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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

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk



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 100 Club

March winners

Ticket Number 2, Anne Layton who wins £40.00, Congratulations Anne.

Annette Smith

Ferndale Singers Summer Sing Song

The Ferndale Singers will be holding a summer concert on Saturday 21 July from 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall. Tickets will be available very soon and a further update will be provided

in the June edition of The Villager.

Martley Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday April 30 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Also, Chrys Titshall will be giving a short talk on “Kingswood , its origins and history” which should be really interesting. These Parish Council meetings are your opportunity to have your say. If you have any comments or suggestions on how you think the thriving community of Martley could benefit or how recent or proposed changes affect you please come along and join in. Everyone will have the chance to speak and refreshments will be served.

Janet Dale, Clerk

Editors Note

Due to the printing error with the April edition of The Villager, the notice above regarding the Martley Annual Parish meeting was not printed. Many apologies to readers for the short notice of this meeting.

Bumps to Babes Sessions

At Teme Valley Children’s Centre we

are currently revamping our Bumps to Babes sessions in Tenbury Pump Rooms to include a weaning session on the second Monday of each month. This is due to begin 14 May 2012 between 10am and 11am. A local Community Nursery Nurse will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. Our usual weekly Tenbury Bumps to Babes session times will be 11am to 12pm. In addition, our Clifton Bumps to Babes sessions will change venue to The Lion Pub, Clifton-upon-Teme from Thursday 12 April 10am-11am. The sessions will continue to include lots of fun activities, help and support and guest speakers. After the session you are more than welcome to stay and participate in The Lion's hugely successful coffee morning. We would like extend our gratitude to The Lion Pub for allowing us to use the venue. For full details of all of our activities please visit our website page at, www.worcestershire.gov.uk/temevalley, or please email teme.valley@barnardos.org.uk or telephone 01886 812982.

Martley Spurs Football Club **March 2012**

The match on the 4 March was a resounding success as we beat AA Chequers 13 – 1. When Luke Willets scored a scintillating 6 goals and Danny Scheppel scored a fabulous 4. We played Blue Star FC on the 11 March where there was another dazzling win with a score of 5-1, where Luke Willets netted 2 goals. We

had no scheduled league matches for the rest of the month. This means we are now in 3rd position in the Sunday 1st Division with only 3 games left to play for this season. On 28 March we played Malvern Town in the semi finals of the Worcester Infirmary Junior Cup where we lost 4-1. Training sessions have now finished however should you wish to join us for 2012-2013 season please contact Simon Rawle on 07971 264107 for details.

M Gardner, Secretary

Fairtrade Fortnight

What a great Fairtrade fortnight both Martley Primary and The Chantry School had recently. Both schools played an active role in supporting the National Campaign to raise awareness for Fairtrade. At The Chantry School staff, governors and students took part in a talk with local MP Harriet Baldwin, listening to her experiences on her visit to Ethiopia with Save the Children, there was a Samba Drumming Session by the music department, logo and poster competitions across both schools, an assembly by the students from The Chantry at Martley Primary and the newly formed craft group did some Fairtrade rag rugging! It was great to see so many students taking part across both schools. We are looking to take Fairtrade further by becoming a Fairtrade Village. Watch out for how you can help us in the coming months.

Miss White and the Fairtrade Steering Group at The Chantry

Martley goes Active -Play area update

Apologies to our readers for inserting May in last month's headline (in the April edition!) May is on my mind as one of my daughters is having her 1st baby and my son cycling is cycling to Northern Italy in aid of the Acorns Charity by himself and the second stage of play area development due to start! But very good news indeed to share with you all – YES, we have been approved for the Community Spaces grant, very good and exciting but scary as such a responsibility. We are also aware that although we had various consultations, Parish Plan questionnaire and the Open day we will not please everyone. From the consultations we have tried to include elements for a wide selection in Martley. In April we will be putting down a new bark in the existing play area and will probably be involved in seeding the natural play mounds at the top of the field and planting wild flowers, it will possibly be too late to plant the couple of trees for landscaping though. In May the games area, with green astro turf will be completed. In June the wooden play equipment will be installed in-between the natural play mounds and in the existing play area. We will also be having a few mounds for a discrete small bikes trail between the trees at the top of the field. Also a few Cardio vascular outdoor gym equipment pieces will be installed at the end of the play area. This will be useful for all ages. We are only able to put in the

