

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 for a complete listing of all forthcoming events (that the Diary page editor knows about)

See page 28 for contact details of organisations

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

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

OUT AND ABOUT IN MARTLEY

Visit our website—www.martley.org.uk



Bulmer's Open Day



Around 300 people attended the Bulmer's Open Day at Hockhams Farm, Martley recently.

A tour of the orchards, advice on pests, herbicides, harvesting and machinery on show made for an interesting day. The tour ended with a presentation by the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers of the Farm Managers' Award to Robert Holloway for his passion and commitment to Bulmers at the 574 acre Martley and Wichenford site. Robert began working for Bulmers in 1979 and in 1995 he became Manager and by 1997 he began advising growers in Somerset, Devon and Dorset. Always ready to share his expertise, Robert is a great ambassador for the industry and is a very worthy winner. Congratulations Robert on this fantastic achievement.

Martley Ramblers, 11 September

Pam Bowers will be hoping that bad

weather will not force another of her proposed walks around Stourport to be cancelled. Cars will leave the church car park at 1.30pm (Please note the earlier time). Bring cash for the car-parking fee too! The walk around Brockhampton led by Dot and Chris Fletcher was very much enjoyed and so was the welcome cup of tea in the café. Many thanks to both Dot and Chris. There are only two more walks remaining this year after this month, so please be thinking of some suggestions for next year which can be presented at the AGM in November.

Kate King

Martley WI

Wednesday 14 September 7.30pm Heaton House

We have had a most interesting selection of speakers this year, thanks to Marion Cumella who puts a lot of time and energy into contacting and arranging them. There have been talks on fashion, demonstrations and hands-on craft and now this month we shall be hearing about the Life of Elgar by



Wendy Hill. This will be of particular interest as we live so close to his birthplace. The competition is for a piece of china. The recent talk by the lively Hat Lady was much enjoyed and the competition for a favourite hat showed members varied choices. Mary Kipping was very fetching in her "Mr Toad" helmet and it was very hard for the judge to pick a winner! Don't forget the Skittles evening at the Admiral Rodney on Friday 16 September, 7.30pm. All friends, family and anyone who would like to join us for a fun evening, please do come along.

Kate King

Pudford Lane

We decided not to mow the SSSI this year and are borrowing some sheep to eat the herbage instead. Negotiations are still under way regarding the cost of the hire of the sheep, hopefully it will not be too costly! Jacob donkey seems to be content with his restricted grazing, his asthma has improved and so has his weight. The swallows raised three fledglings and have nested again with five eggs at the time of writing this article. We have been warned that parts of the lane are to be closed for water main repair works, and as the lane has been blissfully dry for several weeks, presumably these works will be to re-instate the running water so that the Pudford Glacier will be able to re-form in icy weather! The blackbirds will be pleased to see drinking water again readily available in the gullies too. So, it just goes to prove that you

cannot please all of the people all of the time.

Kate King

Ferndale Singers, 25th Anniversary Concert

On 2 July, in Martley, the Ferndale Singers, under the baton of their Musical Director, Merren Anthony, sang a varied programme of music, which included a selection from Les Miserables, the Sanctus from The Armed Man, The Sound of Silence and Blue Moon. The enthusiastic audience was invited to join in a humorous version of All Things Bright and Beautiful and also showed great musical agility when half the audience was asked to sing When The Saints Go Marching In, while simultaneously the other half sang She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain!! The concert also featured two violin solos by 10 year old Grace Shepherd, who gave delightful performances of The Ashokan Farewell by Jay Ungar and of Adoration by Felix Borowski. In the interval, the audience was served with wine and pieces of delicious cake. The raffle was supported most generously and the profit from the concert, amounting to £300, has been donated to a local Ovarian Cancer Support team. For the information of newcomers to the area, the Ferndale Singers is a community mixed choir of 27 voices, which was formed 25 years ago (hence the title of the concert). The membership is drawn from the lower Teme Valley villages, with

some singers coming from further afield, from Bromyard, Malvern and Worcester. The choir is currently seeking new male members who can sing Bass or Tenor parts, please contact Chris on 01905 333225. The choir will be performing a concert of Christmas music in Martley Village Hall on Saturday 10 December 2011 at 7.30pm. Please put this date in your diary and more details to follow in the December edition of The Villager.

