

The Villager

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parishes of Martley and Wichenford

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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

See Church Words p. 27 for details of services

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk



Horsing Around

12-year-old cob Megan has her weekly visit to Martley post office for carrots and mints. Counter clerk Lou usually stops traffic when she takes the horse, who she rides for villager Louise Masters, into the store. Lou



said she is as good as gold. If people are in the post office there is usually a moment of

silence followed by a lot of laughter. Mary, our postmistress feeds Megan her treats, usually stopping other customers in their tracks. Lou also said, we have had people pull into the car park because they just cannot believe what they are seeing. Just the other day a couple pulled over and said they had to stop and have a look!!

Welcome to Martley

Martin and Lynne Fouweather, also Mia and Tommy, who will be joining the Primary school for the new term.

They have moved into Restalrig Bungalow and we hope that they enjoy their new home in Martley.

Karin and Ian Logan

Martley 100 Club

The lucky winner for August was Ivan Fowler with ticket number 37, Ivan wins £40.00. September's lucky ticket holder was Mike Dunnett with number 62, Mike also won £40. Congratulations to you both.

Annette Smith

House Hunting

We are currently renting in Martley and looking to buy a house within Chantry Catchment. We have nothing to sell and are ready to go for the right house. Keeping as open minded as possible, we are looking for a house in either, a village or rural location, 4 or more bedrooms, garage (or potential for one), off main/busy roads. We would also consider a house with the potential to offer this. We think that we are well worth a phone call for anyone considering selling their house

and it would cut out the estate agent fee too! Please contact me on 07808 236 210, if you know of anyone that may be selling their house (or thinking of doing) in the near future. Thanks.

Anna

Martley Amateur Dramatics

After a week of very hard work, August 3 saw the 3rd Mad Kidz summer school production with 15 children taking part this year. Those who have attended in past years improved on their skills and all learned new skills. The performance commenced with a self directed sketch delivered in Shakespearian fashion. The main performance was a short play "The Battle for Singe Hill", a western set in and around a saloon bar! There was singing (including solos) dancing, and stage fights. This year Max Roache, a musician, joined the team and taught the children percussion skills which enhanced the musical sections. Apart from all this and their lines they also managed to deliver the lines in an American western drawl which was never dropped during the performance. All this in just 5 days!! Many congratulations to all involved. This month sees the start of rehearsals for our pantomime "CinderElla" I think we have a lot to live up to!. Please make a note of the dates in your

diaries, the production will take place on January 11th and 12th with a matinee on 12th as well as the traditional evening performance.

Baptisms



Hugo Richard Gillespie at St Peter, Martley on 2nd September 2012

Marriages

Paul Scarrott and Johanne Wainwright on 8th September at St Peter, Martley. Congratulation to you both.

Martley Ramblers

14 October, 1.30pm Church Car Park

Having grown up in the Cleobury area, Jenny Underhill knows all the best walks and once again will be showing them to us. The start is a little earlier as afternoons can get dull earlier at this time of year. This is a lovely area for views so, hopefully, the weather will be kind with autumnal sunshine. The weather was kind and a dry day helped to make the walk around Ombersley and Holt Fleet, led by Richard Mills, most enjoyable. There have been a couple of extra walks this year in response to comments from villagers, but no new faces have been seen. The AGM in November is fast approaching so we shall soon have to be thinking about the 2013 programme.

Kate King

Martley WI

10 October 7.30pm Heaton House

It was a most enjoyable evening out for our summer outing to the restored Water Mill at Shelsley Walsh. Some



of us were rather ashamed to admit we had not heard about all the work volunteers had done to bring it back to working condition or even know that it existed. The rain cleared and views of the Teme Valley were quite amazing. The whole presentation and area were well worth the visit. We then went up to the New Inn for supper. It was most tasteful and beautifully served in a pleasant atmosphere. Thank you to the staff there and, most importantly, to President Mary for making all the arrangements. This month we do not have a speaker but are having a crafty evening, to be arranged by and for members. It could be an opportunity to get ideas for Christmas presents. The competition is for a handmade craft item. Visitors always welcome.

