

The Villager

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Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:

Sundays

2nd Sunday in the month:

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

3rd Sunday in the month:

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

Mondays

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: Every 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

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OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

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Martley & District Horticultural Society

Mike Dunnett welcomed members to the first Autumn indoor meeting, a sad occasion owing to the passing away on 24 September of our joint secretary, Pam Minchin, who was much loved in many ways as a person, also being a long-time member of the Society and a keen gardener, always ready to help with anything and much involved in village life. As Mike said, “a legend”. We stood in silence to remember Pam, she will be very much missed. We extend our very deepest sympathy to Lionel and the family. It is hoped in due course to send a donation to St Richard’ Hospice in Pam’s memory.

Adrian James, Speaker

Mike had brought a large allium seed head to show members, these are excellent sprayed gold or silver for Christmas; he also recommended ‘Livingstone’, a new rhubarb variety, this has a second growth later in the year. A competition was held for a few late heads of dahlia ‘Radiance’, Carol Dunnett won with hers. The main speaker was Adrian James from

Offenham, a keen garden photographer, and his chosen subject was Courtyard Gardening. Surprisingly his slides began with the carefully manicured surroundings of the Taj Mahal, going on with many views of courtyards in several other countries, in particular Spain and Morocco – beautiful ‘Moorish’ designs with amazing tiles, fountains, pots, slabs, baskets, anything in fact which showed off the flowers, ferns and trees and canals, rills and ‘star’ beds all added interest. Nearly all the courtyards had a water feature of some sort. Just the place to unwind in the evening with a glass of wine! Back to England, roof gardens, big houses, and even Cathedrals (medicinal herb gardens of course!) were shown. Adrian had certainly been to some beautiful places, but sometimes, with all the people about, it was tricky getting a good photograph. An enjoyable talk which gave plenty of ideas.

Christmas Dinner

The members’ Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 7 December with only 46 tickets available. The AGM and Social Evening is to be held on 29

November. A Surprise Trip is planned for 14 December, leaving Martley at 1pm and travelling by coach to Cirencester Christmas Market, having shopped till we dropped and then we proceed to Westonbirt Arboretum which will be illuminated for the festive season.

Tine Steele

The Lantern Field, Martley

As some people probably know this is the large arable field adjoining Rogers' coach station, and it is now sadly under threat of development. It was known to have this name in Queen Elizabeth 1st time (1558-1603), being part of the lands which provided rent used to maintain the school which stood in the North West corner of the churchyard. This was pulled down in 1847. As the 99 year lease of these (then Chantry) lands beginning 5 July 1539, to Thomas Noxon, the Lantern field probably already had its name, in fact there were named sections in Martley before 1311. One would assume that a lantern was sited in this field to light the way to the church and school, which was used for many other things. That is the most likely theory. However, maybe the name could come from a much older custom. In 'Celentine Rambles and Guide to Hagley' published in 1882, a paragraph tells of the probability of a Saxon church (the same as in Martley) and a field called Lamplands "given for the maintenance of a lamp in the church to burn continually before the host". Could it be that this was the

case here in St Peter's church – the aumbry (meaning cupboard) is possibly as old as the north wall of the Chancel itself (13thC) and that is where the Bread and Wine would have been kept. At Kempsey certain land rents in the 14thC paid for wax candles to burn before the altar. Incidentally, I believe the old spelling 'Lanthorn' comes from lant (a type of bovine of a certain age, perhaps like 'stirk' in the north of England) and the thin sliced horn used instead of glass. Another interesting point, the Chantry High School's new apple orchard is on land called Jacob's Bower – OE meaning is a dwelling. Perhaps Jacob was in charge of the lantern.

Tina Steele

Martley Ramblers

**4 November, 10am Church car park
19 November 8pm Hillend Cottage,
Pudford Lane**

On 6 September, 6 ramblers enjoyed a most interesting walk around our neighbouring village of Whitbourne. The walk, led by Chris Fletcher, went over some superb rolling countryside and the weather being dry and warm added to the enjoyment. Starting in Whitbourne Village we headed to Whitbourne Court, following the Teme, over the main road, towards Knightwick Manor. We then walked around a wooded loop returning to Whitbourne via Gaines, Huntland and the Wheatsheaf Public House. Many thanks to Chris for such an interesting walk. This month we are on the first Sunday to avoid clashing with

Remembrance Sunday and it is a mystery walk led by Dot and Chris Fletcher, so please do come along and be mystified! The AGM is on Monday 19 November, so please join us for the review of the year and with plans and ideas for 2013.