Chris Baker

Martley Local Policing News

I am very pleased to inform you that PC Paul Lambon is now in position as Martley's Local Policing Officer. He's extremely keen to get stuck into all the local policing issues, and knows the patch well, having served here on response. PC Lambon also has previous experience of acting as an LPO in Malvern. In this issue of The Villager, I'm also sorry to have to report that there have been a couple of occasions reported involving the misuse of air rifles. Pellet gun rounds have marked some windows on the Village Hall and we've also had a complaint of someone firing rounds at a horse. Please let me remind all air rifle users of the following rules and regulations: it is an offence to fire an air rifle pellet beyond the land where you have permission to shoot, unless the occupier of the neighboring land has also given you permission. Where someone under 14 is shooting, both the young person and the supervising adult can be prosecuted. It is also

against the law, in England and Wales, to fire an air rifle within 50 feet of the centre of a highway if this results in someone being injured, interrupted or endangered. These offences could be committed, for example, when someone is shooting in their garden close to a road and the pellets ricochet onto the highway. Also, please remember that you need the landowner's permission to shoot on their land.

Worcester Police Open Day



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SERVING - PROTECTING - MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

Please come
along and
visit the
Worcester

Police Station Open Day on 11 September. Loads of things to see and a colouring competition for the children too of which I have been kindly asked to judge!

CSO Helen Wendy Cooper

The Chantry School

The next big event for our 4 year Orchard project will be our, **Applefest on Saturday 8 October between 1.00pm and 3.00p.m.** This follows on from our successful first attempt at an Applefest last October and as a result of this we are having a bigger event with, hopefully a lot more visitors. We hope to include the following, **A display of apple varieties** – last year we had 60+ varieties on display but we have targeted more than 100 this year so if you have any known varieties that could be used, we will be pleased to hear from you. **Apple**

variety identification, an expert will be available to have a go at identifying apple varieties for you. **Apple pressing and juicing**, Mr Goodman and Mr Brakespeare will give demonstrations of juicing and pressing and there will be an opportunity for some tasting. **Apple preserves for sale**, Mrs Karol Crabtree and Mrs Heather Rendell will have a wide range of preserves for sale. **Games associated with traditional apple events**, Apple bobbing included and towels will be provided!, **Demonstration of baking/cooking using traditional recipes**, **Drama production**, A play written by John Townsend along the theme of rural autumnal life will be performed by Chantry pupils under the guidance of Mrs. Rickman. **Cider** will be for sale and a **Craft market** will be held, we are looking for local crafts so please let me know if you have any contacts. **A Food market, Musical events, pig roast and a demonstration on keeping bees along with the sale of local honey will also be amongst the events planned too.** This whole event is seen as a community venture. Its not too late to contact me with your name and how you could contribute to the day. Please contact Bob Allison on bob@chantry.worcs.sch.uk or Caroline Palethorpe 01584 819772 cmpconsult@hotmail.co.uk.

Geology Garden Official Opening

We are also having the official opening of The Chantry school

Geology Garden. We hope to have the sponsors, members of the Teme valley geology club and students who were involved in the hard work over the last few years. Rock cakes will be available.

Pat Owen

Pensax Thrift Shop

The Help for Heroes sale which was held on the 20 July at the village hall raised a wonderful £1383.34. There will be a few more small fund raising efforts before the cheque is handed over in October and hopefully we may reach last year's grand total of £2000. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out on the day and supported this wonderful charity.

Pensax Village Hall

The Thrift Shop Ladies will do anything (well almost) to save the village hall from closure! We will be holding a second hand Fashion Show at the village hall on Friday 16 September at 7pm (for a 7.30pm start) in aid of Pensax Village Hall survival fund and Help for Heroes. Tickets which are £6 and this include a raffle and a glass of wine/juice are available at the Thrift Shop or by telephoning 01299 832388 or 01299 32390. Thrift Shop volunteers will be modelling clothes donated to Help for Heroes as well as some of their own clothes which in many cases have only been worn once at a wedding/special occasion). Do come along for this fun evening, bring a friend too and buy a bargain, or two!

Martley Amateur Dramatics

The performance of “Sourpuss”, which was written and directed by Ruth Mace, was a resounding success. As usual the performances were not both identical. This happens because of the increasing performing skills of the participants who apply their own interpretations to their roles. One example which springs to mind being the efficiency of the sweet factory, producing sweets so fast that they were ending up half way down the centre isle! All finished up happily with Sourpuss, the green cat, cheering up in the end. The children were enchanted with the toys coming to life, especially the Teddy Bear. Well done to all involved in the production, particularly the younger children who were on the “big stage” for the first time! Our next performance will be our annual pantomime. Auditions will take place Monday 5 September 6.30pm in the village hall. Anyone interested in taking part please come along and join in!