Kate King

Pudford Lane

Will the downpours ever stop? Sandbags and other deterrents are still in place to divert the Pudford Floods and lovely pools and rivulets do not help the surface of the tarmac although the birds appreciate the bathing and drinking spots. Diverting from Pudda, there has been talk of a Holy Thorn tree in a nearby field. It is alleged to be a tree grown from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea who

founded the Abbey of Glastonbury. Much later in December 1824 an agreement was drawn up by solicitors on behalf of Rev James Hastings – “imbecile” (wonder why the description?) for the use of Lanthorn Field but only for sheep to graze there. Are the lights sometimes seen glimmering there during the hours of darkness due to gatherings of ancient villagers dancing around the Holy Thorn muttering wishes and blessing, or are they just sheep moving and bleating?

Kate King

Crafty Christmas Gift Ideas

Martley Village Hall

Saturday 27 October 2-4pm

It is that time of year, fast approaching, when we begin to worry



about getting special tasteful gifts for loved ones. Do not panic. Just come along to the Village Hall to try your hands at making individual crafty gifts. Free admission and an activity table for under fives to keep them occupied. Materials etc will be available. If there is sufficient interest, more craft classes could be arranged. You do not have to be an expert as it is amazing what can be achieved.

So come along and give it a try.

Martley's Past

Ancient History

(From Stroller's Notes in Berrows Journal, 1933)

Martley, at Doomsday, was not

included in the Survey of Worcestershire; but in that of the "Kings Lands" in Herefordshire; and although the manor comprised three houses in Worcester City, it was then 'on the lap of the Gods' to which County it would belong. In the days of the Confessor, Martley, like Stanford-on-Teme, had been part of the appanage of Queen Edith; and at the Conquest it had been obtained by the powerful William Fitz-Osbern, and annexed to his Earldom of Hereford; although for purposes of local civil government left in the Worcestershire Hundred of Doddingtree. In 1074, on the failure of Fitz-Osbern's son's revolt against the Conqueror, the manor had been forfeited to the Crown; and perhaps because it had been royal property before the Conquest, it was at Doomsday still retained by the King in demesne. It so remained for a century and a quarter; though it never, like its dependant manor of Areley, acquired the style "Regis". Doomsday, however, found parts of the manor still left in the possession of Fitz-Osbern's under tenants, including Ralph de Bernac, Roger de Lacy and our old acquaintance Drew FitzPonz; who between them employed four "radmen", or mounted bailiffs. FitzPonz's portion, it is interesting to note, had been a possession of Ernwine, with whom we met at Great Witley, as a "priest" of the famous "Edric the Wild".

Alan Boon

New Faces At Central Stores

As many of you will already be aware Richard and Helen are no longer running the local Mace store. We, Michael and Sheila Badgery, will now be helping Alan to maintain this local service. While some of you may have met us at the local fete, with the Barn Owl Conservation Group, as we are members of this, or at other local events, others may know us previously before we moved to Pudford Lane 5 years ago. We owned Cottage Stores and Post Office in Holt Heath for 17 years, so running a village shop is not new to us at all! There will be no drastic changes in the shop, in fact, it's just business as usual. We hope you will continue to use this local business in the village and would also like to thank Richard, Helen and Alan for helping to make the change over as easy as it was, and wish Richard and Helen all the very best in their new lives in New Zealand. Please pop in and say hello!

Michael and Sheila

Martley & District Horticultural Society Raffle

Unclaimed Ticket

Are You A Lucky Ticket Winner?

We are looking for the owner of yellow ticket number 140. This was purchased on the day of the Fete and as yet is unclaimed.. Please contact Caroline Dunn on 01886 888854 if you have this ticket.

Mike Dunnet

Business Of The Month

Kitty's Cattery

They say dreams do come true. Well for Lesley Flitcroft, that is exactly what



happened when she opened her new luxury boarding cattery in Broadwas in April this year. Lesley and her husband John have lived in the Martley area for over 17 years, 10 years at Hucks Farm and then they purchased Coronation Cottage on Ankerdine Road over 7 years ago. They have spent all their spare time renovating and redesigning the house and installing 18



luxury state of the art chalets for boarding cats. They don't live alone, however, they have 3 cats of their own, Charley Farley Fat Face, Tiggy and Kitty along with two horses, JJ and Millie keep life busy for Lesley (and John) A dream come true it really is, as Lesley took the very difficult decision to give up her career at Cadbury, where she had worked in a senior position for over 23 years. Lesley said she always knew that she wanted to work for herself and always felt that working with animals was her aim and dream. So, Kitty's Cattery was born. A few years in the planning, nevertheless, a complete change of lifestyle and 110% commitment didn't phase her at all. Lesley planned her cattery with the utmost care and attention to