Kate King

Martley WI

Heaton House 14 November 7.30pm

This is no longer our AGM month as it is now in May following changes decreed by National and Federation, so this month we have a talk by Jill Salmons on Costumes of South West China, and the competition is for a favourite accessory. It may be a bit cold for your bikini, but you do not necessarily have to wear it on the night! Rehearsals are presently under way for 2 mini-panto productions. Oh yes, they are! Long-serving WI member, Nellie Bradley, was presented with a card, some beautiful flowers and a delicious cake to celebrate her 90th birthday in September. The celebrations were enjoyed hopefully by the birthday girl herself as much as by everyone else. Nellie is in her 59th year of membership of Martley Womens Institute, which is quite a record. Congratulations Nellie from us all!

Kate King

Martley Spurs Football Club Update

September 2012

A slow start to the new season finds us in 7th place in the Premier League.

However, we are determined to improve and we welcome supporters to our home and away games. New players are more than welcome to join us, please contact Simon Rawle on 07971 264107 for more details

M Gardner, Secretary

Treasurer Required on Village Hall Committee

The Committee would welcome support for the Village Hall in the role of Treasurer and/or committee member. The Treasurer role is obviously an important role for the village hall and someone with IT and good communication skills are preferred but a sense of humour is essential. The committee does pull together and jobs are distributed amongst everyone but a Treasurer is needed to work with us please. The committee would like to thank Dave Cropp for his support over the years as Treasurer and it is hoped that Dave will continue to support the committee in a member role once a Treasurer is found to alleviate him of these duties. If anyone is interested in discussing this role or wishes to find out more please do contact Annette Smith (01886 821 895 or email villagehall@martley.org)

Annette Smith

Martley Church of England Primary School

The autumn term is well underway and the children and staff seem to have been inspired by the amazing Olympic events witnessed over the summer break. The children have thrown themselves into their new academic year and have a positive 'can-do' attitude to almost everything! The next generation inspired? Or perhaps it was our wonderful football team from last year who inspired the Olympians to great success with victories in 5 separate competitions, including League and Cup wins in Worcester! The trophies are proudly on display in our entrance hall. We are focussing on all things 'green' this term and are aiming to become a primary school with eco status-recognising our curriculum and school practices based around sustainability. Willow and Rowan class are exploring 'water' as their main topic and have been exploring this precious resource, whilst having lots of fun! We are also developing the eco area at the bottom of our field, making animal and plant habitats whilst making an area to support our environmental studies. We look forward to sharing some photos of the area next edition, together with some updates from our children. They have already produced 'an eco code' to help guide our day to day living in and out of school. They are also preparing for our whole school topic after half term exploring the story 'The Tin Forest'. As part of our 'green drive' our Year 6 children have

already passed their Level 1 and 2 cycling proficiency 'Bikeability' assessments-look out for them riding safely around the village! Our new reception children have settled brilliantly-and have been part of a 'welcome assembly' by Rev Sherwin (and Chucky!) with their families. We also welcome other children and families who have joined us recently at Martley CE Primary School, including Mia and Tommie Fouweather, Toby Fisher, and Lucy Farmer. After half term we also have the return visit from our Head Teacher, Mrs. Margareth Msacky, in our Tanzanian partner school, Kambarage Primary. I had an amazing time over the summer in Tanzania, learning and detaching at Kambarage. An amazing experience with the whole school community! The pictures hopefully give you a real feel for the school. (on page 14) The partnership is equitable and based around the theme of learning together-both children and staff. Both communities are really fired up to make this a long lasting partnership. We can't wait for Margareth's visit! Finally, once again, I would like to say how proud we are to be such an integral part of the local community and the next generation of life in Martley, currently seems 'inspired!' Fingers crossed for the future! If you would like more details about school then please do contact us at school on 01886 888201 or on our website www.martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk

Andrew Massey, Head Teacher



Teme Valley Geological Society

Ammonites and Lizards were the subject matter of our September and October talks. The former an iconic fossil and the latter the popular Cornish peninsular! Both well loved and fascinating geological topics of complete contrast. Saturday 17 November is **Rock Day** when we combine our AGM (not necessarily the most popular event in our diary but a necessary part of running the Society) with guided geological walks in and around Martley, and a visit by the world famous Silurian Morris Men in the afternoon and an audio visual celebration of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site in the evening. This should be fun, entertaining and educational. Do please join us, you are all welcome throughout the day. Let's put Martley on the map!

