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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 8pm Memorial Hall

### **Tuesdays**

**Short Mat Bowling:** 2.00pm Martley Memorial Hall

**Wichenford Ladies' Fellowship:** 2.30pm

2nd Tuesday in the month (usually)

**Martley Toddler Group:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (term time) 10.30am Martley Memorial Hall

### **Wednesdays**

**Teme Valley Shufflers Line Dancing:** 7pm Martley Memorial Hall *Enq.* Jeff & Thelma 01886 821772

**Martley Folk Club:** 1st Wednesday in the month at The Talbot, Knightwick and 3rd Wednesday at The Admiral Rodney

**Martley WI:** 2nd Wednesday in the month 7.30pm Heaton House

### **Thursdays**

**Wichenford Wine Club:** 3rd Thursday in the month

**Martley & District Horticultural Society:** last Thursday in the month 7.30pm Martley Memorial Hall

See Church Words p. 27 for details of services

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

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

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

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

# **OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY**

Visit our website—[www.martley.org.uk](http://www.martley.org.uk)



## ***Message from our Local Policing Team.***

Unfortunately there has been some anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the village during the last few months and the police are currently dealing and investigating this. We understand that rumours are circulating around the village and I would like to stress to all residents that rumours often turn out to be untrue, so please think twice about repeating these rumours. Nasty, vindictive rumours can cause distress to innocent people, and there are civil laws in this country against slander.

*CSO Helen Cooper*

## ***Martley & district Horticultural Society***

On 29 September our Chairman, Mike Dunnett, welcomed members to our first autumn indoor talk meeting, and Mike had put a free copy of *Cotswold Country Gardener* on every chair, a very informative monthly magazine. Mike reported on the show on 20 August which was excellent in every way, in spite of the dryness! Members who have a current email address were

also requested to give these details to Judith O'Leary. Our Joint Secretary, Pam Minchin, had recently attended the funeral of the late Dot Roberts, who will be much missed by everyone who knew her; a donation to Macmillan Care was given by the Society in Dot's memory. Mike had brought some beautiful asters (very long flowering) named after islands, also an elegant grass (a lovely combination) and he gave advice on their cultivation. His tips were pot plant watering care and just enjoy your garden! We were also very fortunate to get Richard Squires, Head Gardener at Witley Court, as our main speaker, as our 'hosta lady' unfortunately couldn't make it. Mike had a very good selection of slides showing the gardens there, past (when there were 24 gardeners) and present (5 at this time) and he also went all through the history of the restoration of both formal and informal areas of this magnificent place. Grants were obtained towards the work, and, of course, it is an on-going project attracting visitors from far and wide. 19,000 little box cuttings have been planted to make the low border

hedges, showing off the amazingly clever designs of the flower beds which could well be unique in the world and the hedges will get a twice-yearly trim. Wildlife is important at Witley too, 9 species of bat are found there together with dormice, and water birds and the meadows are cut at different times which helps the bees amongst others. A group of volunteers who have learning difficulties help with some jobs once per month, usually Sundays and also help construct some willow sculptures. Richard also described all the problems that were caused by the 2007 floods and the remedies that had been used. He also told us that Witley has a budget – they buy in their plants and must stick to it! This was a fantastic talk and was very much enjoyed. A raffle was held and there were some beautiful dahlias among the prizes! We hold the Annual General Meeting and Social Evening on 24 November. Please contact us for more details.

*Tina Steele*

### ***Martley Ramblers***

#### **Sunday 6 November 10am**

This will be our last walk of 2011 as the weather can be a little changeable. Please note that this is a week earlier than the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday to avoid clashing with Remembrance Sunday and is a morning walk. Pauline and Richard Mills will be leading along and around the River Teme. The second date this month is Monday 21 November when the AGM will be

held at 8pm at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane, which is of course the home of our Chairman. This year Richard Mills has been a very competent Secretary/Treasurer in spite of a nasty spell of illness during the year but it is great to see him back to full fitness again. Our Chairman, Harry King, wishes to retire after several years at the helm, so we will be thinking about a successor to replace him. Please come along with suggestions for the programme for 2012. Do you want more local ones or visits to areas further afield? All ideas welcome! We have trodden many miles since our official formation in 1974. Let's hope we can continue to ramble along for a good number of years to come.

*Kate King*

### ***Martley WI***

#### **Wednesday 9 November 7.30pm Heaton House**

Firstly, congratulations to Poppy and Malcolm on their recent wedding celebration. It is a long time since we had the chance to celebrate a wedding of a WI member and we would like to wish them many happy years together. Our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday year is drawing to a close and we would like to thank our President Helen, our wonderful committee members and all who have helped with the planning to make this an event to remember. It was so nice that former members who have left the area, have been able to enjoy the occasion with us. Here's to the next 90 years or the 10 years to our century!

