

# The Villager

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## Regular events in Martley and Wichenford:

### Sundays

#### 2nd Sunday in the month:

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

#### 3rd Sunday in the month:

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

### Mondays

**Rhythm Time:** 9.30-11.30am Martley Memorial Hall Enq. Rachel 01886 812565

**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

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## Baptisms



Freddie Harvey Evans and  
Ralph Harvey Evans and  
Eden Louise Eggleton and  
Olivia Emily Eggleton  
Held at St Peter's, Martley

on Sunday 7 August

## In Memoriam



Caroline Dorothy  
Roberts died on 29  
July. Caroline's  
funeral service and  
burial took place at

St Peter's, Church Martley on 10  
August.

David Noor Ali died on 8<sup>th</sup> August.  
David's cremation was held at  
Worcester Crematorium  
on the 17 August.

## *Martley & District Horticultural Society*



There was an  
excellent turnout for  
the Annual Flower  
Show and Fete on  
Saturday 20 August which was our  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and class entries

were up on last year, 353 from 40  
different people, producing, of course,  
a very pleasing financial result. The  
interior of the tent was as usual bright  
with the colours of the beautiful floral  
displays, so many superb specimens in  
spite of the drought (and that meant a  
lot of 'flic' on the part of the entrants).  
In particular the hydrangeas, roses,  
sweet peas and vases of mixed flowers  
were eye-catching, and the 'harvest'  
arrangements superb. The members'  
competition to grow the Dutch orange  
dahlia 'Mrs Eileen' had 10 entries and  
was won by Brian Finch. In other  
classes apples, plums, tomatoes,  
marrows, parsnips, pulses etc were  
extremely good, the longest bean was  
very long indeed and the preserves  
and cakes where to die for! Thanks to  
everyone for their dedication and  
perseverance in such a difficult  
'gardening year', and for helping with  
all the show preparations and on the  
actual day (and clearing up  
afterwards!) The results where as  
follows, R Lloyd Gibbons Open

Challenge Cup for best exhibit in the show, awarded to Terry Gale

Messrs Landale and Son Challenge Cup for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 1, awarded to R Evans

F W Morris Challenge Cup for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 2 awarded to D Goodyear

Ted Whelan Memorial Trophy for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 3 awarded to Elaine Rice

T W Sanders Trophy for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 4 awarded to R Evans

Shield presented by Amateur Gardening for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 6

Charlie Amos Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Classes, 2, 4, 14 & 16 awarded to Ted Davis

Wilf Hill Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Class 32 awarded to D Goodyear

Society Cup awarded to a member of the Society who gained most points overall, awarded to Elaine Rice

John Clark Memorial Cup for best exhibit in Class 5, awarded to Terry Gale

C & H Barnard Trophy for best exhibit in Class 23 awarded to D Goodyear

Wendy Stinton Memorial Shield for best exhibit in Class 30 awarded to D Goodyear

Banksian Medal for the person winning the highest amount of prize money awarded to Elaine Rice

Jack Millward Memorial Trophy for best exhibit in Class 21 awarded to D Goodyear

Trophy for exhibitor gaining most points in Section 7 awarded to Pat Turner

Smallholder Trophy for the best exhibit in Section 1 awarded to R Evans

Claudia Steele Martley Poetry Cup for the best exhibit in Class 53 awarded to Terry Gale

***Date of next meeting***

This will be held on 27 October Philip Aubury will host a talk on 'Labour Saving Gardening'.

*Tina Steele*



***Martley WI, 12 October at  
7.30pm, Heaton House***

Many thanks to all our members who supported the cake and bric-a-brac stall at the Show. We raised over £150 which was a great help towards the running costs when guest speakers charge more and the prices of most things continue to rise!. We would like to thank Jean and James Hyslop for hosting a delicious tea at the beginning of August (when we were blessed with warm and sunny weather) as well as being able to walk around and admire their beautiful garden. Preparations are well in hand for our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations with the dinner and party at the Memorial Hall on Friday 14 October. The speaker this month is Brian Draper, who is always a fascinating entertainer with his wide range of nature and area.

Friends and family are all very welcome to join us. The competition this time is for a photograph of a Worcestershire view.

### ***Martley Ramblers***

***Sunday 9 October at 1.30pm, Martley Church car park***

There was a very good turnout for the walk around the canals, starting from Hawford, and the weather was ideal, not too hot not too cold. It was interesting going through the newly restored tunnel under the A449 which had been filled in during WW2 as there were fears that heavy military traffic would cause the road to collapse. The canal side paths were a joy to walk on and nice to be away from the traffic. Thank you to the two Pauline's. This month we are going to Suckley where David Wilkes will be leading around some of his very attractive home ground. Please note the earlier start (1.30pm) from the Church car park.

