

# 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

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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)



## ***Midsummer Family Madness***

Come along to Martley C of E Primary School's annual summer community bash which is to be held on Friday 24 June between 6pm and 8pm. There will be lots of family activities and games, BBQ and bar, bouncy castle, other children's activities and stalls, musical performances from our very own pupils, as well as the ever popular tombola and raffle. Please support your local school. It's sure to be a good night! Everyone is welcome. Martley Parents, Teachers and friends Association is exactly that, a friendly bunch that helps raises much needed funds for school and students. If you would like to get involved and help or just have a chat about how you could help, please contact me on [marhom99@hotmail.com](mailto:marhom99@hotmail.com). have a look at our school website too, it's packed with lots of information! [www.martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.martley-pri.worcs.sch.uk).

*Mary Burton*



## ***Martley Ramblers***

This month we have two walks for the price of one! Pauline and Richard Mills will be leading our usual Sunday walk on Sunday 12 June. This walk will take us around the Stanford Bridge area and they always lead an interesting walk, so meet at the church car park for 2pm for a quick get-away!

Our second walk in June will take place on Thursday 23 June, we call this our midsummer evening ramble! Please meet at Hillend Cottage, Pudford Lane at 6.30pm for a short, circular walk around the area, finishing afterwards for rest, recuperation and refreshments! Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

*Kate King*

## ***Martley WI***

**Wednesday 8 June at 7pm**

Reg Snow has kindly invited us to hold our garden meeting at **Stoneybridge House**. Hopefully the

weather will be warm and dry so that we can wander around and admire his lovely garden. After supper, there will be the fun auction in aid of funds, when auctioneers will persuade us to spend our money, wisely or unwisely! The competition this month is for the best rose. Please bring family and friends to share this evening with us. Members are kindly asked to submit their favourite family recipe for our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cook Book and we shall be entering a team for the County Quiz at Alfrick on 4 July. There is so much going on in the WI world at the moment, there is not space here to mention everything, but coming up is a County WI Day at Croome Court which will include a House of Fraser fashion show, demonstrations and displays by different groups within the WI, plays and mime, photographic competitions, guided tours of the house and grounds, and of course plenty of refreshments on hand. A coffee morning is planned and a tea in the garden of Brook Court during the summer. Please come along to our meetings and find out how much fun members get out of their WI.

*Kate King*

### ***Pudford Lane***

Life has been fairly quiet in the Lane, or at least quieter, now the lambs are getting bigger and used to outdoor life, leaving their mums side to chase each

other and to jump and skip around is lovely to watch too. Oh what it is to be young and fit! Sadly, the swallows which nested in our barn last year, have not returned, rather to Jacob Donkey's regret. The flies can be troublesome to him at times and would make good meals for swallow families. Former residents, John and Jacqui Owen are planning to return from Canada during July and August and send their regards to everyone, especially the ladies at the library. At the time of writing, the Lane is drier than it has been for years, but there is still some water running down, probably from meadow springs of which the blackbirds and thrushes are glad of it for drinking. The pond of one Pudford Lane family is regularly visited by passing ducks. Geese fly over regularly, luckily they do not stop as they are probably en route to the Teme. Tales are afoot in the village about a large turtle or terrapin residing in the Millennium Meadow pools. We hope it doesn't hear about the wetness of Pudford Lane and decide to change its home-ground!

*Kate King*

### ***Desperate 2 play in Martley***

   
**LOTTERY FUNDED** The Martley  
 Recreation Association and the  
 Parish Council are thrilled to let you

know we have now been officially awarded a grant of £10,000 from Awards For All, Big Lottery Fund, for improvements to the children's Play area. This is a great deal of money but having done lots of research we found that the equipment is extremely expensive. Therefore we are asking for help, advice, suggestions, and donations to improve the facilities or just come along to a meeting to be involved. Regularly updated information will be placed in the village shops. As we would like to incorporate Natural play, we would like a huge log or huge stones to climb on, also some good contacts are needed for a few tall trees to plant and for large amounts of soil which will form a couple mounds. We are also requesting local parents and their children to get involved and really get that community spirit well and truly going ! Please contact Pat Owen on 01886 888406 or email directly at [pat@owen01.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:pat@owen01.fsnet.co.uk)

*Pat Owen*

### ***MAD***

Just a little reminder that we are performing a children's musical "Sourpuss" which should appeal to all ages from 2 to 102! Please come along to the Village Hall on June 2 or 3 and support our young cast, they have put a lot of effort into learning their songs, lines and dancing routines.