This month is the AGM, probably the last to be held at this time of year as there are suggestions by County that AGMs should be held in the Spring, we shall have to see how our members vote this month. Helen Coombey-Jones has been an inspiring leader over the last three years and doubtless will continue to be a committed member of our group. Thank you, Helen. The competition this month is for an edible autumn dish, so we shall be looking forward to tasting and enjoying the entries. We may be 90 years old as an Institute but our members are not that age at all! We have good fun, learn a lot and socialise, so why not come along and give us a whirl, no commitment to join at all.

*Kate King*

### ***Pudford Lane***

What an amazing autumn this has been so much fruit and wonderful colours of foliage. Fingers crossed that it won't be another hard, freezing winter. The late heat and dryness has been lovely but the shortage of water has been worrying. Residents may remember Jim Mackintosh, formerly of Quarry Lane, and I am sorry to report that sadly Jim died recently; we would like to extend our sympathy to his daughter Jane her partner and Jim's family. Jane has recently returned to live at Spring Meadow after serving in Her Majesty's Forces. Best wishes for the future, Jane, we hope you enjoy the wonderful views from your windows. The sheep are

beginning to get kitted out in their woolly winter jumpers, whether they know something about the temperatures of the coming winter we shall have to wait and see. At least they will be prepared and we human inhabitants should perhaps be delving into the depths of our wardrobes to find our winter woollies as well!

*Kate King*

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

**Extract from 'My Book' by Jessie Brydges. This is mostly about her life very early in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.**

"The next occasion was The Martley Foresters' Club Day. (My two brothers belonged to The Martley Foresters). It was always held on the Wednesday of Whit-week, in a small field next to "The Crown Inn" which I notice is a car park now. The morning started off with a parade of horses and a band, the riders, Forester Club members, were dressed up as Robin Hood and his Merry Men, and visited the big important houses and played to collect donations. Strickland's Amusements were set up in the field by the Crown, in which were included dandy-horses, swing boats, hoop-la, coconut shy's, a try-your-strength (with the hammer and bell arrangement), shooting gallery, several ice-cream carts, Mrs Dowding's cakes and a man with a basket of very cold fried fish stood out by the pub. This was all for the afternoon and evening entertainment. Jessie Brydges lived in ¼ of the large black and white house just across Ham

Bridge on the right hand side as you turn towards Shelsley Beauchamp. Jessie's book roughly covers 1905 to 1912.

*Alan Boon*

### ***Business Focus of The Month***

#### **Lightview Photographic Company Ltd**

Lightview Photographic Company is a small family run business based in Martley which was formed in May this year. Our aim is to provide a friendly, local, Professional Photography Service that can help to promote the people and businesses in our local Parishes. We specialise in Event Photography, including Sports, Social and Special occasions, most recent work has included The Officers Mess summer Ball for The Household Cavalry Regiment, Corporate Golf Events and more recently The Shelsley Walsh, Prescott & Kop speed Hill Climbs, to name but a few! We provide mobile studio set ups for Lifestyle Photography which covers Portraits in your home or Lifestyle Photography on Location, which can be designed around your activities making us adaptable to our clients requirements, this can include, family, pets, cars, motorcycles even tractors and farm animals! If there is anything we haven't included that you would like photographed, please contact us

using the details as below. We use Professional Mitsubishi printers providing on site printing services at your event and are also able to offer a Framing and print mail order Service using a large variety of Media and Frames to suit all tastes. Our Photographer, Stuart Matthews has trained with Paul Brook at First Point Photography studio and is registered with The Society of Wedding and Portrait Photographers (SWPP), The Society of International School and Event Photographers (SISEP); he is also a member of The Royal Photographic Society. Stuart has practiced photography over the last 20 years in various locations around the world whilst serving with the HM Forces, Stuart also has a current CRB check. For more information or to get in touch with us, please contact Lightview Photographic Company Ltd on 01886 889062, email [info@lightviewphotographic.co.uk](mailto:info@lightviewphotographic.co.uk) or visit our website [www.lightviewphotographic.co.uk](http://www.lightviewphotographic.co.uk)

### ***Teme Valley Geological Society (TVGS)***

#### **Logo Competition**

Aren't we the lucky ones to have a captive pool of talented youngsters on our doorstep who contribute so much to the village - and do we intend to exploit it - yes we do! We have invited some of The Chantry pupils to

take part in a competition to design a logo for the TVGS and we hope to announce the winner at the Rock Show in November. Meanwhile, things are moving at a pace! Behind the scenes steady progress is being made at Martley Pit and the ground works began at the end of September whilst the first of three proposed courses started on 26 October at the Memorial Hall. These courses are subsidised by the Leader funding for Worcestershire and will run for six weeks. The current one is titled The Making of Minerals and the tutor is Paul Olver who is a well known geologist and one of our mentors..