Harriet Howell, TVGS publicity

Ferndale Singers

On Saturday 15th December 2012 at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall the Ferndale Singers will be holding a Festive Concert full of Christmas Music and also a raffle. Tickets are priced at only £5 which will include wine and light refreshments. You can purchase tickets by contacting 01886 821127, 01905 333225 or 07958559083. This will be our first concern under our new Musical Director, Greg Swinford. Greg is a music graduate of Selwyn College, Cambridge. Always a very popular

night, so get your tickets early!

Chris Baker

Martley's Recent Past

Colleen and Alan Boon would like to thank all in the village and church who came to the church and made their wedding on September 29 such a marvellous fairy-tale occasion. Colleen, from California, had no family or relatives present, but was made to feel a part of the village by everyone present, whether active in the ceremony or by just being there. We will both be forever grateful.

Alan and Colleen Boon

Calling All Fidoe Families

Are You Related To Me ?

My name is Robin Fidoe and I live in Bristol along with a very small group of other Fidoe members. My roots are from the Martley, Pensax and Lindridge area. Although my name is unusual here in Bristol it seems the opposite in your area. I recently visited Martley and Pensax and will be coming back shortly to visit some very elderly relatives that I know about and re-visit your local churches. I am in contact with Alan Boon your local historian re the family tree and also Jean Rudd at Pensax church. I would love to meet anybody I am related to and more importantly anybody who has any photos or memorabilia of the Fidoe line through Alfred and Louisa Fidoe born in 1847 and 1861

respectively. We have very few photographs of the family and I have recently been excited following receipt of a 100+ year old photos of my grandmother at a very early age and great grandparents that I did not know existed. If you would like to make contact could you email me at robinfidoe@btinternet.com or ring or text on 07711 903 301. If anybody has any interesting stories on the family please do feel free to contact me directly. Thanks again.

Robin

Yoga Classes

To be held at Martley village hall every Thursdays from 7pm to 8.30pm. Yoga can improve mindfulness, posture, compassion and peace, happiness and health. For more information please telephone Miranda White for dates and to discuss Yoga further. Miranda can be contacted on 07946 748 104 or 01885 822283. You can also email her at whiteyoga@hotmail.co.uk.

Know Your Councillor

Terry Gale

Terry Gale was born in Holt Heath and attended The Chantry High



School, he is married to Karen and has two children Jamie, and Sara who both attend The Chantry School.

He has remained living in the local area, with a period of seven years in Worcester before returning to live in Lower Broadheath prior to moving to

Hillside, Martley six years ago. Professionally, Terry has a keen interest in the building trade which turned from a hobby to his main employment after working for the government for 20 years. His main interest is planning, and building and has a keen interest in his local area. He is happy to be contacted about village issues and answer any questions that villagers may have.

Terry Gale

Tim Studer

After five moves in six years, the first few of that took place in West Cornwall, Tim and his young family moved to their current home in Martley in August 2000. Almost immediately, the beautiful classic English landscape in which Martley is nestled quickly secured its status as a perfect long term home for the whole family. Since that time we have made many friends both as individuals and as a family whether it be through the boys attendance at the excellent village schools, the friendly neighbours, the enthusiastic local Rugby clubs, thriving local businesses or the many community groups, organisations and clubs that exist here. Tim is a Chartered Structural Engineer and has worked all over the world in the specialist fields of Timber Engineering and low Energy modular housing. He has recently set up a business whose aim is to more closely integrate the design and local delivery



(construction) of higher performance buildings using the many new products, materials and skills that have long been widely available to raise the standard of home design, construction and improvement in and around the Teme Valley. Tim joined the Parish Council toward the end of 2011 and is committed to serving the community and the long term future development of the village to suit local needs. He is also a member of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group. Tim is happy to be contacted by email at tim@buzzprojects.co.uk or by phone on 01886 888541

Martley Parish Council

Abbreviated unapproved minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 October

7 councillors present, plus 4 members of the public and the Clerk.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time

The problem of traffic using Jury Lane was raised. The suggestion was made that the signage at the entrance to the lane requires improvement and a more substantial barrier at the end of the lane is required. County Cllr A Davies agreed to refer this problem to WCC Highways Dept. A problem with drainage opposite Betts Ecology was raised. The work of the Lengthsman during day of particular heavy rain was commended.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Walker declared an interest in item 11.