detail because she wanted to develop a business and a cattery that she would be happy to put her own cats in for a holiday! The 18 chalets are luxurious, clean with a modern feel and have everything the pampered pussycat could wish for. Boarding fees are inclusive of veterinary fees, top quality food, cat litter, bedding, scratch posts and lots of toys - oh and perhaps the best of all, individually heated bedrooms and extensive play areas for each cat! Business is going well, and Lesley has thought very carefully about future plans for Kitty's Cattery, she would like



to employ local people as the cattery becomes more established and has already enlisted the service of a local vet, so staying local is key. Lesley is also planning an Open Day and she has already designed and launched a website, www.kittyscattery.co.uk and is in the process of setting up a Facebook page. Kitty's Cattery is open Mon to Fri 9.30am-11.30am and 4pm-5.30pm and Sat and Sun 10am-11.30am, specifically for arrivals and collections but Lesley is always available for viewings and to show prospective customers around. Call Lesley on 01886 821154 or email Lesley at kittyscattery@hotmail.co.uk. ***Book your Kitty in knowing that he/she will be loved, fed and kept warm and safe until you return.***

The Martley Horticultural Society Show on 18 August

Our Chairman and helpers made an early start on 'tents up day', beating the drenching that Martley was to get by lunchtime. The Saturday weather proved fairly decent and attendance very good, but the entries were down in the classes, only to be expected in such a difficult year with little sun and so much rain. It was amazing that the produce shown was of such excellent quality and there was much to admire. The lovely warm colours of carrots, tomatoes, beetroot and fruit, contrasting with the cool greens of leeks, marrows, beans and varied foliage made for a very colourful display. Flowers as always were really super (a visiting honeybee agreed) especially roses, sweet peas, fuchsias and pot plants. The floral art beautiful, particularly 'flowers on a candlestick'. Judith O'Leary won the 'Members' Dahlia' competition, this year's variety being the pink cactus type 'Radiance'. Splendid cakes, savouries etc and the new hen eggs class made it a real country show. Thanks to all who helped in any way. Date for your diary, 25 October when Vic Aspward talks on 'bulbs for all Seasons'.

These are the Trophy Winners

R Lloyd Gibbons Open Challenge Cup for best exhibit in show, **Terry Witheral**
Messrs Landale & Son challenge Cup for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 1, **John Steel**

F W Morris Challenge Cup for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 2, **Doris Goodyear**

Ted Whelan Memorial Trophy for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 3, **Sheila Badgery**

T W Sanders Trophy for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 4, **Dave Cropp**

Shield presented by Amateur Gardening to exhibitor gaining most points in Section 6, **Katie Johnson**

Charlie Amos Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Classes 2, 4, 14 and 16, **Mike Dunnett**

Wilf Hill Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Class 33, **Doris Goodyear**

Society Cup to member of the Society gaining most points overall, **John Steel**
John Clark Memorial Cup for best exhibit in class 5, **P Turner**

C & H Barnard Trophy for best exhibit in class 23, **A J Crabbe**

Wendy Stinton Memorial Shield for best exhibit in Class 30, **Doris Goodyear**
Banksian Medal awarded to person winning the highest amount of prize money, **Doris Goodyear**

Jack Millward Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Class 21, **Margaret Jackson**
Trophy for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 7, **Kate King**

Smallholder Trophy for best exhibit in Section 1, **P Turner**

Claudia Steele Martley Poetry Cup for best exhibit in Class 54, **A J Crabbe**

Martley Parish Council

Village Areas

Martley Parish Council has 9 Councillors of which they have individual responsibility for areas within the Martley Parish. These are detailed as follows:



Area One, Councillor Terry Gale

Road from Three Ways north to village boundary towards Great Witley B4197, Hillside and area of land west of B4197.

Email klgale32@yahoo.co.uk

Telephone (01886) 889192

Area Two, Councillor Doris Goodyear

Hockhams Lane, Horn Lane and Prickly Green, Land and housing east of B4197 except Hillside. Pudford Lane to Parish boundary and Hillend Lane west of B4197.