*Kate King*

### ***Pudford Lane Tweets***



We are sorry to be saying 'Goodbye' to Tracey, Paul and Kyle who have been living at Spring Meadow for a couple of years. They are moving to Hollins Lane where they will have different views to enjoy, so they will still live in the village. The sheep did a good job of eating down the growth in the SSSI and many thanks to Alan who came and topped the remainder. Jacob

donkey seemed to enjoy their company and wandered lonely around after they had gone. However, due to the age of some of our trees and due to the very heavy crop of fruit, some branches have broken off and he is following the principle of "waste not, want not" and clearing the plums, damsons, leaves and some branches, at least it saves on the cost of hay bales! The second brood of swallows fledged safely and should be well on the way to their winter abode, fingers crossed they will not be shot by trigger happy Frenchmen. We understand that another resident of the Lane had a lot more swallows than us and is also feeding muntjacs on her property. Please carry on doing it Val, and help stop them barking at Fred dog at night, a few quiet nights would be lovely.

*Kate King*

### ***Martley's Past (or this time only a Martley Resident's Past)***

I was extremely surprised to see in my free copy of Berrows Journal of 25 August in Mike Grundy's column of extracts from Berrows Journal of the past, 100 years ago, the following edited extract: "To cruise for a fortnight amidst the magnificent scenery of the Norwegian fjords is the recipe for a well-rounded holiday. The feature of the Orient Cruise holiday is the size and magnificence of the vessel employed. The Otranto is a twin-screw steamer of 12,124 tons and the accommodation aboard is palatial. First class only are carried, fares

ranging from 12 guineas upwards, information from local agencies in Worcester.” The surprise was that the Otranto was the troopship on which I sailed from Singapore in late August 1946, 35 years after the extract first appeared, and 65 years ago, to be demobbed. No first class travel for the many hundreds of servicemen travelling home, except for me (a mere corporal) who volunteered, against all military advice, to help in the ship’s hospital. So I had 1<sup>st</sup> class food and accommodation, and was treated as a member of the crew!

*Alan Boon*

### ***The Masons Arms***

We have decided to withdraw the sale of The Masons Arms and remain here forever. Suti returned from Thailand in May deciding that she wanted to sell mainly because of the problems with her mother in Thailand, finding carers etc. I travelled to Australia to try and find suitable accommodation for my mother with the help of my family ‘down under’. Whilst I was away Suti secured a permanent carer for her mother which was fantastic news, plus she had time to reflect on her situation. After two weeks and many many hours chatting on Skype, Suti had a complete turn around and said "this is our home I don't want to go" and that was it, decision made! I had to tell the prospective purchasers (who were none too pleased) and we

cancelled the sale of our lovely pub. We are now going to rebuild our house in Thailand and I have managed to move my mother to a retirement village which is perfect for her and not too far from my family in Australia. So all in all everything has turned out for the best! We can now throw our shoulders back into the business and are so happy we are staying. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to all the people who sent kind words and wished us well, we will reciprocate their gratitude when we meet in the Masons!

*Andy and Suti*

### ***Martley Village Hall***



October is with us, and we've got a few exciting events booked in.

Aside from the new Zumba dance classes which are running on Tuesdays from 6.30pm we've also got the Harvest Festival on the 1st, the WI event night and a book sale on the 15th! The weekends are free at the moment, so please remember to contact me if you want to book a Halloween party! We can accommodate a whole host of ghouls, goblins and ghosts, and all spooks and spectres are welcome! Hope to hear from you soon! Lucy. Please call me on 07723 064 394 or email [lucyhorn@hotmail.com](mailto:lucyhorn@hotmail.com))

*Lucy*

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

### **Martley a Geology Gem**

Did you know? possibly not!! Martley is a very special and unusual place in the geology world. Yes really! Teme Valley Geological Society is newly formed and comprises a group of very keen mostly very amateur local geology enthusiasts with a scattering of unstuffy highly professional mentors. All of us are really excited about promoting Martley as a centre of extraordinary geology and what we share, both ignorant and expert alike, is an interest in what we are standing on and what we are looking at and how it got there. Then spreading the news! The long term aim is to welcome enthusiasts from home and abroad to visit a well presented Visitors Centre and a geological tour encompassing the special features all of which are within a stone's throw of the village. Also, to run courses and field trips and hands on fun events for children involving fossils and dinosaurs! To find out what, where and how please come and join us! We are hoping eventually it will benefit local people and local businesses. We know Martley folk are very friendly and extremely welcoming and after all we do have a lovely village in the heart of the English countryside tailor made for a great day out. We have secured a whopping £26,309 from the LEADER European funding for Worcestershire for our first venture which is to open up the famous Martley Pit. If you decide to join us