County & District Councillor

Reports

County Councillor Davies reported that a further meeting would take place on the proposed community transport. Cllr Walker agreed to attend. He also pointed out that the Neighbourhood Plan should cover the next 20 years and be reviewed every 5 years. He also reported that he would not be standing for re-election in May 2013. Chairman thanked him for his involvement with the village over the last 20 years. District Councillor Williams reported on some Neighbourhood Plan training that had taken place. As requested by Council she had approached the SWDP team about whether the council could allocate the sites for housing themselves. She read out a long detailed reply (Copy of this email on the website).

Planning

12/00917/HOU, Three Acres, Willow Road, Application Approved

12/01159/FUL, Horsham Court Stables, Conversion of existing stables to dwelling with associated garages, Council support

23/00800/HOU, High View, Collins Green, Amended plans, Council support

Neighbourhood Plan Committee

The Chairman said that the plan is currently being written and will probably come to Council for approval at the January 2013 meeting.

Future Housing

Taylor Wimpey are planning to hold a public consultation on 19 October. The Clerk is to arrange meetings

between (a) Taylor Wimpey and Council and (b) Richard Bray and Council to discuss the current status.

Granting of dispensations

The clerk explained the new rule about dispensations for councillors' interests. It was agreed that the agenda would still be issued at the same time and the clerk would notify any councillor who she felt could have an interest to apply for a dispensation.

Council Logo

The logos prepared by Georgiana Baxter were reviewed and voted upon. A new logo was selected.

Correspondence

Village Hall. Library electricity costs, a communication was read out from the Treasurer. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Gale would seek further advice on the current heaters being used.

Email re Tenbury Policing Area, this was noted. Email from M Walker re Play Area noise and planning permission issues, the planning issue raised had been resolved. Letters had been received concerning the noise from the play area. This correspondence arrived too late for any decision to be made therefore the clerk will reply accordingly. Letter received from A Palmer resigning as Tree Warden. To be placed on next agenda.

Progress Reports

Weighbridge use by Longside Radio, this is ongoing. Crown Orchard, it was agreed to approach the Brewery about this problem as more complaints have been received. Recycling facilities,

ongoing

Finance

The payments as previously circulated were approved and cheques signed accordingly.

PPP Account, the clerk had reviewed the cash books since the inception of this scheme and agreed a balance with John Nicklin. She reported that there are very few parish records held in the archive and that apparently the minute books are held by a parishioner. The clerk will ask for the safe return of the books.

Lengthsman

Additional duties for October include, Footpath at Hastings Close to playing field, the trees require trimming. Grips Hillside, Lengthsman will be asked to contact the Chairman about this problem.

Verge on St Peters Court requires tidying. The overgrown tree St Peters Drive hanging into the road and Willow Road hedge, Cllr Nott to handle this

Clerk's urgent decisions

Planning permission issue on playing field. Dog signs for playing field have been ordered.

Councillor's Reports and items for future agenda

The bin opposite Rogers Coaches needs a replacement liner. It was suggested that we ask children how they would like to see the village in 40 yrs time, via the Chantry. Cllr Studer will investigate broadband speeds further. Cllr Gale reported a problem with the camber on Hillside which should be reported to WCC. Willow

Trees in Church Lane, Cllr Nott again reported that he is very concerned about these trees. Clerk to contact Highways Liaison Engineer. Hedges require trimming in Church Lane and from Weighbridge to village. Clerk to arrange. Large pot hole in Hope House Lane close to Touchwood Cottage.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

*J C Dale
10 October 2012*

Apologies to Councillor Nott

In the October edition of this magazine the incorrect telephone number was printed for Mike. Please find below the correct details.

Area Five, Councillor M Nott

Hollins Lane from Church Corner to Lower Hollins Farm, lanes west to Berrow Green and east to Wants Green and south to parish boundary, Wants Green, Newtown and separate dwellings in countryside

Email mike.nott@martley.org

Telephone (01886) 821746

Cob House Fisheries, Events and Activities Update

Car Boot Sale

3rd November

Car boot sale in aid of the British Legion, 10am start and only £4per pitch.

Halloween Trail

13 October to the 4 November. Find 10 posters around the activity meadow

relating to Halloween. The sheets are numbered and have a picture on, you will need to write down this number on the trail sheet together with your email address to qualify to enter in the prize draw for a free kids meal.

Worcester Air Rifles

They will be with us on Saturday 17 November, a great chance to give Airgun Target Shooting a try, the club is based locally. £2 a go, age 9 years and upwards, 11am to 3pm. Come along and join the fun!