### ***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert***

Please put this date in your diary, an evening not to be missed! The Ferndale Singers will be holding their Anniversary Concert on **Saturday 2**



**July 2011** at 7.30pm in Martley Village Hall. Admission is only £5 which will include wine and light refreshments!. To purchase your tickets please telephone 01886 888246, 01886 821127 or 01905 333225

### ***The Chantry School***

The Chantry Library Learning Centre has now been open for 18 months, and we have a wonderful conference room which has recently been used to hold talks for the pupils and we would like to extend the invitation to the local community also. Read International, a book charity who send unused/ unwanted text and story books to Tanzania and Uganda schools came in recently to talk to the children about how the books are distributed to schools in those countries. So far, this year we have sent out approximately 30 boxes of books to deprived schools across these two countries. The children enjoyed the talk and realised how fortunate they were to have the resources needed to study and the opportunities they have in life. The RSPCA also came to do a presentation about responsible pet ownership, welfare of animals, fundraising and the purchase of their new centre in Worcester. They also brought a dog which added to the excitement. Pupils who attended were very moved by the DVD shown of neglect and were keen

to help and asked questions about how they could make a difference. We are holding many presentations in the future and if you are interested in attending, please contact the school on 01886 887100, extension 305.

*Vicky Warr & Roz Shipley  
Chantry Library Learning Centre*

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

Ellen Mercy seemed to stay at the girls' school from January 1875 until August 1887, when the school broke-up for the harvest holiday. When the school re-opened on 3 October 1887, the logbook stated, "I, Annie Jones, commenced my duties as head of this school today." She would have been very busy, as two days later on 5 October, she wrote, "Attendance good, 68 children being present in the morning and 64 in the afternoon". On 12 October she wrote, "In the afternoon the lessons of the 1<sup>st</sup> class (the 5's-ALB) were not according to the time table, the children were engaged in repairing their sewing bags and winding the wool and cotton for the use of the school". Towards the end of the month the average attendance had reached 72! On 14 November an entry stated, "The Rev H A Pomeroy visited school in the afternoon and brought with him some sweetmeats which were distributed among the children. On 16 January 1888 the entry said, "Mr David Jones, College Student came into school Monday afternoon and gave two

arithmetic lessons to Standards IV and V respectively"

*Alan Boon*

### ***Ursula Nellist***

#### ***A beautiful tribute***

Ursula was born in Bromyard in 1912, and spent her childhood days at Stoke Lacy and Suckley before moving to Lulsley where she lived for 22 years. There she worked on her Uncle's farm, organised village dances and, during WWII, collected national savings (for which she was honoured with an invite to Buckingham Palace, a visit that was one of the highlights of her life. She moved to Horsham Farm after marrying her husband Babs in 1948 and they retired to Wants Green in 1974. Ursula worshipped at Martley for more than 60 years, and played an active role in the village especially in her Horsham years (doing the Church flowers, helping with fetes, serving on the Church Council and being a member of the Ladies Club). She loved the countryside, took an active part in the farming year, was a keen gardener and cook, adored her family and much enjoyed the company of her many friends and neighbours in Martley. Ursula died just before her 98th birthday. Her Memorial Service at Martley was held on a cold snowy day last December. She is survived by her sons Roger and Stewart, who no longer live in Martley but look forward to receiving copies of *The Villager* each month and intend to visit here as often as possible. They express their sincere appreciation to the Rector and his church team, and to

all their Mother's kind neighbours, who were such a support to her in her final years. With many thanks and best wishes from us both.

*Roger and Stewart*



### ***Martley & District Horticultural Society***

The Society sent a team to the three-way Quiz at Inkberrow on 27 April and back they came with the Hartlebury Trophy! On the 28 the meeting began with this wonderful news, congratulations! Following this a presentation was made to Margaret Jackson by our Chairman, this being the Arthur Mason Cup for the most points gained at March's Spring Show and is kindly donated by Elaine Rice in memory of her father. Members have been invited to hear Reg Mowle speak at Alfrick Village Hall on 19 May. The Society received a card from Margaret Rushgrove thanking them for the flowers and cards she received following the loss of her husband, Ray. Mike Dunnett's topical tips this month are winter damage, watch your soil drainage as water-logging can damage plants; pruning Eucalyptus they do shoot up from the bottom of the plant; the soil types most suitable for azaleas and rhododendrons and what can be added to help sustain their well-being. He had brought three lovely healthy blooms to share with us too. Our Speaker was Susan Russell on the

subject of 'Plants for Difficult Places'. Her husband Peter was 'slide operator', the illustrations showed the many plants which the couple had experimented with over the years in a Suffolk garden, a property they had acquired without knowing the soil would prove a 'gardener's nightmare'. They persevered however and gained lots of knowledge in the process, some failures of course, but Susan has obviously really studied the habits, needs and secret lives of all sorts of plants and is very knowledgeable in this sort of science. She suggested plants for heavily shaded areas, boggy bits, very dry parts, even coastal gardens too. The Russell's found that sugar beet factory waste was a very useful soil improver. At the end of the meeting Susan asked for members' own experiences and answered questions. An excellent speaker who certainly provided us with many new ideas. **Dates for your diary**, Thursday 30 June, Social Meeting at the home of Brian and Pat Finch, 6.30pm. Saturday 9 July, coach trip to Rosemoor Gardens, starting 8am, members £9, non-members £15