Email doris420@btinternet.com

Telephone (01886) 888423

Area Three, Councillor Tim Studer

Barbers Lane and Worcester Road B4204 east of Rogers Coach Yard, Church Lane housing surrounding roads and east section of village by the Church

Email tim@buzzprojects.co.uk

Telephone 01886 888541

Area Four, Councillor Gail Dawson

Hope House Lane and Willow Road and Hollins Lane from Upper Hollins Farm, Section of Worcester Road by Castle Hill and Laugherne Park, Housing in Willow Green and separate dwellings in countryside

Email gail444@btinternet.com

Telephone (01886) 889180

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) 821476

Area Six, Councillor Mandy Gardner

Knightwick Road B4197 south to boundary from Easinghope Lane, Easinghope Lane, Lane to Collins Green and Lane to Horsham, Horsham, Collins Green and Hipplecote

Email thegardeners3@btinternet.com

Telephone (01886) 888237

Area Seven, Councillor Monty Walker

B4197 from Three Ways Junction of Easinghope Lane. Short section of B4204 to Rogers Coach yard. Kingswood Lane, Berrow Green, Kingswood and centre of village west of B4197 (inc The Crown, Central Garage and Post Office)

Telephone (01886) 888063

Area Eight, Councillor Stuart Cumella

Centre of Village housing area (St Peters) including all estate roads and housing

Telephone (01886) 888797

Email stuartcumella@gmail.com

Area Nine

Vacant

Martley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3 September 2012 in the Village Hall

Cllr. D. Goodyear (Chairman), Cllr S Cumella, Cllr G Dawson, Cllr T Gale, Cllr M Gardner and Cllr M Walker, District Councillor B Williams and Mrs J Dale (Clerk)

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time

A member of the public raised the subject of noise from the new play area and requested that the opening hours be restricted. Council agreed to pass the complaint to Martley Recreation Association.

Apologies

County Councillor Davies, Councillor Nott (work) and Councillor Studer (work).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

County & District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Davies had sent a report saying that he had awarded £650 from his Divisional Fund to Martley Short Mat Bowling. He also

reported that through the Footpath Initiative the footpath from the Primary School to just beyond Church Lane would be repaired. This was one of 3 footpaths to be accepted and the work will be very expensive. He is also still looking for a volunteer to act as a Governor to the Primary School. Councillor Gardner kindly agreed to take this on. District Councillor Williams reported on the current status with recycling in the village. MHDC are currently planning that kerbside glass recycling will hopefully commence next April. However in the meantime she has been in touch with Head of Services for a temporary solution.

Planning

12/00967/LBC, Plum Tree Cottage, Demolition of Garden Store, Council support this application

12/00800/HOU, Highview, Collins Green, 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension, Council support this application

12/00614/HOU, 4 Hockhams Lane, Rear extension and detached garage, Council support this application

12/00917/HOU, Three Acres, amended plans supported

12/00306/FUL, Grove Farm, Application Approved

12/00452/FUL, Workshop and Office at the rear of Laugharne Villa, application approved

12/00451/FUL, New toilet block, Pencroft Ltd, application approved.

Recreation Association

MRA would like to place a wooden name sign on playing field. After

discussion it was agreed that the best place to position it would be in the corner by the gate/car park.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee

The Chairman gave a brief report of the last meeting which was concerned mainly with the plans for the Open Morning to be held on Saturday 8 September. He is drafting a letter to Harriet Baldwin, MP. District Councillor Williams reported that no-one from MHDC Planning would be able to attend the event.

SWDP

Cllr Cumella had prepared a draft response which requires some minor alterations and will be submitted by the deadline.

Meeting with Elisabeth Skinner – The meeting will be held on 10 September at 7.00 pm and the main topics to discuss will be Planning Policy/ Neighbourhood Planning and SWDP.

Councillor's Areas

Councillor's areas had been drawn up and were distributed. These areas will go into the Villager (October) along with contact details for each Councillor and residents should make contact with the appropriate councillor. Each councillor will allocate work for the Lengthsman from their allocated area and monitor if the work has been carried out satisfactorily.

St Peters Church

A request has been received from the Church for financial assistance towards a repair bill of over £1200. Council agreed to contribute £600 towards this account.

Correspondence

Email from Hartlebury Parish Council re proposed waste incinerator. Cllr Cumella felt that council needed to know much more detail before they could make any contribution to the discussion – noted.