extra equipment because of the corporate generosity of Ringway, who have doubly donated, by laying the base of the games area, fixing the play area fence, putting in the paths and moving the soil for the mounds. We are eternally grateful to them and we must send a great big thank you to them. Fingers crossed all planning activity will go as planned for our Big Launch on July 8, the Martley Goes ACTIVE'- Community OLYMPIX/OLYMPICZ (we can't use the proper word as its copyright!). This will hopefully be a multi generational fun games day. Please come along and join in. We all need a bit of fun and its better if we do it as a community! More details to follow, so watch this space!!

Pat O

Martley Planters and Its Your Neighbourhood

Martley Horticultural Society donates evergreen plants for 'It's your Neighbourhood' group at the Chantry. Mike Dunnett on behalf of the the society brought a selection of evergreen plants for the Chantry Youth Award Young People to plant in the border at the Village Hall. Members, please accept our thanks. Last year they worked hard on this border but thanks to the generosity of the society the border is looking wonderful now and is blooming. They will continue to work on this border and Youth Club members will help by watering. We do hope you like the spring flowers in the Martley planters

and Village Hall hanging baskets. Some of these were donated by Martley Parish Council. Thank you to Ian Pennell for taking ownership of the planter by him and planting spring flowers. Betts Ecology and Pat Milner also help with the planters. If you can stop and water them you're very welcome to do so. They will be replaced (fingers crossed) by red White and blue flowers for the Queens Diamond Jubilee. It's wonderful how Martley groups have given input to the young people's efforts in 'It's your Neighbourhood' making it a true neighbourhood effort

Malvern Art Products



The M A P group, (www.themapgroup.co.uk), who are situated on the Maylite estate generously laminated our Youth Club banner completely free of charge, within an hour! Why go to Worcester for your graphic needs when we have a friendly local firm with wonderful local people! The banner (which is very colourful) was produced by all of the 35 new members. We are having lots of activities including baking scones and making proper pizza with Jan Dale our super cook assisted by Dorrie Goodyear (Jan's super cup cakes were an extra special treat!) We now have a full size table tennis table

and Jan Cropp is helping to coach. Our snooker experts will soon be having a tournament with a professional. We're having great fun playing football, volley ball and rounders outside. Ringway's new porous tarmac base will be perfect for ball games. Team games and twister are organized by Anita, Sharon, Matt, Zoë and Lou, Tip and new leader Stacey. Greg Masters is organising our interactive webpage, so we will hopefully set up a blog of activities and have messages for parents. 10 members are going to an Easter Sports Inspired multi-sports day at Sport Martley. After Easter we are having patchwork craft input and Street Dance and First Aid sessions are booked. Please, if you have any sort of talent, skill or interest, don't be shy, please let us know, we want a wide inter-generational input for our young people. Thank you again Malvern Art Products.

Pat Owen, Secretary
01886 888406

What a Small World!

Last year we helped a couple find their way out of M&S and discovered they were on a nostalgic visit and staying in Malvern. The lady told us that she had been evacuated here in 1940 from Essex. We then told her that Lionel was an Essex boy whose family had come here to avoid Hitler's bombs also in 1940. But the coincidence did not end there because to our utter surprise she said she had been evacuated to Martley. We have kept in

touch since and learned that she and her sister actually stayed with a Mr and Mrs Kenley at Windy Ridge, Collins Green. She has been reading the books on Martley and is very excited about coming to stay in the Village in May. It truly is a very small world!

Pam Minchin

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!

Beautiful Orchards!

On Thursday 3rd May at 7.3pm a lecture will be held at Martley Village Hall and will include slides and artefacts by John Edgley. The evening promises to be very informative and tickets are only £2 per person to include refreshments. It is so lovely to walk through orchards at this time of year with the blossom trees providing

some wonderful displays of colour. Traditional orchards are so important both for their wildlife and landscape value. Often they include other associated habitats such as hedgerows, scrub and grassland which all contribute to the species diversity. Martley has many orchards both commercial and traditional. The Worcester local group of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust would like to invite you to come along and learn about why this habitat is so important and how they can be managed both for fruit and for biodiversity. Perhaps you can pick up some tips for your own orchard if you are lucky enough to own one!