*Tina Steele*

### ***The Chantry Geology Garden***

The Chantry has for the last few years been reclaiming the conservation area at the back of the school, alongside the Worcester way, through the input of groups of amazing young students. This work has been part of their Environmental accreditations. We have taken advice from Ecologists, Conservationists and village

biodiversity experts. We have removed the brambles and allowed wild flowers to come through. We were fortunate too to receive a grant from the Cecil Duckworth Trust, which provided for a pond liner and natural seating. When we dug the pond 'Million ponds project', a dragon fly circled around it as a wonderful symbol of future biodiversity, and it is used for pond dipping and even quiet meditation. For many years, thanks to Mr Bob Allison, many of the Chantry students have received an excellent grounding and very successful GCSE results in geology. Some students have continued with this study and have chosen this subject as part of their University degrees and onto their future careers. At the far end of the Conservation area, alongside the Martley circular walk footpath we have established a Geology garden. This is shown by a wonderful oak notice board. We have been fortunate to have been guided, over the last two years, by Natalie Watkins of The Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust and Geopark walk, working from Worcester University. She helped us gain a grant from The Tomlinson Brown Trust and in addition accessed funding through the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund to provide an aggregate base viewing area, information boards and a fence. Our thanks must also go to Hillend Sawmills, who have shown amazing generosity with our wood requests. The viewing is on two levels, again thanks to the proactive

suggestions and efforts of the students. Our thanks to John Nicklin from the Path e nons who have showed the students how to make the steps correctly .The lower path edges and bricks, were kindly donated by the Low's who answered a plea from one very productive work session with Natalie and a few of her geology team. Along the sides of the viewing area fence is a display of rocks in age order .These have very kindly been provided by local villagers, Mr Bray, Ian Pennell, Pam Spokes and Pat Owen, plus a number of landowners from across the county including the Malvern Hills Conservators, Broadway Quarry and the Forestry Commission. Wild flowers are being put down on a cleared area, the badger sets remain active, and nature remains in harmony with this wonderful asset. We will soon have the information boards completed, and have an opening and thanks ceremony, with 'rock cakes and mineral water!' It will be used by other schools, geology groups and walkers. The public are welcome and encouraged to view this lovely Geology garden, outside of normal school opening hours.

*Pat Owen-Chantry Sustainability  
Governor*



**Edited draft unapproved minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Martley Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at the Memorial Hall**

**The Democratic Period/Public Question Time**

Concerns in relation to recent events in Nash Close were raised. The Police were involved in a further incident last week. The incidents involve residents or visitors to flats 7 and 8. The Clerk is to write to Elgar Housing requesting another meeting at Heaton House. Once a date is confirmed the Clerk will invite District Councillor Williams and West Mercia Police. Concerns have been raised around cycle races whereby groups of cyclists are riding together, not time trials races. The Clerk will contact West Mercia Police again to find out who authorises the road races. Concerns were also raised around the constant abuse of the weight restriction on Ankerdine Hill. All companies will be contacted-who have abused the weight restrictions in the last month. The Clerk is also to make representation to Highways regarding the possible removal of the 7.5Tonne weight restriction at Broadheath Common.

**Outstanding actions from previous minutes:**

Litter pick for the village, the Clerk needs to obtain a risk assessment from CALC, contact MHDC and WCC regarding any available equipment, contact The Chantry and Wichenford Parish Council to see if they would want to be involved. The Clerk has

been contacted by a parishioner who has some tabards available for use. Wichenford had recently carried out a litter pick in the village The Clerk will contact Wichenford to query insurance, etc.

**Progress Reports**

**The Clerk**

Notices for any cars causing an obstruction in the village, such as those by Heaton House will be displayed in future. David Hunter is on leave at the moment and will address the dropped curbs at Hollins Lane upon his return to work. The Litter Wardens contract has been terminated and the Lengthsman will carry out these duties in the future. The Recreation Association has also been asked to speak to teams using the field to request that their litter is taken with them where possible when they leave. E-On have agreed to send us quarterly invoices from now on for the electricity used in the Weighbridge. Pot holes were reported at Hope House Lane, Hollins Lane, St. Peters Drive, Ankerdine and outside Brook Court. Highways are investigating the damage being caused to the lane through Newtown for deliveries being made to Shelton House. The Chantry students will bring a made planter to the meeting after Easter. The wood has been purchased from Martley wood yard. The students are currently helping with a pond for the pre-school and they will also be clearing the village hall car park flower bed and complete the restoration of the orchard at the Crown pub. Worcester County Councils speed re-



view is on-going. District Councillor Williams has requested a site visit by members to Hillside as she has concerns regarding the proposals to increase the speed limit.