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### **MAD**

As previously reported in October's Villager, September 9 saw MAD performing "Sourpuss" at Acorns Children's Hospice. The performance was well received by children, parents and Hospice staff alike despite the difficult conditions they had to perform in. In fact they had the builders in which reduced the room in which to perform and added an unwanted sound accompaniment! Still, it was worth it and we were rewarded with drinks and beautiful home made cakes afterwards! Acorns have asked if we would perform again for them sometime so, very well done to all involved. Our Pantomime rehearsals are now well under way and promise to be a great success. We are grateful for all the support we get and this year, with a cast membership of

35, tickets may be well be at a premium, so please purchase yours early to avoid disappointment. The dates will be 13 & 14 January with a matinee performance on 14 January. Tickets will be available as usual at our local shops and the Admiral Rodney Berrow Green. Proceeds from this year will go to local charities

### ***Martley Spurs Football***

#### **September 2011**

A mixed start to the 2011-2012 season starting with the withdrawal of our first team from the Worcester & District League. This was due to the Manager Nigel Halion handing in his resignation to allow him to pursue other interests. We would like to wish him well and thank him for all his hard work last season. The reserve team have had a great start, winning 2 and drawing 1 game in September. Training sessions are held on Friday evenings at St John's sports centre, new players are more than welcome to join us, please contact Simon Rawle on 07971 264107 for details.

*M Gardner, Secretary*

#### **Martley Cricket Club Presentation**

Martley cricket club held an end of season fun day and presentation on the 17 September. A series of sporting challenges were devised to test the skills of the junior members of the club though some of the senior members also tried their hand with varying degrees of success. Nearly 20 juniors competed in the sporting challenge which included a penalty shoot out, basketball shots, golf

chipping, skittles and a stump shy. The eventual winner was Alexander Basford. Other attractions which appealed more to the older members were the bouncy castle, sumo suits and the cover slide. When it became too dark to see we moved to the village hall for food, beer and the main presentation. The presentation was compared by Dave Bradley who himself received a pictorial collage to mark his 50 years playing for Martley. The first team won their last two league games to avoid relegation and were indebted to Pat Bibby and Jim Basford for runs and wickets respectively. Richard Birchley also managed to challenge the league record for number of dismissals in a season. The second team awards went to Alan Taylor and John McGahan who scored his first hundred while leading a very young side. The Sunday side awards went to Adam Powell and James Ganderton who scored 221 in one game against Stourport. There were many notable contributions from the junior players especially the U15 who not only finished second in their own league but carried the 2XI as well. Junior player of the year was Mark Johnson who played in the 1XI for most of the year. Other notable contributions came from Dom Jones, Ash Jones, Ally Holdsworth, Dom Buxton, George Griffiths and Stuart Kirby. The U13 and U11 teams were less successful though they all improved significantly during the season with Jo Adams winning the most improved player after breaking

into the 2XI at the end of the season. Many thanks to Pat Bibby for his organisation skills and other members who all contributed to a successful event. Thanks to Karen and Des at the Rodney for their support throughout the year. We start again in January with indoor nets at Sport Martley. New members are always welcome, contact John McMahan at the Post Office or Rob Ganderton for details.

*Rob Ganderton*

### ***Martley Web Mesh-The Fame Spreads!***

On 15 October 2011 Radio Hereford and Worcester broadcast an interview with Richard Jackman and John Layton in which the pair talked about the local wireless internet service Martley Web Mesh provides. It was featured on the Howard Bentham and Toni McDonald breakfast show. As a result, there were calls into the radio station from other Worcestershire villages requesting information about how they could get started with their own broadband internet provision. Well done chaps! Keep it local, I say! For more information about how you can subscribe to Martley's own internet provision, see the advert towards the back of The Villager.

*Michelle Higgins*

### ***A Concert Of Christmas Music***

To be presented by the Ferndale Singers on Saturday 10 December 2011 at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall, Tickets £5 (to include wine and

light refreshments) and a raffle will be held too! Please contact 01886 888246, 01886 821127 or 01905 333225 for more details.

### ***Parents To Be' Course***

There is evidence to suggest that women cope better with their labour if they have attended parents to be classes. Amongst other things, you learn about what to expect during labour, birthing skills and tips on how both parents can cope during labour and afterwards. The Children's Centre has been working hard to put together a course for parents-to-be and we are pleased to announce that the next course will be taking place from Wednesday 9 November 2011 from 10am till 12noon at Clifton-upon-Teme village hall. During the 4-week course there will be information from health professionals speaking about maternity rights, the labour itself, breastfeeding and early days at home. If you are expecting a baby in the next six months and would like to meet people in a similar situation please register for what is likely to be a fun, informative and sociable course. The course is free and refreshments will be provided.