there is a small charge of £5 but you will receive detailed updates on what is happening, proposed events and a big welcome for new ideas and input. Things are moving very fast indeed, so don't delay act fast and join today!! John Nicklin is our Acting Secretary and he is the person to contact, 01886 888318 and don't forget to come along to the Rock Show on Saturday 26 November at the Memorial Hall

*Hariett Howell*

### ***Martley Amateur Dramatics***



Our summer school "Mad Kidz" was a h u g e success, with 15 children taking part. Their efforts culminated in an hour long production of a musical "Calico Jack and The Buccaneers". An audience survey showed that everyone was very satisfied with the weeks work and the final production. All the children enjoyed themselves and are keen to repeat the experience next year! Due to production difficulties unfortunately we were only able to perform our production of "Sourpuss" on one day and as a result we were unable to donate to the Acorns Charity as we intended. We contacted Acorns and on September 9 we took the production and the team to the Hospice and gave a performance to the patients, parents, and staff. Rehearsals are now under way for our Pantomime "The Prince and the Pauper" which will be performed on

January 13 and 14 so please make a note in your diary. It really is a production not to be missed!

***Martley Recreation  
Association and Parish  
Council-playing field Grants  
update.***

We have ordered a basket swing, two new baby swing seats and a tower for the new donated slide. This will leave some additional money for bark, logs and fence changes. A log costs £250+ vat so if you have large log that you have recently cut down or has blown down in the wind, and would be suitable and could deliver it to the playing field, it would be greatly appreciated.

***Community spaces 2<sup>nd</sup> stage***

We have received a development grant for a landscape architect, survey and planning permission. The PC have very kindly agreed to be our accountable body and will deal with the financial transactions when and if we get the grant. We have also been given the help of a facilitator, who is guiding us through the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage application process. The plan is for a community games area at the side of the existing play area. This will hopefully have goals, basket ball hoops and multi sport markings which will installed on Astroturf. The area will be fenced and secure to save adventurous balls going into the play area. The excess soil from the base

will be used for bike track mounds. It will require planning permission, so fingers crossed for success as this will not be changing the use of the area. Also some amazing news from Ringway, the tarmac company who resurfaced our roads recently have agreed to donate the porous base for the games area. This is an amazing donation and not only does it save us thousands of pounds from the grant but allows for other items to be bought for the playing field. We cannot thank Ringway enough for their generosity, and as an added bonus they are also donating the labour costs free of charge!! They are so enthusiastic about this, so we are just waiting for planning permission and if we get the go ahead they will put down the porous base even before we get the grant! This will mean there will be a basic unmarked 'playground' until we can build the rest of the plans, hopefully by beginning of 2012. Please can you contact me if you have any suggestions, concerns, offers of help for future youth input, sports or organisations who would use this area or donations in kind. We have also been promised a donation of a heavy duty picnic table too, so things really are looking promising!

*Pat Owen*

***The Chantry school Year 10  
Youth Award team, 'It's your  
Neighbourhood 'award***

I am very proud to let you know that The Chantry students who have



worked on the village projects recently have received a Silver Gilt Award from Heart of England in Bloom. This equates to up to 85% and it considers the group to be thriving and have met the judges' criteria and objectives with very high standards, and has proved to be in one or more areas, exceptional. It is a potential gold award in the future, we think. The judge commented on the wonderful well deserved acknowledgements from the Villagers too!. Well done to all who have been involved with this project.

*Pat Owen, Chantry Sustainability Governor*

### ***Martley Planters***

The planters are not as vibrant now as they were in the hot summer months and the silver plants have been too vigorous, but it was our first attempt! Thank you to those who watered them. We are not sure how the sun-flower got into the planter but it is lovely however! We are hoping to plant bulbs for the spring display. Also the orchard has become overgrown, but the Crown wanted to protect the apples and develop biodiversity. We will be getting stuck in there soon and tidying it up again. The hanging baskets at the Village hall kept drying out, and we found they were a bit high for watering. Hopefully we will be able to continue again next year with another group of students.