#### **Lengthsman**

The Lengthsman submitted his invoice and work schedule for the work completed in March 2011. The list for this month reads, clear lay-by at Hillside (monthly), repair 14 grips marked with yellow paint, bag up bins and leave out for waste collection each Monday morning (weekly).

#### **Allotments**

The Clerk distributed some information to Councillors around the Parish Council's duty and the management of allotments. The Clerk will email Councillors with regard to the amendment made in 1972 to the 1908 Allotment Act. The Parish Council will await written requests in relation to allotments.

#### **District and County Councillor's reports:**

Concern was raised over the proposed increase to the speed limit at Hillside and a request for a site visit was made. The question was raised as to whether the Village Hall Committee had submitted an application for the Act on Energy £1,500 grant towards carrying out recommended energy efficiency measures as there is possibly an expiry date to this grant. Councillor Stammers will look into this matter as a Representative on the Village Hall Committee.

#### **Planning**

##### **New**

**11/00407/CLE** Callow Farm, Hillside, siting of one residential mobile home

**11/00325/LBC** Tee Farm, Martley, replacement of all windows to dwelling

**11/00389/HOU** Hollings End, Newtown, single storey extension

**11/00294/HOU** Primrose Bank, Newtown, two storey and single storey extension

**11/00204/HOU** Fairview, Pudford Lane, proposed rear attic conversion with new velux roof lights

#### **Pending**

**11/00137/FUL** Tomkins Farm, Hope House Lane, siting of static caravan

**11/00196/HOU** 3 Lorien, Martley Replacement patio doors, new window to ground floor, replace existing window frames and internal modifications

**11/00271/LBC** 3 Lorien, Martley Court Barns, Replacement patio doors, new window to ground floor, replace existing window frames and internal modifications

#### **Approved**

**11/00098/FUL** Tomkins Farm, Hope House Lane, upgrading and alterations to farmhouse. Conversion of attached barn to form granny annexe, and alterations of adjacent barn to form bat roost with storage under

**11/00022/HOU** Bramblewood, Hipplecote, construction of new garage and hard standing

**10/01074/HOU** White Cottage, Kingswood, erection of replacement garage and store. Appeal allowed and permission granted

#### **Withdrawn by applicant**

**11/00073/FUL** Land at The Stables,

Willow Road, Conversion and extension to form live/work unit

#### **Speed sign**

The Clerk referred to Worcester County Councils policy in terms of siting the sign. The Clerk is to ask Davis Hunter to visit the site and look at proposed locations

#### **Finance**

The accounts for April were issued. There were 3 cheques totalling £714.61 for payment. Payment of the invoice for the £75.00 towards the dishwasher for Nora Parsons Day Centre was agreed. This will form the full donation for 2011/2012 financial year. End of year accounts for 2010/11 were approved. The Clerk advised that a further invoice has now been received from British Gas Business for approximately £300 for supposed arrears due. The Clerk has written to query the invoice and is awaiting a response. A payment made recently for the domain name martleypc.org was unfortunately to a company who were not reputable. Therefore, the Clerk has written asking for a refund and the Parish Council agreed to remain for a further 2 years with a local company based in Worcester.

#### **Correspondence**

#### **Urgent decisions since the last meeting**

An urgent decision was made to process the payment of £300 for the works carried out to remove the tree from St. Peters Drive.

#### **Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

The Parish Council had received an

invoice for some recent additional work undertaken on the church clock. The Clerk is to write to confirm the Parish Council meet the costs of the annual service but additional costs should be met by the church.

**Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th May 2011, this is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

#### ***Volcanos in Action***

Book up for one of Dr Paul Oliver's fascinating, easy to follow courses, this time on Volcanoes. Commences June 22 at Martley Memorial Hall, cost £50. Book through Natalie n.watkins@worc.ac.uk or call her on 01905 542014)

#### ***Mobile Library 2011***

##### **Ockeridge**

Silver Oaks 9.45–10.05

##### **Wichenford**

Malvern View 10.10–10.35

Church 10.45–11.05

Kings Green Farm 11.15–11.40

Rosses Green 11.45–12.05

##### **Martley Hillside**

Horn Lane Bungalows 12.10–12.25

##### **Martley**

Taylors of Martley 12.30–12.45

##### **Lunch**

Heaton House 1.20–1.50, Martley Church 1.55–2.15. These visits will take place on Wednesdays on the 8 and 29 June. *The Mobile Library will also visit*

*Cob House Fisheries every 3rd Thursday 1.30-2.15pm.* Enquiries should be made to

Stourport Library, on 01905 822722 or [www.stourportmobile@worcestershires.gov.uk](mailto:www.stourportmobile@worcestershires.gov.uk)



## Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews  
01886 888303  
Sheila Richards  
01886 888378



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

In the April edition we reported that Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council had purchased a dishwasher and this was correct on going to press in the May Villager, however, since then several local Parish Councils have made a donation towards the cost of the dishwasher and we would like to express sincere thanks to them all for their kind donations.

