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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

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Martleys's Past

Programme for Martley's Celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Sunday 5 June 1977

11am - Special United Service of Thanksgiving in Church attended by The Parish Council and other organisations and Clubs, who will meet at 10.50am at the Memorial Gates and form a Civic Procession to the Church. It is proposed to follow the service by a commemorative tree planting.

Monday 6 June

At noon Martley's Jubilee Queen will be met at the Chantry School by as many as possible, of all ages, in Fancy Dress. The Fancy Dress Parade and competition will be judged and at 12.15pm the Procession led by the Jubilee Queen in a horse-drawn carriage moves through the Village to the Playing Field. (No mechanically propelled vehicles allowed in the procession).

12.15pm, A Race, with handicaps according to age, from The Admiral Rodney to the Field.

1.15pm, Village Picnic, bring your

own fare; there will be a Bar, ice-cream stall, and bake-meat stall.

2.15pm, Programme of Sports, for all ages, including Dog Race, Tug-of-War, and games of skill. Horticultural Show, entries to be in place by 11.30am. Show open from 2pm until 4pm.

4.30pm, Prize giving.

7pm, Junior Disco in the Village Hall.

10.30pm, Lighting of the Beacon on the Berrow, Hog Roast and merry making on Berrow Hill.

Tuesday 7 June, Jubilee 'Nite Out', at the Village Hall.

Friday 10 June, Barn Dance at the Chantry.

Alan Boon

Martley & District Horticultural Society

Someone had ordered the weather for the Social Evening at Judith O'Leary's lovely home on the 26 July. Arriving down the elegant drive, members were welcomed with wine and sausage rolls before beginning our stroll round the beautiful grounds with swallows and martins swirling high above, seeing the vast and immaculate lawn, the well filled herbaceous borders, shrubs,

trees, rose beds, and also the separate vegetable and fruit area. Furthest away from the house is the natural and glorious wooded part containing some very large trees and a lovely pool with beautiful damp-loving plants growing all around it. A duck house is provided on the water for any visiting mallards etc. Winding our way back towards the house, we saw lots more interesting plants, the swimming pool and gorgeous lavender and roses etc. Landing back at the terrace, tea and cakes were provided and a very pleasant social period ensued. Our chairman, Mike Dunnett, thanked Judith for the evening and also announced up and coming Society events, the main ones being Show 'reminders' and the talk 'Painting with Plants' by Chris Beardshaw on 18 October at the Holt Fleet Inn at 7.30pm. We begin our Autumn indoor meetings with Adrian James on 27 September at Martley Village Hall at 7.30pm, his talk is entitled 'Courtyard Gardening'. New members welcome!

Tina Steele

Pudford Lane

An embargo has been agreed on the subject of running water in Puddleford Lane, as some now call it! and yes, there are still streams. With help from our researcher, Tina Steele, we have been trying to find more information regarding Putta. He was Bishop of Rochester and then became Bishop of Hereford around 676. The Palace for the Bishops of Hereford was at Whitbourne, so did he have to cross

the river somewhere to get to Worcester? Was it at Ham Bridge and was it called Pudda'sford? Is this the origin of Pudford Lane? Perhaps it was a later relative who allegedly abducted a lady from Shelsley Beauchamp and carried her away on his shoulders. Ladies from that area were reputedly classier and more intelligent. Could these be her screams we hear at night when we think they are muntjac or tawny owls?

Kate King

Martley Ramblers

Sunday 9 September 2pm, Meet at the Church car park

There has been variable attendance at recent rambles, perhaps due to all the celebrations for the Jubilee and Olympics. It was disappointing for Carl when he had prepared his walk and no-one turned up. Is it because there is no demand for a morning walk? The evening one by the two Paulines was postponed on Sunday 29 July because of weather and mud. However, 12 turned up for this and thoroughly enjoyed the walk around Martley and area. They especially appreciated the refreshments provided afterwards, supplied by Pauline and Ray and the chance, not very often this year due to the weather, to sit outside and enjoy the lovely garden. This month the walk will be around Whitbourne area, led by Dot and Chris Fletcher. This is an interesting area, some ups and downs, so fingers crossed for good weather.