*Pat Owen, Chantry Sustainability Governor*

### ***The Chantry School has achieved GOLD***

Only two schools in the Midlands have achieved this award, the Heart of England Schools Grounds Award. The judges comments included 'underpinning this visit was the enthusiasm and knowledge expressed by the students and their sense of pride and ownership was a joy to experience. A most exhilarating visit, congratulations to all on your well deserved Gold award. So many students were involved and their work has built on the outstanding efforts of last year's students input. All in all a truly well deserved team effort!

*Pat Owen, Chantry Sustainability Governor*



Teme Valley Children's Centre will be running a free 10 week nurturing programme for parents. The Nurturing Programme focuses on the adult as well as the child. It invites parents and carers to give time to their own needs and reflect on their own childhood and parenting ideas. The Nurturing Programme provides simple, effective tools to help adults and children understand and manage feelings and behaviours, improve relationships at home and in school, improve emotional health and wellbeing and help develop self-confidence and self-



esteem; crucial ingredients for effective parenting and learning to help get the best out of family life. The course starts on Tuesday 11 October 2011 at 9.30am at Tenbury Wells Library. There will be tea and cakes provided and a subsidised crèche available. If you want more information or would like to book a place on the course please do contact us on 01886 812982 or please email us at [debbie.bird@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:debbie.bird@barnardos.org.uk).

Hilary Higton  
Children's Services Manager  
Barnardos

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

### ***HMS Teviot***

I was intrigued to get the following email from Andrew Martin son of Lt Andrew McBryde Martin. I can understand why it came to me as Martley was the only place mentioned, Martley Rural District Council was the forerunner of Malvern Hills District



C o u n c i l which came into being in the 1970's.. E m a i l follows.....

My father Lt A n d r e w M c B r y d e

Martin commanded the Teviot when she was seconded to the South African Navy. A report follows of her somewhat short service whilst being manned by her South African crew

and commanded by my father. As there was a shortage of manpower in the Royal Navy the SANF agreed to man HMS Teviot and HMS Swale, River Class anti submarine frigates. After retiring HMS Teviot was re-commissioned with an all SANF crew at Capetown in 1945, but still remained the property of the British Admiralty. She sailed on the 19 June 45 from Durban when she arrived via Diego Suarez on 2 July. She then joined the East Indies Escort Command in Colombo and after a paint job in camouflage colours immediately began a four week work up period. She was then employed as a link and mark ship on the aircraft route between Colombo and Rangoon. Sadly as she sailed up the Irrawaddy river enroute to Rangoon she struck an uncharted submerged wreck and suffered considerable damage. HMS Teviot was patched up at Rangoon and repaired at Trincomalee and then returned to Durban, arrived in December 1945. When the Teviot was returned to the Royal Navy although Lt Martin admitted it, the Teviot Plaque was taken from the officers ward room where it stood on display. Lt Martin commanded vessels through the war years and Lt Martin always had a special affinity for the ship. I served in the SA Navy in 1968 where I completed my National Service. The

*Captain of the ship on which I served had served under my father Lt Martin on the Teviot as a midshipman! He told me that when the collision occurred had it not been for the prompt action of my father forcing the closure of watertight doors she would not have been saved. My father, when I discussed this with him was very modest and would never admit to his part in saving the ship. I can only deduce that he needed the plaque as a memento all though for some reason we were never allowed to have it on display at home! Lt Martin was a hard task master who always was reputed to have the best food on any ship! When he was serving in the Med on convoy guards, the then Admiral of the Royal Navy Med Fleet judged his ship as the finest run ship in the entire fleet.*

*Andrew Martin*

I then looked in minute book of the Parish Council from 1942...PC Meeting 9 Jan 1942. The Chairman read a letter from the Martley Rural District Savings Committee in which was extended an invitation of the PC to send a representative to a meeting in connection with Warship week. No representative was appointed but the Parish Clerk promised to inform the Chairman about what had been decided at the meeting. PC meeting 20 February 1942, the Clerk informed the

meeting about the arrangements being made in connection with Warship Week. Warship Week Investment, it was decided to transfer the amount in the deposit account at the bank into the post office Savings Bank, The Clerk was instructed to proceed with the matter, the sum involved was £30-0-11) Martley's contribution along with around 22 other parishes contributions in the District Council helped with the adoption of the ship the HMS Teviot.

*Alan Boon*

For more details of this article, please contact Alan Booth directly.