*Janet Dale*

### ***Wichenford 100 Club***

The lucky winners of this month's prizes are: 1st place number 90, L Webb, 2nd place number 46 P M Bather and 3rd place number 29 Clive Brookes. Many congratulations to you all. The draw was made by Abi Birks

*Clair Corbett*

### ***Wichenford Open Gardens***

This lovely event will take place on June 25 and 26 this year from 11am to 6pm on both days. We hope to have at least 16 gardens open ranging from small village gardens to those covering several acres which are all very different in style. Morning coffee, drinks and afternoon teas will be available in the gardens as are the

usual plant sales and various other stalls. A mini flower festival and village heritage exhibition will also be displayed in the church. The Wichenford Open Gardens has a wonderful and very informative website including details of the various garden location. Donations of cakes for the teas, plants, bric-a-brac, books and tombola prizes would be very much appreciated. Please ring Alan Green 01886 888158 for more details. Please have a look at their lovely informative website too which has lots more info [www.wichenfordopengardens.com](http://www.wichenfordopengardens.com)

### ***Wichenford Memorial Hall Whist Drives***

The very popular and successful whist drives in aid of Memorial Hall funds raised in excess of £700. Special thanks to Ivy Perkins, Grace Lane and Kate Leach for helping to organise them and to Derrick and Marion Jinks for all their help which is much appreciated, and of course profuse thanks to John and Sheila Richards.

### ***Royal Memorabilia***

Heather Rendall organised a most interesting exhibition of royal memorabilia on the occasion of the marriage

of Prince William to Catherine Middleton. Thank you Heather (and your helpers) for your time and expertise in arranging a fascinating collection of items, the exhibition was very much enjoyed.

### ***Sympathy***

We were all very saddened to hear recently that Beryl Sanders has passed away. We would all like to send our deepest sympathy to her husband Cliff and to the rest of her family and friends. Beryl was a well known and respected member of our community and will be very sadly missed by her family and friends alike.

### ***Teme Valley Children's Centre***

#### **National Bookstart and Child Safety Week**

This year the annual celebration of the Bookstart programme will be bigger and better than ever! The theme, **All Aboard!** provides families with the perfect opportunity to share all your favourite stories, books and rhymes about transport, journeys and, of course, flights of the imagination! Bookstart runs from Monday 6 to Sunday 12 June 2011 with lots of places holding fun, exciting activities to celebrate the world of books. Don't forget that you can receive your child's Bookstart pack from your Health Visitor, Children's Centre or Childcare Setting.

#### **Child Safety Week 2011**

Child Safety Week is the Child Acci-

dent Prevention Trust's annual flagship community education campaign. It aims to raise awareness of the number of accidents that seriously injure or kill children every year and the steps we can take to help prevent them. Accident prevention is not about restricting children or wrapping them up in cotton wool, instead it is about creating safer environments, both in the home and elsewhere, to enable children to thrive and lead a healthy active life. Child Safety Week provides the opportunity to inform parents/carers to have fun in an engaging way, helping carers learn how to fit safety into their busy lives. Thousands of national and local organisations, through a series of events and activities, large and small help make Child Safety Week a great success year after year. Child Safety Week runs from Monday 20 June to Sunday 26 June 2011, and Teme Valley Children's Centre will be incorporating the event into the sessions which they run during that week, having lots of information readily available. Please contact the children's centre on 01886 812982 or email Sam at [sam.billingham@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:sam.billingham@barnardos.org.uk) for more information.

### ***Wichenford History***

Hundred Court Roll,, Wichenford 12th September 1664

**Item,** We present the Death of John Greene of our parish and due to the lord upon his Death one herriot according to Custome, and the said John Green's Widow to be admitted the

next lord's tenant. **Item,** We present Charles Tovie to serve Ale Taster. **Item,** We lay a pain (fine) that everyone in Wichenford keep their Swine ringed at all times upon pain that every one being un ringed for the space of a week upon complaint or three days warning given to the owner of him to forfeit to the lord one shilling for every week's neglect. **Item,** We lay a pain of 39s upon Thomas Cooke of the parish of Cotteridge for the saide Thomas Cooke to scour his ditch in a lane by the name of Tinkers Lane and likewise for the said Thomas Cooke to cleanse the water course through his meadow joining to the said Tinker's Lane at or before All Saints Day next. **Item,** We lay a pain of five shillings upon the Widow Greene to cleanse a ditch in the lane joining to the Ridgend at or before All Saints day next. **Item,** We present our parish pound forth of repair and we do understand that Robert the reverend father in God Lord Bishop of Worcester is to repair the said pound. **Item,** We present the inhabitants of Wichenford for not keeping bows and arrows in their houses according to the statute the sum of 3s 4d. **Item,** We lay the inhabitants of Wichenford in a pain of Ten Shillings to put their butts in repair before the next lord's Court. **Item,** We lay a pain of 20s upon John Walstead gent or his tenant to scour his ditches in a lane called by the name of Withermore Lane at or before All Saints Day next.