Kate King

Martley WI

12 September 7.30pm

**Heaton House, St Peters Drive,
Martley**

It was a fascinating glimpse of what lies beneath our feet when John Nicklin spoke to us about the unique geology of Martley. His slides were very helpful explaining continental drift and the speed(?) at which the known world is moving. We wonder what the map will look like in a few million years, not that we WI members will be here to see it! This month we are back settling down to indoor meetings when Doreen Jeeves, the ACWW rep for the County Federation will be talking about its work overseas. If you do not know what ACWW stands for, now is your time to come along and find out! Visitors and new members are always welcome. There is no competition this month as we shall be having a fun quiz. Jean Hyslop was the winner in July and we did wonder if it was to be a hold-up when she produced her ancient gun! The various county meetings continue, including the monthly coffee morning for our members and friends, also three of our members acted as models at a recent County Fashion Show at Hartlebury Castle. We are also hoping to celebrate a very special birthday for a very special lady who has been a member for more years than she will divulge. Happy birthday, Nellie.

Kate King

Martley Amateur Dramatics

As I write this report the 3rd Mad Kidz summer school are working very hard towards their production at the end of the week. I will report on this in the October Villager. We are also now thinking about our annual pantomime. This year it will be "CinderElla" and will be performed on the 11 and 12 January 2013 so please make a note in your diaries. Auditions for this will take place on September 10 and 17, at the Old School, Berrow Green Road. Even if you don't wish to perform but would like to help "backstage" please pop in and see us or contact us via email martleydramatics@hotmail.co.uk. We are always looking for new people to help with props, scenery, and costumes etc. We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Teme Valley Geological Society

For those TVGS members with webbed feet there have been a variety of outdoor activities during the summer months mainly organised by Earth Heritage Trust, our local friends and mentors but now our Autumn/ Winter programme kicks off with a 6 week course entitled "Living on the Continental Edge" presented by Dr Paul Olver. This starts on Wednesday 26 September in Martley at the very

keen cost of £25.00, which will include a Field Trip and we are most grateful to the LEADER Programme for subsidising this course. Take up has been swift but it might be worth checking to see if there are any places left, this includes some concessionary rates upon request. Please telephone Natalie on 01905 855184 for more information.. We are finalising the rest of our events for the darker nights (trying to avoid the “W” word at the moment as it is still July!) and shall publicise them in due course and this information will also go on our blog, www.geo-village.eu. Meanwhile if you would like to be put on our email list without any obligation please contact John Nicklin on martleypfo@gmail.com. John can also provide information on TVGS membership upon request.

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Martley-On-Sea

'Oh we (Chantry School) do like to be beside the seaside.' Oh yes, yet again we'll be turning back the clocks in the Chantry Drama Studio for another Rickman-Townsend world premier production in the Spring. With the Diamond Jubilee stirring all those memories from sixty years ago, 'Seaside Rendezvous' will conjure up the British seaside of the 1950s. So keep a lookout for details of our forthcoming action-packed comedy drama among the sandcastles and

bathing beauties. If you can help with our hunt for old/retro deckchairs, we'd love to hear from you. Also, should you have any holiday snaps or postcards from the 1950s British seaside, we'd be delighted to display copies in a special exhibition. Please call the school on 01886 887100 if you can help. See you by the pier!

Sport inspired in Martley

Our new logo was designed by Georgiana Baxter. Notice the stars, of the past and stars of the future! We are delighted at the numbers of all ages



and from various villages as well, attending

our Martley playing field. Thank you to everyone for keeping an eye on the litter and for the dad who wheels his toddler through the field everyday and offered to take the litter each Sunday. It's great to see families picnicking too. However we would like people to be considerate and not use the games area too late in the evenings as we need to show consideration for the neighbours. I know it's difficult as we have so few decent evenings. I do have a volley ball/ badminton net which will be put up on Thursday evenings, or lowered for tennis. This is also available at weekends, or perhaps you could set up a team! Just let me know. Good news for the young people who have been asking about a junior Martley football team. St. John's colts have approached us and we will be having U12, U13 and

U15 teams at Martley. A new pitch will be made at side of the senior pitch. All young people will be invited to try for these teams, so come on and join in – you girls too! Gordon Griffiths will be the Martley contact, please phone him on 01886 888602 for more details. Martley young cricketers continue to grow in numbers on Friday evenings, thanks to Rob Ganderton for his support with this. They have been frustrated by the weather but their enthusiasm is great to see. I am still waiting for parents/older teenagers to suggest having evening netball and or volley ball sessions. The Zumba classes are proving to be great fun and are fantastic exercise too! I would like to encourage all ages of young people and not so young to get out and be Inspired by the Olympics. If you need help to develop your skills in any sport please let us know as I can almost guarantee there will be opportunities to help you. We have no record of the Martley stars of the past, so if you know of any then please contact me. Please let us know sporting success of the present and maybe Martley can have an Olympic or successful star of the future. You can contact me on 01886 888406 or email pat@owen01.fsnet.co.uk.