Poppy Morris

Hats off to Her Majesty

Martley Parish Council would like to invite you all to take part in a “big lunch” bring your own picnic style party speciality food to eat or share with friends and neighbours, to be held on Sunday 3 June commencing between 12.30pm and 1.00pm, on the playing fields to celebrate her Majesty’s Diamond Jubilee. There will be an art display provided by both Primary and Chantry school children and music provided by Longside Radio. A live broadcast of the barge procession on the River Thames will conclude the first day of our celebration. There will also be a BBQ



with hot dogs, burgers and vegetarian burgers for sale on the evening of Monday 4 June starting at 8.00pm culminating with the lighting of the beacon and fireworks at around 10.30pm. Robert and Helen Taylor have invited villagers to walk to the Berrow Hill Beacon on Tuesday 5 June. We would like to thank Wichenford Parish Council for their generous donation towards the cost of the fireworks.

Councillor Mandy Gardner

Martley Parish Council

Abbreviated edited draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2 April 2012

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time

The infrastructure of the Village, particularly the footpaths was raised. This will become more of a problem should additional housing be provided. The Evening Transport proposal was explained in detail by Mr Forrest. WCC has a grant available for one year only for community transport. Councillors were generally in favour of additional evening transport being made available but were concerned that it would only run for one year as did the Parish Link. They were also of the opinion that maybe Friday and Saturdays were perhaps not their preferred evenings. This matter is ongoing. District Councillor Williams reported on the success of the over 60's free insulation scheme. With regard to the SWDP there have been over 15,000 representations and the

final plan will now be delivered in December 2013. The strategic priorities means that the number of houses proposed cannot be amended, however, any proposed sites must be "deliverable".

Planning

12/00306/FUL and 12/00308/LBC

Grove Farm, Newtown

Conversion of redundant barn to form ancillary accommodation. This application was fully supported by Council.

12/00386/HOU

The Coach House, The Noak

Two storey side extension and replace a flat roof with a pitched room. The Council were concerned that this was not shown as a Listed Building Consent and they were concerned about the size of the proposed extension. The Clerk will check with the MHDC Planning department on both of these items.

12/00123/DEM

Lower Horsham Farm, Horsham

Decision. The method of proposed demolition requires Council's prior approval before demolition proceeds. The Council were not au fait with this decision and the Clerk will check with the MHDC Planning department.

Draft Parish Plan

The plan had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. Cllr Cumella was congratulated on the work carried out by the Planning Group and the Council adopted the Plan without amendment. Cllr Cumella also reported on the successful meeting held with Harriet

Baldwin, MP. The following actions agreed, The plan to be lodged with SWDP, The Clerk will send a copy to Community First Policy Research and Development Officer with regard to work being carried out on Rural Access, The Planning Group to draw up a list of objections to be approved by Parish Council by end April, Planning Group would discuss the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan at their next meeting with a proposal coming to Council for the May meeting. Cllrs Gardner and Studer will join the Planning Group with immediate effect.

Progress Reports

Bus shelter – the base has been laid for the shelter and materials ordered and paid for by Council.

Recreation Association – a brief report from the MRA was read out. It was agreed that the Council should write to Ringway and thank them for the work carried out in the playing field.

Jubilee Tree Planting – it was agreed that a disease resistant variety of Elm would be appropriate. Cllr Gardner to obtain quotes for a 15ft tree.

Jubilee Celebrations, Cllr Gardner gave an update. Ongoing

Application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief 2012/13

Application has been received from The Post Office for additional rate relief. The Council voted unanimously for Option A which fully supports the business.

Finance

The financial approvals already circulated were agreed unanimously

and payments made to the value of £1564.58.

Lengthsmans Duties

Quotation for tree work was considered but alternative quotes to be obtained. The work to tidy up some greenery on St Peters Drive will now be left until Autumn. The contract with WCC for 2012/2013 to be signed by the Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that a speaker be invited and local organisations will also be invited to attend and give an annual report.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday May 14 in the Library. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

J C Dale, Clerk

Marriages

Christopher Parkinson and Carol Williams on 21st April at St Peter's, Martley.

In Memorium

George William Bainbridge who passed away on 10th March 2012. The funeral was held at St Peter's, Martley on 24th March 2012.