### *The Masons Arms*

For those of you that know us well, you will be aware of the trauma we have endured over these last 18 months, starting with the burning down of our restaurant in Malvern, the loss of Suti's father and step mother in a road accident in Thailand, the burning down of our home in Thailand by lightning strike, then culminating in the fracture of Suti's Mum's pelvis due to a fall and the severe deterioration of her Alzheimer's. Suti has been spending one month here and one month in Thailand supporting her mother, as she has no-one else to turn to. This has put an enormous strain on our business. My mum lives in Australia and is also old and frail, needing constant care, I also want to spend valuable time with her, so it is with a very sad and heavy heart that we have decided to sell The Masons Arms. We plan to spend time between both our respective parents doing the best we can, but would genuinely like to thank you one and all for your custom and support throughout the last 4 wonderful years we have been here. We have made many friends, (and hopefully not too many enemies!), trying our best to provide some comfort and happiness through our food, events and music, and will take away some wonderful memories of our times here. We wish you all a very long healthy and peaceful life and hope that when we pop by we will be able to share a pint or two at the bar. Fondest memories of you all

*Andi and Suti, The Masons Arms*

**Edited draft unapproved record of the meeting of Kenswick and-Wichenford Parish Council Minutes held on Monday 11 April 2011 at the Memorial Hall, Wichenford District and County Councillors Report**

No report was submitted at this meeting as this had been delivered in the Annual Meeting prior to this meeting.

**Progress Report**

**Litter Pick.**

This was arranged for 26 March and proved to be very successful. Many bags were collected and thanks must go Councillor Panton for collecting the equipment necessary to do the litter pick. Councillor Rendall will contact BT to lodge a complaint about the amount of litter dropped by BT staff at the telephone exchange.

**Royal wedding celebrations**

Unfortunately the plans for the Royal Wedding Party on the Millennium Green have had to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers/helpers. The royal memorabilia exhibition and hand out of mugs will still go ahead as planned but in the memorial hall. Every child from the age of 0-18 will be given a free mug.

**Damaged Railings**

Still outstanding. These were first reported in October 2010 to The Worcestershire Hub. We now also have a similar situation at Laugharne Corner. The Chairman spoke to the County Councillor about this and will email the names of the contacts we have spoken too and follow up.

**Cob House Fisheries**

Numerous emails have been received from Malvern Hills and the advertising boards on the roadside have been removed. It seems that 14 events can be held at the venue every year. The District Council have asked a local parishioner to monitor the number of events held.

**Village Green Sign**

A vote was held as to which sign to erect on Kings Green. Councillor Barrow will order the sign and send the invoice to the Parish council. Councillor Wells volunteered to erect the sign once it arrives.

**Planning**

**Applications considered since the last meeting.**

**11/00298/HOU The Stables Allsetts Farm.** The parish council has no objection to this proposal.

**Applications approved, refused, withdrawn.**

**11/00040HOU The Firs, Wichenford** (Granted)

**Applications to be considered.**

**11/00157-00074/HOU.**

Erection of timber fencing along north and south boundary, for The Tallett, Cockshoot Farm. The Parish council has no objection to this proposal.

**FINANCE**

The balance for the 31 March 2011 stands at £9,711.43. There were 3 cheques totalling £702 for agreement and signature which included the Lengthsman salary, skip hire and hall rent.

**Nora Parsons Day Centre.**

Currently 11 cheques towards the cost

of the dishwasher have been received from the 16 parishes that use this facility. The end of year accounts were approved and the clerk will contact the internal auditor. The acceptance of the financial statements was approved.

#### **Elections**

The parish council has an uncontested election as it has the correct number of candidates.

#### **To report any urgent decisions since the last meeting**

Nothing to report.

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

The annual Blue Bell ride is to take place on May 7 2011.

#### **Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

Meetings were arranged for 9 May which is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 20 June and 8 August 2011.

#### ***Blues At The Fold***



The Annual Blues Festival at The Fold, Bransford is to be held on Saturday 2 July 2011, between 1pm and 11pm. Tickets cost only £11.00 in advance (£13.00 on the gate) and only £3.00 for the Under 14's. Camping is available and costs £6.00 per person. Tickets are available from the website [www.bluesatthefold.co.uk](http://www.bluesatthefold.co.uk) or by calling the ticket hotline on 01886 812989. What a line up we have for this great little festival at The Fold this year. We have the fabulous blues harp of Simon 'Honeyboy' Hickling and his

band, one of the UK's finest for over 30 years; we've also got the Bex Marshall Band, Bex is a spectacular performer who'll be coming to us fresh from a performance at Glastonbury. We've also secured Rollo Markee and the Tailshakers with their 1940's style authentic blues mixed with their own contemporary song writing. Plus of course we have the spectacular The Big Blues Tribe rounding off the night. Great music, combined with The Fold's fabulous setting, great local beer, cider, perry and fabulous food, it will be a bostin' day (and with camping available too, you can really make the most of it). We look forward to seeing you there!