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

#### **Edited draft unapproved Minutes of the Parish Council held on 25th July 2011 at the Memorial Hall Martley**

There were 2 applications for the Clerk's position, both will be interviewed and references requested. The Freedom of Martley nominations were made and the Clerk will contact those who had put themselves forward. The Recreation Association (RA) questioned the recent letter sent to them by the Parish Council which asked a number of questions around Health & Safety requirements and requested copies of a number of documents in relation to the pavilion. They provided all the answers to the questions and advised that the documentation would be available at the next meeting of the RA. They will

also advise the date for the next meeting.

#### **Outstanding Actions**

The letter has been drafted requesting potential storage sites for the salt and the contact details for all local farms are being collated.

#### **Progress reports**

Clerk: Nigel Potter is looking to meet with District Councillor Williams shortly to discuss possibility of a potential site for development in Martley. A check to ensure the dumped tyres on Hollins Lane have gone. An email with concerns over potential claims against farmers if they grit the roads in bad weather has been forwarded to the department concerned. The rotten Hillside sign has been reported and the adoption process for the phone box in the centre of the village has commenced. PC will start the process for the phone box at Berrow Green shortly. The speed limit review is still causing concern in the village including Ankerdine Hill. The League of Veterans Cycle Group has acknowledged the Councils complaint and will respond in due course. The landowner (adj to Ham Bridge) and the PC are meeting to discuss the overgrowth that is causing visibility issues at Ham Bridge. A number of companies have come back with response to the letter regarding the abuse of the weight restriction on Ankerdine asking for registration plates. Worcestershire County Council are no longer willing to commit to funding the lowering of the curb at Hollins Lane.

**Lengthsman,** Has cut the grass at the sawmills and at other various locations and he has also picked up the litter at Ham Bridge. Councillors are communicating with the County Council regarding the location for the Vehicle Activated Speed sign. It was also noted that at the Nora Parsons Day Centre AGM it was reported that the Centre was running well. There are some planned road closures within Martley and/or its surrounding area to allow for Highways work and there are also some changes to some of the local bus services 356 and 359, these will be published on the village notice board.

#### **Planning**

New

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

Pending

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.

11/00740/LBC Tee Farm, Martley, Proposed replacement glazing to 5 dormer windows.

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

11/00666/FUL Hawksnest Barn, Easinghope Lane, reconstruction of Earth Dam (Retrospective)

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

There were no applications either approved or refused.

#### **Village map**

The Clerk discussed the cost of £700.00 for a map and board. The Clerk also referred to the need for Ordnance Survey maps (Advance Explorer) as these have more detail. Costing will be considered for the maps without the board.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Mr John Nicklin will manage the network. The Parish Council now need to oversee the collation of the e-mail addresses to pass to Mr Nicklin for him to include in the network.

#### **Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 5 September 2011.

#### **Thank You**



We would personally like to thank Rev David Sherwin who took the time to travel to Standish in

Lancashire, to deliver a beautiful funeral service for mum, Mrs Dickenson who sadly passed away in June. We have received such wonderful support and messages of sympathy from friends and parishioners in both Martley and Wichenford and we just wanted to say

that this has given, and continues to give us wonderful strength during a very difficult time. We are also eternally grateful for all your continued thoughts and prayers which have been expressed to the family, here and in Lancashire.

*Gail and Family*

#### **New Articles/Features**



As many of you may already know, we have a number of businesses in and around the Martley and Wichenford area and we would like to feature as many of

these local businesses as we can in future editions of The Villager. In the current climate it is essential to support our local businesses and people so if you would like to see your business featured in The Villager then please contact Gail on 07725 644 322 or email [editor@martley.org](mailto:editor@martley.org)



#### **Martley Library Opening Times**

Monday 2—7 pm

Wednesday 4—6 pm

Thursday 10am -1 pm

Friday 2 - 4 pm

Saturday 10am -12 noon

01886 888396 (opening hours only)



# Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

**WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS**

**Janet Andrews**  
**01886 888303**  
**Sheila Richards**  
**01886 888378**



## ***Race for Life***

Wendy would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored her this year. This was Wendy's 11th year of completing the Race for Life, a fantastic charity and good cause. Wendy raised £520 on a very wet Sunday morning. Many congratulations to Wendy (Ivy Perkins daughter). Well done Wendy.

*Janet Andrews*

## ***Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council***

**Unapproved draft minutes of an  
Ordinary meeting of the Parish  
Council held on Monday 15 August  
2011 in the Memorial Hall,  
Wichenford**

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

Holt Bridge is now fully open and the lights have been removed until October when they will return for a few weeks. Once the bridge is fully operational the weight limit will be removed. The County Council are trying to get funding from the

government to improve broadband in rural areas. The two sites recommended by the Parish Council for the VAS have been turned down by the highways department. The only available site in Wichenford is near the telephone kiosk on the green. The sign will go up on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011. Our new local police officer is PC Paul Lambon. The SWDP will be going to consultation in September/October. There is no new development or planning proposed in Wichenford.