Mel Clarke

24 November 2012. This is a real date for the diary, come along and congratulate Mel on her fantastic achievement at the London 2012 Paralympic Games having won a Silver Medal. I am sure that you will want to pop along, join in the BBQ and don't forget to bring the camera! There will be great photo opportunities with Mel and her Silver Medal. Weather permitting there will be "Have a Go" Archery sessions running for £2 for 6 arrows. More details will be released on this when we can confirm, in the meantime, don't forget to write the date down!

Helen

*Cob House Fisheries, 01886 888 517
email sales@cobhouse.org*

The Chantry School, Martley Applefest 2012

The Chantry School in Martley celebrated the 'Mighty Apple' in style on Saturday 6 October 2012. Over 350 people attended The Chantry School's Applefest aimed at celebrating the

important and traditional British apple growing industry. It also provided the opportunity to witness the official opening of The Chantry School Orchard, which has been developed over the past four years under the guidance of Mr Bob Allison and students. Rupert Brakespear, Worcestershire County Council Sustainability Officer officiated. Over 150 varieties of apples were on display, where a number of experienced fruit growers were on hand to give advice on the growing of apples and had a go at identifying some 'unnamed' varieties! There were opportunities to buy apple products and local crafts as well as finding out how to keep bees and observing demonstrations on apple pressing and juicing, spinning and cider making. The special 'Apple' themed drama written by John Townsend and directed by Sue Rickman was expertly presented by drama students from The Chantry School. The Chantry School Orchestra played a medley of well-known songs, whilst Grimley and Holt Primary School choir sang beautifully to an enthusiastic audience. This community event was planned with the whole family in mind and judging by the many positive comments the organisers received; it proved to be a very enjoyable day. In fact a number of the participants have already pledged their support for 2013! Thank you to everyone.

*Bob Allison and Caroline Palethorpe,
The Chantry School*

Applefest, Thanks

The organisers of the third Chantry Applefest were delighted with how successful the event was. We were blessed with a fantastic autumnal day with the sun shining throughout. The apple display boasted well over 150 apple varieties in the middle of the main hall, which was a great achievement when considering the poor harvest this year. Particular thanks must go to Peter Hawkins, Bill Cooper, Steve Huke, Broomfields and Bulmers for supplying us with so many varieties. Reg Farmer and Wade Muggleton also deserve a mention for bringing numerous varieties from their Tenbury collection. There was no doubting the main attraction outside, with almost everyone stopping to taste a sample of freshly pressed apple juice, was Steve Hukes replica Victorian apple press. It was a fascinating spectacle which created a lot of interest throughout the day. The cider sampling also went down very well although I had to mix mine with some of the fresh juice. I may have been classified as a 'wimp' but I did manage to survive the day in one piece! Other popular hits were the drama and musical events. The John Townsend play was once again extremely popular and drew in big crowds. The Chantry orchestra and Grimley and Holt choir also provided fantastic entertainment for the public. What with the craft fair, children's activities, dinosaur hunt, pig roast, candy floss, the Applefest provided the public with a marvellous day out.

Thank you for all the positive comments and let's hope this can become an annual event.

Pat Owen

News from the Chantry Library Learning Centre

I have already had requests from year 7 pupils to join our librarian training scheme. This teaches pupils how to research using books and the computer, how to work in a team doing various duties around the library and builds confidence. The library would not be able to operate without them and I am very grateful to have such a wonderful team. Very soon I will be taking a group of boys to listen to a talk by Andy McNab, ex SAS soldier and author of many books. This will be a fantastic opportunity for them to hear how Andy started writing and be inspired by what can be achieved through hard work and determination. He is an exceptional speaker. Last week Helen Cooper, Community Support Officer came into to hold a 'drop in session'. She was able to talk to the students about her job and listen to any concerns the children had. She is coming in again on 12 November to talk about her role as a CSO and also about road safety. During craft making club we are learning how to weave. We are also looking towards Christmas and have boxes to cover and decorate and cards to make.

Vicky Warr, Librarian



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Wichenford 100 Club

September

First prize went to S. Murphy, second prize to Robert Hawker and third prize to H. Mason. The lucky winning tickets were drawn by Brandon Corbett

October

First prize went to Margaret Fisher, second prize to Jean Cooney and third prize went to Sarah Hayes. The lucky winning tickets were drawn by Lydia Corbett. Congratulations to you all.