#### ***Flu Vaccine***

#### **Letter from our local GP Surgery, 25 March 2011**

The uptake this year of influenza vaccine in the Great Witley Surgery was 69%. This is a little lower than we would have wished and we think that the negative publicity surrounding the swine flu component of the vaccine may have put a few people off. Nevertheless, we did see quite a few people with rather unpleasant flu like illnesses and as a Practice we would wish to promote the further uptake of seasonal flu vaccine to reduce, not only the ill health during the flu episode but also the risk of death. The annual flu vaccine programme has been a great success at reducing the occurrence of flu in the population.

Most General Practitioners promote the offer of flu vaccine to the “at risk” population, which are predominantly all of those patients over 65 and anybody under 65 with other chronic illnesses. Once again, in the autumn we will be promoting the vaccine and asking patients to either see the practice nurse or come to one of the open Saturdays on October 15 or November 5 2011 between 9-11.30am for their immunisation. If there is any doubt about the vaccine service would you please contact the Surgery.

*Dr S P A Watson & Partners*

### ***A Concert Not To Be Missed***

Abberley Hall School will present a Gala Charity Concert of music by Mozart and Haydn in Worcester Cathedral on Friday 24 June at 7:30pm. The concert will be in aid of the ABF The Soldiers' Charity and the Ifakara Bakery Project. The Chapel Choir will be accompanied by a professional orchestra and soloists Sarah Westwood (soprano), Harriet Goodwin (alto), John Bowen (tenor) and Paul Mocroft (bass) will join them for a performance of the uplifting and very tuneful ‘Coronation Mass’ by Mozart. Also included in this concert will be special solo performances, trumpet solos and a Piano Concerto. The concert will be conducted by

Abberley Hall’s Director of Music, Martin Schellenberg. Unreserved tickets (£10.00) can be purchased online’ via the website, [www.abberleyhall.co.uk](http://www.abberleyhall.co.uk) or [www.oxboffice.com](http://www.oxboffice.com), by post from ‘Gala Tickets’, Abberley Hall, Worcestershire, WR6 6DD, by phone on 0845 680 1926 or at the door on the night. We look forward to seeing you!

### ***The Teme Valley Geological Society Update***

The inaugural meeting of TVGS was held on 20 April at Martley Memorial Hall and membership to the TVGS has been set at £5 per member for the first year. We are pleased to say that 14 of you joined at the meeting (some of us have still to pay our subs, ahem!). Thank you to you, we know there are many others who wish to become members. Welcome, thanks, we have an exciting future ahead. John Nicklin is the Acting Secretary of TVGS and can be contacted on 01886 888318.

#### **TVGS—Future programme**

By popular request there will be a field trip to Martley Pit, led by Natalie Watkins (thank you Natalie). This is likely to be early June, so will advise of the date asap. There will also be a field trip, following on our initial lecture, again the date and time will be arranged and advertised. Beyond that, lots of ideas; we have some, I am sure you do too, please do let me know.



## ***In the Garden***



June is often dry, so watering will be one of the main tasks this month. You will have to spend less time watering, and weeding, if you mulch around the base of trees, shrubs and climbers early in the month. Compost, bark or gravel are all very effective. Grouping pots together cuts down the time it takes to water, you could also try planters with reservoirs, or include water retaining granules in the compost. An inch of rainfall delivers around 5 gallons of water per square metre, so this is the amount you will need, every 10 days, for the most susceptible plants i.e. anything newly planted, plants in pots, young vegetables and lettuce, anything in flower or producing fruit, and shallow rooted shrubs such as rhododendrons and azaleas. Soak the soil at the base of the plant, preferably in the evening or early morning, don't sprinkle on the leaves. A preliminary fine spray is helpful as it soaks into the soil and the water then doesn't run off or cause 'panning'--that hard surface layer. Towards the end of the month it would be a good idea to include plant food when you water plants in containers. While you are watering keep an eye open for aphids, greenfly and black fly on the new growth. The easiest and safest method of aphid

control is a strong jet of water, aimed under the leaves, which knocks the aphids to the ground where beetles and other insects soon make a meal of them. Soapy water is very effective if you are using a hand spray. Remember that if you use pesticides you risk killing the natural predators of the aphids, such as ladybirds and lacewings, causing a bigger aphid problem in the future. In the vegetable garden, keep feeding those tomatoes. Shear perennial herbs to stop them flowering so they keep going to the Autumn, and peg down a few strawberry runners to refresh your stock, as they are past their best after 3 years.