Pat Owen

Martley Youth Club

We have had a very successful first period, with the Mexican evening and in particular Chris Titchell, the butchers, sausages and burgers BBQ

being a few highlights. However due to leaders and young people on holidays, the Olympics and lots just enjoying the play facilities, we decided to have a break during August. We will start back on



September 10th. Any school Year 6 children - over 11 years will have a chance to come to the Youth club after

half term, as we are over subscribed at the moment. We are however looking for Leaders to help at the club. Please let me know asap if you are interested so I can organise the relevant checks.

Pat Owen
01886 888406

Martley Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has set up a Neighbourhood Plan Committee to prepare a plan that will shape the future of Martley over the next 20 years. This will have legal force, but must conform to the strategic aims set out in the SWDP. 'Strategic aims' here means the number of houses proposed for the Parish in the SWDP. **The Committee has organised an exhibition and open meeting between 10am and 12 noon in the Village Hall on Saturday 8 September.** This is to give people living in the Parish a chance to look at the draft proposals and suggest changes.

Martley Parish Council

In Memorium

Nan Tyler who passed away on 3 July. A service of thanksgiving was held at St Peter's, Martley on Tuesday 17 July followed by committal at Great Witley Chapel.

Martley Parish Council Minutes

Abbreviated unapproved minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6 August

All councillors were present, plus 24 members of the public and the Clerk.

Democratic Period/ Public Question Time

Members of the public raised their concerns about the number of houses being planned on Grade 2 agricultural land and also their opposition to a large housing estate being planned in the centre of the village. It was pointed out to members of the public who raised their concerns about the number that a development of over 20 houses is contrary to Parish Council policy. The view was that any scheme planned in the short term should be a small scheme. Longside Radio explained their email to the PC about their wish to use the weighbridge as a recording studio. They are keen to engage with the local community and have already created a link with Chantry High School. This topic will be discussed further under item 7. The Clerk reported that Cllr McHugh had tendered his resignation and a letter of thanks had been sent to him from the Chairman.

Co-option of Councillor

One application for co-option had been received and Mrs Gail Dawson was

duly appointed. The Declaration of Acceptance was signed and Mrs Dawson joined the meeting.

County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Davies reported that he had received 10 applications for footpath repairs which were currently under consideration. He urged parishioners and Council to respond to the Broadband survey currently taking place. He reported on the Community Transport provision and expressed concern that there was no real indication of the use this service would have. The service would need to be sustainable for longer than a year or so. He reported on the census figures from 2011 which showed Worcestershire had grown by 4.4% in 10 years as opposed to the West Midlands figure of 3.6%. District Councillor Williams mentioned the SWDP Significant Change Consultation taking place on 13 August. She pointed out that the Worcester Road site is not a preferred site in the SWDP. She also pointed out that The Jewry and Longstone Cottage were listed buildings as is the Smithy Cottage on Worcester Road. The converted buildings by the Court are a Conservation Site. Cllr Gardner reported on a course she had attended on the Localism Act and that the tutor was happy to come and advise the Council. Council agreed with this suggestion. County Cllr Davies pointed out that the Neighbourhood Plan should be how we want Martley to look in 20 years time.

Planning:

12/00451/FUL and 12/00452/FUL, This is ongoing. Clerk to give information to CC Davies.

12/00917/HOU, Three Acres, Willow Green. 2 storey extension to side and rear. Council support this application.

12/00472/FUL, Berrow Farm. Clerk to write to MHDC with the Council's comments re NPPF Rural Activities policy.

Weighbridge

Council discussed the proposal by Longside Radio that the weighbridge be used as a recording studio. Council had previously discussed the weighbridge could be used for tourist/walking information. WCC will be consulted to ascertain whether internal alterations could be made. All councillors are in favour of this proposal. Ongoing.