Rumours

There are currently rumours around the villages that I have sold the Post Office to developers. I would like to inform everyone that the rumours are false and that I have not sold.

Mary (Martley Post Office)

Martley and District Horticultural Society

Vice-Chairman, Dave Cropp, welcomed well over 50 people to our March meeting on the 29th, and expressed thanks to all those who helped at the Spring Show. After giving out newsy bits/plans etc, he introduced our main speaker, Margaret Thower, whose talk was entitled "Three Generations of Gardening". Being a daughter of the late Percy, she was immersed in gardening at an early age and she told members much about her life and her work, her time in America and returning to England to the family business and all sorts of problems as well as successes. For a time she worked at Christies in the jewellery department. She was also a well known flower arranger. The talk progressed to Percy's gardening life which was most interesting and Margaret spoke of the many stages of his life, adding amusing anecdotes. He worked at some very grand places, later doing radio and TV gardening programmes, and becoming a household name. Margaret's partner, Charles Cook, and Percy's father Harry also had very important 'Head Gardener' posts – again fascinating life histories! A very good talk, much enjoyed. Margaret later judged the members' hyacinth competition and Dahlia 'Radiance' corms were handed out to members. Dates for your diaries: 19 May, The Plant Sale in the Village Hall. We will need newspaper and plastic bags and plants please, donations will be very welcome! 28

June, Garden visit to Jill and Stuart Smith's at Upper Sapey. Please meet at Martley Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Tina Steele

The Spring Show

The Spring Show was held on 24 March and, in spite of the dry conditions, the quality of the blooms on display was good, though entry numbers were down. Pretty daffodils and narcissi, fragrant hyacinths, beautiful hellebores, camellias, lovely little violas and a selection of flowering shrubs were a feast for the eyes. The floral art classes had artistic entries, and 'flowers in a fruit skin' was an excellent idea. The adult photos competition produced some really good shots. Flower Show and Floral Art medals awarded to Pat Finch and Carol Dunnett. The children's art classes were bright and colourful as usual, also displayed were amazing poems concerning food! Beautiful decorated gold frames, and the paintings – eat your heart out David Hockney! A good selection of plants for sale, plus a cake stall made this a nice afternoon out.

Tina Steele

Volunteers Needed—Please Help !

Can you spare a few hours this year? We are looking for people who like having fun and could give a little time to join the Committee and help organise the Fete which will be held this year on 18 August 2012. No particular skills are necessary although a sense of humour is a good starting point! We would also welcome volunteers who are willing to assist on

the day. If you are interested or would like to know more please get in touch with Tony Lewington on 01886 888500 or email lantrow@aol.com.

Martley Ramblers

13 May at 2pm, meet at the Church car park

The March ramble was a lovely walk around canals and parts of Droitwich, led by Gill Gough. It started at the empty Eagle and Sun public house at Hanbury Wharf and followed some of the restored canals. It was interesting to see the new marina taking shape. There were parts of Droitwich one would not usually see, including half-finished buildings behind the Chateau Impney. This was a change to the arranged programme, swapping with Pauline and Richard Mills, so their walk will be this month over and around Bromyard Downs. Cars leave church car park at 2pm. Please come and join us, it is an area with lovely views and not too strenuous walking.

Kate King

Martley WI

9 May Wednesday 7.30pm Heaton House

The cookery demo by Liz Hughes was much enjoyed, quite an eye-opener and an incentive to try different ideas for family meals. Having been given interesting recipe leaflets, we will be tempted to try them at home. We were also treated to a cookery demonstration at the Aga Centre, Kidderminster kindly



organised by Jean Hyslop. The following Wednesday several members met in the morning at The Fold for a cup of coffee, when we were able to soak up the lovely warm sunshine. Due to changes by National and Worcestershire Federation, in future, AGMs will be held in May, and this year the Resolutions for the National AGM on 30 May in London will be discussed. We shall not be having a speaker this month as there will be plenty to talk about. Don't think it will be a boring meeting though; it's always a chance to air your views, whether happy with the status quo or wanting to bring about changes. As we had our AGM in November under the previous set-up, we will not be voting again for President and Committee. The competition is for Best of British Tea Time Tasty Bite. What will that bring forth, we wonder? Visitors for the evening are always welcome.