### **National Gardens Open for Charity**

June is the peak month for those gardens which are open for charity under the National Gardens Scheme.

### **Local Open Gardens**

Our local 'Open Gardens' include; 68 Windsor Avenue, St. Johns on June 5, The Barton on June 4, and 5, Hellens Manor House, Much Marcle on June 3 and 4, Shuttifield Cottage in Storridge on June 25, Bacheffield House, Kimbolton on June 5 and Harrells Hardy Plant Nursery, Evesham on June 5, 16 and 25.





# Church Words

The Rectory 01886 888664

You may be aware of the small chapel in Knightwick, surrounded by a churchyard where services for Knightwick are held twice a month. It was the only church in the group that did not have a dedication to a saint, but its predecessors at Doddenham and Knightwick were namely St Andrew and St Mary respectively. It has been felt that the names should be established with the chapel, and so on Sunday May 15, with the Archdeacon of Worcester present, it became the Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick. The reason for church dedications to saints goes back to the early church. Once the Roman Empire allowed, church buildings began to be erected over the graves of martyrs. Soon Christians began to dedicate churches to other Holy men and women who were not martyrs and it was the practice for many centuries and in some places still to this day for a 'relic' of a saint to be inside the altar of the church. It was the hope of those who had so named their church after the saint that they would 'intercede' for them in heaven whilst they were on earth. These saints also became patrons for various occupations or associated with particular illnesses and of course countries, to

which the people would pray. The Church of England, though a protestant church, has different traditions within it that mean some will still attribute the intercessory power of a saint whilst others feel the only intercessor we need is Christ himself. However, we do celebrate the saints after which our churches are named and thank God for their life and witness from which we can learn. In our own group we have St Peter Martley, St Mary Magdalene Broadwas, St Leonard Cotheridge, St Laurence Wichenford and now St Mary and St Andrew Knightwick. We are well blessed with saints yet it is worth noting that the word for 'martyr' in the New Testament, from which we translate the word 'saint', refers to all God's people. It is therefore important to realise that as Christians we are the saints of God who are called to live sacrificial lives, even though we may not be called to be martyrs. We are all important to God and through Christ he calls us to follow him in that 'when the saints go marching in', we too will 'be in that number'.

*David*

Thursday 2 June	<b>Ascension Day</b>
<b>SUNDAY 5 JUNE</b>	7.30pm Deanery Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 8.00am Holy Communion, The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30 am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 6.30pm Evensong, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Monday 6 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tuesday 7 June	7.30pm LTV PCC at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7.30pm Martley PCC at St Peter's
Wednesday 8 June	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House 7.00pm Nora Parsons Day Centre AGM
<b>SUNDAY 12 JUNE</b>	<b>Pentecost</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, Broadwas
Monday 13 June	8.30am Prayer Breakfast at David's
Tuesday 14 June	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
<b>SUNDAY 19 JUNE</b>	<b>Fathers Day (Pulpit Swap)</b>
	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, The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew 4.30pm Confirmation, St Phillip and St James, Hallow 6.00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence, Wichenford
Monday 20 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tuesday 21 June	10.00 Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wednesday 22 June	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Saturday 25 June	Wichenford Flower Festival and Open Gardens
<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Monday 27 June	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tuesday 28 June	10.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wednesday 29 June	7.00pm Harvest Supper Planning Meeting at The Rectory
<b>Bible Study Group</b>	
Tuesday 7 / 14 / 21 / 28 June at 7.30pm at the home of Chris Woodburn, Berrow View, Hollins Lane, Martley	



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

### ***Little Witley***

Don't forget to check out what is going on in our neighbouring village by visiting [www.littlewitley.org.uk](http://www.littlewitley.org.uk)

### ***Dates for your diary***

19 June is Fathers Day

### ***Cycling for St Richards***

You may have spotted three local ladies cycling around Martley and the Teme valley over the past few months in preparation for a 200 mile charity cycle ride. Helen Griffie from Shelsley Kings, Sally Webb from Stockton and Lucy Mockett from Menith Wood have now successfully completed the trip from St Malo to Ile de Re in France and raised £1,200 for St Richard's Hospice. Helen said, "We made it completing 210 miles and no punctures! Good fun, hard slog at times but our bodies coped remarkably well so the Teme Valley training paid off. The only hiccup was a Belgian lorry reversing into the support driver's car at the toll queue on day one, doing a lot of damage but with bonnet strapped down and headlights smashed our support vehicle limped on. Thank you to everyone who had faith we could do it and sponsored us to raise funds for the hospice. We still all love cycling and are back training in the valley and beyond for our next challenge!"

*Helen Griffie, St Richards Hospice*