Recreation Association/Playing Field

Cllr Walker's report about dogs on the playing field was read out and discussed. The Clerk will check with the Parish Footpath Officer about any footpaths on the field and then new signs will be erected giving clear information. A letter was read out about noise from the new play area. Consultation did take place before the area was erected and Council felt unable to pursue this matter. Grass Cutting – resolved by MRA.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee:

Cllr Cumella gave a brief report on the first meeting. He requested assistance on the preparation of this plan. The public consultation session will take place on September 8 in the Village Hall from 10 am until noon.

Correspondence:

WCC, Broadband speeds. Council requested that the Clerk complete one form on behalf of the Parish. Email received from West Mercia Constabulary offering funding for

security cameras for the Pavilion/Village Hall. Council in agreement. MHDC Vacancy on Standards Committee – noted. Bayhill Properties request for Consultation event. Clerk to inform Bayhill Properties that they can make arrangements for this event but that the development does not have the support of the Council at this stage. WCC, Winter Service Questionnaire. Clerk to complete.

Progress Reports:

Library electricity costs, a letter from the Chairman of the Village Hall committee was read out. The Council to suggest that they consider an insulation survey along with a survey to ascertain if the current heating is the most cost effective.

Drainage, Aqua Cleaning, no report had been received. Ongoing.

Affordable Housing Survey, no update had been received.

Evening Transport Provision, WCC awaiting the results of a survey they had instigated.

Finance

The payments as presented were approved and cheques signed accordingly. It was agreed that Cllr Gardner would replace Cllr McHugh as the 3rd cheque signatory.

Lengthsman Duties:

Discussion took place on how the Lengthsman's work was monitored. It was agreed to allocate areas of the parish to each Councillor for reporting/monitoring.

Work planned for August

Footpath opposite the Old Smithy, grass cutting required on a fortnightly basis, Grips cutting Hillside, Admiral Rodney to Hillside the drains blocked,

Footpath from Laugherne Park to the Masons Arms, grass requires trimming and moss clearing off the tarmac. The drains in centre of the village plus Jury Lane.

Councillors reports

Cllr Studer asked if any replacement recycling facilities had been offered. Awaiting news from MHDC. Cllr Nott reported that the area of land between the pumping station and the Crown car park looked overgrown. Clerk to write to the Landlord in the first instance.

Date and Time of Next meeting

Monday September 3 in the Village Hall.

J C Dale, 10th August 2012

Meet Your Local Councillor

Stuart Cumella

Stuart was born in Shirley near Birmingham, and came to live in Martley in 1983, just after he married



his wife Marion. Since then, they have raised two children Andrew and Rosemarie, who both attended the Primary

School and Chantry High before going to university. Andrew now lives in London and Rosemarie in Birmingham. Stuart has worked as a social worker, a researcher, an NHS manager, and a senior lecturer in the University of Birmingham Medical School. After several years of long-distance commuting, he took early retirement in 2010, but still does some teaching and research supervision at

the University. Marion retired earlier this year, after working as a civil servant, a teaching assistant and a job coach with Mencap. Hopes of a quiet retirement were shattered when Stuart was, to his surprise, co-opted to the Parish Council late last year. Since then, he has helped prepare the parish plan and now chairs the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. He says that his main aim as a Parish Councillor is to help maintain the high quality of life for people in Martley. This means opposing development that would spoil the landscape of the parish, while at the same time trying to maintain employment opportunities and access to affordable housing for local people.

Mandy Gardner

Mandy moved into Mortlake Drive from Lower Broadheath in 1984. She has been married to Andy for 35



years. They have a son Peter, 23, who went to school in Martley and who now works as a butcher in Malvern. Mandy was part of the PTA for a number of years and has always been involved in the local community; helping and supporting local events the most recent being the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and the New Play Area Launch. She is secretary of both Martley Spurs FC and the George Badminton Club. Mandy is a new member of the Parish Council to which she was co-opted on

to in December 2011. She is enjoying the experience of Parish Council work which is varied and taxing at this time of change. Mandy has volunteered to be the PC representative on the Martley Recreation Association and has been tasked with emptying the village rubbish bins on a weekly basis! Mandy is more than happy to be contacted via email at thegardners3@btinternet.com or call 01886 888237.