### **Progress Reports**

#### **Damaged Railings**

Work had been started on these railings, however this work seems to have ceased, investigations will be made as to why work has not been completed. The missing gully on the B4204 outside Hill Farm drive has been reported.

#### **Planning**

#### **Cob House Fisheries**

No reply has been received regarding the Parish Council's response to the letter received. It was noted that a planning application has been

advertised for a premises licence. This will not come before the council, but will be advertised in the local press. Once it is advertised the council have a limited amount of time to object if they wish. It has been brought to the PC attention that Lingens Cottage is in a bad state of repair and some action needs to be taken soon before it falls / or is knocked down. The clerk will ask the DC what if any action can be taken.

**Applications approved, refused, withdrawn.**

11/00695/FUL Woodhall Farm Wichenford. (Approved)

11/00298/HOU Allsetts Farm, Wichenford. (Refused), Proposed extension and garage to The Stables.

**Applications to be considered.**

11/01022/HOU The Firs, Wichenford. This application is only an amendment to the doors and windows from the original position. The Parish Council has no objection to this.

**Finance**

The balance from 1 June to 29 July 2011 stands at £14,485.58. There were several cheques totalling £1,038.62 for agreement and signature. A donation of £1000 was received. The motion was carried that the Parish Council would buy a fridge for the memorial hall kitchen. There has been some confusion regarding a mix up in the amount of money still owed for the purchase of the Royal Wedding mugs, this however has now been rectified and the invoice paid in full.

**Correspondence**

**For decision by the Parish Council**

**(Information only)**

Councillors discussed the letter from the highways department regarding salt and salt boxes. The clerk was asked to investigate how much the boxes would cost and if it is possible to put up temporary stores to place the salt in. The suggested locations are Elm Bank, Cockshoot Drive; Boxley Cottage and Kings Green.

**Councillors Report and Items for Future Agendas**

Footpath wardens have been busy clearing the routes around the Cob House Fisheries and have organised three circular walks for the 25/26 September, varying in grades and distance. They have also requested a power driven trimmer after seeing one demonstrated. The PC has some money available, so it was suggested that a brochure is requested to read before the purchase is considered. It was agreed a sign for Malvern View and Queens Estate will be ordered.

**Date and Venue of Next Meetings**

Meetings were arranged for 31 October and 12 December 2011, both meetings will be held in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford at 7.30pm.

***Church Flowers***

2 October	Harvest Decorations
9 October	Harvest Decorations
16 October	Mrs Whyatt
23 October	Mrs Pargeter
30 October	Mrs Richards

***Wichenford Rag Bag***

We have recently taken delivery of two large boxes from Rag Bag. This is

an organisation that collect textiles for re-cycling for which they pay a small sum per kilo of items that has been collected, in this way raising money for our local Wichenford charities. We have one box in the Memorial Hall in Wichenford, and if you would like to drop some items off, you can do so when you attend a function at the Hall. Alternatively there is a box at the Wichenford Day Centre which is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Items suitable for collections and re-cycling are clothes, paired shoes, curtains, bags, belts, soft toys, blankets, towels and bed linen. Unfortunately they do not accept duvets or wet clothing! This is a great way of getting rid of unwanted clothes etc, and raising money for the village!

*GBL*

### ***Around and about our local villages***

#### ***More interesting Monday evenings?***

Are you going to stay in and watch television on Monday evenings this autumn? There is a much more attractive option happening in a local village! Stanford Bridge Village Hall will be hosting on Monday evenings from 3 October, from 7.30pm until 9.00/9.30pm (and to include) a coffee break, the University of Birmingham sends us a knowledgeable and much loved history lecturer, Bob Bushaway. Bob has taken students through the English Civil War and we remember his account of Prince Rupert fresh

from successes in European wars, striking fear into the hearts of parliament's soldiers at the battle of Powick. Bob said 'they thought he was nine foot tall!' Bob's field trips (one each year) are always great fun as well as very informative and interesting. He has taught us about the Victorians and eighteenth century Europe. The course from October to December 2011 is entitled Visions of Albion: Image and reality of the British countryside 1600-1918. Please come and join us at the first session which is to be a free trial lecture and will be held on Monday 4 October, (or a subsequent Monday if you miss the first) , we are sure you will love it and sign up for the rest of the course. The fee for the course is £75 for 10 sessions, well and truly worth it and as a group we are always very welcoming and would love to see some new members. This course aims to recover the folk culture of Albion from the middle ages to the modern day with particular reference to Worcestershire and the Midlands. The subject for the first lecture on Monday 3 October is The pre-industrial landscape, the idea of the virtuous countryside.