Clair Corbett

Linda Margaret Baldwin

Mum passed away on 26 August peacefully at home in Hallow at the age of 79 years. She was married to Dave and they had seven sons and four daughters. Mum never stopped working mainly on the land peapicking, gooseberries, blackcurrants, any job to help put food on the table. She was a good cook, and in particular rabbit stew with dumplings, jam roly poly and spotted dick. Mum made great friends in Martley, Wichenford

and Hallow. In her later life she enjoyed raising money for charities including the Air Ambulance from bingo nights at Wichenford village hall and other money-raising events. Mum, you are going to be dearly missed by a large family and greater number of friends. God Bless you, Mum.

The Baldwin Family

We extend our very deepest sympathy to the Baldwin Family. Margaret will be deeply missed by our local community, she was an exceptional lady.

Wichenford Jubilee Fete

It was second date lucky for our fete this year which was held on September 8. What an amazing day we had and we raised a staggering £3052.99 for our village. It was a typical English summer scene, glorious sunshine, a beautiful venue and of course a great selection of stalls. A big thank you to Pauline Whittaker for organising a fantastic fun dog show which attracted 150

entrants! I would also like to say a thank you to all the villagers who set up before the day, worked tirelessly on the day and then cleared up, without them this would not have happened. See you all again in 2014!

Lindsay Webb

Congratulations

Coralie and Arthur Fido (Archie) of Tillshots, Want Green celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 8 September. They enjoyed a gathering of family and friends at The Royal Oak, Broadwas. Of the fifty years they have been married, nine of these have been spent in Want Green. Fifty years of life together, supporting and loving each other. Would they do it again – yes they would !

Hugh Higgins

We were sorry to hear of the death of Hugh Higgins and so soon after his wife had passed away in July this year. Hugh and Kay had lived in Wichenford for a considerable number of years. They were keen gardeners opening their lovely garden for the Wichenford Open Gardens on many occasions. Hugh and Kay were both in their 90s and had been married for 67 years! They were an amazing couple and well respected by all who knew them. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all their family.

Wichenford Memorial Hall

Do you want a derriere like Pippa Middleton?

If so, you are in luck, as Pilates classes are about to start on a regular basis on Monday evenings at the Memorial Hall in Wichenford. Gentle, safe exercise, good for people with neck, back and other joint problems or for sports players as part of their training programme. If you are interested, please contact Sue Bratton on sue-bratton@tiscali.co.uk or 07974 343 609.

Georgina

Congratulations

Trevor and Ann Sanders of Ruggs Place are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their fourth grandchild Isla, born to son Andrew and daughter in law Jennie who live in Droitwich. A little sister for Jack and a cousin for Josh and Charlotte.

Ann Sanders

Business of the Month

Chimdoo

Mark and Sarah Andrews

Mark and Sara live at Bury End Farm, Wichenford and started their new Thai Takeaway in August this year and its been a great success so far, with lots of support for their new business venture being from the locals in and around Martley and Wichenford. Mark was born and bred on Poplar Road in Wichenford and currently has over 120 dairy cows on his farm. Mark met Sara at the local pub The Masons Arms, where Sara was then a

Thai chef and they were married in August 2011 in Thailand and celebrated again in May this year with a celebration for family and friends at Wichenford Village Hall. When the previous landlords vacated The Masons Arms, Sara knew that there was to be a huge gap in the market left as the Thai restaurant had closed and had been popular. Sara trained in some of Thailand's finest hotels before coming to England and is also an



a w a r d winner in the Thai art of fruit and vegetable making. Mark and Sara bought a fully equipped catering trailer from Ebay, got

planning permission from Malvern Hills District Council, got the go ahead from Environmental Health, printed menus and opened in August!! Business has been so busy that Mark has invested in a delivery vehicle, a genuine Thai tuk tuk, fully restored and painted having been used in an advertising campaign for Sharwoods Foods. "Its a bit slow", said Mark, "only reaching speeds of 40mph and that's downhill with the wind behind you!" Mark also said that he has employed a local delivery driver as business has been so brisk and demands for their Thai takeaway food

are in real demand! Chimdoo will be open from Wednesday to Saturday, from 5pm until 10pm and as you would expect a free delivery service is available (within 4 miles). Please call 07583 163 191 to order. The menu is extensive with lots of choice, including starters, soups and salads, main courses, side dishes, rice and noodles, oh and also a lovely English dish too, good old fish and chips! Most of their ingredients are sourced locally and in the future they are hoping that a large percentage of their ingredients are too. Expansion is something that they are both looking forward to in the future, Mark and Sara also said that they can provide catering for a number of events including, wedding functions, anniversaries, parties, corporate



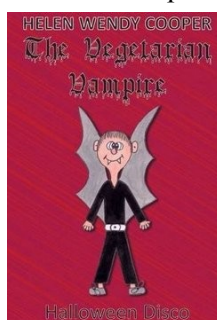
entertainment and will even cater at your own home or event. Local Thai evenings are also being planned, so watch this space!!