Planning Update

South Worcestershire Development Plan

Malvern Hills District Council have voted to accept the 'significant changes' version of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). This still includes a proposal to build a housing estate on the Crown Meadow, despite considerable opposition from people in the Parish. The number of dwellings proposed by the SWDP has been reduced to 51. A 'targeted public consultation', in which the District Council informed the public of changes to the plan, took place on 13 August in the Village Hall. The final version of the SWDP is due to be assessed by a planning inspector in November and December, and submitted to the Secretary of State early next year. The Parish Council has already stated its opposition to development on the Crown Meadow, and has not supported any alternative site. However, Bayhill Property Development have independently proposed a development of 40 houses

on the Worcester Road above The Smithy, and may organise their own consultation meeting.

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Proposed tarmac track down Berrow Hill

At the time of writing, Malvern Hills District Council has not made a decision on this application. If this remains the case when you read The Villager, you can still make your views known to the District Council. You do this by writing to the Planning Department or submitting a comment electronically by going to www.malvern hills.gov.uk/eaccess/Applicationsearch.asp. The application number is 12/00472.

Dr Stuart Cumella

Stuart Cumella writes in a personal capacity, and his views do not necessarily represent those of the Parish Council.



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Thank You

The family of Bill Root who died on 13 June would like to thank all their friends for the cards and kind messages of condolence; they were much appreciated. The collection of over £450 was divided between St Lawrence Church and the Air Ambulance. Thank you again for your generosity.

June Race for Life

It was the twelfth year I have taken part; I did the course in 45 minutes, raising £568. I would like to say a big 'Thank-you' to all the people who sponsored me, family, friends and whist players.

Wendy (Ivy's daughter)

Wichenford 100 Club

1st prize ticket number 62, Zoe Griffin, 2nd prize ticket number 199, V J Hylan and 3rd prize went to ticket number 185, Brian Finch. Congratulations to our August winners. The winners were drawn by Brandon Corbett.

Clair Corbett

Wichenford Jubilee Mugs

In 1953 Mr John Richards and Mr Frank Gill gave a commemorative mug to all the children in Wichenford to mark the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen. To mark her Diamond Jubilee, John Richards' son, John with Mr Ivan Rendall and Mrs Carma Wetherall have purchased a quantity of commemorative mugs as a gift for each of the children and young people living in Wichenford and Kenswick today. A number of mugs have already been distributed. However, anyone 18 years and under, who has not received theirs can collect it from the Memorial Hall, Wichenford between 2pm and 4pm on 8 September at the Village Fete. Mugs will also be available for purchase at the fete for £3.50 each.

Carma

Kenswick And Wichenford Parish Council

Unapproved draft abbreviated

minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 July 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 apologised for missing the last meeting. Councillor Williams reported that the Worcestershire's Health and Wellbeing Board met in public for the first time on 30 May and is now seeking the public's views to help shape the agenda from now until 2015. The Board has been established by WCC and the local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) which are made up of GPs from across the county. The Board is now seeking the public's views on the draft Joint Health and Well-being Strategy for Worcestershire. Views are also invited on the priorities over the next 3 years with the suggested priorities identified in the draft being, Older people and management of long term conditions, Mental Health, Obesity, Alcohol and Acute hospital services. The consultation is available online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/healthandwellbeingboard.

Progress Reports

Drain jetting

This is still on-going. The Clerk has had several conversations with the Company as they cannot seem to find

the drains in question.

Planning

Applications considered since the last meeting.

There were none considered

Applications refused/approved/withdrawn.

12/00570/FUL, Bury End Town Farm. Approved. Change of use of land to allow a catering trailer to be parked on part of the farm.

12/00695/HEX, Extension of time limit to commence development on application 09/00723/HOU for Arundels Farm. Approved.

11/01079/FUL Woodend Farm. Refused. Change of use of land to residential caravan site.

Applications to be considered.

12/00906/FUL Alteration to lean to extension. Oak View Barn.

This was discussed at the meeting and the Council has no objection to this proposal.

12/00865/FUL Erection of domestic workshop/garden store outside the cartilage of dwelling house. Lingens Cottage. In principle the Parish Council has no objections to this proposal but would prefer the structure to be of different material as it is not in keeping with the surroundings. The question was raised if planning permission is needed for the change of use of land which it is to be erected on as it is outside the curtilage of the dwelling house.

It was noted that no householder application form had been received with the pack.