Kate King

Pudford Lane

Congratulations to Josie Hales and fellow gymnasts who did so well in the West Midlands Regional Championships in Birmingham. Similarly, congratulations to anyone else who may have something to celebrate but details of which have not travelled via the Lane grapevine. Spring has certainly sprung or maybe it is summer here already. Whether the long awaited rain will have arrived by the time this is read, who can say? One thing is certain, the birds will be

happy if the stream re-appears down the lane so that they can drink and wash freely there. The foxes still perambulate the garden and orchard at night, clearing up scraps fallen from the fat balls on the bird feeders and drinking from the water containers. Fred dog gets very cross and disturbs the whole household during the night with his barking. "Live and let live" we tell him, but he does not always listen. Perhaps we can get him some earmuffs from the pet shop, then we can all sleep in peace!

Martley's Past

**Another extract from Jessie Brydges' book
"Red Letter Days"**

The next occasion was The Martley Foresters' Club Day. It was always held on the Wednesday of Whit-week in a small field next to the Crown Inn – which I notice is a car park now. The morning started off with a parade of horses and a band. The riders, Forester Club members were dressed up as Robin Hood and his Merry Men, and visited the big important houses and played to collect donations. Stricklands Amusements were put up in the field by the Crown, in which were included dandy-horses, swing boats, hoop-la, coconut shys, and try-your-strength (with the hammer and bell arrangement), shooting gallery and several ice-cream carts, Mrs Dowding's cakes and a man with a very large basket of cold, fried fish stood out by the pub. This was all for the afternoon and evening

entertainment.

Alan Boon (Now home again!)


I've forgotten who I lent my book of old photographs to whilst away. Please let me know. Thanks.

Alan B

Bonjour!!

My family and I have recently moved to Martley and are really enjoying the lovely countryside and everything that this lovely little village has to offer. I am originally from Toulouse, from the South West of France and am a qualified native French teacher, with 22 years experience, teaching in this country. I have taught French in various secondary schools up to A level and recently in a primary school. I am a licensee for La Jolie Ronde, which is an award winning language course for children from 3 to 11. I can offer private tuition to students of all ages and revision classes for GCSE and A Level students, as well as support for KS3 French and conversation classes for adults. I currently teach three ladies and volunteer in Broadheath Primary school, teaching French in my son's class. Simon, my husband is a Senior Lecturer at the Education Department of the University of Worcester and we have 2 children, Tom (8) and Emilie (11) and a cat named Anabelle. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me on 01886 887842, 07988812869 or email sylvie.simon@talktalk.net






Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Wichenford 100 Club

Winners

1st prize, ticket number 201, Hazel Sparkes, 2nd prize ticket number 137, M Sanders and 3rd prize ticket number 33, K Randall. Congratulations to our April winners!

Clair

News from Nora Parsons Day Centre

Thank you to everyone who supported our Prize Bingo at Great Witley recently. Particular thanks go to the regular bingo organizers, we would not be able to manage without their help. We raised a fantastic £420 plus we raised another £270 from the raffle. This money goes towards our usual running costs. 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



Nora Parsons Day Centre

In Memorium



Margaret Jean Wall (Jean) who passed away on 17th March 2012. Her funeral and burial was held at St Laurence, Church in Wichenford on 27th March 2012.

Jean Wall

We were so very sorry to hear that Jean has passed away and we all would like to send our deepest sympathy to her husband, Les, and to all her family. Jean had lived in Wichenford for 59 years and was a very much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Jean was very well known and highly regarded in Wichenford, she will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.





BlueBell Cross Country Ride

To be held in Wichenford, (next to the church)
Raising funds for and in Aid Of The Air Ambulance and local charities

Sunday 6th May 2012
(Also the following weekend by appointment please ring number below)

First Entries at 10.00am (last entry 1pm)
From the field next to the church, opposite Wichenford Dovecote and Court, WR6 6XY

Approximately 11 miles pleasure ride through lovely countryside and bluebell woods

Short cuts and many **optional** jumps of various heights and size and no roadwork!

All riders **must** have their own insurance and valid Horse Passports

Riders take part entirely at their own risk and the organizers accept no liability whatsoever for damage to persons, horses, or property whilst on the premises or taking part in the ride.