Please don't hesitate to call Mark or Sara if you would like to discuss events or catering services.

Childrens Book Week

Local Author, Helen Cooper

Worcestershire Children's Author Helen Wendy Cooper, had a FANG-TASTIC response to her new book,



The Vegetarian Vampire: Halloween Disco, at Martley Primary School. Helen visited the children during Children's Book Week, doing a school assembly and classroom

workshop. During the assembly, Helen talked to the children about being an author, how books are made and published, and how to create an exciting, interesting main character. The children now have a competition to write their own story about a spider, which Helen will judge in a couple of week's time. "I had great fun at Martley Primary School," says Helen. "The children were really interested in my book and asked lots of questions. I'm hoping my story will help inspire them to write their own. I also attended Martley's Applefest and received lots of positive feedback from the children." *The Vegetarian Vampire: Halloween Disco* tells a story of Vernon, a vampire with a secret. He's a vegetarian and hates the sight of blood but he daren't admit to it! He's picked on by Big Brian the bully and desperately wants to impress beautiful Veronica. So Vernon decides to do three crazy challenges to become

the schools deadliest vampire...just in time for Halloween! Aimed at five to eight year olds, the fifty four page paperback is easy and fun to read, having been illustrated by Helen herself. It's Helen's third book and she has another Vegetarian Vampire book (*The Lost Fangs*) already in the pipeline. She has previously published two adventures from her series SHAPE LAND, *Trevor Triangle loses the mail* and *Silly Samuel Square*. Helen lives in Tenbury Wells with her boyfriend, three cats, three turtles, a tortoise and four fish!

Helen W Cooper

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

Winter Season 2012-2013 at The Memorial Hall, Wichenford, 7.00pm until 9.30 p.m

Charges for 2012-2013

Full membership, £5.00 subscription plus £30 to include all 8 talks, monthly palaeography classes, use of club library, field work and subsidy for trips/|single talks - £5.00. **Please note**, the 2013 Church trip with Tim Bridges will be by coach around the churches of North Gloucestershire including Deerhurst, separate payment required (subsidised for Members). Please contact **Heather Rendall on 01886 888239** for more information.

November Talk, Neville Billington

Worcester to Wall, Travellers of the Saltway. An account of the people travelling the Roman route to the 2nd marching post at Wall in Staffordshire.

In the Garden



Expect wet and windy weather and some very cold nights in the next few weeks. The shorter days mean less time to spend in the garden so try to fit in just a few key jobs. **First**, there is the tidying up. On a dry day, rake off dead leaves from lawns and check that your climbing plants are tied up securely so they don't get blown down in bad weather. **Second**, protection. Move tender plants in pots under cover as soon as possible and pile up a thick layer of compost or bark over any which are left in open ground. It is a good idea to raise any containers off the ground so that they are not left standing in cold water after rain. **Third**, pruning. At the end of November you can cut back deciduous hedges, but don't touch the ever green ones. You can also start winter pruning of currants, apples and pears, and cut autumn raspberries down to the ground. Cut your holly before the end of the month, when the birds strip the berries. The cut branches can be stood in water and covered with a black plastic bag, this way they will last until Christmas. (Credit for this tip goes to Pat Finch, I tried it successfully last year, thanks Pat!) **Fourth** and finally, planting. 'Remember, remember, plant tulips in November'. This year I shall be trying one of the short stemmed, red

varieties in a container. Taller tulips can give a wonderful splash of colour in the Spring, planted either in clumps of at least five bulbs, or, with more bulbs of a single variety scattered amongst other medium height plants throughout a border. Perennials, shrubs and trees can still be planted provided the ground is neither too cold nor very wet. They do need time to make some root growth before the weather gets really cold.



Prayers, Breakfast and Bible Study

Saturday 3 November

8.00am Ladies Prayer Breakfast,

contact Trish Collett on 812204.