Rejoice and Sing!

On the last two Sundays in July, those attending the benefice services at St



Peter’s Church, Martley and St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas had a wonderful musical treat. On 24 July, a Songs of Praise was held at St Peter’s with members of the congregation choosing some of their favourite hymns, ranging from old favourites like “Guide me, O thou

great Redeemer” sung to the tune Cwm Rhondda, raising the roof, to a 21st century setting of Psalm 139, the music by Bernadette Farrell, new to most of us, but it quickly caught on and quite a few people asked if they could keep the copies of the words. Our Rector, David had researched the background to the authors and composers of the words and tunes, which added to the interest and enjoyment. The highlight of the service was a live link to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham enabling us to send our greetings to Doreen Lewis and enabling her to hear us singing her favourite hymn “How great Thou art”. The benefice service on 31 July was held at St Mary Magdalene Church, Broadwas. This was a service with an African flavour. The liturgy used was that of the Kenyan Church, reassuringly familiar and yet refreshingly different. All the music was from Africa, mainly from South and East Africa but also including hymns from Ghana and Nigeria. A short singing practice was held before the start of the service and everyone joined in the stirring African chants with their very catchy and joyful tunes, coping very well with singing them in their original languages of Swahili, Xhosa or Yoruba. One of our Readers, Jill Smith, spoke very movingly about her visit to Rwanda in 2004, ten years after the genocide, and of the healing work of forgiveness and reconciliation she witnessed there. Douglas Whittaker gave us an update on the

work of David and Heather Sharland, the CMS missionary couple based in Northern Uganda, supported by our benefice. On each occasion, refreshments were served after the service by the host church.

Helen Sandison

Martley Online 2

Martley website is getting a makeover, thanks to two local website designers. The new website will look more modern and will have forums where you can post comments and ideas, such as local history, family history, an events calendar, updates from the schools, footpath updates (that is, "rights of way" type footpaths, not pavements), and news and views, which will also provide material for The Villager. It could even have a direct link to Neighbourhood Watch updates via an RSS feed. It is hoped that the Martley website will become a focal point for village communications, and the more people that are involved with it, the more current it will be. So keep an eye out for Martley Online 2.0 (MO2) as it should be coming to a computer near you later this month. It is anticipated that the web address will remain www.martley.org.uk. For more information, contact Michelle Higgins at msh_47@yahoo.co.uk.



Martley & District Horticultural Society

Someone had ordered the weather for the coach trip to RHS Rosemoor Garden near Torrington, Devon on 9 July, and it proved a really enjoyable day. This 65 acre garden is described as 'enchanted', with many displays of horticulture at its very best, so inspirational with its beautiful lake, formal and informal areas, wilder parts and pleasant walks. Members also went shopping in the nursery, it is always lovely to bring home a plant to be a living memory of a very special garden visit. Rosemoor provides a good lunch, and the quiz on the coach was fun too! Special thanks to Margaret Rushgrove for organising this trip. It was a pleasant evening on 28 July for our shared car visit to Meadow Farm garden at Feckenham, and this really is a lovely place to go. The owners, Rob and Diane Cole, welcomed the party and filled us in on the garden's history; they've created it over 13 years from just a field containing a small stream, and this sloping area is awash with the colours of the perennials which they so love. There are some quite unusual plants too, and everything is shown off by beautiful curving mown walks as well as gravel, stone, ornaments, pergolas etc – altogether it was a stunning sight. We also saw the ancient Newton Wonder apple tree and the nature

reserve field and spent some time (and some money!) in the well-appointed nursery with its special plant labelling system, to round off the evening we tucked into tea and Diane's delicious homemade cakes. Mike Dunnett thanked the Coles and members were briefed on the forthcoming show on 20 August.

Our Forthcoming events include 24 and 25 September Malvern Autumn Show and 29 September Una Dunnett speaks on Hosta Plants.