Sorry but no dogs allowed
Rosettes to all taking part and remember Hard Hats and adequate protection must be worn.

Toilets and First aid on hand
A Vet and doctor will be on call
Teas and Refreshments available

Entries to be made on the day
Adults £16, Children (under 14) £12
Enquiries: gbbwichenford@aol.com
Mobile: 07767 788 273



Jubilee Hour

There is a national campaign to launch a Jubilee Hour to encourage people to give an hour of their time to help good causes. The idea of encouraging 60 minutes of someone's time to honour 60 years of Her Majesty's reign on the throne is a wonderful way of doing something for the country, and it is hoped that more than a million people will sign up to take part. Volunteers will be put in touch with individuals or projects asking for help, via a website yet to be launched, and they will be put in touch with participating good causes in their area. Ideas can be as simple as an hour's gardening for an elderly neighbour, or joining others to do something more organized. Locally in Wichenford we have the Bluebell Ride on May 6th in aid St Richards Hospice, the Midlands Air Ambulance and village charities, and any help on the day would be much appreciated. The Nora Parsons Day centre are having their annual party, and also a coffee morning over the Jubilee weekend, and the garden for the Day Centre and the Millennium green needs weeding and planting up. Then on the 9 June, a fund raising Silent Auction is being held in the Wichenford Memorial Hall. Pledges from people of an hour's gardening, mowing, ironing, or baking a cake, etc etc would be a huge help for the 'auction'. There will also be an organized litter pick in the village, and a day cleaning Wichenford church. So there is a lot going on in and around Wichenford,. All these things need

volunteers, and would fit well into the Jubilee Hour campaign. For any volunteering or more information, please email gblwichenford@aol.com or please contact me on 07767 788273

Georgina

Little Witley Film Society

End of season Party 19 May 2012

Come and join the party! We'll be having a full meal and some great short films and the cost is only £5.00 and if you are a member, its free! Please contact Jean on 01886 888122 if you would like to come along!

Bonfires

Now that the warmer weather is with us I see that the usual summer bonfires have also started. Whilst it is not against the law to have a bonfire, it might be a good idea to remind all residents that bonfires can affect their neighbours whether they are elderly, have breathing difficulties or just like to enjoy sitting in their gardens without being enveloped in smoke. There are better alternatives, such as recycling via MHDC wheelie bin scheme or taking the garden waste to the local recycling depot. This is better for the environment and on a warm summer's day does not leave fumes hanging in the air for hours at a time, causing further distress and making everyone keep their windows closed!

Thanks

Glennis Higgins AIIRSM, Health & Safety Advisor

e-mail: glennis.higgins@barclays.com

The Corfu Trail

An illustrated talk by the author John Waller featuring The Corfu Trail, a long distance walk along the unspoilt coastline of the west of Corfu will be held on Wednesday May 2nd 2012 at Stanford Village Hall. The talk will be featuring fantastic views and wonderful wild flowers. Entrance costs only £8 per person and will include a glass of wine and nibbles. For tickets please contact Pat Hunstone on 01584 881432, or 07798930415, alternatively email hunstone@aol.com

Roger Hunstone

A Concert for the Jubilee

Start your Jubilee celebrations with a concert by Volante Strings at St. Mary's Church, Stanford on Friday 1 June at 7.30pm. Enjoy English gems by Elgar and Delius, the Queen of Sheba by Handel and the Waltz from Tchaikovsky's Serenade together with the rarely performed but lovely Telemann Viola Concerto, soloist Volante's own Amanda Salmon. Tickets are priced at only £10.00 each to include a glass of wine and canapés, children are admitted free. Bookings please to Megan Webb via telephone on 01299 896771 or Robin Dean 01886 853295 email robin.c.dean@googlemail.com

Steam Train Trip

I am currently organising a coach trip to visit Tyseley (Birmingham) a lovely Steam Railway Museum for an open day on Saturday 23 or Sunday 24 June

If there is enough interest then the only cost would be a coach fare. The museum is great and there are several steam engines and these will be providing short train rides. If anyone is interested in going along, then please call Neil on 01886 888513. I am currently a volunteer Steward on some of the main line steam trips too!.