### ***Welcome to Martley***

Welcome to Porcha and her son Milo Treanor, and Harold the cat, who have recently moved from Broadwas to live

in Sandpits Close. Milo has already started at Martley Primary School and settled in very well. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

*Michelle Higgins*

### ***News from Nora Parsons Day Centre***

After our summer break we all went on a lovely outing to the Safari Park and enjoyed seeing all the animals. We were blessed with a lovely sunny day too. We had lunch at the Dew Drop in Lower Broadheath where David and Jane Sherwin joined us as part of their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. We are holding a fund raising evening with Philip Serrell and this will be held on November 17 at Martley Memorial Hall. Tickets will be £10 which will include a glass of wine and ploughman's supper. Please come along and support us and test your antique knowledge with a quiz from Philip. Tickets are available from the Centre or Central Stores Martley or call me direct. On Saturday, 26 November at 2.00pm we will hold our Christmas Fair at the Day Centre, again please support us if you can. Come along and purchase Christmas goodies as well as home made cakes, preserves and a tombola to name a few! We will have our own printed Christmas cards on sale at Martley Post Office shortly, please keep an eye out for them we have six lovely designs and your purchase will support an excellent local charity. Once again, my usual monthly plea to readers, if you have any spare hours



and would like to volunteer at our lovely Centre or do a transport service for us please give me a call on 01886 888472, it really is very rewarding.

*Janet Dale, Secretary*

### ***Barbers Bed and Breakfast***

Barbers, the beautiful Queen Anne house, on the edge of Martley village is to throw open its doors to guests. As my children now are away at boarding school I decided the time had come to get a job! However, with the number of horses and dogs we have I quickly realised that local jobs would not fit in with my time scale! I looked up for inspiration and the answer was staring me in the face, I could open the house and share the enormous pleasures it gives us with others said Jeanne Swallow. We have done so much to the house and gardens over the last four years and we find it so tranquil and are so thankful for our beautiful surroundings and I look forward to welcoming guests to share the sheer beauty of the place. All our produce is pretty much home-grown. We have our own chickens, vegetable garden and our sausages and bacon are locally produced. The quality of this fresh, locally sourced produce means we can offer a fabulous breakfast and keep our British farmers farming! Jeanne is hoping to attract tourists, walkers, country sports and car lovers going to the Hill Climb or garden enthusiasts to Barbers. Whoever comes will be assured of a wonderful stay in large and well furnished bedrooms all with private bathrooms in a quiet setting of

great elegance. Anyone wishing to make a booking should call Jeanne on 01886 888895.

*Laura Miles*

*Good Luck Jeanne from all The Villager Team!*

### ***Martley Millenium Green Trust***

**Registered Charity no.1076295**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Villlage Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14 November 2011. The meeting will be as informal as possible and will afford an opportunity to outline the current state and use of the Green and discuss future priorities. The Trustees and Management Committee will be very pleased to see you and will warmly welcome any ideas you may have about future plans.

### ***Martley Parish Plan Questionnaire***

Please look out for a questionnaire which will be popping through your door, we really need your views to shape our Parish plan!

### ***Martley Parish Plan Exhibition and Roadshow***

This will be held in the Village Hall on 29 October between 9:30am and 12noon. Drop in and have your say, light refreshments will be available. This is a meeting about all possible changes and issues relating to Martley, so please show your support and visit our roadshow.

### ***The Chantry Library News***

Since our last article we have welcomed our new year 7 pupils. We have again this year joined in the 'Booked Up' scheme which has given every year 7 pupil a free book and the choices have been varied and wide from some amazing authors. We are now holding a reading club on a Tuesday lunchtime which is open to all year 7 pupils. The presentation by the County Air Ambulance was well attended and the children enjoyed a lively talk by Mark Wilkins, helicopter pilot and fundraising co-ordinator. He talked of how and when the helicopters are used and the importance of the service and fund raising. On 9 November, a representative from Guide Dogs for the Blind will be coming to give a talk in the library at lunchtime. The children are already excited as a trainee guide dog puppy will be in attendance. The library is very busy throughout break and lunchtime with a large group of boys playing cards, chess and dominoes and the computers are always available for research and homework. With Christmas soon approaching, we will be making Christmas cards at lunchtime too. Pop along and see what your school library can offer!

*Vicky Warr, Librarian*

### ***Chantry Apple Fest***

On Saturday 8 October with the weather fine and dry, there was a strong smell of the roasting pig at the one end of school and the natural

aroma of apples at the other. All was set for a good event for the Chantry community and I am delighted to say the wide range of activities and stalls did not disappoint. The Apple Fest can be seen as an extremely successful venture judging by the high attendance and all the positive comments made by members of the public. The aim of the Fruit Full project, that the Chantry is participating in, is to promote the awareness of the traditions associated with apple growing and the numerous varieties that used to populate our country and in particular, our own county. People, especially the younger generation, were amazed by the 97 varieties of apples on display and this only represents the tip of the iceberg. Bee keeping experts, stalls offering advice on apple growing and cider production were kept busy all day. The apple fest also offered the opportunity for the opening of the Chantry geology garden. Another community project with the aim of educating the public on the geology for both the local area and for the county as a whole. Finally, as organiser of the Apple fest, I would like to thank all those who were able to join us in our apple celebrations. We have already started to make plans for another event in 2012. In order to make the Apple fest even more successful I would welcome any feedback from this year's Fest.