Tina Steele



Following positive feedback from families we are now pleased to announce that we will be offering some new services for families with children under 5 in the Teme Valley area. A second Bumps 2 Babes group for families with children under 12 months will start at the Pump Rooms in Tenbury Wells on Monday mornings between 10am and 11am. This will be in addition to the one we run in Clifton-upon-Teme on a Thursday morning. Support, advice and a chance to meet other parents who are expecting a baby or who already have young babies have been the key to making Bumps 2 Babes so successful! We are also offering a new Free Family Learning course starting in the Pump Rooms in Tenbury from 13 September helping families around

finance and budgeting. The course is designed to help parents (particularly those who who struggled with maths and English in their school days), brush up on their budgeting skills and give them ideas how to help their children. It will cover how to find the best bargains, healthy food on a budget, and will involve making plans for a party or trip at the end of the course. A crèche will be available for the children but there will also be opportunity to do many activities together (pre-booking is essential, please ring us for more details). Our next Table Top Sale will take place on Saturday 24 September at Lower Broadheath Village Hall, between 11.30am and 1pm and of course the three 'stay and play hubs' will continue in Tenbury, Alfrick and, new for September, our third hub will be in Martley Village Hall (replacing the one which has run for a term in Little Witley). We also have plans for a Family Links parenting course to start in Tenbury Wells in October. If you would like any more information about any of these along with all our other services please do contact us. You can do this by ringing the Children's Centre office on **01886 812982**, email us at sam.billingham@barnardos.org.uk or look at our website at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/temevalley. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon!

The Snug

I have loved working at The Chantry School in Martley for over 7 years, and have now decided to take the plunge and start my own local business. I will be offering hairdressing, beauty therapy, nail treatments and will be providing lovely fresh flowers for sale. The Snug at Stanford Bridge inbetween the farm shop and gallery/cafe will be opening in late September, I really want it to feel very homely and welcoming and have set the scene as a cosy living room with fireplace, big french dresser and rough sawn timber decor, I'm hoping that the local people from around out villages will support me, I know it is a big risk opening a business in the current financial climate, but this is something I am very passionate about, to serve our rural community so I am going to give it a go! Please contact me on 07989 529215 more information and details of fantastic opening offers.

Hazel Marie Marsh

In Memoriam



Dorothy Anne Tippin died on 8 July. A funeral service at St Peter's, Martley was followed by a cremation at Worcester on 25 July.

Litter Pick

A total of 10 adults and 4 children volunteered their services for the Martley Litter Pick on Sunday 14 August. They worked very hard collecting and bagging litter in the

following areas The Noak down to Ham Farm, Berrow Green to Martley, Hillside to Martley, Horn Lane, Pudford Lane, The Nubbins and Hollins Lane, Approximately 20 black bags of litter were collected along with a pink toilet ! The Parish Council wish to thank everybody that took part in this community event.

Martley Parish Council

Edited draft unapproved Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 4 July 2011 at the Memorial Hall, Martley

A parishioner raised the need for a village map in the centre of the village. The Clerk will investigate this. A number of parishioners raised points in relation to the South Worcestershire Development Plan and the indicative numbers announced within the media last week, of which all had been allocated to the land adjacent to The Crown pub. It was felt by both parishioners and the Parish Council that a detailed joint response will need to be made during the public consultation phase, the response must be an informed professional document that does not follow the approach of we don't want any houses in Martley but more along the lines of accepting the need for houses for local young people but an appropriate number to match the need of the village. The Parish Council referred to previous work undertaken around potential sites for development within Martley and the involvement of Nigel Potter, Housing Enabler for Malvern Hills

District Council. An update will be requested from Nigel as his last correspondence with the Council had advised that Malvern Hills District Council were in conversation with a land owner in Martley. Representations will be made at the Malvern Hills Committee meeting on Tuesday 5 July where the South Worcestershire Development Plan will be agreed. Following this a workshop will be arranged between Martley Parish Council and parishioners in order to work together on submitting the informed response. The public consultation period is due to commence on 26 September 2011.

Roadside Salt

A parishioner asked the Parish Council whether arrangements had been made for the storage of any salt in Martley for this winter. The Clerk will write to all local farmers and owners of any other possible sites to ask whether they would store some salt.

Neighbourhood Watch

John Lakeman gave a brief presentation on Neighbourhood Watch. John talked of re-invigorating the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Martley which would include setting up an e-mail network to circulate messages. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Local Police

PC Paul Lambon, Local Policing Officer for Martley then spoke of Neighbourhood Watch being a great facilitator to the Police. PC Lambon confirmed that he is looking to be in

the post for a number of years and he concluded by assuring parishioners that he will always give his best to the role. PC Lambon is more than happy to receive texts or calls to his mobile or alternatively e-mail him direct, and contact details will be published shortly on the village notice board.

