And Wichenford Parish Council**

**Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 April 2012 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.**

It was agreed that as this meeting was after the Annual Parish Meeting and was very late starting that most items on the agenda would be deferred to the next meeting. Only the planning and finance agenda items were discussed.

### **Democratic half hour/public question time.**

The Chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about Parish business. About 35 parishioners attended to discuss agenda item 12/34 which was done at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**District And County Councillors Report** No report was given by either Councillor as they gave a yearly report at the Annual Meeting..

### **Minutes**

The minutes were signed as a true record.

Progress Reports (This Item Was Deferred To The Next Meeting)

Drain jetting.

### **Planning**

Applications considered since the last meeting, None

**Applications approved, refused, withdrawn.**

12/0006/HOU The Stables, Allsetts Farm. Proposed carport (approved)

### **Applications to be considered**

12/00011FUL Cob House fisheries (amendment), The Parish council received an amendment for the above application and our comments remain as previously.

11/01079/FUL Woodend Farm, Broadwas. Change of use of land to residential caravan site (10 units) with associated service road, hard standing, parking area and formation of new access. This application was discussed in depth due to the amount of interest from local parishioners. The parish council do not agree with this application and will be writing to Malvern Hills with its comments for objection.

### **Finance**

The balance from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup>

March 2012 stands at £16,304.65. There were 3 cheques totalling £630.42 for approval. These included Lengthsman, WCC salt supply and Calc subscription. Nora Parsons day centre (donation), Fete Committee (donation). Both deferred to the next meeting.

#### **End Of Year Accounts**

The acceptance of the financial statement was approved at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Evening Transport Proposal.**

Deferred to the next meeting.

#### **To Report Any Urgent Decisions Since The Last Meeting**

Nothing to report.

#### **Correspondence**

All Correspondence is now emailed to Councillors.

#### **Date And Venue Of Next Meeting**

Meetings were arranged for the 9 July and 20 August. All meetings will be in the Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30pm.

### ***Marriages***

Mark Andrews and Sarah Nerunchon on 19<sup>th</sup> May at St Laurence, Wichenford. Congratulation to you both.

### ***Wichenford 100 club***

1st K Richardson ticket 39, 2nd Martin Palmer ticket 197 and 3rd Hawkins ticket 85. Congratulations to you all.

### ***Wichenford Fete***

Its Fete time again and this year in Wichenford, we will celebrate with our 2012 Jubilee Fete on Saturday 21 July at 2pm. The schools have fin-

ished, so what better way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon than wandering around our lovely fete. Our main event this year is the Fun Dog Show kindly organised by Pauline Whittaker. Please bring your dog along and enter one of the many categories including 'the best trick', 'the best in show', 'the most handsome dog and the prettiest bitch'. There will be a competition for a Jubilee Fancy Dress for children and many games and activities including a bouncy castle and 'beat the goalie'. As always there will be delicious teas with scrumptious scones and cakes. Stalls will also be offering ice creams, sweets, soft drinks and hot dogs. If you prefer browsing there will be a selection of stalls including jams, chutneys, cakes, produce and plants. There will also be a wide selection of Bric a Brac and fantastic prizes in the Tombola. Raffle tickets will be available in July for a chance to win some brilliant prizes.

Come and join us and have fun!

*Lindsay Webb*

### ***Masons Arms***

The Masons Arms will be joining in with the many activities and celebrating the Queens Jubilee with a two day celebration. Firstly on Sunday 3rd June we'll be hosting the infamous Lawn mower racing from 2pm. We'll have an outside bar serving a wide variety of beers, and Westons cider will be available on draught. On Monday 4th June we'll be continuing the festivities with another live music night with 'The Alex and Phil Musical



Extravaganza' - an absolutely not to be missed act who will have everyone on their feet dancing and singing their hearts out. We'd also like to take this opportunity to give a HUGE thank you to the local community for your continued support and for making us feel really welcome and right at home, Thank You.