Email from Lee Ball, Crown Inn, after a discussion it was agreed that Cllr Cumella would see Mr Ball in person to try to resolve the situation.

Email from Peter Tebbitt, CALC MHDC Chairman re analysis of websites – noted

Audit Commission – appointment of new auditor letter

Progress Reports

Village Hall, library electricity costs. Village Hall Committee meeting tonight and Chairman of VHC had said they would have a proposal after the meeting. Ongoing

Aqua Cleansing, The Clerk has spoken with Aqua Cleansing and the work is ongoing

Evening Transport provision – 4 survey responses have been received. It seems that neighbouring parishes also feel that this would not be sustainable due to timings of the service.

Affordable Housing Survey – clerk awaiting responses from MHDC.

Dog Signs – Discussion took place on dog fouling and the Clerk will contact Environmental Services at MHDC about this problem.

PPP Funds – the Clerk has appointment to view past accounts on 10.9.12. – Ongoing

Finance

The payments as previously circulated were approved and cheques signed accordingly. The Clerk reported that an “unqualified” audit had been granted and that the annual return has been posted on the notice board and the My Parish website.

Lengthsman

Additional duties for September to include

Trim the overgrowth on footpath at the end of Jury Lane outside St Peters Court.

Grips Hillside, the Lengthsman will be asked to contact the Chairman about this problem.

Clear moss off the pathway from Laugherne Park to Masons Arms.

Clerk’s Urgent Decisions

There were none.

Councillor’s Reports And Items For Future Agenda

Replacement Bin/Bin Liner

The bin opposite Rogers Coaches needs a replacement liner.

Bus Service

The last bus from Worcester on the normal service leaves the city too early for working people. Clerk to contact WCC.

Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 1 October at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall.

J C Dale

4 September 2012

Martley Parish Council

Website

Remember that Martley Parish Council has its own dedicated web

pages within the www.worcestershire.gov.uk website.

The web pages of Martley Parish Council has lots of interesting and detailed information about your Parish, including Parish Meetings and minutes, Parish Plans, Planning Applications, Councillor contact details, Parish Clerk details, Annual reports and consultation documents. You will also find direct links to Malvern Hills District Council and Worcestershire County Council.

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 concert under our new Musical Director, Greg Swinford. Greg is a music graduate of Selwyn College, Cambridge. The Ferndale Concerts are always a very popular night, so get your tickets early!

Chris Baker



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Kenswick And Wichenford Parish Council

**Draft Unapproved Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish
Council held on Monday 20 August
2012 in the Memorial Hall
Wichenford**

Democratic half hour/public question time

The Chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about Parish business.

District And County Councillors Report

Councillor Williams reported that she had been made the Head of Planning. The District Council have done a quality tour of the district, looking at planning issues, seeing what has been agreed and how they could have been improved. The new development at Tenbury was visited and it was noted that all the roofs were covered in solar panels which had a devastating impact. The District Council are clamping down on false claims for council tax discount in the south Worcestershire area. 125 solar panels

have been fitted at the council depot in Malvern with electricity being put back into the national grid. In 5 days 785KW of electric was produced. County Councillor Davies reported that 10 applications had been received for footpath repairs which were currently under consideration. The Highways Department wouldn't support the Council's application for a footpath on the verge from the village to the Memorial Hall. It was suggested the Lengthsman could make the verge more of a pedestrian way. The highways allowance of £5750 has in the past been given to all Parishes but it would be no problem to give it to one Parish with match funding if they had a good idea. The Council was asked to write to the Highways department to tell them what they want the money for, costing would have to be submitted at the same time. The 30mph speed limit cannot be extended to the church. He reported on the evening transport proposal. The census figures in 2011 show that Worcester has grown by 4.4% in 10

years as opposed to the West Midlands figure of 3.6%. Those aged 65 and over have grown by 22%. The SWDP significant change consultation was at Martley on 13th August and 2 councillors from our parish visited. They have concerns about the 51 houses planned in Martley and the impact of traffic in the neighbouring villages, although this wasn't supported by the District or County Councillors. The government are saying that 23,000 new houses are to be built in Worcestershire, with 4,900 in Malvern.

Minutes

The minutes were signed as a true record. Proposed by Councillor Randall and seconded by Councillor Andrews.

Progress Reports

The dogs running loose on the footpaths have now been resolved.