*Ann Marriott, Adamswood Farm,  
Upper Sapey*

### ***Teme Valley Neighbourhood Watch and PMG***

You are invited to a Public Meeting on **Wednesday October 19 in Abberley Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm.** Come and meet the Tenbury Police team and



help to strengthen the community/police partnership. The Chief Constable is attending and he will outline the West Mercia Police strategy. Please do come along and ask questions and make some suggestions, find out what the police and partner agencies in our county are doing and why, and help improve policing in the Malvern Hills District. A warm welcome awaits everyone.

For further Information please contact John Lakeman on 01299 896846 or email [johnlakeman@abberley.co.uk](mailto:johnlakeman@abberley.co.uk)

### ***Neighbourhood Watch Scheme***

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are a proven deterrent against crime. As Police resources are stretched it is important that we all contribute by the gathering and dissemination of helpful information regarding local crime. This can cover all local issues from theft, vandalism and littering to suspicious persons and vehicles. Martley has been a "Neighbourhood Watch" Parish for a number of years and has a network of keen local coordinators, but at times communication from the centre has been either not available or delayed in circulating. We are now hoping to revitalise the scheme and increase its value and effectiveness by the creation of two new initiatives. The creation of an email database via which communications can be quickly passed to parishioners, with the hope that they in turn can pass on the information to friends and neighbours who may not have access to email and

the appointment of a Martley Parish Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. This person would have the important role of liaising with the Local Policing Unit and the Parish Council, compiling a newsletter and then distributing this via the Neighbourhood Watch database. If you would like to be considered for this important community role please contact the Parish Council Clerk via email at [sally@mamble.org](mailto:sally@mamble.org). It is important to note that this new role is intended to supplement not replace the roles of the local coordinators. To enable the process to get underway we need to start collecting a database of email addresses of willing residents who are happy to receive alerts of local police and neighbourhood watch concerns and to report any suspicious activities or any potential crimes. Your email address will be used only in connection with this initiative. If you would like to submit your email and be part of a team that helps maintain Martley as a low crime area please contact [martleypfo@gmail.com](mailto:martleypfo@gmail.com). Please help to keep our villages safe and sign up to the scheme or volunteer to be the Local representative.

### ***Lingens Cottage***

Lingens Cottage in Sledgemoor is in need of care and attention!. Last November we purchased this at auction and we are now taking steps to restore it to its former self. There is the remains of a wooden front porch and we would like to reinstate

something similar. Does anyone have any pictures of the cottage in its original guise? If you think you could help at all, we would be very grateful. Please contact me via email at [martinabrahams@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:martinabrahams@blueyonder.co.uk) or telephone on 07952 820346

*Martin & Lorna*

### ***Martin Stainforth***

Martin Stainforth was born in Martley, Worcester on August 14 1866, one of eleven children of Rev. Frederick Stainforth, curate. As an artist, Martin was best known for his portraits of thoroughbred racehorses. I have been asked on behalf of a website [www.australianartistsgravesites.com](http://www.australianartistsgravesites.com) to try and trace his burial details. He died on 22 April 1957 in Hove, Sussex, at the age of 90. Martley seems to have a lively local history society and I would be really grateful for any help with any information. Please contact me, Emma Hicks Art Research, on 020 7820 3701 or email me at [emmahicks@aol.com](mailto:emmahicks@aol.com)

## ***In the Garden***



Autumn has finally arrived, it is definitely colder and there is a chance of an early frost. You need to start bringing tender plants indoors, and don't forget to check over the plants as

you bring them in so that you don't also import their pests. Look out for scale insects, mealy bugs and red spider mite. The first frost tells you that it is time to lift tender plants such as dahlias and cannas, remember last winter and don't take any chances with precious specimens!. You can reduce feeding and watering of houseplants now too as the days get shorter growth slows down. In the flower garden, cut back perennials and lift and divide any which are becoming overcrowded. Now is a good time to put in new perennials, before the ground gets too cold and wet. There is still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs and spring bedding. In the vegetable garden October is the time to clear up, but also a good time to put in container-grown fruit trees and bushes. If you only have limited space, go for fruit! Hergest Croft Gardens, Kington has a special RHS Event day on Apples on 15 October, followed by a Plant Fair on 16 October. Also on 15 October there are Apple Fairs at Leominster and at Kemerton near Tewksbury, and a Cider festival at the Cider Museum, Hereford.