Progress Reports

Outstanding actions from previous minutes

The 'my parish' website is still to be set up and agreement as to what information should be displayed on it. Investigations into the cost will be undertaken. An email has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Recreation Association regarding how the lottery grant of £10,000 is to be managed.

Clerk

The advert for the vacancy of Clerk to Martley Parish Council has been circulated by CALC and is also on display in the village with a closing date of 22 July 2011. Festival Housing have been contacted to ascertain the ownership of the trees in Hastings Close as they are currently overgrowing St. Peters Drive gardens.

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman will be concentrating on strimming, signs and poor visibility areas this month. Councillors asked that he tidies the lay-by before Ham Bridge.

Councillors

The Clerk is to write to the Highways department regarding the Hillside sign that has now rotted due to the solvent used whilst trying to remove graffiti.

District and County Councillors' reports

Worcester County Council has launched its corporate plan for 2011-2016. There is a lot of debate around libraries and Martley's library is currently been given as a good example due to its community aspect.

Holt Bridge

The works to Holt Bridge will be completed by the end of October and there will be no weight limit on it.

Leadership Grant

A Community Leadership grant for £10,000 for each year over 2 years for community projects is available. County Councillor Davies will send out details of the scheme asking for bids.

Planning

New

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

11/00685/HOU 3 The Bungalows, Berrow Green – Extension to garage

with pitched roof over together with new vehicular entrance and remodelling of drive

Pending

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

Approved

11/00582/FUL Adj Three Acres, Willow Road – Agricultural building and drive

BT Adopt a phone box scheme

The Council agreed following discussions to adopt the phone box in the village. Councillor Baxter will speak to local residents in Berrow Green to establish whether they would like to adopt the phone box there also

Freedom of Martley nominations:

Councillors were asked to consider any nominations in preparation for the next meeting. This will be a closed agenda item at the next meeting

September Parish Council Meeting, 5 September 2011, 8pm at the Memorial Hall, Martley



The Chantry School

Back to School on :Tuesday
6 September 2011



Martley CE Primary School

Back to school on Tuesday
6 September 2011



Over the Garden Wall in Wichenford

WICHENFORD NEEDS YOUR NEWS

Janet Andrews
01886 888303
Sheila Richards
01886 888378



Church Flowers

4 September Mrs Williams
11 September Lady Millar
18 September Mrs V Mills
25 September Mrs Randall

Memorial Hall, Wichenford, New Kitchen and Bar

Don't forget on Saturday 3 September we are celebrating the opening of the brand new kitchen and bar facilities in the Memorial Hall from 11am to 3pm. To inaugurate the new facilities we are holding a Country Market and Craft Fair. Please contact Georgina by email on gblichenford@aol.com, or on 07767 788 273 for more information

Georgina Britten Long

Wichenford Local Heritage Group

Details of the Winter Season 2011/12

21 Sept 7.00pm - 7.45pm

Registration followed by Dr P Bloore :
The History of Parish Registers

19 October

Roy Peacock, The Foleys

16 November

Roy Murphy and James Brindley, Canal maker

14 December

Penny & John Platts, The History of Cider making (with samples !)

2012

18 January

Heather Rendall, Kenswick - a possible history

15 February

Malcolm Nixon, The Bromsgrove Nailmakers

21 March

Richard Churchley, Boundaries, Borders and Landmarks

18 April

Heather Rendall, Annual review, including The lost manor of Wyards Woodhall, The Court Rolls of Edward IV and Wills and Inventories of local people

9.00 p.m. Annual General Meeting

16 May, Alf Jenkins, The Social History of Clee Hill (to include a guided walk on the Hills later in the month)

Subscriptions

£5.00 - annual membership

£5.00 - individual talks

£ 30.00 - for all 9 talks which includes free monthly Paleography classes

The 2012 church trip with Tim

Bridges will be by coach around the churches of North Herefordshire.

Payment to be made separately.

Kenswick and Wichenford Parish Council

Unapproved draft minutes District and County Councillors Report

Councillor Davies reported that the County Council are looking at the finances and how to be more cost effective. There are currently 22 libraries in Worcestershire and the Council need to ensure that they utilise them fully and a possibility is to use them more as community based centres. There is a lot of surface dressing of the roads. Highways give an allocated amount each year to the County Councillor for them to spend as they wish on highways projects, and this year the money will be divided equally between the 10 parishes for the Lengthsman to undertake some work. Holt Bridge should be finished as scheduled in October. The traffic management will end 28 July until October when it will be reinstated for 2/3 weeks to ensure completion of work. Warwickshire and West Mercia Police are talking about forming an alliance which will mean they can share services. The B4204 speed limit review is now completed and the speed limit is now being reduced from 40mph to 50mph. The Corporate plan is being reviewed and it has been revealed that over the next 2 years each County Council will be allocated £20,000 to spend in the division on a community project.