*Mr. R.Allison*

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### ***Chantry Geology Garden Officially Opened***

It was very exciting meeting donors and benefactors on Saturday 8. Bob Allison, our amazing geology teacher at the Chantry, welcomed all the guests. We had Mr and Mrs Wales from the Tomlinson Brown Trust who had given us a grant towards the garden, and Mrs Wales cut the ribbon. We were grateful to the guests who had donated rocks, Sir Anthony and Lady Alexandra Winnington from Shelsley Beauchamp, Ian Pennell and Pam Stokes and others who weren't able to attend. Our thanks also to John Nicklin for all his help and support. The Hereford and Worcester Earth Heritage Trust superstar was Natalie Watkins who has guided us and been the knowledgeable driving force. On the day she had a rock and fossil show, with a dinosaur hunt for the children. We of course finished off with rock cakes and apple juice. A very proud experience indeed.

*Pat Owen*

### ***Why can't anything be simple?***

Despite all our efforts we are still awaiting the go ahead for plans for the play area. With the winter fastly approaching it has been decided to delay everything until the Spring. Maybe this is for the best and hopefully this will all come together and maybe we'll have a village Olympics opening -I send my sincere apologies to the young people of

Martley for this delay but I will defiantly keep on working on it and pushing ahead!

*Pat Owen*

### ***Sunday Shows on Longside Radio***

Our local radio station continues to go from strength to strength, please check out the latest scheduled programmes including on Sundays, Sarah Harris, at 4pm with a selection of fantastic music and followed at 5pm with The Retro Hour ! At 6pm The All Request Show with Mark David Please send your requests either via text 01905 7 0 1 0 0 0 o r e m a i l studio@longsideradio.co.uk

### ***Baptisms***

Molly Marie Dew on 18 September at St Peter's, Martley

### ***Marriages***

Malcolm Morris and Poppy Baskeyfield on 17 September at St Peter's, Martley

### ***Pensax Village Hall***

We held an extremely successful Fashion Show on the 16 September which raised £557.25. After ticket sales, less expenses, £300 went to the Village Hall, £175 to Help for Heroes and the remainder to the ladies who sold their own clothes. It really was the fun evening that everyone hoped for and the old hall looked resplendent. The question on a lot of people's lips now is "when is the next

one"! So please watch this space for more details!

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

A Macmillan coffee morning was held on 28 September and £141 was raised. We would like to thank everyone for their support with this event. On the 12 October Ian Haig, who will be representing Help for Heroes, will be coming to the Thrift Shop to collect a cheque for around £1,720 (final figure to be confirmed), monies raised from a variety of events including the charity sale and fashion show. Thanks to everyone who has supported the Pensax Thrift Shop and their fundraising events. We will also be selling Christmas cards too from the 12 October.

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

**Edited draft unapproved minutes of the Parish Council held on**

**Monday 5 September 2011 at**

**Martley Memorial Hall**

**The Democratic Period/Public Question Time**

Further damage was reported to the fence around the playing field and air pellet damage to some of the pavilion windows; this has been reported to the Police. The Clerk will chase PC Lambon for his contact details. Persistent dog fouling on the playing field was also reported. The Chair confirmed that a bid is being submitted to fund some security cameras for the pavilion. The Recreation Association were asked to submit a list of recent damage which

will be included with the bid submission.

### **Outstanding Actions from previous minutes**

Contact is to be made with the Freedom of Martley nominees for 2011. The letter needs to be circulated to all local farms and other potential sites for salt storage. The cost of an Ordnance Survey Advance Explorer needs to be ascertained without the display board.

### **Progress reports**

The new Clerk, Mr Tom Pearsall will commence in post from Monday 12 September 2011. There were no applications received for the vacant Councillor roles, of which there were two, however, Councillor Fearnough has since resigned which now leaves three vacancies. The new Clerk and Chair will need to consider running a campaign within the village to look to fill these vacancies. 'My Parish' is up and running thanks to Councillor Bromley. Martley Litter Blitz took place on Sunday 14 August 2011. Gerry Brienza from Highways has responded to the Parish Council's concerns of potential insurance claims following volunteers gritting/salting roads in bad weather that Highways don't have the capacity to do. Gerry advises that this emergency work would be done on a volunteer basis and he can't see that there would be many claims made. The adoption process for the phone boxes is on-going. The rotten Hillside sign is still there and still rotten! There has been some work undertaken on the

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

**Lengthsman**

The Clerk will chase the Lengthsman for outstanding invoices and an update in terms of recent work undertaken.