Neil Stammers

Pensax Thrift Shop

Our lovely little shop has now re-opened and will open every Wednesday morning until December. The Thrift Shop began in 1975 with the objective to raise money for the upkeep of the Village Hall and after a number of years to refurbish attention moved to various other charities.. We have raised, since 1992, over £20,000. For information regarding Thrift Shop, phone Nerys on 01299 832388.

Baptisms



Toby Bennett on Sunday 22nd April at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Flower Festival

A flower festival with a theme The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be held on the 5, 6 and 7 May 2012 from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm each day, refreshments will be served throughout each day and music will be provided by the Malvern Chase Brass Band on the afternoon of

Sunday 6th May. We will have Morris Dancers on Monday afternoon 7 May and a lovely selection of crafts, produce and plants will be for sale throughout the event. We will be holding a Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 6th May at 6.30 pm. Admission will be £2.00 by programme only and children will be admitted free. Free car parking too!! For more details please ring, 01886 888535 and all proceeds will go to Little Witley Church.

A Loving Tribute

Arthur John Challis

Arthur was born on 16 January 1922 in the village of Soham, which is just outside Cambridge. He was the youngest child of John and Eliza Challis and joined his four older siblings; his brother Henry and three sisters Florence, Mabel and Ada. His education took place in the local school in Soham but it is fair to say that he didn't enjoy these early years of learning. I suspect that he would always prefer to be out in the open air, exploring the countryside around his home, rather than being confined to a stuffy classroom. As with most families between the wars, there was little money to go round and children would be expected to contribute to the household income by going out to work at the earliest opportunity. Arthur left school at 14 and took his first job when he worked on a local pig farm. However, he had developed a passion for motorbikes and, being good with his hands, he would tinker

with the engines and make sure that they were running smoothly. His love of bikes stayed with him and I'm told that he was particularly fond of a BSA that he owned. He was able to combine another of his interests with his work when he took the post of training to be a cinema projectionist. The cinema was a few miles away, in Saffron Walden in Essex, and the distance from his home meant that he had to move into lodgings close to his place of work. The job gave him the chance to work on the mechanical side of showing films and it would let him see the latest movies too, probably several times over. The outbreak of the Second World War saw Arthur called up to join the Royal Air Force and much of his time with the RAF was spent in India. As with many young men, time with the forces meant learning new skills and so it was that Arthur was trained to drive articulated lorries. He gained his HGV licence and this experience was to prove valuable as he was able to find steady employment in the years immediately after the war. I set Beryl the difficult task of trying to sum up Arthur in just three words or phrases. First of all, she said that he was a serious man., then she said that he was hard-working and had been all his life. Lastly, she said that he was quiet and well-mannered. However you remember Arthur, I'm sure you'll always think of him as a gentle man. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, Beryl, sons David and Bernard and the rest of his family.

In the Garden



By the time we reach the end of May the weather should have really warmed up and the danger of frost will have passed, so all those tender summer bedding plants can at last be put out into the garden. Give them a few days in a sheltered spot to adjust to outside temperatures before you plant them out, the same applies to plants that are going to go into hanging baskets. Do take care to keep your new/young plants well watered. For some bargain bedding plants try the Martley Spring Plant Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday May 19th. Remove the flowers from the last of the spring-flowering bulbs and keep the plants well fed and watered in order to build up the bulbs for next year. It is also now time to clear away forget-me-nots and other plants which are past their best and trim aubretia, arabis and alyssum. You can divide large clumps of primroses, primulas and polyanthus, but be sure to water them well after replanting. Put in supports for taller growing summer plants and if you are growing sweet peas remember to check that they are wound or tied in place. Prune early flowering shrubs and Clematis Montana varieties as they finish flowering, and trim back pyracanthus. At the start of May you can sow French beans, runner beans, courgettes, sweetcorn

and squash, indoors. These will be ready for planting out at the end of the month. Seeds can be sown outside directly in the second half of the month, and outdoor tomato plants can go out if the weather is warm; if not, wait until June. Cut off any runners on your strawberry plants, unless you want them for new stock, as they weaken the plant and reduce the fruit yield. Check the base of the plants for slugs and snails. In the greenhouse, keep removing sideshoots from tomatoes. Malvern Spring Gardening Show takes place from May 10th to 13th. On Sunday May 22, number 1, Prickley Bungalows, Hockhams Lane, Martley, is open for charity from 11am to 3pm (plants will be for sale)

JC

Martley Planters



I took this picture of one of the Martley Planters after a recent rainfall. The plants looked really beautiful and obviously benefitted from a spot of rain. Thanks to everyone who continues to water and look after these planters, they really are a lovely sight as you enter our Village.