Progress Reports

Damaged Railings

The work is now being undertaken to repair these railings.

Village Green Sign

The signs have now been received and councillor Wells will erect them. Many thanks to Councillor Barrow who organised and took delivery of the signs.

Cob House Fisheries

A letter has been received by the Parish council and this was discussed and read out. A reply is forthcoming. The remarks put in the June villager are correct.

Planning

Applications approved, refused, withdrawn

11/00157/HOU, The Tallet Cockshoot Farm. (Refused)

Erection of a timber fence along the south boundary.

Applications to be considered

11/00695/FUL Woodhall Farm Wichenford. Extension of time limit to commence development on application 07/01934. The parish council would be happier to see this barn sited elsewhere, as it would be visible from the main road and the residents of Kenswick Manor.

11/00712/HOU 3 Abingdons Bungalow Single storey extension and associated alterations to bungalow. The parish council had no objections to this proposal.

Rosses/Guises Lane

These were driven through by 2 vehicles on 8 June. The police have been informed and an incident number noted. Unfortunately without a registration number of the vehicle no further action can be taken.

Finance

The balance from 29th April to 31 May 2011 stands at £13,893.93. There were several cheques totalling £1,031.61 for agreement and signature, these included CPRE Membership, Internal auditor and the clerks salary. The parish council has received £75 from Shrawley parish councils towards the cost of the dish washer for the Day Centre. The parish council discussed and agreed to donate £150 to Hallow Scout and Guide Group. It was also suggested that they could have some ideas as what to do with the telephone box.

Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas

A cricket match is being held at Kenswick Manor on 14 August. Maps of village walks have been laminated and copies will be placed in the Village Hall and on the notice boards.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Meetings were arranged for 15 August and 26 September, 2011 and meetings are to be held in the Memorial Hall at Wichenford, 7.30pm.

Wichenford 100 Club

July Winners—1st Number 10 Lyn Cox, 2nd Number 157 Andy Moseley, 3rd 50 Pete Mountjoy. The drawn was made by Brandon Corbett.

August Winners—1st Number 118, Mrs G Hancock, 2nd number 31 M Brookes, 3rd number 30 A Smith. The draw was made by Claire Mayne. Congratulations to all our winners.

Baptisms

Edward David Neath on 10 July 2011 at St Laurence's, Wichenford

In memoriam

Ernest Ralph Oliver died on 10 July. A funeral service at the Elim Pentecostal Church was followed by a burial at St Laurence's, Wichenford on 26 July

Margaret Jean Hiams died on 17 July. The funeral service and burial took place at St Laurence's, Wichenford on 27 July

Other Local News/Events

Youth Football Players

Wanted

Ombersley Football Club need new players for the U13's team for the 2011/12 season (school year 8 boys for the 2011/12 year). We are a Charter Standard Club playing 11 a side football in the Mercian League on Sunday afternoons. The clubs home pitch for the new season will be at Top Barn Activity Centre, near Holt Heath. We will be holding a number of training sessions, over the summer, to find suitable players. For more details please contact Mark on 07929 046 778 or email



mark@t2accountancy.co.uk or Seamus can be contacted on 07921 044081 (after Aug 12)

Margaret Jean Hiams – Jean

We are so very sorry to hear that Jean has passed away and send our heartfelt sympathy to Den and the family. It was a joy to know Jean who always had a lovely smile, even when times were very difficult for her. Jean was the eldest child of Frank and Bertha Haywood who lived at Keepers Cottage, Clifton-upon-Teme. She had three sisters, Norma, Dorothy and Barbara and two brothers Sid and George. She attended Clifton school and later Christopher Whitehead in Worcester. In her teenage years her best friend was Peggy and they both loved to go to the local dances. It was at one of these dances at the Talbot Hotel, Knightwick in 1956 that Den met Jean, and they married in 1957, Jean was 21. It has become a lifetime joke – when asked by Den why she married him, her reply was “I thought you had plenty of money, but I got that very wrong.” Den and Jean had four children, Julie, David and twin daughters Caroline and Jacqueline. In 1973 the family moved to Boxley after the death of Den’s father. Being a keeper’s daughter and a real country girl, she loved to be involved in the pheasant rearing, helping Den and Matthew on shooting days at Woodhall. Jean was renowned for her cooking and hospitality and she often made roast pork rolls at Woodhall washed down with plenty of spirits, and full