Planning

Applications considered since the last meeting.

12/00936/FUL Allsetts Farm, Broadwas, Conversion of agricultural buildings to commercial (B1) storage/office/Light industrial use. The Parish Council see no reason why these redundant farm buildings cannot be put to use. A footpath runs alongside the building which does not appear to be on the map enclosed.

12/00011/FUL Cob House Fisheries, Change of use of land for the keeping of animals to provide a visitor attraction, (amended), The parish council's comments from 21st July remain the same

12/00865/FUL erection of domestic workshop/garden store outside the cartilage of dwelling house. Lingens Cottage. The Councils comments remain the same as previously

Applications refused/approved/withdrawn.

12/00906/HOU. Oak View Barn, Wichenford, Alteration to lean-to extension. (approved)

Applications to be considered

Nothing to consider

Finance

The balance from 30 June to 31 July 2012 stands at £10,700.52, There were 2 cheques totalling £1,462.42 for approval, the acceptance of the finances was resolved.

Internet Banking form

The clerk has made enquiries and it cannot go ahead.

Fete Committee (donation)

Invoices were received for the tarpaulins and replacement covers. The Parish Council agreed to pay the full sum of £265.04. Proposed by Cllr Wells and seconded by Cllr Britten-Long.

Evening Transport Proposal

A letter has been received from Grimley with their concerns. The Clerk was asked to write to Madeleine Sumner to say that there was not enough demand from the Parish but we would be interested in other ideas.

Councillors Resignation

This has now been advertised and the last day for receipt of requests is 24 August, after this time the notice of co-option can be placed.

Councillors Training

It was agreed that Councillor Rendall could attend the tree preservation day course at Warwick Castle.

To Report Any Urgent Decisions Since The Last Meeting

A letter from Hartlebury Parish Council with regard to the planning permission for the Waste Incinerator at Hartlebury Trading Estate was read out to the Council. It will be a 200.000 tonne PA on Green belt land. They are asking Parish Councils to write to their County Council to support Hartlebury's campaign to prevent permission being granted. It was agreed to write a letter to the CC. It was agreed that the Parish Council would organise a skip in the parish for October 5. The Clerk was asked to advertise it in The Villager.

Councillor's Reports And Items For Future Agendas

The Neighbourhood watch reports are now coming through on email. If anyone wants to receive them please give your email address to Councillor Panton.

Date And Venue Of Next Meeting

Meeting dates were arranged for 1 October, 12 November, 10 December 2012 and 7 January 2013.

Skip In Wichenford

There will be a skip provision in Wichenford by the millennium green over the weekend of the 5th/6th and 7th October, please be aware that it will not be collected if you put in any paint, gas canisters, oil, batteries, car or otherwise, tyres, fridges and freezers, asbestos, fluorescent tubes,

TVs and computer monitors.
Many thanks

Georgina

A Plea for ditches

A ditch is to drain the water away.
"Oh we know that!" I hear you say
But do we, I wonder, do all of us know?

Or are some of just exceedingly slow
To understand that, if ditches are filled
Those with more sense are not very thrilled

When some folk among us dump soil and grass

We with more brain say "Oh what an ...!"

When rain comes again the water will rise

Floods will occur, oh what a surprise!

The ditches are there for a purpose you see

Not for your waste where dumping is free

Respect our ditch diggers who knew how to drain

And leave channels free to cope with the rain

Anon

Cecil James Grubb

31/07/1925 - 17/08/2010

Cecil James Grubb, the brother of Audrey, was born on 31 July 1925. He attended the same schools as his sister until he began working with the footplate staff for The Great Western Railway at Worcester. In 1948 Cecil began working in what was then known as the Rhodesia Railway. He continued working on various African

railways for most of his life, including the Zambian Saw Mills Railway. Cecil retired to start a new life owning and operating a crayfish farm near Livingstone, Zambia, where he died some time later in August 2010. He is buried at Livingstone, but it was thought fitting that he should be remembered by placing his name along with his sister, Audrey, his mother and father, who are all buried in Wichenford Churchyard.