*Nibs and Laura*

### ***Have a safe lovely summer!***

It's that time of year when the majority of us are thinking about going away on a lovely holiday! We remember our passports, sunglasses and sun cream, but do you remember to make sure your home is safe whilst you're away? West Mercia is a wonderful place to live and crime figures are low, however you can help keep it that way by following the below advice.

Tell a trusted neighbour or friend that you're going away. Ask them to pick up your mail so it's out of sight and not piled up on the floor. Also ask them to open and close curtains. Ask a neighbour to park on your drive now and then whilst you're away. Use timer switches in the evenings to activate lights. Cancel your milk and newspaper deliveries. Don't keep scrap metal in your garden, it encourages people to come into your property to steal and have a look at what else you have! Keep your garden secure! Use sensor lights to monitor movement and have solar panel lights so there's always some light in your garden. Grow prickly plants by fences, keep valuable tools out of sight and

install heavy padlocks on shed doors. Join your local neighbourhood watch so you're up to date with suspicious incidents and crime in your area. Use a UV pen to mark valuable items or smart water (you can order this from your neighbourhood watch coordinator) and take photographs of your jewellery and ornaments of both high and sentimental value. With all these measures in place, I hope you have a lovely, safe holiday!

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### ***London to Paris Cycle Ride- Andrew Darby –Update***

In April you I wrote about my cycling challenge from London to Paris for the charity Beating Bowel Cancer in memory of a former Martley resident (Mark Raby). I completed the challenge and here's an update on how I did. It was a tough 4 days of cycling but such a fantastic experience. Highlights were cycling through the Somme where we passed by numerous war memorials and pretty towns and villages like Arras and Compiègne. I will also never forget cycling through the centre of Paris, along the Champs-Élysées and around the Arc de Triomphe before reaching the Eiffel Tower for a glass of champagne (my first drink for 5 weeks!). I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in the village who has supported me. The support I had was a great help especially during the long and cold training rides and really helped spur me on.



More importantly, while donations are still coming in, people's generosity to date has helped me to raise over £2,300. Many thanks.

*Andy*

### ***Clifton Brownies***

We currently have a thriving Brownie unit which enables girls from ages 7 to 10, to work together in small groups. They are encouraged to make their own decisions whilst having a balanced and varied programme. To enable the unit to continue next September we require an enthusiastic and committed person to become the Unit Guider. The current Guiders are happy to continue but having reached the magical age and are not allowed to be undertake this role. If you are, or know anyone who could be suitable and could fit the role, then please contact Jenny on (01886) 812329. Unfortunately if we are not successful in securing this role then the unit will close. We really need your help please.

*The Guiders*

### ***In the Garden***



Usually June is a sunny and dry month, so, if you haven't put out your summer bedding, baskets and containers, you need to do so before the

weather (hopefully) heats up. Spring flowering perennials, like forget-me-nots will need cutting back now, before they set seed. Remove the dead foliage of spring bulbs, lifting and dividing any overgrown clumps, and take cuttings from pinks. Some fast growing annuals sown now will still have time to flower in late summer, so if you have a space try some godetia, candytuft or calendulas. June is also the time to sow hardy perennials like lupins, hollyhocks and delphiniums, and plants for winter/spring bedding such as polyanthus, pansies and wall-flowers. We all need to be 'water-wise', so collecting rainwater and recycling 'grey' water would be a great start. Highest priority for watering is, new plants, plants in pots, lettuce and young vegetables. For the best effect, always water in the evening and 'soak don't sprinkle'. There is still time to sow french, runner and broad beans, peas and salad leaves. Plant out your outdoor tomatoes, sweet corn and winter brassicas (the latter under bird-proof netting ). Thin out plums and gooseberries early in the month too but wait until after the 'June-drop' before you touch those apples and pears. A few of the many local gardens open for charity this month include, The Barton, Berrow Green, open on June 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shuttifield Cottage, Storridge, open on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Orchards, Bishops Frome, open on June 10, Moors Meadow Gardens, Collington, Open on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

*JC*



# Church Words

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In this year of celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee it is good to be reminded of her full title: 'Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith'.