GD



Church Words

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God's Healing Today

If we read the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we find that the ministry of Jesus is closely associated with a healing ministry that reaches out to people in every kind of need, not only does Jesus heal but he commanded his disciples, and has given gifts to his church to heal in his name. **But does God heal today?** When we speak of healing, our immediate reaction will probably be to consider physical healing. Jesus himself and the early disciples give us records of such healings and there is evidence today that this continues. However, healing that Christ brings is to make the person whole in every aspect of their lives. For some Jesus brought forgiveness and absolution for their sin and they were made whole. For others their own self worth and appreciation of their own life was so low that they had to see that they were loved to be healed. For some their own faith would cause them to reach out to Jesus, or the faith of another would bring them to Jesus, that he might make them well. I do believe God heals today, and over the next few months we will be exploring different aspects of healing then and now. We will also be offering prayer and ministry for healing for those that wish it. It is part of the good news of Jesus who said "I have come to bring good news to the poor - release to the captives - recovery of sight to the blind and to free the oppressed". (Luke 4) Jesus is the healer and we hope that during the course of the services being held we will

rediscover his healing power for our own lives today. We may have our doubts, as did Thomas. We may have questions as to why some are healed and some are not, but I do believe that we are called to pray for the sick and seek God's will for their lives, he also encourages us to ask and it will be given to us and to seek and we will find. So during those services and over the next few months we will be doing this. If anyone has any questions or would like to discuss matters of healing further do not hesitate to contact Revd David Sherwin (01886 888664) or Revd Jennifer Whittaker (01886 833897) or simply come along to any of the services where you would be most welcome. They are listed below:

Sunday 29th April at 10.30am, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas, Benefice Holy Communion - Healing and the Eucharist

Thursday 3rd May at 7.30pm, The Old School, Martley, Exploration Of God's Healing And Its Ministry In The Church Today

On the following Sundays each of the day's services will address the theme of the day which are:

Sunday 6th May, God's Healing Today

Sunday 10th June, Healing and Anointing

Sunday 15th July, Healing And The Laying On Of Hands

Sunday 26th August, Healing, Forgiveness And Absolution

David

Tues 1 May	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Thurs 3 May	7.30pm Exploration of God's Healing and its Ministry in the Church Today, Martley Old School
Sunday 6 May	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary and St Andrew 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Tues 8 May	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 9 May	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thur 10 May	9.00am-6pm WWRT Archdeacons Visitation Day, Martley Old School
Sat 12 May	Martley Church Fete
Sunday 13 May	Rogation Sunday, 11.00am Rogation Service, Ridgend Farm, Wichenford. The home of John and Sheila Richards
Mon 14 May	8.30am Prayer Breakfast at Jennifers 7.30pm Harvest Supper Meeting at The Rectory
Tues 15 May	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Thur 17 May	Ascension Day, 3-4.30pm Tea Service at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Deanery Holy Communion
Sunday 20 May	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 Songs of Praise, St Mary and St Andrew 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 21 May	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter's, Martley
Tues 22 May	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 23 May	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Sunday 27 May	WWRT Pulpit Swap 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Songs of Praise, Noak Farm, Martley – The home of Richard and Claire Bray
Mon 28 May	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Knightwick Charities meeting
Tues 29 May	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 30 May	7.30pm Churchwardens Service of Admission, St Edburga's,



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And finally ...



Martley Village Hall AGM

The Management Committee of Martley Village Hall would like to invite you to attend our AGM this year on **Monday 21 May at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. We hope to bring you up to date on progress and plans for the future together with meeting the current Committee Members. (new members are very welcome to join us too) Please do come along if you can as your support and comments are much appreciated and we want as much input from local villagers into this wonderful village facility as we can! The Committee will be providing light refreshments and nibbles so please let me know if you can attend. You are most welcome to bring someone along with you too. Please contact me on 01886 821895 or email villagehall@martley.org. Thank you for your support.

*Annette
(VH Secretary)*