**Councillors**

The speed sign is now operational in Berrow Green. It has been a real team effort and a programme has been mapped taking us into the early next year. Tom Pearsall will download the programme shortly which will enable the Parish Council to pull statistics from the sign. Councillor Baxter is finalising an advert regarding the scheme which will go in the shop, post office and on the notice board. Cllr. Bromley reported that a working party of around a dozen people has been set up in relation to the SWDP. Cllr. Goodyear reported that the Martley Litter Blitz took place in August with eight adults and four children kindly taking part. They collected over twenty bags of rubbish. It was disappointing to note that most of the areas cleared are already filling back up with rubbish. Pat Owen will be picking the campaign up within The Chantry. Another Litter Blitz will take place on Sunday 12 November 2011 from 10am at the Village Hall for a few hours and the Parish Council will be looking for volunteers to assist.

**Planning**

New

**11/00931/LBC** Noak Farm, Martley, re-roofing barn and cottage and replacement of some timbers and the insertion of eight roof lights. Approved.

**11/00666/FUL** Hawksnest Barn, Easinghope Lane – Reconstruction of Earth Dam (Retrospective)

**11/00810/LBC** The Tee, Martley – Single storey rear extension, replacement conservatory, alterations to attached storage building and internal alterations.

**11/00763/HOU** The Tee, Martley - Single storey rear extension, replacement conservatory, alterations to attached storage building and internal alterations.

**11/00721/HOU** Hawksnest Barn, Easinghope Lane – Proposed ‘lean-to’ storage area with 12 photovoltaic units on roof.

**11/00685/HOU** 3 The Bungalows, Berrow Green – Extension to garage with pitched roof over with new vehicular entrance and remodelling of drive. Refused.

**11/00834/FUL** Land at Stables, Willow Road – Conversion and extension to facilitate one live/work unit

**11/00740/LBC** Tee Farm, Martley – Proposed replacement glazing to five dormer windows.

**Finance**

The accounts covering July and August 2011 were approved. There were 6 cheques totalling £2670.75 approved for payment. The Clerk is to gather further information in terms of previous agreements made for payment of the hosting and domain costs of Martley.org.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd October 2011.



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews  
01886 888303  
Sheila Richards  
01886 888378



## **Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council**

**Unapproved abbreviated draft minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 September 2011 in the Memorial Hall Wichenford.**

### **District and County Councillors Report**

Councillor Williams reported that two Heads of Services are being cut from the Council and as a result shared services throughout the Council are being utilised.

### **Progress Reports**

#### **Damaged Railings**

We are pleased to report that the damaged railings at Kenswick and Laughern Corner have now been replaced and that the missing gully on the B4204 outside Hill Farm drive has been replaced. An additional gully has gone missing – this has been reported.

### **Planning**

#### **Lingens Cottage.**

It appears that work has started at this property. There is a builder on site and the roof and chimney have been taken off and replaced. The property is now

fenced off. Notification has been received of the various footpaths in Wichenford and Kenswick with a proposed diversion order, creation order and extinguishment order.

### **Applications considered since the last meeting.**

11/01068/HOU Kenswick Mill Barn. The parish council has no objection to this proposal.

### **Applications approved, refused, withdrawn.**

11/00074/HOU The Tallet. (Refused), Erection of timber fence along north boundary.

11/00298/HOU A proposed extension and garage to The Stables, Allsetts Farm has been refused, this is now going to appeal.

### **Applications to be considered.**

There were no applications to be considered.

### **Finance**

The balance from 30 July to 31 August 2011 stands at £12,179.17, there were several cheques totalling £869.76 for agreement and signature, these included clerks salary, councillors expenses and election fees.

A donation of £850 has been given to the council for the use of the parish.

#### **Grit Bins and Salt Storage**

The Parish Council had studied the contract regarding grit bins and salt storage. The bins from WCC are too costly and it would appear that as the locations were refused last year we will not be able to have the bins sited where we would like. We have decided that we will have some tonne bags delivered to four locations in the Parish which will be Rimmers Farm, Kings Green/or Ridgend Farm, Hill Farm and the Masons. The Lengthsman can then grit the roads and fill up the grit boxes when necessary. It was felt that this would be more efficient and would ensure a speedier response than relying on the PC.

#### **Councillors Report and Items for Future Agendas**

The Memorial Hall and Nora Parsons Day Centre now has the recycling box, RAG BAG in place for you to recycle textiles, shoes, bags and curtains etc. When the box is full we will receive some money for contributions. Please take your unwanted items along.

#### **Date and Venue of next meeting**

Meetings were arranged for 31 October and 12 December 2011 and will be held in the Memorial Hall at Wichenford.