roast dinners at Boxley. Her hobbies included racing greyhounds and raced them at the Midland track, Perrybar, Wolverhampton, winning many cups. She was also a keen football and Formula 1 racing fan too! Jean was also a Rugby supporter (Worcester Warriors) where she would be seen in the company of Matthew, Kate and John on many occasions. Jean had four grandchildren and one great grandchild and loved them dearly, Matthew, Sara, Oliver, Nathan and great-grandson Edward. In recent months, when she was ill and anybody inquired of her health, she always replied “I’m alright”, she never complained. Den and Jean were married for fifty five Golden years and Jean will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Thank you

Den and the whole family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful flowers which were of great comfort to them in their sad loss of Jean. They are most grateful to the doctors and nurses who helped and showed kindness during this sad time, we just wanted everyone to know this was very much appreciated.



St Richard’s Hospice Write a Will Month is back!

Make a Simple* Will during September for only £80 or £100 for a double one. Participating solicitors will donate 100% of their fees to St Richard’s

Hospice. Why is it important to make a will? If you die without a Will, there are certain rules which dictate how the money, property or possessions should be allocated. This may not be the way that you would have wished your money and possessions to be distributed. Unmarried partners and partners who have not registered a civil partnership cannot inherit from each other unless there is a Will, so the death of one partner may create serious financial problems for the remaining partner. If you have children, you will need to make a Will so that arrangements for the children can be made if either one or both parents die. It may be possible to reduce the amount of tax payable on the inheritance if advice is taken in advance and a Will is made. If your circumstances have changed, it is important that you make a Will to ensure that your money and possessions are distributed according to your wishes. After your family and friends have been remembered, it gives you the opportunity to leave a gift to a charity like St Richard's Hospice. This gift can have an impact on people's lives for years to come. To take part simply call your preferred solicitor and make an appointment quoting the St Richard's Hospice September Write a Will Scheme. Details of all participating solicitors are on the downloadable leaflet which can be found on the website, www.strichards.org.uk/writeawill For any queries about the scheme please contact Rachel Jones, Corporate Partnerships and Events Fund-

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Red Marley Hill Climb



Another fantastic year of hill climbing which raised over £20,000 on the day for Help the Heroes. The sun shone lovely and a crowd really enjoyed the racing up the famous Red Marley Hill. John Peters, an RAF pilot who was shot down in the Irac war and paraded on the television in front of the world, presented all the trophies to the winners. The local scout group, Abberley and Great Witley cricket club, and the Stourport Junior cricketers who all helped and supported this event on the day, received donations to their clubs. The Red Marley Hill Climb started in the 1920's and ran up until 1971. In 2000 a local club revived this and it has run every year since! All money raised from the 2012 event will go back to local charities. For more information on this event please visit red-marleyhillclimb.com





Sheila Gwendoline Twinberrow died on 2 July. The funeral service was held at St Mary Magdalene followed by a cremation service at Worcester on the 19 July

Peter Lansdell Tapply died on 17th July. A funeral service at service was held at St Leonard's, Cotheridge followed by a cremation at Worcester on 28 July.

Anthony Dorsay Clark died on 19 July. The cremation service was held at Worcester on 1 August.

In the Garden



In the second half of September the weather is usually cooler and is very good for planting. So, early in the month is a good time to plan for 2012 and look around for new trees, shrubs, climbers, perennials and spring bulbs. If you make an effort to improve the soil by incorporating compost and fertiliser before planting, you will give your new plants a really good start. Clay soil becomes very hard to work later in the year when it is wet, so try digging now while it is dry and add lots of compost, and pea gravel to improve drainage. Clear out summer bedding from containers to prepare for a winter or spring display, remember

bulbs need good drainage so add grit to the compost. You can get new plants for free by dividing large clumps of perennials such as day lilies, crocosmia and sedums, and by taking cuttings of pelargonium's and fuchsias. Some hardy annuals can be sown outside in August and September for



flowering in May next year, try marigolds, cornflowers and poppies. If your soil is clay you will do better to sow the seeds in pots of compost and overwinter

them in a cold frame. Many tender plants need to be brought inside before the first frost, so watch the weather forecasts towards the end of the month if you live in a 'frost pocket'. September can also be windy, so stake tall plants such as asters. In the vegetable garden, cut down asparagus fern when it starts to yellow, also remove yellowing leaves from tomatoes. Lift any remaining potatoes and onions and start planting onion sets and garlic. You can now put out spring cabbage plants under netting and new strawberry plants. If you have raised beds, try sowing a green manure crop, such as mustard or winter tares, on empty beds, it will reduce weeds and hold nutrients, simply fork it into the ground when the Spring arrives. Finally, lawns, late September is their tlc time, rake, spike, feed, but don't put the mower away just yet!