Finance

The balance from 1 May to 29 June 2012 stands at £14,164.31.

There were 7 cheques totalling £1,369.93 for approval. These included a new computer and set-up, Lengthsman, memorial hall rent, clerks' expenses and councillors' expenses.

Internet Banking Form

The on-line banking suggestion was discussed. Although the Clerk has got the form it was agreed that it was preferred she continued to write cheques as the Parish Council incurs no bank charges. The Chairman will talk to the bank to see how it will work as the Clerk is not allowed to sign cheques.

Fete Committee (Donation)

The fete committee have been approached by the Council but unfortunately no request has been made for a contribution.

Code of Conduct

The Parish Council adopted the new Code of Conduct at its meeting. It was agreed to adopt the code without any changes.

Register of Interest

All Councillors have the new Register of Interest forms. The Clerk will return the forms that were brought to the meeting.

Worcestershire Agreement

Councillors agreed to adopt the Worcestershire Code without change.

Evening transport proposal

The Clerk and Councillor Panton attended the meeting at Sinton Green Peace Hall. The Council decided that

the proposal as it stands at the moment is not viable. The County Council is going to send out a transport survey form for Councillors to deliver or to be put in The Villager magazine. Another meeting will be held in September/October with the additional information gathered. The Council decided to wait for this before making any commitments.

Councillors Resignation.

A letter has been received from Councillor Barrow who would like to resign from his post as Parish Councillor. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be written and to write to the parishioners of Kenswick to see if any would be interested in joining the Parish Council. It was agreed that this is the best way to let them know that a vacancy has occurred as there are no notice boards in Kenswick to advertise this.

Mower Racing At The Masons.

Although this created a lot of noise for some residents the Parish Council decided not to take action as this was a once a year event for charity.

It was also reported to the Council a loud party that occurred on 30 June was still going at 2.15am. The Chairman agreed to visit the house/owners concerned and to ask if they could at least let residents know in future. If you are suffering a noise nuisance at the weekend please telephone 01905 822799, although only one person is employed for Worcestershire during Friday and Saturday.

Councillors Reports and Items for

Future Agendas

Councillors have had a report regarding the overhanging trees and hedge at Laughern Corner. The Clerk was asked to contact the owner to see if they could be trimmed. Several reports have been received regarding a large amount of dogs running loose in Kings Green. Although they have been given permission to walk over private land it means that they have to cross a public bridleway and footpath. The clerk was asked to contact Malvern Hills and they will speak to the person concerned.

Date And Venue Of Next Meeting

Next meeting is 20 August, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Wichenford Fete

Its Fete time again and this year in Wichenford, we will celebrate with our 2012 Jubilee Fete on the **new rescheduled date of Saturday 8 September at 2pm**. Our main event this year is the Fun Dog Show kindly organised by Pauline Whittaker. Please bring your dog along and enter one of the many categories including 'the best trick', 'the best in show', 'the most handsome dog and the prettiest bitch'. There will be a competition for a Jubilee Fancy Dress for children and many games and activities including a bouncy castle and 'beat the goalie'. As always there will be delicious teas with scrumptious scones and cakes. Stalls will also be offering ice creams, sweets, soft drinks and hot dogs. If you prefer browsing there will be a selection of stalls including jams,

chutneys, cakes, produce and plants. There will also be a wide selection of Bric a Brac too. Please contact Lindsay Webb if you are able to donate any items for this, Lindsay can be contacted on 01886 888514. Please come along and join us, lets hope for some good weather this time!!!

Lindsay Webb

Baptisms

Phoebe Charlotte Tipping and Amelia Julie Tipping at St Laurence, Wichenford on 12 August.

In Memorium

Bill Root who passed away on 13 June. A cremation in Worcester was followed by a service of thanksgiving for Bill at St Laurence, Wichenford on 5 July.

Little Witley Film Society

The Artist is a 2011 French romantic comedy-drama film in the style of a black-and-white silent film. The story takes place in Hollywood, between 1927 and 1932, and focuses on the relationship of an older silent film star and a rising young actress as silent cinema falls out of fashion and is replaced by the "talkies". LWFS film scheduled for September 22 will be the Oscar nominated film The Artist. This has been requested "by great popular demand". We are also looking forward to a brand new season and we really do have a season of great films to share!! Come along and see what a great night we really do have!