#### ***Marriages***

**Phillip Evans** and Maria King on 10 September at St Laurence, Wichenford  
**Peter Kitosi-Isanga** and Amy Corbett on 16 September at St Laurence,

Wichenford/

#### ***In Memorium***

Laid to rest were the ashes of Suzanne Stinton-Heeley who died on the 5 February. Suzanne's ashes were buried on 25 September at St Laurence, Wichenford.

#### ***Church Flowers***

6 November	Mrs Webb
13 November,	Remembrance Service
	Mrs Britten-Long
20 November	Mrs Britten-Long
27 November.	Advent
	no flowers

#### ***Wichenford Local Heritage Group***

##### **Details of Forthcoming Events**

##### **16 November**

Roy Murphy and James Brindley, Canal Maker

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#### ***Other Local News and Events***

##### ***Reaction to 'The Slip' should be excellent!***

Malvern based ReAction have been creating drama in the community since 2002. This year they have re-launched themselves as ReAction TheatreMakers, this decision has happily been closely followed by the group receiving their first Arts Council Grant. 'We're delighted!' said Tiffany Hosking, ReAction

TheatreMaker's Artistic Director. 'We're going to use this grant to develop a piece of theatre that had some really good feed-back on when we produced it on a shoe-string last year. We're really excited about starting our tour in October. 'The Slip' is a story of transformation, the play's clever choreography depicts hazy time-lines as Zoe finds herself slipping from the difficult everyday into the future and back again. Melting polar ice caps, grubby boots and bubble-wrap combine to tell this intriguing and magical story. Sometimes disturbing, often quirky and always highly watchable, 'The Slip will leave you spell-bound and wanting more' Reaction TheatreMaker's physical performance transforms the mundane and is a delight to witness! ReAction Theatre Makers aim to make innovative physical theatre with on focus on mental well-being. They seek to create cutting edge, contemporary work while remaining faithful to the tradition of theatre. You can see The Slip at a number of venues around the County but in particular in our vicinity Malvern Coach House Theatre 29 October 8pm, Martley Village Hall 18 November 8pm and Malvern Youth Centre 19 November 8pm. Tickets available from box offices or for more detailed information please call Caitlin Belgard on 01684 575738

### ***Mixed Palette***

Mixed Palette is a group of local artists, Ann Carmichael, Mary Chapman, Hilary Potts, Maggie

Presland and Liz Tweddell, who have joined together to exhibit some of their varied styles of work. They are holding an exhibition at the Tarc Gallery, Mill Farm, Stanford Bridge, WR6 6SP from 12 to 26 November. The Gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 1pm. For more details please contact the Tarc Gallery on 01886 853 800.

### ***Baptisms***

**Ava Elliker-Cole** on 28 August at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

**May Sophia Figueiredo** on 25 September at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

**Ethan Samuel Eric Barry** on 25 September at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

### ***Remembrance Sunday***

**11-11-11-11**

Remembrance Day and the Two Minute Silence have been observed since the end of the First World War, but their relevance remains undiminished. When we bow our heads in reflection, we remember those who fought for our freedom during the two World Wars. But we also mourn and honour those who have lost their lives in more recent conflicts. Today, with troops on duty in Afghanistan and other trouble spots around the world, Remembrance, and this two minute tribute, are as important as ever.



## ***In the Garden***



This month it's great to look forward to next year, look around your garden and decide what you want to change. If planning a new garden or individual borders, use the winter weather to your advantage, as winter frosts can help break up heavy clay soils, leaving the soil more workable next spring. Dig over the ground, adding good quality, weed free manure and remove any weeds, making sure all the roots are removed. Any trees or shrubs that you wish to move can safely be transplanted now, and perennials can also still be planted. Roses respond well to planting this time of year, whilst the soil is still warm enough to encourage a little root growth. Any plants appreciate being well watered before planting, stand bare root roses and trees in a bucket of water for an hour, and if the dry weather continues, watering may be required after planting. The hard frosts have usually started and it's time to harvest winter cabbages and cauliflowers. Your Brussel sprouts should be starting. You are allowed to eat them on other days as well as Christmas day! Leeks should be about ready, just take what you need and leave the rest to stand until required. You could still be harvesting celery and celeriac, kale as well as turnips, swedes and spinach.

The carrots should come up for storage now, either in peat or sand or even a traditional clamp. Parsnips will stay in the ground but if the weather turns really cold, you need to cover them or you will not be able to take them from frozen ground. It's worth checking any vegetables you have in store and removing anything that has started to rot before it spreads. Potatoes especially need to be checked and watch out for slugs that have emerged from a potato they will move along to another one!

### **Fruit**

Apples and pears can still be available as are autumn fruiting raspberries. As with October, November is a good month to attend to the raspberries, blackberries etc. It's also a good time to plant new canes, adding some compost and bonemeal to keep them well fed. Check any young trees are well supported with stakes and ties.