The last phrase of this title has often been criticised and misunderstood, yet as I write this article a BBC poll suggests that almost 80% of people in England support this religious role for the Queen. This role, Defender of the Faith, was granted on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1521 by Pope Leo X to King Henry VIII of England and his wife Catherine of Aragon, who was also Defender of the Faith in her own right. Following Henry's decision to break with Rome in 1530 he established himself as Head of the Church of England and he was later excommunicated from Rome. In 1544 Parliament conferred the title 'Defender of the Faith', upon King Henry VIII and his successors, and apart from a brief suspension during the Cromwellian period it is a title which remains in use to this day. She is also referred to as Defender of the Faith in Canada and New Zealand, although many other Commonwealth countries do not use the phrase. There are those who feel that this is an antiquated title which our Monarch should not have as it seems to exclude

other religions. However, quotes from those of other religions seem to affirm her faith link with the Church of England and feel that it recognises faith in general, not to the exclusion of their own.

The Queen's first Jubilee engagement of the year was actually at a multi race reception at Lambeth palace where she defended the role of the Church of England. She said "It's role is not to defend Anglicanism to the exclusion of all other religions, instead the Church has a duty to protect the free practice of all faiths in this country". Her own faith is a great example to us all and she has certainly made clear her beliefs last Christmas in her broadcast when she spoke of God sending Jesus as our saviour who taught us forgiveness. She has also acted in defence of the Church of England in recent times criticising attacks upon it which she felt were unjustified.

And so, as we celebrate her Diamond Jubilee, may we also celebrate our shared faith and follow the example of our monarch in the devotion and commitment not only to the country and its values but to one who is supreme over all, God Our Saviour in Jesus Christ.

God bless,

David

<b>Sunday 3 June</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday/Queens Diamond Jubilee</b> 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 5.00pm Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 6 June	12Noon PATH (Prayer at the Heart), St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick
Thurs 7 June	12-2pm Lunch in Company – Broadwas Village Hall 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church, The Old School, Berrow Green Road
<b>Sunday 10 June</b>	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
Mon 11 June	8.30am Prayer Breakfast
Tues 12 June	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Post Lent meeting – venue tba
Wed 13 June	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thurs 14 June	9.15am Little Minnows - Faithfulness
<b>Sunday 17 June</b>	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge 10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 3.00pm Evening Worship, The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 18 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tues 19 June	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn
<b>Sunday 24 June</b>	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas with Philip Roderick 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley with Philip Roderick
Mon 25 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tues 26 June	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn
Wed 27 June	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thurs 28 June	7.30pm WWRT Meeting at The Talbot, Knightwick
Monday 25 June	
10am-3pm Quiet Garden Day with Philip Roderick (Founder member of the Quiet Garden Trust) at the home of Jill and Stuart Smith, Wolferlow House, Wolferlow, Bromyard. HR7 4QA. Tea and coffee will be available all day but please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Jill Smith on 01886 853311 or <a href="mailto:hillheadfm@aol.com">hillheadfm@aol.com</a>	



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

### ***Bumps to Babes***

#### ***No Rush to Mush!***

May, saw the start of our new monthly, No Rush to Mush sessions at Tenbury Pump Rooms. On the second Monday of each month, starting 14th May, Bumps to Babes will include a special No Rush to Mush session focused upon providing support and guidance in relation to introducing your child (under 6 months old) to solids for the first time. A Community Nurse will be available throughout the session at the slightly earlier time of 10am-11am.

Please do join us and make a note on your Calendar for the June dates at Tenbury Pump Rooms. Sessions are planned for 11 June, Bumps to Babes, No Rush to Mush, 10am-11am, 18 June, Bumps to Babes 11am - 12 noon and 25 June, Bumps to Babes 11am - 12 noon.

For full details of all of our activities please visit our website page at, [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/temevalley](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/temevalley), or contact us on email, [teme.valley@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:teme.valley@barnardos.org.uk). You can also telephone us on 01886 812982.

Pop along and see what we have on offer!