Audrey Grubb

6/05/1928 – 5/04/2012

Audrey Grubb was born at Peghouses in the parish of Wichenford on 6 May 1928. Her mother died when she was just two years old. Audrey attended Broadwas School and then The Christopher Whitehead School until she was 15. Audrey then started her nursing career at Oaklands in Droitwich and then moved to Hammersmith Hospital where she qualified as a State Registered Nurse. She then moved to a district at Hillmoreton, Rugby, then again to Gloucester, where she met and married Rod Griffin. They had just one child, John. The family then moved back to Worcester and Audrey worked from St Johns' Surgery until she retired. Audrey passed away at High Wycombe on 5 April 2012, and, at her family's request, was interned with her mother in Wichenford Churchyard.

In the Garden



Shorter, colder days are on the way, so you need to think about protection for tender plants, or start moving them under cover. The first frost forecast means that it is time to lift any special dahlias and cannas. The soil is still warm enough for planting container-grown shrubs and climbers, but they need time to establish their roots before the winter, so don't delay too long. Any remaining summer bedding plants are probably best cleared now and replaced with spring bedding such as winter pansies, wallflowers and primulas. If you don't have time for bedding, try planting spring flowering perennials like common primroses, which will come up year after year. There is still time to plant Spring bulbs, so, if you have a container near the house, why not try some of the many delightful miniature narcissi varieties for a bright, compact display. October is usually the start of the 'end of season' clear-up in the vegetable garden. Bin or burn perennial weeds and any diseased material, don't add it to your compost because the temperature doesn't get high enough to destroy the seeds and pests. Saturday 6 October is the Plant Nursery Sale Day and Apple Day at Pershore College. Tenbury Apple Fest and Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday Oct.13, while Leominster Apple fair is on Sat 27. Hereford Food Festival also takes place over the weekend 27-28th, and this year it will be held in the city centre.

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

Calendar of Events

2012		Please Note All Meetings Are On the 2nd Wednesday of the Month
10th Oct	Pamela Hurle	Stephen Ballard, Colwall Civil Engineer. The man responsible for many major works including the Hereford to Worcester Railway. Said to have been "One of nature's gentlemen", this is not a highly technical talk but reflecting on the long hours he worked on his various contracts, his kindness, his family and the effect upon him of a childhood roaming the Malvern Hills near his home at Link Top.
14th Nov	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
12th Dec	D i s - c o v e r History	Christmas through the ages. Join Discover History as they take you back to the earliest origins of Christmas. From Pagan winter solstice to that precious annual given on Christmas Day. The talk will amaze, with where the most common traditions come from, and how despite a ban and many wars - Christmas has survived into the 21st Century.
2013		
9 t h Jan	Heather Rendall	Early assarts round Monkwood Wichenford has charters dating back to the early 12th century which list fields/areas cut out of Monkwood. By comparing these to early Court Rolls and rentals, we can start to plot Wichenford and neighbouring Hallow as they were 700 years ago
13th Feb	M i k e Glyde	Aerial Photography Mike Glyde will be focusing on an area with which many are familiar but viewed from an unfamiliar angle showing how aerial photography can give clues to what may lie beneath the ground in an historical context.
13th Mar	M i k e Field	Gunpowder mills The making of gun powder in the 18th and 19th Centuries was a fascinating but complex and highly dangerous process. This talk gives an account of gun powder production and its social history, at the water driven mills of Sedgwick in Cumbria .
18th Apr	Heather Rendall	A talk on the history of a particular aspect of the local area followed by arrangements for summer field work 9.00 – 9.30 the AGM

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

Dates For 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 see our Calendar of Events on Page 24 and contact Heather Rendall on 01886 888239 for more information.

Pensax Thrift Shop

On the 3 October at 10am a representative of the Midland Air Ambulance will be collecting a cheque from this year's fund raising: the total to date is £1230. On the 17 November the popular Skittles evening held last year will be repeated, so please come along, support the Village Hall and have some fun. The price is £6.50 which will include a fish and chip supper, start time 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. There will also be a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets available from Marc on 01299 832075 or Paul on 01299 896027, and during opening hours at the Pensax Thrift Shop. The Village Hall now has a website, pensax.org. The Hall is now also available to let from only £12.

Baptisms

Charlie William Walker at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas on 19th August

In Memoriam

Gloria Miles who passed away on 8 August. A service was held at Worcester Crematorium on 21 August.

John Kirk who passed away on 12 August. A service was followed by a burial and was held at St Leonard, Cotheridge on 17 August.