*Wichenford Jubilee Fete
Saturday 8 September 2012
Starts at 2pm*

Fun Dog Show

(classes to include

*The Best Trick, The Best In Show,
The Most Handsome Dog and Prettiest Bitch)*

Jubilee Fancy Dress Competition

Fun Games and Activities

*Bouncy Catle and
Beat the Goalie***

Teas, Scones and Cakes

***Ice Cream, Jams and Chutneys and
Plants and Produce***

Bric a Brac

Tombola

*Please do Come along and support your
local village Fete*

Lots of Fun for the Whole Family

Celebrating the London 2012 Olympic Games

Teme Valley Children's Centre Family Fun Sessions

Teme Valley Children's Centre held Family Fun Session's throughout the summer at Tenbury, Alfrick, Martley and Clow's Top. The Children had lots of fun participating in Olympic themed activities, arts and crafts. The Centre also held two walks, one at Worcester Woods and Country Park and one at Wyre Forest. From September onwards Teme Valley Children's Centre will continue with our term time sessions and if you are a Parent, Grandparent or Carer with a child under 5 we would love it if you joined us. We offer Stay and Play Sessions, run once a week during term time. There are a wide selection of toys and an art and craft activities available at each hub.

Bumps to Babes. For those with babies up to 12 months old or are expecting a baby are welcome.

Speech and Language Therapist Sessions. If your child's speech is difficult to understand or your child gets frustrated when they try to tell you something, come along to one of our Speech and Language Sessions.

Parents-to-be Sessions. Are you expecting a baby? Would you like to meet other parents to be? Then come along to our Antenatal Sessions covering Labour and Birth, early days at home and breast feeding.

Stop Smoking Service. We have a trained advisor and family support

worker available to help you.

Family Support Drop in Service.

Our dedicated Family Support Worker can offer free invaluable support, guidance and advice on a wide range of topics.

Nearly New Table Top Sale.

Saturday 10 November 2012.

For any additional information on these or any of our services please call the Centre on 01886 812982 or email teme.valley@barnardos.org.uk or look on our website for more information www.worcestershire.gov.uk/temevalley

Dial 101 For Your Local Police

101 is now the number to call your police on when it's not an emergency. Examples are if your car has been stolen, if your property has been damaged, if you suspect some drug dealing is occurring or have information of a local drug dealer, to report a minor traffic collision or to give police information on crime occurring in your area.

How much does it cost?

Calls from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence for the whole call, no matter what time of day it is or how long you're on the phone for.

How does it work?

101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information please visit www.police.uk/101

Remember; in an emergency always call 999. This is when you need immediate response because the crime is in progress, or someone suspected of a crime is nearby. 999 should also be

used when there is a danger to life or when violence is being threatened or used.

CSO Helen W Cooper 40061

Marriages

Joseph Perkins and Stephanie Gishbourne on 18 August at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas.

Daniel Siddorn and Gemma Hinton on 25 August at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas.

Congratulation to you all.

In Memorium

John Andrews who passed away on 8 July. A service was held at Worcester Crematorium on 19 July.

Bill Walters who passed away on 11 July. A service was held at Worcester Crematorium on 24 July.

In the Garden



September brings the end of summer and the end of a difficult growing season, first drought and then deluge! Any time you spend improving your soil will help if next year follows the same pattern; a generous helping of compost will improve soil texture and drainage as well as replacing essential minerals. Early in the month is the time to finish trimming evergreen hedges, you can also prune late flowering shrubs and climbing roses. Later in

the month, as the weather cools, is the time to start your winter and spring planting. Clear out containers of summer bedding and replant with spring flowering bulbs and winter bedding. Seeds of hardy annuals such as poppies, calendulas and nigella, and biennials, foxgloves, forget-me-nots and wallflowers, can all be sown directly in the place where you want them to flower. Large clumps of hardy perennials such as Crocosmia and Day Lilies will benefit from being split up, for best results put in plenty of fresh compost when you replant them. Tender perennials such as fuchsias and pelargoniums need to be brought inside before the first frost, cuttings of pelargoniums can be taken now and often do better than the mature plant which has been kept overwinter. From late September you can reduce the amount of water you give to your houseplants.

This month is also a key time for those lawns! You will need to rake out the debris which has built up through the summer, remove broad leaved weeds and apply an autumn lawn feed. If your lawn gets a lot of use the ground becomes compacted and this means that oxygen from the air cannot get to the roots, try spiking these areas with a fork.