*Tina Steele*





# Church Words

**The Rectory 01886 888664**

Time, at the end of the month we move from British Summer Time (BST) to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), the nights draw in and winter settles in. Since I was a child I have experienced not only this seasonal change but between 1968 and 1971 the clocks were not put back to GMT and became known as British Standard Time. Some may remember during the second world war there was double summer time, the clocks one hour ahead of GMT in the winter. It all started with a man called William Willett who rode his horse each morning only to see people 'wasting' the daylight as they were still in bed with the sun shining. He asked the government to review this but never saw the clocks change as he died before it happened. It eventually came about as a result of war. During WW1 the Germans changed their times to save energy and Britain followed suit. As to the benefits of these changes arguments are still discussed. Time is the dimension we are fascinated by, with HG Wells time machine and Doctor Who being the domain of our fantasies of such travel. One thing the Bible is certain about in is that God has ordained a time for everything (Ecclesiastes chapter 3) famously set to music and sung by no less than Pete

Seeger and the Byrds. God, we are told has out times, in his hands (Psalm 31:15) and watches over us. We are called to make the most of the time given to us (Ephesians 5:15), and to use it wisely. It does not mean that we are to be constantly working but like Mr Willets we are to enjoy the time, as he did on his early morning rides appreciating God's creation. As we live our lives let us not panic that time is going by too quickly, (and we all say it) but rather let us appreciate each day God gives us and enter into eternity even now, as God promises eternal life, now. For eternity is a place of no time, a place of a quality of existence beyond our understanding and comprehension, that one day when we leave this life controlled by time we enter into eternity with Jesus in whom we have trusted our lives with in time. As we live in this light, the present time takes on a new light and quality. There is much about eternity we cannot see in this life but we can taste its flavour as we change the spiritual clock to live in the light of its hope. God bless you all.

*Rev David Sherwin*

Saturday 1 October	7.00pm Harvest Supper at Martley VH
<b>Sunday 2 October</b>	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary & St Andrew, Knightwick
	10.30am Harvest Service, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30am Harvest Service, St Peter, Martley
	6.30pm Harvest Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Monday 3 October	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tuesday 4 October	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene,
Wednesday 5 October	7.30pm Family Worship Meeting at The Rectory
Saturday 8 October	7.30pm Harvest Supper at Wichenford VH
<b>Sunday 9 October</b>	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
Tuesday 11 October	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 12 October	10.15 Holy Communion, Heaton House
Thursday 13 October	9.15am Little Minnows - Harvest
<b>Sunday 16 October</b>	8.00am Holy Communion, St Peter Martley
	9.00am Matins, St Leonard, Cotheridge
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene
	10.30am Morning Worship, St Peter Martley
	3.00pm Harvest Festival, The Chapel of St Mary & St Andrew, Knightwick
	4.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence Wichenford
Monday 17 October	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tuesday 18 October	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene
<b>Sunday 23 October</b>	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene
	9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley
	10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford
	10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene
Monday 24 October	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene
Tuesday 25 October	10am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene
Wednesday 26 October	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
<b>Sunday 30 October</b>	10.30am Benefice Service, St Laurence, Wichenford
	3.00pm Memorial Service at St Peter, Martley
Monday 31 October	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Leonard, Cotheridge

#### **Dates for you diary**

Bible Study Group

Every Tuesday evening during October at the home of Chris Woodburn.



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

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

The film coming up on Saturday 15 October is *Central Station*. This is a 1998 Brazilian/French drama film set in Brazil. It tells the story of a young boy's friendship with a jaded middle-aged woman. The film's title in Portuguese, *Central do Brasil*, is the name of Rio de Janeiro's main railway station. For more details on the Little Witley Film Society please visit our website [sites.google.com/site/littlewitleyfilmsocietysite](http://sites.google.com/site/littlewitleyfilmsocietysite) or just google Little Witley Film Society and the link will be there!



### ***Nora Parsons Day Centre***

#### **An Evening with Philip Serrell**

Philip Serrell has kindly agreed to come along and hold a fundraising evening for us. The date has not yet been finalised but it will be in November at Martley Village Hall.

There will be a short talk with an interval and a ploughman's supper and then you will get the chance to test your valuation skills with some items that Phillip will bring along.

Tickets will be on sale very soon so please keep an eye open for notices or give me a call on 01886 888472.

*Janet Dale*