### **General Jobs In The Garden**

As ground becomes vacant, you can dig it over and spread manure over the surface. Leave the soil roughly dug in large clumps and the worms will break these up as they get the manure. The freezing and thawing of water in the soil will cause the soil to break up finely so becoming easier to handle in the spring. October and November are good months to undertake double digging, incorporating manure into the bottom of the trench and deepening your topsoil. Ensure compost bins are covered to prevent excess rain leaching the nutrients and to keep some of the heat of decomposition in.



# Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

I would like to begin by saying a big THANK YOU for the way in which people responded to the service held in September to celebrate my having been your Vicar for 10 years. It was overwhelming seeing such a full church; it was really wonderful seeing so many of you there. You had me lost for words, and I know that's not usual for me. It was lovely to be surrounded by the children whom I had baptised and couples I had married, for all of you there we have shared so much during those ten years. We have shared tears and laughter, joys and sorrows, but that is what life is about and the fact that as Christians we know God is with us in all those things is all important. May he continue to bless you all. Jane and I would also like to thank you for the generous gifts which were given to us which will enable us to go to Padstow to enjoy the hospitality and food of one of the establishments of Rick Stein, whose food you know we love and you also know we love Cornwall. We look forward to being able to use the gifts as soon as we are able. Jane loved her flowers too and some of you will have met the Donkey who was given to me, he has already been to Church and school and will be well used (its not a real Donkey just in case

anyone was worried, its only a puppet as someone once said). The whole service was a memorable occasion with so many friends and family there, you were all very patient considering I had prepared such a full service of Holy Communion with so many of my favourite songs. But I reflect that Communion is sharing and that is what the day was about. To be together, thanking God for one another and for all he does in and through us and to thank him for his indescribable gift of Jesus. (2 Corinthians 9.15). What the future holds, none of us knows, but we do go forward together with God by our side. I could not have imagined all the things I would have been doing among you during the last 10 years and I look forward to what God will do amongst us in the future. Once again thank you for your love and support

Love from David and Jane

## **Harvest supper**

We had a wonderful time and we would like to thank all who helped with the food and entertainment. We were able to raise enough to send £100.00 to each of the following charities, The Noah's Ark Trust, Maggs Day centre, The Millenium Field and St. Peter's Church. Thanks to you all.

Tues 1 Nov 10am Holy Communion – St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 5.30pm Evening Prayer at Worcester Cathedral, Martley,  
 Wichenford and the Lower Teme Valley will be prayed for.  
 Wed 2 Nov 12 Noon Prayer at the Heart, The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew,  
 Knightwick  
 5.30pm Evening Prayer at Worcester Cathedral, St Peters and St Laurence  
 Wichenford will be prayed for.  
 Fri 4 Nov 5.30pm Evening Prayer at Worcester Cathedral, Lower Teme Valley will  
 be prayed for.  
**Sun 6 Nov** 8.00am Holy Communion, Chapel of St Mary & St Andrew, Knightwick  
 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford  
 10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley  
 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene,  
 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge  
 Mon 7 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford  
 Tues 8 Nov 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 Wed 9 Nov 10:15am Holy Communion, Heaton House  
 Thurs 10 Nov 9.15am Little Minnows - Remembering  
**Sun 13 Nov** 10.45am Remembrance Day, St Laurence, Wichenford  
 10.45am Remembrance Day, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 10.45am Remembrance Day, St Peter, Martley  
 4.00pm Family Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford  
 Mon 14 Nov 8.30am Prayer Breakfast at Stuart and Jill's  
 Tues 15 Nov 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
**Sun 20 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 21 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter's, Martley  
 Tues 22 Nov 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 Wed 23 Nov 10:15am Holy Communion, Heaton House  
 Thurs 24 Nov 12-2pm Advent Soup Lunch at Wichenford Memorial Hall-all welcome  
 Sat 26 Nov 2pm Nora Parsons Day Centre Christmas Fayre  
**Sun 27 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 28 Nov 9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas  
 Tues 29 Nov 10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas



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

### ***Little Witley Film Society***

The November film is Priscilla Queen of the Desert. This is described as a funny, life affirming musical which tells the story of three Australian drag queens who are invited to play at an Alice Springs Hotel. This has had excellent success and is now a very successful West End show. For more information about our season of films, please google Little Witley Film Society or contact Jean on 01886 888122



### ***Bonfire Night 2011***

Will be held on **Saturday 5th November 2011**. There are many organised events being held around the County and the following website may be of help to you when planning your bonfire night activities !  
[www.activworcester.com/community/Category/Fireworks](http://www.activworcester.com/community/Category/Fireworks)

### ***Stay Safe***

The following website is very informative and covers Firework Safety and the Law along with essential advice for a happy and safe bonfire night  
[www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeAndCommunity/InYourHome/FireSafety/DG\\_064665](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeAndCommunity/InYourHome/FireSafety/DG_064665)