Malvern Autumn Show

This wonderful Show is here again from September 29 to 30. Its well worth a visit if you are a vegetable gardener looking for inspiration, or just looking for a Christmas gift for a keen gardener.



Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

Did you see the Olympics? Perhaps you were fortunate enough to get tickets to be at one of the events. It was certainly a wonderful experience for the country to host and celebrate and what a bonus that our dedicated athletes did so well. It is one of those unique occasions in the world when we see people from so many different countries coming together, so many flags under one flag, the Olympic flag, to compete and enjoy the games and hopefully lay our differences aside. The world united through sport for 16 days, it was so moving to see all the nations parade in at the opening ceremony as separate nations and at the end all mixed up. It felt good, it was good, and hopefully it has done us some good, to coin a *phrase* (*just in case you are racking your brains for the quote its not the bible it's a 'Mackeson' advert.*

Yet the Bible does have something to say about us coming together as one, to be one in Christ, there being no distinctions between gender, race, colour, slave or free. The Old testament prophet Isaiah gives us some remarkable pictures in its prophetic books of some amazing opening ceremonies as 'all the nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord'. In the New Testament we see similar ceremonies in the book of

revelation which pictures all nations again coming to the throne of God where 'the nations will walk by its light (Christ), and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.' People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.' And another part of the opening ceremony in heaven is that 'through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life* with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations'. As we now return to reality we see that the world needs healing and it has and is always God's intention to offer that healing, as Jesus himself said the temple was to be a place of prayer for 'all nations', all are welcome to the heavenly opening ceremony, do you want to come? It won't just last for 16 days but for eternity, all things will become new, what a wonderful promise.

God Bless you all

Rev David Sherwin

Sun 2 Sept 8.00am Holy Communion, The Chapel of 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
 Mon 3 Sept 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
 Tues 4 Sept 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn, Berrow View, Hollins Lane, Martley
 7.30pm LTV PCC Meeting at church
 Wed 5 Sept 11am Wichenford PCC Meeting at Wichenford Village Hall
 12Noon Prayer at the Heart, St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick
 Sat 8 Sept 2-4pm Wichenford Village Fete
Sun 9 Sept 8.00am Holy Communion, St Leonard, Cotheridge
 10.30am Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
 10.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 Mon 10 Sept 8.30am Prayer Breakfast
 Tues 11 Sept 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn
 Wed 12 Sept 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
 Thur 13 Sept 9.15am Little Minnows - Birthdays
 3.30-5.30pm Messy Church, The Old School, Berrow Green Road
Sun 16 Sept 8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
 9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter, Martley
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 3.00pm Evening Worship, The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew
 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
 Mon 17 Sept 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
 Tues 18 Sept 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn
 Sat 22 Sept Scalextric at Martley
Sun 23 Sept 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 24 Sept 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 7.30pm Martley PCC at Martley Old School
 Tues 25 Sept 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
 7.30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn
 Wed 26 Sept 10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
 Sat 29 Sept 8.30am Men's Breakfast at The Talbot, Knightwick. Please contact Mark Wild (01299 896071) mwild521@gmail.com
Sun 30 Sept Back To Church Sunday
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford



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And finally ...

Wrong Number ! Apologies

In the August edition of The Villager, an incorrect telephone was printed for Mandy Gardner, Martley Parish Council on Page 13. Mandy's correct number is 01886 888237. Many apologies must go to Mrs Dorothy Fennel, as her phone number was printed in error. We are so sorry and apologise to Dorothy profusely.

Red Marley Hill Climb

Easter Monday 2012 turned out wet and chilly and the weather kept all but the real enthusiasts away from the annual Red Marley Hill Climb at Walsgrove Farm, Great Witley. The event is very costly to stage and with the paying public staying away the gate receipts were well down on previous years and consequently the club just about broke even which has meant that there was no spare money to give to local charities and good causes. Since the Hill Climb was resurrected in 2000, the club has donated a total of £70,000 to worthy causes including £20,000 to Help for Heroes in 2011. The club would like to thank everyone who braved the elements to support the meeting and hopefully next year will see a return to the spectator numbers we have seen in past years and we will again be in a position to support local good causes.

Peter Dawson, Secretary of the meeting