Tuesday 6, 13, 20 and 27 November 7.30pm

Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn,



Martley.

Wednesday 7 and 21 November

10.00am until 11.00am. Ladies Prayer Meeting at the home of Dot Fletcher, Wants Green Farm, Broadwas (01886 821884).

Saturday 17 November

8.30am Men's Breakfast, Please contact Mark Wild (01299 896071) mwild521@gmail.com.

All welcome.



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

My wife Jane and I recently went to Cornwall. We were finally able to use the wonderful gift given to us on our 10th anniversary of being in the benefice. Once again may we say thank you to all who contributed and came to that wonderful service and continue to support us. As to the gift, what an amazing experience staying in and eating at the seafood restaurant in Padstow. The accommodation was wonderful and the food amazing. We were also able to walk along some of the beautiful coast paths of Cornwall, we actually had reasonable weather! As I ponder those walks I am reminded that life is like those paths, sometimes tough, as we climb those steep inclines, sometimes breathtaking, as we take in the views and vistas. It is more often routine as we walk on the level, day by day, taking 'one more step along the road' as the hymn says. Journeys are also wonderful when shared with others, as I shared the experience with my wife and earlier in the summer with my daughter, her husband and the grandchildren. All this has a spiritual point as you would expect of me. Walking on life's journey we are told that as Christians we walk the way of the cross with Jesus, indicating it is sometimes hard and we are not immune from suffer-

ing. The way of the cross also has joys, for we are told that Jesus walked in that way because of the joy set before him (Hebrews). He never gave up and called us and others to walk with him on the journey. As his disciples travelled with him they saw amazing things, miracles, healings and learnt so much. They also shared some amazing meals with him and he (Jesus) was a much sort after guest, there are many instances of him being at meals with all sorts of people. For us too we can be assured that we do not walk alone but with Jesus by our side, and as we do that we will see amazing things. We can also be assured that whatever lies before us whether joys or sorrows he is with us and there is that final eternal destination of an amazing heavenly home with a feast prepared for us. As we journey on let's take food for the journey as we commune with God in our worship and as we commune with one another.

God Bless you all
Rev David Sherwin



Thurs 1 Nov 9.00am Prayer at the Heart (PATH), St Laurence, Wichenford
 12-2pm Lunch in Company, Broadwas Village Hall.
 7.30pm Healing Course 'In His Name', The Old School, Berrow Green

Sun 4 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
 10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene,
 3.00pm Memorial Service, St Peter, Martley
 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge

Mon 5 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

Tues 6 Nov 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 7.30pm WWRT Meeting at The Talbot

Thurs 8 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

Sun 11 Nov 10.45am Remembrance Day, St Laurence, Wichenford
10.45am Remembrance Day, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
10.45am Remembrance Day, St Peter, Martley

Mon 12 Nov 8.30am Prayer Breakfast
 7.30pm LTV PCC Meeting at church

Tues 13 Nov 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Wed 14 Nov 10:15am Holy Communion, Heaton House

Thurs 15 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

Sun 18 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley
 9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley
 3.00pm Evening Worship, St Mary & St Andrew, Knightwick
 4.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence Wichenford

Mon 19 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter's, Martley
 7.30pm Martley PCC at Martley Old School

Tues 20 Nov 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 7.30pm LTV PCC meeting at church

Thurs 22 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford

Sun 25 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
 4.00pm Christingle, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter Martley

Mon 26 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Tues 27 Nov 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

Wed 28 Nov 10:15am Holy Communion, Heaton House

Thurs 29 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
 12-2pm Advent Soup Lunch, Wichenford Memorial Hall, All welcome



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And finally ...

Little Witley Film Society

We look forward to seeing you at our next film which is to be held on 17



November. It is a 2007 film called The Baker, a really enjoyable comedy thriller starring Damien Lewis as an ex assassin who retires to a Welsh village and opens a bread

shop, only to find he can't escape his former associates! As usual, we will open our doors from 7.15pm and have wine, cheese and choc ices and then the film starts at 8pm. An excellent and sociable evening!

Jean

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Do you like to read and review? We are looking for someone to write a short review on a favourite book you may have recently read, fiction or non fiction, its your choice. Perhaps you have read a book more than once and it is a particular favourite of yours and you would like to share this with our readers? If so, please get in touch with Gail our Editor on 01886 889180.

You can be of any age too and we want to hear from you!!

We would particularly like to hear from school aged children from our local schools!!