Church Words

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September already! Where did this year go? And also I can say where did the last 10 years go? For on 13 September I shall have been here for 10 years. Two days after 9/11, a significant date in all our memories and I distinctly remember standing in silence as we remembered the loss of so many lives. The world, sadly, hasn't changed for the better as I write this we are still mourning the loss of so many young lives in Norway and our news media is full of unrest in the Middle East. Peace it would seem is something hard to find, and yet I came to you 10 years ago as did my predecessors before me as Minister's of the gospel of peace. Jesus himself, after his resurrection, said to his disciples, *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid'* (John 14:27). That peace is a deep seated assurance that God is with us whatever we face in life, whether joy or sadness. I can say that I have experienced much joy and sadness with you during that 10 years and together we have come through them. It has been, and continues to be, a privilege to serve you. I have not always got things right, I don't suppose I am everyone's 'ideal vicar', what with my

puppets, magic and guitar, but nevertheless you have been very gracious in receiving me. I have seen your children and my own grow up, some I have baptised yet now they are in Chantry High School, our own daughters are all married. Since we have been here life has changed for all of us in those last 10 years. Though we might not have faced such enormous tragedies as those that I have mentioned, we in our own small way have to move on in our lives finding ways through difficulties, finding strength in the joys and receiving help, companionship and friendship from those around us, and of course as Christians we know we have strength through God in our faith in him, the One who has come to give us his peace. There is a special service on Sunday 11th September, 10.30am at St Peter's to celebrate my 10 years among you. All welcome.

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

With Christian Love,

David

Sunday 4 Sept	8.00am Holy Communion, The Chapel of St Mary & St Andrew, Knightwick 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Family Worship, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Morning Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 4.00pm WWRT Songs of Praise in the Alfrick Show Marquee with West Mercia Brass Band 6.30pm Songs of Praise, St Leonard, Cotheridge
Monday 5 Sept	9.00am Morning Prayer, St Laurence, Wichenford
Tuesday 6 Sept	10:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 7 Sept	12 Noon Prayer at the Heart, The Chapel of St Mary and St Andrew, Knightwick 7.30pm LTV PCC Meeting at St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Sunday 11 Sept	10:30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley Special service celebrating 10 years of David's ministry in our churches. All welcome.
Monday 12 Sept	8.30am, Prayer Breakfast at David's
Tuesday 13 Sept	10:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 14 Sept	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Sunday 18 Sept	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 & St Andrew, Knightwick 6:00pm Evening Worship, St Laurence Wichenford
Monday 19 Sept	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Peter, Martley
Tuesday 20 Sept	10:00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 7:30pm Bible Study Group at the home of Chris Woodburn 7.30pm Martley PCC Meeting at St Peter's
Wed 21 Sept	7.00pm Harvest Supper Meeting at The Rectory
Saturday 24 Sept	8.30am Men's Breakfast at The Talbot
Sunday 25 Sept	8.00am Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter, Martley 10.30am Holy Communion, St Laurence, Wichenford 10.30am Family Worship, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas 6.30pm Evening Worship, St Peter, Martley
Monday 26 Sept	9:00am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Tuesday 27 Sept	10am Morning Prayer, St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Wed 28 Sept	10.15am Holy Communion, Heaton House
Saturday 3 Sept	8.00am Ladies Prayer Breakfast at the Cob House. To book contact Trish Collett on 812204 or patricia_collett@hotmail.com
Bible Study Group Every Tuesday evening during September at the home of Chris Woodburn.	



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And finally ...

Change of Date

Little Witley Film Club

Due to unforeseen circumstance we have had to change the date of the first Little Witley film of the season. The film will be Made in Dagenham and this has now been rescheduled to **Saturday 24 September**. We are so sorry for the late notice but still hope you still can make our very first film.

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



Martley Library Opening Times

Monday 2—7 pm
Wednesday 4—6 pm
Thursday 10am -1 pm
Friday 2 - 4 pm
Saturday 10am -12 noon
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