Little Witley Film Society

The next scheduled film for the Little Witley Film Society is *The Well Digger's Daughter* which is to be shown on Saturday 20 October.



Daniel Auteuil stars and makes a very competent directing debut with this handsome, old-fashioned film, adapted from the novel by Marcel Pagnol. It's a bucolic tale, set around the second world war, which must surely remind his fans of the movies that made his name in the UK: the 1986 dramas *Jean de Florette* and *Manon des Sources*. Auteuil plays Pascal, a digger and cleaner of wells: he is a greying widower and the father of a number of daughters. We really look forward to seeing you all at our next movie night – don't forget, it's not too late to join our society for the whole of the season - 7 films for £30 plus a free party and film in May, 8 films in all!! Brilliant value I am sure you will agree, as well as a great support to the Society.

Jean Latham



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

What is your favourite fruit? I wonder what has been the first thing that has come to your mind? A banana, an apple, a pear, maybe gooseberries, damsons or something more exotic like a guava or a mango? We have access to so much fruit in our lives we are often spoilt for choice. I am sure many of you will remember as you grew up, especially those who lived in post war Britain, that fruit wasn't always as available as it is now, especially oranges or bananas, they were a real treat. How we have progressed in making available fruit both in season and even out of season from all around the world. Watching a programme on TV by one of the TV chefs made me think how versatile fruits can be. They are not just for 'sweets'. We might have our apple sauce with our pork, we may even make fruit chutneys that we eat with our cheese, I am sure the list is limitless. As I ponder this harvest time, I know that for some harvest will have been difficult, it hasn't been a perfect year weather wise for any particular crop it would seem, yet we are grateful for 'all that is safely gathered in'. It would be hard to imagine not having any apples in an area such as Worcestershire, yet of course we know there are some parts of the world where they cannot guarantee any particular crop at any time and live very much at subsistence level.

It makes me reflect also that the bible speaks not only of the fruit that we eat, but the fruit of the Holy Spirit, equally as important to the diet in our life. As physical fruit brings us nutrients, vitamins and colour to our lives, so too do the fruits of the Holy Spirit. I couldn't imagine a world without: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control against which there is no law, says the bible. I am sure you will agree these are good spiritual vitamins for every one of us to digest, just as the goodness of fruit and other items we eat are good for us, so too are the fruits that God gives us by his Holy Spirit. They not only benefit us, but those around us. If we love one another, it is surely no bad thing. May God bless you with abundant harvests in your gardens this year and may you also have the blessings of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in abundance also.

And as the Celtic Blessing says,

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rains fall soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again may God hold
you in the palm of His hand.

God Bless
David

Mon 1 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tues 2 Oct	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 3 Oct	12Noon PATH (Prayer at the Heart), St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick
Thurs 4 Oct	12-2pm Lunch in Company – Broadwas Village Hall 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church, The Old School, Berrow Green Road
Sat 6 Oct	10am-3pm Annual Diocesan Festival of Healing at Worcester Cathedral (Chapter House from 10am, Cathedral Service from 2pm) Cost £5 per person for the morning. 7.00pm Harvest Supper at Martley Village Memorial Hall
Sun 7 Oct	8.00am Holy Communion, The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew 10.30am Harvest Service, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Harvest Service, St Peter, Martley 6.30pm Harvest Service, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Mon 8 Oct	8.30am Prayer Breakfast
Tues 9 Oct	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 10 Oct	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thurs 11 Oct	9.15am Little Minnows - Harvest
Sat 13 Oct	7.30pm Harvest Supper at Wichenford Village Memorial Hall
Sun 14 Oct	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 6.00pm Confirmation Service – St Peter, Martley
Mon 15 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tues 16 Oct	<i>Deanery Visit by Bishop John</i> 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn
Wed 17 Oct	11.00am Wichenford PCC, Wichenford Village Hall
Sun 21 Oct	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 Harvest Festival, The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew 4.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Mon 22 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tues 23 Oct	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn
Wed 24 Oct	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Sun 28 Oct	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 Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Mon 29 Oct	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Tues 30 Oct	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas



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Pictures from the Annual Fete



Martley Harvest Supper

It's that time again!

The Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday October 6th in Martley Memorial Hall. Tickets are on sale at Mace and the Post Office. A great price too, only £7.50 for adults and £5.00 for primary school age children. Come along and celebrate the gathering of the harvest and have a fun evening doing so.